

REGGIE GROW TO SEE CARD TONIGHT

Advance Seat Sale for Hustler Smoker Greater Than for Any Previous Programme.

FIGHTERS READY FOR GONG

Hard-Hitting and Clever Boxing Promise to Be Features of Evening and All Boxers Are Primed to Put Up Hard Battles.

Tonight's Boxing Programme.
Marty Farrell vs. Al Sommers, 12 rounds.
Harry Brown vs. Chief Neff, 10 rounds.
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BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered at a Portland fight smoker probably will be on hand tonight at the Eleventh Street Playhouse when the Hustler Athletic Club stages its all-star boxing programme.

The advance sale of seats has beaten all records of previous smokers, and the Hustler Athletic Club has made arrangements to accommodate 150 extra seats adjacent to the ring to take care of the overflow crowd.

With Marty Farrell primed for a fast fight and Al Sommers confident he can beat the fifty New Yorker, the fight is for what ought to be one of the best middleweight bouts ever staged here.

Portland fight fans are unanimous in their opinion that Farrell is the classiest middleweight seen here in many months. The New Yorker's defeat of Willie Ritchie stamps him as being entitled to a crack at any of the shining lights in the middleweight division. There is a question in the minds of Portland fight fans whether Farrell has the "kick" necessary to sprawl his opponent on the canvas. In most cases where a boxer's main qualification is cleverness he usually lacks a "ray-of-warrior," but Farrell is firm in his belief that he can split Sommers on the canvas before the conclusion of their six-round encounter.

Sommers Is Confident.
Sommers was never more confident of the outcome of a bout than he is for his clash with Farrell. There is no question but what Sommers is a greatly improved boxer, but whether he can fathom the elusive Farrell once they square off in the roped arena is a much mooted question in the minds of Portland fight fans. Both boxers finished their hard work Monday afternoon and yesterday performed indoors long enough to loosen up the links in their joints. Both are in superb condition.

Chief Neff will arrive from Seattle this morning and is reported to be in perfect physical condition for his bout with Muff Brownson. Pacific Coast lightweight champion. When these two warriors hop to it tonight the fans are going to see some fast milling. Brownson traveled last week to make a debut bout against Farren and is confident of his ability to take the Seattle lad's measure in tonight's battle.

Portland fight fans who visited Seattle in the last few days said that Neff has worked harder for his bout with Brownson than he ever did for any previous fight.

Neff After Title.
A victory for Neff over Brownson will place the Seattle lad in line for a number of good bouts, and Manager Dan Neff is very sure to work up a surprise for Muff Brownson and his supporters when the two lads hook up tonight. Both boys are aggressive and hard-hitting and the fans are sure to witness a fast bout.

Weldon Wing says he is going to be "card boiled" when he steps into the ring with Joe Gorman. Wing expects to step out from the sound of the going and carry the fight to the Oakland and the fans are sure to witness a fast bout.

FIGHTING MEN PLAN MEET
Athletic Carnival at Capital to Include Military Events.
Soldiers, sailors and marines in the Army camps and posts and naval stations within a 200-mile radius of Washington, D. C., will hold an athletic carnival next Saturday in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle.

The carnival will be under the auspices of the War Department and the service of the commissions on training and fighting camp activities of the War and Navy departments. In addition to the track and field features there will be many events of a purely military character as well, such as wall-climbing, bayonet drill, bugle competition, ambulance corps races, rescue races, wrestling matches and bomb throwing.

Teams and men from the following Army camps and naval stations have been entered for the carnival: Camp Meade, Admiral M. D. Camp, Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.; Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.; Quantico, Norfolk Navy Yard, Beaufort, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Washington Barracks, Camp Meigs, Fort Hunt, Fort Washington and American University.

CHICAGO LEAVES FOR CAMP
Alexander Advises President He Will Join Team at Kansas City.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The Chicago Nationals left here in two special cars tonight for the Spring training camp at Pasadena, Cal. There was a rush of holdouts to sign their contracts. All of the players with the exception of Grover Cleveland Alexander and Peter Kilduff, an infielder, came to terms.

Alexander, the star pitcher, who has been holding out for \$10,000 as a bonus for his transfer from Philadelphia, advised President Weegman of the club today that he would join the team at Kansas City. Kilduff also will join the party at Kansas City.

FORMER PORTLAND CATCHER WILL HELP COACH RED SOX PITCHERS.



DAN HOWLEY.

PACIFIC COASTERS HOPE

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BASEBALL TO PLAY PART IN CAMP LIFE

Soldiers and Sailors All to Be Given Opportunity to Indulge in Game.

TEAMS TO BE ORGANIZED

Company and Regimental Leagues to Be Formed in Camps and When Conditions Permit Intercamp Games Will Be Scheduled.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Baseball will be played on an extensive scale in the Army and Navy training camps this year.

There are over 1,500,000 men under military training in the country today and the Commissions on Training Camp Activities of the War and Navy Departments which have the supervision of sports in the Army cantonments and naval stations want every single one of these men to play baseball. And it is likely every one will, for what average American can resist the call of the diamond? This means that more baseball will be played this Summer than ever before.

The season is already under way in most of the camps. The soldiers and sailors will have no official league action and the snow had barely left the ground before games were in progress on camp athletic fields and parade grounds. In fact, in places favored with a mild climate the men have played throughout the winter.

Plans for the organization of camp teams and camp leagues are being formulated by Dr. Joseph A. Roy, general director of athletics in the camps, under the supervision of the training camp commission. Before another winter season the soldiers will have their company, regimental and divisional teams and those teams in turn will form company and regimental leagues. Divisional leagues are contemplated because of the scattered locations of most of the cantonments, but where traveling conditions permit intercamp games will be arranged.

Similar plans for the naval stations are being made by Walter Camp, who is general director of naval athletics. Each station will have a representative team, which will be selected by elimination and play out schedules that are being drawn up with amateur, professional and college nines from adjacent cities. The names of the sailors may play teams from nearby Army camps and engage in interstation contests, as the stations are much nearer one another than the Army cantonments. The only players who were a glove was it is estimated that approximately 50,000 balls will be used up "officially" in the camp games in the course of the season. This figure is based on an estimate that there are over 4,000 companies in training in the various camps and multiplying this number by 12 which is the number of balls used in a game. The Training Camp Commission is planning to furnish each unit in addition to gloves and bats.

When the soldiers began arriving in the camps last Summer they turned at once to baseball as the first means of amusement. Lack of equipment was no deterrent, in fact the men seemed to take keenest enjoyment in playing under the conditions of years back when the only player who wore a glove was the catcher. In due time, however, the need was felt for an organized basis. At one Western camp 16 diamonds were laid out and contests in simultaneous progress on each have not been infrequently held. The contests have been of single game by 16 it can be readily seen what a tremendous moral effect alone the national pastime is having in the camps.

AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS DATES ANNOUNCED.

Pacific Coast and Middle West to Get Majority of Meets—San Francisco and Los Angeles on Schedule.

Frederick W. Rubien, chairman of the A. A. U. championship committee, has announced the proposed lists of awards of the National indoor swimming championships for 1918. The dates for holding the championship events will be announced later, and according to the rules, must all be held before April 20.

The majority of the events have been awarded to the Pacific West and Pacific Coast this year, where most of the good swimmers are now located. San Francisco clubs have been awarded the greater part of active members, while Los Angeles is down on the list for three. The following events will be decided at San Francisco: Senior event for men, 100 yards; Neptune Swimming Club; senior event for women, 50 yards; California Swimming Club; and 100 yards back stroke, California Swimming Club. In the junior events for men, 100 yards back stroke, California Swimming Club, and 50 yards, Neptune Swimming Club. The Los Angeles Athletic Club have been awarded the 100 yards back stroke for men, 200 yards, senior event for women, 50 yards, and junior event for men, 50 yards.

The Pacific Coast championships to be held in New York are the 220-yard swim and plunge for women and junior 100 for men.

Squirrel Food.
Fred Fulton does not think so much of his ability since Tom Cowler mused him up.

Hooveristic.
The modern pugilistic camp believes in conservation. Of hook and swing and everything. Excepting conservatism.

Get a Pipeline.
"Dry Forces of Nation Meet in Chicago Today," we read. All we gotta do is get a pipeline to Chicago. It's their own god damn fault.

Crippled.
The hammer throw, we hear, has been removed from the Penn outdoor games card. But if the cut spreads to the indoor variety, said indoor sports will lose a lot of brilliancy, not to say popularity.

"Ask Dad, He Knows."
Hindenburg, we hear, "drinks until he is purple in the face." Remember, Lincoln's observations concerning General Grant's habits, wouldn't it be well for the allied Generals to find out what brand he uses?

Better You Look Out.
The boys in the 62-year-old class are going in strong for dancing. What may we expect next?

Tough on the Players.
"No Beer in the Coast League This Season," reads headline. Sammy Beer, the Oakland twirler, is still a holdout.

Call out the fire department, Biddy!
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The disappearing ball said to be invented by a Chicago Cub pitcher is nothing new. Ken Williams found one in this league last season.

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VANCOUVER, WASH., DEAL LOOKS GOOD

Portland Residents Confer as to Putting Team in Columbia River Town.

BLEWETT'S TACTICS QUEER

President of Pacific Coast International League Calls Meeting for Last of Month, Thereby Hindering Expansion.

It became known yesterday that two prominent Portland residents whose names were deleted by the censor at baseball headquarters had been in conference with Judge McCredie regarding an application for a franchise in the Pacific Coast International League for Vancouver, Wash.

Judge McCredie refused to disclose the names of the parties concerned until something definite was decided. It is understood that the parties in conference with the Portland magnate yesterday will visit Vancouver either today or tomorrow and discuss the proposition with Vancouver business men.

The question of grounds seems to be a big obstacle. Several sites are available to build a park, but it is understood that those having the sites have asked excessive prices for their holdings. If it is impossible to make arrangements for a park in Vancouver, Judge McCredie, it is understood, is willing to alternate with the Portland nine in the use of the "Vaughan-street" grounds. This arrangement would give Portland continuous baseball.

With thousands of shipyard workers located in Vancouver, together with the soldiers stationed at Vancouver Barracks and the spruce mill, Vancouver would have the largest team in the division, and Judge McCredie is of the firm belief that baseball in Vancouver will prove a paying proposition from the start.

Judge McCredie was officially notified yesterday by President Blewett of the league meeting to be held in Seattle. It was reported that Judge McCredie was delaying the conference until late this month has set Judge McCredie to thinking.

To one on the inside looking out it appears as if President Blewett has flopped to the four-club idea and succumbed to the hard luck tales of Dave Dugdale and Russ Hall, owners of Seattle and Tacoma clubs, respectively, who have all along favored the four-club circuit instead of six.

With the league meeting set for late this month, it will not allow the magnates an opportunity to look around for a sixth city should they decide to go through the season with that many clubs, unless Vancouver, Wash., comes into the fold before that time.

Art Griggs is destined to become the regular first-sacker of the Sacramento team, according to word from Bill Rodgers' training camp. Bill has about made up his mind to sell or trade Babe Bortone, who has the first-sacker on the block for a deal provided he gets a pitcher in the swap.

Walter McCredie is busy day and night weeding out the culls at the Salt Lake training camp at Porterville, Cal. The Oakland team is stationed at Blythe, and the Los Angeles team at the Seals covey at Reno. Los Angeles and Vernon are entrenched in the southern part of the state and most of the players have reported for duty.

BOWLERS TO COMPETE

PORTLAND TO BE REPRESENTED AT SPOKANE TOURNEY.

Northwest International Meet to Be Held April 8 to 13—Local Teams Preparing to Enter.

Portland bowlers are busily preparing themselves for the Northwest International Bowling Association tournament at Spokane, which will take place from April 8 to 13. The Portland team is made up of several strong teams and perhaps three, to the inland Empire city, while the Oregon alleys will be represented by the M. L. Kline five, who are now touring California and competing in the Pacific Coast championships at Los Angeles, so by the looks of things, Portland will be very well represented at the big Northwest bowling classic this year.

Bowling is attracting a good deal of attention in Portland and other Northwest cities, and many of the best bowlers of this section will enter the tournament. Portland's string of stars from the Portland alleys will comprise some of the best known pin smashers, including Charles E. Kruse, president of the Northwest International Bowling Association, and for a number of years champion bowler of the Pacific Coast, Roy Francis, of Portland. Other stars are George De Haven, Vic Estes, George Henry, George Moffett, Fred Bishop and Carl Merrick.

The crack M. L. Kline team of the Oregon alleys, is one of the strongest aggregations in this neck of the woods, and according to J. W. Blaney, captain of the team, they will make the going rough for the teams at Spokane next month.

The championship tournament will be fought out on the Spokane alleys. Some of the well known Seattle bowlers who are going to enter the meet are: Tom Perry, Carl Ellis, Ed Lowe, Sam Sherman, Tom O'Donnell, Fred Voigtberg, Bill Burrell, G. Webster, E. Boston, "Fat" Stewart and V. H. Michael.

Lefts and Rights.
HUGH WALKER, of Kansas City, outlashed "Gunboat Smith" in a 12-round boxing exhibition at Poplin, Mo., the other night. Walker landed many blows but none of them seemed to affect Smith. The gunner took the last round by a shade and had knocked Walker out had the bout gone several more rounds.

Mat Wells, the English boxer, says he was turned-down when he attempted to join the British army. Defective hearing was the cause according to Mat.

Fred Winsor is back in San Francisco hunting for another champion to take East. Fred was getting along very nicely with Monk Fowler when the latter was called to the colors. Fowler recently enlisted in the Naval Reserve and has been waiting for the call.

Bobby Waugh, of Texas, chided Charles Scully, of Chicago, in a poor

10-ROUND BOUT AT DES MOINES, RECENTLY.

Fred Gilbert, the Bend welterweight, has started training for his six-round bout with Marty Foley in Tacoma soon.

Jack Kearns has asked the St. Paul promoters for a guarantee of \$4000 to meet Billy Miske. They have offered him \$3000 with a privilege of 30 per cent of the gross.

AL BARTHOLEMY IN FRANCE

Former Portland Ballplayer With 155th Aero Squadron.

First-Class Sergeant Al Bartholemey, of the 155th Aero Squadron, yesterday called his folks, ending at 147 Bladen street, of his safe arrival "somewhere in France."

Bartholemey was a member of the Portland baseball team in 1916 and acted as second-string catcher until sold to the Tacoma club, where he finished the 1917 season, when he was sold to Denver, in the Western League.

When Bartholemey returned to Portland after the close of the Western League season, he coached the Peninsula basketball squads and later joined the aviation branch of the service and was ordered to report at San Antonio, Tex. He was made a corporal and soon worked his way up to sergeant.

Boston Nationals on Way to Camp.

BOSTON, March 12.—Members of the Boston National League baseball club started from their homes in various sections of the country today toward Miami, Fla., where Spring training is to begin on Friday.

TEUTON TOBACCO IS JOKE

Cheese Scrapings, Emery Cloth and Bark Found in "Makin's."

PARIS, March 6.—"The eternal 'pas de tabac' bids fair to haunt our ears like the 'Pas des femmes' song in the 'Petit Duc.' The price of tobacco has risen, but there is no tobacco. We smokers would not mind it the price were increased a hundred-fold under these conditions, but what we want is tobacco."

Such was the airy comment of a man in the street yesterday. "But," he added