



The Liar of the Links. E. C. Watson in New York Sun. I have been from Maine to Denver and from Denver to "the coast."

GRIDIRON PERFORMANCES

Football Standing of the Valley Colleges for Past Season—Eugene Well in the Lead. Although the football season in the Northwest was practically over at the beginning of the new year, a short resume of the work done by the Valley colleges in the direction of furthering the interest in the game has not yet been placed at the disposal of the public.

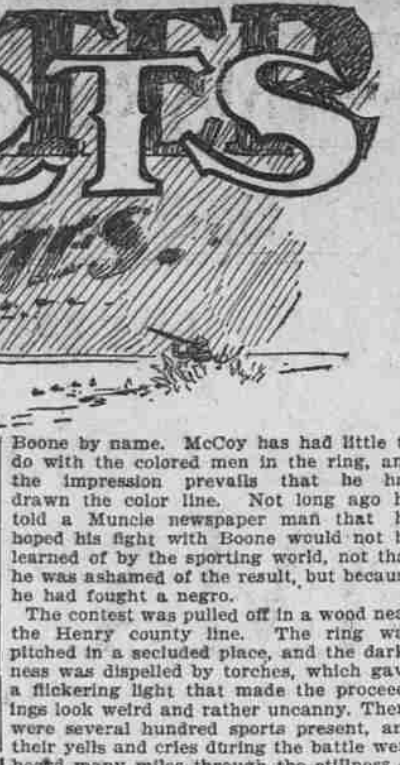


Boone by name. McCoy has had little to do with the colored men in the ring, and the impression prevails that he has drawn the color line. Not long ago he told a Munroe newspaper man that he hoped his fight with Boone would not be learned of by the sporting world, not that he was ashamed of the result, but because he had fought a negro.

Against the giant Berkeleys is memorable, and is now a matter of college history. This champion team did not meet the Willamette university of Salem last fall, but had it done so, judging from the style of game that each college put up against M. A. C. C. in Portland, there is only one conclusion to be reached, and that is that Salem would have been defeated.

Picking out individual stars from Eugene will not be a hard matter. Bishop, at halfback, and Smith, at tackle, would show up well in any company. Wagner is unquestionably the best center that the college has ever had. The freshmen trio, Hammond, Payne and Ford, behind the line, are the pets of the class of 1900, and will form a good nucleus for teams to be formed in their time. One of the points of commendation for 1899's team is the fact that the players are all good students, as well as athletes, the team being all well up in their class lists.

"KID" MCCOY'S FIRST FIGHT. Occurred at Night, in the Woods, at Muncie, Ind. Muncie, Ind., is noted for laying a claim to everything that is prominent in the country, and, not to make an exception of the case of "Kid" McCoy, has made the assertion that the Hoosier lad really started on his pugilistic career in the Magic city. This was some seven years ago, and though the "Kid" was born farther south in the state, and lived at Indianapolis before coming here, it is a fact that about the very first fight he encountered occurred in this city, says a Muncie special to the Chicago Tribune.



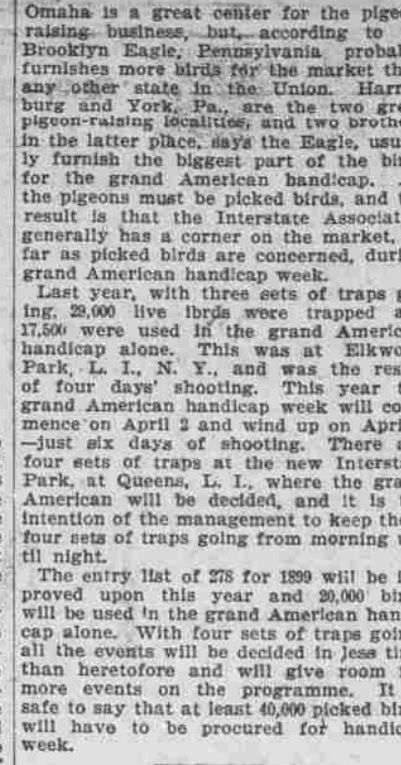
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