SEASON ON TRACK PROMISES WELL

Oregon-Corvallis Meet Will Be Big Event of the Year.

FARMERS HOPE TO WIN

State University Has Lost Good Men, but Will Have Stronger Team Than Any Institution in Washington.

BY REFEREE.

Now that the football season is a thing of the past, those who are interested in outdoor sports are turning their attention toward baseball and track athletics. Preparations are already under way for an active season of the last named branch of sport here in the Northwest, and although some time will elapse before any of the meets are held, there is already considerable speculation as to their outcome.

For the past two years the Oregon team has been without a peer in the Northwest, and has won every meet by a comfortable margin of points. With such men as Kelly, Moores, McKinney, Hug and Zacharias, the Eugene aggregation has made a clean sweep and has shattered many records. Now that Hug and McKinney have been graduated and Kelly has gone to Michigan, there are many athletic critics who believe that Trainer Bill Hayward will meet his Waterloo, and that Oregon will not maintain the pace that she has been setting in track and field athletics.

Corvallis Students Are Hopeful.

Students of the Oregon Agricultural College who spent the holidays in this city believe that they will have an even break with their Eugene rivals this year, and that Oregon's expectations of championship honors are doomed to disappointment. The absence of Kelly, Hug and McKinney and the presence of several promising men at Corvallis, together with the recognized ability of Trainer Roy Heater, has stimulated enthusiasm among the Aggies, and has led them to believe that a victorious season awaits them.

In the last dual meet between the two big state schools, the university won out by a score of 77 to 45. With the exception of Swann, the clever pole-vaulter, all the members of last season's team at the Agricultural College will be on hand. Conspicuous among the new men is Lounsberry, a former Willamette star, who holds the state record for the high jump. Lounsberry is also a good man in the weight events, as is Jamison, the all-Northwest tackle. Among the sure point-winners left from the team of last season are DeVolt and Cross, the milers; Greenhaw, the fast middle-distance man, and Wolff, the weight-thrower. Granting that Trainer Heater is able to develop a good supply of new material, there is every reason to believe that Corvallis will be a big factor in the championship race.

Oregon Has Good Men.

Despite the loss of a number of her best men, Oregon appears to have prospects for a formidable team. In Moores and Huston the university has two sprinters who are the peers of any men in the Northwest today. In all of Kelly's races of the past two years, Moores has been a good second and in most of the meets of last season Huston was a point winner in the sprints. Moores and Huston are both fast men in the 220-yard hurdle race, Moores holding the Northwest record for that event. Kuykendall, captain of the Oregon team, has a record of 16 seconds in the 120-yard hurdle and has cleared 21 feet in the broad jump. He is also a good man in the high jump.

Reed, the man who won the 440-yard dash from Edmunson, of Idaho, in the triangular meet at Seattle last Spring, is in good condition this year and ought to win many points for Oregon. Among the long-distance men who won points for Oregon last season and who are still in college are Dodson, Wood and Platts. The return of Harry Lowell, the freshman who put up a game fight against De Volt in the mile run at the Salem meet in 1906, is again at Oregon, and Mays and Breeding, two Portland freshmen, are counted on as his running mates in the long-distance events.

In the weight events Oregon still has Zacharias, holder of the Northwest record for the hammer throw, and point-winner in the remaining weight events. Moullen will no doubt be heard from in the weights, but it is said that he has become too heavy for the pole vault and that he will no longer appear in that event. Oregon will miss Kelly in the broad jump, as well as in the sprints, and the absence of Hug and McKinney will materially weaken the team.

Teams to Meet in Eugene.

This year's dual meet between Oregon and O. A. C. will be held in Eugene and will be the foremost event of the season in the Northwest. The triangular meet at Seattle will be a farce as usual, for neither Idaho nor Washington will be able to give Oregon much of a battle. Pullman seems to have better prospects than either Idaho or Whitman, although the last named institution has a number of clever men.

What the Northwest should have every year is an intercollegiate meet between teams representing the Big Six—Idaho, Oregon, Corvallis, Pullman, Whitman and Washington. The winning of such a meet would carry with it the undisputed championship of the states in this section of the country. Such a meet could alternate between Portland, Seattle and Spokane, and in time it would become the big athletic event of the Pacific Coast.

HOLTMAN TALKS ON STARTING

Racehorse Official Tells of the Points Necessary to Success.

New York Mail.

"The starter's task may not be a pleasant one," "Jake" Holtman said to a reporter the other day. "However, I am satisfied with it. I knew what I was going up against when I began to start horses.

"For a long time I was assistant to Chris Fitzgerald, and I got on to all the angles of the game and knew what I was going up against.

"Any one can be a starter of horses—well, I don't say every one, but a great many people—who can keep a level head and make up his mind that he is going to do a thing. The main thing in starting horses is a quick eye and a bit of patience.

"You must never lose your nerve, nor must you be too lenient. One of the essentials in the makeup of a successful starter is to have absolute control of the situation at all times. You must have executive ability in so far as it applies to keeping the jockeys within bounds.

"The jockeys are all anxious to win, and they will try to beat the barrier at every opportunity. But once you convince them that you are a supreme power at the start they will learn to obey your command.

"I was starting a long time before I ever fined or set down a boy. I won't do it now until I have to, and you can rest assured that no jockey was ever set down or fined by me that didn't deserve the punishment.

"Out in the West you don't have any wide tracks the same as they have in New York and where there is plenty of room for every boy or horse. On the narrow tracks out West the fields are usually large and the boys are often crowded back. And you know one jockey is not going to get out of the way of another, so the boys have to use their wits, and are taught to take care of themselves in a crowd.

"When they come East on the wide tracks they are fully schooled and usually make good right away. I think this is borne out by the fact that all of your successful jockeys are developed on the small tracks in the West."

When Evers Made His Debut.

Johnny Evers, the Cubs' second base wonder, broke into baseball at Troy, N. Y., where he had established a reputation as a crack amateur. The sickness of Troy's second-sacker gave Johnny a chance to break in, and, dressed in a suit built for a 200-pounder, he seared the grass around second just as he has been doing for Chicago.

After the game Evers was told to report the next day and he did so. At the conclusion of the practice a friend outside told Johnny his kid brother was outside without the necessary two-bits for admission.

The young player approached the manager with a request that the boy be admitted. "We play for money here, and the lad will have to cough up the price," replied the magnate. "But," he added, "I don't suppose you have any change in your uniform, so I'll lend you the price."

Supposing it to be a joke, Evers took the quarter and paid his brother's way into the park. That it was stern reality, however, he knew on pay day, when he was docked 25 cents by the club.

SPORTING FANCIES OF THE NEW YEAR

GOTCH IS ANXIOUS

Says He Is Going to Europe to Meet Wrestlers.

MAY MEET HIS EQUAL

Champion of America May Catch Tartar if He Succeeds in Making Match With Zbysco, the Giant.

Frank Gotch, champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of America, has announced his intention of going to Europe next March to tackle the grapplers of the Old World, with particular reference to George Hackenschmidt. After beating the Russian Lion, Gotch will be ready to take on all comers.

There are those well posted in the mat game who doubt the Iowa man's ability to defeat either one of the three men now before the public on the other side of the water. Charles Delivuk, who is now in this country, has met Gotch in handicap matches. Delivuk has been on the mat with Hackenschmidt and Zbysco, the man who has chased the Russian Lion all over Europe without being able to get a match.

"I would willingly go on with Gotch or Hack," says Delivuk, "but with Zbysco—never again for all the money on earth. That man is terrible. Gotch would not have the slightest chance with him at any style, and still I think Gotch one of the best men in the world.

"Zbysco, the mighty one, is a bigger man than Hack in every respect, physically, weighing 260 pounds, while he is said to be a wonder on the mat at his own style, which, like that of the Lion, is Graeco-Roman. Zbysco has a chest that measures 50 inches, his waist is a little over 42, his neck 23½, thigh 29½, calf, 19 inches, and his biceps have been pronounced the largest in the sporting world. No standard size of shirt or collar will fit him. The new champion is a total abstainer and a non-smoker. He has a brother 15 years old who is already his equal in physique.

"Zbysco has met all comers in England during the past few years, and has never met a man who could begin to make a showing against him. He came to London with a great reputation, having won the international tournament at Paris two years ago, with which goes the title of champion of the world, and having simply toyed with Madrali, the Turk, a victory over whom gave Hack his first reputation. This remarkable wrestler has chased Hackenschmidt all over Europe, but has been unable to induce the Russian to enter a ring with him. Every pound of his 260 is said to be solid muscle, while in speed there are few who can excel him, one of these few being Poudubbny, the latest aspirant to the title.

"Poudubbny is the real champion of Europe, having won the international tournament last year. After this victory he chased Hack, even as had Zbysco, meeting the same poor success. Poudubbny compares favorably with Zbysco, being about 240 pounds in weight and built proportionately."

As for Hackenschmidt, Delivuk thinks the Russian Lion could toy with Gotch despite the fact that he would be obliged to meet him at his own game. Hack is too big and strong to be thrown by any ordinary leg hold, while he is so fast that it is doubtful whether Gotch could get behind him as they came to the mat.

No Case Against Paddock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Henry L. Paddock, United States Consul to Amoy, China, was wholly exonerated yesterday in the police court of the charge of felonious embezzlement of $2000, preferred against him December 5 by Mrs. Jane Blake, widow of a prominent physician of this city who died about four years ago. The dismissal of the charge was made at the request of special Prosecuting Attorney Davis, who said in open court that a very grave and unfortunate mistake had been made in filing the criminal charge.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth

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TERRITORY IS DIVIDED

WASHINGTON AND PULLMAN REACH AN AGREEMENT.

West of Cascades Washington Will Regulate Interscholastic Athletes. Pullman Takes Territory East.

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—At the conference between Dean A. R. Priest, chairman of the University of Washington interscholastic committee, and Professor Charles Timblin, chairman of the Washington State College interscholastic committee, in Seattle last week, arrangements were completed which will make the interscholastic track and field meets of the future assume an entirely different plane than has heretofore been the case. For the past three years there has been considerable competition between the two largest institutions of the state in the matter of these meets, and last year the Washington State management drew heavily from the West Side High Schools in the number of contestants that participated. The University of Washington also included many of the High Schools of the East Side in their contests. With a view of arriving at some definite plan regarding the secondary schools of the state, the two representatives of the leading state institutions met and mutually agreed upon many points which will materially affect future meets.

In speaking of this, Professor Timblin said: "The Cascade Mountains was decided upon as the dividing line in determining our respective territory; the university takes all the high schools west of the summit, Washington State takes all east of the summit. By this division each institution can work independently of the other and accomplish the desired result, namely, inspire athletic ambition among high school students. By this plan it becomes necessary for any high school in the territory alloted to the University to send its representatives to the University's track meet, and it cannot compete in the one held at the Washington State College. Similarly, the rule applies to the schools in the territory east of the Cascades; if they wish to take part in an interscholastic meet they will have to send their men to Pullman.

"By arranging the meets in this manner the object for which the interscholastics are held will have been attained. And along the same line, it was further agreed that the winner of the Washington State College meet would hold a dual meet with the winner of the banner at the University, the place of this dual meet alternating between the West and East Sides. This year it will be held in Seattle, and next year on the athletic grounds of the Washington State College. The time for this event will come very shortly after the main meets have been pulled off. Both interscholastic contests will be held at the same time of the month, May 8 and 9. Each institution will pay the expenses of five men, no more. The medals, cups, and banners of the two colleges will be of the same design, the only difference being in the lettering.

"To further promote the good work the University will send a man to Pullman to assist in the work here, and likewise, we will send a man to Seattle as an official. This will give each institution a chance to see how the other works and will be an aid in facilitating future contests. The rules governing the contests will be drawn up later, but they will be uniform in every particular."

For the first time the two leading educational institutions of the State of Washington have come together to assist each other in promoting athletics in the high schools. The division of the state leaves each to assume its share of work, and the competitive nature of previous interscholastic contests will be eliminated.

Vail Will Coach Georgetown.

It has been generally understood that the University of Georgetown has been contemplating a change of rowing coaches, and it has recently developed that the desired instructor in aquatics is Harry Vail, who has been in charge of one of the Harvard boat club crews. Vail will in all probability replace graduate Coach Murray A. Russell. The reversion of Georgetown to professional coaching follows the recent revival of interest shown by the undergraduate body in aquatic sports.

After filling the position of postman for 40 years, Joseph Hunt, of Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire, has retired from the service, having traveled 239,686 miles in the course of his duties.

WANT TO BE SKY-PILOTS

FOUR CHICAGO MEN TO PLACE ORDERS FOR AIRSHIPS.

Members of the Aeronautique Club Go in for Atmospheric Navigation.

Four members of the Chicago Aeronautique Club have given orders for big balloons, says the Record-Herald. The club itself ordered two sky vehicles two weeks ago, and as soon as the new craft are delivered the local organization's fleet will compare favorably with any in the country.

Those enthusiasts who aspire to be sky pilots and have placed orders for the airships are Robert Tarrant, Secretary C. H. Perrigo, C. A. Coey and George R. Lawrence. As the ballooning fever has taken quite a hold on the members of the club, it would not be surprising if a few more cars were ordered for the coming season.

The arrival in Chicago next month of Lieutenant Lahm, of the War Department, is expected to give the balloon enthusiasm considerable impetus. Lieutenant Lahm won the first James Gordon Bennett race a year ago and is regarded as one of the leading authorities on balloon matters. He will be the guest of the Aeronautique Club.

Divergent views on the practicability of the balloon are shown in the ships ordered by the four members of the local club. Mr. Lawrence will have a balloon of very small size to contain about 30,000 cubic feet of gas. It will be constructed of the finest grade of Japanese silk by J. L. Case, of South Chicago. Mr. Perrigo's craft will contain more than three times as many cubic feet of gas and will be built along the lines of the Pommern, which won the last James Gordon Bennett race.

Carl E. Myers, of Frankfort, N. Y., will build the Coey and Tarrant balloons. They will have a capacity of about 80,000 cubic feet.

Mr. Perrigo's balloon will be ready for delivery March 1. Its trial flight will be made from Captain Anglemire's farm on the north shore and it is claimed by the captain, who will build the ship, that Lake Michigan will be crossed and recrossed with one filling of gas.

Entry blanks for the international contest to be held in Chicago July 4 will be off the press early this week and will be sent out at once. A great many foreign cars are expected to enter the local contest.

Rise of McGraw, New York Magnate

Leader of the Giants Started at Fifteen Dollars a Week; Now He Gets——?

"I DON'T know what has come over some of these minor league ballplayers," chirped Johnny McGraw the other day after reading a letter from one of the Giants' latest recruits. "Here I have word from a kid ballplayer, a pitcher from a remote league, and he demands a salary of $3000 a season, or there will be nothing doing. I mailed this chap a contract calling for $1200 and a promise of a raise if he comes up to expectations, but he wants more than some of the old-timers are getting. And, mind you, this fellow didn't play in 11 games last season.

"It is amusing how big these fellows get when a New York club offers them a job. It didn't use to be that way. When I first broke into the game I was a kid, just as this fellow who demands a big salary is now. I jumped out and played with an all-American team down around Florida, and was getting about $15 a week. We located in Gainesville, and Cleveland came down there for practice. There was Pat Tebeau, Ralph Johnson, Big Ed McKeon, Chip McGarr and the other big men of the Cleveland team.

"They were a bit raw then, having had only a few days' practice, while I was an chipper as a kid could be at my age. We played 'em one afternoon, with Vlau in the box, and I tell you this Vlau was a pitcher in those days. But, of course, he didn't have a seasoned arm, so he just lobbed 'em up to the plate. And maybe I didn't soak the horsehide. I got three doubles and a single that day, and it proved the start of my career.

"The papers were full of the great things I did, but no one was wise to the fact that the pitcher was only lobbing 'em up. After a few days I was receiving telegrams from all over the country. Some offered me $60 a month, and that looked like big money to me in those days. But I kept putting them off until the Cedar Rapids club wired me an offer of $125. I didn't even stop to take off my uniform, but ran all the way to the telegraph office to accept the offer. That was just 19 years ago.

"When I drifted to Baltimore I received only $1200, and was only getting $1500 when we won the first pennant. Then they boosted me to $2100, and finally to $2500. And, mind you, we were winning pennants in those days. Why, Kheeler never drew more than $2500 a year in Baltimore, and at that time he was the greatest ballplayer in the business—and to think of that kid writing me to send him a contract for $30!

"The year I managed the Baltimore club my stipend was $3500, and, let me tell you, Johnny McGraw wouldn't step out of the way for the President in those days.

"My first big pay was when I went to St. Louis. I had a contract calling for $3800 when I took Robinson to the Mound City, and it looked like a million dollars to me.

"These young fellows make a great mistake. They simply have exalted ideas when they get an offer from a big league club. We all had to start at the bottom of the ladder. And as soon as a young ball player makes good he gets what is coming to him. Take Matthewson, for instance. When he came to New York his contract called for only $1200, but he didn't have to play for this small amount long. Now he is the highest priced pitcher in the country, and he earns every dollar that he gets. Yes, I played ball for nearly eight years, that is, in the big leagues, before I passed the $3000 mark."

McGraw got talking about Tad Jones, who has been offered a berth by several league clubs.

"Jones will play right here in New York when he decides to become a professional. I have his promise, but I don't believe he ever will play for money. I think he is the greatest backstop ever developed at a college. But he'll come to New York and nowhere else if he decides on professional baseball."

Young McKinney, the six-footer whom Con Daly recommended to McGraw, looks like a good pitcher. He called on McGraw last evening and they talked salary. McKinney will sign a contract today.

"Con Daly, who in his day was one of the headiest catchers in the baseball game, tells me McKinney is a second Rusie," said McGraw after McKinney had departed, "and I will take anything Daly says seriously because he was a great judge of a pitcher. I will give the boy plenty of work down South, and the other youngsters will get lots of work, too. By the time I get back North with the crew I will know just what is good and what ain't."

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