

# "I-TOLD-YOU-SO'S" IN HIGH FEATHER

### Plenty of Sports Now Declare They Foresaw Failure of Tex Rickard.

## HIS ELY PLAN IMPOSSIBLE

### Probability That Nelson May Fight McFarland Next—San Francisco Gossip of Baseball League.

BY HARRY R. SMITH  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25.—The "I told you so" boys are in high feather this week and all because Tex Rickard, the Ely, Nev. man, finally capitulated and admitted that he would be unable to carry out his plans and stage the \$50,000 fight in Nevada between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson.

Ever since Tex took his hurried departure from San Francisco, there has been a flow of conversation from the pessimists, who said they didn't believe he would be able to make good. Now that their predictions have come true, they are highly pleased and are patting themselves on the back.

Peter Grant's Penetrative Powers.

Pete Grant, who certainly is well acquainted with Nevada conditions, has, all along, been one of the men who figured that the fight would be a bloomer, although he didn't say so, as he was opposed to knocking "Nevada" out of the ring to put up such money. Grant told the writer the other day: "Ely is the best copper plant in the West, but the people have not the money, and I don't see how Rickard ever expects to raise the coin."

Grant was right. Rickard couldn't raise the money and had to take a back seat. It is a hard thing for Nelson, as a pugilistic center, because Rickard was about the only promoter in whom the fighters and the public had any faith, and now he is a laughing stock. As a matter of fact, Rickard went about it wrong. There was no necessity to offer a \$50,000 purse for Gans and Nelson, as they would have grabbed as quickly at \$15,000. Rickard, however, thought it would increase Ely the more to make it \$50,000, and as a result he has come a cropper.

May Be Nelson and McFarland Next.

Advice at this writing are to the effect that Nelson will go to Chicago, returning to San Francisco the first of August. It is not known whether he isn't particular about fighting in a hurry, although you can leave it to Willis Britt to get him into the ring at the first opportunity that presents itself. Willis wants the money, realizing that a manager can't get rich while the fighter is resting.

Setting aside the money, don't believe the two will be matched in a hurry. Packey McFarland is the most likely opponent for Nelson, and there are a lot of people who believe that the Chicagoan can win. Packey was here for a week or two and then he came to the coast to fight Phil Brock before Tom McCarney's club in August. Now that Rickard has failed, it is no surprise to see McFarland on the streets with a challenge for the lightweight champion.

Freddie Welsh, who is still in San Francisco, is a possibility of course, but not considered as seriously as Packey. The latter has been seen in the ring here and would have plenty of support, but it is doubtful whether Oscar Battling Nelson.

Ketchel Topheavy Favorite.

The Stanley Ketchel-Hugo Kelly fight scheduled to take place in this city next Friday night is creating more talk than was imagined. In the first place Kelly has created a more favorable impression on the coast than the bickerings between the managers of the two fighters over weight have helped to create. When it came to signing articles for the fight, Ketchel and Sylvie Feretti for Kelly talked until after midnight and then had to go to Ketchel's training camp at Colma to see if he would concede a point on the weight.

And Ketchel, none too pleased for giving his manager a sound sleep, gave his manager a sound sleep. "You're my manager, aren't you?" he shouted at O'Connor. "Well, then, why don't you fix the weight without bothering me?" he said. "If you fix the weight and the window went down with a slam. Needless to say O'Connor named the weight without more ado."

Ketchel will be a top-heavy favorite. That goes without saying in San Francisco, for when the fans like a man, they can't see the other fellow through a telescope. It would be no surprise to see Ketchel quoted at 2 to 1, but Kelly certainly has a better chance than that price shows.

The Chicago middleweight is training across the bay at Croft's gardens, where Fitzsimmons and Tom Corbett used to work out for their matches. He did his first boxing Tuesday of this week, and his speed on his feet and the active use of his hands impressed the critics not a little.

Scouts for Coast League.

The Pacific Coast League scouts are expected to start out for action about the last of the month. Mike Fisher is spoken of for one job, and if he is selected will probably visit the North West Coast League and then go East. Danny Long has several players in the Texas League that he wants to look over, so he will journey into the South.

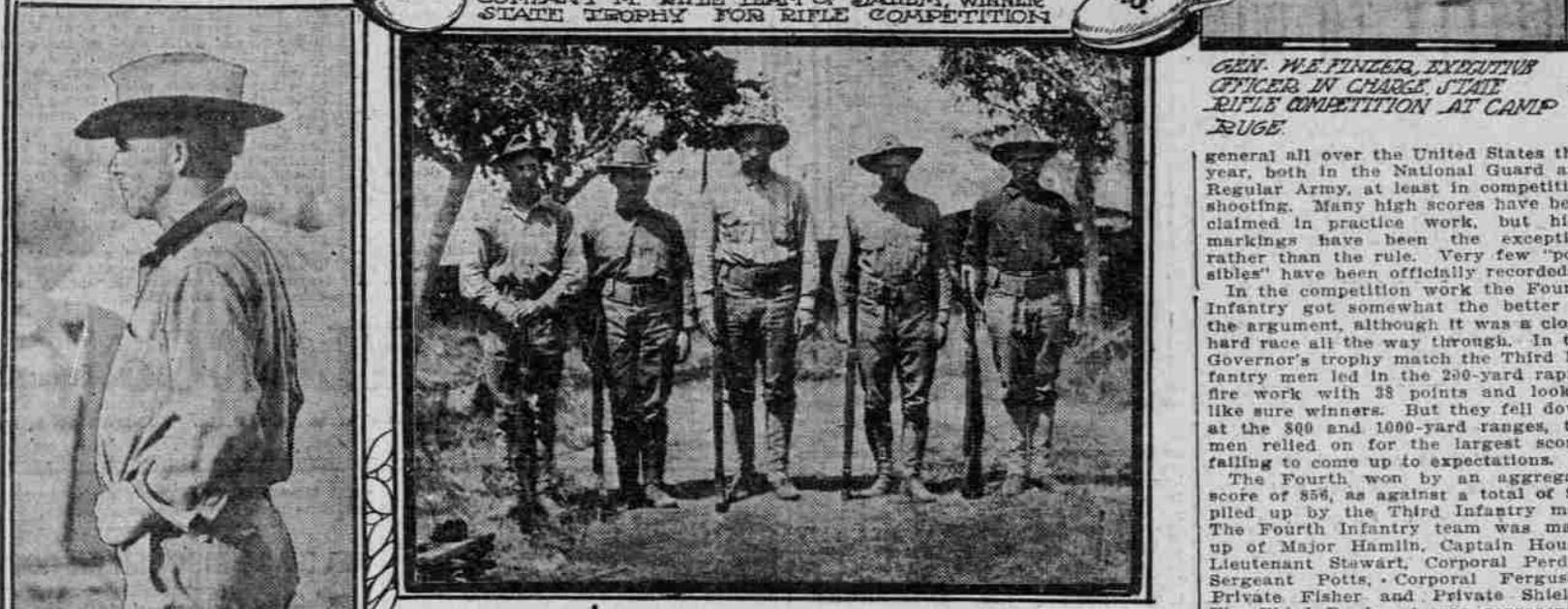
As there are to be at least two new clubs on the circuit next year, it is figured that the Coast League will be obliged to draft in the neighborhood of 40 men. That will be something of a task. Most of the minor leagues will close the last of August, so that Coast scouts will have to get busy on the job, if they expect to secure any results.

Seals' New Outfielder.

Portland baseball cranks will have the first peek at Fred Beck, the star outfielder of the Bloomington (Ill.) team, in the Three I League, who has been purchased by Danny Long, of the Seals. As long ago as June 1, Long tried to buy Beck, but the answer came that Bloomington wanted \$200 for him. The deal was temporarily dropped, but Long finally secured his man and it is said that he gave in the neighborhood of \$100 for his price. It was the intention to have Beck report in San Francisco but as soon as it was learned that he could not reach here

# OREGON TO HAVE STRONG TEAM IN THE NATIONAL RIFLE COMPETITION HELD AT CAMP PERRY, OHIO, NEXT MONTH

## National Guard Sharpshooters to Be Selected With Greatest Care, and Men Stand Excellent Chance of Finishing Near Top—Guardsmen Ready for the American Lake Encampment.



### COMPANY M. RIFLE TEAM OF SALEM, WINNER STATE TROPHY FOR RIFLE COMPETITION

### COMPANY D. RIFLE TEAM OF ROSEBURG, WINNER OF SECOND PLACE IN STATE TROPHY MATCH

### W. B. BAKER CHIEF RANGE OFFICER

Stewart, Lieutenant Delch, Sergeants Johnson, Snodgrass, Baker, Abrams and Schwarz, Corporals Romaine, Ferguson, Perdue and McCormick, Privates Shields, Fisher, Pickard, Drake and Pooley.

State Pistol Competition.

The state pistol competition, which was the last feature of the programme, was won by Captain Houck. The list of medal-winners in the entire competition follows: Private Alex Ferguson, Roseburg, first gold medal for highest aggregate score in individual match; Captain Houck, Roseburg, first silver medal in individual match; Corporal Romaine, Portland, second silver medal in individual match; Corporal W. McCormick, Eugene, first bronze medal; individual match; Private D. Drake, Pendleton, fourth bronze medal; Private Charles Elsie, Roseburg, fifth bronze medal; Captain Houck, silver medal for highest score at skirmish; Corporal McCormick, silver medal for highest score at rapid fire; Sergeant R. L. White, state medal match winner; Company M, Salem, state trophy; Fourth Infantry team, Governor's trophy.

In the re-entry competition which followed the pistol match, there were 130 entries, several civilians being in the list, as these matches are open to all citizens of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45. The shooting was at 200, 300 and 500 yards, and 100 qualified as National reserve marksmen, making 50 out of 75 on the three ranges. Those who qualified will receive a National marksmen's reserve button, and their names will be inscribed on the National records.

The state shoot of 1908 demonstrated that the Oregon National Guard has taken up rifle shooting in the light of an exact science. The organization was perfect, every rule used on the National range was enforced to the letter. The programme did not lag at any time, record time being made in completing the competition. Every man who went on the range was equipped with instruments for observing range condition. It was not a bit or miss proposition. If there

before Saturday, Long wired him to go direct to Portland. That will give him a couple of days' rest and then Beck will be ready for Tuesday afternoon play. Long also expects to get a new pitcher, but he has not disclosed the name and further says that the deal is not completed. The San Francisco management, still dreams of winning the Coast League pennant this season and wants to strengthen the team as much as possible. Hildebrand as Sacramento Manager.

George Hildebrand is getting a world of boasting as the prospective manager of the Sacramento Club. Ed Kripp, the new manager of the Capitol City aggregation, wants Hildebrand, and the local club is very likely to let him go. Hildebrand ought to make a success of the new job, for he is a conservative fellow and a good judge of a ball player.

The story is also going the rounds

that Happy Hogan, the Los Angeles catcher, may be made manager of the new club in Venice, Southern California. Henry Perry declares he hasn't a word to say, but in the same breath admits that he expects to give several players to Venice, or wherever the new club is located, and agrees that possibly Hogan will be one of the men.

State League Is Tottering.

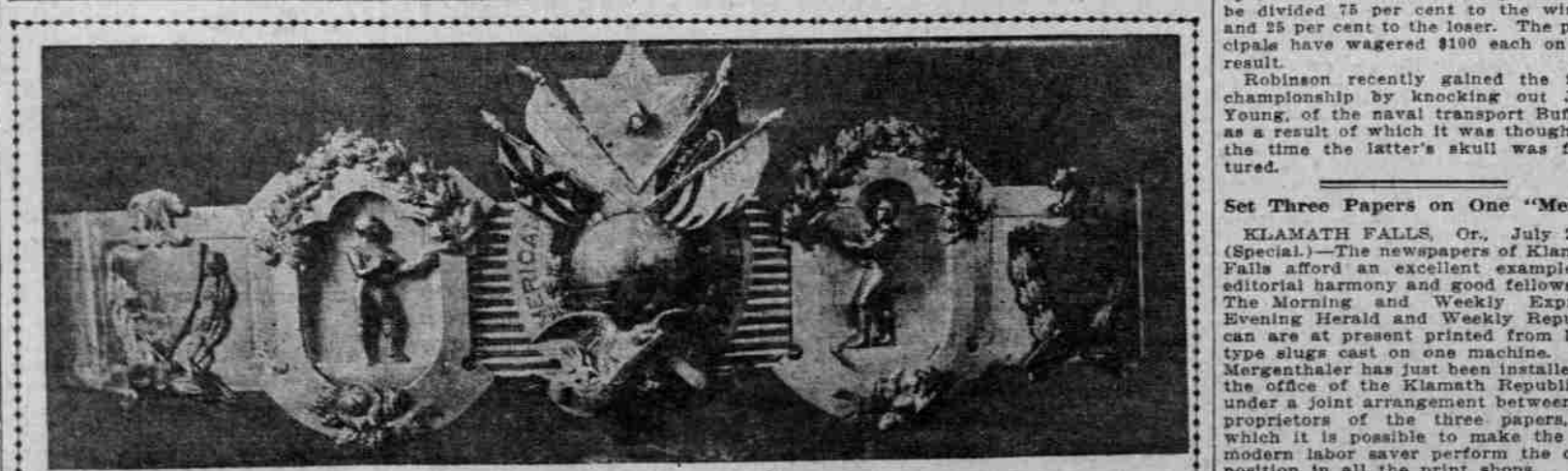
From all accounts, there are several clubs in the California State League that are tottering. The experiment of having midweek baseball in Santa Cruz has been anything but successful. The fans want to see the ocean and not a ball game and, as a result, when Ed Kripp paid a visit to Santa Cruz he was cordially received by a number of ball players who think they will be hunting new jobs in a short time. Kripp gives the Santa Cruz team another month, al-

though they may be able to pull through the season.

It is admitted, however, even by State League officials, that eight clubs, such as they are, have proved unwieldy and should they be able to weather the storm, there is little question but they will cut down to reasonable proportions another year.

Pole-Vaulter Bellah Complains.

Sam Bellah, the Stanford pole vaulter, who is with the American team in London, is one of the first to write home of his experiences. He says that Americans were received none too hospitably in London; that the athletes who wanted to train in the forenoon were obliged to pay the regular admission fee, amounting to 50 cents, before they were allowed to set foot on the grounds. Bellah also says that weather conditions have been extremely unfav-



### BELT PRESENTED TO STANLEY KETCHEL, CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT OF THE WORLD, BY PACIFIC ATHLETIC CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO.

# BASEBALL HAS MANY VAGARIES

## Great National Game Full of Ups and Downs for Best of Teams.

## RECORDS OF THIS SEASON

### Remarkable Reversals of Form in Various Leagues Which Have In- spired Senseless Criticisms by Unthinking Fan and Critic.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

The great American game of baseball has been uncertain and therefore most interesting of all sports, is enjoying a most successful season in practically all sections of the country. The great majority of the leagues are witnessing heart-breaking struggles for the pennant-winning honor and, in most instances, the champion teams of a year ago are either trailing in the cellar or performing in a mediocre manner. Two notable exceptions are the Detroit, champions of the American League, and Los Angeles, champions of the Pacific Coast League. Both teams are at present leading by eight margins.

In the case of the Detroit club, it has worked from an apparently hopeless lead to first place, and, judging by the present stride of the club, Hughie Jennings' bunch promises to repeat the trick. Since gaining the lead Detroit has steadily held on to the top rung of the ladder, and the next few days will see the club in a position to repeat the feat.

The case of the Los Angeles club is not so simple. The team has worked up to a high pitch of excitement in the anticipation of a victory. The good ball player does not mind being censured if he plays a bad game or is hit for a run, but unjust criticism is as distasteful to him as it is to the average human. So long as the players are working hard to win, cheer them on, condone errors and mistakes in this race, except the cellar, which position they have so far avoided, although they came very close to negotiating the hole. The other Pacific Coast League clubs have not been in every position. Portland, Oakland and San Francisco have held the lead, but Los Angeles has maintained the primacy for a longer time than any of the other clubs.

### Up-and-Down Fight.

Not so with Cap Dillon's Pacific Coasters, for the Angels have repeatedly been hurled from the premiership. In fact, they occupy every position in this race except the cellar, which position they have so far avoided, although they came very close to negotiating the hole. The other Pacific Coast League clubs have not been in every position. Portland, Oakland and San Francisco have held the lead, but Los Angeles has maintained the primacy for a longer time than any of the other clubs.

The vagaries of the game are only on a par with the vagaries of many of the fans and some of the critics. As Milton says: "Change their minds, fly off and into strange vagaries fall." While a team occupies first place the fanatics and fanatics in general are a bunch of boozing fighters—and all because the team does not get in and we've got a game to play.

### Locals Are Well-Behaved.

In justice to the Portland players it must be said that Manager McCredie has a number of exceptionally well-behaved bunch of players, and it is doubtful if any team in the league possesses as many players who are free from the charge of being lousers and the like as are the same bunch of ball players representing Portland. Some of them drink, but not one of them to excess. If they did, it is the business of the manager to see to it that they mend their ways.

Portland continues to occupy a position well up in the race, and even though the team should not win the pennant, it is deserving of praise and not censure for the capable work it has done during the season. The season is but half over, and the long stretch of play yet remaining may witness the consummation of the fondest hopes of local fandom.

For argument sake, suppose the Portland team had been as unfortunate as have been the New York Americans, or even the Boston Nationals. The Highlanders started off with a

handsome lead in the American League, and right here in our own league we have had a sample of what happened to the men under Clarke Griffith. San Francisco, like New York, did not like a four-time winner, and for a time it appeared as though the Mohlerites and the Griffith contingent would walk away with the honors in the respective leagues. These cattle should not be permitted to witness the games, for as a rule, they cannot content themselves with witnessing the sport, but must yell their disapproval of the players for each error, or the pitcher because of each baseli allowed. Spectators who witness baseball games are permitted to express their approval or disapproval of a player because they pay for the privilege of witnessing the game, and the above does not apply to them, but only to the few who have money wagging on the game and who make a practice of betting each day. Like the days of the Roman Empire, when the crowd had it in its power to send an unfortunate gladiator to his death or grant him clemency by the thumbs-up or thumbs-down signal, such are the days of baseball today. The fans can make or mar the most promising baseball players, and this is the reason so many ball players fail to make good in one town are shining lights in the baseball world from the moment they leave it.

Baseball players are but human, yet some would imagine, judging from the criticism, that they were mere automatons without intelligence or gratitude. As a rule the players are anxious to win as are the fans to have them, and it stings a ball player worse to contribute a costly error than it does the fans, who are worked up to a high pitch of excitement in the anticipation of a victory. The good ball player does not mind being censured if he plays a bad game or is hit for a run, but unjust criticism is as distasteful to him as it is to the average human. So long as the players are working hard to win, cheer them on, condone errors and mistakes in this race, except the cellar, which position they have so far avoided, although they came very close to negotiating the hole. The other Pacific Coast League clubs have not been in every position. Portland, Oakland and San Francisco have held the lead, but Los Angeles has maintained the primacy for a longer time than any of the other clubs.

### Preparing for American Lake.

American Lake is now the object of undivided interest and the troops all over the state will complete their arrangements at once for the big trip to Camp Perry on Puget Sound.

Next Monday morning the entire guard will leave Portland by special train for Murray, Wash., where the Oregon camp is to be located. The companies from Eastern Oregon, Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon points will leave their home stations in time to assemble for departure next Monday.

Ten days will be spent under canvas in the field and the busiest kind of a programme has been planned. There will be much work in rear guard maneuvering and much active service will be laid out for companies, battalions and regiments with only a few brigade maneuvers thrown in. Colonel Charles E. McDonnell will command the Third Infantry, 12 companies, and Colonel George O. Yorss, the Fourth Infantry, eight companies.

avorable to the American team, and that Rose and Flanagan broke records in practice, but in competition were unable to do better than win their events because of the mud in which they were obliged to stand.

### SAILOR PUGILISTS MATCHED

Robinson and Holmes to Fight for Championship of Fleet.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 25.—"Battling" Robinson, of the United States armored cruiser California, and F. W. Holmes, of the cruiser Maryland, have been matched to fight for the middleweight championship of the Pacific fleet. The battle will take place at the Mare Island Navy-yard on the afternoon of August 6, and will be fought in the open. The purse will be contributed by the crews of the two ships and will be divided 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. The principals have wagered \$100 each on the result.

Robinson recently gained the fleet championship by knocking out Jack Young, of the naval transport Buffalo, as a result of which it was thought at the time the latter's skull was fractured.

### Set Three Papers on One "Merg."

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The newspapers of Klamath Falls afford an excellent example of editions of harmony and good fellowship. The Morning and Weekly Express, Evening Herald and Weekly Republican are at present printed from linotype by a single press, one machine. The Mergenthaler has just been installed in the office of the Klamath Republican, under a joint arrangement between the proprietors of the three papers, by which it is possible to make the one modern labor saver perform the composition in all the print shops.

Olympia Beer. "It's the water." Brewery's own bottling. Phones, Main 671. A 2467.

Local Anvil Chorus.

Most of the roasts directed at the Portland ball players come from persons who are interested in the game simply because they make it a remunerative proposition by betting on the contests. These cattle should not be permitted to witness the games, for as a rule, they cannot content themselves with witnessing the sport, but must yell their disapproval of the players for each error, or the pitcher because of each baseli allowed. Spectators who witness baseball games are permitted to express their approval or disapproval of a player because they pay for the privilege of witnessing the game, and the above does not apply to them, but only to the few who have money wagging on the game and who make a practice of betting each day. Like the days of the Roman Empire, when the crowd had it in its power to send an unfortunate gladiator to his death or grant him clemency by the thumbs-up or thumbs-down signal, such are the days of baseball today. The fans can make or mar the most promising baseball players, and this is the reason so many ball players fail to make good in one town are shining lights in the baseball world from the moment they leave it.

# YACHT CLUB ON CRUISE

## DOZEN BOATS LEAVE FOR OVER- SUNDAY VOYAGE.

### Will Spend Day Around Mouth of Willamette and Sail Home Tonight.

Members of the Oregon Yacht Club under a number of their friends left for an over-Sunday cruise to the mouth of the Willamette River last night. The boats will return under sail tonight. The steamer Hoo Hoo, with the 12 yachts and many canoes in tow, left down last night at 7:30 o'clock. Camp will be made for the night at Nigger Tom Island. Today will be spent in picnicking, swimming and other sports, and with the afternoon breeze they will come up the river.

In addition to the sailing craft which went on the cruise is a number of canoes. The sailing vessels were strung out in a long line, about 40 feet apart. Between each yacht the canoes were made fast to the line. The sight was picturesque as the long line passed through the bridges to the lower harbor.

Commodore W. A. Knight commanded the fleet. Captain L. D. Woodward preceded the craft to the anchorage and arranged for the mooring of the boats which went on the cruise are: Dancing Sails, Francis D'Arcy; Wizard, H. Hagadorn; Zephyr, George Danmon; Fore and Art, H. F. Todd; Esther, John Butterworth; Oyster, Edvid Jordan; Lotus, David Uppshaw; Mischief, William Hardin; Naiaid, A. Breyman; Corsair, Max Meyer; Synafox, Jones; Purrer, O. Backenstos; and E. Smith; Coquette, George Allen.

### Gun Victim Buried.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—August Helming, whose death occurred July 18 by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his friend, H. A. Reynolds, was buried Thursday in Marshfield Cemetery. Curry County, where the tragedy happened, has no coroner, and the requirements of the law caused so much delay that the remains could not be prepared to be taken to the Helming home. The service was said by the Rev. Dr. Thurston in the Lewis undertaking rooms.

Mr. Helming leaves a widow and two children.

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