

CURRENT GOSSIP IN THE ATHLETIC FIELD

PORTLAND PLAYERS SHOW UP WELL AT REGULAR POSITIONS. SAN FRANCISCO WILL SEE HEAVYWEIGHTS FIGHT TUESDAY.

TEAM IS IN SHAPE

Portland Players Ready for Opening of Season.

INFIELD IS STRONG AND FAST

Pitching Staff is Showing Up Well.—McCredie Gets His Batting Eye.—Virgil Garvin Helps Two Puggilists at Training.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., March 25.—(Special)—Every Portland player is now at his regular position. The team makes an excellent appearance, with each player guarding his assigned territory, and it will be ready for the opening in Los Angeles next Thursday.

At first base McLean, who is originally a catcher, shows up very strong. He plays quite a difference from the bag and moves his slant-in form in all directions rapidly, but even at that he depends upon the pitchers to cover his bag. McCredie likes to field balls seemingly too far from him.

McCredie Gets His Batting Eye. Manager McCredie has taken advantage of every opportunity since his arrival to work, and apparently is playing a better game than he ever did before. His batting eye seems sure.

Householder is at his old tricks with the "bunt," and invariably makes good. Eddie got into condition ahead of the other men. He was one of the first to report.

The pitchers this season for the Portland team are a high-priced lot. Seven twirlers are doing regular work. McCredie intends to retain all of them.

There is one man in particular on the pitching staff whose fans will recognize at a glance as an all-around baseball player. The writer has in mind William Esick, who evidently was secured as an experiment from Salt Lake.

Young Esick has a fine athletic appearance. His manner is gentlemanly. His striking practice has been popular, and his excellent pitching has been a judgment. He is a heavy hitter, and all-around Esick looks like another Hal Chase.

Charles Cox continues to show improvement in fast company. At first, he made some nice runs and picked up a couple with one hand, that won applause from his colleagues.

St. Vrain's pitching arm is in perfect shape and shows a large amount of control. Cases did a great deal of hard work in Sunday's game. He will be one of the star twirlers.

French and Gilpatrick are two more of the pitchers who are showing they look to be very strong in their line.

Burt Jones, who was with Oakland and San Francisco last year, thinks he will do the best pitching of his career this season.

Garvin's Throwing Phenomenal. Virgil Garvin has apparently been taking good care of himself. That he is a National League, able to hold his own with the largest clubs in the country, has already been shown in his throwing. He is phenomenal and it takes a strong catcher to hold him. His curves are a feature and he cuts the plate with ease.

Charles Comiskey Tells of a Fine the Veteran Fielder Never Paid. "Very few know to this day why 'Tip' O'Neill quit the game," said Charles Comiskey. "I'll tell you. It was the distance of the centerfield fence from the home plate on the Cincinnati grounds which was responsible for putting him on the shelf. And it came mighty sudden, too. I had taken O'Neill from St. Louis to Chicago in the brotherhood year, and after the 'bust-up' took him down to Cincinnati. It was a lengthy distance through those old grounds, and 'Tip' was not as young as he had been and wouldn't run after a ball that fell behind him."

"One day I said to him, 'I want you to run after the ball regardless of where it falls.'"

"Well, now, what's the use, Commy," he said. "It's a run, anyway." "Well, it would look better," I returned, "if you don't I will fine you every time."

"Well, I went along for a few days and O'Neill got to chasing the ball. When he came in I said: 'That loafing come you?' "Do you mean it, Commy?" I told him he was kidding me. "Well, then, I'll quit the game," he said. "If you do, I'll fine you every time." "Well, I went out on the field at all any more."

"Well, then, it goes," I returned.

"He finished the game all right, but in the evening he packed his things and before it could find him he was on his way to his home in Canada. I never came after the money we owed him."

PORTLAND STARTS AN AUTO CLUB AND MAKES SPEED REGULATIONS.



CARTOONIST MURPHY GLANCES AT SOME SPORTING HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK AND SOME FUTURE EVENTS

YOST WHO FIGHTS SULLIVAN IN TALOMA APR. 3.



FAST MILL IN SIGHT

Johnson Meets Hart in San Francisco Tuesday.

BOTH ARE AFTER JEFFRIES

Champion Will Draw the Color Line—Nolan's Story of Attempt to Job Britt-Nelson Fight Bears Earmarks of Malice.

BY WILL G. MACRAE. San Francisco fight fans are going to see a mill between a couple of heavies on Tuesday night. Jack Johnson, the heavyweight black, is scheduled to go 20 rounds with Marvin Hart, of Louisville, Ky. Johnson says he has taken on Hart because if he beats the Southerner he will be in line to force Champion Jeffries into the ring with him. This is the same tune that Hart is singing. Hart may, if he defeats the Texas negro on Tuesday night, get a chance to hook up with Jeffries, providing he wants the chance, but with Johnson, well, there's no chance. Jeffries has declared himself on the color line, and he has no intention of changing that. He will do as Jimmy Britt did—be forced into meeting a negro.

FATE STRONGER THAN THE DOPE

By Clarence L. Cullen. "T" HAT aged hopyak, Rough Rider, was ruled off at Los Angeles the other day for flashing by too soon, I notice," observed the grizzled, ruminate, straw-munching trainer of thoroughbreds, who has been sending them to the post since Hindoo and Hickory Jim were weanlings. "I've been waiting for some lunars for that one to get the gate. They'll have to give him the Keely cure for the hop habit, now that he's barred, before he'll ever do to haul a fish cart or a milk wagon. In a way of speaking, Rough Rider has been living in Chinatown all his life. I'll bet a trot-bit smoke that if they were to holl and render him they'd get a big enough residue of pure poppy juice and mandragoras and the other drowsy sprays of the East for him to stock up on."

YACHT CLUB PLANS

They Will Be Determined Next Friday.

CLUBHOUSE A POSSIBILITY

Nominating Committee Submits the Names From Which a Board of Directors and Officers May Be Chosen at Meeting.

The Oregon Yacht Club, at its annual meeting next Friday evening at room 2, Worcester block, will make its Summer plans. It has before it an era of prosperity and it wishes to enter it in due order, so it is being very cautious and is exerting great self-control not to be too optimistic. A while ago an offer was made by the Oregon Water Power Company to build a modern clubhouse, for a reasonable price, at Oak Point. Not to be too ready to throw itself at its wooer, the club asked time to consider. It did not see why it could not build a fine home for itself, and before the week was out had the site located and figured on oiling the roads to it so the automobile could reach it handily.

ROUGH RIDER'S DISHONORED END CAUSES VETERAN TRAINER OF THOROUGHBREDS TO GROW REMINISCENT

like a sandwich man on a crowded street. "One day, soon after I'd got him to Iron Hill, I had him in one of those five-eighths drills, and it looked like mine and his were in a struggle and one hand tickled by back. "Ten minutes before boots and saddles, I looked back of his tonails a little thing and saw a brain-mash he'd got from an overgrown chocolate cream. "I figured that the gelatine wrapper containing the brain-mash he'd climbed down off their stools and began to lay off my bet on my Chink horse as if they only had two minutes to live, and had to take up their vests and interest before the second hand oozed around the dial twice. "When the field reached the barrier my boxer some surprised and pained me by looking as tired and ennuie as if he hadn't enough of the tornado turpentine in his torso to drive a bus-rig a hundred and twelve miles without stopping to fuel up. "Just stood there in front of the ribbon that fool dope did, as if wondering what kind of a brain-mash he'd get for breakfast next Thursday week, and even when the rest of them were champing and wheezing for a break he was standing at the barrier like a staided over getting milked, gazing into the bluish haze of the Maryland hills, a-dreaming. "When the flag flashed, with all that on a line like a column of cavalry, a mule lapped like a dingo trying to make a getaway from a watermelon patch set on one of the big titrons under each of the horns of that Chink gelding. "I tossed him in with a bunch of equine omen that, with the fog juice in him, he could run away and hide from, and this time I was careful to puncture the capsule so that it 'ud be sure to give him that surprised look about it miles away, four days later. "Hey, he got there I don't know, but you can kite all the Koloboroos you've got that he didn't stroll. He looked under the top in him die, and that brought him up at Point of Rocks. "Near and tasty way of getting it, the dope way, if you know how, but it's not all chemistry. After you get the pill fixed or the needle-gun loaded, there's the horse to be considered, and there's not all such homing pigeons under the hop as old Rough Rider—here's to him again!" (Copyrighted, 1935, Washington News Association.)

POTATOES VS. JACKRABBITS

Baseball Players Will Compete for First Nine—Game May Be Arranged With Japanese Team—Plan a Track Meet.

CHAT AT THE CLUB

Multnomah League Plays First Game Today.

The weather man willing, the first game in the schedule of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club's League will be played today, beginning at 1 o'clock on the club grounds. The game to be played today will be between Eastman's Little Potatoes vs. Whitcomb's Jackrabbits, at 9 A. M. at Trimbull's Irish Giants vs. McAlpin's Highballs, at 11:15 A. M. The players will be as follows: Little Potatoes—W. Homan, J. Trimbull, Parrott, Van Deuser, Eastman, Murphy, Dunne, Reed, Stockton, Ross, McCracken, Crosby. Jackrabbits—Brown, Bissell, Whitcomb, Holman, Gersner, Houston, Harder, Douglas, Sheridan. Irish Giants—Holmes, McGuire, Sinnott, Banks, H. Goar, Harty, Gorman, Trimbull, Trimbull, Watkins, W. Gearin, Keller. Highballs—Honeyman, McMillen, Zan, West, Steadman, Arnold, Lombard, E. G. Starr, Dr. Zan, O'Shea, Dolph, Irwin, S. Holbrook. This league has been formed for the double purpose of stimulating interest in the club's main Summer sport and with the more important idea of furnishing the best means of choosing a first team. Each team in this league will play a series of six games between now and May 21, the games to be played on Sundays, and at the end of this series the first or representative team of the club will be chosen from those members of the league having the best showing to their credit. In this way every one will be given a chance to display his ability, and it insures the selection of the best talent in the club when the first team is organized. Following the games today the candidates for the first team will meet for their third practice. The weather of the past week has prohibited any turn-out, but as soon as the conditions permit, a lot of strenuous work will be demanded by Manager Honeyman.

NEW BASEBALL TEAM FORMED

For the past two or three years the employees of the Portland Gas Company have had a lurking feeling that within their ranks was contained a pretty fast bunch of ball players. This feeling is stronger than ever this year, and now the other commercial teams of the city had better look to their laurels. B. G. Whitehouse, the "father" of the boys, has charge of the welfare of the Gas Company's club as president, with Clement, Ira P. Powers, vice-commander, L. V. Woodward, A. A. Courtney, Ira Hill, port captain, H. Hoyt, B. C. Pillsbury, Nelson Dodge and Guy Armstrong. The lineup will be: Catchers, Kennedy and Puggan; pitchers, Fenner, Eastman and Knudson; first base, Velgrin and Anderson; second base, Velgrin; third base, Rimmer; shortstop, Knight; left field, Hottenroth; center field, Miller; right field, Fitzgerald. Manager Richards is now looking for games, and will endeavor to arrange interest in the formation of a city commercial league. There are a great number of large commercial houses in the city in which teams could be formed that a strong league could be organized. Manager Richards would like to get into communication with all such teams. An innovation in management which looks to the club's welfare will be introduced next Wednesday when the board of directors and the members of the various committees will meet at the Commercial Club for dinner. In the afternoon they will discuss the general plans and ideas which will advance the club, and it is thought that if the directors and the committees meet once again in saying that good will result. Should this prove to be the case, joint meetings will be held each month. The dinner is arranged on the second Monday of each month, and each cheer will stimulate ideas. A strong effort will be made to bring about the utmost interest among all committees so that the entire affairs of the club will be handled with a united effort. By joint meetings of committees the weaker ones will be strengthened, even forced to stronger work by the more aggressive members. It has been suggested that after the track meet to be held between the Seattle Athletic Club and the University of Washington, some arrangement should be made for a meeting between the winners in the contest and the M. A. C. It is not improbable that this matter will be taken up by the club. Such a meeting would be full of interest and would be well received. "We are going after members and an increased interest in the club now, just as we did when the club was started," said President Chapin yesterday. "I feel safe in saying that the success of the club today is almost wholly due to the activity and earnestness shown in its inception. At that time we simply kept making objects of interest to everybody who was possessed with the one idea of advancing the club. That's just the spirit that has been kept up, and we are simply going to strengthen it now. I think that a large part of the interest shown in the early club days was due to the girls, who were interested in the club members. I remember when we had our first track meet. Imagine such fellows as myself ever getting out and attempting a 440-yard dash! Well, we used to do it, and at that first meet held at The Oaks, the grand stand was completely filled with girls, all applauding for their favorites. We are not only going to get the club members interested thoroughly aroused this Summer, but the girls as well, and before the end of the Summer I confidently expect to see the M. A. C. occupying a position in athletic clubs never held by such an organization on the Coast before."