NEWS AND GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Pacific Coast League Circuit Hinges on Seattle's Action. Fitzsimmons and His Wife Play Press Agent Dodge

NO LONGER A GAME

California Committee Says Football Is Spectacle.

GAME NEEDS REVISION

Unless Rules Are Changed University of California Authorities Will Favor Adoption of Rugby Style of Play.

After six weeks' deliberation, the faculty athletic committee of the University of California has submitted a very complete report of the existing conditions in the football world, together with several suggestions as to the improvement of the game. This report has been turned over to President Wheeler, who recently made it public.

The report is interesting because it deals with football from the side of faculty men who are strongly interested in the game and want to see it continue, providing it serves the purpose for which it was intended. The three members of the committee—Colonel George C. Edwards, Harry Beal Torrey and A. W. Whitney—have for many years taken an active interest in the game, and their suggestions are not made in a spirit of hostility or malice. They want to see the sport prosper.

The Status of Football.

The most important points that the committee has taken into consideration are the allegations that the annual football games have turned into "intercollegiate spectacles"; that but few students can participate in the sport; that it is not really dangerous to college players; and that conditions on the Pacific Coast and in California in particular are not nearly so bad as in other sections of the country. The report concludes with the resolution recommending that the annual California-Stanford game be no longer held under the present rules, and that the Rugby game be adopted if the present game is not changed to some extent. The committee also asked several well-known captains and coaches to assist in forming the final decisions. The committee's report says in part:

American college football provides a spectacle, it is not a game. It is not what we ordinarily term recreation or pastime. It is not physical culture. That there is a demand for some such spectacle is evidenced by the crowds that attend the so-called "big games." In California the numbers are from 12,000 to 16,000. The last Harvard-Yale contest was witnessed by 42,000. Those desiring to attend far exceed these numbers.

Game for the Few.

That college football as it exists is not a game is illustrated by the fact that in the first 12 years in which it has held sway on the Pacific Coast only 75 students of the University of California have taken part, or have been substitutes, in the "big games" with Stanford. It exists as an activity for the few, not the many. It exists solely as an intercollegiate spectacle. The "big game" and victory are its exclusive reasons for being. Remove it from the category of intercollegiate contests and it would die.

The scholarship record of football men who have taken part in contests with Stanford, from the beginning of such contests to the present time, shows that the football men have graduated the same per cent of their number as have the other 4000 men of the University.

Ex-participants, without exception so far as we know, want the contests to continue, but many of them wish some modification of the rules.

The most conspicuous charge at present is that football is intolerably rough. Newspapers have printed statistics to show that 19 persons have been killed and more than 130 have been seriously injured during the past year as a result of playing football. This record is alone sufficient—bald, inadequate, and unanalyzed as it stands—to unite the sedentary, the unathletic and the timorous with the many whose knowledge of the contest has been solely through hearsay, into a body of fierce opponents of such a sport.

When the record is analyzed, it is found that one of the victims was a girl, and almost every one of the others a member of a preparatory school or a scrub eleven. Strictly college football has claimed a very small number of victims the country over. When the record of the last ten years of football on the Pacific Coast is examined, it is at once apparent that the serious injuries received by players have been very few. Recent games have been almost without accident, though played with great spirit and determination. There is no doubt that football is rough. The facts seem to indicate further than it is intolerably rough for untrained men and unseasoned preparatory school boys and girls. They do not, however, warrant its withdrawal, on the same ground, from its place as a college contest.

Has Become a Vocation.

From being a pastime football has become a vocation followed as such for a short season each year by players and bleachers. The large sums obtained each year have made large expenses possible which the persons in the game are not called upon to stand. It has become a money-maker requiring an administrative staff. The management naturally looks at it as a spectacle. Grand-stands must be built and they must be filled. It must therefore insist upon the quality of the game, regardless of the number of men engaged or its claims merely as an athletic sport. Business takes precedence here. Commercialism enters. Men may be bought, or be proselytized. All the evils from which Eastern institutions have suffered, enter through the gate. Prospective spectators criticise coach and team, and make demands. And they have the right to be satisfied, for they support the game. We are forced to the admission that football 15 years ago, as free as air, is now bought and paid for by an outside public.

Professional Methods Infused.

The "win at any cost" spirit, now said to be prevalent in the Middle West, is a direct outcome of the application of professional methods in the domain of sport whose sole excuse for existence lies in the preservation of the amateur spirit. It is the "win at any cost" spirit which has disfigured the commercial life of the Nation. To allow it to invade the domain of college athletics is merely to permit the destruction of one of the greatest educative forces in college life. Good college sportsmen are bound to be better sportsmen in business life than men who are only interested in results.

Your committe does not believe in the employment of foreign coaches:

First—Because they work distinctly as professionals and cannot have the general welfare of the student body or of the university at heart.

Second—They are chiefly concerned with the result of the contest and are considered largely responsible for it. It is their victory or their defeat quite as much as that of the college.

Third—The college occupies the position of hiring an outsider to win the game, a thing which is distinctly unamateur.

The present agitation against football we believe to be due to the following:

First—The fact that under present conditions there is government without representation. That is repugnant to the American mind. A practically self-constituted and self-perpetuating committee of seven assumes to control these contests all over the country. Some of the members of this committee are distinctly professionals.

Evils of Large Receipts.

Second—There is the feeling that the large gate receipts offer an opportunity for the unfair manager to use unfair means in getting coaches and men who will themselves be unfair in order to bring the victory that they have been paid to help get. It would appear from some of the recent articles in public prints that this feeling is not altogether without foundation. However, no such charge is made against California, and we know that no such charge could truthfully be made.

Third—It has been said that the contest, as at present carried on, offers opportunity for slugging that cannot be seen by the officials. Certainly no such opportunity has been taken advantage of by any California contestant in years. Some people are altogether too ready to charge that what might have been done, was done.

Fourth—The contests are said to be brutal. They are rough, and sometimes accidents occur, but we submit that we have not in years seen any brutality on a football field. Brutality lies in the intent to do harm. Such intent does not exist in California contests.

Fifth—There is personal danger to those participating in the contests. But, no danger, no courage. It is said, and we believe it, that no one has ever been killed or been seriously injured in any of the "big games" of the country. The dangers of football are not so great as the dangers of mountain climbing. For example, in Switzerland the deaths from mountain climbing are from 200 to 300 per year. Nor are the dangers of football so great as the dangers of yachting, of swimming, of automobiling, or of roller-skating. The greatest likelihood of physical harm comes to boys of high school age. They have grown beyond their strength. They are apt to be less carefully trained, if trained at all, and they are inclined to be reckless.

Consumes Too Much Time.

Sixth—The preparation for the contests absorbs too much of the time and the energy of the participants and of the interested non-participants during the eight or ten weeks which precede the "big game." The committee feels that too much time is devoted to the preparation of a team. But there is something of value in it as a lesson in special preparation looking toward the attainment of a definite result. We believe that football tends to diminish loafing and loaferishness. Its influence is decidedly against any and all forms of dissipation and what is sometimes called "rough-housing."

Your committee believes in football. There are always two sides to a question, else there would be no question. Some such spectacular contest seems useful in such a community as ours. No satisfactory substitute has been proposed. We believe that modifications can be made that shall diminish the evils without destroying the virility of a contest in favor of which very much can be said. We are of the opinion that rules governing the spectacle may be so framed as to do away with the preponderance of mass play; to diminish the tendency to fake injury when rest and comfort is what is wanted; to diminish the opportunity for unfairness; to present a spectacle that shall not be tiresome; and to have simpler and better codified rules. We believe in a representative government, and in having alert and unbiased officials. And we believe in the encouragement of games which are not so strenuous and not so dangerous.

Some of the Modifications.

Some of the modifications that we would suggest as looking toward the desired end, if mere modifications are to be made, would be: Require that at least seven men of the offensive side shall be on the line of scrimmage. Diminish the time of each half to 20 minutes. Establish 15 minutes as the maximum aggregate time to be taken out for the benefit of either team. Return to the old bar cleats on the shoes. Designate an official who shall call the ball as "down," and not leave the decision to the carrier of the ball, who may desire to squirm a few inches farther and in so doing invite the men of the opposing team to fall on him to prevent his wriggling forward.

FUND FOR THE ATHLETES.

Northwest Asked to Subscribe to the Olympian Games.

A request has arrived from Caspar Whitney, chairman of the American committee of the Olympian games at Athens, Greece, through J. E. Sullivan, secretary of that committee, for funds to help defray the expenses of the All-Americans track team to be sent to Athens in April.

This request is made to the Pacific Northwest Association of the Amateur Athletic Union to appeal to the whole Northwest, which is desirous, as well as the other parts of the United States, of sending a winning team to represent America at the international games in Greece. The request is not only made to individuals who are interested in healthful athletics, but to schools, colleges and athletic institutions of the Pacific Northwest, to do all in their power to help make a winning team for America.

It is not only the athletes of the world who will be interested in these Athenian contests, but others as well, from all parts of the globe, who will go to witness these games of strength, endurance and science among the different nations. It is not alone a test of national athletic superiority, but an appeal to national pride as well, it being a true test of a nation's physical capabilities.

For any information desired or checks to be sent, address H. W. Kerrigan, secretary-treasurer of P. N. A., Portland, Or.

COTTON PRICES TO SOAR

Southern Planters Will Fix the Volume of Sales.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Southern Cotton Association adjourned its three-day session this afternoon after receiving reports from committees recommending certain policies for the planters to follow out in forcing the price of cotton by a concerted movement for reduced acreage and the diversification of crops. The warehouse committee recommended the building of fireproof warehouses in each of the 13 cotton-producing states to keep the staple off the market as long as the market remains below a certain point to be fixed by the association executive committee. The committee on resolutions reported in favor of the passage of the Overman bill now pending in Congress. It declared the absolute necessity of extending the American cotton market to the Orient, to care for overproduction. Congress was memorialized to make immediate appropriation for the deepening of the Mississippi River and the completion of the Southwest Pass.

WHAT THE FANS SAY

Pacific Coast League Is in Danger.

IT DEPENDS ON SEATTLE

If the Sound City Withdraws It Will Mean a Four-Club Circuit for Baseball Instead of a Six-Club.

The question of the circuit for the season of 1906 in the Pacific Coast League hinges on the action of the Seattle club. Whether they intend to stay with the league or to retire from active participation in baseball on the Coast is still in doubt, for the directors of the organization have not definitely announced their intentions, and the result of their deliberations will determine the number of clubs to comprise the circuit. Should Seattle discontinue allegiance with this league, a circuit of four clubs will compose the league, while if they decide to continue in the game, a six-club league will be in evidence, as during the past season, with the exception that another town will take the place of Tacoma.

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Manager McCredie is still on the hunt for a second baseman, and stated yesterday that he has great hopes of securing a man of National reputation. The drafting of Schlafley is only known to the local manager through the published bulletin of Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, for so far the Portland team has received no notification of the draft from the Washington club.

"I have not sold or released a single player," said Manager McCredie yesterday. "Nor do I intend to part with any of the regular players on my reserve list, unless I can secure a good bargain by a trade. In considering offers, there is only one man that I have thought of trading, and that is on account of a letter from a friend in St. Louis, who informs me that John McCloskey is desirous of securing McLean. If Mac wants the big fellow, he will have to give me a very good infielder in exchange, as well as another man, and unless he starts negotiations soon it will be too late, for I am negotiating for a young fellow from one of the other big league clubs at present, and if the deal goes through McLean will wear a Portland uniform next season. It is up to McCloskey to hurry."

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The retirement of Henry Harris probably means the demise of Mike Fisher's baseball career, for Harris was the principal backer of the "hot air" merchant of Tacoma and other places. Harris has sold his interests in the San Francisco franchise, or at least so he announces through the press of the Bay City, and Andrew J. Clunie, a close personal friend, is said to have purchased his interests. Clunie is a close friend of Jimmy Coffroth, and on that account it is rumored down South that the well-known fistic promoter will delve into baseball as the manager of the Seals next season, and also that Charlie Graham is to be brought back from the Boston Americans to take the captaincy of that club next season. This is merely speculation on the part of the Frisco dopesters, for nothing definite will be known of the San Francisco club's affairs until after the league meeting next week.

"Chawles" Shields, the fashion-plate twirler formerly of the Portland team, is strutting the streets of the City of Mexico, and during the hours he is not employed in pitching for the Winter league team at that place, ambles along the boulevards displaying the latest in dress adornments to the wondering gaze of the Dagoes. Shields and Big Eddy Hurlburt accepted an offer of play in Mexico during the Winter, and are now at the capital. Hurlburt has signed to catch for Charles Babb's Memphis team next season.

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Arthur Irwin, manager of the Altoona club of the Interstate League, says that he will have a crackajack team this coming season, and one that will be able to cope with the best in the country. He says he is going to raid the Boston teams and get Bill Dinneen, pitcher of the ex-Champs, and Jim Delehanty, of the Boston Nationals.

Irwin will visit Syracuse today, and says that he will get Dinneen's signature to a contract.

When questioned in regard to his alleged deal with Dinneen, Irwin said:

"Yes, I have practically closed the deal with Dinneen to join my team. When the club management is so foolish as to make wholesale cuts in salary after making close to $50,000 on the season, it is sure to cause trouble. President Taylor offered a contract to Dinneen calling for a cut of $1000.

"As soon as Dinneen received this contract he sent it back and said that he would rather quit the game than accept. I have made him a liberal offer and I know that he will accept. When he does I will be able to get several other players from the same team."

Besides Jim Delehanty, Irwin says that it is his purpose to sign all his brothers with the exception of Willie, who is too small. Frank, of New York Americans, Joe of Buffalo and Tommy of Pueblo will make a great drawing card, he thinks.

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Tom McCarthy, the veteran ballplayer and for the past two or three years coach of the Holy Cross nine, has been engaged to coach the Dartmouth baseball team next Spring.

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Captain M. S. O'Brien, of the Green aggregation of diamond tossers, closed the deal whereby McCarthy is to go to Hanover, March 15, and stay with the team until the close of the college season.

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Pitcher Doc Newton, who made a great reputation while with the Los Angeles team in 1904, and played with the New York Americans last season, is employed as shipping clerk in an express office in Indianapolis.

Ed Abbatiochio, Boston's shortstop in the National League, has appeared for the last time in professional baseball and will become a hotel manager in Boston. His father has started him in business on condition that he remains at home and gives up the roving life of the diamond.

Y. M. C. A. Plans Aquatic Night.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold an open aquatic night at the swimming pool of the Association on Tuesday evening, which, it is said, will be the first event of the kind held in this city. The programme will consist of various swimming contests, and will end with a water polo game between the senior team of the Association and the Multnomah Club seniors.

The programme follows: Twenty-yard dash, one length of tank; diving for distance; diving for objects; 60-yard dash, three lengths of tank; fancy diving; water polo.

The entries for the various events close tomorrow night, and as there are a liberal number already registered, some good sport seems assured

Won by Silverton Team.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The High School basket-ball team won from Woodburn High School last evening in a hotly-contested game, which resulted in a score of 15 to 14. Bonney was the star for Woodburn. This is the second game this year, Woodburn winning the first game.

Such As?

Charleston News and Courier.

Now that we begin to see how some of our best-known "self-made men" did it, possibly we will be a bit less chesty about them.

FITZ'S WILY DODGE

Plays the Deserted Husband for Advertisement.

BATTLE AT VANCOUVER

Warren Zurbrick and Young Mansfield Will Journey Across the River for a Little Mill Next Thursday.

Wily old Bob Fitzsimmons and his actress wife played to the galleries for a great deal more newspaper advertising than the merits of the case demanded during the past couple of weeks. Their dodge was one of the smoothest ever given by members of the thespian profession, for they worked the game to a queen's taste. Fitz, a beaten gladiator at the hands of Jack O'Brien, well knowing that his star had set in fistiana, played the broken-hearted, deserted husband in the Bay City, while his gay young wife, who has aspirations of stellar greatness on the festive boards, hurries by fast trains to the land of easy divorces with the widely spread avowed intention of becoming separated from her pugilist hubby. No sooner does she land at her objective point than she is joined by the "ruby one," and the "kiss-and-make-up" scene is enacted, to the great delight of the immediate friends of both parties, and the gullible public is led to believe that Fitz has won another victory. Immediately after the "reconciliation" the announcement is made that Julia May Gifford Fitzsimmons and her pugilistic spouse are to exhibit themselves to the public in a new play written especially for Mrs. Fitz. Such are the ways of the "has-been."

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Next Thursday evening the sports of the City of Portland, who are denied the pleasure of witnessing battles pugilistic at home on account of the vigilance of one T. Word and other pious gents, will have an opportunity of seeing a set-to between a couple of gladiators by journeying to the town of Vancouver, across the Columbia, where Messrs. Warren Zurbrick and Young Mansfield will go the route for a stipulated number of rounds. Tommy Tracey and Bud Smith, the promoters of the Vancouver Athletic Club, under whose auspices the event fistiana is scheduled, secured these two clever exponents of the manly art for their next attraction, and are firm in their belief that they will furnish a go that will prove worthy of the patrons of the game in this city. Zurbrick made an excellent impression among the local sports who witnessed him in the last exhibition over the river, for in his bout with Tracey the Buffalo lad demonstrated considerable ability and cleverness.

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A fighter that should be given some recognition from any of the men in the light heavy-weight class is Joe Jeannette, the light heavy-weight of New York, says an exchange. He has been doing a lot of boxing in the past 14 months, and has not a defeat on his record. Jeannette started by defeating Morris Harris. He then met "Black Bill," whom he knocked out. His next opponent was George Cole, who was knocked out in two rounds. Jim Jeffords was the next to suffer defeat. Jeannette's most noteworthy fight was with Jack Johnson in Philadelphia, and it was the general opinion that Jeannette had the better of the contest.

Sam Langford was stopped by Jeanette in eight rounds. The latter's manager thinks that his protege can beat any one in the light heavy-weight class, and is willing to back his opinion up with money. Jack O'Brien is the one Jeannette would like to get in the ring with. Negotiations are pending for a match with George Gardner, the Lowell boxer. They will likely meet before the Unity Athletic Club, of Lawrence, Mass.

"I watched Hoppe pass from the juvenile stage of his career to the young man stage," says Thomas Foley, of Chicago, in referring to the young cue expert, "without surprise.

"The first day he touched a cue in my old room I knew that a new Ives had entered the arena. Hoppe today is within ten per cent of the best players in all the world. He is steady, his style is admirable in every way and his cue work indicates a finished player.

"Like Ives more than any other player we have had in two decades, Hoppe meets every situation both as to bridging and the use of speed and touch, and having mastered the three cardinal virtues of billiards—drawing, spreading and position—he has improved so much in nursing, masse work and skillful driving in wide line plays that I regard him as the logical world's champion. It may be a year or two before he comes into his own, but it is inevitable.

"There is none in the list of veterans except Schaefer or Sutton, who is still playing the game so well that he can last very long against the lad's prowess. As to Vignaux, he's getting so old I do not expect to see him play Hoppe. It would be Winter and Summer, with the chances in favor of the latter."

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Now that Fitzsimmons has carried out his great advertising dodge, and become "reconciled" with "Julie," some ambitious theatrical manager would no doubt make a barrel of money by starring them in a play entitled "The Bleedin' 'Eart" or "Back to the Furnished Room and the Oil Stove."

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Tommy Ryan has flipflopped again and his match with Tommy Burns is a thing of the past.

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Marvin Hart and Tommy Ryan are showing this week at Butte, Mont., and are due in San Francisco in a few days.

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James Neil, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Athletic Club, petitioned the Supervisors recently to grant him the professional fight permit for the month of February.

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George ("Kid") Lavigne, the ex-lightweight champion, and one of the gamest little men who ever donned a glove, is anxious to return to the ring. He has been at his home in Saginaw, Mich., the past year and has been taking the best of care of himself. The Saginaw Athletic Club of Saginaw has offered a purse for the Kid to meet Jack O'Leary, the Chicago lightweight. Lavigne has accepted and will meet O'Leary at 130 pounds at 3 o'clock.

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Honey Mellody, whom Tommy Tracey endeavored to match for a go at Vancouver recently, has arrived in Boston and already has his lines out for a match. The matchmaker of the Douglass Athletic Club, of Boston, is trying to induce "Buddy" Ryan to meet the ex-minstrel in a 20-round contest the latter part of this month. In their last contest, Ryan won in the first round. Mellody said he had a great time on the Coast, but found it impossible to get a match. This was a fault of his manager, Jack Mooney, he having asked the local matchmakers for too big a guarantee.

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A New York dispatch has the following: It is strongly asserted in local fight circles that Jack O'Brien and Gus Ruhlin have been signed to fight a 20-round battle before the new Tuxedo A. C., near Philadelphia, March 1. William Rocap, matchmaker and referee of the club, says he has the signature of both fighters for the mill, which is to be at catch-weights.

O'Brien evidently thinks that he will have little trouble in defeating the "Akron Giant," as he has promised Rocap and O'Rourke that he will take on Marvin Hart soon after the Ruhlin bout.

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Fitzsimmons, with any kind of level-headed business management, should have been a rich man by this time. In 1893, when he knocked out Jim Hall at New Orleans, he received only an insignificant portion of the $40,000 purse and never made a determined effort to secure the balance. After beating Corbett at Carson City, Fitz turned over $27,000 to a supposed friend to have it invested, but he never got a penny of it back.

WE HAVE A PUGILISTIC POET

Not New, but Scarce—Listen to the Wail He Lets Go Off.

Chicago Record-Herald.

"It's dis way, pals," he feebly said,
When he was brought into the room
And gently laid upon the bed,
Where all was shadowed o'er with gloom.

"Dat feller was a dub, de worst
I ever seen, an easy thing.
I had 'im goin' from de first
'Till he gets in dat lucky swing.

"I seen it comin', but, thinks me,
I'll counter wid me right, an' den
Just step in close to him, you see,
An' jolt 'im wid me left agen.

"He'd never landed on me eye,
Fer, mind, I had 'im on de run,
Nor would he smashed me nose if I
Had ducked the way I always done.

"Me teeth, he butts out wid his head,
Fer I ain't lookin' out fer dat,
And den me foot slipped when I led
De time he busted in me slat.

"'Twas in dat seventh round I had
'Im goin', and was just about
Ter put de bloke plumb ter de bad,
When he gets in dat lucky clout."

RAINS STOP WORK ON MOLE

Southern Pacific Runs Hourly Trains on New Extension.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 13.—There were new developments of importance today in the struggle of the Western Pacific Railway for terminal facilities. The Southern Pacific Company today began an hourly passenger service over its new extension to Melrose, which crosses the proposed line of the Western Pacific. Heavy rains have stopped work on the Oakland Mole, and both sides are awaiting the result of the injunction hearing before Judge Morrow next Monday.

This afternoon the argument in the case of the American Dredging Company against the Southern Pacific Company to restrain the latter from using certain water-front property at Westerland was concluded. The Western Pacific Company was also represented at the hearing. Judge Waste will give his decision next Tuesday.

AVERAGES OF TEAMS

Seattle Leads All in the Batting Record.

TACOMA FIRST IN FIELDING

How the Individual Players in the Pacific Coast Baseball League Compare for the Season's Work.

The official averages of the Pacific Coast League for the season of 1905 have just been compiled by Secretary Anderson, and contain the records of each club for the season. In team batting the Seattle Club heads the league with an average of .238, while in that department the local team ranks third with .232 as its mark. The fielding figures give Tacoma the first position with an average for the season of .958 and Portland is fourth with .946.

The fielding and batting averages for the different teams are:

CLUB BATTING AVERAGES

	No. games.	At bat.	Runs.	Hits.	P. C.
Seattle	208	8051	881	1632	238
Los Angeles	218	7989	766	1672	236
Portland	207	8078	697	1548	232
San Francisco	220	7290	828	1660	228
Tacoma	219	7107	718	1604	226
Oakland	228	7337	687	1580	215

CLUB FIELDING AVERAGES.

	P. O.	Assists.	Errors.	P. C.
Tacoma	5815	2842	384	.958
Los Angeles	5831	2586	420	.953
San Francisco	6284	3066	473	.952
Portland	5482	2734	466	.946
Oakland	6144	3146	528	.945
Seattle	5525	2476	467	.945

Huney Spies, of Los Angeles, leads the regular catchers of the league with an average of .975. Charlie Baum, also of the champion Angels, is the leading pitcher in fielding, his average being .976, while Doc Moskiman is second with .973 and Cy Ferry, of Portland, third with .971.

Captain Dillon of the champions, takes precedence among the first basemen with an average of .985 for 214 games. Nordyke, of Tacoma, in 219 games fielded .983.

Casey, of Tacoma, leads the second sackers with .966.

Sheehan, of Tacoma, has first honors among the guardians of the difficult corner with .954.

Our own Jakey Atz has the palm among the shortstops having played in 204 games for an average of .928. Truck Eagan, of Tacoma, has the same average.

Van Buren, Walters and Spencer have the best averages in the respective outer gardens.

Nagle, of Los Angeles, heads the pitchers in percentage of victories, for Morley's phenom won eleven games and is not credited with a defeat.

Rube Vickers, of Seattle, and Elmer Califf, of Portland, are tie for second honors in this department.

The official batting averages show but few variations from those already published. Cliff Blankenship, of Seattle, heads the league with .311 and Bennett, his team-mate is second with .306. Brashear, of Los Angeles, has third honors with .303. McLean has the best average among the local players, having batted for .280 in 180 games.

KRUSE DEFEATS HAMILTON

Results in the Bowling Alleys Are Announced.

The ten-game match between Kruse and Hamilton yesterday afternoon was won by the former, who had 145 pins more than his opponent at the end of the tenth game. Several unfortunate splits in the early part of the contest cost Hamilton the game, for toward the end he was bowling in grand form. Kruse bowled a steady game, and averaged about the same score in each contest. Kruse has accepted a challenge issued by Ficken, another of the local cracks, and a match between these two will be rolled next Saturday. Kruse and Hamilton will bowl a return match on January 27.

Pollack and Ullman are scheduled to roll a ten-game match for a side bet of $25 this afternoon.

The regular games among the league teams during the past week were of considerable interest. The Jose Vila team made a record by establishing the high mark for any team in the league when they rolled 2745 for three games, and yet they were defeated by the Montavillas, who captured two of the three contests by virtue of their handicap of 75 pins. This team is composed of new bowlers, and their record against the veterans of the Vila team is encouraging to the younger set of bowlers.

McMenomy scored the highest average yet made for three consecutive games among the league bowlers by putting up an average of 218 2-3 per game. The scores in the Kruse-Hamilton match were:

Kruse—194, 175, 222, 214, 208, 159, 169, 193, 171, 213; total, 1918.

Kruse's average, 191 8-10.

Hamilton—202, 165, 148, 155, 157, 188, 186, 212, 178, 193; total, 1783.

Hamilton's average, 178 3-10.

Hunt Club's Closed Chase.

The Portland Hunt Club held a pleasant outing party yesterday in the shape of a closed paper chase. The day was ideal for riding and those who participated enjoyed the sport immensely. The start was at a point near the Thompson schoolhouse, and was over an eight-mile stretch selected by Miss Cronin and T. T. Strain, who acted as hares. President Downing, who recently returned from New York, regaled the riders with tales of how they did such things in Gotham, and while so doing lost the scent, and the riders were delayed until they again picked up the trail. Those who participated in the run were: Miss Anne Shogren, Mrs. P. H. Black, Mrs. F. G. Buffum, Mrs. F. O. Downing, Mrs. A. H. Norton, J. B. Alexander, W. M. Davis, Dr. Emmet Drake, F. O. Downing, H. H. Herdman, R. H. Jenkins, John Latta, E. M. Lazarus, H. Morton, J. C. Muehe, T. S. McRath, James Nicol, P. A. Patullo, A. H. Tanner, W. Walter and Frank Wilder.

Avalanche Buries Young Theologians

INNSBRUCK, Tyrol, Austria, Jan. 13.—Seven theological students out of a party of 12 were overwhelmed by an avalanche today while on an excursion in Hall Valley.

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CLEVER DOG TAUGHT MANY TRICKS

Plays the Part of a Waiter and Can Also Detect Counterfeit Money

GLENN is, perhaps without doubt, one of the greatest dogs in the country. He is owned by Harry Patrick, formerly of Portland, and now living at Eleventh avenue and Fulton street, San Francisco. Glenn is in no sense a trick dog. He has never been on the stage and never will be, but should Mr. Patrick ever need a "meal ticket" he would have one in this most remarkable dog, for he can do almost everything but talk.

Mr. Patrick has taught Glenn a great many of the tricks he performs, and the dog himself has picked up the rest. Mr. Patrick bought Glenn from a street mendicant during boom days at Cripple Creek. One day an old man toddled along the main street of the Colorado mining town with a basket on his arm. In the basket was a black puppy that looked at the passing people out of a pair of the most marvelous eyes that ever adorned a dog's head. The old man was "hard up," and he offered the puppy for sale for a dollar. Mr. Patrick has always been fond of animals, especially dogs, and he stopped to look at the puppy. The old man begged so hard what Mr. Patrick finally bought the dog. Glenn showed at the beginning he was a wonderful dog, but in spite of this a death sentence was pronounced upon him. Things broke badly for Patrick and his partners, and when they made up their mind to get out of Cripple Creek the question of what to do with Glenn came up. Money was scarce and rather than give the dog to some one that would mistreat him it was decided to kill the animal. This never happend because, at the last moment, Patrick's heart failed him. Glenn came to the Coast, and Patrick spent more money on the dog than he did on himself.

Mr. Patrick found that Glenn learned easily, and for his own amusement he taught him. The picture shows Glenn delivering a tray with glasses. Mr. Patrick uses a common tray. He will place six small glasses on the tray, place it in Glenn's mouth and tell him to carry it into the front room and deliver it. The dog, carefully balancing the tray and glasses, will walk into the room, get near the table and when Mr. Patrick says, "Glenn, deliver that water like a gentleman!" the dog will slowly raise himself on his hind legs and will place the tray on the table. The dog has a wonderful scent. Mr. Patrick will lock him up in a room and give anyone present a lemon or a bunch of keys, and allow the person to hide the article. One man sought to fool Glenn. A lime was used this time, and the man hid it under his hat. When Mr. Patrick let Glenn out of the room all he said was "Fetch!" and Glenn began to hunt. It took the dog about three minutes to locate the lime. When he did he jumped on the man and knocked his hat off with his nose. Glenn will drive a horse, and at the command of his master will put a guest out of the house. The dog will first take hold of the person indicated by Mr. Patrick and gently tug at his trousers. If the person does not move he gets rough.

Walter Reed saw the dog perform and Mr. Patrick, to prove to Mr. Reed that Glenn could understand all that was said to him, said: "Glenn, go with Mr. Reed."

HARRY PATRICK'S CLEVER DOG, GLENN.

Mr. Reed walked down the street with Glenn at his heels, and all attempts to drive him back were fruitless. He got on a passing car, and when he did Glenn got on the seat alongside of him. When Mr. Reed came back he tried to coax Glenn to follow him, but the dog paid no attention to him.

One of the funny tricks Glenn performs is to make "both ends meet." Mr. Patrick taught him this trick when times were hard, and it was a struggle to make both ends meet. Mr. Patrick will pet the dog and say, "Glenn, these are hard times, and it's hard to make both ends meet. Can you make both ends meet?" Glenn will chase his tail, and when he succeeds in catching it, he will stop and blink his eyes at his master.

The dog can also detect counterfeit money. He will pick up the good coin, but will not touch the bogus money. He also knows gold from silver.

Glenn was in Portland last Summer. T. J. Finche, manager for Leonard & Wells, frequently takes Glenn with him when he makes trips. While Mr. Finche was walking down Washington street with Glenn he was surprised to see the dog dash madly across the street and jump and bark joyously at a man whom Mr. Finche did not know. Mr. Finche saw that the stranger knew Glenn, and when he approached the stranger said he had not seen the dog in three years, but at one time they had been great friends. Glenn is also a splendid field dog, and will point a quail or retrieve a duck with the best cracks in the business. Mr. Patrick is associated in business with Billy Williams, in San Francisco, and between them they have a great deal of fun with Glenn.