

SEATTLE WILL BE IN COAST LEAGUE

President Ewing Announces Intentions for Next Season.

PORTLAND LIKES ITS TEAM

Although Cheated Out of Eight Games Because of Rain, Fans Get a Good Line on Players. Dugdale May Fight.

BY WILL G. MACRAE
Portland fans, while they have been cheated out of eight games on account of the rain, still have seen enough of the team in action to be satisfied that Manager McCredie has surrounded himself with a ball team. The team as it stands today is without doubt one of the best of all-around hitting teams in the league and any team that can cause the ball as this has been doing ever since the season opened, never has a permanent place in the cellar.

Who has mystified the local fans is how the team came to lose so many games to San Francisco. The explanation is easy. The Seals were as good when the season opened as they could possibly have been. Their games with the Chicago White Sox put them in midseason condition and this was followed up by plenty of luck in their training. While Portland enjoyed a successful training trip, the team had only two games that could be called real baseball. When the team moved to Oakland for the season of very cold weather and this, together with Madden's injury, sent it to San Francisco to open the season in very poor shape. The McCredie team finally got going and since then they have been giving a good account of themselves.

Indian Likes Hot Weather.

All of the pitchers, with the exception of Finnance, have given a splendid account of themselves. The fact that they have been able to win games against the visiting teams, especially against the Angels and Oakland, who have been playing ball while we have had to lay off on account of rain, is a further demonstration of just what a corking good ball team is wearing Portland uniforms this season. Ed Kinseila pitched a game on Friday that would have won in any one of the major organizations. His game was remarkable in many ways. It was few pitchers who, after a long lay-off can jump in and pitch a steady game. Bobby Groom's two games were on the same high order and so were the games pitched by Jesse Barrett and Bud Peñón. Just now luck does not seem to be with the Chippewa Chief. He likes warm weather and lots of it, and once we get a break with the weather, Finnance will round to all right.

The visit of J. Cal Ewing, president of the Pacific Coast League, during the past week, has given the fans lots to gossip about. President Ewing and Henry Berry, president of the Los Angeles team, visited Seattle and while there decided upon a location of a ball park and in the meantime notified the Northwest League moguls that the Coasters would again be in Seattle next season. President Ewing gave Dugdale warning that he would bring up the matter of the Coast League moguls at the annual meeting of Minor Leagues this fall. All of the Coast League officials are convinced that the Coast League will be between Russ Hall, Dugdale, President Lucas and the other Northwest League magnates. They have pretty strong proof of how the deal was worked, and all of the evidence will be submitted when the case is brought up at the annual meeting.

Ewing Sees a Seattle Game.

"I was very much pleased to find so much sentiment in favor of the Coast League," said President Ewing on his return. "I met a great many fans and prominent business people and all of them expressed a desire to have Seattle again a member of the Pacific Coast League. I saw one of the games while I was in Seattle, but it would not be fair to judge the league by the game I saw. It was one of those games when both teams were in bad and there was lots of protesting against the decisions of the umpire. It was ladies' day and while there was a nice crowd present, it did not compare even favorably with your crowd of Friday, not from the point of view of attendance or from the number of paid admissions.

"During my stay in Seattle I had a short visit with D. E. Dugdale and gave him warning of what the Coast League intends doing with regard to claiming Seattle again as Pacific Coast League territory. I told him it was my intention to lay the matter before the annual meeting of Minor Leagues and that we should try and prove that there was collusion and irregular methods used to get Russ Hall to throw over the Coast League franchise after it had been awarded to him. Dugdale, of course, didn't think I was in earnest and wanted to bet money that we would not get Seattle back. Much of his talk was bluff, but I feel confident that at the proper time his bluff will be called and called hard. The Coast League has nothing to conceal about its future movements and when I told Dugdale that we were coming back into Seattle I also told him to get busy making up his case, for he would need a strong one to prove his innocence when the time came."

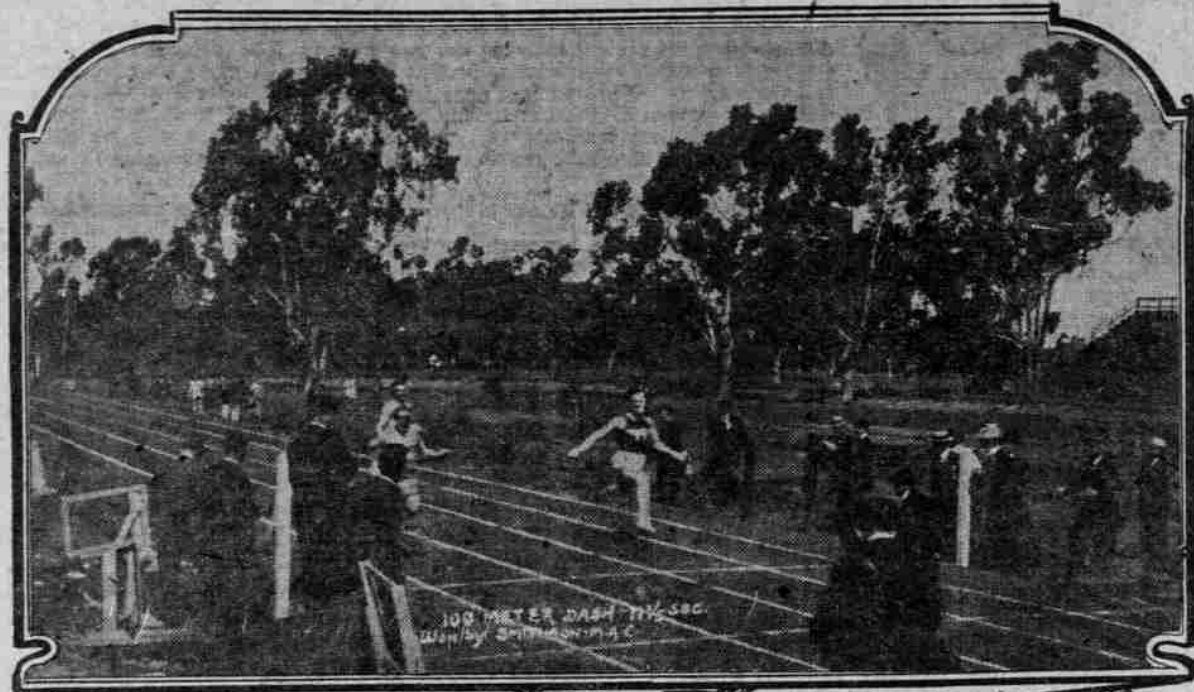
Change of Press Sentiment.

There was one funny thing connected with President Ewing's visit in Seattle. It has always been charged that Dugdale had the sporting scribbles of Seattle hypnotized and that anything that Dugdale said was set to music and anything that he did not want to get into print never had a chance. During the winter months Portus Baxter, sporting editor of the P. O., was exceedingly friendly to the Coast League and wrote several articles saying nice things about us as a league. Recently he must have seen a vision, for in an article in the Times he said that Dugdale was unkind enough to refer to the Coasters as a "remnant" of a league. The article sounded much like Dugdale, and perhaps, who knows, he was the Cupid that composed Baxter's vision.

Here in Portland those who still talk Northwest League are few and far between. They quit talking, however, when they are asked if they want to have Portland classed with Aberdeen, Vancouver, B. C., and Butte, as a city. Those who croak about the league seem to forget that the circuit up North is made up of small cities of the class C order. Tacoma is once more a good ball town, because it has been back. Much of the credit about the league seems to be in the hands of a most competent manager, and a very popular one. His park is located in the heart of the city. Tacoma wants to get back into the fold. It wouldn't be fair to say that Dugdale is no longer popular in Seattle. Yet it must be said that the fat man hasn't kept his promise to the Seattle fans. Dugdale is well liked by all of the Coast League

CAREER OF FORREST SMITHSON, THE CHAMPION HURDLER OF THE WORLD

Oregon Sprinter, Who Has Defeated Eastern Cracks, Will Run in P. N. A. Championship in Portland, June 6.



SMITHSON WINNING THE 100-METER DASH IN 11 1/8 SECONDS AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

IT WAS on the Oregon Agricultural College football field that Forrest C. Smithson, the great Oregon hurdler, gave promise of future greatness in the athletic world. This was in the Fall of 1903, while the scrub eleven was practicing against the first team, and Smithson was playing with the scrubs. During a scrimmage Floyd Williams, considered at that time the fastest man on the Coast, who was playing halfback, got around the scrub eleven's end and had a clear field for a touchdown. Down the field sprinted the feet-footed halfback leaving his interference far in the rear, when suddenly from out of the mass of players emerged young Smithson, and the way he overtook Williams and brought him to the earth before he had covered 50 yards, brought a gasp of amazement from the spectators. The late "Dad" Trine was on the sidelines and was a witness to this feat, and needless to say, before many days Smithson was taken under the wing of the veteran trainer.

When track work was taken up in the Spring of 1904, Smithson joined the squad and soon demonstrated his ability as a sprinter. The first meet in which he was entered was at Columbia University in April, 1904, and right off the reel he lowered the world's record in the low 90-yard hurdles, besides demonstrating his ability in a number of other events. In June of the same year he won the 100-yard dash from Peterson, of Pacific University, in 10 1/8 seconds, and three days later took first place in the 100-yard dash at the annual Oregon O. A. C. meet. He ran the 100 yards in 10 flat at this contest, defeating Williams and Moores. It was in the meet held at Spokane in the Spring of 1905 that Smithson first met his master in the 100-yard dash. Dan Kelly, of the University of Oregon, was entered in this race and was conceded by all that the two crack sprinters would finish breast to breast. As they spurred down the field the two great sprinters left



J. R. HICKEY

the field far behind, while Kelly led Smithson by about 12 inches at the finish. The timekeepers announced that Kelly had lowered the world's amateur record, by making the 100 yards in 9 5/8 seconds. This record stands.

In the Fall of 1907 Smithson entered Notre Dame University and while at this institution broke the world's record in the high and low 100-yard hurdles. He also set the world's record of 15 1/8 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles.

He was entered at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 by the Multinational Club and defeated two world's champions in the 120 high hurdles. Then followed a long tour throughout the East, in which the great Western athlete won victory after victory in the indoor tracks. In the Yale Fall games, where the speediest men from the Eastern colleges were entered, he took three first places and two seconds in the five events in which he was entered. He won a number of short dashes from James A. Hector, of the University of Virginia, who is reported to have made the 100-yard dash in 9 5/8 seconds, several days ago.

Smithson returned from the East several days ago and will go into training at once for the P. N. A. championship meets to be held here June 6. Speaking of the coming contest to be held here, Smithson said: "I realize that I will be compelled to defeat some of the fastest men in the country if I hope to win first place, and I shall go in training with the Oregon



ALBERT MUNN

Agricultural College team within a few days. I am in better condition than ever before and my legs, which troubled me for two years, are entirely well. I will make an effort to beat several of my former records in the meet here, and I feel confident that I will be able to do so on the fine track the club is constructing. If I do not I will have no excuses to offer."

HANGS UP \$30,500 FOR FAST PONIES

The Meadows Track Offers Big Purses and Stakes for Summer Meet.

ATTRACTS GOOD HORSES

Many Owners Now Racing on Eastern Circuits Will Bring Bang Tails to Seattle for the Coming Season.

BY WILL G. MACRAE

When the King County Fair Association, of Seattle, opens wide its gates at the Meadows race track, June 17, one of the great events in the turf history of the Pacific Northwest, both from the standpoint of value of stakes and of the high class of horses entered, will be launched. The racing officials of Seattle have certainly made their promise of last year more than good, for in addition to the \$30,500 in stakes and purses that will be distributed among the horsemen, the management has secured E. C. Pepper, one of the best-known racing officials in the country, as presiding judge, and M. Nathanson as handicapper. G. W. Dickinson, president of the association, and his associates, without having an inkling of the acute situation of racing which has arisen in and around New York, began their preparations for the 1908 racing season by announcing that they would hang up over \$30,000 in stakes and purses, and they have kept their word by offering the sum mentioned. What the Seattle racing men wanted was to keep the majority of the high-class horses that raced during the Winter at Emeryville and at Los Angeles on the Coast. All that is necessary to prove that they have succeeded is to glance at the names of the 291 horses that have been entered in the 14 stakes.

Entered are horses that have won important Eastern stake events. Many of them are entered there this Summer, but owners and trainers, when they saw the big money to be won at the Meadows, were glad to sell their stables to the Meadows. Of course, the uncertainty of racing in New York has kept many owners from shipping East, and it has been the means of sending to the races at Butte and at Seattle a lot of fancy performers that otherwise would have raced around New York.

The big feature, of course, will be the "1908" Exposition handicap, \$5000, for three-year-olds and upwards, for a mile and a quarter. This big purse will bring together all the best horses that can go over a distance of ground at the meeting. The entries total 76. Of course, not all of them will face the starting judge, but the list is so large that a big field is assured.

- Dr. Leggo, that sturdy son of Puryear D-Sevens, who has earned the respect of all racers, both in the East and on the Coast, together with Cabin, Frank Flettner, Van Tromp, Johnny Lyons, Legistilla and a host of other good ones is carded to go.
- Here are the names, dates of running and amounts of the 14 stakes:
- No. 1—The opening handicap, June 30; \$1500.
 - No. 2—The ladder plate, June 27; \$1500.
 - No. 3—The celebration handicap, July 4; \$2000.
 - No. 4—The Tacoma handicap, July 11; \$2000.
 - No. 5—The Meadows selling, July 18; \$1500.
 - No. 6—The Seattle Derby, July 25; \$3000.
 - No. 7—The Woodlands handicap, August 1; \$1000.
 - No. 8—The club member handicap, August 8; \$2000.
 - No. 9—The 1909 Exposition handicap, August 15; \$5000.
 - No. 10—The Interurban handicap, August 22; \$2000.
 - No. 11—The Puget Sound handicap, August 29; \$2000.
 - No. 12—The King County selling, September 5; \$1500.
 - No. 13—The Labor day handicap, September 7; \$2500.
 - No. 14—The Alaska handicap, September 12; \$1500.

The Seattle Derby, a fixture, has 53 entries. The value of the Derby will be \$3000 and will be over a route of a mile and a quarter. The rest of stakes are for from \$1500 to \$2000.

Hawthorne School Wins Again.

The annual grammar school relay race from Oregon City to Portland was yesterday won for a second time by the Hawthorne School. The 13 winning runners covered the distance in 1 hour, 22 minutes and 25 seconds, one minute and one second slower than the record for the course. Mount Tabor School finished second in 1:23:30; Holladay School third, in 1:27:30; Falling School fourth, in 1:28:06. The Almsworth School runners did not finish. The Hawthorne runners,

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JAY GOULD WINS HONORS

DEFEATS ENGLAND'S BEST TENNIS-PLAYER.

Victor Over Eustace H. Miles in Three Straight Sets in Olympic Games Competition.

LONDON, May 22.—The Olympic games court tennis competition came to an end this afternoon at Queen's Club in a victory for Jay Gould, of New York, who defeated Eustace H. Miles, the English player, in three straight sets. The scores were 5-5, 6-4, 6-4. This is the third defeat in a year to defend the world's championship that Gould, the American-British champion, has inflicted on Great Britain's

TENTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Irvington Club Announces Annual Championship Meeting.

The Irvington Tennis Club will hold its tenth annual meeting for the championships of the State of Oregon, commencing July 14. The events will be: Gentlemen's open singles, gentlemen's open doubles, ladies' and gentlemen's open mixed doubles, ladies' open singles and ladies' open doubles.

The names of the gentlemen's open singles will be entitled to meet J. C. Tyler for the championship of the State of Oregon and the Fluke Challenge Cup. This cup must be won three times to become the permanent property of the winner. It has been won by the following: 1893, W. A. Bethel; 1896, W. A. Goss; 1901, A. T. Goward; 1902, W. A. Bethel; 1903, I. R. Freeman; 1904, R. B. Powell; 1905, G. H. Busch; 1906, W. A. Goss; 1907, J. C. Tyler. Rules of the United States Lawn Tennis Association will be observed and the foot rule will be strictly enforced.

OREGON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Games Arranged and Contracts Signed for the Coming Season.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—At today's meeting in search of a fine sandler, Mr. Gibson bought Sol G., a very handsome-gaited saddle stallion, Sol G. is a beautiful bay horse of commanding size and has been a blue-ribbon winner in Virginia. His sire was Prince Hall, one of the famous blue-ribbon winners of Kentucky. Sol G.'s dam is Maud A. and she by Rob Roy, a Kentucky sandler of great note.

SOL G., HANDSOME SADDLE STALLION PURCHASED BY PORTLAND MAN.



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