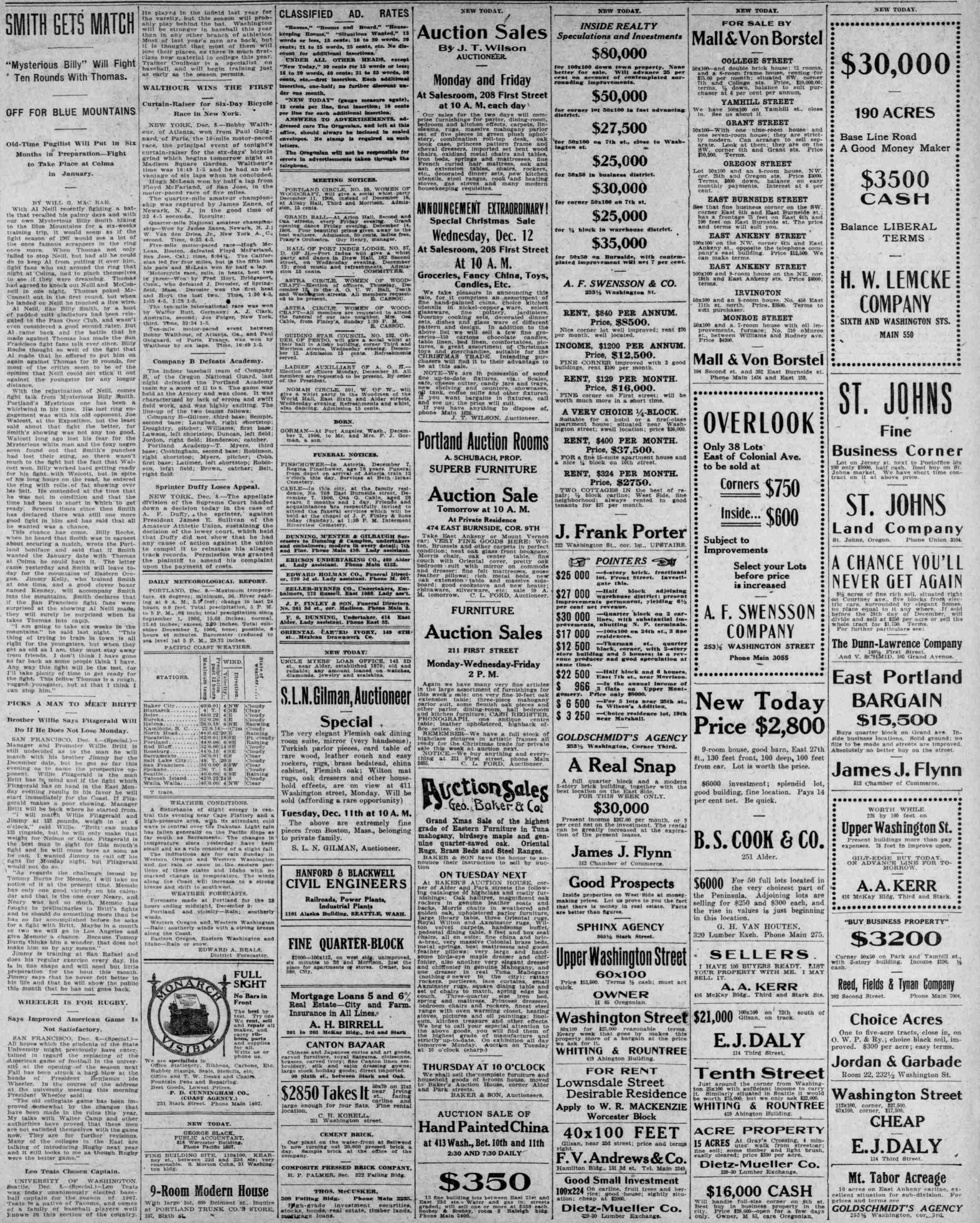
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fight talk from Mysterious Billy Smith. Portland's Mystrious one has been a whirlwind in his time. His last ring engagement was with his old opponent, Joe Walcott, at the Exposition, but the least said about that fight the better, for Smith's showing was not any too good. Walcott long ago lost his fear for the Mysterious white man and the foxy negro soon found out that Smith's punches had lost their sting, so there wasn't much to the fight but the fact that Walcott won. Billy worked hard getting ready for his fight with Wolcott, but in spite

of his long hours on the road, he entered the ring with rolls of fat showing over his belt. He contended at the time that he was not in condition and that the time had been to short in which to get ready. Several times since then Smith has declared there was still one more good fight in him and has said that all

in January.

e wanted was a chance. This chance has come. Billy Roche, hen he heard that Smith was in carnest about securing a match, wrote the Portland boniface and said that if Smith wanted the January date with Thomas at Colma he could have it. The letter came yesterday and Smith will leave to-day for the mountains of Eastern Oregon. Jimmy Kelly, who trained Smith at one time, and a good clever boxer named Kenney, will accompany Smith into the mountains. Smith declares that if the San Francisco fight fans were surprised at the showing Al Neill made. they will surely be surprised when he takes Thomas into camp.

"I am going to take six weeks in the nountains." he said last night. "This hing of trying to Irain in town is all right for the youngsters, but when they get as old as I am, they must stay away from friends. I don't think I have gone as far back as some people think I have. Any way this tight will be the test, for I'll take plenty of time to get ready for the fight. This fellow Thomas is a rough.

rugged youngster, but at that I think I can stop him."

PICKS A MAN TO MEET BRITT

Brother Willie Says Fitzgerald Will

Do If He Does Not Lose Monday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.-(Special.)--Manager and Promoter Willie Britt is still undecided as to the man he will match with his brother Jimmy for the December date but but but the match with his brother Jimmy for the December date, but he got so far this evening as to name the prospective op-ponent. Willie Fitzgerald is the man Britt has in mind and if the fight which Fitzgerald has on hand in the East Mon-day evening results in his favor he will start immediately for the Coast. If Fitz-manda wakas a new theories.

gerald makes a poor showing. Manager Britt will be back where he started from. "I will match Willie Fitzgerald and "I will match Willie Fitzgerald and Jimmy at 137 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock," said Willie. "Britt can make 133 ringside, but he will only make that weight for Nelson or Gans. Fitzgerald is the best man in sight for this month's fight and he will come here as soon as he can. I wanted Jimmy to call off his fight for Monday night, but Fitzgerald would not do so. ld not do so.

"As regards the challenge issued by Tommy Burns for Memsic. I will take no notice of it at the present time. Memsic has only one good victory on his calen-dar and that is the one over Neary, and Neary was not so much, Memsie has

make him so by any means." Jimmy is training at San Rafael and

does his regular exercise every day. He is in this shape and will need but little preparation for the bout this month. Jimmy says that he never feit better in his life and that he will show the public this month that he has not gone back.

WHEELER IS FOR RUGBY.

Says Improved American Game Is

Not Satisfactory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. &-(Special.)-Il hopes which the students of the State University might previously have enter-tained in regard the replacing of the American game of football in the university at the opening of the season next Fall has been struck a hard blow at the hands of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler. In the course of the address

Wheeler. In the course of the address at the university meeting this morning President Wheeler said: "The old collegiate game has been im-proved domewhat by the changes that have been made in the rules this year. My talks with Walter Camp and other authorities have proved that these men are not satisfied themselves with the game now. They are for further revisions. Many of the colleges in the East are talking of introducing Rugby next year and it still looks to me as though Rugby were the better game."

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