BOXERS AGREE TO DRAW BEFORE BOUT

Farmer and Sommers Each Put Up $50 to Guarantee Against 'Double Cross.'

JACK KING HOLDS STAKES

Fred Merrill Not In on Shady Deal and He Declares Pugilists Implicated Will Be Barred. Principals Admit Facts.

Despite their protestations that everything was lily white in the transaction, it leaked out yesterday that Frank Farmer, of Tacoma, and Al Sommers, of Portland, previously had agreed to box a six-round draw at the Rose City Athletic Club Tuesday night.

All this and considerable more developed yesterday after several hours of quiet investigation on the part of The Oregonian.

Those implicated in the frame-up were Sam Howard, manager for Frank Farmer; Farmer himself; Bobby Evans, manager for Al Sommers, and Sommers.

Fred T. Merrill, manager of the Rose City Club, was not in on the transaction. When the facts were produced and presented to him last night he declared that everybody concerned would be forever barred from the Rose City Club.

Boxers Post Forfeit.

While the stories told by the two boxing managers differ in detail, the agreement in a nutshell called for the two boxers to stage a six-round draw.

In orer to guarantee against double-crossing, the managers drafted an agreement and posted $50 apiece with Jack King as stakeholder. When they explained the terms later, he threw up both hands and refused to have anything to do with such a frameup.

Mr. King held the checks, however, and gave the agreement back to Howard. King likewise refused to referee the bout as originally planned and it was necessary to take Jack Heiser out of the crowd to act as third man in the ring.

Referee Is Conscientious.

Although Farmer had a shade the better of the boxing, Heiser acted conscientiously when he called the bout a draw.

Probably the facts of the shady deal would never have come out had not Farmer confided in friends in Tacoma.

Farmer left yesterday forenoon for Tacoma, but is scheduled to return Saturday to begin a theater engagement in Portland.

"When Sam Howard came here and asked for a match with Farmer against Sommers, I refused to listen to him unless Farmer would make 158 pounds," said Bobby Evans. "Finally he got me to agree to the match at 162 pounds on the promise that Farmer would box Sommers a draw. Sommers boxed his very best and will gladly box Farmer again at 162 pounds. Fred Merrill had nothing to do with it."

According to Sam Howard, he was forced to agree to a draw.

Merrill Is Astonished.

"I not only had to agree not to let Farmer knock out Sommers, but also had to agree to let Farmer box Sommers a draw," said Howard. "Farmer never before had any 'treaty' with any boxer, but he either had to agree to Sommers' demand or have the match called off."

Fred Merrill, manager of the club, was astounded when the facts were presented to him in a true light.

"The club officials never had a suspicion that the boxers were in an agreement," said he. "Everything at our club has been conducted on the square and nobody connected with this will ever appear at my club again."

SCHOOLS ARE IN ACCORD

STANFORD AND CALIFORNIA TO VIE IN THREE SPORTS.

June Meeting of Alumni Expected to Settle Football Question—Older Heads Make Peace Possible.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Alumni and friends of the University of California and Stanford University were more than gratified at the news that the two institutions finally had succeeded in adjusting their differences and had agreed to continue their athletic relations at least for the next six months.

This means that rowing, baseball, track athletics and other Spring sports will see the two rivals in competition as of old until June 30 of this year, when the present agreement terminates. Under the circumstances no mention is made of football. This was unnecessary, as football is a Fall sport.

It is the consensus of opinion that the situation was well handled in this particular. The main objective was to get the institutions together again and to restore harmony, and this has been accomplished and may be the stepping-stone to the ultimate resumption of competition in all lines of sport.

At present California is as certain of adhering to the American code of football as Stanford is to Rugby, and, if this feeling continues, it is probably that each will adhere to its own style in this one branch of sport. It is believed that, in a large measure, this situation will adjust itself.

Either institution now can make the change gracefully in view of the fact that the freshman ineligibility rule, the rock over which the split occurred, has been satisfactorily adjusted.

The adjustment was brought about through the efforts of a committee selected from among the alumni of the two universities, and the happy result has impressed followers of collegiate sport that this is the way in which to settle questions which may arise between colleges.

TEAM TO GIVE BENEFIT SHOWS

Columbia Parks Preparing for Two Amateur Performances.

Because the team played throughout the season in the public parks and for this reason was unable to raise funds to carry on the expenses of suits and other equipment, arrangements have been made to give two benefit performances at the Portsmouth Theater for the championship Columbia Park football team of the Intercity League next Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Four amateur acts have been secured by Captain Ted Murphy, who has charge of the affair.

The members of the Columbia Park squad were the guests of Commissioner Baker at the Baker Theater Wednesday night. In the party were, Manager Mason, Assistant Manager Tindall, Captain Ted Murphy, Coach A. C. Stubling, E. Murphy, J. Murphy, C. Murphy, H. Curry, R. Curry, O. Knapp, L. Knapp, G. Yost, Faye Duley, Earl R. Goodwin, H. Trumbull, C. Munson, H. Hudson, L. Fuller, R. Waiste, L. Crowe, W. Watts, H. Hall, R. Bigelow, M. Maurice, P. Naugle, Dr. H. M. Patton, C. J. Rupert and R. Otterson.

FOOTBALL MEN TOSS BASKETS

Oregon Aggie Gridiron Knights in Fraternity Quintets.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 20.—(Special)—A wealth of football material included in the personnel of both teams made the basketball game played last night between the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma Nu quintets to settle the question of supremacy in the fraternity league the roughest and most spirited that has ever been seen on the Oregon Agricultural College court.

In overtime play the Sigma Alpha Epsilons won, 14-11.

The work of the victorious team was featured by the playing of Captain-elect Abraham, of the football team.

CARLISLE SIGNS WITH OMAHA

Familiar Figure in Coast League Passes to Lower Class of Ball.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Walter Carlisle has passed out of the Coast League. Report has it that he has signed with Omaha in the Western League. Walt has been a familiar and prominent figure on the circuit for years, and his sensational fielding will be missed.

The leftfielder went down hill rapidly. Only a short year ago Vernon was credited with having the greatest outfield trio in minor league baseball in Carlisle, Kane and Bayless, and it is possible now that all three will be out of the league this coming season.

HAMMOND CASE PUZZLE

CLEVELAND WOULD SEND PLAYER TO NEW ORLEANS.

McCredie Wants to Block Deal and Force Fielder Who Double-Crossed Him to Play at Tacoma.

Although consigned by Portland to the Tacoma club of the Northwestern League and still on Tacoma's reserve list, Walter Hammond may play with New Orleans this coming season.

Hammond turned a rather mean trick on Judge W. W. McCredie, and if the Portland magnate can block the New Orleans deal Hammond may find himself with Tacoma.

It will be recalled that after a long stretch of hitless games for Portland last season, Hammond was traded to Tacoma near the fag end of the Fall for Shortstop Ward.

"We gave him a contract calling for his outright release at the end of the season and also bought him a 30-day stopover ticket through to the East," explained Judge McCredie yesterday. "All Hammond had to do was to play ball 19 days in the Northwestern League and he could have been a free agent.

"This he agreed to do and I bought him his ticket East. Instead of reporting to McGinnity, however, he continued on eastward, doubtless chuckling to himself because of the way he double-crossed us.

"Cleveland now wants to switch him to the New Orleans club. As we got him from Cleveland, we may have to accede to Cleveland's wishes. But, if I had my say, I would make him report back to Tacoma this year or stay out of baseball."

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Dan Murray is another young ball player who played foxy last season and now finds himself in trouble. Murray was turned over to Spokane by Portland last Spring, but refused to report. He played brush ball in a small town in Utah with "Duckey" Holmes. Holmes is now connected with the Lincoln club of the Western League, and has offered Murray a job on his catching corps contingent upon his reporting as a free agent.

Murray has applied to the National board for a release, but he doesn't stand much chance of getting free unless Spokane is willing to grant his wish as a favor.

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Pete Standridge wants to rejoin the San Francisco Seals. Standridge is reported to be among the pitchers on the market as a result of the consolidation of the Chicago Cubs and Whales. When he saw the report in the newspapers he wrote to Wolverton.

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Twelve members of the San Francisco club are already signed and 10 are still to attach their handwriting to contracts. Here is the chart:

Contract signers:

Pitchers—Charles Fanning, M. F. (Poll) Perritt, Ad Machold, novice from Sacramento; H. A. Chase, novice recommended by Justin Fitzgerald.

Catchers—None signed.

Infielders—Chick Autrey, Soldier Allen, novice first sacker; Burns, novice first baseman; Jerry Downs and Sammy Bohne.

Outfielders—Ping Bodie and Elmer Wang, Watsonville novice.

Those still to sign:

Pitchers—Bill Steen, Charles (Spider) Baum, Curly Brown, Tiller Cavet and Johnny Couch.

Catchers—Louis Sepulveda and Walter Block.

Infielder—Bobby Jones.

Outfielders—Biff Schaller and Justin Fitzgerald.

BELLAH MAY COACH STANFORD

Ex-Multnomah Club Athlete Seriously Considered for Position.

Sam Bellah, winner of the National Amateur Athletic Union pole vault championship at the annual games last Summer while wearing the colors of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, is being considered seriously for the coaching position at Stanford University during the 1916 track and field season. Word to this effect was received in Portland yesterday from the South.

John C. Veatch, Washington High coach, of Portland, was unable to accept the position because of business reasons. Tom Coleman, another ex-captain of Stanford, is the only one at present who seems to have a chance against the former Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club athlete.

Cutler Fails to Throw Connolly.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 20.—Charlie Cutler, Chicago heavyweight wrestler, lost his handicap match with Pat Connolly, Irish champion, here today. Under the conditions of the match Cutler agreed to throw Connolly twice in an hour or forfeit the decision. Cutler was the aggressor for 30 minutes and then wearied, Connolly taking the offensive the latter half of the match. There were no falls.

Aggies Easily Defeat Gonzaga.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—Sureness in tossing the ball gave Oregon Agricultural College an easy victory here tonight over Gonzaga College in basketball, the visitors piling up 27 to Gonzaga's 15.

Burns Floors Fisse.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—Frankie Burns, of Jersey City, N. J., outpointed Johnny Fisse, of New Orleans, in a 15-round fight here last night. Burns floored his opponent for the count of nine in the second round.

JAMES JOHN QUINT BEATS HILL 39 TO 10

Academy Team Handicapped by Lack of Practice in First Interscholastic Game.

LARSEN SCORES 18 POINTS

Washington to Play Benson and Lincoln to Meet Columbia Today—Winged "M" Five Is Ready for Dallas Men.

Interscholastic Basketball Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Points For.	Points Agst.
James John High	1	0	1000	39	10
Washington High	1	0	1000	52	18
Jefferson High	1	0	1000	21	19
Hill Military Acad.	0	1	.000	10	39
Franklin High	0	1	.000	18	52
Benson Tech	0	1	.000	19	31
Portland Academy	0	0	.000	..	..
Lincoln High	0	0	.000	..	..
Columbia University	0	0	.000	..	..
Totals	3	3		169	169

BY EARL R. GOODWIN.

Lack of practice and condition had a great deal to do with the 39-to-10 defeat of the Hill Military Academy basketball team by the James John High quintet in the Portland Academy gymnasium yesterday afternoon. Coach Reynolds' high schoolers were in great form and had the Academy representatives on the run throughout.

The bad weather since the first of the year is responsible for the lack of practice for Hill. The armory at the military academy has been so cold that it could not be used and yesterday's workout was the first the cadets have had this year.

D. Larsen was the star, registering nine field baskets for the James John High, eight in the last period. At the end of the first half the score was 16 to 2. But two field baskets were recorded by the losers.

Following are the lineups:

James John (39).		Hill (10).
C. Phillips (11)	F	Scott
D. Larsen (18)	F	(6) Stanfield
E. Hiatt (10)	C	(4) Dand
Capt. Wrinkle	G	Stewart
Jower	G	Bell

Officials—Charles Botsford, of Reed College, referee; P. W. Lee, coach of Portland Academy, timekeeper.

Substitutions—Haines for Stewart, Prestel for Bell, Stewart for Haines.

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Washington High School gymnasium will be the scene of two basketball games of the Portland Interscholastic League this afternoon. Washington High will play the Benson Tech team in the first contest, while Lincoln High and Columbia University will furnish the second thriller.

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Next week is vacation week in the local league and as a result no contests have been scheduled, but as there are several games to play, the coaches may get together and arrange for one or two matches.

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Because of several interpretations of the 1916 basketball rules Joseph E. Raycroft and William H. Ball, both members of the rules committee, have issued little statements about rules which have caused the most discussion.

Rule 20, section 2, which reads, "When the referee puts the ball in play in the center, he shall blow his whistle when the ball reaches its highest point, after which it must be touched by either one or both of the center players. Neither of the players jumping may catch the ball until it has touched a player other than the one jumping against him. If the ball be not touched first by one or both of these players jumping, the referee shall put it in play again in the same manner and in the same place." To this Mr. Ball says: "In response to the inquiry in reference to basketball rule 20, section 2, the word 'catch' was an unfortunate selection, as it fails to convey the thought of the committee. If you will change the word to 'touch' you will have the exact intention. The jumpers are to put the ball in play and not touch it again until others have had an opportunity. The committee is asking that the players and officials so interpret this rule, and it is meeting with general approval."

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"We are ready for the Dallas, Or., basketball team now," said Captain Ray Toomey last night, after he had his Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club athletes out for practice. "Our full strength will be put into the lineup, as we know we are up against a pretty stiff proposition. Dallas defeated the University of California aggregation by six points, while we were just able to secure a 17-to-15 verdict."

The game will be played in the Winged "M" gymnasium tomorrow night. Manager Harry Fischer has arranged to accommodate even a larger crowd than was on hand to greet the players in the opening contest.

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Two games were won by the Newsboys' quintet in the Neighborhood House Wednesday night. The first team trimmed the Meier & Frank aggregation, 38 to 25, mainly through the great work of Abe Popick, who scored 18 points, while the second quintet walloped the Shattuck Grammar School, 20 to 4. Spurian was the star for the second team players along with Abe Weinstein.

Following are the lineups:

First (38).		M. & F. (25).
Popick (18)	F	(10) Hart
Rogoway (5)	F	(9) Barnes
Cantor (13)	C	(6) Payne
Weinstein (2)	G	Bacon
Parness	G	Bronstein

Referee—Maurice Geller.

Seconds (20).		Shattuck (4).
Spurian (12)	F	(4) Cettern
Weinstein (8)	F	Clay
Ake	C	Brooks
Meier	G	Pruss
Sherman	G	Davis

Referee—Abe Cantor.

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The Y. M. C. A. Crusaders defeated the Peninsula Park Juniors, 11 to 8, in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium yesterday afternoon.

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The Christian Brothers' Business College Junior Alumni quintet will play its first game of the season tomorrow night against the St. Helens team in the Sunset Hall. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

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Managers of basketball teams are requested to send in the results and lineups of their games immediately after they have been played.

BARRY SIGNS WITH OAKLAND

Jersey City First Baseman Said to Be Able to Fill Ness' Shoes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The signed contract of Malcolm S. Barry, the first sacker purchased by the Oaks from Jersey City, in the International League, was duly received at headquarters across the bay today. Barry is one of four first basemen to try for Jack Ness' place, and he is looked upon as the most promising.

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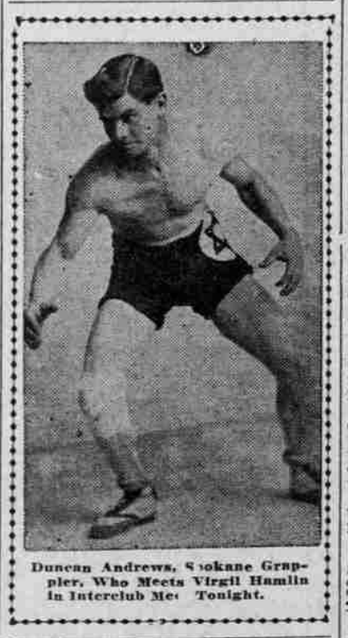
9 BOUTS ON PROGRAMME

Four Interclub Matches and Five Preliminaries on Card—Byers, Underwood, Bohoskey, Hamlin to Appear for Winged 'M.'

Quite a treat is in store for Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club fans when their boxing and wrestling representatives clash with those of the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club in the local club's gymnasium, starting promptly at 8 o'clock tonight. There will be four interesting bouts, two boxing and two wrestling. Besides the main events, Frank Harmar, chairman of the boxing and wrestling committee is busy arranging six preliminary bouts, four boxing matches and two wrestling.



Duncan Andrews, Spokane Grappler, Who Meets Virgil Hamlin in Interclub Meet Tonight.

At 135 pounds, Albert Byers, the Portland boy who formerly entered in the 125-pound class, will box John Bland, of the Spokane club. Ralph Underwood, whom Billy Mascott stopped a year or so ago, will attempt to do a comeback, taking on Tom Allen, from the Inland Empire, at 125 pounds. While little is known of the Spokane entrants, that club has a reputation of always being well represented.

To oppose Arthur R. Bohosky, 145 pounds, and Virgil Hamlin, 125 pounds, among Eddie O'Connell's best pupils, the Spokane organization is sending Bill McKevitt and Duncan Andrews. Portland fans don't know much about McKevitt, although his reputation is that of a tough one, but they do know that Andrews is one of the best 125-pound grapplers ever turned out in the Northwest.

Two of the four preliminary boxing bouts have already been arranged. At 145 pounds, Johnny Boscovitch, of the club, will take on George Davis, from Mike Butler's school. Davis has not boxed for a long while, but has been working hard and is in excellent condition. Two club boys, Tom Finnigan and Charlie Heim, will scrap at 125 pounds. The other two boxing preliminaries will be arranged today.

"Connie" Convill and C. Frelinger, both winged "M" representatives, will furnish one of the wrestling preliminaries. They weigh 150 pounds. The other, which will be the curtain raiser, will also be arranged today.

All the boxing bouts will consist of three-minute rounds with an additional round if the judges cannot agree on a decision. The final round will last but two minutes. The wrestling matches will be six-minute bouts, best two out of three falls, Amateur Athletic Union rules to govern.

Olmar Dranga will referee the boxing bouts; Dr. B. C. Loomis the wrestling matches; Frank E. Watkins and James Carney will act as judges while Edgar E. Frank and George L. Parker will keep time.

CUBS' SALE CONCLUDED

TAFT GETS $500,000 FROM WEEGHMAN AND YIELDS TITLE.

Bresnahan Refuses to Tell What He Will Do—Salary Is Assured and New Owner Offers Further Aid.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—With the formal transfer of Charles P. Taft's holdings in the Chicago National League club to Charles Weeghman today, for a consideration of $500,000, the latter became the sixth man to hold a majority of the club stock in the 40 years of its existence.

Albert G. Spalding organized the club in 1876.

The transfer of the club's stock followed the peace pact signed in Cincinnati recently between the Federal League and organized baseball.

After the transfer of the stock, the officers of the old Cubs, Charles Thomas and R. B. Cook, tendered their resignations respectively as president and secretary.

Roger Bresnahan, who holds a contract which has two years to run and who has been succeeded by Joe Tinker as manager of the Cubs, was asked what he would do regarding the change in ownership, but refused to discuss his position.

Mr. Weeghman said that Bresnahan's contract as regards salary would be taken care of, and if Bresnahan intended to purchase the Toledo American Association club, he, Weeghman, would be willing to help him.

The club will play all its games on the North Side instead of the old Cubs' park on the West Side.

An Austrian Countess has contributed 5000 cork legs to wounded soldiers. Jean de Reszke, the famous tenor, has given 50,000 cigarettes to wounded allies.

INTER-CLUB

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FLEET EX-OAK OUTFIELDER TO JOIN BROOKLYN NATIONALS.

Great Base-runner's Release Purchased by Ebbetts From Sinclair—Price Is Not Made Public.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Charles H. Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn National League baseball club, today purchased from Harry F. Sinclair the former Federal League magnate, the release of Outfielder Jimmy Johnston, one-time star of the Pacific Coast League. The price paid by Ebbetts for the player was not announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Jimmy Johnston gained fame by his playing for the San Francisco Pacific Coast League club in 1913, when he wound up the season with a record of 124 stolen bases. He came to the Seals from the Chicago White Sox. After his remarkable showing here, the Cubs took him, but he occupied the bench most of the time.

Last Spring Johnston signed with Oakland and played center field. George Stovall, the Federal League scout, signed him at the close of the season.

Bresnahan Is in Quandary.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 20.—Roger Bresnahan, last year manager of the Chicago Nationals, left Toledo last midnight for Chicago to see where he stands in the baseball deal in which the Cubs are concerned. Bresnahan denied a story from Chicago last night that he was on the warpath.

Ted Lewis and Jack Britton Draw.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Ted Lewis of England and Jack Britton of Chicago fought a fast 10-round draw here tonight. Britton shaded his opponent in the early rounds, but Lewis more than evened honors in the last three rounds. Lewis weighed 142 pounds and Britton 144.

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