

LATEST NEWS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Multnomah Has Strong Opponent in Salem All-Stars Ships' Boat Crews Will Race Christmas Day.

HARRY MURPHY GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE FITZSIMMONS DEFEAT, MEGARGEL'S ENCOUNTER WITH A BLIZZARD, AND PICTURES SANTA CLAUS' CHRISTMAS PREDICAMENT



HARD TEAM TO BEAT

Christmas Football Game Will Be Speedy One.

ALL-STAR STRONG OUTFIT

Multnomah Team Will Have to Do Its Best to Win From Salem Men on the Gridiron Monday Afternoon.

Everything is in readiness for the big Christmas football game between the gladiators of the Multnomah Club and the strong aggregation of gridiron experts from Salem. The All-Stars of the capital city have been assembled together by Chauncey Bishop, the man who so successfully coached the Willamette University team which recently defeated the Multnomah eleven, and the prowess of this player is well known to the local enthusiasts, and as he is to play in the game against the local team, the chances for a local victory depend on some valiant work on the part of the clubmen.

The Salem team comprises the pick of the Willamette team, and the weak spots on that club, which were shown in the contest with the "Farmers," have been strengthened by the addition of seasoned players, causing renewed enthusiasm among the Salem rooters, who confidently expect their team to repeat the recent performance against the locals.

Multnomah Also Strengthened.

Multnomah has also been strengthened, for during the past week it has been reinforced by the coming of Roosevelt, the giant guard for the crack University of Idaho team, and a man who has been selected as a member of nearly all the star Northwestern teams picked by the various coaches and authorities this season. The new man arrived a few days ago and immediately joined the squad. The impression he made can best be judged by inquiry of those who have witnessed the recent practices of the club eleven, for according to them he is "the goods."

In addition to Roosevelt, the clubmen will have Plowden Stott at one of the end positions. Stott is the Portland boy who so successfully captained the champion Stanford eleven during the past season, and as he played his first game of football in this city, his worth is well known to the local admirers of the great college game.

Local Eleven Heavier.

In tomorrow's game the local eleven will have quite an advantage in weight, for it will average 187 pounds to the man against 173 for its opponents, but this is offset by the fact that the Salemites possess several speedy men, who are superior in a measure to the same players on the club team.

The brilliant playing of men like Bishop, Rader, Dolan and Philbrick is bound to make the Salemites' game interesting from start to finish, as well as to cause the locals to get in their best efforts in order to secure a victory.

The officials for the game have been chosen, and Frank J. Loneragan, of this city, will act as referee, while the duties of umpire will be taken care of by Dr. Olinger, of Salem.

The teams will lineup: Salem Stars. Position. Multnomah. Nelson (165).....C.....Overfield (157) Marber (175).....R. G. L.....Burr (180) Dolan (190).....R. T. L.....Sanders (172) Henkle (175).....R. E. L.....Jordan (149) Coleman (180).....L. E. R.....Short (175) Boyer (185).....L. T. R.....Pratt (192) Philbrick (180).....L. G. R.....Rosenvech (190) Beach (180).....L. Q.....Ruppert (160) Nace (165).....R. H. L.....Clark (152) Bishop (175).....L. H. R.....Horan (214) Rader (175).....L. F.....Vannoy (152) Average weight—Salem Stars, 173; Multnomah, 187. Officials—Referee, Loneragan; umpire, Dr. Olinger.

Tag of War Tournament. Another tag-of-war tournament is shortly to be started, and the members of the different teams to enter the competition

CREWS WILL RACE

Six British and Two French in the Contest.

FINNS WILL TAKE PART

Boats Manned by Hardy Sailors Will Race on the Willamette River on the Afternoon of Christmas Day.

Eight crews have so far entered for the international races which are to be held on the river Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Seaman's Mission. By this afternoon other crews not yet heard from will probably report to the managers and at least ten boats are expected to line up for the long pull from Oceanic dock to the steel bridge. So far only the French and British crews are represented but endeavor will be made to have other nationalities in on the game. Because of the fact that there are no American square-riggers in the harbor at present with signed crews it is doubtful if the Stars and Stripes will be represented unless men from the lumber gentlemen volunteer to organize for the occasion.

British Flag Predominates.

The British flag being predominant among shipping in the harbor at present, it appears likely that one of these crews will carry away the prize for the lifeboat race, but the French boys are working hard to wrest the honors from their neighbors across the channel. To make the event more interesting a crew from the only Finnish vessel in the harbor, the Isabel Brown, is being urged to participate. The Finlanders will make up their minds today whether or not to pull against the prevailing odds, six British crews and two French. The British crews entered so far are from the ships Clan Graham, Wray Castle, Blythwood, Milton burn, Saint Mungo and Falls of Dee, while the French crews entered are from the bark Emma Laurens and La Rochelle-Jaquelin.

Harvard Wins at Chess.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The fourteenth annual intercollegiate tournament between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton closed yesterday. Harvard was declared the winner with 92 games won and 25 lost. Yale was second with 57 wins, Columbia won 6, and Princeton only scored half a point, losing all but one game, which was a draw. Today Harvard won all four games against Princeton, Yale and Columbia each won one game, the others being drawn.

DIED BY STRANGULATION

Proof of Theory Furnished by Experiment With Tapley.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 23.—Dr. Carlton Simon, who witnessed the hanging yesterday of Edwin F. Tapley, Jr., declares the murderer gave the pre-arranged signals in proof that he was conscious nearly half a minute after the first signal was given. Dr. Simon said: "The actual test on the gallows was most successful. Tapley was absolutely in possession of his mental faculties. The hands and fingers of the dangling body moved with convulsive contraction. The hands fell rigid at the sides. Five seconds passed and then Tapley began the first signal, which was a draw. The left hand extended rigidly downward, raised the right slowly as far as the bonds permitted him and made three distinct contractions of the thumb and forefinger. Then, with clearly determined effort the dying man lowered his right hand, held it for an instant rigidly against his thigh and slowly raising the left hand, repeated the signal. "At the third contraction of the left hand there seemed barely strength in the dying fingers to carry out the garbed program. To any man of scientific knowledge, viewing this test with a full knowledge of all the governing conditions, the following conclusions are inevitable: Namely, that Tapley was alive and conscious to torture for nearly half a minute after the fall of the drop; that he was literally strangled to death in the name of the law."

Receiver for Akron Gas Works.

AKRON, O., Dec. 23.—The Akron Gas Company, one of John R. Walsh's properties, went into the hands of a receiver this afternoon, the petition being filed on a claim of \$200 for coal. The local manager, A. B. Hillock, was appointed receiver. The company is capitalized at \$400,000, which is also its bonded indebtedness.

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THE DAY'S HORSE RACES.

Bear Catcher Wins Match Race at Ascot in Fast Finish.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—T. G. Ferguson's great colt Bear Catcher won the six-furlong match race with Handarra and Crusader today in one of the fastest finishes ever seen at Ascot. The horses got away in an even start. The time was 1:14 flat, one-fourth of a second slower than the track record held by Crusader. Bear Catcher was the favorite in the betting, opening at 4 to 5 and closing 7 to 9. The race was for a special purse of \$200 offered by the Los Angeles Jockey Club. The remainder of the card was of the highest class. The fourth race, the Coronado selling stakes, with \$1500 money, was won by Varieties at odds of 12 to 1. Rubric, the favorite, was second, and Marshal Ney third. Varieties was run up to \$200. Weather clear; track fast. Results: Brooks course—Mi Reina won, Hood-wink second, The Borgian third; time, 2:04. One mile—Secret won, Sandstrom second, Salmada third; time, 1:32 1/2. Six furlongs—Big Ben won, Dono second, Valencio third; time, 1:17 1/2. The Coronado Beach selling stake, \$1200 added, mile and a sixteenth—Varieties won, Rubric second, Marshal Ney third; time, 1:46 1/2. Special \$200 added, six furlongs—Bear Catcher won, Handarra second, Crusader third; time, 1:13. Handicap, mile and 70 yards—Good Luck won, El Oros second; Mat Lowery third; time, 1:04 1/2. One mile—Cutter won, Judge Denton second, Sals third; time, 1:40.

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HIS RACING MOTOR

Barney Oldfield Having One Constructed.

EXPECTS TO ECLIPSE PAST

Believes With His New Devil Wagon He Can Outspeed Anything Along the Long Island Course.

Has Barney Oldfield lost his nerve?

Step into his room, look at the blueprint drawings which litter his tables, add up the columns of logarithmic figures scattered around, and you'll find the answer. Assisted by Tom Cooper, the old-time champion bicycle rider, Oldfield is constructing a racing motor machine, which is expected to eclipse anything for speed that ever made the dare-devil drive over the treacherous Long Island course. Oldfield's own idea contemplates a novel compensating differential, by which the outer and inner wheels can be so quickly regulated that the machine will take the curve without slipping. The idea, which has already been patented, is to have the wheels have to revolve faster than those on the inside. He is also working on a carburetor which will keep the gasoline flowing uniformly, regardless of the bumps and jares caused by rough places in the road. "What about this story of your losing your nerve?" "Oh, that's the meanest thing I ever heard of. To get you and the public right on that score," he said, "I will candidly say that I see no use in rinking my life in being a record I have already made. Whenever you see somebody beat the records I have established, you'll see me get up and dust. Now that's all there is to it. "I now hold every circular track record from one mile up to fifty. It is true Webb Jay made a mile record of 0:48 2/3 on a semi-circular course at Morris Park, but as his machine was not required to take the second turn the record was not allowed to stand by the racing board. My time for a mile is 3:33 flat. "I have made a study of running my machine around curves, and that is why I have won. That is where science as well as daring comes in. On straight-away courses I have been beaten frequently. Of course, you understand the machine has much to do with making records. On the tracks I use a 60-horse-power machine, but this is entirely too weak for straightaway going. This was in evidence during the races in which I took part on the beach in Florida. "I have been laid up in the hospitals a score of times. One day as I broke down and a machine crashed into me from behind (my accident being concealed by the clouds of dust) I began to think it over. Why couldn't I run slower and get just as much money? I had already established my records, and there was no use in breaking my neck for nothing. "That is why the report went out that I had lost my nerve. I am ready to go out any time and try to beat a fellow who breaks one of my records."

Receiver for Race Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—H. N. Curley Brown, organizer of the New Orleans Jockey Club, through whose efforts Edward Corrigan became interested in the American Turf Association, announced today that he would begin receivership proceedings against the City and Parish of New Orleans, which holds \$40,000 of the club's stock, part of which he proposed selling to the Bush and Condon combination.

Object to Mass Play.

Last, but by no means least, from those who think that the present rules are bad in parts, that the game should be more open, that there should be more kicking, and that more premium should be placed on skill and less on mere bulk. Nearly every body who has had anything to say regarding football is in this class, including most of the prominent persons mentioned above. "Mass play" has been a favorite topic for discussion among alleged gridiron wiseacres, most of whom have broken out into print in the public press. It must not be supposed for a second that all the football "dope" could be confined to the above eight classes. In the general mad rush for something to talk about into print in the public press, it is extremely doubtful if any other of definition cannot be drawn. Now what will be the result of all this agitation? Manifestly all the de-

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