WEEGHMAN LANDS CHICAGO CUBS

Federal League Pennant Winner Confirms Deal When Baseball War Ends.

FINISH IS SPEEDY TODAY

Johnson, Weeghman and Chivington Go to Cincinnati to Settle Matters—Judge Landis Not Yet Seen Relative to Suit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Confident that the baseball war is practically at an end, with only minor matters, easy of adjustment, to be arranged, leaders of the fight left tonight to attend the peace meeting at Cincinnati tomorrow. In the party were President Johnson, Charles Weeghman, and President Chivington, of the American Association. Each said peace was assured.

Mr. Johnson declined to say definitely whether delay in the withdrawal of the Federal League's suit would hold up the peace pact being announced as signed.

At Cincinnati, the National Commission, defendant in the suit, will consult Attorney George Williams, of St. Louis, one of organized baseball's counsel. To the absence of Keene Addington, the Federal League attorney, was attributed failure of the third league to withdraw the suit, as expected today.

Mr. Weeghman confirmed reports that he is to get the Chicago National League club, with the conclusion of peace. A meeting of directors of the Chicago Federal League club was held in his office this afternoon, but what took place was not announced.

None of the persons directly involved in the settlement of the war would confirm stories as to details of the peace plans. That the meeting would be brief was predicted by President Johnson, who said it probably would begin about noon and be over by night.

TELEGRAM LOST IN TRANSIT

Chairman Herrmann Says It Will Not Interfere With Session Today.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—The loss of the telegram to Attorney Miller, of the American League, sent out from New York last Friday, asking him to hold an interview with Federal Judge Landis and notify the judge that peace negotiations were pending which, if carried out, might result in an agreement to withdraw the action of the Federal League suit against organized baseball, in no way will interfere with the conference of the committees representing organized baseball and the Federal League. This announcement was made by Chairman August Herrmann, of the National Commission, today.

"There are numerous details that have yet to be agreed upon by both sides," said Mr. Herrmann, "and while we would be in a little better position to discuss one of these details had our telegram to Mr. Miller not gone astray, yet its loss in no way will interfere with the meeting tomorrow and I don't think it will prevent the conferees from reaching an agreement that will lead to the final signing of a treaty of peace between organized baseball and the Federal League."

FEDERALS OFF FOR CINCINNATI

President Gilmore Says "It's a 50-50 Proposition All Through."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Federal League peace committee, consisting of President James Gilmore, Harry Sinclair and Patrick Powers, of the Newark club, and C. H. Comstock, vice-president of the Pittsburg club, left for Cincinnati tonight. The were preceded by President John B. Tener, of the National League; John Heydler, secretary of the National League; Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League, and Captain T. L. Huston, secretary of the New York Americans. President Harry Hempstead, of the New York Nationals, will leave for Cincinnati tomorrow.

Before leaving President Gilmore predicted that there would be peace before the end of the week. 'Affairs have progressed so nicely that all the parties may sign the peace agreement by Wednesday," said Mr. Gilmore. "At any rate it looks as though everything will be settled before Christmas."

Commenting on the outcome of the baseball war, Gilmore said:

"We are giving up no more than the other side. It is a 50-50 proposition all the way through."

Gilmore reiterated his statements of last week that the Federal League case before Judge Landis will not be withdrawn until all the peace papers are signed. "The withdrawal of the suit is one of the stipulations of the peace agreement, but we shall not surrender this until everything else is settled," he said.

Bits of Sport

JACK GLEASON, who was at one time an official of the San Francisco Seals, pulled a good one recently.

"We had two players in the league who had played together as kids years before. Josh Reilly was a third baseman and the late Jimmy Whalen was a pitcher. They had played in small town leagues together for 10 years and were room-mates. When they got into the Coast League Whalen thought he recognized Reilly, but wasn't sure. Whalen was an awful thing on a batter and struck out more times than Art Fletcher has been knocked out.

"One day Whalen did get on first, drawing four balls. The next man doubled and Jimmy the Whale, as they called him, got all the way to third. Reilly eyed the runner, and Whalen, thinking he recognized him, said: 'Hello, Josh, I haven't seen you for 10 years—I'm Jimmy Whalen.'

"'Lay off that stuff, you're not Whalen,' piped Reilly, watching the pitcher.

"'Listen, Reilly, don't you remember when we roomed together? I'm Whalen; on the level I am.'

"Reilly paid no attention. They couldn't fool him. Finally Whalen said: 'Say, don't you remember when we played at Bakersfield? I'm Whalen, on the square.'

"Reilly, with a disgusted look, turned and looked at Jimmy again.

"'Say, you can't kid me, boy,' he piped. 'WHALEN NEVER GOT AROUND THIS FAR.'"

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Grover Alexander's younger brother, who failed with several teams during the past season, is going to try again next year. He has signed with the Paris club in the Western Association.

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Although Jack Dillon seems to have every right to the title of light heavyweight champion which was recently conferred upon him by the American Boxing Association, he has shown little interest in the matter. Dillon, himself does not even mention the fact, apparently preferring to be rated merely as one of the contenders for the heavyweight crown to be a champion in his own right.

Dillon is undoubtedly supreme at 175 pounds, but he is practically alone in that class, and without opponents to dispute the title with him the honors have no commercial value. Yet it is apparent that Dillon can never be anything but a contender in the heavier division. Since he graduated into that class he has yet to admit defeat, but the strain upon his system that has resulted from opposing his 175 pounds to the giants of the ring is beginning to tell. He has shown poorer form in every bout, and unless he decides to take a rest he is likely to wear himself out before long.

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University of Michigan track officials are keenly interested in the efforts of two Chinese students to make the varsity cinder squad. S. C. Hsing is a sprinter of no mean ability, while W. D. Wong has already vaulted better than 10 feet. The latter is a freshman, who will not be eligible for another year, and it is thought that he will be able to add close to two feet to his vault before he enters the sophomore class. Both of these Chinese athletes received their preliminary training at Tsing Hua College at Pekin, and they are said to be as far advanced athletically as the average high school student entering American universities.

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"Honest" John McCloskey, well known in connection with the various clubs in the old Northwest League, is trying to land a club in the Texas League. Forming new baseball leagues is McCloskey's habit. A Mexican-Texas league proposed by him met little encouragement. He wants to be a manager again now.

CALIFORNIA GAME SET

MULTNOMAH AND UNIVERSITY TO MEET HERE JANUARY 8.

Club Quintet Will Hold Its First Official Practice Tonight and Substitutes Are Sought.

California University will be the first basketball attraction against the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club in the Winged "M" gymnasium on January 8. Definite arrangements were completed yesterday afternoon by Harry Fischer, of Portland, and Graduate-Manager Stroud, of the southern institution.

Efforts were made by Dr. E. J. Stewart, of the Oregon Aggies, to have Multnomah Club send its basketball team to Corvallis tomorrow night, but Manager Fischer notified Coach Stewart that it would be impossible to get the team together in time for a raid on the Aggies.

The first official practice under Captain Ray Toomey will be held tonight in the Multnomah gymnasium and the selection of material will take place. The first team has been picked, but several available substitutes must be on hand before the campaign can be opened.

The Oregon Aggies plan on taking Manager Fischer and his basket-tossers to Corvallis late next month. The Aggies are slated for a nine-game tour during the latter part of January and the first part of February and for this reason Coach Stewart feels that his athletes will be taxed too strenuously to appear in another game either on the way to Washington or on the return.

Practice of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club basketball players will be held two times this week and after the Christmas holidays the boys will have to report to Captain Toomey as often as four times every seven days.

EARL COOPER WESTERN RACER

Frank Watkins Objects to East's Claiming Winners as Own.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(To the Sporting Editor.)—The Oregonian this morning, under the title of "Some Winners in Sports in 1915," on page 4 of section 2, the last item states that the leading automobile driver was Earl Cooper, of New York.

Earl Cooper was given the title justly, but what I object to is the statement that he is from New York.

So long as the Eastern sport writers claim every athlete of any standing as from New York or near there, and fail to recognize Western athletes and their records, as has just been done in the matter of Sam Bellah's pole vault indoor record, which is really a legitimate indoor world's amateur pole vault record, let's get all the credit we can out here in the Far West for our athletes.

Earl Cooper is a personal acquaintance of mine and his home was originally in Fresno, Cal., but for several years past he has made Los Angeles his home and has been connected with the Walter M. Brown Automobile Company there, agents for the Stutz automobile.

As is well known, he drives the Stutz car in all his races and while he may not just at this time be connected with any automobile company in Los Angeles, he is living there this Winter.

As a matter of fact, New Yorkers saw him race in New York for the first time last October, when he drove a Stutz car in the Astor cup race. Owing to mechanical trouble he did not finish, the race being won by his teammates, Gil Anderson and Tom Rooney, who finished first and second and broke the world's record in doing so.

Let's not let the Far East claim any more of our Pacific Coast champions without calling them for it.

With kind regards, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
FRANK E. WATKINS.

Amateur Athletics

FOUR matches were played in the handicap handball tournament at the B'Nai B'Rith Club gymnasium Sunday night. Mandel Weiser defeated Sol Cohn, 22 to 20; Rudy Hafter won from Milt Margolis, 21 to 18; "Chubby" Aurbach walloped Sam Goldstein, 21 to 12, while George Heflich won from J. Lerr, 21 to 9.

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Basketball practice for the newsboy representatives has been going on for the last two weeks and last night Coach Schwartz handed out suits to his first team. The lucky athletes who will wear the colors of the newsboys in their first game are: Abe Popick, Morris Rogoway, Abe Cantor, Maxie Lewis, "Hindu" Weinstein, and "Mt. Scott" Weinstein. The Newsies will line-up against the Meier & Frank quintet tomorrow night in the Neighborhood House gymnasium. The contest will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

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It was all the Vancouver Athletic Club football team of Vancouver, Wash., could do to win 6 to 6 from the News eleven of Portland at Vancouver last Sunday afternoon. The Portlanders were weakened by the loss of six of their star players, and although they were outweighed more than 18 pounds to the man the News athletes managed to play a great game. The first match between the two aggregations resulted in a 6 to 6 victory for the Portland representatives. The final game of the year for the Newsboys will be next Sunday at the South Park way, according to Manager Abe Popick.

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Ben Houser, the old first sacker, last with Athletics, will coach the Bowdoin baseball team next Spring.

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The Benson Tech basketball team will play the Portland Academy quintet a return game soon. The first game found the Mechanics holding the Academy to a 21 to 21 score. The game was called at the end of the second half.

Baseball Brevities.

Officials of the Pittsburg club are up in arms because Al Mamaux, the sensational young pitcher, participated in a Thanksgiving day football game without the knowledge of the club.

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If the Cincinnati club really wants to part with Buck Herzog, the Chicago Cubs step to bat with the statement that club will give the Reds a better bargain than they can get elsewhere.

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It looks now as if Catcher Clarke will be retained next season by Cincinnati, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

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The Pittsburg team declares that there is no truth in the statement that Eddie Mahan has been tendered a contract to play baseball with the Pirates. The Harvard football star also declares there is nothing to the report.

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President Lannin, of the Red Sox, declared positively a short time ago that Tris Speaker would be with the team next season.

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Ray Collins, the veteran southpaw, in all probability will not be with the Red Sox next season. He had a fat contract which expired last season.

REALTY MEN HAVE BIG, HAPPY NIGHT

"Good-Bye, Booze," Is Motif of Annual Jollification at Multnomah Hotel.

FUN FAST AND FURIOUS

Professional and Amateur Talent Delight Guests at Ragtime Extravaganza, "Noodlebaum's Neutral Noodle House."

GOOD-BYE BOOZE.

Oh, the New Year's bells will soon be ringing
Mister Booze, Good-bye!
Just like Rip Van Winkle we will slumber.
When the town goes dry;
We will all be thirsty in the morning,
But we'll snooze, snooze, snooze,
And we'll all have to gutter at the river
Good-bye Booze!

As bells practiced ringing out the year 1914 and ringing in the year 1916, fully 250 Portland realty men and their friends filed out of their rendezvous in the Arcadian Garden of the Multnomah Hotel last night after presenting "a sob and a sigh entitled 'Good-Bye Booze.'"

The playlet, which was arranged by a committee of the Portland Realty Board under the leadership of Fred A. Jacobs, and supported by home talent, was a riot from curtain to curtain. There were just enough home favorites in the ring to give the entertainment a wholesome flavor of local hits, and plenty of professional talent to mould the programme into a finished performance that delighted the lusty, noisy throng.

A tall sign flashed across the rear of the cabaret stage told that the place was "Noodlebaum's Neutral Noodle House" on New Year's Eve, 1915.

Much "Pep" Uncorked.

The proprietor of the notorious Realty Board resort was a fighting German, Charles Ringler, who uncorked enough "pep" to run a battleship. Itsky Curbstone, an open-air realty broker, was played to a queen's taste by Frederick Moreland, who looked the part and played it.

Paul A. Cowgill, the 243½-pound secretary of the Realty Board, darkened as black as a 1916 night, caverted in the role assigned to Henry Ford, looking for a steady job after his peace ship had gone on the rocks. Chattering as if they were running a race on the typewriter were two Chinese cousins, Philip Fry and Chung Luey, who carted great mugs of beer and supplementary articles to the members of the Ad Club quartet and the Realty men who augmented the chorus.

The knockout card of the evening came in the form of several original songs composed by Jack Keating, a member of the Board, who won fame a few years ago with "Just as the Sun Went Down" and "Just One Girl." "With a Kickin' Little Chicken Stickin' on Behind," "Be Sure to Keep Your Tail Light Burning," "Down at Noodlebaum's," "Good-Bye Booze," "We Are With You Uncle Sammy, to a Man" and "We Will All Have to Gather at the River" were hatched up by Mr. Keating specially for the occasion and sung to his accompaniment.

Pathetic Ballad Catching.

Another catchy tune that will linger long with the jolly "real estaters" was a pathetic ballad composed and sung by Mr. Moreland, "What's the Use to Worry When You're Broke."

The leads in the heavy singing roles were taken by Miss Osgood, Miss Arthur, Miss Frances, Miss Moore and Miss McDonagh, of the Oregon Grill.

Several encores greeted Miss Paget and Mr. Unna, Portland amateurs, in their fetching kiss waltz formations, and hearty applause also was given Miss Bonita, the Spanish dancer, and W. H. Scott, who forcefully recited "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Once in a while the noisy element in the audience made up of George, W. H. Mall, F. N. Clark, George P. Henry, Henry W. Fries, Ed J. Daly, with Lou Cronin, who acted as a sort of stage master, and Dorr E. Keasey, would rush the gauntlet and steal mugs of beer from the tables on the stage.

Then "Heinie Noodlebaum" Ringler would make a stump speech, telling the rougher element that when he is some day elected Burgomaster of Portland, sparkling wines and cool beer will flow freely out of the Benson fountain spouts, and the speed limit will be 60 miles an hour.

Preceding the frolic in the Arcadian Gardens nearly 100 of the jolly realty men partook of an elaborate banquet at the Multnomah Hotel and after the big show almost the entire body adjourned to specially reserved space at the Oregon Grille to finish the night. The annual jollification of 1915 will undoubtedly go down in the Board's history as its biggest, tallest, happiest night.

BAKER TO PROVIDE CLUB

SALOON WITHOUT LIQUOR ADVOCATED FOR WORKINGMEN.

Committee Is Named to Expedite Matter and City Will Back Project to Avoid Charity Taint.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—To hurry the establishment of the restroom to take the place of the saloon as a headquarters for men from the outside who visit here, a committee consisting of Mayor Palmer, Chief of Police Jackson, Police Judge Cunning and Commissioners Henry and Whittier, was today appointed to investigate possibilities of getting immediate action.

The meeting at the Baker Commercial Club was attended by representatives of many leading organizations and there were many advocates of the plan, although none wanted it to be on a charity basis. A saloon without liquor, with an ex-bartender in charge, is to be started.

Rev. Owen P. Jones, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, presided at the meeting. Mayor Palmer showed that the exit of the saloon removed the meeting place of many men and forced them into the streets. Police Chief Jackson emphasized the need of a place for men to gather and keep warm in their quest for employment. The plan is to have the city back the project to keep it from being classed as charity.

MUTS ON ICE TONIGHT

Hippodrome Turned Over to Needy Here.

"Tonight will be the night" at the Portland Ice Hippodrome, as the big ice arena has been turned over to the Muts for their campaign to assist the poor and needy of Portland and vicinity. A special programme has been arranged for the occasion, and, judging from the way the committee in charge of the affair is going around, "a big time can be expected by all."

The first event will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and the hilarity will go on for about an hour, and then the regular ice-skating session will be on tapis. A session of amateur ice hockey and a tug-of-war between teams representing the police bureau and the fire department will be featured.

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"Smoky" Harris and "Moose" Johnson were the only Portland Uncle Sams who were not able to practice yesterday afternoon at the Portland Ice Hippodrome. Harris wrenched his knee in the game between Portland and Seattle last Friday night. "Moose" was out of the practice on account of a bad ankle.

The next workout of the Portland puck-chasers will be tomorrow afternoon, according to Manager E. H. Savage. Tomorrow, Friday and Monday are the days set aside for workouts of the Uncle Sams.

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"Cully" Wilson, of the Seattle Metropolitans, has been selected as coach for the amateur ice hockey team representing the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Seattle, Wash.

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Patriotic fund hockey games are being scheduled and played all over Canada. Reports have it that a considerable sum has been thus secured.

COAST BOOM EXPECTED

GEORGE R. HUGHES ON VISIT TO PORTLAND IS OPTIMISTIC.

Benefits of Exposition Will Be Far-Reaching, Is Belief—Oregon Building Is Praised.

George R. Hughes, a former resident of Portland and now secretary of the Wiley B. Allen Company, piano dealers, is paying a business visit to Portland and incidentally renewing his acquaintance with many old friends.

Mr. Hughes is highly optimistic over the future progress of the Coast as a result of the attention directed hither by the fair at San Francisco.

"The benefits from the exposition," he said, "will not be limited to San Francisco or to California alone. They will be Coast-wide. Oregon and Washington are bound to share in the favorable results as well as California.

"That is the presumption upon which the fair was conceived and that was the apparent purpose of many of the heaviest subscribers.

"The fair closed with every cent of debt paid and a neat balance in the treasury. But I don't believe a single subscriber will ask for a dividend. They are planning to divert the money into channels that will aid in the general scheme of civic improvement, and for the permanent preservation of some of the buildings on the fairgrounds. We hope to have the Palace of Fine Arts preserved.

"The people of San Francisco were delighted to learn that the Oregon building will not be torn down. The Oregon building certainly was one of the chief attractions at the fair. The people of Oregon have just reason to be proud of it."

Mr. Hughes will remain here for a few days. He formerly lived at Forest Grove and later in Portland. He left Oregon about 15 years ago and has lived in California ever since.

REPORT ON LINER NEAR

MINNESOTA PROBERS RESUME WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Steamer Declared in Good Condition on Leaving Seattle; All Boilers Later Crippled by Blowouts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Findings of a board of inquiry on the disablement of the Hill steamer Minnesota will be announced in a few days by John K. Bulger, United States supervising inspector of steam vessels, who returned here today with reports on the Minnesota's condition when she sailed from Seattle November 14. He said these reports, signed by Bion Whitney and Harry C. Lord, local inspectors at Seattle, showed the vessel was in "good condition" when she left there.

Boiler tests caused the inspectors to order a reduction in maximum steam pressure from 200 to 180 pounds.

Examination of the 16 boilers, in all of which tubes blew out intermittently from November 14 to December 7, when the Minnesota was taken in tow off the coast of Lower California, was resumed today by Joseph P. Dolan, local Federal inspector of boilers. His technical report and that of Captain James Guthrie, inspector of hulls, who, with Dolan, constituted the board of inquiry, will be submitted to Mr. Bulger for review and the findings then will be announced.

PE ELL LODGE IS HOST

Masons Greet Brethren From Various Sections of State.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—According to reports received the Masonic lodge at Pe Ell outdid itself in the celebration held there Saturday night. South Bend and Raymond members to the number of 60 were met at the train by a band.

The third degree work was put on by members of the Willapa Harbor lodges. About 200 Masons and their families sat down at the banquet. Large delegations attended from Chehalis, Centralia and other points in this section. Among the speakers were John W. Alexander and A. S. Cory, of Chehalis; L. W. Gaylord, of Centralia; Edward Newell, of Centralia; Professor Lonis, of Raymond; Judge Wright and Attorney Richardson, of South Bend, and Professor Harty, of the Pe Ell School.

CENTRALIANS TAKE OFFICE

Outgoing Mayor Advises Successor to Practice Economy.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—This afternoon the retiring City Commission, composed of Mayor H. W. Thompson and Commissioners Albert Sears and William Keir, formally turned the affairs of the city over to the new Commission, composed of Mayor John Galvin and Commissioners Tom Rogers and W. W. Dickerson. Mayor Galvin made an address to the new Commission in which he advised the new administration to practice the strictest economy.

Mr. Galvin announced the appointment of Miles McGrail as chief of police to succeed R. L. Schleider, resigned, and William R. Lee to succeed City Attorney W. N. Beal, resigned.

Patrick Tracey Falls in Battle.

Tommy Tracey, boxing instructor at the Multnomah Athletic Club, has received word that his brother, Patrick Tracey, with the Australian contingent in Egypt, was killed on October 29 in an engagement near Heliopolis. The Tracey family was originally in Ireland, but emigrated to Australia some years ago.

GRIP EPIDEMIC BIG

Social Whirl and Schools Are Depleted by Influenza

WHOLE CITY IS AFFECTED

Dr. Robert Coffey Declares Toll Is Greater Than in Any Previous Year and That Serious Complications Are Common.

"We all gog bab colgs in our heba."

The foregoing lucid remark is current in Portland today, members of the best families confessing in those words the truth sought by casual inquirers for their disappearance from the social whirl. Furthermore, the assertion is more prevalent than it has been in many years.

"Portland is in the grasp of one of the worst epidemics of grip that I have known," said Dr. Robert C. Coffey, who, though he is not a general practitioner and does not handle such cases himself, has an extensive knowledge of health conditions in the city, yesterday.

"It is very contagious," he continued. "It should not be treated carelessly, as it is dangerous because of the complications which follow. Pneumonia and tuberculosis often camp on the trail of the grip. I would advise folk to shun it like smallpox, for it is easily spread."

More Grip Found Than Colds.

Some physicians report little increase of colds and influenza (or grip) over normal this year, in spite of the admirable weather for the development of the disease. Such a one is not Dr. G. W. Tamiesie.

"In 14 years of practice in Portland I have never found grip more prevalent," asserted Dr. Tamiesie yesterday. "There are more severe symptoms to be found this year and I know few families which have escaped a touch of the disease. I find more grip than colds."

Dr. J. C. Zan reports many cases of bad colds and grip which have come under his observation, but thinks the number about normal. He finds numerous bronchial complications. The majority of cases are mild and do not require the attention of physicians, he points out.

Inclement Weather Blamed.

The inclement weather and winds are blamed by most physicians for the epidemic. The heavy east winds that recently prevailed are mainly responsible, they say. Warm chinook winds are expected to break up the siege of grip and colds.

"Grip is the cause of much throat and middle ear trouble," said Dr. Banner R. Brooke yesterday, "and may lead to abscess of the brain and other alarming complications. The influenza bacillus is active in spreading it, and there is a great deal of it about at present."

City Health Officer M. B. Marcellus has not noted a serious increase of colds and grip this Fall and Winter. Cases are not reported to the health office, and he said yesterday that he thought the epidemic was not unusual.

Dr. O. Miller Babbitt, specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat disease, finds many cases where grip has led to complications.

Ear Abscess Prevalence Noted.

"I have noticed that the most prevalent complication this year has been the ear abscess," said Dr. Babbitt yesterday. "There have been many double abscesses and the ears seem the principal points of attack. Grip changes in its after-symptoms almost every year, I have noticed.

"Last year it was followed with throat complications, of which there are only few this year. Before that stomach and tonsils were attacked. Though I have seen many serious cases, there have been no fatalities."

Though many teachers are confined to their homes and some classrooms are badly decimated by the epidemic of grip, there have been no schools or classrooms closed on account of it, according to City School Superintendent Alderman. The Couch School is one of the worst affected by the epidemic, he asserted.

GRIP IS EPIDEMIC AT O. A. C.

Wave Hits Campus and More Than 150 Cases Are Reported.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A wave of the grip, assuming epidemic proportions upon the campus of the Oregon Agricultural College, has caused a notice to be issued from the president's office that the college would close for the annual holiday recess tomorrow night, a day and a half earlier than was planned.

It is estimated that the number of cases ranges from 150 to 200. Most of the students who go home will leave on speical trains tomorrow night, and few activities are promised for the holiday season on the campus. The dormitory women who will remain in the city during the vacation will live in the three sorority houses.

COURT EXILES HUSBAND

Vancouver Man Is Ordered to Remain Away From Home.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Amanda Chappell has obtained a restraining order in the Superior Court preventing her husband, whom she is suing for divorce, from remaining at her home and making life miserable for her. She alleged that he swore at her and the five children, two of the babies being twins and only 5 months old, treated her with contempt, and will not work and make a living.

The Sheriff has been ordered to execute the order of the court.

Oregon City New Bank Opens.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Bank of Commerce, Oregon City's third banking institution, opened its doors this morning in the Weinhart building at Eighth and Main streets. Dr. A. L. Beatie, of the Oregon Commission Company, was the first depositor. Several hundred persons inspected the bank's new quarters.

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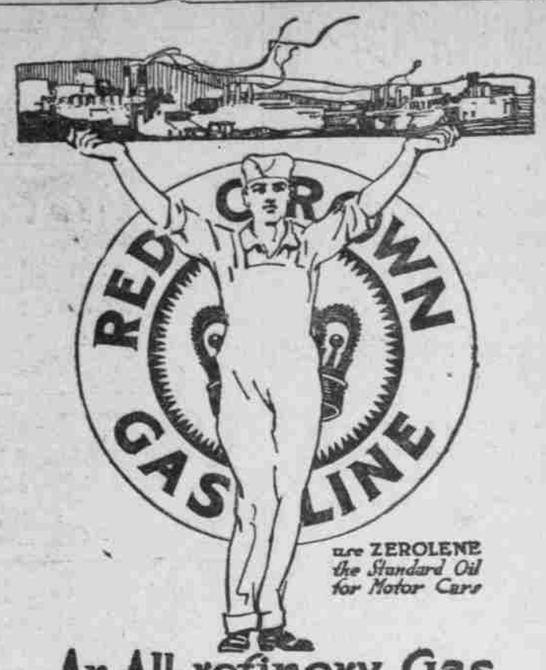

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VON KLEIN AFTER TRADE

PAROLED CONVICT OFFERS BARGAINS TO OFFICIALS.

New Manager of Diamond Department of Minneapolis Jewelry Store Gives Chances on Stones.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—As manager of the diamond department of a Minneapolis jewelry house, E. E. C. von Klein, now out of the Oregon penitentiary on parole, has written to state officials here asking them to take advantage of Christmas bargains which he has to offer in precious stones.

Von Klein was paroled September 7 last, after serving the minimum of a one-to-four-year sentence for polygamy. He was convicted in June, 1914, in Multnomah County on this charge, following accusations made by Miss Ethel Newcomb, of San Francisco, who alleged that he illegally married her to get $2500 worth of jewelry which she possessed.

Von Klein married Miss Newcomb in San Francisco in 1911 under the name of George B. Lewis. The couple came to Portland and registered at a fashionable hotel. Soon afterward Von Klein deserted Miss Newcomb, taking with him her jewelry.

At several sensational trials in Portland it developed that Von Klein had married Miss Louise Illstrup, of Minneapolis, in Michigan City, Ind., in 1902. In 1913 Von Klein was arrested in Chicago. Mrs. Weber, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Isabelle Temple, of Nashville, Tenn., testified then that they had lost jewels to him.

SOLDIER ASKS DIVORCE

Plaintiff Declares Wife Hit Him on Head and Locked Him in Room.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Emil Ranstedt, a soldier, has filed suit for divorce from his wife because she hit him on the head with a hairbrush and locked him in his room until released by neighbors. The couple were married in Seattle September 15, 1913, and her first name is Ida.

Mr. Ranstedt alleged that his wife deserted him, and he also alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. There are no property rights affected by the desired decree.

Woodland Teams Win Games.

WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Ridgefield basketball teams of boys and girls came over on Friday night and both were defeated by the Woodland teams, the boys winning by the score of 26 to 3, and the girls winning over the Ridgefield girls by 6 to 4. Last night the boys' team went to Sara and defeated the Sara boys by 19 to 15. The latter game was tied, 15 to 15 at the end of play in regular time, but they mutually agreed to play an extra five minutes, with the result that the Woodland team secured four more points to the Sara team's nothing in the extra time.

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