OREGON TO START FOR HARVARD GAME

Lemon-Yellow Squad Off Today for Pasadena.

25 GRIDDERS TAKE TRIP

Double Daily Workouts Planned to Prepare for Combat With Cambridge Warriors.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon football team will leave Eugene tomorrow for Pasadena, Cal., where the team will spend nine or ten days of preliminary practice before the game with Harvard on New Year's day.

Coach "Shy" Huntington was uncertain tonight how many men he would take with him on the southern trip, but it is likely that at least 25 members of the varsity squad will be taken. The contract received today by Graduate Manager Marion McClain called for only 25 men including coaches, to make the trip, but arrangements are being made with the Pasadena committee to increase this number to allow at least 25 men and the coaches.

No practice was held by the varsity tonight, as the melting snow, which covers Kincaid field made any work there practically impossible. Training table will be held as usual tonight, but the men spent the afternoon in preparing for the trip tomorrow.

The members of the team spent this afternoon studying for examinations, which come next week, or at light workouts in the gym, at handball and on the gym floor.

Special Car to Be Used.

When the team and coaches leave for the south tomorrow they will have a special car on which to make the trip. Trainer Bill Hayward is also making arrangements to secure a special dining car for the men, and every effort will be made to keep the players in the best condition possible. Some form of exercise probably will be given the men en route to keep them in condition until they reach Movieland, and a plan is being worked out by Hayward to have a special supply of water along, which will prevent the men suffering from any probable effects of a change.

Followers of the little god Luck will be pleased to hear that the Oregon squad will be quartered in the Maryland hotel at Pasadena.

In the past the team which had its quarters in this hotel has always been victor in the tournament of roses contest. Whether Harvard is strong enough to change the omen is not known, but the fact that Oregon is to be quartered at the good luck hotel is at least encouraging.

Practice Starts on Arrival.

Once in Pasadena the team will buckle down to real work, according to the plans formulated by the coaches. Practice in the snow in Eugene has done but little in either way of conditioning or bringing out any new football. At Pasadena it is the plan of the coaches to have as much practice as is possible to crowd into a day.

What will amount to practically two workouts a day will be given the men under the instruction of the coaches. At one session they will be given indoor work, running and general conditioning exercises. Later they may stage real scrimmage on one of the two turf fields which are to be provided by the Pasadena committee and will try to develop new plays away from the watchful eye of the Harvard supporters.

Owing to the fact that he is as yet uncertain as to the number of men he will be permitted to take to Pasadena, Coach Huntington could not announce the names of the men who will go. It is practically certain, however, that the following members of the training table will make the trip:

Captain Everett Brandenburg, half; Bill Steers, quarter; Vincent Jacobberger, half; Francis Jacobberger, half; Hollis Huntington, full; Nish Chapman, half; Clifford Manerud, quarter; Roy Anderson, end; Mark Howard, end; Bas Williams, tackle; Earl Leslie, tackle; Al Harding, guard; Carl Mautz, guard; Ken Bartlett, tackle; Neill Morfitt, tackle; Ward McKinney, guard; Ed Ward, guard; Keith Leslie and Prince Callison, center; Bob Cosgriff, guard, and Si Starr, tackle.

More May Be Added.

More men probably will be added to the list tomorrow and a few shifts in the others may be made. The coaching staff will comprise Coach "Shy" Huntington, Assistant Bart Spellman and Trainer Bill Hayward. Graduate Manager Marion McClane and Manager Bill Hollebeck will also make the trip. Professor H. C. Howe, chairman of the athletic council at the university, may also go.

It is not considered likely by yell leaders that any big student demonstration will be staged when the team leaves tomorrow. The departure, coming in the midst of exams as it does, a big rally would interfere more or less with the work. It is more than probable, however, that some sort of sendoff will be given the men before they leave for what is considered here the biggest game an Oregon team has ever played.

SEATTLE ACQUIRES WOLTERS

Siwashes Add Senator to Fill Out 1920 Baseball Material.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Harry Wolters, star outfielder of the Sacramento team of last season, will be a member of Seattle's outfield this season.

Wolters was obtained this morning in a trade even up for Pete Compton.

Seattle has a first string catcher, two high-class pitchers, a first baseman, a shortstop and an outfielder coming from the big leagues in addition to Kopp, Geary and Bates who were obtained from the Philadelphia Americans.

This was the news brought back to Seattle this morning by W. H. Klepper, president of the club. Klepper is mighty proud of the achievements of Manager Wares and himself in the east. They put over, in the Philadelphia deal, the only big deal recorded during the meetings of the big leagues, although "Peacock Alley" in the Waldorf hotel, New York City, was jammed with baseball David Harum's.

YETT LEAVES WITH OREGON

Football Authority Goes South for New Year's Day Game.

Porter Yett, well known football authority, left last night for Eugene where he will join the Oregon football special which leaves today at 1:50 for California. Mr. Yett has been a close follower of football in the northwest for the past several years and has been in touch with the Oregon team during the past season and also during the lemon-yellow's training activities for the clash with Harvard, New Year's day.

Mr. Yett will keep the fans well informed through The Oregonian on the condition of the Oregon players while on their way to Pasadena and also during the week of training in California before the big game.

JOHNSON RETURNS FIRE

NEW YORK TOLD PROBE ORDER IS RESCINDED.

Yankee Owners Instruct Lawyers to Go Ahead With Preparations for Court Warfare.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An official bulletin from Ban Johnson, president of the American league, announcing that resolutions adopted by the old board of directors of the league last Wednesday morning had been rescinded by the newly-elected board Wednesday evening, was received yesterday by the New York American league club.

The resolutions which were adopted by the majority members of the old board asked for an investigation of Johnson's conduct as president-secretary-treasurer of the league, the nature of his conduct with the league, and also awarded third-place money to New York in the league pennant race.

The new board was elected at the league's annual meeting.

"Counsel for the New York club has been instructed immediately to take such steps as in their opinion are warranted by this illegal action," said a statement issued by the New York club. The statement said the action was contrary to that part of the league constitution which says: "The finding of the board shall be final and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the league or any subsequent board."

According to the attorneys of the New York club, it puts Johnson and Philip Ball, one of the new directors, in contempt of the injunction which says: Supreme Court Justices Luce and Wagner, both of whom permitted Pitcher Mays to pitch.

CUSHION PLAY HAS UPSET

W. J. DAVIS SCORES VICTORY OVER GEORGE HART.

Jake Weinstein Surprises Gallery by Defeating Billy Bryan in Close Match.

Billiard fans who witnessed last night's matches in the annual three-cushion tournament at the Rialto billiard parlors were treated to sensations galore.

The big surprise of the evening was registered when W. J. Davis defeated George Hart, 30 to 27, in one of the best games ever played at the Rialto. Hart was the winner of last year's tournament and up until last night had not lost more than two tournament games in two years' play. Davis was in wonderful form and had Hart 22 to 5 before the latter realized that the game was on. Hart came back strong and threatened to overcome the big lead but failed. Both players turned in a high run of four billiards.

Hart regained his stride against M. Rulven, whom he tackled after Davis and defeated his second opponent in class A, 30 to 28. The strain of the first match told on Hart and he had to bring all of his skill into play to score a win over Ruven. Hart had Ruven 20 to 12 at one time when the latter recovered himself and kept Hart guessing.

The other upset last night was the defeat suffered by Billy Bryan at the hands of Jack Weinstein, 25 to 22, after winning four straight games. Bryan registered a high run of 3 in the match. Other games decided last night were: W. E. White defeated Dr. A. Gardner, 20 to 13; Dr. A. Gardner won from E. E. Filsinger, 20 to 13; W. E. White beat W. H. Waring, 20 to 17, and W. R. Phillips won from H. P. Bowles, 15 to 14.

Tuesday night's results were: E. Roth beat J. Finney, 20 to 14; B. S. Wilson defeated W. A. Walling, 15 to 11; W. R. Phillips beat B. S. Wilson, 15 to 8; Bob Fennell defeated N. T. Erickson, 15 to 7, and Bob Fennell won from H. P. Bowles, 15 to 12.

OLD RIVALS TO MEET FRIDAY

Mt. Angel and Christian Brothers Annual Game Scheduled.

Friday night the Mount Angel college hoopers and the Christian Brothers business college five will meet in their annual contest on the Christian Brothers floor at Grand avenue and Clackamas street. A preliminary game between the Christian Brothers Midgets and the Triumphs will start at 7:30. The lineup follows:

Mount Angel:		Christian Bros.:
E. Kropp	F	Funderhide
Steufel	F	Bettendorf
Terheyden	C	Gottsacker
J. Kropp	G	Reid
Rieser	G	Breen
Triumphs:		C. B. Midgets:
W. Langan	F	Fitzpatrick
Amell	F	Fisher
J. Krall	C	Gagnon
H. Fay	G	Horne
Bennett	G	McBride

REED DORM FIVE IS VICTOR

Women Defeat Daydodgers 12 to 5 in Fast Contest.

Reed dormitory women, by fast playing defeated the Daydodgers yesterday afternoon, 12 to 5. Opal Weimer starred for the dormitory, making the entire 12 points by consistent foul shooting and long field goals. Madeline Steffen made the five points for the "dodgers." Frances Kling kept the spectators interested by falling on the ball at critical moments and by aggressive passing for the Daydodgers.

The lineup follows:

Dormitory (12)		Daydodgers (5)
Weimer	R	Steffen
Cooper	F	Thompson
Pierce	C	Peterson
Linklater	C	Dulin
Patterson	G	King, Payne
White	G	Uhlman

Referee, Miss Elliott.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU
BUY
BUY EARLY
IN THE MORNINGS
THEN
A MERRY XMAS

SWIMMING CENTER MAY BE VANCOUVER

Norman Cox Engaged as Instructor in Natation.

WATER LAURELS HIS AIM

More and Faster Competition in Pacific Northwest Events Expected to Be Result.

BY HARRY EDDAS.

Pacific northwest swimmers will welcome the announcement from Vancouver, B. C., that they have secured the services of Norman Cox, former coach of Columbia university athletic clubs, as their instructor in the art of natation.

Cox is introducing to the swimming enthusiasts the "six-beat double-glide crawl" as the latest in swimming strokes. This is his name for the stroke which is used by Norman Ross, Duke Kahanamoku, Perry McGillivray and other famous swimmers of this country. Every Friday night members of the Vancouver Amateur A. S. C. are turning out in force at Chalmers tank for a course of instruction and they are already showing wonderful improvement.

Vancouver Behind Times.

In an interview with Mr. Cox he stated that Vancouver was 20 years behind the times when it comes to swimming. He will center his attention upon the proposed new swimming baths and work for having a tank built along international standardized lines. Vancouver then will be able to stage international swimming meets and it is the intention to make British Columbia the swimming center of the dominion.

Portland swimmers welcome the coming of the new coach to Vancouver, inasmuch as it will mean more and faster competition in the Pacific Northwest swimming world. Vancouver's swimmers heretofore have been nil in any of the P. N. A. meets, although they have always been entered. Portland will have to shake itself out of the rut into which it has fallen or in a short space of time Vancouver will be leaving them behind, as has Seattle in its return to aquatic sports after several years' absence.

Indoor Events Divided.

The P. N. A. indoor events this year are divided between Portland and Seattle, although it is likely that Vancouver will enter swimmers in these events, the effects of the new coach will not be felt until the outdoor events are held in July at Victoria.

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That Duke Kahanamoku, who of late has been the subject of much unfavorable comment on account of his failing to participate in the recent fall swimming meet, has been given the butt end of the argument is just dawning upon many of the critics.

It is true that the duke was not in condition for the events on account of his taking up rowing. Norman Ross agrees that he would not care to have met the duke in his present condition and that when he does meet the duke he wants him to be at his best, so that the ability of both may be fairly measured. That the duke has always proven to be a sport in every meet he ever entered is too well known to be gone into.

Duke in Fine Form.

Duke Kahanamoku will return to the game, going perhaps faster than ever before, is the common belief among those who know him. That he means business and is not yet ready to retire is shown in the intensive training which he is undergoing at the direction of that famous Honolulu coach of the Outrigger club, George (Dad) Center.

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Tedford Cann, former national swimming champion of the New York Athletic club, staged a come-back in the New York pool last week by winning the Metropolitan winter swimming championship, 100 yards, in 56 4-5 seconds.

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Members of the Los Angeles Athletic club swimming team are devoting their time to handball, wrestling and kindred exercises. This was done upon the recommendation of Coach Vieth, who told them to "lay off" the swimming game for at least two months. This will prevent them from going "stale." The mermaids of the club are basking in the sunshine at the nearby beach resorts, but all will return to active training soon after the first of the year. In the meantime Vieth is on a jaunt through the east looking for pointers for the coming year's work.

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The Multnomah club basketball season is holding up the announcement of the date that the Oregon state swimming and diving meet will be staged. Dates for basketball must be arranged so as not to conflict with the swimming as in the past. The swimmers of the state are hard at work and will be in the pink of condition when the meet is called. Entrants this year will be mostly from local clubs and schools, with a few unattached. Divers are in practice Wednesday and Saturday nights at the club, while the swimming team turns out Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Mike Wilsey, Albert Enegrene, Frank Lindstrom, O. J. Hosford and possibly Frank Kiernan will take care of the free style events, while Jack Popochanka will care for the backstroke. Coach Coach and Shattuck schools will more than likely have a relay team entered in the Junior events. Helen Lang of the Turn Verein, last year's "dark horse" in the breast stroke for women, will not be entered. Miss Lang's recent illness will not permit of her conditioning for the meet.

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Brownie Webster, captain of Stanford university water polo team, will arrive in town this week to spend the holidays with his folks. Brownie's visit at this time is of especial interest, as he will be able to tell the local boys how water polo is won in the south and what may be expected from the southerners in the national championships.

SEATTLE SEPTET ROUNDS TO

Jack Walker Arrives for Season With Sound Team.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Seattle's club in the Pacific coast hockey association is being rounded into form for the season which opens late this month. First practice will be held Monday.

Jack Walker, star rover, arrived today from Port Arthur, Ontario, where he worked in a shipyard all summer. Roy Rickey, right defense, has signed his contract and has wired that he will be here Saturday.

"Sibby" Nichols, who was a forward on the Spokane team in 1916 and 1917, signed a Seattle contract today. Nichols will play wing or center. He is a Canadian war veteran.

U. OF W. DECLINES GRID GAME

Sound Squad Wants Only Eastern Teams for Late Contests.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—University of Washington student officials today telegraphed Los Angeles declining an invitation sent the university for a football game January 4 in Los Angeles against the University of Southern California.

Washington recently decided to play no post-season games excepting with eastern teams.

Angels' Camp Selected.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—President John F. Powers of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast Baseball league announced today that his team would train at Urbita Springs, near San Bernardino, this spring.

CORVALLIS LAUDS COACH

HIGH SCHOOL RECORD CREDITED TO A. D. SHAGREN.

Elmer Williams Is Elected Captain of 1920 Eleven—Five Old Players Remain.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Alvin D. Shagren of Portland, formerly student assistant in physical work at Reed college and physical director of the municipal gymnasium, was termed the best football coach in the valley by W. H. McMaster, principal of the Corvallis high school, at a chicken dinner, which was given to the football men and their girl friends in honor of the successful football season.

"The boys recognized that team work was necessary to win," said Coach Shagren, "and that is why they succeeded. Five of this year's men will be on the team next fall and the outlook is good for another championship squad."

Elmer Williams of Corvallis, right tackle, will be next year's captain, and La Verne Martin of Portland, formerly tackle on the Benson Polytechnic team, will play guard.

Corvallis defeated Lebanon, Oregon City, Salem, Albany and tied McMinnville this season, losing only one game to Eugene. The game with Grants Pass scheduled for December 12 was cancelled because of weather conditions. Jefferson high was challenged to play, but no game could be arranged.

The team has disbanded, and many of the men are now out for basketball.

Coach Shagren formerly was connected with playground work in Portland.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS TOURNEY

BUSINESS MEN'S CLASSES TO PLAY VOLLEY BALL.

Elimination Contests Start Saturday—Secretaries Forfeit Game in House League.

T. H. Gawley, director of physical education at the local Y. M. C. A. announced last night that an interclass volley ball tournament for all business men's gymnasium classes will get under way next Saturday noon, with 18 teams entered in the elimination play. This will be one of the biggest things pulled off in the way of a volley ball tournament at the local Y. M. C. A.

All teams must have at least five men to play in the tournament. In the elimination play the losers will drop out while the winners will wait their turn to play the winners of other contests.

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Although the Secretaries ran up 45 points to the Swastika's 17, in the scheduled game of the Y. M. C. A. house basketball league last night, the former forfeited to the latter because of using ineligible players.

In the second game of the evening the Pirates were defeated by the Y students by the score of 25 to 9.

The lineup follows:

Y. Students (25).		Pirates (9).
Hoffman (10)	F	(6) Hood
Peek (7)	F	(1) Ryder
Mace (6)	G	McChesney
Ringler (2)	G	Loisi
Pearlman	G	(2) O'Conner

ALEX TRAMBITAS GETS DRAW

Speed and Cleverness of Portlander Hold Davis Even Up.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Travie Davis northwest welterweight champion of Everett, Wash., and Alex Trambitas of Portland, boxed six fast rounds to a draw here tonight. Davis rough, tearing style won him and took a number of things concerning Mays and the whole Boston club that stirred Agnew's ire, and Sam threatened to puch Mr. Griffith in the nose.

Soon afterward almost the same thing happened, and this time Agnew made good on his threat. He smote Mr. Griffith mightily, and from that time on he and Griffith were none too friendly.

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But last spring Griffith put over a deal that made Agnew a member of his club. And the whisper now is that Grif is planning sweet revenge for that two-year-old blow by shipping the catcher back to the minors.

Agnew should be a strong addition to the San Francisco club. He has always wanted to come back to the coast.

HERRMANN ALL READY, BUT—

August Does Not Believe His Successor Is Discovered.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17. — August Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission, today said he did not believe John B. Foster, former secretary of the New York Nationals, would be selected as his successor as chairman.

"I am ready to step out of the chairmanship whenever a successor is found and selected," Herrmann said. "I don't think, however, that Foster will be chosen for the office. He is a good baseball man, but lacks sufficient backing."

RICKARD EDGES INTO BOUT

"Tex" Reported Willing to Go "Halves" on Dempsey Mill.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Sparrow" Robertson of New York, representing "Tex" Rickard, is conferring with M. Decoin with the object of having Decoin join with Rickard in promoting a Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

Rickard, according to Robertson, would be willing to advance half the capital required and share equally with the French promoter in the profit or loss. Negotiations are said to be progressing rapidly, owing to the expected arrival in New York within a few days of C. B. Cochrane of London, who promoted the recent fight between Joe Beckett and Carpentier.

YALE DROPS WALTER CAMP

Veteran Football Coach Passes as Active Athletic Adviser.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—Noted figures in Yale's football history passed out of active participation in gridiron activities at the university tonight, when the executive committee of the board of control approved the football committee for 1920, as appointed by Captain John T. Callahan.

Three members of the committee were not reappointed. They are Walter Camp, '80, regarded for years as Yale's leading advisory football coach and himself a gridiron star in 1878-79; Vance C. McCormick, '93, former chairman of the democratic national committee and one of America's economic delegates at the peace conference and Joseph R. Swan, '02.

GUARD FIVE ADDS 2 WINS

STANDIFER AND NORTH PACIFIC COLLEGE BEATEN.

Multnomah Quintet May Meet College Teams—Large Crowd Sees Contests.

The fast Multnomah Guard basketball team added two more wins to its long string of victories by defeating the North Pacific college team by a score of 57 to 12 and the Standifer Shipbuilding corporation five of Vancouver by the score of 40 to 7. Both games were played on the Washington high school gymnasium floor.

The Multnomah Guard quintet has developed into one of the strongest teams in the northwest and probably will be seen in action against some of the college teams before the season is over. A large crowd was present at the games last night.

The lineups follow:

Multnomah Guards—57		N P College—12
Fearley—13	F	Estey
Billy Lewis—14	F	6—Nayberger
Darling—4	C	2—Merle
Cole—6	G	2—Ward
Irle—2	G	Rice
Toomey	S	Thompson
Gilman—6	S	Buller

Multnomah Guards—40		Standifer—7
Fearney—15	F	Phillip
Billy Lewis—11	F	2—Osburne
Darling	C	2—Campbell
Cole—6	G	Palmer
Irle	G	3—Hartman
Hill—6	S	Watson

W. A. Fenstermacher, referee.

Ti Juana Meet Set.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 17.—James W. Coffroth, president of the Lower California Jockey club, announced today that the Tia Juana track would reopen January 24 for a meeting of at least 100 days.

OREGON PLAYS "TIPPED"

HARVARD GETS POINTERS ON EUGENE FORMATIONS.

Crimson Squad, Accompanied by Scribes, Leaves for Pasadena Saturday Afternoon.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Tick, tick, tick, went the busy little telegraph wires at Cambridge this afternoon, spelling out the point of origin as Portland, Or., and its objective coach, Bob Fisher. The lengthy message which followed contained information as to the type of formation "Shy" Huntington has been teaching his squad at Eugene, the plays which have brought Bill Steers and his mates over many a chalk line on their way to victory.

The details of Oregon's plays were said to have been furnished by Ham "Corbett-time" Harvard halfback, whose home is in Portland, and some of them were gained by personal observation.

Eddie Casey was ill today with a heavy cold and his place was taken by Swede Nelson. Jack Desmond was back at left end after a two days' layoff, but the squad was disheartened by the fact that Milton Gratwick of the backfield had Philo Phibin will be unable to make the trip, the former being ill and the latter failing to lift his probation.

The squad divided their time between the baseball cage and the Boston armory. The customary routine drill was followed out. The second team will try the Oregon formations against the varsity Friday.

The squad of 32 men, accompanied by an additional party of ten, including several reporters, leave Boston Saturday afternoon, reaching Chicago the following afternoon. San Francisco will be reached Christmas eve and after a 27 hours' stay the team will start for Los Angeles, landing there the morning of December 26.

Kelly Offers Near-Trade.

The St. Paul club of the American association has offered to trade Outfielder Duncan to Portland for Outfielder Fred Walker. Of course, there is a nigger in the woodpile. Mike Kelly proposes to make the trade only on condition that Portland gets Duncan if Walker reports. Nothing doing.

ROBBER GETS POLICE AID

Clever Frenchman Uses Germans in Looting Bank.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, Dec. 16.—A French soldier wearing a Belgian army captain's uniform today called on the German chief of police and demanded that he loan him three policemen to search a local bank. His request was complied with, and the soldier posted one policeman at the outside door of the bank. Then he assembled the staff of the bank in a room and locked the door. He then ordered the other policemen to stand watch over the prisoners.

The soldier entered the vault, took 1,000,000 marks and walked away. One of the policemen became suspicious and shadowed the supposed Belgian and watched him enter a cafe, from which he emerged later in civilian clothes. He was arrested and turned over to the Belgian police.

FRUIT IMPROVEMENT AIM

Nurserymen of California Organize New Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—California nurserymen, headed by George C. Roeding, president of the state board of agriculture, filed articles of incorporation here today for the Nurserymen's Bud Selection association of California.

The aim of the association is to improve the quality of fruit grown in the state by the propagation and distribution of selected "bud wood."

TOMMY GIBBONS HAS B. MARTIN ON BRAIN

St. Paul Boy Thinks He Can Trounce A. E. F. Boxer.

MATCH NOW SIMMERING

Eddie Kane Harbors Expectations of Closing With Akron Miller Before Many Moons.

BY RICHARD R. SHARP.

Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, who still bears an unscarred record by virtue of his ten-round victory over Jimmy Darcy in Milwaukie Tuesday night, may be the man selected to put Bob Martin, the A. E. F. heavyweight champion, to the test. Martin has been bombing over his opponents with regularity of late, and is said to be the one man that in time will relieve Jack Dempsey of his crown. Martin's handlers are taking him along easily and have been content to match him against such dead ones as Joe Bonds and others, proving their smartness.

Martin is an exceedingly popular fighter and up to date has displayed all the earmarks of a real boxer. He hits the beams between 180 and 190 pounds and stands about 6 feet tall. He is a natural fighter and set up an enviable record in France.

Neither Martin nor his manager has been sending challenges right and left at Jack Dempsey and it is admitted that it will take at least a year to put him in shape for a mill with the champion. But evidently Bob's boosters are getting ready to ease him up a notch, as negotiations are now under way for a 20-round match between Martin and Tommy Gibbons in Denver on Washington's birthday. Gibbons and his dapper manager, Eddie Kane, departed for St. Paul last night and upon his arrival, Kane hopes to close for the match. Gibbons is eager for a crack at Martin and is confident that he can defeat the fast-coming young heavyweight.

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Some of the "reds" are still arguing that Jimmy Darcy was entitled to a draw with Gibbons Tuesday night, but how they figure is more than one can tell. Darcy fought his fight, the only fight that he could, considering the situation he was in. Darcy was signed last week to meet Battling Ortega in Portland December 23. If he had gone in and mixed with Gibbons he would have probably received a fine lacing, which would, of course, have cut him out of a nice piece of change to meet Ortega. Figuring that way, the only business-like thing to do was to go in and cover up and take them on top of the head instead of the chin. His burst of speed in the tenth round was well planned by his seconds, and established him as a card against Ortega. All is fine, as far as Darcy and his family are concerned.

Taking it on the other hand, did he do justice to the fans who paid their good money to see him get in and mix with Gibbons? As one well-known boxing follower stated yesterday, "If Darcy had not been signed up to meet Ortega and had nothing in view, it is a dead sure cinch he would have waded into Gibbons and either beat Tommy or got a beating trying it."

The signing up of boxers when they have a tough bout on their hands is risky business and cannot be said to be advisable. Of course everything turned out fine in this case, but it might be otherwise another time. If some Seattle or San Francisco promoter had had Darcy signed to box next week it would have been a horse of another color. What he did or did not do here would not matter in Seattle or San Francisco, as the fans in those cities would hear little of the bout.

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This by one of the San Francisco scribes on the Harry Pelsinger-Jimmy Dundee exhibition in that city last Friday night should be interesting to some of the local fans who witnessed the act in question here several months ago.

"Harry Pelsinger and Jimmy Dundee drew another carbon copy of their act out of the desk and put on for the fans. The result, of course was a draw. No matter how many times these two midgets get together, it's usually a draw, unless the referee cares to split hairs in giving his decision. Last night's bout was crowded with action. Pelsinger boxed better than he has done for a long time, nor for that matter, so did Dundee, and between the two of them they kept the fans on edge every second they were in the ring."

MAT WEIGHT IS POPULAR

ELIMINATION OF 115-POUND CLASS HELD BENEFIT.

Corvallis Athletes Will Try for Places on Team in 148 and 165-Pound Classes.

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The change of weights for the wrestling meets to be held in the northwest conference this season is considered by the Corvallis institution as a good move. The change was in doing away with the 115-pound weight entirely and substituting in its place a 158-pound class.

There has been a lack of competition for the 115-pound weight ever since it was made a conference division four years ago. And there have been many aspirants for mat honors that were between the 148 and 165-pound classes. It is expected considerable rivalry for a position on the team at the new weight will be shown

Two meets already have been scheduled for the Aggie grapplers, with prospects of two more. The first of these will be at Corvallis, March 8, against the veteran University of Washington team and the second mix will be a week later against the Washington Staters at Pullman. The winner of the championship among the three schools will go south to meet with the matmen of Leland Stanford university, late in March.

Dempsey May Meet Meehan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. — Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, will box Willie Meehan before meeting Georges Carpentier, the French champion, provided Meehan meanwhile defeats "Gunboat" Smith, it was announced tonight by Dempsey's manager, Jack Kearns, before his departure for Los Angeles.

Hunters Petition Governor.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—On account of hunting in the lower Columbia river district having been seriously interfered with by the continued cold weather and the frozen marshes, a petition signed by about 40 local sportsmen has been forwarded to Governor Olcott asking that the duck hunting season be extended to January 15.

DUFFY BEATS MONK FOWLER

Left Hooks and Jabs Win Verdict Over Boxing Cleverness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Jimmy Duffy left-handed his way to an easy win over Monk Fowler at Oakland tonight. Jimmy was much too clever for Fowler and jabbed and hooked with his left at will. He won off by himself.

Last week Jerry O'Keefe knocked out Lee Johnson, but Lee got revenge tonight by giving Jerry a fine pasting and winning the verdict.

Jack Davis and Teddy O'Hara put up a slugging contest that was called a draw; Bud Ridley beat Bobby Ertle; Frankie Denny beat Rex Morris; Sal Carlo and Jim Fortney boxed a draw; Eddie Gorman, subbing for Smiley Bricker, beat Jimmy Roach.

The house was a big one and Bob Shand was the referee.

BLANK COAT CASE OPENS

DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING.

Witness Says Garment Not of Value Represented; Cost Bill Submitted as Evidence.

Hearing of charges of deceptive advertising made against F. Blank, proprietor of the Advance Apparel shop, 293 Morrison street, was begun in the municipal court yesterday in the case brought by Charles W. English, secretary-manager of the better business bureau of the Portland Ad club. The case will be completed today.

Witnesses were presented to show that a coat had been advertised in the window of the shop as a $37.50 value marked down to $14.95. This coat was declared to not be of the value advertised.

E. M. Evans of Roberts Brothers testified that coats of a similar grade were selling in that store for $17.50, which he considered a good value for them.

Mr. Blank on the stand declared that the coat advertised had actually been offered for sale at $37.50 and that there was consequently no deception in the advertising. He introduced a bill to show that he paid $24.50 each for the coats. He said he figured generally a profit of about 33 1-3 per cent.

Other witnesses will be presented when the case comes up this afternoon.

GREY'S RETURN UNLIKELY

VISCOUNT GOING HOME, IS EXPECTED TO STAY.

Washington Speculates on Possible Successor to Ambassador; Lord Reading's Name Mentioned.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The belief is growing in diplomatic circles that Viscount Grey will not return to Washington as British ambassador, although there is no intimation of this officially. Speculation is beginning as to who will be next ambassador and Lord Reading's name is mentioned.

It is not known whether Lord Reading would abandon the chief justiceship for the ambassadorship, but it is well known that he is particularly fond of America and of Americans, and there are some who believe that he would like the post.

Viscount Grey, whose early return to England has been announced, has never formally presented his credentials at Washington and it is assumed, therefore, that he never turned over Lord Reading's letters of recall.

The possible retirement of Sir Robert Borden from the premiership of Canada recalls that during the peace conference it was reported he might be the next ambassador to the United States. This was when the subject was discussed whether the British dominions, notably Canada, should have separate ambassadors at Washington.

Prison Reform Drive Scouted.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 17.—Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Mott Osborne, in charge of the United States naval prison here, in a statement tonight disclaimed knowledge of plans for a nation-wide drive for prison reform. He characterized as "false and silly" a report accrediting such plans to him.

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