

CURRENT GOSSIP IN THE FIELD OF ATHLETICS

San Francisco Fight Promoters Quarreling Over Ring Sports— Western Bowlers to Secede From National Association

WESTERN BOWLERS TO SECEDE

Association Independent of the East Will Be Formed at Spokane.

PORTLAND SENDS A TEAM

Plan Is to Hold Annual Tournament and to Arrange Telegraphic Contests—Standing in the Tenpin League.

While the bowling tournament to be held in Spokane from April 24 to 27 is necessarily intended to end and will prove to be a contest in which the relative merits of the Pacific Coast city teams and individual players will be displayed, there is a deeper significance to the proposed meeting. Aside from the matter of developing winning bowlers, the tournament will in all probability and from every indication mean a secession from the present National Association and the establishment of a Western bowling association, which will take in all cities and teams west of the Missouri.

For some time past the Western bowlers, while loyal to the National Association, have felt that they have not altogether got the "square deal" so strenuously advocated by President Roosevelt. As it stands at present, New York practically dominates the National Association, and year after year the National tournament is fixed at such cities in the East, without any consideration for the West, as practically prohibits the appearance of the far Western players. As, for example, it cost San Francisco and Seattle together over \$1000 to send a team to the last tournament in Milwaukee, Wis. For one or two years this would be all right, but when it comes to digging up that amount of money every year without any prospect of a meeting ever being held on the Coast, the West has begun to get the "ired feeling."

There are several other matters that enter into the movement for secession. The East apparently thinks herself big enough and clever enough to dictate to the West just what should be done. The East has decreed that a "Round natural" ball shall be used, and that the gutters of the regulation alleys shall be square. The West thinks that a ball at the option of the user shall be either natural or loaded, and that it should weigh from 15 to 16½ pounds. In this particular the matter of round gutter cuts quite a big figure, since by its construction a pin knocked down may fall into the gutter and by its twist come on to the alley again and knock over other pins, which would be impossible on the square gutters.

It is not so much on account of these details, however, that the West is breaking away from the East, but the secession is due purely to the lack of recognition of the West in big everything; it is a land of vastness, but this small and clever East has not yet seemed to realize. The bowling situation, but a repetition of that found in the field of recreation. On the track the Northwest has put out men who established records, and later went East to develop into the "fines" for college and athletic associations. The past year's Olympic record at Seattle was more than ever relying on the West to furnish its winners, but it has so far failed to recognize the birthplace of such. It was for this reason that the North Pacific association was formed as a break-away from the American Athletic Union, and now the bowlers have had to do the same thing.

The sentiment on the Coast against the American Bowling Congress is very strong, and practically every city in the West has signified its willingness of entering a Western Bowling Association. A. J. Jenkins, of Seattle, with associates from other cities and states, is the prime mover in the new organization, and is meeting with success. In fact, it is assumed that the new association will be formed and completed before the end of the week. A strong feature of an organization like the one proposed is that instead of one annual tournament two could be held, one at a common meeting point and one by wire. The recent telegraphic contest between five cities demonstrated fully the feasibility of such a contest, and it is possible that at Spokane, not only an annual contest between all Western cities will be arranged, but a tournament similar to the last arranged for every month. A great impetus is expected to be given to bowling on the Coast at the Spokane meeting, and with a total entry of about 300 bowlers it would seem that this anticipation will become a realization.

Portland will be well represented in Spokane. Capen, Ball, McMenomy, Keating and Kneese will work in the five-man team, with the addition of Taylor, who is a traveling man and, who will be in Spokane on the date of the meeting. Portland will also be represented out of the field in the triples, doubles and singles.

The following scores of the men going from here will give an idea of their rolling ability:

Man	Single	Three	Five
Ball	269	738	1190
McMenomy	291	761	1182
Keating	278	748	1079
Capen	288	759	1029
Keating	248	625	974

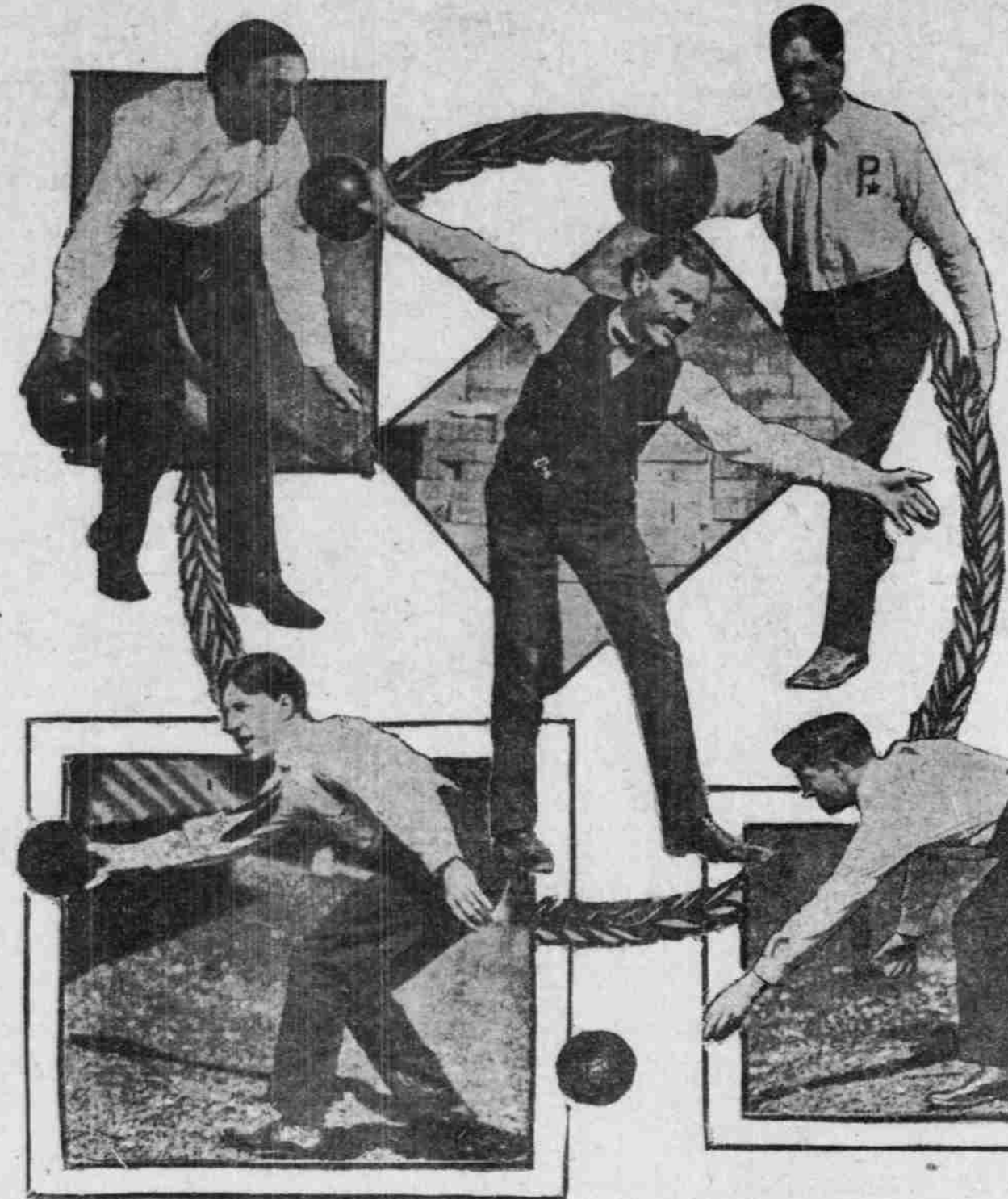
Of these it might be said that Keating, through a lack of practice, has not been able to come quite up to the standard of the other members of the team, but he can be depended upon to give a good account of himself.

In spite of the defeat in the telegraphic contest, the Portland men think that when it gets on the alley with the other teams in Spokane, they can more than make good, and each man left for the tournament yesterday in good shape and full of confidence.

Although the Portland Tenpin League has only one more week left in its series, and first and second place are settled now, the league finish is still an interesting one. The standing is:

Man	Won	Lost	P.C.
Gambrium	4	1	284
Barker	3	2	282
McIntyre	2	3	269
Gold Leaf	2	2	264
Pin Knights	2	2	249

In last week's game the Bankers defeated the All-Stars three straight on Monday night, and on Thursday night they secured a clinch on that position by working the Pin Knights for three games. On Wednesday night the Gold Leaf team proved to be easy for the champions, and the Gambrium tallied three games.



KEATING, CAPEN, McMENOMY, BALL, KNEESE.

BOWLERS WHO WILL REPRESENT PORTLAND AT SPOKANE TOURNAMENT

CHAT AT THE CLUB

Multnomah Men Expect Bottler to Win at Seattle.

SEATTLE HAS GOOD SPIRIT

Puget Sound Athletic Club Has Little Hope of Victory, but Will Not Abandon the Contest.

"The fact that Seattle has hemmed and hawed so much about Bottler shows that they have a fear of him, but they will have more than that when he shows his work in Seattle. They will have a feeling of surprise. Bottler today is one of the cleverest youngsters in amateur circles, and he can go into any club and meet any man without any fear of not making good. He is fast, shifty, has a long reach, can take a punch and give one with either hand. He has an all-round ability and is good both on offense and defense. He is fast and nimble on his feet, has a good height and is a rangy fighter. His only advantage at present is the fact that his business occupation keeps him in doors too much, but this will be overcome by the roadwork which he is now putting in. Bottler is a sure winner in Seattle. I don't care whom they put up against him." J. F. HENNING, Bozha's Instructor, M. A. A. C.

The return boxing and wrestling tournament with the Seattle Athletic Club is the main topic in the M. A. A. C. hallway just now, and many of the clubmen are preparing to go to Seattle on April 28 for the purpose of seeing the defeat of the Northern boys. The statement by Mr. Hennick is endorsed by all of the club members who think that in Bottler they have a certain winner, and the fact that Seattle regards him in the same light gives a good deal of advance satisfaction. The Seattle Club has throughout shown a decided opposition to the appearance of Bottler, and it was only when the M. A. A. C. put it squarely up to them that the Seattle men agreed to permit Bottler to enter. This must be said, however, that following the real amateur sporting spirit shown by the Multnomahs in offering to put Bottler in with a heavyweight disadvantage, the Seattle men immediately came back in the same spirit. Refusing to hold a contest under unequal weight conditions, they put in a man whom they admit does not stand much chance with Bottler. This spirit, however, has been the source of much gratification to the Multnomah men and served to strengthen the feeling that in the future with such a disposition shown on the part of both clubs there will be some rare amateur sport.

With two clubs of the strength of the Multnomah and Seattle there should be almost monthly events, and these tournaments now being held, especially with the feeling shown, should prove to be the forerunner of just what is wanted.

Multnomah feels that with Bottler as an opponent Seattle has but little chance to win in the boxing end of the tournament, but the feeling of exultation will be tempered with the thought that Seattle's apparent defeat will be due to the fact that they have no Bottler. Multnomah admires and applauds the true sportsmanlike spirit of Seattle

TO BOOM FOOTBALL

Portland Association Fosters Kicking Game.

CONTESTS ARE ARRANGED

Match Will Soon Be Played With Iiwaco, and Many Spirited Exhibitions Are Planned During Exposition.

Never was there a better chance along the Pacific Coast to boom association football—the game in which you must not touch the football with your hands, but use your feet, head and chest—than at present. The newly reorganized Portland association football club has given life to the game, and Secretary Dymont is an enthusiast who will not allow any grass to grow under his feet. He is now engaged in writing to the representatives of all the association football clubs in the Pacific Northwest, acquainting them with the feat of good things in store for football men during the approaching football tournament at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

True, no glittering money prizes are to be offered. These would undoubtedly help to pay the traveling expenses of teams journeying from other cities to Portland, but how about the honor and glory of the thing? Many of the football players will wish to visit the Exposition at their own expense, anyway, and carry off a few medals if they are among the lucky ones. The indications are that competing clubs will attack there are none better along the Pacific Coast than the two Kilpecks, Dean, McNeil, Jennings, Jago, Braden, Cameron, Gifford, Alec Smith and a few more. The association game draws big crowds in the East, and in Great Britain 50,000 people often sit and watch an international match. In France and Belgium, the game also draws crowds. Why not in Portland, at a gala time, when the city shall have lots of Eastern visitors?

The local football season will start here by a game between two Portland elevens about the middle of next month, and the chances are that Portland will face Iiwaco, at Iiwaco, Wash., about the end of May. Then the Portlands will get ready for the Exposition games, for they mean to try hard for first prize. They ought to win, for, as constituted at present, the Portland men number so many strong, athletic, experienced players who have won their spurs in other cities, that they have a thing.

The great object of the club at present is to connect all interests, and make the club an organization for all its members, young or old.

INCENTIVE TO GOOD PLAY.

How the St. Louis Browns Are Rewarded for Winning.

BILLS LOOK MUCH BIGGER.

Why "Rube" Waddell Returned Check and Left.

When the Pacific Coast was scrapping with the rest of balldom combined, "Rube" Waddell jumped the Eastern resisters to the land of the Golden Gate. After setting this league on fire one season with his great work, "Connie" Mack planned a special trip to the Coast where he had figured out how to yank the star "Rube" back to civilized warfare.

When the athletic mogul reached the Coast the San Francisco magazine heard of his arrival and sought "Rube" out, handing him a check for \$500 on his promise to remain. When Mack found this out, knowing the southern as he did, he hit upon a unique scheme.

"What have they given you to stay here?" he asked the twirler.

"Rube" presented his check.

"What's just that piece of paper?" said C. Mack, scornfully. "Well, here's what it'll do for you." And the Eastern magazine then counted out a hundred \$1 bills, stacking them in a pile four feet high.

"Rube's" eyes came near jumping from their sockets at this display of riches, and he lost no time in repudiating the insignificant check and shoving the bloated board of riches into his jeans.

The hundred \$1 bills looked better to him than one puny slip of paper, and he went back East, where he has since remained.

GUNSHOOT PLANNED

Western Washington Men Are Going to Centralia.

TWO DAYS' TOURNAMENT

Gun Club Association Issues Programme and Prize List for Contests to Be Held on May 6 and 7.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—The programme of the first monthly tournament of the Western Washington Gun Club Association, which is to be held in Centralia, May 6 and 7, has just been issued by the Centralia club. The meet will be held on the grounds of the Centralia Club, at the Western Washington Livestock and Agricultural Grounds. The shoot will occupy two days. A committee of three was appointed at the meeting Monday night to look after the grounds and to prepare entertainment for the visiting shotgun artists. The committee consists of Sid Reeves, Ad Bates and

CLEVELAND'S GREAT BALL-PLAYER.

Much interest attaches itself to what the Cleveland team will do this year. The greatest player in the world at the helm.

LEVI AGAINST COFFROTH

Determined Effort Is Made to Block White-Britt Mill and to Pit Young Corbett Against Hanlon.

These San Francisco fight promoters have at last thrown the fat into the fire. The determination to keep Jimmy Corbett out of the game has raised such a tempest that the Grand Jury suddenly awoke to the fact that the boxers who were fighting in the amateur battles in the Bay City were receiving money. This is really a funny awakening, for every man and boy in that graft-ridden city knew these boys were getting money for fighting. Yet the fact that the Supervisors and the Grand Jury began to sit up and take notice is due solely to the bickering and scrapping that has been going on among the various fight promoters.

In the past three years San Francisco has not seen a fight of any note without a row being kicked up by the fellow who did not get to make the match. These pinheads, men like Morris Levy and a few more of his kind, men who have had their share of the promoting pie, are to blame for the condition of the fighting game at San Francisco. Levy holds a political job and ever since he became stricken with the fight-promoting game he has used his position as a wedge to dig into giving fights and cause trouble for those who beat him to getting drafts from the Board of Supervisors.

Will Call Balk on Pitcher.

Under certain conditions the "split ball" will be a talk in the National League this year, President Pulliam has no objection to the "split ball" in itself, although he does not fancy its name—but he thinks there is such a thing as using it in a manner not entirely consistent with good taste.

Will Use the Split Ball.

The "split ball" will be used by a majority of the pitchers this season and there will be but few 300 batmen, says the Sporting News. Direct legislation against this style of delivery is practically out of the window, but restriction of the limits of the strike space will result in the abandonment of the most effective ball ever employed by a pitcher. The "split ball" will be used by a majority of the pitchers this season and there will be but few 300 batmen, says the Sporting News. Direct legislation against this style of delivery is practically out of the window, but restriction of the limits of the strike space will result in the abandonment of the most effective ball ever employed by a pitcher.

English Oars, Australian Stroke.

Typical English oars and an Australian stroke are being used by the Harvard crew. The English blades are an inch narrower and three inches longer than the old ones. They weigh half a pound more than the old ones, but the increased length assures a quicker recovery and catch. Captain Filley and Coach Wray are now spending their time setting the men in the boats and thoroughly sifting the qualifications of every candidate.

Castro a Disappointment.

Castro, who played in Portland last season, has been a big disappointment in Kansas City. He was tried at short and then in the outfield, but failed to make good in either place.

TEN BEST TENNIS PLAYERS FOR FIVE YEARS.

- 1904—W. A. Goss, C. D. Lewis, M. C. Cheal, F. H. C. Andrews, R. A. Lester, F. B. Gifford, L. B. Wickersham, Brandt Wickersham, R. L. Macleay, J. H. Lothrop.
- 1903—W. A. Goss, C. D. Lewis, Brandt Wickersham, L. B. Wickersham, Wells Gilbert, R. A. Lester, A. B. McAlpin, J. F. Ewing, H. H. Heaman, Jr., L. R. Prince.
- 1902—W. A. Bethel, W. A. Goss, C. D. Lewis, C. M. Cheal, Brandt Wickersham, J. F. Ewing, L. B. Wickersham, R. A. Lester, H. H. Heaman, Jr., A. B. McAlpin.
- 1901—W. A. Goss, W. A. Bethel, Brandt Wickersham, J. F. Ewing, M. C. Cheal, L. B. Wickersham, W. B. Rudy, F. B. Gifford, G. C. Pratt, L. R. Prince.
- 1900—W. A. Bethel, owe 15-1-4, W. A. Goss, owe 15-1-0, Brandt Wickersham, owe 1-0 of 15, J. F. Ewing, scratch, D. Bellinger, scratch, W. O. Rudy, scratch, A. B. McAlpin, scratch, J. H. Smith, scratch, Edw. Morse, receive 3-6 of 15, G. C. Durham, receive 2-6 of 15.

McKune Good at Second.

McKune, who flits in at second while Mohler is away, made a successful one-handed stab at a ball which brought the 5000 people to their feet the other day. He is playing the terrific cushion in grand style. His throwing to first is just about the right caper, also.