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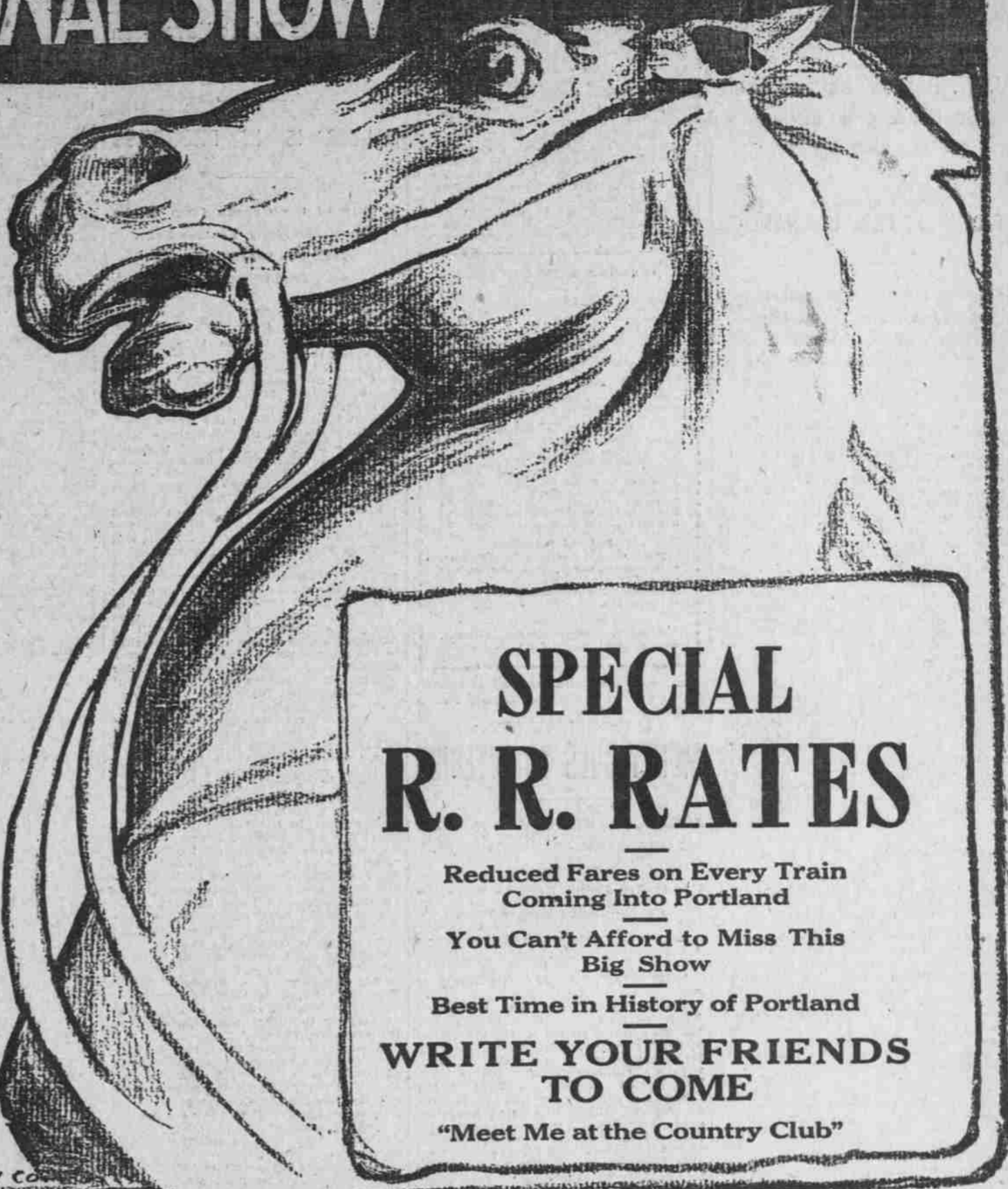
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Colleges in Pacific Northwest All Suffer From Loss of Veteran Players.

WHITMAN IS HARDEST HIT

Missionaries Seem Doomed to Cede Championship This Season—Oregon Has Only Five Old-Timers Left—O. A. C. Promising.

BY REFEREE. There will be many new faces on the football teams of the Pacific Northwest this year. The ranks of nearly every team will be depleted by graduation, by the enforcement of the Walla Walla conference rules, by the failure of old players to return, and by the faculty eligibility rules. Whitman College seems to be hit harder than any of her rivals. The conference rules disqualified several of Whitman's best men; others were graduated last June, and two of the best ones, one of whom was Captain Walter Brubaker, have played professional baseball. This leaves Whitman with only three of last season's veterans—a very small nucleus for a championship team. Added to all this misfortune, Whitman seems to have drawn a coach of less than ordinary ability. J. Merrill Blanchard, the coach who has been engaged by the Missionaries, made a fiasco of last season, when he attempted to coach the team of Washington University at St. Louis. Unless he shows a wonderful improvement over his work of last season, Blanchard will land the cellar championship for the Walla Walla institution.

It will be remembered that Whitman College was the first to advocate the formation of a Northwest Conference. That so many of Whitman's players should fall victims to the conference rules seems hard, indeed, and in their misfortune the Whitmanites have the sympathy of their neighboring colleges. About the best that the Missionaries can do this season is to develop a lot of good material for 1909.

Idaho Loses Rodney Small. Misfortune is not confined exclusively to the Whitman camp, however. Up at Moscow the Idaho students will look in vain for the ever-reliable Rodney Small, Idaho's clever quarterback of the last two seasons. It has been stated on good authority that Small will be out of college this year, although he has one more season of football under the conference rules. Those who saw the Oregon-Idaho game of last season remember Small's clever work in the execution of the forward pass. Besides cleverness along this line, Small demonstrated his ability in all departments of the game. He was the best field general among the quarterbacks of the Northwest last year. Try as he may, Coach Middleton will not be able to fill Small's place.

Besides her veteran quarter, Idaho has lost Stein, Keyes and Armstrong by graduation. Middleton will have seven veterans, however, and on paper his team looks as strong as the Pullman aggregation. Pullman, however, has been hard hit by

the conference rules. To begin with, Hardy, Nissen and possibly Rader are out of the game because of the four-year rule. Goldsworthy and Miller were graduated last June, and Miner is having difficulty with his classroom work and may be out on account of poor grades. On top of all this, Joe Halm, Pullman's All-Northwest guard, recently professionalized himself in a baseball game at Walla Walla. Out of 23 men who played on the Pullman varsity last season, only five will respond to Captain Vexler's call next week. Despite the splendid bunch of new material that is certain to be on hand, Coach Rheinehart will have his work cut out for him if he turns out a winning team.

The University of Washington has lost only three men—Sagshaw, halfback; Matthews, quarter, and Mackey, end. All of the others will be on hand when Coach Gilmour Debie commences work next Monday. Besides these, Washington will have "Bull Moose" Babcock and Paul Jarvis, veterans of former years who did not play last season, and a large delegation of experienced men from the Seattle High School. Washington's prospects are much better than they were a year ago and the writer ventures the opinion that they will be heard from in the race for championship honors. As far as can be ascertained, Washington has not lost any men by the operation of the conference rules.

Five Old Men at Oregon. Oregon will begin the season with only five of her veterans—Moulin, Clark, Pinkham, McIntyre and Coleman. The last named has been accused of playing semi-professional baseball, contrary to the conference regulation. The writer knows nothing about the merits of the charge, but an investigation will doubtless be made by the athletic authorities of the university.

Oregon's five veterans are all good men and will give Coach Forbes a nucleus around which to build his team. Captain Moulin expects to have a good bunch of reserves—the substitutes and second team men of last year—and a fine lot of freshmen. In spite of the loss of such brilliant players as Zacharias, Kuykendall, Taylor, Moores and Arnsperger, Oregon appears to have prospects for a successful season. Her team will have a splendid coaching staff and will make a lively bid for first place among the Northwest colleges. Coach Forbes will reach Eugene next Sunday and practice will begin the following day.

Bright Prospects at O. A. C. The Oregon Agricultural College will

not have all of last season's veterans, although seven members of the regular eleven will be in the game again. Those who will not return are Emily, left end; Bennett, left tackle; Dunlap, right guard, and Rhinehart, right halfback. The loss of Dunlap and Rhinehart will not be severe, but Bennett and Emily will be hard to replace. Both were splendid men in their positions. Emily was chosen as an All-Northwest end last year and Bennett was one of the best tackles that the season produced.

Coach Norcross is due at Corvallis this week and active practice will begin immediately. Besides his seven veterans, Norcross will have a good lot of substitutes and second team men of last season, as well as some new men of ability.

END OF 1908 CRICKET SEASON

Never Has the Portland Club Had So Prosperous a Year, Both in Bowlers and Batters.

BY J. M. QUENTIN. ALTHOUGH football is the newest and oldest arrival from "the old country" and the light of satisfied content will be reflected from their eyes. Talk golf, and mild appreciation will be the result. But talk cricket to cricketers and you at once have a mortgage on their friendship. They positively glow with beatific sentiment and begin to think of poetry. For there is an impression among those who really know what the game is that cricket is the poetry of sport. Other games, to the cricketer, form prose.

All of which is introductory to the statement that so far as the playing of out-of-town clubs is concerned that the present season of the Portland Cricket Club has concluded in a blaze of glory, and that the sport in this region is prospering exceedingly. Never had it a better chance to spread its wings and grow. Of course, the "stumps" are not yet put away in lavender for there may be two or three matches of an informal nature between club members. But hard work for 1908 is done.

W. G. Smith remains the "daddy" and the most valuable man in the club. He

October 31, and Whitman College will appear in Corvallis on November 11. There will also be some minor games. With a team composed largely of veterans, The Aggies have more than an even chance of holding their Northwest championship title another year. The game between O. A. C. and Oregon which will be played on Multnomah Field on November 21, will undoubtedly have an important bearing on the Northwest championship situation.

Notwithstanding the loss of many of their best players, the teams of the Northwest are on the eve of their greatest season of football. Old men have been graduated and passed along to the sterner walks of life. New men are being developed each year. The Speldolls, the Pilkingtons, the Shandlers, the Rodgers and other famous players come and go, but the great Autumn game goes on forever.

has made not only a big hit with his bat, but with his bowling and ability to stay at the wickets and tire out opponents' bowling. The surprises have been the excellent bowling of Gries, Bailey and Fenwick, the two former men being new players here, Gries and Fenwick are Australians, and Bailey, English. An expert says that the bowling of this trio reminds him of a county eleven in its palmist days.

The out-of-town matches began in this city with the Vancouver, B. C. Cricket Club. Two games were played, in which Portland won one and lost one. The first game was strikingly original, so much so that all who took part will remember the strange experience. Portland had 51 minutes to make 84 runs and beat Vancouver, and actually, our boys made 97 runs in 60 minutes, with four wickets to fall.

"Dad" Smith in this series made top score three times out of four, and twice he was not out.

At Seattle, Wash., the Portlanders went up against it with one man short, and lost by 20 runs. The greatest test, however, came when Portland cricketers went north to take part in the recent cricket tournament at Victoria, B.

C. They lost against Victoria, the best club in British Columbia, and in playing the Victoria Albion, Churchley made top score. Portland won from Nelson, B. C., by 103 runs, W. G. Smith being top scorer both innings, and scoring 60 in the second inning. The match with the Victoria Garrison was, unfortunately, not finished owing to the time limit being exhausted, but looked as if Portland would ultimately have won. The Garrison boys ran up 238 runs and Portland scored 96 runs in the first inning, and in the follow-up scored 137 for only three wickets. It is noteworthy that during the match with Nelson, B. C., Gries, bowler, took five wickets for two runs. The Nelson critics spoke of him as "the little dark man from Oregon with the whirlwind delivery, and who literally mowed us down."

The Labor Day match in this city between Portland and Seattle, ended in Portland's favor by one wicket and 17 runs. In this match the principal features were the fine bowling of Gries, Bailey and Fenwick. Briggs was top scorer for Seattle, and liked this city so much that he has since become a resident and will play for Portland in 1909. C. Lawrence, once captain of the Portlanders, played this time for Seattle, as he is now a resident of Tacoma, Wash. He made 14 runs in all. In the second inning he was just beginning to show his old form when he was neatly caught by Cumming off a ball by Fenwick. For our side Fenwick was the dandy boy in the scoring line, earning 23 in the first and 31 in the second.

New blood told this year and systematic practice. The club's cricket grounds near Montavilla are the best and most complete on the Pacific Coast, and have helped the game to its present level. Who turned out to be the best all-around cricketer this season? Well, I've so many friends in the club and they all did so well that I'll leave this to you.

OREGON LOSES 7 VETERANS

Many New Faces Appear on Eugene Team This Year.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—From present indications, Oregon will begin the football season with only five of last year's veteran football eleven. Kuykendall, Moores and Zacharias were graduated last June, Arnsperger has been rendered ineligible because of the four-year rule, while Scott, the big center rush of last season, and Taylor, the speedy freshman halfback, will not return to college.

The old men who will be in the game again are Fred C. Moulin, captain and left guard; Walter McIntyre, right guard; Louis A. Pinkham, left tackle; Curtis Coleman, right end and Dudley R. Clark, fullback.

The squad will not be lacking in good material, however, for most of the substitutes and second team men of last season will be on hand again, and the freshman class will bring a fine lot of players, some of whom are already in Eugene.

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PICK BIG LEAGUE WINNERS

LOCAL FIRMS FAVOR NEW YORK AND DETROIT.

Struggle in Both Circuits Is Very Close, However, and Final Games Will Decide.

Next to "Who'll win the pennant in the Pacific Coast League?" local fans are interested in the result of the struggle for the championship of the major leagues. As the clubs come down the final lap in the race for the championship, the ultimate pennant winners in both major leagues are narrowing down to a very few contenders.

Each day the struggle for leading honors becomes stronger and the season promises to be notable for the fierceness of the struggle in both organizations. However, local fans believe that New York will win the pennant in the National and Detroit in the American.

"Perhaps the race that is attracting the most marked attention is the National," said a local fan, whose baseball dopes are regarded as authentic as any other. "If the dope works true New York should easily land the flag. The Giants are perhaps playing better ball than any other team in any of the leagues in the country. Not only are their pitchers in superb shape, and working well, but the team is hitting consistently and playing a fast, confident fielding game.

"None of the contesting teams seems to be able to stop the Giants in their dash for the flag, so that when the other clubs make their last invasion of

New York, the Giants will have such a lead that it will be next to impossible to dislodge them. This seems particularly likely to me, inasmuch as New York will be playing on the Polo grounds—a decided advantage, in my estimation, at this crucial stage of the game."

At this stage of the contest in preceding years, the struggle in the American league had generally dwindled down to two clubs. This year there are four in the hunt, though by far the majority of local enthusiasts believe that Detroit will win.

Detroit still continues in the lead, but it has been materially lessened the past ten days, though they have had to do battle with other aspirants for pennant honors. Chicago's victory yesterday will change the standing slightly, though Detroit still holds the premier place. In order to win the pennant Detroit must repeat its trick of a year ago, as Chicago and St. Louis are right at their heels.

NEW FEATURE IN PITCHING

"Cy" Morgan Discovers New Form of Curving Ball in Its Flight.

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—(Dispatch to Chicago Record-Herald.)—"Cy" Morgan, the red Sox pitcher, has discovered a freak bend which, it is expected, will in time supplant the famous spit ball.

Morgan's new ball is called the "follow ball." He has controlled the ball so well that he now has two curves working from practically the same delivery, and will devote his time to perfecting it.

The ball is held like a straight drop which goes off the ends of the fingers, but in the delivery the pitcher, with a side arm motion, snaps his hand around in the manner of throwing an in curve. The ball whirrs around like a floater, but carries with considerable more speed. When the ball reaches the plate it takes a tremendous drop.



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