

HARRY WILLS WANTS MATCH WITH WINNER

Black Fighter Has Visions of Title Contest.

COLOR LINE IS INVOLVED

Pugilist Promises to Use Nothing but Gloves on Opponent. Willing to Please.

While waiting for the gong to summon Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey to the center of the ring, momentarily turn an inquiring glance in the direction of Harry Wills, who in repose looks like a gladiator oiled from anthracite. Wills is in full attire for combat, but has not yet been apprised as to the location of the ring or the identity of his opponent.

Scout Eddie Herr, and has some "pedigree" in college sports. According to dope from the east, Ollie O'Mara is one of the sensations of the Hobbs in fielding. Ollie evidently is going to enjoy one of the best seasons of his career.

The Brooklyn team is well fortified behind the plate. They have four backstops, Miller Krueger, Mack Wheat and Snyder, on their roster.

Big Ed Konetchy, who has been succeeded by Walter Holke as the Braves' first baseman, says he will retire rather than spend what is left of his career in the minors.

Unless the International league can establish a club in Newark with a new ball park, the circuit may open with six cities. The majors will not submit the Harrison plant.

Fred Mitchell is undecided whether to play Killduff or Pick at second base for the Cubs. It all depends on Killduff's batting. If the little fellow makes good Pick will succeed Charley Deal at third base.

The Cleveland have three catchers—O'Neill, Thomas and Nunamaker—but O'Neill will do the bulk of the work.

Connie Mack will have three long-distance sluggers in George Burns, Bobbie Roth and Tillie Walker.

The Washingtons haven't signed Jim Shaw, their right-hand pitcher, who says he will stick to the steel industry.

Kid Gleason still insists that the White Sox are in need of first-class pitching material but Uncle Commy doesn't know where he can buy it.

AN illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman, when either or both feet are upon the ground, outside the lines of the batsman's position.

For such an act the batsman is declared out. No bases can be run on an illegally batted ball. The runner or runners are entitled to return to their original base or bases without liability to be put out. Umpires as a rule, do not rigidly enforce this section. If they did, most batters would be called out, because the momentum of the batter's swing, usually carries one foot out of the box. Seldom is any attention paid to such a violation. Only when both feet are outside the lines do the umpires declare an out. When the spit ball was first introduced, batters were often called out for such a violation, because in trying to get out ahead of the "spit ball break," they often got both feet out of the box. The coach can address words of assistance or encouragement to the batsman or base runner. He has no right to address remarks to the opposing pitcher under any conditions. His remarks shall not be personal, and must in no way refer to, or reflect on, any of the opposing players. There shall be one coacher at first and third base. If one or more coaches collect around a base, for which a base runner is trying and thereby confuse the side in the field, the runner shall be declared out for the interference of his team or team mates. If, while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed at that base, shall run in the direction of the home base or near the base line, while a fielder is making a play on a batted ball, other than a fly ball that is caught, or on a thrown ball, thereby confusing the side of the team in the field, adding to the difficulty of making such a play, the base runner shall be declared out, because of the coacher's interference.

If a coacher touch or hold a base runner who is rounding third base for the plate, the umpire shall declare such base runner out.

INTERFRATERNITY MEET SET

Coach Van der Veer to Have Opportunity to Inspect Men.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, April 16.—(Special.)—With the interfraternity and club meet set for April 19, Coach Van der Veer will have a chance to see the results of his instructions to track men before beginning the last grind for the meet in Eugene May 10 with the University of Oregon.

On May 24 Oregon Agricultural college will send its track stars to Seattle. The next meeting with the Oregon institutions will take place on "home" ground, May 31, when the annual conference meet will take place on Denny field, at the University of Washington.

Tenn. candidates are in flannels and working out each day on the courts.

McDOUGAL-OVERMIRE ORGANIZ

Baseball Team Ready to Enter Commercial League.

The McDougal-Overmire company has organized a fast baseball team and is ready to enter the commercial league. H. M. Beck has been elected manager of the aggregation and expects to have one of the fastest amateur teams in the city.

Following is a partial list of the players that Beck has lined up: DeCuman, catcher; Collins, Husing, pitchers; Ed Husing, shortstop; G. Berg, first base; O. R. Dimick, second base; H. Wilkes, third base; Clinkinger, left field; Eraser, right field, and Lund, centerfield.

Erans Jr., Unable to Play.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Charles Evans Jr., national amateur and open golf champion, today announced that he would be unable to defend his open title, won at Minneapolis three years ago, because the tournament had been set for Braeburn Country club, Boston, for the week preceding the western amateur championship to be held at the Sunset Hill Club, St. Louis, June 16-21. The dual championship thought he would be able to defend his national amateur title at Oakmont August 18-22.

Crew Members Are Eligible.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 16.—Gloom that pervaded navy rowing circles last night in anticipation of the races with the varsity and freshmen crews of Harvard and Princeton on Saturday was turned to happiness today when the naval academy authorities cased up on the several oarsmen who it had announced would be barred from rowing because they were deficient in certain studies.

Three Grammar Games Played.

Three snappy grammar school games were played yesterday afternoon. Oakley Green trimmed Kenton, 13 to 2, on the Oakley green grounds. Kearns defeated Rose City, 11 to 2, on the latter's field, and Woodstock defeated Kellogg, 5 to 4, on the Woodstock grounds. Good-sized crowds attended all three contests.

ROAD CONTRACTS ARE LET

(Continued From First Page.) session of the legislature when the road system was being adopted. Crook to Get Assistance. Crook county was virtually overlooked in the scramble to get the road map. The commission put a 33-mile road session on the map. Commis-

ers Benson and Booth agreed that an emergency existed and declared that the action taken does not indicate any more relaxation from the policy of clinging to the state road map. Judge N. G. Wallace of Crook explained the conditions his people are confronted with.

The only road from Prineville to the densely populated section of the county has a 22 per cent grade and a dozy roadbed. There are four tons of mail going over the road every day when mail can be moved. Sometimes it takes six or eight horses to get through with the mail. Forty-two per cent of the value of the county is in this mountain-locked section with its one poor road. The county has spent \$80,000 on the present road and still cannot keep it open. The new road, which may be called the Bennett highway, runs 32 miles south and east of Prineville to the Shorty Davis ranch.

Road Will Cost \$95,000.

The road follows Crooked river and will be on a water grade. It will cost about \$95,000 and as a post-road project the government can co-operate for half the amount. At Prineville the road goes on ten miles to the Deschutes county line, and is then only a few miles from Redmond.

Contracts were awarded by the commission as follows: Hemlock to Beaver in Tillamook county, five miles, bitulthic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$112,800. Jefferson to Beaver in Marion county, seven miles, bitulthic pavement, A. D. Stevens, \$123,000.

Deer Island to Rabier in Columbia county, 20 miles, bitulthic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$345,000. Wolf creek to Grava creek in Josephine county, 4.9 miles, bitulthic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$105,520.

Rickrall to Monmouth to Independence in Polk county, 8.3 miles, bitulthic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$204,122. Marshfield to Coquille, in Coos county, 14 miles, concrete pavement, Perkins, Dean, Brown & Hogue company, \$315,781.

Clatsop to Polk in Clatsop county, 3.9 miles, bitulthic pavement, Clark & Henry Construction company, \$231,689.

Douglas Work Extended.

McMinnville to Sheridan in Yamhill county, 8.3 miles, bitulthic pavement, V. H. Dennis, \$192,411. Baker to Middle bridge, in Baker county, 18.73 miles grading, J. A. Hoskins, \$92,224.

Seapoope to Deer Island, in Columbia county, 14.2 miles grading; L. G. Herrold, \$68,291. Stage Road pass to Wolf Creek, Josephine county, 4.5 miles grading; Joplin & Owen, \$38,170.

Divide to Douglas county line, in Lane county, 1.2 miles grading; J. H. Hawley, \$11,144. Myrtle Creek to Dillard, in Douglas county, removal of slide; H. J. Hillsburn, \$19,500.

John Day river bridge, wood construction, Portland Bridge company, \$24,800. Myrtle Creek to Dillard, in Douglas county, 12.8 miles paving, Oregon Haseam company, \$210,900.

Amity to Holmes gap, in Yamhill county, 4.2 miles paving, Oregon Independent Paving company, \$244,170. Oakland to Yocalla, in Douglas county, paving 10.4 miles, Clark-Henry Construction company, \$272,541.

The last three contracts were held up by the commission at the morning session, but were awarded in the afternoon, when the commissioners had induced the contractors to trim their bids. The Oregon Haseam company cut off \$2160; the Oregon Independent Paving company sacrificed \$3560 and the Clark-Henry Construction company chipped off \$15,880. The bids were awarded at the figures shown.

Contractors explained that the cost of materials has gone up and freight rates are excessive. I. N. Day brought tariff sheets to prove that it costs him \$2 now to move what he paid 60 cents for two years ago. The commissioners were sympathetic but insisted and finally effected a saving of the \$29,900.

Commissioner Booth moved that 1.5 miles of paving be laid into Polk county on the present projected route from Craville. As the road between Junction and Monroe is not ready for paving this year, a nine-mile section north of Monroe will be advertised for the May meeting.

Survey to Coast Approved.

A reconnaissance survey was authorized from Philomath to the coast, through Lincoln county. Cecil of the forest service informed the commission that the forest people have made a survey from the coast to Astoria, which will save time and labor. The government officer also announced that Lincoln county is willing to pay \$12,000 a year for four years to help build the road, and expects the state to help to the tune of \$72,000. Tidewater hill, one of the worst pieces of road in the county, can be taken over by the state from Cecil. The commission adjourned without going further than ordering the survey.

North Bend Has Influenza.

NORTH BEND, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—The announcement by Dr. Edwards, city health officer, of three cases of Spanish influenza and a number of cases of sore throat and colds, with symptoms developing a tendency toward influenza, is causing some apprehension here. Fear is felt that a wave of influenza is approaching the city. The cases reported are mild, and as a rigid house and isolation quarantine is being enforced, it is believed that the disease may be prevented from spreading.

Soldiers Are Rushed Home.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Is a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Barker, of the Barrat district, Harry Barker, now a fireman aboard the Kroonland, says ships on which he has been serving have returned 50,000 tanks to home shores. The Kroonland, he says, has recently been overhauled and turned into a hospital ship.

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Right Off the Bat.

GEORGE SISLER, all around college star, may have to look to his laurels on the St. Louis Browns if a new teammate lives up to his scholastic reputation. The newcomer is Ernest Fallentine, discovered out in Utah by