

THE CLUB LEADERS

Exciting Campaign Nearing Close Among Members of the M. A. A. C.

VOTE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Contest Between Regular and Athletic Factions—Edward E. Morgan Explains the Controversy Over Choice of Directors.

The annual election of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, which is to be held next Tuesday night, is occupying the undivided attention of practically the entire membership of that organization. The primary incentive for this unusual interest in the club election is the fact that the regular nominees, named recently by the nominating committee, are opposed by a rival ticket presented by what are known in club circles as the "athletes." The principal cause for the nomination of the second ticket is the fact that heretofore regular members of the organization have been denied the right to vote at regular elections.

The conservative element, which, by the way, means the men who have labored faithfully in the interest of the club and are largely responsible for its present success, is not fighting the "athletic" ticket to such an extent as might be thought. The conservatives are resting on their laurels; they are setting up no claims to superiority, nor are they asking anything but the loyal support of all who are impressed with the club's success in the past. They point with pride to what they have accomplished and entertain hopes of accomplishing even more in the future.

The claim of the athletes that a member who has devoted his time to athletics in the interest of the club, and who, by such services, has assisted the club financially, is entitled to due recognition is met with the argument that the success of the club under its present system has been such as to guarantee an equally successful future.

Proud of Its Record.

The record of the Multnomah Club during the past year is most creditable. Not only was the institution successful on field, track, gymnasium floor, tennis court and in all other branches, but it prospered financially as well. Its record is pointed to with pride by the directors and club officials, and justly so, for its showing is the best of all athletic organizations in the West.

The present board of directors is one of the best, most conservative and most evenly balanced executive bodies the club has ever had, and it is regretted that some of its members have refused renomination.

The tickets to be voted upon Tuesday night are:

Conservative—George W. Simons, Irving Rohr, J. F. Ewing, B. D. Sigler, Hal Rasch and Frank E. Watkins.

Athletic—Rev. J. Morrison, Martin Pratt, Dan Bellinger, B. D. Sigler, Hal Rasch and Frank E. Watkins.

Three of the men proposed by the nominating committee and later named on the conservative ticket are not members of the club, while three of the regular nominees were opposed because it is claimed they favored a social club basis as against the present football team. The contention of the athletes is that while a man is admitted to all the privileges of the club as a regular member, and as such pays but \$2 a year in dues and is exempt from an initiation fee on account of his services, he should be admitted to full membership and entitled to a vote, as are non-athletic members in good standing, who are required to pay an initiation fee of \$5 and \$2 a month in dues.

Rule Is Too Rigid.

The fact is that while the framers of the athletic platform have a just ground for their plea, insofar as the athletic services to the club are concerned, it seems hardly in accord with strict amateur rules to require a man to pay an initiation fee for an athlete to join the club. This is especially true when it is considered that the application blank required to be signed by every man before he can become a member of the club expressly states that he has been offered no inducement to join. The offer of the concession mentioned has been confined principally to members of different football teams, although there are instances where it has been extended to baseball players and track athletes.

The offer in itself is trivial and cannot be termed against amateur rules, for it is optional with any athletic club to regulate its dues and assessments, and on that account the club cannot be censured for taking advantage of this means to induce athletes to become enrolled; at least this is the stand taken by the athletes.

The following is contained in the petition for membership to the club, and to it each applicant for membership, no matter in what class he comes at entrance, is required to sign his name:

I hereby make application for membership in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. I am over 20 years of age and am an amateur according to the following definition of an amateur athlete:

"One who has not entered into an open competition; or for either a stake public or admission money; or for a prize, or for a position; or who has not competed with or against a professional for any prize, or where an admission fee is charged, or who has not instructed, pursued or acted in the pursuit of athletic exercise as a means of livelihood, or for gain or of any enjoyment, or whose membership of any athletic club of any kind was not brought about by an understanding, expressed or implied, whereby his becoming or continuing a member of such club would be of any pecuniary benefit to him whatever, direct or indirect, and who shall in other and all respects conform to the rules and regulations of his club."

The foregoing is one of the strongest arguments advanced by the conservatives or advocates of the regularly nominated ticket, and will be used by them to advance the interests of their candidates. By this it is not meant to imply that the promoters of the athletic ticket have ulterior motives. Such is not the contention. But in spite of the fact that the athletic ticket is claimed to champion the cause of the athletes, some of whom are likely to be here today and 100 miles away tomorrow, it is asserted that their policy bears the earmarks of extreme radicalism, and the conservatives insist that radicalism at this time might work against the future success of the club.

No Danger to Club.

The success of either ticket is not likely to endanger the financial standing of the club, for all the men nominated on either of the tickets are men of the highest character, and of their honesty of purpose and integrity there is absolutely no question. Multnomah's spirit has demonstrated its strength in the face

of disadvantages in the past and can do so in the future.

Edward E. Morgan, a member of the board of directors and a champion of the opposition faction, gives out the following statement for publication:

"We are all agreed that we should have an athletic membership. This is true, generally speaking, of all athletic clubs. There are a few instances where so-called athletic clubs are such in name only. According to the by-laws of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, we have an army and navy membership, a medical student membership, and other special classes of membership, and following the same line of reasoning we should have an athletic membership.

"All athletic organizations that are purely athletic in character allow their athletes to vote. There are some so-called athletic clubs that use their athletes merely as a means of advertising the organization, and do not allow them to participate in club elections. Take the New York Athletic Club, for instance. Study its history. It was purely a business man's club and had been warring with the Knickerbocker Athletic Club until the papers were filled with comment on the bad points of both institutions. The climax came in the Molasses and Cornish affair, where murder was done. The Knickerbocker Athletic Club failed and a leading jewelry firm now occupies its handsome building.

"The New York Athletic Club was on the verge of meeting a like fate. Its membership had fallen off to an alarming extent. The club had purchased a costly piece of ground on which they had erected a building at a cost of over \$3,000,000, which sum had been raised by the members who took large blocks of bonds at a heavy discount, though drawing a good rate of interest. Now these members who had put up the money and held these bonds were in charge of the management of the club. They placed these bonds on sale with brokers in several of the large Eastern cities and set about to increase their membership and to advertise the club. They were good business men and knew that by getting athletic champions to represent them at the different track meets they could get a lot of free advertising.

"A committee was formed which waited upon many of the noted athletes of that day and begged them to wear the colors of the club. In one way and another, all of which were shady, these men got together a team of famous athletes, and the club was able to attract a large number of spectators, who were wearing their colors, received so much free advertising that the club's membership was doubled within a short time and the bonds went to par.

"Yet even today the club is not out of the woods financially. At Traverse Island the club built a one-story building which was furnished with iron beds for about 100 beds. These were placed in a large room 35 by 100 feet, and in appearance it resembled a free ward in a hospital. Here the athletic members could sleep without being assessed one cent for the privilege, as it was for this purpose that the building was built. One hundred feet from this building is the main building which employs 50 waiters. This building is the bar with a restaurant and order anything they desire without paying a cent. The regular members of the club look upon the athletes and treat them practically as they do the waiters.

Called Soup Graters.

"In explaining one member of the club declared that he admired a good professional athlete, but that he would not fight for less than \$20,000, and despised a 'no-called amateur' who would 'represent a club for a plate of soup.' Sheelin, the Yale hammer thrower, is a regular member of the New York Athletic Club, but considers its athletic members so far beneath him that he will walk 300 yards to a bathhouse after a hard meet or practice rather than take his shower bath in the athletic ward.

"The New York Athletic Club has no gymnastic classes, no football team, no baseball team, no women members and has done more to debauch amateur athletics than any other organization in the country. The Multnomah Athletic Club is not a good athletic club; it is not even a good business man's club, and should its athletes be permitted to vote, it would be a disgrace to the club.

"But here in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club the situation is entirely different. We have no bonds to sell, no property to dispose of, no power to sell. The objects of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club are to promote systematic physical culture and to encourage the athletic movement and promotion of strictly amateur athletic sports and of the mutual interests of its members are the primary objects of the institution. It cannot be classed with the New York Club. The Multnomah Club is an athletic club pure and simple. For it to be afraid of its athletes can be likened to a man fearing himself.

Sports Save the Day.

"Furthermore, the resident members, who it is held should be the only ones with the right to vote, since they pay the regular dues, are the ones who contribute their full share of the running expenses of the club. If the club had no other resources than the monthly dues, it would be unable to improve its report of the secretary and treasurer will show. It is the money made out of sports, such as football, baseball, boxing and wrestling, that keep the club from going broke.

"I do not believe it the desire, or even the intention, of the club members to deprive a man who ably assists in supporting the institution of his athletic talents the right to vote simply because he may not be able to pay the required \$25 initiation fee and the regular dues of a month. Some of the best athletes the Multnomah Club has ever had have been young men working for salaries not sufficiently large to permit their paying the amount required to become full-fledged members of the organization, and it really seems to me that the club owes it to these men to allow them to vote on matters involving the interests of the institution.

"Let us hope that the high and lofty principles that have always guided our club in the past will prevail at the coming election, and that the franchise will be granted to the athlete who has by his services assisted the club most handsomely."

Progress on North Bank Road.

MOFFETT SPRINGS, Wash., Feb. 8. (Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moffett, who have been spending the last 10 days at Moffett Springs, report that the North Bank Road is completed and in running order for several miles east of that point. The first passenger car came up from Vancouver last week bringing Chief Engineer Miller and other head men of the road, to inspect the handsome steel bridge spanning Hamilton Creek, two miles below the Springs. Miller and several other ladies accompanied them. Often as many as four trains daily come that far, carrying construction material and supplies. The road is only one mile to be made near the upper Cascades, when trains can run the entire length of the road. Porter Bros., who have the contract, are working indefatigably night and day to fill the gap.

Tomorrow (Monday) will positively be the last day for disbanding West Side gas bills.

Portland Gas Co.

Mullins' Cleanhart taffies.—Stg. Sichel & Co., sole agents.

DUFFY COMPLETES ON KELLEY'S STYLE

Ex-Champion Sprinter Saw Oregon Flyer Run Indoors in New York City.

EXPERT NOT IMPRESSED

Kelley Gets Away From Mark Well and Has Effective, if Awkward, Manner, but He Faded Away at the Finish.

Failed in Short Sprint.

Arthur Duffy, holder of the world's sprinting title, until his mark of 9 3-5 was equaled by Dan Kelley, now of Detroit, who is running in some of the New York papers, has written an article on the new champion's style. Commenting on his work the other night in Madison Square Garden, when Kelley was beaten, he says:

"It was an extremely critical crowd that was present to witness the performance of the Western crack, and all were anxious to see whether or not he would live up to the reputation he had established for himself in the West by running 100 yards in 9 3-5 seconds. With all due consideration to the champion, it must be admitted that Kelley competed under the most unfavorable circumstances. Before the race he acknowledged that he had not been in training for many months and that it was his first appearance in indoor racing. He was entered in the 60-yard and the 220-yard handicap dashes, being forced to give liberal handicaps in both events, thus giving him very poor opportunity to show his real form.

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"In particular was his work in the short sprint noted, and when the champion failed to qualify in his heat, which was won in the rather slow time of 8 2-5 seconds, many of the critics present were seen to shake their heads. But even considering the unfavorable circumstances, the Westerner had to compete with it, it was evocatively conceded by many of the followers of sprint running that Kelley failed to show the real caliber that he possessed. He was a world beater. His work as a whole showed that he possessed none of the finesse that is so essential in the running of the 100 yards in such wonderful time. 'In build Kelley is the typical rawboned Western athlete with the broad chest and the well-rounded limbs. He possesses all the requisites of a champion sprinter, and, while he failed to make the most favorable impression last night, it seems that in the course of the near future we will hear more from him.

"His starting ability was up to the usual high standard of a champion, and none of the Eastern runners had anything on him in leaving the mark with precision. On the scratch he used the regular crouching start, being well extended on all fours. It was his starting that attracted the most attention of the critics, and when the starter fired Kelley's heat away it was seen at once that the champion began to gain on his field. After the start he approached the finish line, he was seen to fade away decidedly.

His Beautiful Stride.

"His first strides were made with piston-like motion, and were thrust forward with great force. Unlike many other sprinters, his first stride was an extremely long one, and after that he appeared to cut them short a bit. In this manner he had mastered the most important essential of sprint running. He ran perfectly naturally, and in no way did he employ a new style of striding.

"Although Kelley had but little opportunity to show the real power of his stride in the shorter dashes, the longer run the spectators had plenty of opportunity to notice the wonderful driving force he possesses in his muscular legs. There is no doubt that he is concentrated at the hip, and he appeared to run in the action of a pacing horse as distinguished from the up and down motion which so many of our runners use today. When the crowd was in the top speed he used a peculiar bounding motion which was responsible for the extra few inches on his stride. With his long, graceful action he combined a cross arms motion, which he used from the waist to the hips, and he appeared to run in the action of a pacing horse as distinguished from the up and down motion which so many of our runners use today. When the crowd was in the top speed he used a peculiar bounding motion which was responsible for the extra few inches on his stride. 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