

WANTONER, WASH., TO DECIDE TODAY

Whether or Not City Applies for P. C. I. L. Franchise Up to Clarke County Fans.

SITE QUESTION UNSETTLED

Price of Land Goes Up When News of Proposed Park Gets Out; Brown May Go to Butte to Look Over Conditions.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

Whether or not Vancouver, Wash., will make application for a franchise in the Pacific Coast International League will be decided definitely today by prominent Clark County baseball fans who have interested themselves in the venture.

The Vancouver fans are unanimous for organized baseball and County Commissioner Kiggins is firm in his belief that enough Vancouver business men can be found to finance the club, but the one huge obstacle which confronts the Vancouver "baseball" is a site for their baseball park.

Two sites, both close in, and one situated between two carlines, were considered the logical locations for the park, but the minute it became known that the ground was wanted for other purposes the owners of the property in question were quick to advance the price of the ground to almost impossible figures. As a result of their action there is a grave possibility of Vancouver not being able to take its place among the cities boasting organized baseball.

Brown Calls McCredie.

Judge McCredie yesterday received a long-distance call from Bob Brown, president of the Vancouver, B. C. baseball team, asking what had been done regarding placing a team in Vancouver, Wash.

Brown was in Seattle conferring with President Blewett and informed Judge McCredie that something must be done regarding the sixth city of the league and urged Judge McCredie to get in touch with the Vancouver fans and find out just what they intend to do.

President Blewett asked for a vote on whether or not the P. C. I. L. directors should send Brown to Butte to see if he could interest Montana fans in the National pastime and again place a club in President Blewett's circuit. Judge McCredie voted in the affirmative and said yesterday that he was positive President Farr, of Spokane, would vote accordingly. With Bob Brown in favor of making the jump it looks like David Dugdale's opposition would be overcome and it might be possible, after Brown visits Butte that the Montana fans will have a chance to try their luck in baseball during the 1918 season.

Brown May Make Trip.

If Vancouver, Wash., decides today to seek admittance to the P. C. I. L. the chances are that Bob Brown will not make the Butte trip. Something of importance should emanate from league headquarters within the next few days and then the fans will have a chance to size up their probable personnel of the league.

Nothing more has been heard from Aberdeen with reference to the city's entering the P. C. I. L. The report came out from the north that the Grays Harbor city was again contemplating taking up the league of organized baseball. A small flume among the P. C. I. L. magnates, but nothing more has been heard from the Black Cats.

It is rumored that the Aberdeen club has a number of unpaid bills starting in the face should it again decide to enter O. H. ranks.

What the Pacific Coast International League needs is action. To date the directors have been asleep on the job instead of getting busy with their proposed circuit.

Directors Should Have Held. What President Blewett should have done was to carry out the decision of the league directors, who voted to send Brown to Butte, instead of allowing David Dugdale, of Seattle, to discourage him into calling a long-distance call to reconsider the action taken at the league meeting which resulted in Brown's not taking the trip.

Four weeks have elapsed since the league meeting and President Blewett has evidently thrown off the Dugdale yoke and is going to bang according to his own point of view.

A regular president would have stepped up to Butte himself immediately after the league meeting and found out for himself just what the Butte fans wanted. When the Vancouver, Wash., bubble made its appearance Blewett should have made the trip to the Clark County metropolis and found out the exact situation.

Instead of getting busy Blewett has allowed the league business to drag along and, from what we can gather, the directors and the president of the league himself don't know whether they are afoot or horseback.

FRIDAY HOLIDAY AT BARRACKS

Soldiers to Celebrate Washington's Birthday With Meet.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Friday, George Washington's birthday, has been declared a holiday at Vancouver Barracks, and the morning will be taken up with the field meet between the Signal Corps and the 15th Engineers.

They will compete for prizes offered by Vancouver business men, and will pull off a number of military athletic stunts not seen outside of the army.

ELEVATOR INJURES WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Veal, of Albany, Not in Serious Condition.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary L. Veal, a prominent Albany woman, who was injured in an accident in the elevator in the First National Bank building here this week, suffered considerably from shock, but her condition is now satisfactory.

Mrs. Veal had been in the Red Cross headquarters on the fifth floor and took the elevator to descend. The car is said to have been crowded, and as it passed the second floor the section pulled her dress so that it caught in the door on the second floor. This being so that the car descended she came in contact with the top. Her dress then tore and let her fall to the floor of the car.

Man Burned to Death.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Neil W. Butler, 25, was burned to death when his home near here was destroyed by fire early today. He had re-entered his house at the behest of his wife in search of baby clothes.

PROMINENT BASEBALL FAN ELECTED PRESIDENT SHIPBUILDERS' LEAGUE.



FRED N. BAY.

LEAGUE TAKES FORM

Shipbuilders' Plans for Baseball Rounding Out.

8-TEAM CIRCUIT POSSIBLE

Managers to Make Trip to St. Helens to Try to Induce Plant to Enter League—Columbia City Applies for Franchise.

Slowly but surely the Shipbuilders' League is rounding into shape and taking a definite form. A party of managers and representatives from the different yards that signified their intentions of taking out franchises on the newly organized Shipbuilders' League, day which Fred N. Bay was elected president Monday night, headed by Bill Ryan, will make a flying trip to St. Helens either Friday or Sunday morning and start lining-up his material for early practice.

Columbia City, which is a few miles from St. Helens has sent in its application to the Sacramento team of the league, which may be a six-team league at the least and probably an eight-team league.

The Wolfers, former outfielder of the Vancouver Northwest League team, whom several shipyards have been angling for, as well as Bill Rodgers, manager of the Sacramento team of the Pacific Coast League, has decided to cast his lot with the Shipbuilders' Company and will manage the team which will represent that plant. By doing this they will be passing up a chance to play in the Coast league this season. Wolfers will get busy today and start lining-up his material for early practice.

It is still rumored that Denny Willie, former Portland outfielder, may take the management of a team from the Standifer-Clarkston yards, of Vancouver, but Denny denies that he has any idea of accepting such a berth, and Eddie Johnson, former Butte outfielder, may land the position. Johnson is a native Vancouverite and is popular with the ball fans of that city.

Bill Gleason, former catcher on the Oakland Pacific Coast League Club, has gone to work for the Foundation Shipbuilding Company and will do the mark for the Foundation team.

NAVY IS TURNED DOWN

U. OF W. NOT TO PLAY SAN DIEGO FIVE MARCH 12.

Intramural Sports Will Take Place of Intercollegiate Contests This Year, Is Plan.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The challenge of the San Diego naval station basketball team for a game with the University of Washington about March 12 has been turned down by the locals because it will keep the team two weeks after the season's close. The San Diego Eve, composed of Coast stars, will shortly invade the Northwest on an extended tour.

The Washington team has had far from a successful year and this fact also helped induce the decision. The university is anxious to co-operate all it can in Army and Navy sports, but does not feel justified in keeping a team in training two weeks overtime to play one game.

The games next week with the University of Oregon here will close the soccer team's season. There is talk of the Oregonians canceling their trip here, as they also refused to meet Washington State College. In case the remaining games are not played, Washington will be treated only to freshman and second team basketball.

The unsuccessful season experienced by the varsity team materially has aided the growing movement for intramural athletics in this institution and with the coming of Spring a concerted programme of intramural sports will be taken up.

Baseball as an intercollegiate sport is dead, but fraternity, class and independent club leagues will be formed. Soccer will be taken up as a Spring sport, with Colin V. Dykes, formerly soccer coach at the University of Oregon, in charge. Rowing will be placed on an interclass and interclub basis and swimming will be given more prominence than ever before.

The status of track is indefinite, as

Coach C. W. Vander Veer has not returned from his Winter home in the San Juan Islands. He is expected any time. Track probably will continue as an intercollegiate sport, however, and tentative plans are already in formation for the holding of an Army-Navy track meet here late in the Spring.

Tennis is one of the few sports which will be emphasized as an intercollegiate activity, according to present plans. It is rumored that more attention will be paid this sport than for several years past and that intercollegiate meets will be more frequent and of a larger scope.

A number of new handball courts under the new grandstand on University Field will be kept busy, with faculty men acting as instructors. Golf is abandoned because the naval camp occupies the ground formerly used as a links.

The present plans for increased activity in intramural sports were laid by Arthur R. Priest, dean of men, who has recently left for France. His programme will be carried out, as far as possible, by Physical Director C. W. Sexsmith and members of the student board of control.

FARREN MAKES MISTAKE

BOXER THROWS AWAY CRUTCHES, BUT FINDS HE NEEDS THEM.

X-Ray Taken of Injured Leg Reveals San Francisco Boy Suffering From Twisted Muscle in Leg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Frankie Farren threw away his crutches the other day and announced that he would be well inside of a couple of weeks. And about 24 hours after Frankie had dispensed with the aids to navigation, he discovered he had made a mistake. Back came the crutches and now Dolph Thomas gives the word that it will be three weeks and possibly a month before Frankie will be back in the harness.

An X-ray had to be taken of the injured leg and the investigation revealed that Farren, suffering from a twisted muscle in the calf of the leg, it is more painful than dangerous, but it is apt to be some little time before it will be in shape for anything so strenuous as fight stuff.

All of which means a long layoff for the San Francisco boy and necessarily some training after that before he is able to pile back into hard work of the game of give and take again.

MARATHON SWIM ON MARCH 1

Multnomah Club Seniors to Compete in Long-Distance Water Event.

The second annual indoor marathon swim of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club will start on March 1, according to an announcement made by Swimming Instructor Jack Cody yesterday.

Swimmers taking part in this year's marathon will be allowed to swim except Saturday and Sunday and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and except during the class hours of the juniors.

The swim is for seniors only, an age limit of 24 years or over having been set for the entrants, and they must not have placed in a registered swimming meet. The winners of the marathons are thus eliminated from competing in any other similar event in the future.

There will be a time limit of one hour each day for the first three weeks and one and a half hours for the last week, when the swimmer who has covered the greatest distance will be declared the winner. Entrants will not be allowed to stop or rest while in the water, although they may quit at any time if tired and continue for the hour on the next day.

O. J. Hooford, chairman of the swimming committee, won last year's marathon, which was the first held at Multnomah club. Frank E. Watkins finished second and Milton Klepper third.

PENDLETON CLUB REORGANIZES

Trapshooters Entered in Inland Empire Shoot Now On.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Pendleton Rod and Gun Club will be reorganized at a meeting to be held here tomorrow night. The members of the club have been shooting for several weeks over the traps, but have perfected only a temporary organization. The club is entered in the Inland Empire shoot and will enter the Columbia-Willamette trapshooters' tournament when it is started. A city tournament is being conducted now to determine the two men who will represent the club at the state shoot in Portland this Spring.

Last Sunday Pendleton, with a score of 122 for a five-man team, outshot all of the teams in the Inland Empire tournament. The Pendleton team was pitted against Spokane.

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WON BY COLUMBIA

C. B. C. Downed by Champions After Hard-Fought Game, Score 20 to 17.

LOSING FIVE SHOWS CLASS

Winners Are Played to Standstill in Final Period and Are All but Nosed Out by Unexpected Strength of Opponents.

INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS.

Table with columns for League A and League B, listing teams like Columbia, Washington, Franklin, Christian Brothers, Benson, Lincoln, Commerce, Jefferson, Hill and their respective wins, losses, and percentages.

The Christian Brothers Business College basketball team threw a scare into "Tick" Malarkey and his Columbia prep basket tossers that they will long remember at the Washington High School gymnasium yesterday afternoon. Columbia won the game and the championship of League A by the score of 20 to 17, but only after a hard-fought battle that they have had for many a moon. Coach "Tick" Malarkey must have had a pocketful of horseshoes and his players in the hardest battle they have had for many a moon. Each "Tick" Malarkey must have had a pocketful of horseshoes and his players in the hardest battle they have had for many a moon.

The first half was slow and uneventful, with Columbia not playing its usual game, while all the Christian Brothers team did was grab the ball and toss it in the direction that they thought the basket was.

If one out of every five of the chance shots that the Christian Brothers team made in the first half counted, the score would have read a whole lot different. Many of the wild tosses bounced on the edge of the iron hoop, and the "tick of the Irish" failed and the C. B. B. C. squad managed to run up 4 points, while the Prep school hoopers tallied up 15 points.

C. B. B. C. Comes Back. The Christian Brothers team came out on the second half and from the time the whistle blew for the opening toss in the second half to the last minute of the game the Christian Brothers team played the Columbia team to a standstill and held them scoreless up to the last few minutes, when Shipley and Sweeney came through with a basket apiece, the former also registering a foul. The C. B. B. C. team scored 13 points in the last half and held Columbia to five points.

Sweeney, Allen and Shipley scintillated for Columbia and made 18 of their team's 20 points. Shipley played like a champion, consistent game and was the individual star for the winners. Shipley was in good passing form yesterday and kept cool under the "B. B. C. attack. Sweeney and Shipley tied for high honors, each making 8 points in yesterday's game.

Ryan, Brost and Murphy starred for the Christian Brothers and played like champs. Ryan, who had been in the wings in the first half, but in the second half when he got started he fought like a demon and shot his baskets from every angle.

Action is Unsurpassed. For action the last half of yesterday's set has never been surpassed and perhaps never equaled in an inter-school game. The Christian Brothers team came back with a vengeance and several times the winners thought a Kansas cyclone had struck them.

Home Jamison, coach of the Jefferson High School basketball team, refereed yesterday's game.

The lineup: Columbia (29) Christian Bros. (17) Brost (4) Sweeney (8) Shipley (8) White (4) C. (8) Shipley (8) Nelson (2) C. (12) Allen (2) Murphy (2) Jacobberger (2) Referee, Homer Jamison.

Yesterday's game was one of the "silver plate" variety.

There will be two games today, which will wind up the 1918 schedule in League A and League B. James John will meet Hill at the Washington High gymnasium, while Washington will play Franklin on the Y. M. C. A. floor. The winner of the Franklin-Washington game will get second place in League A, while the loser of the James John-Hill game will grace the cellar of League B.

Squirrel Food.

Helene Zimmerman drove in 100 runs last season, exclusive of the one he chased in.

Wrestling is getting good in San Francisco. The wrestlers ought to meet and adopt a playing schedule and penalize any man who wins out of his "turn."

This Winter's coal shortage has returned the old-fashioned oil can to even the most fashionable sections of some of the large cities, but the modern grocer fails to adopt the old plan inaugurated by Stack Clover of capping the spout with a potato.

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From Carrigan to Barry was no drastic shift. Changing from Barry to Barrow is only a matter of two letters.

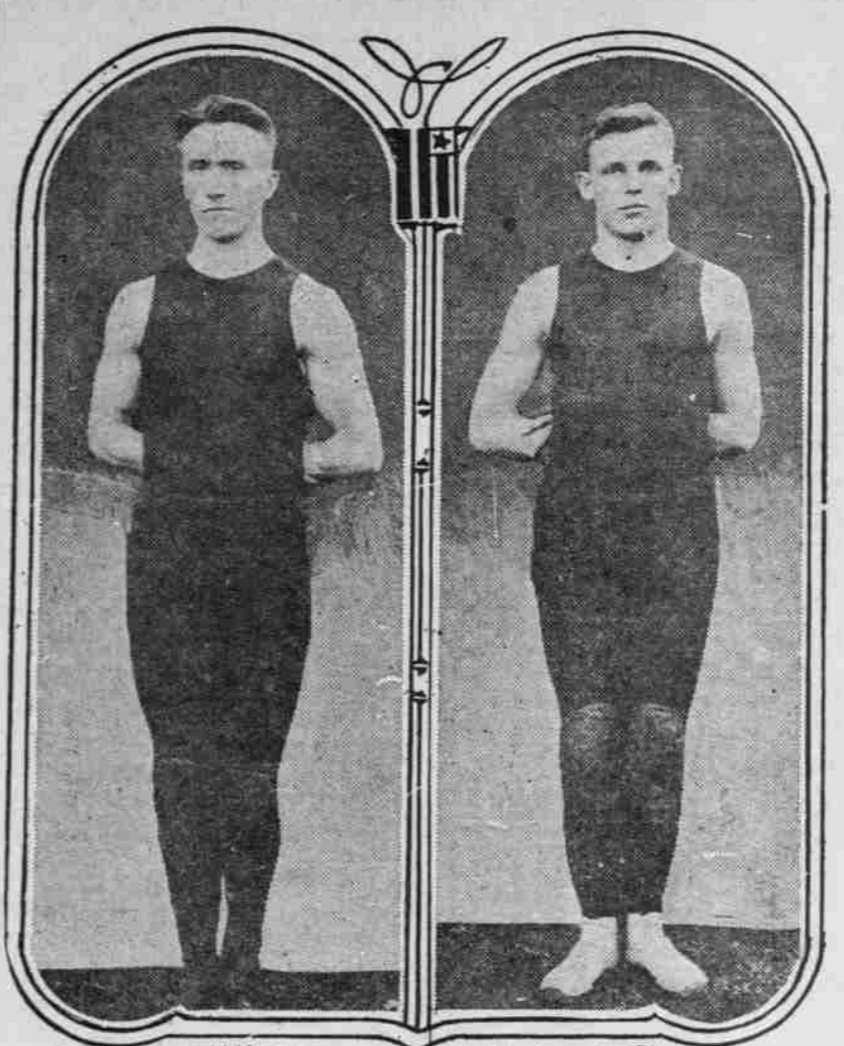
Mightn't be a bad idea to intern this guy Pneumonia and his friend, Tonellita, until after the war is over.

Old Subscriber wants to know why "Dolly Gray" isn't popular with the Empire. O. S. Dolly was gray in '98—figure it out yourself.

It's funny these promoters who angle for heavyweight championship fights always sign up everybody but Jess Willard.

Mike Fisher is wise. He says he is not going to let this guy Escrow hold any of the money during the sale of the San Francisco ball club. Escrow is a great friend of the Sacramento baseball magnates. Ask Judge McCredie, he knows.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WRESTLERS WHO WILL COMPETE AGAINST O. A. C. MAT MEN SATURDAY AT CORVALLIS.



Harry Sellick

Blaine Gibson.

3 MATCHES FINISHED

Portland Revolver Club Makes Good Scores in Shoots.

NO DEFEATS ARE RECORDED

Returns So Far Indicate Locals Lead United States Association Championships—Six Wins Are Already Chalked Up.

The Portland Revolver Club team finished shooting matches seven, eight and nine in the United States Revolver Association's 1918 championships yesterday and turned in some excellent scores. Match seven was against Cincinnati, the Portland champions scoring 684 points. Match eight was against Denver. Portland Revolver Club scored 682 points. In match nine, which was against Columbus, the locals made a score of 673. Two of the scores, 684 and 673, are far above the ordinary, while 662 is considered a sure winning score against a team that is shooting average.

Up to date the Portland Revolver Club has shot nine matches and to their knowledge have not been defeated this year. The official scores already given out give Portland victories over Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Providence, Baltimore and Quinncipiac. The Olympic Club of San Francisco, the Denver Revolver Club and Columbus Revolver Club scores have not been received yet, so the Portland Club members do not know how they came out in the three games. The Portland team shot 673 against Columbus and, as it is a high score and the Columbus Club scores have not been anything extra high, the local shooters are confident that they won the match hands down.

Two Matches Worry.

The results of the Olympic Club and Denver matches are the ones that are worrying. The local shooters are sure that they have won one of the two matches. Although the Olympic Club has made a number of wonderful scores in past years they have lost several of the best shooters on their team, and as none of their scores made this year have yet been sent out from the Chicago Shooting Revolver Association headquarters at Yaleville, Conn., it is not known what they are doing this year.

Denver has been turning in some crackerjack scores and has won five matches this year without a loss. The Portland Revolver Club team scored 662 in match eight, which was against Denver, and although a score of 662 would beat many of the teams in the championship tournament this year, it may not be high enough to win from the Denver cracks.

David Goodell, one of the crack shots on the Portland team, made the second possible of the year here in one of this week's matches. Goodell is making a perfect score. R. F. Prescott made the other possible.

Manito Met Next.

The Portland Revolver Club will shoot against Manito in match 10 and Fort Sam Houston in match 11.

Following are the individual scores made by the Portland Revolver Club in matches seven, eight and nine:

Table listing individual scores for matches 7, 8, and 9, including names like David Goodell, L. W. Evans, R. F. Prescott, John Young, and scores for various matches.

Match 5—652 R-R-N-Y 618 Portland 683 St. Louis 620 Olympic 610 Toledo 610 L. W. Evans 610 Quinncipiac 610 Baltimore 610 Boston 664 Pittsburgh 612 Cincinnati 612 Chicago 612 Manhattan 598 Columbus 629 Denver 645

R-R-N-Y—St. Louis 653 Portland 653 Toledo 653 Quinncipiac 653 Olympic 653 Boston 663 Manito 663 Baltimore 663 Manhattan 663 Birmingham 663 Denver 663 Chicago 663 Dallas 663

"INDIAN DAY" TO BE FRIDAY

Motorcycle Riders Make Affair an Annual Event Here.

"Indian Day" has become an annual event with the motorcycle enthusiasts about the country, and will be celebrated on Washington's birthday by Portland riders of Indian motorcycles. Ballow & Wright, local agents for

WRESTLERS ARE O. K.

Washington Men Confident of Defeating O. A. C. Boys.

SELICK'S ARM IS BETTER

Masui, Japanese Mat Man, Shows Remarkable Agility and Strength in Oregon Meet and Is Hard Nut to Crack on Mat.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Washington's wrestling team, recently victorious over the University of Oregon squad, will have tomorrow for Corvallis, where the Oregon Agricultural College grapplers will be taken on in the final meet of the season. All five men are in great shape and a victory over the Aggies is confidently expected.

Sellick's injured right arm, which gave him a little trouble in the Oregon meet, has been mending for a month and he expects it to give him no bother in the coming meet. Sellick, a 135-pounder from Portland, refused to let had luck keep him off the varsity team for the fourth year, and he won a place on the team despite his injury.

In Masui, Japanese, 115-pounder, Washington has a man hard to beat in his weight. He showed a remarkable agility and strength in the Oregon meet, and he knows a lot about wrestling as well.

Blaine Gibson, Washington's 135-pounder, is a sturdy youngster from Easewater, in Eastern Oregon, and he has come up fast this year. Under Coach Arbutnot's tutelage, Gibson has proved a worthy successor to Barrow, last year's 125-pounder, who has been unable to turn out.

Captain McGovern's experience in the wrestling game makes him virtually the dean of Northwest 145-pounders and he is expected to win his match against O. A. C. as handily as he did against Foreman in the Oregon meet. McGovern has been in fine shape all season and has improved markedly over his form of last year.

Unless Foreman, who wrestles in the 165-pound class, can take on more weight, he may be facing the same handicap as he did against Taylor, of Oregon. Foreman is light for his class, but is a hard worker. He was unable to take any points in the first meet.

Coach Arbutnot, who formerly taught wrestling at O. A. C., is putting all he can into his squad this week in order that they may score a victory over the Corvallis men. The five weights to be represented will be 115, 125, 135, 148 and 165 pounds, and five points will be scored for falls and three for decisions.

GOLF TOURNAMENT ARRANGED

Handicap Affair Scheduled for Portland Club Players for Friday.

The tournament committee of the Portland Golf Club has arranged a tournament to be played Washington's birthday on the club links at Raleigh station.

It will be a handicap affair, medal play, eight low net scores to qualify. The finals will be decided by match play.

Explosive Licenses Issued.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Hugh B. Apperson, who is the explosive licensing agent for the Ridgefield district, reports selling 59 licenses during the past month. This shows that there is a lot of land clearing in this vicinity in spite of so many having gone to war.



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