

IN THE SPORTING WORLD



SOGGY MULTNOMAH FIELD

Action Demanded Whereby It Can Be Made Fit for Use of Football Men—Local Happenings.

Football enthusiasts saw the most exciting game of the season on the Multnomah field Christmas day, despite the fact of the game being played on a disgracefully muddy field. The Stanford eleven put up the best exhibition of a fast, rushing, tearing, line-plunging game that Multnomah has witnessed for years, and only the wet field and a fumble on the ten-yard line saved Multnomah from being scored against for the first time by an opposing team on its own ground.

To the condition of the field is due also, in large degree, the series of no-score games that has distinguished this season's play in Portland. The last three contests between Multnomah and Eugene, Salem and Stanford were played in heavy, soggy, slippery mud that rendered fast play almost impossible and made fumbling frequent at critical periods. It is a surprising fact that football has reached such a high development in Oregon, when it is played under such adverse conditions.

Field Should Be Improved.
The condition of Multnomah field needs improving, and it is to be hoped it will be improved in the near future. For a few years the financial energy of the club will be necessarily largely directed toward handling the large debt assumed in building its splendid clubhouse and purchasing the site therefor, but some money should meanwhile be diverted toward making an athletic field out of the present quagmire designated as such. There should be some proper drainage at least, for the present condition of the inclosure in winter comes pretty near killing all outdoor sport in Portland, and football played under the conditions that have prevailed this season is an anomaly.

Neither is it a spectacle to be admired, that of witnessing 25 young men plunging daintily into abysmal pits of mud, diving into pools of dirty water or chasing a slimy, elusive ball in its mad and filthy wanderings. The present field is of clay, with sand worked in, and it is not a success, as is testified by the general public, which is unanimous in its desire for improvement. A well-drained field, permitting games to be played with some degree of comfort for the players, even if rain were falling, and on which the contests could be witnessed by spectators without alarm every time a scrimmage flopped into a pool of water, would, too, be of financial benefit to the club, increasing, as it would, the gate receipts of all the winter games. The Multnomah Club has done much for sport in the Northwest, and when the right time comes—and that should be soon—should go a step further, by providing a Portland with an ideally planned and drained athletic field, of which club and community should not feel ashamed.

The Christmas Game.
Kerrigan, of Multnomah, and Narramore, of Stanford, were the stars of the Christmas game, and their work was the most brilliant seen on Multnomah field this season. Kerrigan saved the day for Multnomah time and time again, notably when he fell on the fumbled ball, after the Stanford backs, Narramore, Boren and Parker, had rushed it to the home team's yard line, in a mad series of terrific plows, bumps and hurries through the Multnomah line. He also tackled Wardell, the Stanford end, when, near the close of the game, Wardell broke through for a clear field, and he made a sensational run from a punt that brought the rooters to their feet. Multnomah owes its untarnished record to Kerrigan.

Narramore, the Stanford halfback, ripped and tore through the Multnomah line like a demon. With his leather-capped head lowered, he charged like a battering ram, and carried with him the Multnomah tacklers. Many a time he almost made a clear field, and his straight dash, and the guards back were Stanford's most effective plays.

Multnomah's Defense.
For Multnomah, the defensive work of Pratt, Edmonston, Harmer, Downs and Rusk was of the finest kind. Captain Pratt also made one of the best runs of the day, twice breaking through the Stanford line for touchdowns. This was the only consistent ground-gaining play Multnomah had. The game was clean and gentlemanly, and the officiating by Mitchell, of Columbia, and McKeown, of Multnomah, the best seen this season.

Next Tuesday the season will close with the final Salem-Multnomah game. This should be another exciting contest. Rivalry is intense, and both teams are determined to win. Multnomah will put forth redoubled efforts, and, with good generalship, may finally lower its rival's colors. The Stanford game should teach the Multnomah backs new ground-gaining tactics.

At the Links.
The downpour Christmas morning kept all but the most hardened golfers off the links. The competitions arranged, however, were played off. Dr. Henry E. Jones winning the Christmas cup in the men's singles, with a net score of 36. T. R. Fischer took second place, with a net score of 40. In the afternoon, in the men's foursomes, Wirt Minor and Jonathan Bourne, Jr. won out. The mixed foursomes were won by Miss Sibson and P. E. Du Fion.

The "knockout" tournament is still progressing, but slowly, the weather having made few matches possible. The following-named players are still in the contest: Messrs. McKay, Jones, Whidden, Livingstone, Carson, Young, Howard, Wright and Fischer. On New Year's day there will be prizes offered for men's foursomes in the morning and mixed foursomes in the afternoon.

Hares and Hounds.
On New Year's day the newly organized Hares and Hounds Club will hold a paper chase on the East Side. The riders will meet at 9:15 A. M., at the Portland Riding Academy, and proceed to the starting place, at the head of East Burnside street, where the chase will be begun at 10 o'clock. From the starting place the course will go through the Ladd timber tract into the brush and over fields and low hurdles. The finish will occur about

11 o'clock, on West avenue, with a dash for three blocks. Spectators can reach the places of the start and finish by taking the East Avenue street-car.

Multnomah Wins at Billiards.

The Multnomah billiard representatives defeated the Commercial Club players four straight games in the inter-club tournament, winning the championship decisively. In none of the matches was there displayed any especial brilliance. Goering, of the Multnomah Club, made the highest average of 2.8, and the longest run, of 2. The Multnomah Club team was made up of the following-named members:

H. P. Goering, E. L. Powell, F. W. Gomph and H. M. Montgomery, the latter playing in the second series of matches.

On the Commercial Club team were: W. H. Hurlburt, B. H. Trumbull and A. T. Higgins. The next inter-club contest will be a pool tournament, to take place early in January.

At the Commercial Club the billiard and pool tournament has been virtually concluded. Schiller has the prize in pool won, and O'Bryan and Dooley are tied for second place in the billiard tournament. W. H. Hurlburt has an excellent chance of winning out.

General Athletics.
New Year's eve at the Y. M. C. A. will be made the occasion of a big "watch party," and the entire evening will be given over to athletic sports. As the chief feature, the All-Star basketball team will contest with the "Noon Class" champions. The entire membership will turn out for the closing basketball game of the century.

Last Saturday night the Multnomah basketball team was defeated by the second team of the Vancouver Athletic Club by a score of 15 to 13. At the end of the first half, the score stood 10-9 in favor of the Multnomahs, but the Vancouver lads made a most surprising rally and finally won by a close margin. Krohn and Mackle, of Portland, umpired, and Du Bois, of Vancouver, was referee.

On January 3 the indoor baseball schedule will be opened at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium by a game between the Multnomah and Y. M. C. A. nines.

MULTNOMAH JUNIORS.

Annual Indoor Contest of the Lads Arranged for Friday.

Next Friday evening the annual indoor contest of the Multnomah Juniors will occur at the club gymnasium. For several years past this event has been omitted, but the present board of directors of the club is enthusiastic in its support of the junior classes, and is doing everything possible to stimulate the interest of these juvenile athletes in sports of all kinds. The junior classes are larger than ever before in the history of the club, and probably 150 boys will compete in the various forthcoming events. The last indoor contest of any note took place about six years ago, when Harry Copeland, Vic Connor, Brigham and others who are now club members came out victorious.

The indoor athletic committee and Professor Krohn have arranged a varied programme, embracing almost every branch of indoor work, and giving the youngsters and their friends the opportunity of seeing what they (the juniors) can do. Professor Krohn has divided the classes into six divisions, which will compete in the following order:

First and second divisions—Parallel bars, travelling rings, high jump and hurdle race.

Third division—Flying rings, horizontal bar, broad jump and 50-yard race.

Fourth division—Buck broad jump, climbing and bean bag race.

Fifth division—Rope ladder and poles, climbing and 40-yard run.

Sixth division—Broad jump, climbing and flag race (30 yards).

Special—A relay race, to be run for a silk flag, presented by the ladies' annex, by teams of four picked from the first and second classes. The flag is to be retained by the club as a gymnasium souvenir, and the names of the successful team will be inscribed on ribbons of the club colors, fastened to the flag. The two classes will choose their own teams and captains, and the rivalry is intense.

The Multnomah Juniors are said to be doing splendid work, and expect to spring not a few surprises on their admirers at

the forthcoming contest. As most of the apparatus work will require judges who have a thorough knowledge along that line, the following-named clubmen have been selected to serve as judges of the various events: Messrs. Fred and Hal Rasch, Greenland, Gomph, Trail, McAlpin, L. Stout, Lyons, Warner, Nicholson and Kerrigan. The names of the successful contestants will not be disclosed until "ladies' night," when the distribution of prizes, consisting of 12 medals, two for each division, will occur.

CORBETT TO HAVE A CLUB.

Talks Big About What He Will Do in Future.

Jim Corbett has decided to start a club of his own. It will be located in Cincinnati, and will be known as the Corbett Athletic Club. Its promoter says that, when the building is completed it will seat 10,000 persons, and that it will be a model of its kind. He further says that he has received the sanction of Mayor Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, to give boxing bouts, and that the club will be under way by February. Corbett said the other day:

"I will be ready to fight Jim Jeffries next June, declare Professor Jim, and will hang up a purse of \$20,000. If he ignores this, I will make a bid for some of the matches he has already arranged. To show how much I am in earnest I will post a good-sized forfeit as soon as Jeffries shows any desire to take me seriously. It will be the policy of my club to cater only to the best men in the ring. The Englishman has said that he would not engage in anything except a bout of 20 or 25 rounds. Well, he can be accommodated, and as soon as he accepts, I will offer the boys a fine inducement."

COPPER KING LAWSON.

Remarkable Career of Prospective Defender of Cap.

Thomas W. Lawson, Boston's "copper king," turban, owner of the \$20,000 Mrs. Lawson, a woman of the 19th century, and a defender, was born in Cambridge, Mass., 41 years ago. He has had a remarkable career, and is a remarkable man. When he was 12 years old he left home and went to work for a Boston banker for \$3 a week.

He worked just one day, when his parents put him back to school. Five days later he returned to the bank, only to be recovered again after one day by his parents. In 20 days he was back at the bank, and this time the banker persuaded the parents to let the boy work. Three hours every day he devoted to study, and in time became a well-educated man. While still in his teens he began to write for the newspapers, became a financial writer, and was a marked success in this field.

Mr. Lawson before he was 20 years old was worth \$50,000, but lost it. Before he was 20 he had made and lost several fortunes, and it is commonly reported on the street that ten years ago he couldn't have raised \$100. Today he can "buy and sell" most of the brokers in Boston.

Walks on the Water.

An ingenious device for walking on water has been invented by Captain Grossmann, of Cologne, Germany. He called his apparatus "water skis," and has shown that he can accomplish with them as much on some of the more turbulent waves and falls of the Rhine as the Norwegian can with their snow skis on the steep mountains of the North.

Captain Grossmann's water skis are two plain cylinders made of aluminum, 12 feet long. They are so light that they can easily be carried on the shoulders on terra firma like a pair of big oars. The skis are propelled by the treading of the feet, which keep four oar-shaped wings in constant motion. Captain Grossmann saved 20 lives during a recent flood. It is claimed for his apparatus that it is much more easily manipulated in rough weather than most life-saving boats.

MR. BOGGS BEGINS THE CENTURY.

"At this, the beginning of not only a new year, but a new century as well, it is my wish that I form certain resolutions. I shall not smoke, chew, drink, nor lose my temper and fuss."

"Ah, a bill of the presents Maria purchased at Christmas time."

"Blankity! Blankity! Space!"

And thus ended Mr. Boggs' 25th annual swear-off.

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"I've been a meditatin' Fete, about de life I'm leadin'."

"Which makes me disappointed, like, 'cause why, I ain't succeedin'."

"So I've made some resolutions, fagged out wid greatest care."

"An' which I'm stickin' to, you bet, all through de comin' year."

"De fust an' leadin' thing is dis, I don't cut no more wood!"

"Dat's a way-back number, an' it never weren't no good."

"Dey gives you breffament, anyway; de grub comes all de same."

"De wimmen never falls you w'en you works de plous game."

"I'm goin' to do no 'ridin', and I don't tramp no more!"

"I'll work 'de rods', 'de blind baggage', or 'elise de empty car'."

"I'll travel fast as any, an' I'll never think I'll steal your senses."

"An' live just like a fightin' cock, an' take de consequences!"

—J. M. Waddill.

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"Dey both can 'de soul o' man, an' 'cause his heart to sink."

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