

IN THE SPORTING WORLD



QUIET IN LOCAL CIRCLES

Except Multnomah Wrestling Bout, Little to Amuse Sport-Lovers During the Past Week.

During the past week football divided interest with handball, billiards, bowling and wrestling. In more than usual proportions, and the result was greater diversity in all lines of outdoor sporting activities. The events of the week were the wrestling tournament at the Multnomah Club and the announcement that the plucky Oregon football eleven had been compelled by its faculty to forego the pleasure of attempting to lower Multnomah's colors in the Christmas day game.

The wrestling tournament Thursday evening was commendable in that it revived a branch of sport that has been in abeyance in Portland for several years. Since the arrival of Joe Acton, the one-time champion at catch-as-catch-can bouts, there has been a notable increase of interest in wrestling locally. The younger athletes have been taking up the pastime and have made marked progress in learning and practicing the tricks that experienced wrestlers have at their command. By following up the success of last week's tournament, at reasonable times, the Multnomah Club will pursue a policy that will be popular among those interested in fostering general athletics in Portland and the Northwest generally. It is probable that two events will be arranged, one between Budd Smith, who holds the Northwest championship, and Herbert Greenland, the former champion, and the other between one of the younger club athletes and Chico Sullivan, the Spokane champion.

Handball. An interesting handball tournament for novices was concluded last week at the Multnomah Club. Herbert Lee, playing from the scratch, was the winner, showing, all through the series, the finest kind of form. A medal was hung up for the matches, with the end in view of arousing enthusiasm among the players by a tournament in which the stars were barred out. The complete result of each round follows:

Preliminary round—Litt (handicap allowance, 8) defeated Laidlaw (10) by 21-7, 21-4.

First round—Percy (6) defeated Litt (6) by 21-8, 21-10. W. Miller (scratch) defeated Sterling (12) by 21-14, 21-12.

Second round—Percy (6) defeated E. B. Miller (12) by 21-8, 21-9. Van Kuren (10) won from McCracken (12) by 21-11, 21-13.

Third round—Percy (6) defeated Van Kuren (10) by 21-11, 21-13. Lee (scratch) won from McCracken (12) by 21-11, 21-13.

Fourth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Fifth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

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Ninth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Tenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Eleventh round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Twelfth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Thirteenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Fourteenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Fifteenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Sixteenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

Seventeenth round—Percy (6) defeated Lee (scratch) by 21-11, 21-13.

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season has won friends for the college all over the Coast. Multnomah, however, counted on the game, and is having a hard time filling in the date. The club team, having arranged its Salem schedule, has won popular favor again.

Billiards at Multnomah. The preliminary games of the billiard tournament at the Multnomah Club closed last week. Winners qualified as follows for the finals: First class, F. V. Gomp, to play 10 points; second class, A. W. Sydnor, 7 points; third class, Lansing Stout, 4 points; fourth class, P. E. Brigham, 3 points; fifth class, P. E. Knight, 2 points. These men will contest, with their new handicaps, for the club medal and the billiard cue offered for second place. This week comes off the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club-Commercial Club tournament.

THANKSGIVING "CLEAN-UP."

Rich Showing for the California College Football Teams. The California-Stanford Thanksgiving football match rolled up a larger profit to the two universities concerned than has ever before been realized in the annual Coast game. The total receipts from the sale of tickets to the big match amounted in round numbers to about \$44,000. Graduate Manager Hutchinson, of California, and Manager Gildesleeve, of Stanford, have figured out a joint profit of \$20,000 from the game alone. Adding to this \$20,000 from the sale of the official souvenir, each university will, according to the managers' estimates, receive \$12,500 in round numbers, as its share of the net gains of the day. California adds to its share of the profits about \$400 profit from the Thanksgiving show at the Tivoli Opera-House, which brings its total up to \$13,900.

FIRST LESSONS IN HORSEMANSHIP.



Pair Pupils in Riding School—Owl—Bel—Eel! He's waiting round and round! Quick—what string do I pull?—Punch.

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Indoor Baseball. The indoor baseball season has opened at last. Monday evening at the Multnomah Club the club team played a practice game with the Young Men's Christian Association nine, winning by the decisive score of 12 to 2. The teams were made up as follows:

Y. M. C. A. M. A. A. C. Vickers, catcher; Whitehouse, pitcher; Gordon, first base; Watkins, second base; Wickersham, third base; Cahalan, shortstop; Gammie, left field; Doble, right field; Frankman, right field; Warren, left field.

The Y. M. C. A. team has defeated the Naval Reserve team, 5-8, and will play the second game with the sailors next Tuesday. During the holiday week the Salem Y. M. C. A. nine will be met, and an effort will also be made to get a game with the University of Oregon. An indoor city league is to be organized soon, with the Multnomah Club, Naval Reserve, Battery A and the Y. M. C. A. teams as members, and a championship schedule of games will then be arranged.

Basket-Ball. Basketball still holds its own as the popular game at the Y. M. C. A. Last week the first 5 o'clock class defeated the evening class, 13 to 14, in the championship series, which now stands as follows:

Played. Won. Lost. P. ct.

Five o'clock 1 1 1 .500

Evening 2 0 2 .000

Six more games are to be played. Vancouver is being met in a series, and the Multnomah, Seattle and Tacoma organizations are to be played in the future. The round teams will come to Portland for their games.

Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Work. Indoor work at the Y. M. C. A. still centers around the struggles for supremacy between the groups into which the classes are divided. New material is being brought out and encouraged. Every series of contests includes six basketball games, six basketball games and 12 relay races. The group with the highest score of "wins" hold the championship until displaced. The score of points now stands:

Blues, 116; Reds, 107; Reds, 106; Whites, 92. A future event at the association which should be marked by interesting athletic contests is the "stag social" planned by the 5 o'clock class for members.

Christmas Football Game. The Christmas football game between the Multnomah Club and the University of Oregon has been declared off, after having been definitely arranged. This action was taken by the Eugene committee of the college. While it is regretted, there is no feeling against the college, nor any disposition on the part of anyone to criticize the sportsmanlike spirit of the Eugene "Varsity" or its management. The University of Oregon stands on a high pedestal in the public's esteem, for clean and manly athletics, and the football eleven's plucky work this

up a score of 49 to 0 against a team which greatly outweighed it.

The game in Seattle, December 8, was the last of the season. The Seattle High School eleven is as heavy as the Multnomah team, of this city, and outweighed the Portland boys by 17 pounds to the man. Although the Portland players were fairly beaten, by a score of 16 to 9, they played a good game. They made repeated gains through Seattle's line, and would probably have scored, if Harkins had not been hurt during the first half of the game. Although Harkins' leg was injured after about 15 minutes' play, he stayed in the game until near the middle of the second half. He retired after Woodcock, who was similarly injured.

When these two men retired, the only substitutes the Portland eleven had were placed in the team. This loss of its two best men of course weakened the team, and Seattle then made easy gains. The High School boys suffered another loss, when Captain Smith was forced to retire, thus leaving only 19 men on the team. Soon after this Elmer Smith was laid out, and the Portland eleven finished the game with but nine men.

Royal Reception. The High School boys were treated royally in Seattle, especially by the faculty of the University of Washington. Frank Hayes and Carl Van Kuren, two former Portland High School boys, now attending that institution, got up a reception for the Portland team, which was invited to the university for dinner, and

To My Caddie. Hail, nut-brown squire, to thee I sing! Thy silent form, thy untaught grace, Thy matted locks that frame thy face In careless beauty.

Without a peer, thou dextrous boy! What outside help, however high priced, Could find the ball that's pulled or sliced With skill like thine?

Stern arbiter of score and stroke, Thy silent help, however high priced, Than rithed jest and scotch galore On broad piazzas.

Now power be to thy elbow small, And may it never cease to be A fierce and tireless enemy To rust and blemish.

Years pass away, no more art thou The humble union of a "Troy," But "Troy" thyself, so luck's on you, Dear boy, with thee.

—Scott Griffin in Golf.

PURSUITS OF PUGILISTS

Varied Occupations Embraced by Men Who Have Graduated From the "Squared Circle."

Prizefighting never took high rank as an amusement for refined people, says the New York Tribune of recent issue, and the "manly art," as exemplified in the prize ring, has always been looked upon as a degrading spectacle. But despite their brutal characteristics, prizefighters have been patronized to some extent by men who were neither ruffians nor fighters, who excused themselves for countenancing and encouraging the contests by saying that the sport was scientific.

Ring contests with bare knuckles became popular in England more than two centuries ago, and men with ambitions to excel in the roped ring gave exhibitions of their knowledge of the art of self-defense in the early days of the republic, but it was not until early in the '80s that the sporting element of the country became deeply interested in ring fights. "Tom" Hyer, "Tom" Sayers, John C. Heenan, "Barney" Aaron, John Morrissey and a host of other fighters appeared in the prize ring.

They became popular heroes with a part of the community, and in the Far West, particularly California, they were lionized. Hats, collars and other articles of men's wearing apparel were named for them. Heenan hats and Sayers collars were popular at the time, when these two pugilists were aspirants for the championship of a game, made to imitate Irish blackthorn, was known as a McCool shillelagh.

In the Open Air. The fights in those days took place for the most part in the open air. The "ring side" was the turf, and at large fights rude benches were put up to accommodate the people who came from far and near to witness the contests.

"There was less scientific fighting in those days," said an old man who had been a fighter himself, and who is still an enthusiast. "But there was more fun for those who looked on—not quite so much, though, for the fighters."

In the early days of the prize ring the fighter's ambition was to win prizes and then become the proprietor of a public house. John Morrissey's barroom in Troy was the congregating place for a long time of the fighting element of the country, and a favorite resort for gamblers and disreputable people of all kinds. The place was small and unattractive, but it was the ambition of other fighters to have just such a place. Men who were lower down in the profession and could not aspire to public houses became trainers, teachers of boxing and wrestling, and many members of the fraternity who were unable to attract sufficient attention were compelled to work like ordinary mortals in shops and factories. The stage had no attractions for prizefighters in the early days of the sport in the United States.

When John C. Heenan was at the height of his glory, young, handsome and crowned with laurels, he married an actress who had gained notoriety by appearing in spectacular plays. He was lured by his wife and her friends to appear on the stage in a part written for him, but he was a melancholy failure as an actor and retired from the calling after a brief and thankless career.

Morrissey's Ambition. His old adversary, John Morrissey, developed an ambition in the direction of politics. His associates in Troy and

Lansingburg belonged to the class which, in later years, made "Ed" Murphy the boss of Troy, and the condition which they brought about made a "Bat" Show possible. Morrissey came to New York and was elected a Representative to the 40th and 41st Congresses, where he was pointed out as the prizefighting member. He became the owner and manager of several political gambling-houses, and in 1877 took his seat in the New York State Senate, representing the Fourth District. His immediate predecessor was John Fox, who succeeded William M. Tweed.

Morrissey died in 1878, and since then no prizefighter has become prominent in politics. John L. Sullivan wanted to go to Congress, and had hopes in the direction of the Chief Magistracy of Boston, but his political ambitions came to grief.

For several years prizefighting was unpopular, and pugilists were not in great demand, but a revival came, when indoor fights took the place of the open-air contests. "The stage prizefight," said a follower of the sport, "gave the big fellows an idea that they were actors. Standing up in a ring, in a cellar, barn or on the green, was more businesslike than doing the trick on a stage flooded with limelights. The fights in the big halls and athletic clubs also gave rise to speculation on the part of managers. Whoever heard of a prizefighter having a manager or a press agent in the old days? Nowadays they require these staff officers nearly as much as they do a knowledge of the art."

Sullivan's Stage Appearance.

John L. Sullivan was the first prominent fighter to make his appearance on



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the theatrical stage, after prizefighting again became popular, and since that time the prize ring has been looked upon as a stepping stone to the stage, and it seems to be in the regular order of things to see a pugilist's name on a play bill soon after he has won a ring victory. The public house is still his ambition, and mindful of the drawing qualities of a well-known fighter, rum-sellers and brewers have given prizefighters handsome salaries for the privilege of using their names in connection with rum shops of the gaudily bedecked kind.

The recent exposure of the bold and systematic frauds, which have been practiced on the "sporting" public by the men who arrange prizefights, has done much to bring the profession into ill repute, even with the men who were its enthusiastic patrons. Men who were looked upon as "champions" were naturally drawing cards at theaters where they appeared, but the fact that they

simply played a part in a gigantic scheme to rob the people who paid to see "square" fights, and that victories and defeats were arranged beforehand, have a tendency to diminish their popularity, and will probably drive the prizefighter into the grog-shop business, where he flourished in the days of old.

"Billy Edwards, who in his day gained considerable ring fame, was for years the 'bouncer' in a New York hotel. 'Barney' Aaron follows the races regularly. 'Mike' Donovan, who is known in New York as a 'square sport,' is now an instructor in boxing.

The prizefighting community points with pride to the fact that Richard Croker and 'Tim' Sullivan, who have always been patrons of the sport for pleasure and for profit, were themselves once fighters of no mean order.

TIPSY MAINE FISH.

Salmon That Skylark After Drinking Contraband Beer.

An unusual characteristic of the salmon, as well as the pestiferous sucker, taken from Maine rivers, is the aldermanic abdomen. This is caused by the beer-drinking habit of the fish. It is customary to spill all the beer seized in Maine cities into sewers, which empty into the river. Sometimes 100 barrels are spilled in a day.

Since the days of the first beer seizures in Auburn and Lewiston, fish have collected in schools around the Auburn claybank on the Kennebec, on certain days to drink beer. For 24 hours after a spilling white bellies are seen turning up the river bottom. The people go out and catch dozens in a day with their hands.



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Occasionally a keg of beer doctored with knockout drops, is spilled. After the first effects of the drug have been slept off in the water, leap into the air and turn double somersaults and pin wheels before striking water.

A few years ago it was customary to spill whiskey and hard stuff into the sewers and rivers. Fish became used to intoxication then. They enjoyed it. Being always in cool water, and possessing little or no brain, no headaches followed their libations. When the law was passed obliging the sheriffs to send the hard liquor away to be redistilled, the fish hung about the customary spilling places for weeks, frantically waiting for the four led by Capt. Following are the individual scores:

PLAYERS.	THE SCORES.				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Total
A. A. Bailey	37	39	24	29	129
P. P. Freeman	35	44	64	12	155
E. H. Langford	35	39	21	24	119
J. C. Moyle	25	31	15	40	111
Paul Kelly	26	41	31	37	135
A. B. Kerrigan	25	39	22	24	110
Totals	117	132	127	143	519
P. P. Neigham	37	45	23	24	129
W. F. Harlow	36	51	59	51	197
F. R. Holbrook	38	39	19	22	118
J. C. Oliver	38	25	48	38	159
Totals	150	159	109	135	553
H. Kahn	41	53	22	41	157
W. F. Harlow	36	51	59	51	197
H. Bauer	22	34	41	29	126
Totals	124	144	101	121	590
H. P. Holmes	42	39	47	33	161
C. A. Craft	40	43	55	33	171
H. A. Wais	47	50	35	30	162
T. Ball	47	50	35	30	162
Totals	184	182	167	126	659

He Saved "Shep."

A boy about 10 years old went to the Central police station in Kansas City, Kan., one day recently, saying the Star of that city, leading a fine shepherd dog by a short piece of rope tied to his collar. The boy's face was red and swollen and he was crying.

"Well, well, well, what's the matter here?" asked a big policeman, stooping down and looking into the boy's face. It seemed like a long time before he could stop crying.

"Please sir," he sobbed, "my mother is too poor to pay for a license for Shep, and I brought him here to have you kill him."

Then he broke out with another wall that was heard all through the city building. Shep stood there mute and motionless, looking up into the face of his young master. A policeman took out his handkerchief to blow his nose, and the desk sergeant went out into the hall, absently whistling a tune which nobody ever heard before, while the captain remembered that he must telephone somebody. Then Chief McFarland led the boy to the door and, patting him on the head, said kindly:

"There, little fellow, don't cry any more; run home with your dog. I would not kill a dog like Shep for a thousand dollars."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" They were tears of joy now. He bounded out into the street, and ran off toward his home with Shep, prancing along and jumping up and trying to kiss the boy's face. It was hard to tell which was the happier, the boy or the dog.



EUGENE WANTED A GAME

Its Gallant Football Eleven Would Have Tackled Multnomah Again, But Faculty Said Nay.

EUGENE, Dec. 14.—Ever since Thanksgiving Day there has been a general feeling among the students of the State University that Oregon should meet Multnomah again this season on the football field, for the zero tie score of the big game was most unsatisfactory to the varsity men and their admirers. It is the general opinion that Oregon's eleven is superior to that of the clubmen, and there were such numerous demands for a return game that Manager Goodrich decided to accept the Multnomah offer for a Christmas game, although Coach Kaarberg had departed and the men had gone out of training. Arrangements for the game were being made, when the faculty athletic committee met and decided that the football season of 1900 was a thing of the past, refusing to allow the university men to play the proposed game.

Disappointed Students.

There is a general feeling of disappointment among the students, especially the football men, who are quite anxious to take another try at the team they assert they outplayed on Thanksgiving Day. However, the faculty's word is law, and there is no appeal, so the game is off and the team will soon elect a captain for next season and disband.

The freshmen are up in arms over a recent statement to the effect that several "varsity" men played in the line-up when '94 defeated the team from Portland Academy. As a matter of fact, there were no first team men on the freshman eleven, and only one "varsity" sub, Templeton, who played left tackle. Several of the "varsity" men were entitled to play, but none did. The freshman eleven showed up well this year, and some strong players were developed.

Indoor Baseball.

During the interim between football and track athletics, the indoor baseball men will get in shape for games with some of the city clubs and clubs. Fred A. Edwards, the ex-varsity quarter, will captain the baseball team, and practice has already commenced. Very few of the football men will go in for indoor baseball, but number of them will participate in the track meets.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

Men on Local Alleys Maintain Their Interest in the Sport.

Local bowlers are getting in shape for future tournaments. At the Commercial Club, preparations are being made to challenge the Multnomah for the Feldheimer trophy, recently won by the latter.

Both clubs of the Seattle Athletic Club and the Union Club, of Tacoma, for the Graham-More trophy, the first of which will be played January 19, in Portland.

At the Multnomah Club, last week, A. A. Bailey raised the record on the new alleys to 81. Good scores were made in Monday night's games, Pickering's team, which won the club medal two weeks ago, relinquishing their title to the four led by Capt. Following are the individual scores:

A. A. Francis	36	49	31	37	20
Totals	147	192	150	120	140
E. H. Langford	37	32	45	50	24
C. C. Musche	23	29	29	21	24
Paul Kelly	24	31	22	22	24
W. J. Merriam	24	21	22	22	24
Totals	111	122	127	143	116
P. B. Brigham	37	45	23	24	30
E. L. Pittcock	37	45	23	24	30
P. B. Holbrook	38	39	19	23	36
P. C. Oliver	38	25	49	38	36
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