

WASHINGTON FIRE LOSSES STAR-GUARD

Scratch on Cook's Arm Threatens Blood Poisoning and Player to Stay Home.

TEAM IS MUCH WEAKENED

Absence of Crack Player to Be Felt Greatly on Trip South, When Quintet Will Meet O. A. C. and University of Oregon.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, W, L, Pct. Lists players like Lincoln, Hamilton, Jefferson, James, Hill, Columbia, Franklin, Washington, Christian Brothers, Hanson.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Just before leaving for Portland, out of which city the team will journey to Corvallis and Eugene for games with Oregon and the University of Oregon.

A scratch on the arm of Cook, the best defense man on the squad, developed signs of turning into blood poisoning and the college authorities have decided that the crack player will be left at home.

Cook's absence will weaken the team considerably, for he was the mainstay of Coach Hunt's defense.

Coach Hunt and eight men will make the trip. Gilly, Jamieson, Murphy, Charles and Holbrook and two men to be selected this afternoon will make up the team.

The team is taking its first trip of the season. The Aggies will be met tomorrow and Saturday nights and the Lemon-Tellow on Monday and Tuesday nights.

New Combination Fast. Washington's chief hope is that the tables can be turned against O. A. C. for the two defeats handed out by the Aggies two weeks ago.

Of the first-string men, all are playing their first year of intercollegiate basketball. Forward, Jamieson, is the freshman star last year, but has come ahead fast this year and plays a speedy game.

Murphy is heavy, fast and cool and handles the ball well. This is his first year at basketball, though he has been in college four years.

Because there are no letter men on the squad, Coach Hunt has named Jamieson as captain this year. Instead, Coach Hunt designates a captain for each game, as was done by Besdek at Oregon.

The university freshmen will also take a trip this week-end, playing the Sedro-Woolley and Bellingham high schools. The western invitational game this year and frequently give the variety a close rub.

GRIFFITH SELLS JOHN HENRY Boston Braves Purchase Catcher of Washington Americans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—It was semi-officially announced here today that the American League club will waive claims on John Henry, catcher of the Washington Americans, and he will go to the Boston club of the National League.

President Frane, of the Boston Red Sox, and Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, were in consultation for a long time regarding the players which the Boston club is to give in return for the services of First baseman Melton. Four players are to be sent to Philadelphia, but at the end of the conference no definite arrangement had been made and it looked as if the Boston management would have to purchase them in order to complete the deal.

Clark Griffith, having obtained the necessary waivers on catcher John Henry, of the Washington club, sold him outright to the Boston club. The Cleveland Americans bought Pitzer John Eganman from the Newark Internationals. The only other deal made known during the day was the release of Pitzer Sam Ross and Outfielder Everett Bankston by the New York Americans to the Southern Association club at Memphis, Tenn.

BOALT TAKES TWO TOURNAY Four Games Played in City Championship Billiard Series.

Four three-cushion billiard games were played yesterday in the city championship tournament now going on at the Waldorf billiard parlors. Boalt was each man of the day, as he won both of the two games in which he took part. In the first game he easily defeated Levinson, 16 to 14, and he then won over Sanders by a score of 20 to 17.

Both Sanders and Levinson each won one game and lost one. Levinson defeated Hicks, 16 to 14, and Sanders also beat Hicks, 16 to 13. Sanders registered a high run of six in his match with Hicks. Several runs of three points were made up by all the players. Several matches will be played this afternoon and evening.

Football Sent to Soldiers. A total of 4188 Harvard athletes and graduates have contributed \$5500 to

the fund to supply footballs for use of soldiers in France and 1900 will be sent across the ocean. The first 500 have been shipped.

SOMMERS TRAINS FOR BOUT Northwest Middleweight to Meet Private Johnson Tomorrow.

Al Sommers, middleweight champion of the Northwest, is not going to take any chances with Private Jim Johnson when they meet in the main event of the military boxing show, which will be held at the Eleventh-street Playhouse tomorrow night for the benefit of the Cantonment Athletic Club. Sommers is training hard.

Abe Gordon will meet Private Jimmy Tetro in the semi-windup and accordingly will be in for a torrid session. Tetro hails from New York.

Muff Bronson, Joe Benjamin, Freddie Anderson, Joe Gomez and several other Portland fighters will be on the card.

Besides the above mentioned bouts there will be eight or 10 three-round bouts between soldiers stationed at the Barracks.

ALL-STARS WANT GAME CHALLENGE OF BRNAL BRITH IS ACCEPTED BY TEAM.

Proposition Is Made to Coach Leon Fabre Arranging for Three-Game Series for Title.

The undefeated Sully's All-Stars have accepted the challenge of the Brnal Brith basketball team to play for the championship of the state, and are open to meet the crack B. B. quintet any time that is agreeable to Coach Leon Fabre.

Sully's All-Stars wish to meet the Brnal Brith team in a three-game series. One game to be played on the Brnal Brith floor, one on the Christian Brothers' floor and a third game, if necessary, to be played on a neutral floor.

Also Sully's All-Stars wish to play on a base of winner take all the first receipts, but pay the floor rent. They will use up to see on which floor and date the first game will be played.

The above proposition seems to be a fair one and no doubt Fabre will take up the Sully team's challenge at once.

The All-Stars have a strong aggregation of basket-tossers and should make the Brnal Brith team step to defeat them if they meet. The following are on the team: Benny Williams, Billie Allen, Sullivan, forward, and name center. From a Murdock and Godell, guards. Houck, a former Christian Brothers star, who has been in California, will return this week and play for the All-Stars the rest of the season. Benny Williams was captain on last year's Jefferson High School interscholastic league champions. Sullivan is a former member of the Oregon team and is well known to the Portland basketball fans.

CAMP TO BAR LEAGUERS OFFICERS FIGURE SOLDIERS CAN PLAY BALL OF EQUAL CALIBER.

Proposal That Pacific Coast International Teams Play at Camp Lewis Meets With Opposition.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Pacific Coast International League baseball will not be played at Camp Lewis this summer, it is said, after a decision, not yet officially made public, was reached by the camp athletic council.

The objection against league baseball came from the council members who believe that professional league play, as was proposed, would not benefit the soldiers. They say that baseball is a good or better than the league article can be provided by the soldiers themselves.

Such men as Captain (Death Valley) Jim Scott, of the White Sox, and a host of minor leaguers are here in khaki. The officers believe also that a divisional team would take away the best players from the regimental teams and thus destroy interest, and above all, they point out that the soldiers would be helping to support the league on the days such games were played at the cantonment.

DEMPSEY BEATS FLYNN DENVER FIREMAN CHLOROFORMED IN FIRST ROUND BY BLOW.

Jess Willard, Heavyweight Champion, Announces That He Will Fight Winner of Dempsey-Fulton Go.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Jack Dempsey knocked out Jim Flynn in less than the first two minutes of what was scheduled as a 10-round bout at Fort Stevens last night. Both fighters are heavyweights.

Dempsey forced the fighting from the start, a series of left and right blows to the head driving his opponent into the ropes. The knockout came exactly one minute and ten seconds after the start of the fight. Dempsey landed a terrific left hook to the jaw, which knocked the veteran clear through the ropes and into the crowd.

After the close of tonight's battle, was knocked out by Flynn in the first round of a bout at Salt Lake a year ago.

Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, has announced that he is ready to meet the winner of a bout between Dempsey and Fred Fulton in a fight for the championship.

FLYING SWITCHES OPPOSED Public Service Commission Ascribes Accident to Method.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission today roundly condemned the practice on railroads of making flying switches, in a report on the accident at Goble, Dec. 13, when a freight train was killed by a freight train on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle road.

It is entirely probable that this accident would have been avoided had proper precautions been taken, says the report. The commission unhesitatingly condemns the practice of making flying or drop switches and recommends that they be dispensed with wherever possible.

Robertson Quits Giants. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 14.—David Robertson, outfielder of the New York Nationals, today returned his contract assigned to Manager McGraw because of a disagreement as to salary. Robertson accepted a position today as athletic director at the Norfolk High School and announced he had quit professional baseball.

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SMELT COMBINE CITY MARKET BARRED OUT

Fishermen Along Cowlitz River Prepare to Reap Big Harvest When Spring Run Starts.

GRANTS PASS RESIDENT CAME TO OREGON IN 1852.

Rate of One Cent a Pound Minimum Agreed To, No Matter How Great the Catch, and Three Buyers to Control the Market.

And now behold! Our old friend, the smelt, the famed Columbia River smelt, that we counted on as our last great ally in the struggle against the high cost of living, has deserted—gone into the hands of a price-fixing combine.

It is not the old combine we have heard so much about in recent years in connection with fish dealing and canning along the Columbia and elsewhere, but it is a new combination made up of the fishermen and consumers in either willingly or unwillingly by buyers who have agreed to pay the price.

The combination has made its headquarters at Kelso, Wash., which is the center and controlling and distributing place for the smelt caught in vast quantities in the Cowlitz River, and north in large quantities elsewhere. The Cowlitz is the dip-net smelt stream of the country, furnishing each year the tons upon tons of smelt that find their way into the markets.

126 Fishermen Sign Agreement. One hundred and thirty-six or eight fishermen working out of Kelso, Kalama and neighboring places on the Cowlitz got together some time ago and signed an agreement that they would catch for less than a cent a pound or 50 cents a box of 50 pounds. The agreement is hard and fast and is stated for the entire smelt season, which usually lasts all the way from six weeks to two months.

Fish buyers and others have been let in on the arrangement and the whole affair is out, dried and awaiting only the commencement of the season, which may be any time within the next day or two.

Three buying concerns have headquarters on the Kelso waterfront and will handle the fish. These three are the Seattle Packing Company, the Columbia River Smelt Company and a branch established by the Northwest Fish Company of Portland, with Coe A. McKenna, of Portland, in charge in Portland and in Kelso. This is the concern's first appearance in the smelt game.

One Cent a Pound Minimum. The fishermen have signed up to hold out for a minimum of 1 cent a pound during the whole season regardless of the quantities of fish caught. The buying concerns on the other hand have fixed the minimum price at 55 cents a box of 50 pounds to wholesalers f. o. b. Kelso and \$1 a box to retailers f. o. b. the same place. They claim their minimum is the lowest possible as long as the fishermen hold out.

The price to fishermen will be an advance of 100 per cent over the minimum price received during the smelt season a year ago. The price is set down to 25 cents a box or 1 cent a pound.

As the season has started on the present small scale—the big run not having started yet—the fishermen receive 6 cents a pound for all they can catch. This price has prevailed for the last couple of years. The price at the Portland retail market yesterday at 19 cents a pound. The 4 cents hooked on between the buying point and the consumer is dramatic evidence, besides, inasmuch as there is added to the cost between those points such expenses as about 10 cents a box for freight and 17 cents for packing and handling.

Six-Cent Price Cannot Last. When the big run starts, however, it is likely the bottom will be knocked out of the prices and the fishermen will get their 1 cent a pound. This will be 100 per cent above last year's low-water mark. Therefore, such bargains as smelt at retail in Portland were set down yesterday to dig into affairs and found that he can get smelt, etc., have been annexed.

Fishermen interviewed at Kelso were not reticent at all in telling of the combination arranged. It was discovered without any great difficulty that the fishermen are satisfied to fish for the three buyers located on the water front and are not seeking any new outlets for their supply. Accordingly the only way the thrifty market can get any smelt will be to send in its own boats and fishermen or purchase the supply with middlemen's commissions, etc., hooked on.

Wholesale Dealers Protected. Buyers freely said their price arrangements were such as to protect the wholesalers in Portland. They have arranged not to sell to retailers for less than \$1 a box of 50 pounds. Wholesale dealers will get their for a minimum of 55 cents a box. None of the buyers at Kelso have been soliciting any Portland retail trade and, in fact, want none. They are, however, out for big Eastern shipments.

None of the buyers have any arrangements with Portland retailers, they say, they want none. They do not want to monkey with daily shipments of a few hundred pounds. It is in the Eastern carload shipments that the buyers will make their cleanup, judging from a view of the situation at Kelso. Columbia River smelt has been extensively advertised in the East and many carloads of smelt are being shipped—more carloads by far than ever before.

With the fish costing the buyers or wholesalers a little better than a cent a pound ready for shipment, the opportunities are seen. What the prices will be a matter of conjecture. They started out in Portland a few days ago at 14 cents a pound—the smelt that was

made ready for shipment at Kelso for a little better than 6 cents a pound. They have sold in parts of the East as high as 30 cents a pound, according to buyers.

Considering the profits supposed, at least, to be in the Eastern carload lot business, the fishermen may be justified in holding out for 1 cent a pound. But it goes hard with Portland smelt fanciers. The fishermen give as their justification for their 100 per cent increase, the fact that the cost of their dip nets, their gasoline, their engine supplies, boots and all other things entering into their business has jumped skyward.

HENRY C. PERKINS DIES

GRANTS PASS RESIDENT CAME TO OREGON IN 1852.

Journey Across Plains From Indiana Took Six Months and Many Tragic Incidents Occurred.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Henry Clay Perkins, pioneer of 1852, died at his private residence early this morning, aged 73 years 8 months and 6 days. For the past year he had been suffering from paralysis, and for nearly five years had been helpless, confined to his bed much of the time. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. M. C. Perkins, and two children and one son, Charlton Perkins, now in New York.

Mr. Perkins was the son of Joseph and Mary Perkins and one of a family of six children and was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, May 30, 1844. When he was 8 years old the Perkins family started for Oregon, traveling 1400 miles by water on the Washob, Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Libby, Mo. They were six months crossing the plains and, although they had no trouble with Indians, their trip was eventful.

One brother died of cholera and was buried on the trail. One member of the party, William Pierce, was murdered by Mr. Horn, who was given a trial and was executed by a firing squad. At the Dalles the party built flat boats and descended the Columbia, reaching Portland in three or four weeks. On the river trip a lad, delirious with fever, escaped from his bed and plunged into the river and was drowned at the mouth of the river in Portland November 22, 1852, where they remained until the following November.

They went to Albany and later settled in Lane county on a donation claim. Young Perkins attended school in the Long Tom district. In 1873 he was married to Lillian L. Bristow, who died in 1908. Mr. Perkins served as County Surveyor of Lane County six years. He moved to Grants Pass in 1896 and served Josephine County as Sheriff for two years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and was a member of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Old Order of the Eastern Star.

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U. O. F. COUPLE WEDDED

ELMER HALL, EX-U. O. ATHLETE, MARRIED IN ASTORIA.

Emma Wootton, Popular University Co-Ed, Becomes Bride of Football Player Now with Marines.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Another marriage among students of the university was performed this afternoon at Astoria, when Emma Wootton, secretary of the Associated Students and a member of the senior class, was wedded to Elmer Hall, graduate and former football star of the university, now enlisted with the Marine Corps. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wootton, registrar of the university year book, last year.

Mr. Hall is the son of Joseph W. Hall, of Baker, an ex-football star of the university. While in school he made an enviable record as one of the varsity football stars. He enlisted with the Marine Corps after graduation in Astoria, when Emma Wootton, secretary of the Associated Students and a member of the senior class, was wedded to Elmer Hall, graduate and former football star of the university, now enlisted with the Marine Corps.

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RISE IN MINIMUM WAGE IS FAVORED

Same Scale for Women in Like Work in State Proposed by Commission.

PUBLIC MEETING ARRANGED

Inquiry Board, Following Scheduled Session Wednesday, Will Formulate Recommendations to Submit to Welfare Commission.

An increase ranging from 15 to nearly 18 per cent in the minimum wage of women workers in this state was tentatively agreed to Wednesday night at an executive session of the board of inquiry, which has been conducting an investigation as to the cost of living preliminary to recommending to the Public Welfare Commission its recommendation for readjustment upward of the present wage scale paid these employees.

The figures fixed at last night's meeting are tentative for two reasons. In the first place, the final decision of the conference must be reached at a public meeting. Secondly, the board wished to give all employers an opportunity to appear and make any objections they have to the proposed increases before officially declaring for the new scales.

Recommendations to Be Made. This meeting will be held at 2 o'clock next Wednesday at the Courthouse. The conference thereafter will formulate a report and recommendations to submit them to the Welfare Commission.

The conference further decided tentatively to recommend that the proposed minimum scale of wages for women apply to the same employments throughout the state where the hours of labor are the same. Under the present wage scale women employed in the same work outside of Portland are paid less wages for the same number of hours.

Apprentice Rule Proposed. Another important recommendation with reference to the employment of apprentices was also agreed to by the conference. It provides that any person who shall have completed any prescribed period of service as an apprentice, she shall not thereafter, while working for the same employer, be paid a wage less than that prescribed for the next preceding period, unless a permit therefor shall be issued by the Industrial Welfare Commission.

Changes to Be Suggested. The changes agreed to by the conference for the different employments follow: Mercantile establishments—Weekly wage increased from \$9.25 to \$11 for eight hours and 20 minutes a day, or 50 hours a week. Length of apprenticeship reduced from one year to eight months and divided into three periods of one, three and four months, with new scale of \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively, as against \$5, \$7 and \$8 formerly.

Manufacturing establishments—Increase from \$5.64 to \$10 a week for nine hours a day, or 54 hours a week. Apprentices increased from \$5, \$7 and \$8 to \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively. Piecework scale increased from \$8.64 to \$10 a week for nine hours a day, or 54 hours a week. Wages increased from \$5, \$7 and \$8 to \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively. Piecework scale increased from \$8.64 to \$10 with minimum of \$6.90 instead of \$5 after woman has worked three months.

Personal service establishments—Increase from \$5.64 to \$10 for nine hours a day or 54 hours a week. Apprentices increased from \$5, \$7 and \$8 to \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively. Laundries—Increase from \$5.64 to \$10 for nine hours a day or 54 hours a week. Apprentices increased from \$5, \$7 and \$8 to \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively. Office occupations—Increase from \$40 to \$47.50 a month for week of 51 hours. Apprentices increased from \$5, \$7 and \$8 to \$6.90, \$8.05 and \$9.20, respectively, when paid by the week.

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