O'CONNELL SIGNS TO WRESTLE W. MILLER

Claims for Middleweight Title of World Will Be Settled Here February 29.

158 IS WEIGHT ARRANGED

Bout Between Multnomah Instructor and Easterner Is Decided On After Dickering for 5 Years. Honors Held by Each.

After nearly two days of arguments and conference, Eddie O'Connell, claimant of the welterweight championship of the world and instructor at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, signed articles late yesterday for a finish bout with Walter Miller, of St. Paul, Minn., at the Rose City Athletic Club on the night of February 29.

Miller holds the Police Gazette middleweight belt and, on the other side of the Rockies, is hailed as the world's champion, both in the 148 and 158-pound classes.

A meeting between Miller and O'Connell has been talked of for five years, but nothing ever materialized until now.

At the first conference between the principals on Saturday, Eddie O'Connell held out for a weight limit of 148 pounds. Miller refused to make 148 on the ground that he was booked for some matches in the near future with 158-pounders, and he did not want to weaken himself.

Finally, when it appeared as though no match would materialize, O'Connell yielded, so, instead of wrestling for the undisputed welterweight title, it will be at 158 pounds for the middleweight championship of the world.

O'Connell undoubtedly will weigh around 152 pounds on the night of the match, while 154 pounds won't miss the St. Paul man's weight far.

Miller won the Police Gazette belt for the middleweight championship from Joe Turner at Billings, Mont., on New Year's day.

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St. Paul, Minn., has two celebrated middleweight champions. They are Mike Gibbons, boxer, and Walter Miller, wrestler. As boys the pair went to school together. An odd feature is that Miller started as a boxer and Gibbons as a wrestler, and Miller says that in their younger days they appeared at various smokers in St. Paul, where Miller boxed and Gibbons wrestled. They are great friends and when both are at home they work out and pal around together.

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Miller and Cutler will leave this morning at 9 o'clock for Flavel, where they will board the Northern Pacific, bound for San Francisco. They will return to Portland about five days before the date of the Miller-O'Connell match.

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Jim Londos, 175-pound grappler, may be in Portland in a few days looking for a match. There is a wrestler in the city at present who wants to meet him, and it is thought than Londos will take on the unannounced.

HAPPY EQUAL TO OCCASION

Danny Long Tells of Job Put Up on Late Vernon Leader.

Danny Long, former manager of the San Francisco Seals, has a new one to offer about the late Happy Hogan. The one-time Vernon leader was always known for his quiet wit and ready humor, and the following story only goes to prove that he was "there" at all times. Here it is as told by Mr. Long:

"Some time ago we were bound for San Antonio to attend a convention of the minor leagues," said Long. "The Coast magnates and managers were traveling together. Reservations had been made at the biggest hotel in San Antonio for the party, but Cal Ewing conceived the idea of sending 'Hap' a bogus telegram informing him that it had been found possible to fix up everyone but him.

"We dug up a telegraph blank and had the following message typewritten:

"'Mr. Happy Hogan, on board Sunset Limited: Impossible to provide you with a room. Am very sorry.'

"A fictitious name was signed purporting to be that of the manager of the hotel. We had the porter deliver the message to 'Hap' while he was at lunch. He took it, opened it, glanced at the contents and then crumbling it and throwing it on the floor, called for a blank on which he wrote:

"'I'm sorry, too. 'Hap' HOGAN.'

"The manager of the hotel did not understand that message."

SEALS SIGN UP WUFFLI

UTILITY JOB MAY BE HELD DOWN IF HE DOESN'T MAKE SHORT.

Bohen and Gay Also Are Out to Lead Pivot Position—Pitcher Prough Is Signed Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Manager Harry Wolverton is starting to build up the uncertain shortstop position that was made vacant by the departure of Roy Corhan to a St. Louis club. For a time Sammy Bohen was the only candidate; then Frank Gay, of Alameda, was added as an experiment, and now the announcement is made that Johnny Wuffli has signed a Seal contract. Wuffli has been in the Northwestern League since being sold by the Seals a couple of years ago, but had some trouble with the Spokane club on salary matters and succeeded in purchasing his release.

If Wuffli doesn't beat out Bohen for the shortstop berth, he is considered to have a good chance for the utility role, for he can play second, short and third with equal good grace.

Bill Prough, the Oakland pitcher, has signed a contract. Rowdy Elliott still has an interview scheduled with Dutch Klawitter and a couple of others, but he is satisfied that everything will work out in good shape.

Lou Litschi has signed up with the Wichita club in the Western League.

Philadelphia Gets Outfielder Good.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The management of the Philadelphia National League baseball club announced today that the club had obtained Wilbur Good, outfielder, from the Chicago Nationals.

Pacific Defeats Albany, 74 to 7.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—In a one-sided game here Saturday night, Pacific University defeated Albany College, 74 to 7. The game was clean and free from roughness, only three personal fouls being called. Wilcox was the high point-getter, scoring 26 tallies.

MULTNOMAH CLUB TO ELECT

Annual Meeting and Programme Will Be Held Tonight.

The annual meeting of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club will be held tonight in the clubrooms. A. H. ("Bert") Allen, chairman of the entertainment committee, has arranged for several athletic stunts to be held in connection with the election.

There are 11 directors on the board, and the terms of six of them expire tonight. The meeting will be opened at 7:30 o'clock and the programme will start soon after 8 o'clock.

Doty Quintet Out for County Title.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A. E. Hollingsworth, coach of the Doty basketball team, has issued a challenge to any high school basketball team in Lewis County for a series of three games to determine the county championship.

Joe Stecher, Sensational Former Boy of Dodge, Neb., Who Is Bringing the Wrestling Game Into Its Own in Eastern and Middle Western States.

LEAGUE TO HONOR BIRTH

NATIONAL CLUB CHIEFS WILL HOLD BANQUET TOMORROW.

Schedule Meeting for Americans Postponed Because of Cleveland's Financial Setback.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Baseball club owners, as well as many patrons of the National game, began gathering here today to take part in the celebration of the National League's fourth birthday, which will be honored with a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the league, in conjunction with the regular session for the adoption of a playing schedule for the coming season, will be held here today. Because of the unsettled financial condition of the Cleveland club the American League schedule meeting, which was to have been held here tomorrow, has been postponed for a week, and many of the major organization's club owners may not be on hand for Wednesday's festivities.

President Tener and his assistants in the National League will welcome two new club chiefs at the meeting tomorrow: Percy D. Haughton, who with his assistants purchased the Boston Braves, and Charles Weeghman, of Chicago, who represents the majority of stock in the recently acquired Cubs of that city. Undoubtedly Haughton will be selected to fill the positions on committees which were held by James F. Gaffney, former owner, but Weeghman will not be required to accept many new duties in this respect, as C. H. Thomas was not a committee member.

President Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn Club, will submit to the delegates at tomorrow's session a provision of the present rules governing the drafting of players.

Several other important matters, which had not been decided at the December meeting of the league beforeit was interrupted by the peace proposals, will be discussed tomorrow. One of these is that the player limit be increased from 21 to 25.

KRAUSE IS SOLD TO OMAHA

Lober and Kahler Also Will Be in Western Circuit This Year.

Another Portland ball star went to the Western League yesterday, when Walter McCredie disposed of Harry Krause to Omaha. Elmer Lober and George Kahler also will disport in the Western circuit this year with Lincoln, and a deal is simmering for the sale of Fred Derrick to the same section of the universe.

Krause, the latest of the 1915 cellar champs to be erased off the Beaver roster, is a mighty popular southpaw, but no doubt Harry will welcome a change. He has been here three years, being a member of two pennant teams.

New York Nationals Buy Rousch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The New York Nationals announced today that they had purchased Outfielder Edward Rousch from Harry Sinclair, of the Federal League. Rousch was one of the leading players with the Newark, N. J., Federals last season.

WIN TODAY VITAL TO WORLD TITLE LINEUP

Entry of Uncle Sams in Race Depends in Part on Victory Over Vancouver.

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED

"Cyclone" Taylor, Northerners' Forward, and Charley Tobin, of Portland, to Battle for Individual Score Laurels.

Whether or not the Portland hockey septet will be a party to the world's ice hockey championship series will, in a measure, be determined tonight, when Portland and Vancouver play their final game of the season in the Portland Ice Hippodrome.

If Portland wins it will give the Uncle Sams a good edge on the championship. They will have a three-game lead over Vancouver, with only four games to go. On the other hand, if Vancouver gets its second win and defeats Portland, only one game will separate the leaders, and then the fans will have something to worry about again.

While the teams are battling for supremacy another contest, this one for individual point scoring, will be in full bloom. "Cyclone" Taylor, the veteran Vancouver forward, leads the league in points, but Charley Tobin, of the Uncle Sams, is close behind, and hopes to pick up a few notches.

Tonight's game will commence at 8:30 o'clock, and Manager Savage is preparing for a capacity crowd. The snow is melting fast in that vicinity and it will not be necessary to wear rubber boots, as was the case for the last game here.

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While age, weight and years of experience are not always criterions by which to judge a team, it is interesting to know that the Vancouver squad, nine players, averages 174 pounds and 26 years of age. The Portlanders tip the beam at 1442 pounds and average just a few ounces better than 160 pounds, while the age average is 25 1-2 years.

Captain Si Griffis, of the northerners, is the oldest on either team, with "Moose" Johnson and Charley Tobin, of Portland, in second place. There are five married and four single men on the Millionaire aggregation, but the Uncle Sams have only two benedicts on the roster.

Following are some interesting figures regarding the ages, weights, etc., of the players on both squads:

Portland—	Age.	Weight.	Birthplace.	No. years professional hockey.	Married.
Tommy Murray	22	140	Buffalo, N. Y.	1	Single
Del Irvine	23	160	Winnipeg, Can.	1	Married
"Moose" Johnson	29	180	Montreal, Can.	13	Single
Capt. Eddie Oatman	25	160	Springfield, Can.	6	Single
Tommy Dunderdale	23	160	Sydney, Australia	9	Married
"Smoky" Harris	25	160	Port Arthur, Can.	1	Single
Charley Tobin	29	152	Winnipeg, Can.	4	Single
Charlie Cheslis	24	154	Calumet, Mich.	1	Single
Alf Barbour	22	170	Surie, Manitoba	1	Single
Vancouver—					
Hugh Lehman	28	155	Ontario	9	Married
Frank Patrick	30	185	Ontario	13	Married
Si Griffis	32	197	Kansas	13	Married
Fred Taylor	28	165	Ontario	11	Married
"Mickey" Mackay	28	162	Ontario	2	Single
Cook	25	178	Ontario	2	Single
Duncan	22	182	Ontario	1	Single
Stanley	22	175	Ontario	2	Married
Seaborn	23	147	Manitoba	2	Single

The first 10 scores of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey Association are as follows:

Name, team—	Goals.	Asstk.	Pts.	Min.
Fred Taylor, Vancouver	17	11	28	6
Charley Tobin, Portland	15	7	22	12
Dubbie Kerr, Victoria	10	9	19	37
Ed Morris, Seattle	12	4	17	21
Tom Dunderdale, Portland	12	4	17	37
Cook, Vancouver	11	2	17	15
Eddie Oatman, Portland	9	7	16	18
Lester Patrick, Victoria	8	7	15	9
Walker, Seattle	9	5	14	3
Mackay, Vancouver	5	5	14	29

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

THERE is now, in polite sporting circles, the case of one Joseph Stecher, of Dodge City, Neb., and one Frank Gotch, of Iowa, and the extended zone maintained by any first-class circus.

Sooner or later—or in the interim—these two, Joseph and Frank, Western born and bred, are to meet in a wrestling match that will decide the championship of the world and will attract something over $100,000 at the gate. So, as a sporting spectacle, it is worth early consideration.

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The Case of Frank Gotch.

We first saw Frank Gotch wrestle back in 1905—11 years ago. He was then 27 years old, the American champion, with only Hackenschmidt in his way to a world title.

Gotch at 27 and Stecher at 23 stand as entirely different types. Stecher's face is almost expressionless. Whatever emotion may dwell in his manly breast, the same doesn't show through his frontispiece. He gives one the impression of being a wonderfully perfected machine.

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Gotch was, and is, a different type. Gotch is the Doc Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of wrestlers. With a pleasing, open face, an attractive smile, a bundle of magnetism, he might be figured as the best-natured man in the game. But his heart is the heart of the jungle. No limit of cruelty would ever stop him from beating his man the quickest possible way. Kid McCoy, smilingly cutting an opponent to ribbons, had nothing on the Iowa grappler.

Age has undoubtedly slowed Gotch up and has taken something away, but even if Stecher should win he would be quite willing to testify that it was the roughest evening of his young but spicy career. Gotch asks no mercy—and gives none—not even to the beaten. The old Spanish inquisition could have gathered in some valuable stuff by watching Gotch at work.

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In the Way of Speed.

Stecher at 23 may be some faster than Gotch is at 38. But Stecher at 23 isn't as fast as Gotch was at 27. He isn't as fast as Gotch was 6 years ago at 32—the last time we saw him work.

For while Stecher is abnormally fast, a marvel with his quick leg movement and his shifting body, Gotch some years ago was a human streak, so catlike that it was almost impossible to follow his movements with the eye. You saw him shift from one spot or from one grip to another, and yet the movement was more a blur than an actual operation. It was a shift of such rapidity that few could tell just what had happened.

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The Gotch Ingredients.

Gotch carried these main ingredients: Unusual speed, great physical power both in his arms and legs, a high order of courage and cunning, unlimited stamina, complete knowledge of his game through hard and intelligent study.

For Gotch has as much brain as he has muscle, so far as his game is concerned, anyway, and he has always been blessed with an athletic instinct that only belongs to the champion.

In meeting the Russian Lion for the first time he soon saw that here was an opponent too powerful to be thrown, for Hackenschmidt was the most powerful entry of the entire lot. So Gotch switched his tactics and literally tortured his man into submission, as the big Russian quit after two hours' punishment.

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In Stecher's Favor.

If Stecher had come along 10 years ago, just as good as he is today, we would have esteemed it much pleasure to have had our last shirt on Iowa against Nebraska in the wrestling sweepstakes.

But 1906 and 1916 are a decade apart. In meeting Stecher, Gotch will face the best man he ever met. He will tackle a game, brainy youngster who knows his business. He will tackle a man who has beaten most of the best—one who has both speed and power to a champion's degree.

Judging from what those say who have wrestled Stecher, who have seen him work and what he had to show against the masked marvel, the Nebraskan is well worthy of the throne. He has all the stuff there is.

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Another Factor.

And then, again, there is the main factor of them all to be considered. Stecher is 23; Gotch is 38. Stecher is coming; Gotch is going away. Gotch has ruled unbeaten for over 10 years. And 10 years is a long time at the top of the pile.

Doc Time is the greatest collector of them all. He insists on being paid to the full kopeck. Gotch will have to give away 15 years—and 15 years covers the pitching span of Mathewson.

Fifteen years can stand as no small gift. Gotch may look to be as fast, as strong, as mighty as he ever was. He may for the first 20 minutes. But what about the end of a championship hour, or two hours, of the hardest game of them all?

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Same Dope.

It was agreed that Johnson must whip Willard in the first 15 rounds to win. He was not able to produce the punch inside of 20 rounds, and Time did the rest.

Gotch to beat Stecher must overpower his man inside of 20 or 30 minutes. For 30 minutes he will be as fast and as strong as Stecher—probably stronger. And he will have greater mat craft and cunning, for in this respect the Iowa star has never had an equal. There is no trick that he doesn't know, and many of them are his own inventions. For 30 minutes Stecher, at 23, will be in the whirl of a tornado. If he can weather that period the odds, backed up by youth, will be all his way. Gotch isn't going to get any better the second 30 minutes or the second hour. He is a marvel and a superman, but not that much of a god. He must carry the young Nebraskan by storm, combining power and speed with all the craft and cruelty he has—and don't forget that of this he has more than one man's share.

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Considerable Spectacle.

Those who have seen both Gotch and Stecher at work can imagine no greater athletic sight than a meeting between these two. You may not have any inherent love for wrestling. The sport to you may be an abhorrent thing. But here will be a meeting that should be the last word as a physical test. The mere sight of Stecher and Gotch standing face to face will be sufficient unto the day for all the thrills you desire. For, whatever you think of their game, they are men above the ordinary type—two of a kind meeting in the hardest game of them all, where only one can survive as champion.

Wrestling is almost a blacklisted sport. It has no wide appeal. But on the day that Frank Gotch, of Iowa, meets Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, the rest of the card will be obscured, crowded into agate to the edge of the page.

DOBIE STAYS AS COACH

RESIGNATION FROM WASHINGTON IS RECONSIDERED.

Contract Term, Lasting Another Year, Will Be Completed at Same Salary as Before.

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—Gilmour Dobie, who resigned as coach of the University of Washington football team last Autumn, will serve another year in that position. There were many candidates for the place vacated by Dobie, but none seemed to measure anywhere near his standard.

When Dobie returned to Seattle from California last week, tremendous pressure was brought to bear to induce him to reconsider his resignation.

After a conference today with President Suzzallo and Dean Priest, of the university, Dobie agreed to complete his contract and serve another year at the old compensation.

University of California Sport Notes.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Now that relations have been resumed with Stanford, athletics have taken a decided boom at California. Baseball candidates already are on the field, the crew has taken to the water, track men have signed up, and Spring football practice is to begin next month.

Baseball "dope" is rather upset by the ineligibility of several veterans. Captain Adair is facing a hard proposition with only one varsity pitcher; Sebastian, catcher, is ineligible for the Stanford series, and O'Hara's absence leaves a hole in the field. However, before coaching has begun more than 150 have signed up for the sport.

Track prospects have not been hit so hard by the new scholarship ruling. The opening rally will be held on Tuesday, but 75 men are listed already. Captain T. L. Preble is confident of a winning team.

Three regular meets are: The Varsity-University Southern California the Pacific Coast Conference and the Intercollegiate. In addition, the Pacific Athletic Association Conference has been changed to April, and a meet may be arranged with a mid-West institution.

The crew's new quarters will be so situated on the estuary that an hour's time will be saved on every trip. Washington already has scheduled two races with Stanford, April 8 on Lake Washington, and at Oakland in May.

Even indoor sports are on the increase. Boxers number 166, wrestlers 64, balltossers 50, and fencers 25 this semester.

With the arrival of Coach Andy Smith, football practice will commence about March 1.

A Philadelphia dispatch says that Connie Mack is still searching for a "good man for third base." Which may or may not be a gentle dig at J. Franklin Baker.

ANTI-TRUST LAW NOT BROKEN IN BASEBALL

Court Dismisses Federals' Suit and Upholds Honor of National Game.

ORDER IS NOT OPPOSED

Baltimore Enters No Objection to Action and League Peace Agreement Is Concluded—Judge Uses Views as Fan.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The suit of the Federal League against organized baseball, based on alleged violation of the Federal anti-trust laws, was dismissed today in the United States Circuit Court here by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis on the motion of the counsel for the Federal League.

For more than a year the suit, with its possible outcome, had hung over the baseball world. Its withdrawal was one of the stipulations in the recent peace agreement between the Federal League, newcomers in baseball, and the older leagues.

No objection to the order of dismissal was advanced by counsel for the Baltimore Federal League club, though that organization had declared its dissatisfaction with the terms of the peace programme.

Judge Upholds National Game.

After directing that the suit be dismissed, Judge Landis said:

"The motion for a preliminary injunction was presented to this court a little more than a year ago. The whole structure of organized baseball immediately was plunged into litigation. Aside from the interest of baseball fans, there were two sides to the controversy, organized baseball and so-called outlaw baseball. There was a full argument on every point involved presented to the court.

"The court's expert knowledge of baseball, obtained by more than 20 years of observation of the game as a spectator, convinced me that if an order had been entered it would have been, if not destructive, at least vitally injurious to the game of baseball.

"No matter what decision had been made, neither side would have emerged from court victorious.

No Smirch Found on Game.

"After taking counsel with my own judgment I decided that the court had the right, or at least the discretion, to postpone decision in the case, and this was done.

"I want to say that in all the preliminary evidence and the various arguments, when the records were gone over with the fine-tooth comb to find something injurious to the other side, not the slightest evidence was presented to cause the most suspicious person to impugn the honor of the game or of any individual players."

After the order of dismissal was entered, Attorney Janney said he had been assured that the dispute with the Baltimore club would be settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

"The Baltimore club has an ample remedy at law for any damages which it may sustain," he said.

Baseball, Football, Boxing

Personal Touches in Sports.

ALTHOUGH Dean Briggs, of Harvard, urges it, there won't be any good feeling in athletics as long as Harvard wallops Yale on the football field each season.

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I learned to dance, Oh, Ghoulish Fate! I wasted Time—for now they ice skate.

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These "Masked Marvels" are taking terrible chances with those masked gents operating at large.

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"Players of the American League cannot write for the papers," declares Ban Johnson in clarion tones.

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Why the emphasis? Of course they can't.

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Chris Kirschbaum, the veteran jockey, who has sported silks on all tracks of the West, is just recovering from a serious accident, which accounts for his being kept out of the saddle at the Tia Juana track before the recent floods. He was exercising one of his mounts when it fell on him, fracturing one of his legs and badly bruising the other.

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Al McCoy is said to be the most unpopular boxer in the business. An exchange says that several persons paid regular money to watch Al McCoy and George Chip attempt to box. Further on it said that Barnum is dead but his soul goes marching on.

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Dr. E. J. Stewart, coach of the Oregon Aggies, has been approached by the University of Southern California for a game at Los Angeles, Thanksgiving day. The contract with the Syracuse University has not been signed as yet and in the event that the Oregon Aggies do not go East for a contest they will take the Los Angeles proposition.

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Warning to swimmers!. A paragraph from a scientific publication reads that the water of the Antarctic Ocean is colder than that of the Arctic Ocean.

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Graduate Manager Stroud, of the University of California, has purchased two new shells for the Berkeley crews to start the 1916 season. The largest group of candidates in years is out for positions and from all accounts a big year is expected in the South.

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G. B. Fuller, one of the wealthiest citizens of California, is going into the racing game on a scale befitting his high standard as a gentleman. Mr. Fuller already has purchased several prominent horses for his proposed stable near San Francisco.

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Golf has made a great hit in Japan. Clubs have been formed in several of the larger cities and the little brown men are taking to the game with considerable force. Hockey and football also are being taken up.

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Coach John F. Moakley, of the Cornell University track and field team, who recently signed a 10-year contract, has had to watch his men work out in the snow. Little has been accomplished of late because of the poor weather conditions in the East.

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They tell us that the Phillies have signed a second Alexander. We've heard of a lot of second Mathewsons and second Cobbs—but they're all back in the bushes now.

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As we have observed before, in these days of horseless wagons and wireless telegraphy, we also have fightless champions.

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Chester A. Fee, the third greatest athlete in the United States, was a Portland visitor yesterday. He was on his way to Seattle, Wash., where his brother, Alger, will be married Wednesday.

WHITMAN FIVE COMING

COLLEGIANS TO PLAY CLUB TEAM IN PORTLAND SATURDAY.

Touring Missionaries to Meet Oregon Aggies Thursday and Friday Before Playing Multnomahs.

Whitman College will form the opposition for the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club's basketball quintet in the winged "M" gymnasium next Saturday night. Vincent Borleske, former coach of the Lincoln High School athletes of Portland, but now of Whitman College, who will bring eight athletes with him.

Whitman is slated to appear against the Oregon Aggies in two conference games this week. The Walla Walla boys will be at Corvallis on Thursday and Friday night and on Saturday they will wind up their present tour in Portland. Manager Harry Fischer, of the Multnomah team, is making arrangements for the largest crowd so far this year.

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Dr. E. J. Stewart, coach of the Oregon Agricultural College, is a Portland visitor. Coach Stewart will take his basket shooters to California next Monday, where they will play two games with the University of California and two with Stanford University.

After playing Whitman College Thursday and Friday nights at Corvallis, Or., the University of Idaho will be in the Oregon Aggie gymnasium Saturday night.

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The Portland Interscholastic League basketball has suffered a whole week's setback and from now on all the teams will be called on to uphold a strenuous schedule. Already six contest have been postponed and as the season runs up into the first workouts of baseball, things will have to be rushed to be completed before the Spring call is made for candidates.

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Manager Eddie Cohn, of the Young Men's Hebrew Association basketball teams, has arranged another doubleheader for his quintets for the B'nai B'rith gymnasium Wednesday night. The Lincoln High tossers and the first Y. M. H. A. team will furnish the main event, while the preliminary contest between the Christian Brothers Business College junior alumni and the Jewish boys' second string will start their contest at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Manager Cohn would like to hear from the Sellwood team. Call him at Main 3088 to arrange games.

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The Portland Newsboys would like to secure games. Write to Manager Morris Rogoway, in care of the Neighborhood House, Second and Woods streets, Portland, Or.

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William R. Smyth is handling the business affairs of the Red Wings, of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club basketball squad. Their first and only contest so far was against the Sunset Athletic Club, of St. Helens, Or., at St. Helens, two weeks ago. The game resulted in a victory for the Portland delegation. For games with the Red Wings write to Manager William R. Smyth, in care of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, or call Marshall 5180.

Rainier Beats Astoria, 24 to 20.

RAINIER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—In the fastest game of the season played here, the Rainier High School basketball team defeated the Astoria High School team, 24 to 20. In the first half of the game the score stood 8 to 18 in favor of Rainier. With the defeat of the Astoria team, Rainier takes the championship of the lower Columbia River

POPULAR HYMNS NAMED

Only Bible Has Had Wider Circulation Than Four Songs.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—I asked a widely known Philadelphia clergyman what hymns during the past 25 years had been oftenest sung throughout America, says Girard in the Ledger.

Without any hesitation he mentioned "Lead, Kindly Light," "Rock of Ages," "Abide With Me" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The circulation of popular hymns has been stupendous. It is impossible even to estimate the millions of copies which have appeared of any one of the four mentioned by the Philadelphia clergyman as most frequently sung.

Only the Bible itself has a wider circulation. To measure their influence is beyond human mathematics.

It is a fact, however, that the popularity of certain hymns gives point to that old remark that I care not who makes the laws of my country so long as I write its ballads.

CURIOSITY IS SATISFIED

Man Drinks Poison "to See What It Will Do to Me"; He Found Out.

LIMA, O., Feb. 2.—"I just want to see what this will do to me," said Louis Annesser, 27 years old, of Wapakoneta, while in a drugstore. He took a drink out of a bottle which stood on the counter.

Clerks, knowing the danger of the poison, rushed to him and gave him emetics, and 10 minutes later he was writhing in pain in a local hospital. Before he lapsed into unconsciousness he said: "Well, I guess I saw all right."

Physicians in attendance say the man cannot recover. Annesser denied that he had suicidal intentions.