

BEAVER TEAM TO TRAVEL TO TUCSON

McCredie Only Waiting for Cash Guarantee From Arizona Town.

SIGNS UP SOME GOOD ONES

Cooney, New Shortstop, Was Wanted by McGraw-Harmon and Lakoff Will Make Good-Gossip of the Baseball World.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Walter McCredie and his ballstoppers, who are expected to bring glory to Portland this season, are likely to do their Spring preparatory work at Tucson, Ariz. Negotiations to that effect are now being carried on, and if the hungry fans of the Arizona town are as anxious as they appeared to be, judging from the enthusiastic letters received recently, the Portland boys will have an opportunity of becoming "tanned up" some before they cross the border with San Francisco on the opening day of the season.

McCredie is waiting on the Arizona fans for a cash guarantee of a certain amount whereby he can detract the expenses of the trip and the slide to the desert to the Golden Gate. Mac figures that it will cost at least \$1,000 to carry his team from Tucson to San Francisco, and is holding out until the Arizona manager that this heavy expense will be forthcoming.

Baseball fans all over the country are wondering over the strange deal completed several weeks ago between the New York and Boston National League clubs. Five of the Giants' old men who have made their mark in baseball, were turned over to the Boston club in exchange for three players, only one of whom possesses a reputation in the major leagues. Dan McGraw, the initial scouter, Bill Dahler, for years a noted National League shortstop, Frank Bowerman, the catcher, George Brown, outfielder, and pitcher Ferguson of the New York Giants, were traded to Boston for Fred Tenney, first baseman, Bridwell, an infielder who is practicing out of his trances, and Tom Neesham, a catcher who has not yet acquired a reputation equal to that of Bowerman, the scrappy utility player of the great Boston Matthews.

The drafting of Phil Cooney, the clever shortstop of the Johnstown team in the Pennsylvania league, by Walter McCredie has brought to light the fact that McGraw had his eye on Cooney for his New York club. It seems the Portland manager stole a march on McGraw as well as several other Easterners in the hooking of Cooney for the Portland team. Cooney put in his draft during the period that the manager of the Giant was lying awake nights figuring on the Boston deal and when he came out of his trances Cooney belonged to Portland and the drafting season was at an end.

Robert G. Harmon, who is listed with the training squad of the Portland team, was born in Barton County, Mo., October 16, 1887. He spent part of his early youth with his parents at Chillicothe, Wash., and in 1897, returned to his native soil in the Missouri hills. His first regular engagements as a baseball player came in 1898 on the team of the Portland team, with which club he made a splendid showing. Last year he played with the Morenci and Clifton, Ariz. teams and with them he visited El Paso, Tex., and Albuquerque, N. M., and attracted considerable attention at those places. He is not only an strong pitcher, but is said to be able to play any of the infield or outfield positions and may prove a valuable utility man.

Indications are that Bill Eslick, the former Portland favorite, will be a member of D. E. Dugdale's outfit during the coming season. Eslick really belongs to St. Paul, but a little thing like that does not bother Dugdale, of Seattle, neither does it worry Lennon, of St. Paul. The two managers are "in cahoots," as far as the ownership of players is concerned. When Dug wants a player he notifies Lennon, and the required player is shipped to Seattle, and vice versa, although it can be safely stated that Lennon gets a shade the worst of the deal because he sends Dug a far greater number than the Seattle man hustles to the East. Eslick happens to be wintering in Seattle, and therefore it is more than probable that the St. Paul manager will save transportation fees by turning him over to Dug.

Tim Flood, who belonged to McCredie for an entire season, but owing to a difference of opinion with the manager, played elsewhere during that period, is again to play second base and captain for the St. Paul team in the American Association. Tim's many friends in Portland, made here while he was a member of the Los Angeles club, wish him a most successful season.

John J. Grim, manager of the Portland team last season, probably prevented a disastrous conflagration last Monday morning. He is employed by the United States Immigration Bureau as a deputy inspector, and in the pursuit of his duties was stationed at the Alaska dock where one of the China liners was berthed. On returning to the dock after lunch he discovered smoke issuing from a shed on the China liner's deck at that vicinity. He promptly turned in an alarm, and the firemen got the blaze under control before it could spread to the adjoining coal bins and coke repositories.

STATE SPRINTERS IN INDOOR MEETS

Both Dan Kelly and Forrest Smithson Enter Eastern Tournaments.

TO RUN TOMORROW NIGHT

Multnomah Will Go Ahead With Reconstruction of Athletic Field.

At the Jack Hill benefit Friday night the spectators were furnished with one of the best exhibitions of wrestling that has been their fortune to witness for some time.

THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE PORTLAND BASEBALL TEAM



A. J. WALSH



ROBERT G. HARMON



SHORTSTOP COONEY

John has announced his array of talent for the coming battle among the big fellows, and while he has not placed Joe Marshall's name among the collection, it is safe to predict that he will be snatched for the premier position in the league; at least, such will be the case if you read the order reversed. McCloskey cannot get rid of the idea of making major leaguers out of "Lucas" league talent.

Portland Boy Wins at Fencing.

The following letter, from the Army and Navy Journal, will be pleasant reading to the many friends of Cadet Robert Sears, son of the late Judge Sears, whose name appears in the communication:

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1907. The Adjutant, U. S. Military Academy (through the commandant of cadets) Sir: I have the honor to report that the fencing team representing the Military Academy at the Junior team competition, held under the auspices of the Amateur Fencers' League of America, at the home of the French branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, in New York, on December 21, won a signal victory. Nine teams representing Yale, Columbia, New York Athletic Club, Fencers' Club, Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, French Y. M. C. A., New York Yacht Yacht, Cornell Military Academy and the Army team participated.

In the first round our team, which was composed of Cadets Dickinson, Sneed and Sears, met and defeated the French Y. M. C. A. by a score of 5 to 0; in the second round we were paired with Columbia, from whom we won by a score of 5 to 0; and in the third round we fenced the Fencers' Club and won again by a score of 5 to 0; and in the final round we defeated Columbia by a score of 5 to 1. Our only defeat came after we had won 10 successive bouts. Our total score was 20 to 1, the best possible score that could be made by 3 to 0.

SLEEPS FOR EIGHT DAYS

Milan Woman Then Awakens in Perfect Health.

MILAN, Jan. 25.—(Special)—An extraordinary case of catalepsy is reported from Gallico, in Calabria. For several days a woman named Concetta Micsoco had not been seen outside her house. Fearing that some accident had happened to her, the neighbors called upon the carabinieri to break open the door, when the woman was found to be sleeping tranquilly. The neighbors tried in vain to arouse her, and doctors who were called in pronounced the case to be a serious one of catalepsy. Micsoco slept for eight days and awoke in perfect health. This strange event drew large crowds to Gallico, and the whole neighborhood is enthusiastically rejoicing and congratulating the woman on having been "restored to life."

to take place at New York, Boston and elsewhere in the next few weeks. Tomorrow night the Pastime Athletic Club will hold a sport carnival at Madison-Square Garden, and in competition with the crack Eastern athletes will be found the two clever sprinters from the Pacific Coast.

Kelly, who has been attending to his athletic training as well as his studies at the University of Michigan, is entering the big contests for the purpose of showing what he can do in the ring, and to redeem himself for his failure at Jamestown.

Smithson, who has made considerable headway for himself as a hurdler throughout the East, is to compete under the colors of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club at all the meets of this indoor series. At New York tomorrow he is to meet Harry Hillman, the premier hurdler on the Eastern Coast, and is confident of being able to demonstrate that he has a rightful claim to the championship.

Colt of Famous Blood.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Word has been received in New York of the birth of the first colt in America by Rockwood, the \$125,000 stallion, imported by August Belmont. The foal was born at Belmont's stud farm in Kentucky, its dam being Bayon d'Or, mare French. As the first son of the famous winner of the 2000 guineas, the Derby and the St. Leger stakes in England, in 1903, the foal will be viewed with interest, but to this it adds a strain of blood that has become prominent recently on the turf, Fetic being of the same origin, tracing in direct female line, as Colin, the champion of the turf last Summer, and winner of \$139,000 in purses.

Indoor Baseball Game.

A fast game of indoor baseball was played at the Army Thursday night between Company E, O. N. G., and the Goodyear Rubber Company's "Gold Seal" team, with a score of 13 to 4 in favor of the latter. The next game of the series will be played at the Army January 28, between Company J, and the "Gold Seal" team. Manager R. E. Borden, of the "Gold Seal" will be pleased to receive challenges for further contests.

Columbia-Annapolis Track Meet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Announcement of a dual track meet between Columbia University and Annapolis, to take place at Annapolis, May 23, has been made by the Columbia track manager. This will be the first meeting of the two institutions on the cinder path. Columbia also announces a track meet with Princeton here on May 16.

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Recently Joe failed miserably to make a showing against Jimmy Gardner, which evidenced his decline in the fighting game. There was a time when all men he met feared his terrific right, but it is now the prevailing belief that he could not dent a fresh parakee with that member. A few years ago Wolcott, while carefully handling a revolver, discharged a bullet through his right hand, and today he scarcely can double up that flat and is unable to strike a hard blow. He is forced to rely entirely on his left, and his opponents today snort, find it out and are not slow to take advantage of his affliction.

Tommy Burns' Coming Match.

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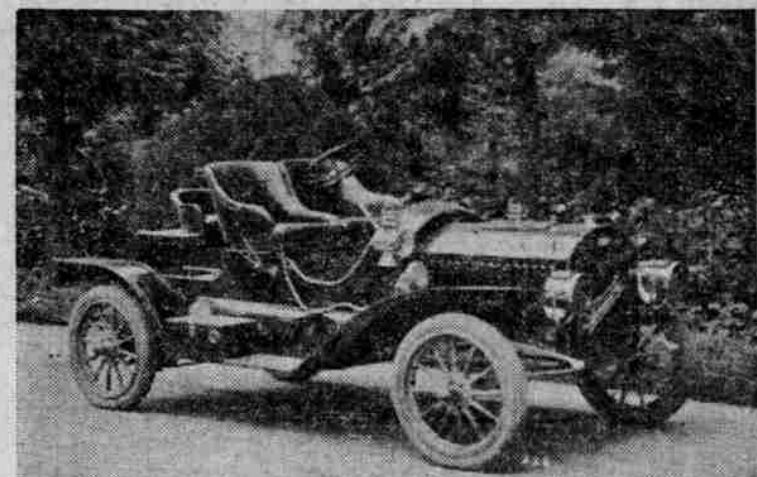
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