

SACRAMENTO MUST ACT OR STAY OUT

Coast League Chiefs See No Sign of Coin and Portland May Stick.

ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED

Charley Graham Maintains Silence as to Efforts in California Capital and Magnates Are at Last Disgusted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Sacramento must "fish or cut bait" on this baseball proposition. Last week Charley Graham was in town, and after he had talked to President Baum and Hen Berry, the announcement was made that there was a rainbow in the sky and that prospects looked brighter for Sacramento to replace Portland in the league than they ever had before.

Graham went back to his home in Sacramento and waited for him to report that the money was raised and that the transfer could be made at the annual meeting of the league in Los Angeles, December 17.

But Graham has utterly failed and neglected to report that the money has been raised. In fact, if anything has been done at Sacramento it has been kept a profound secret; so now Baum, Berry and Ewing, the committee appointed to look after the transfer, are going to call for a showdown.

Charley Graham will be asked to come here either tomorrow or next day and he will be told that Sacramento must make good, pronto, or talk of putting a team in Sacramento will cease and Portland will be kept in the league.

In that case, the circuit will remain the same as last year and all that the moguls will have to do at the annual meeting will be to ascertain how they can reduce expenses so that baseball can be run next year without cutting too big a hole in the bankroll.

The trouble seems to be that Sacramento is trying to get into the Coast League on "no pair." Folks up there take the position that Portland has been dropped and that the Coast League has nowhere to unload the franchise except Sacramento. President Baum says that they have the wrong viewpoint. He says Portland still belongs to the Coast League and that the club will be kept there if Sacramento does not make the proper showing—and that at once.

McCredie Balks at Proposal.

An effort was made to get Walter McCredie to take the team at Sacramento and have Judge McCredie turn the players over to him. That is probably what was meant when it was announced there was a plan to give Sacramento a ball club without the men of that town putting up any money.

Walter curled his lip in fine scorn at the suggestion. They have not been able to do so and it now comes down to a question of Sacramento making a showing of some real coin of the realm or cease the chatter about wanting to have a club in the league.

Sacramento men make the suggestion that if some man could be found to put a club in that town, perhaps—get that word—perhaps the men of Sacramento would rally 'round the flag and support him.

Something definite will be done about Sacramento this week and the decks will be cleared for the annual meeting in Los Angeles.

Billiard Shots.

From the interest shown by the fans at the Waldorf Wednesday night, the Boalt-Lundstrom bout was the stellar contest of the tournament. Two players had been trying for three weeks to get together for a game.

George Warren, Boalt and Lundstrom are now tied for first place in the first division of the tournament. If Condon and Hicks win their next game there will be five tied for the top position. Chances are good for these two men winning.

Jimmie Martin says if Nickerson is a billiard player, then Jimmie is an idiot, but at that Nick has the edge on the rest of the billiard experts in the fourth division, holding one of the high-run records of six in the tournament.

Jake Weinstein has made one of the best showings in the third division, although he has lost five games and won two. He lost three games in the "one" hole.

Goodland, with six games to the good, playing 24, looks like to tough game for the high man in the tournament.

Sophomores Beat Freshmen.

The Reed College sophomores defeated the freshmen in an exciting soccer game Wednesday by a score of 0-0. Neither side had a full team on the field, but short-handed playing added to the novelty of the game. The freshmen were supposed to have played the seniors, but the latter aggregation asked for a postponement.

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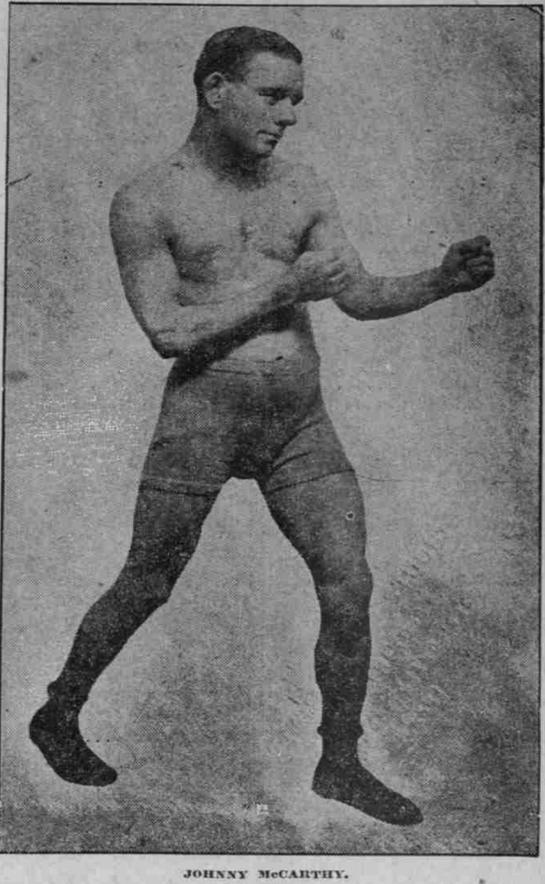
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BOXERS ARE READY

Indications Are for Good Contests at Smoker.

FANS' INTEREST IS KEEN

Bout Between McCarthy and Gilbert Is Scheduled as Main Event in Which Both Fighters Prove Ability to Win.

BOXING CARD SLATED.

McCarthy vs. Gilbert, 145 pounds.
Sommers vs. Sontag, 135 pounds.
Tucker vs. Williams, 135 pounds.
Leonard vs. Moore, 125 pounds.
Hoke vs. Hoff, 125 pounds.

Billiard Shots.

The ten boxers who will participate in tonight's all-star boxing smoker at the Eleventh Street Playhouse, under the auspices of the Butler Athletic Club finished their training yesterday and all said that they were in perfect physical condition for their bouts tonight.

The Johnny McCarthy-Fred Gilbert bout is scheduled as the main attraction in tonight's festive programme. McCarthy's well-known ring record, which includes a list of victories over some of the best boys of his weight in the country, stamps him as a hard man to beat. That Fred Gilbert, the "Bend Cyclone," should undertake the task agreed to by the Central Oregon youngsters is made of the right metal.

Boscovitch Badly Beaten.

The night Gilbert made his initial appearance in a Portland ring against Johnny Boscovitch he won favor with local light followers by giving Boscovitch a beautiful lacing in six rounds. The Seattle boxer, for the next smelter, was matched with Lloyd Madden, the Seattle boxer, for the next smelter, and upset all traditions by being the first fighter to knock out Madden.

The supporters of the Bend fighter are unanimous in their belief that Gilbert will win from McCarthy as easily as he did Madden.

The Sommers-Sontag bout has worked itself into almost as much popularity as the McCarthy-Gilbert fight. The four-round draw which these two dethroned fought recently at Seattle was said to have been a slam-bang affair, with honors going to Sontag. He contends that he was not in the best of condition and for that reason has agreed to return to Portland in order to prove his claim to superiority over Sommers. Sommers has not boxed in this city since he fought Mike Gibbons a few months ago. Since then he has become a greatly improved fighter.

Miss Tucker Is Confident.

Elizabeth Tucker, who manages the ring affairs of her brother, Frankie Tucker, who will clash with Billy Williams tonight, is authority for the statement that Frankie probably will topple Mr. Williams over before the conclusion of their six-round bout. "He is going to be the lightweight champion some day," smilingly declared Miss Tucker yesterday. "Mr. Williams will have to fight hard if he wants to stay six rounds with Frank. Don't you think Frank will win?"

Williams is anxious to mix with Frankie Tucker and is confident he will win. "Tucker has received so much newspaper publicity that he ought to be a good boy, but I'm positive I will beat him," said Williams. "The fight between Vince Moore and Hoff, who fought a four-round whirlwind curtain-raiser at the last smoker, will don the mitts tonight in a return engagement."

COMETS FIVE WANTS GAMES

Y. M. C. A. Aggregation Has Victory Over Astoria "Y" Team.

One of the latest basketball teams to enter the independent field is the Comets, of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. The team averages

RODGERS SELL AUTO DIAMOND FOR GOOD

Beaver Captain Declares He Will Engage in Automobile Business.

ACTION CAUSES SURPRISE

Well-Known Second Baseman Always Known as Hard Fighter for Victory and Rights of Portland Baseball Team.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.
William "Bill" Rodgers, captain and second baseman of the Portland baseball club, yesterday announced his decision to retire from baseball and devote his time exclusively to the automobile business.

Rodgers' announcement came as a surprise. While it has been known for some time that the popular Beaver Club captain contemplated going into the automobile business on a big scale, it was hardly believed that he would forsake the great National game and devote his entire time to selling cars.

Yesterday the "peppery" Beaver second baseman bought himself a pair of overalls and a big smile started to learn the automobile game from the ground up by going to an automobile school, where he immediately dissected a "flyver" and just to show other "rooks" he was no busher at the game, he put the machine together again.

Salary Cuts Predicted.

"I was going to quit last year," said Rodgers yesterday, "but thought I'd stick with the old game for another season. Now I'm through. There may not be any baseball this coming season and I don't intend to wait. I'm going to be about \$250 per month, and the season will be cut a month or six weeks, so it won't pay to stay in baseball."

"I have made money at the baseball game, but in the short time that I have been selling automobiles I have accumulated more per month than I could make playing baseball. The auto game is a clean-cut business and, although I like baseball, as for making a livelihood at the old game, the future holds out no prospects for me."

"I have given the Portland fans the best I had since I came to the Pacific Coast League in 1911. Some of the fans thought I did not play to suit their fancy, but now that I am through with professional baseball I think they will agree with me that I was always out fighting for the Portland club first, and then for myself. I kicked one sometimes, and so did the others, but look over the fielding averages of the Pacific Coast second basemen since I have been in the league and see how many other second basemen finished each season with a better average than I. When business is good I'll be able to go out and sit in the grandstand and look the boys over myself."

BEAVERS JOINED IN 1911.

Rodgers was drafted by the McCredies in 1910 from the Waterbury club of the Connecticut League. Bill played shortstop for Waterbury and was the year he was drafted by the Beavers. His fielding average was .892.

When Rodgers joined the Beavers at Santa Maria in 1911 Walter McCredie placed him on second base and he has remained at that station ever since. Rodgers was sold to Cleveland in 1913 and later was sold by Cleveland to the Boston Americans. On account of a weak arm Rogers failed to make a good showing with the Red Sox and at his own solicitation was turned over to Cincinnati for a trial. Rodgers finished the 1915 season with the Reds and returned to the Springfield club for another trial. He failed to stick and was later purchased by the McCredies from Cincinnati for a larger amount than that for which he was sold.

3 BOWLING TEAMS TIED

RACE FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP BECOMES EXCITING.

Rose City Park, Woodmen of the World 77 and Multnomah Club Team 5 Even in Race.

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Club	W.	L.	Pct.
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Multnomah Club	9	3	.750
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R. M. Gray	8	4	.667
Tuna Veritas	4	8	.333
Portland	2	10	.167
Multnomah Club team	2	11	.154

Three teams are now tied for the club bowling championship of the city and the race for the title is growing more exciting as the schedule nears completion.

The close of last week saw the Woodmen of the World and Multnomah 5 teams tied for the leadership of the league, but the first match this week gave the Rose City Park quintet join the leaders by winning three straight games from the R. M. Grays.

The Turners also recovered from their slump and trounced the Lauries in the 1917 three-cushion billiard tournament. Lundstrom broke in among the leaders by defeating Boalt 29-26. The game was fast and spectacular, both experts being handicapped at the match.

THREE BILLIARDISTS ARE TIED

Boalt, Warren and Lundstrom Even in Three-Cushion Tournery.

Fred Boalt, George Warren and L. Lundstrom are now tied for first place in the 1917 three-cushion billiard tournament. Lundstrom broke in among the leaders by defeating Boalt 29-26. The game was fast and spectacular, both experts being handicapped at the match.

The match was the first that has been played on the tourney schedule for several days, and a good many of the players have already completed their games and the lists are thinning out.

Today's call board lists Ruven and Ryan, Russell and Conley. The first two are tied in the standings, so the game was fast and interesting. Visitors are invited to witness the tourney, which is being played at the Waldorf Billiard Parlors.

Soccer League in South.

San Francisco has an eight-club semi-professional soccer league in full swing. Games are played every Sunday; a double-header at the Ocean Shore grounds, another game at Croff's Gardens and a final match at Fortia's and San Pablo streets, in Oakland, across the bay. The clubs are as follows: Union Iron Works, Thistles, Burns, Barbarians, Olympics, Celtics, Aronauts and Rangers.

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DIETZ MAY DEPART

Pullman May Not Ask for Famous Coach to Return.

FINANCIAL LACK IS CAUSE

Physical Director Bohler Declares That Football Mentor Has Received Offers of More Money From Eastern Schools.

Dr. Fred J. Bohler, physical director at Washington State College, who has been attending the meeting of the Pacific Coast conference at San Francisco, was in Portland yesterday on a route to Pullman.

"That William 'Lonestar' Dietz has not been asked to sign a contract to coach football next year and probably will not be asked unless athletic conditions become much more settled than at present were the chief items of interest gathered from the well-known athletic authority.

"In our opinion, Mr. Dietz is the greatest football coach on the Pacific Coast and we have to pay him a salary commensurate with his ability, irrespective of what returns we receive from the game, but unless conditions are much brighter than they were this season it is probable that Mr. Dietz will be back," said Mr. Bohler. "He has many offers from Eastern schools which are in much stronger financial condition than we are at Pullman. As I understand it, Mr. Dietz has gone East, where he will play in the movies during the winter months."

"There will be no conference track meets next season. That was decided at the conference meeting. Baseball will be the only winter sport which will play at the Washington State college in Oregon, Oregon Aggies, Washington and the Multnomah Club in February.

"We practically have agreed to play a football game with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles next Thanksgiving day. California wanted us for its big game November 15, but we could not agree, owing to a previous promise to Oregon to make the Washington State college game the home-coming game next December 15. November 15 was the date upon which we agreed."

Lefts and Rights.

BENNY LEONARD, lightweight champion of the world, probably will be seen in another bout in Denver soon. Manager Billy Gibson has accepted terms from Promoter Hamil, of Denver, and the latter is looking around for a suitable opponent for Benny. Hamil also has accepted terms from Mike O'Dowd, Jack Britton, Pete Herman and other top-notchers.

The receipts of the Leonard-Kirke bout in Denver last week did not come up to expectations. But \$7800 went through the gate. The Charley White-Staley fight in Denver some time ago drew more than \$10,000. The cheapest seats at the Leonard-Kirke bout were sold at \$1.50, which kept the receipts up to \$7800. The gate did not net \$150 per seat and up to glimpse the champion.

Frankie Burns, the clever Jersey bantamweight, and Roy Moore, virtually are matched to meet in a 10-round bout at the Minneapolis Boxing Club on the evening of December 15. Moore is a big card in Minneapolis.

COUNTY CONTROL ADVOCATED

Albany Sportsmen Would Take Game Law Administration From State.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A county administration of game laws and the collection and expenditure of fees incident to the game law administration by the county instead of the state is desired by the members of the Albany Gun Club. The club has decided to broach this proposition at the meeting of the Sportsmen's League in Portland next week.

The local club also went on record favoring a limit of five China pheasants to each hunter without regard to sex. It is contended that many hens are killed which are left in the field and that hunters go on and kill the limited number of roosters and that the present law produces the opposite effect from that intended by leading to the slaughter of more birds.

C. G. Dedele was elected president of the club last Wednesday night. P. A. Young was chosen vice-president and Harry B. Cusick was re-elected secretary-treasurer. A. B. Weatherford was appointed to represent the club at the coming meeting of the Sportsmen's League.

SOUTH PARKWAY FIVE WINS

Christian Brothers Basketball Five Defeated, 44 to 19.

In their initial appearance this season the South Parkway Club defeated the Christian Brothers Basketball Club 44 to 19. The game was fast and hard-fought throughout.

The outcome of the game was a surprise. The Parkway players were an unknown quantity, while Christian Brothers started the season by winning five straight games.

The all-around playing of the South Parkway team and the stellar work of Kanter and Goldstone were the outstanding features of the match. Ryan, of Christian Brothers, starred for his team. Arbutk, of the Parkway team, demonstrated that he is one of the best guards in independent circles.

Next Saturday the Parkway boys will go to Sandy, Or., to play the high school team.

On the same night the first team triumphed over Christian Brothers, the second-string Parkway boys defeated Arleta, 59 to 7. Arleta was outweighted and experienced.

REARDON WILL LEAD AGGIES

Star Quarterback Is Elected Captain of 1918 Eleven.

Henry "Butts" Reardon, Oregon Aggie star quarterback, yesterday was elected captain of the 1918 football team. Reardon is registered as a junior from Corvallis High School and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Reardon's gridiron performances during the season just passed won him a world of praise. He is regarded as one of the best quarterbacks the Aggies ever had.

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Opposition to the 140-game major league season is growing stronger. When the big leagues meet next month there'll be a powerful fight against this plan.

Fred Merkle says if the Cubs attempt to trade him to a minor league he will retire from baseball.

Christy Mathewson, now marriaging the Reds, announces that he will take his turn on the mound with the other



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