

COAST PLAYERS TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE

Fraternity Members Sending in Ballots to Walter Boles on Baseball Tangle.

LESS THAN HALF BELONG

In Event of Break, Portland May Lose Hagerman, Rodgers, Willie, Nixon, Southworth and Ward. Several Are Signed.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Pacific Coast League baseball fans will know within a few days whether or not the threatened strike situation in the East will spread west of the Rockies. Walter Boles, catcher on the Los Angeles club, is the Western representative of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, and he reached local ball headquarters yesterday that Boles was taking a vote of the frat members in the Coast circuit to decide whether they will strike in sympathy or not. It is said the 50 members in the league took a secret poll last Fall and voted to stick with their Eastern brethren in case of a showdown.

In Los Angeles yesterday Boles admitted that the players in the Coast League have no grievances, but he thinks his position with the fraternity demands that he at least take a vote on the question.

The players on the Portland club who are believed to be affiliated with the organization are: Hagerman, Rodgers, Willie, Nixon, Southworth and Ward. Ken Williams, Gus Fisher, Bill Stump, O'Brien, Byron Hough, Hollinger and a couple of young pitchers either are signed or are not affiliated with the fraternity, so McCredie ought to be able to put a fair team in the field even should his frat members walk out on him.

The truth of the matter is, baseball players have rather much of a snappishness on duty not more than three or four hours a day and they draw down more money for this brief time than they could in any other business—more, in fact, than most of the fans who watch them perform.

Harring an occasional injustice, the diamond athletes are fairly well treated by the magnates.

Players in the Pacific Coast League draw down from \$10 to \$16 a month and traveling expenses when on the road. When away from home the magnates ride them around in Pullmans and put them up at the hotels.

With only 50 members out of about 120 players in the Coast League, and some of them already signed, the baseball fraternity officials are not in a position to do much dictating in Allan T. Baum's circuit. If these 50 strike they will be out of a job—that's about the gist of it.

It will be no trick at all for the magnates to forage around in the E. League and produce enough young blood to fill out their teams, and very acceptably at that.

Walter McCredie received a letter from Honolulu yesterday offering him a flat guarantee to take his Beavers to the islands for Spring training.

"Looks pretty good," remarked the Portland manager last night. "I put a couple of steamship men on the case today and if we can get the proper accommodations on the boats we will pass Stockton up in favor of Honolulu. They're having a fine time there, and soon and I am told we might have some trouble shipping 30 men over in one bunch."

Cleveland has turned over to Milwaukee three players—Outfielders Dan Moeller, Catcher DeBerry and Infielder Barbara. McCredie was sweet on DeBerry and had a bid in for him.

The Vernon Hall club is ansting for the services of Pitcher Bill Steen, of San Francisco. Steen failed to keep condition last season and Manager Wolverton, of the Seals, is not banking on him at all in his plans for 1917.

Byron Hough and Gus Fisher showed up at ball headquarters Monday night and signed contracts for the coming year. W. W. McCredie will not send out contracts until the 15th of the month until February 1, or thereabouts.

MITCHELL OUTPOINTS WELSH

Milwaukee Boxer Has Better of Champion in No-Decision Fight.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 16.—Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, defeated Champion Freddie Welsh on points in a 10-round contest here tonight, sporting writers at the ring-side agreed.

Welsh's holding tactics brought a roar of disapproval from the audience that continued through the fifth round. Chairman Linsinger, of the State Boxing Commission, wanted the champion to box or draw a penalty. In every round but the tenth Mitchell had the advantage, jabbing the champion at will.

Welsh in the final round held Mitchell even—the only spirited action shown by the Englishman during the bout. Many times Mitchell crossed his right, but failed to land effectively.

FRESHMAN RULE IS CAUSE OF NUMEROUS COMPLICATIONS

Some of Large Eastern Colleges Preparing to Go Back to Old System, Which Allows Man to Compete in Athletics for Four Years.

APPARENTLY some of the large Eastern colleges are preparing to go back to the old system which allows a man to compete in athletics for four years, though all the student's athletic work has been done in one college.

The freshman rule has caused several kinds of complications in the past. Students who enter large colleges from small ones are at the present time charged with the number of years they competed in athletics before entering the large institution and they are permitted then to compete until they have had four years in all.

But the lads who remain in the one college are permitted only three years and year of football at their freshman year.

Penn, Harvard and Yale are three of the big colleges which do not intend to handicap themselves in the future. Not long after the Harvard game it was announced that Captain Black, of the Ell football eleven, would return for a post-graduate course next Fall. Bob Folwell, of Pennsylvania, took the same stand recently at Pasadena when Luis Wray, Penn's brilliant center, stated he wanted a post-graduate course. It will be Wray's fourth year and the same is true of Howard Berry. Berry played one year at Muhlenberg before he entered Pennsylvania and the New Year's game with Oregon completed his second year of football at Penn.

Harvard, too, is working along the same tack. The Crimson officials recently came forth with the announcement that Meanie, the famous Colby hurdler, had been declared eligible for one more year. This is rather surprising for it was Harvard that raised such a hullabaloo a few years ago when Penn saw fit to use athletes drawn from other colleges, particularly Andy Smith, who switched over from Penn State.

While it is patent that pressure is being put upon scholastic stars to enter various colleges, it is generally believed that the day of the ringer is not far off. The broader view taken by the colleges now should lower the eligibility standards and it should improve the caliber of the teams. So long as there is a faculty man on the eligibility committee and so long as the freshmen rule is lived up to there is little sense in preventing a man from playing four years providing he takes a post-graduate course calling for a satisfactory amount of scholastic work.

Although the woods are full of men who claim to have licked Jess Willard there doesn't seem to be a desirable opponent for him unless it be big Fred

4 EVENTS LINED UP

Golden West Club Preparing Good Card for Tuesday.

Trambitas Is Matched Rumanian to Box Johnson Before Wing and Duffy Clash in Semi-Windup—Huelat and Morris Are to Battle Once More.

Instead of being staged at the Eleventh Street Playhouse under the auspices of the Western Athletic Club, the boxing show scheduled for next Tuesday night featuring "Muff" Bronson and Harry Pelnsinger will be staged at the Rose City Athletic Club by the Golden West Athletic League.

What arrangements have been made between the two clubs has not been disclosed, but it is understood that the switch was made to avert a possible clash.

Manager George Moore, of the Golden West Athletic League, has the reputation of putting on only the best cards. Besides the main event and the semi-windup between Weldon Wing and Jimmy Duffy, of Oakland, he lined up two other bouts yesterday. One will find Valley Trambitas combating "Young Jack" Johnson, of Boston, and the other a return match between Frankie Huelat and Sammy Morris. There is a third in the Huelat-Morris set. The former wants the weight to be 128 pounds and the latter 125

SOCCER TEAMS CHOSEN

REDS AND BLUES TO PLAY BENEFIT FOR RED CROSS FUND.

Most Adept Exponents of Sport in City to Compete at Multnomah Field on Saturday Afternoon.

Frank Billington, who is instrumental in arranging for the benefit game featuring the Red Cross and Blue Cross football teams, last night named the players who would compete on Multnomah Field at 2:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the soccer football game. The two teams will be known as the Reds and the Blues.

The Reds will be captained by A. E. Morris and the lineup will have most of the championship Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club athletes listed. While the Blues are composed of many of the prominent Old Country players now residents of Portland. Manager Billington has more than two full teams at the practice on Multnomah Field last Saturday afternoon and again Sunday morning and reported in fairly good condition.

The proposed lineups follow:

Blue	Position	Reds
Carver	Goal	E. R. Halt
Webster	R.B.	H. B. Hart
S. Martin	L.B.	J. Mackie
Boor	R.B.	H. B. Hart
Sam Duncan	C.B.	(Capt.) Morris
W. Graham	F.	Dan Wright
R. M. D. Rankin	O.P.	W. White
W. Adkinson	I.F.	R. Underwood
W. Gray	O.F.	W. Tammes
J. Fairley	I.F.	J. Murphy
J. Gray	O.F.	P. Shevlin

OREGON CITY TO SEE BOUTS

Carl Martin and Jimmy Moscow to Feature at Smoker Tomorrow.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The third smoker of the Falls City Athletic Club, to be given Thursday night in the Masonic High school, will feature two goes, one between Carl Martin, of Oregon City, and Jimmie Moscow, of Portland, and the other between Jack McLane, of Oregon City, and Mugsy Scholes, New circus seats will be used for the first time.

The complete card follows:

Main event, Carl Martin vs. Jimmie Moscow, weight 120 pounds; semi-windup, Jack McLane vs. Mugsy Scholes; Ben Borden, of Oregon City, vs. Art Wilson, of Portland, weight 130 pounds; Bill Gold, of Oregon City, vs. Fine Bode, of Portland, weight 128 pounds; Freddie Lough, of Portland, vs. Eddie Olsen, of Seattle, weight 125 lbs. in the first round at Philadelphia last Monday night.

Fulton. When Fulton first was proposed as a lamb for the slaughter the public scoffed and laughed the match off the boards. Since then, however, Fulton has plugged along, steadily improving all the while, and within another 12 months he will be a contender for the title of a flogging with the human blemish who holds the heavyweight crown.

Not long ago Tom Jones tried to convince the fans that Tom Cowler would be a logical opponent. Fulton wiped him out in the round last week in New York. Dillon erased Moran's name from the map permanently and Gibbons officiated at similar sites for Dillon. Early is too small, and Carpenter is not coming. So there you are—Fulton or no fight. Let it be Fulton.

Students at the University of Washington are getting out a souvenir football book dedicated to Gilmore Dobbs. Dobbs is being made much of since the college authorities handed him the title. The students are regarding Dobbs as a regular Saravoot. Seattle newspapers, too, would almost make you weep over his martyrdom.

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Among those at the meeting were Demaree, Archer and Clemens, of the Chicago Nationals; Leonard, of Washington; Smith, of the St. Louis Nationals; Peffer, of Brooklyn, and both of Cleveland; Perrin, of Toledo; Dyer, of Denver; Lovell, of Kansas City; Murray, of Columbus; Herbert, of Toronto, and Rehor, of Lincoln.

NEW COMMISSION ADVOCATED

Minor Leagues Start Move to Create Governing Body of 3 Members.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A movement to abolish the present governing board of the National Association of Minor Leagues and create a new board of three members was launched at a meeting here today of the presidents and Central Association of Minor Leagues. The plan was suggested by A. R. Tearney, president of the Three-I League, who said that the present board had decided to meet in Chicago on January 24, to restrict their president's power to make them more compact with a view to saving mileage and reducing other expenses.

BASEBALL PLAYERS UNION IS BAD

American League Head Says Stars Would Get Flat Rate With Mediocre Players.

STRIKE SET FOR FEB. 20

Fultz Says Decision to Join American Federation Came After Magnates Had Said They Would Crush Fraternity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Affiliation of the Baseball Players' Fraternity with the American Federation of Labor would end the present salary system in professional baseball by which the best players now receive thousands of dollars for their work, in the opinion of President R. B. Johnson, of the American League, who discussed here today the plan to unionize ballplayers.

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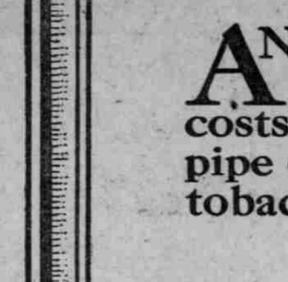
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BOB SNOGRASS IS STAR

Columbia and School of Commerce to Meet Today—Independent Teams Busy Preparing for Games With Outside Quintets.

Washington, Poston, Franklin, Leder, Brown, Kolkana, Graves, Post, Rodgers, Day, Law, Maus, Mackenzie, Isealton, Beckwith, Tucker, Hadley, Spares, Miller, Barbut, Roberts—A. M. Griley, of the Y. M. C. A.

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