

# CURRENT Gossip IN FIELD OF ATHLETICS

## OUTLOOK AT CLUB

### Multnomah Has Bright Prospects.

### STRONG TEAMS IN ATHLETICS

Track Men Will Hold Their Own, Writes H. W. Kerrigan—All Departments of Club Harmonious, Says the President.

By H. W. Kerrigan.

Although Multnomah's strength in track and field events will be weakened in some respects this year, through the loss of some of last season's sure pointmakers, the club will have, nevertheless, a good representative team. In some events we will be stronger than last year, particularly in the relay team, the half mile and in the 400 I think we will be a little better. In the 100 and 220 we are strong, and this applies to the high and broad jumps as well. In the shot and hammer, with the exception of the 16-pound hammer, we are all right, but with the competition in sight it can hardly be expected that we can take first place in these events. Our weak spots will be in the discus, hurdles and I think the pole vault. The loss of Coates will hurt us considerably in the hurdles, although his place will be well taken in the broad jump. In the high jump the only man we have to fear is any competitor I think is this new comer, young Hall, of California. From all accounts he is a winner, and if he enters into the contents up here I think he can easily win out as against all.

This will be a year of sports in Portland. The prominence given by the Exposition to athletics and sports will attract wide attention and there will be competitors from all parts of the country. Multnomah will enter all amateur contests and the fact that it will have to meet competition from all parts of the United States makes it necessary for the club to put out the strongest team possible. I have no hesitancy in saying that the club's dependence will be placed on their old men, that is the men who have represented the M. A. C. in the past few years, but by that I do not mean that we have no winners amongst the new men or the juniors. During this past week the work of several of the new men and the juniors has been sufficient to attract the eye of the critics and place them in the ranks of the club's sure men, but the fact remains that they are more or less untried. For that reason alone the club will look to the old men. While doing this, however, the others will not be neglected, and every one will have a chance to wear the winged "M" in the contests.

### MEMBERS ALL FALL INTO LINE.

Every Department of the Club is Working Harmoniously.

By W. H. Chapin, President M. A. C. I think it can safely be said that the M. A. C. is today in better shape than ever, either as regards what it offers to members or financially. One very gratifying feature is the interest shown in the club's welfare at this time both by old and young members. Everybody seems to be putting his shoulder to the wheel, and the entire club is permeated with the spirit of progress. The different departments of the club are in good shape, and the membership committee is particularly busy of late, and their work has already produced results, in fact to such an extent that it seems to me that we will reach the point of our waiting list before the scheduled time of June 1. Each committee is devoting its entire attention to the advancement of its department, and at the same time is working in harmony with the others for the advancement of the club as a whole.

I am much pleased over the results obtained at our first general assembly of directors and committees, and feel that it can do nothing but good. In fact this has been fully demonstrated in one meeting. Such a meeting brings all the club workers together and there are interesting changes and a general knowledge of what the club is doing that cannot be obtained in any other way.

### INDOOR TOURNAMENT IN MAY.

Contests Will Be Preparatory to Exposition Sports.

By J. S. McCord, Chairman Indoor Committee.

While ordinarily this would be about the close of indoor work, the prospect of contests under the Exposition athletics carries with it a continuing interest for the club indoor athletes. The past year has witnessed the largest indoor classes in the club's history, and not only that, but more and better contests have been held. For the first time in three years an indoor athletic tournament was held on May 5, and while this is properly a start of what will be the annual tour of the club, the event will also be used to try out men for entries in the Lewis and Clark indoor events.

The entry lists are now open for

this tournament, and are being filled up. The tournament will be divided into two classes, heavy gymnastics, consisting of horizontal and parallel bars, vaulting table, high jump and rope climbing, and light gymnastics, including chest weights, dumbbells and traveling rings. First and second medals will be awarded to the contestants securing the largest number of points in each class. Of these two classes, heavy gymnastics will be the more popular, since a good proficiency in that line that will be required for the Lewis and Clark events. With the material we have, there should be no trouble in picking a team of all-round men that will give a good account of themselves at the Fair, and we are in hopes of taking better than second place.

We will also enter all swimming and diving events, as well as water polo, which has lately been introduced in the club. In the water we have Stockton, Barton, Ross, Miller, Bennett, Reed and Campbell, and any one of these can hold his own with any one on the Coast.

We have about ten men at water polo in the tank. No team has been organized yet, and the work of the boys has been confined to practice in passing the ball and working together among themselves. Arrangements are now about completed for the organization of two gymnasium classes for business, one at noon and another in the early evening, say, about 6 o'clock or 8:30. The need of such classes has been felt for some time, and the older members of the club who feel the need of some physical exercise and yet do not want to go into the younger classes have demanded them. Postal cards are now being sent out to all members notifying them of the proposed classes, and it is expected that within the next week or two the classes will be started.

### GYMNASIUM WORK POPULAR.

Physical Director Krohn Reviews the Indoor Season.

By Robert Krohn, Physical Director.

With the exception of the preparation of the clubmen who will enter the Lewis and Clark event, the indoor season is practically ended. In reviewing the work of the club during the past year, the average clubman or his friend is prone to view it entirely as a man's club and forget that it has a ladies' annex. Of course, the division is so sharp that practically no one outside of the board of directors knows what the ladies' annex has accomplished this year, but if the clubmen had been permitted to witness the events of ladies' day, held last week, they would have agreed with me that in many respects the ladies' classes have been a great success. This past year, each class having an average attendance of 100, and they have worked hard and consistently. The junior girls' classes, under the direction of the Ladies' Annex, have been on an equality with the junior boys, the attendance being about 100. The senior men's classes have, however, been probably the most successful and satisfactory. They have shown the best advancement, and the greatest enthusiasm, and with a team picked from their number I have no hesitancy in saying that they will do more than give a good account of themselves in the Lewis and Clark indoor events.

The juniors have been divided into two divisions, the day and night, and in both there has been an average attendance of 100 each week. They are the most enthusiastic members of the gym and show it in their irrepressibility. An indoor contest is now being arranged for the juniors to be held some time in May. Stanford is divided into eight divisions, five of the day and three night. First and second medals will be given in each class which will consist of three events.

### BRIGHT BASEBALL PROSPECTS

Manager Honeyman Predicts a Winning Team for Multnomah.

By David T. Honeyman, Manager Baseball Team.

The only thing that can be said of the prospective M. A. C. baseball team is that it will be a sure winner. A feature of the team we are sure to have will be its batting. Just look at the men we have in right, Stott, now coaching for Stanford, and who, heretofore, has had the reputation of being a weak man at the bat. If you look up his work for the past season you will find that he has been getting from one to three hits in every game and he is considered as one of Stanford's best men. Fenton, who is also playing for Stanford at third, is making good, too, and his recent home run in the Southern game fixed him firmly in the estimation of the college. Before going to Stanford, he played second base, but I cannot say yet just where he will play. Then with A. Parrott, Murphy, Stockton, Litt, Zan, Banks, and Houston in the infield, none of whom have lost their eye, I do not see where anyone can beat them in the batting department or fielding. The same can be said of Wickersham, Cook, Chalmers, Hartman, R. Parrott and Oliver in the outfield, and another peculiar thing is that all our pitchers, Moore, Martin, Pink and Whitehouse are all good hitters. Aside from the men mentioned there is any amount of good material for a first team in the club league, and that is going to be the difficulty in choosing our first team. There are too many good candidates.

The boys are all getting down to hard practice now, and the first league game has been played. Of course, the big thing about it is the games at the Fair. In addition to those, however, we will have games with all the colleges and clubs in this section, including Stanford and Berkeley. A satisfactory arrangement can be made.

The game with the team from Japan has not yet been arranged, but from what we have heard we think there will be no trouble in getting them to come north during the Fair, after their game with Stanford.

In all probability a game will be played with Seattle on the home grounds on the fourth of July. Following that a trip will be made by the M. A. C. taking in Seattle, Victoria, Spokane and possibly Everett.

Prospects for a successful baseball season are more than good, and the M. A. C. is sure to end the season a winner.

### HERE'S HOPING HE'S AS BIG AS HE LOOKS

A Fan's Toast to Each Giant—

"May His Batting

Average Wax Fat and His Fielding

Percentage Never Grow Less"



### TO ROOT FOR TEAM

Business Men Will Ride in the Opening Day Parade.

By Tom Richardson

Commercial Club Is Preparing to Welcome McCredie's Giants Next Wednesday and to Assure Them Cordial Support.

### CALLS "LARRY" GREATEST EVER

Clark Griffith Extols Playing of New Manager of Cleveland.

Clark Griffith, in one of his daily talks at American League headquarters in the Flatiron building, said the other day that in his opinion Lajoie is the greatest batsman that ever walked to the plate, says the New York Sun. "He can hit any kind of a ball," said Griffith. "It makes no difference where you pitch it. Lajoie can fairly break it. I have seen him reach outside the plate and knock a ball delivered purposely wide, out of the lot. The only pitcher in the country who has him guessing all the time is Jack Powell, and Jack lets them go straight over the plate with all the speed at his command."

"Chester had Larry fooled with the spitball, but the big fellow will probably get the hang of that this year. Lajoie is a natural ballplayer. He knows the game in all its phases, and as manager of the Cleveland I think he will be a pronounced success. Ever since he first came into the big leagues he has played ball under managers who could not tell him a thing about the game that he did not know, but with the responsibility shifted to his own shoulders Lajoie will be of greater service to the Cleveland than ever."

### Motor-Boat Is Christened.

PARIS, April 15.—Mme. Camille Du Gast's racing motor-boat, Turquoise, was solemnly christened in the Seine by Canon Dumont this week. The priest, who wore ceremonial vestments, delivered an address on behalf of M. Le Nordet, late Bishop of Blois, who was prevented from being present, in which, after congratulating Mme. Du Gast, he spoke of recent scientific developments in motor navigation. He then named and blessed the Turquoise. Mme. Du Gast, in return, and accompanied by a large number of guests, appeared on the boat, and then the crowd will take ten large automobiles that have been engaged for the occasion and parade through the streets, headed by a band and ended by the opposing team.

The parade will pass through the principal streets of the city, and Tom Richardson's rosters will make the afternoon hideous with their yells of encouragement, while the regulation fans trot along in the wake of the procession and give thanks for this great interest manifested.

When the Vaughn-street baseball grounds are reached, President H. M.

### GIANTS COME HOME

McCredie's Men Will Play in Portland This Week.

By Will G. MacRae.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Staff Correspondence.)—On Tuesday the Portland fans will have a chance to see the ball team that Manager McCredie has gathered together. It goes without saying that the fans must be well pleased with the crew that he has mustered. They are a set of big fellows and in spite of what has been said about them they are well behaved. It has been Portland's luck to have had to fight, and fight hard, for every game won. Not a game since the season opened has been an easy one, and such old stagers as Virgil Garvin, McCredie and Van Buren have made up their minds that things ought to begin breaking easy for us pretty soon.

### HARD FIGHT FOR EVERY GAME

Oakland Proves a Worthy Competitor

—Players Work Well as a Team

—Chill San Francisco Wind Cripples Pitchers.

### Portland Fans Will See Strong Team

When Giants Play at Jabez White Shows Up Well in Training.