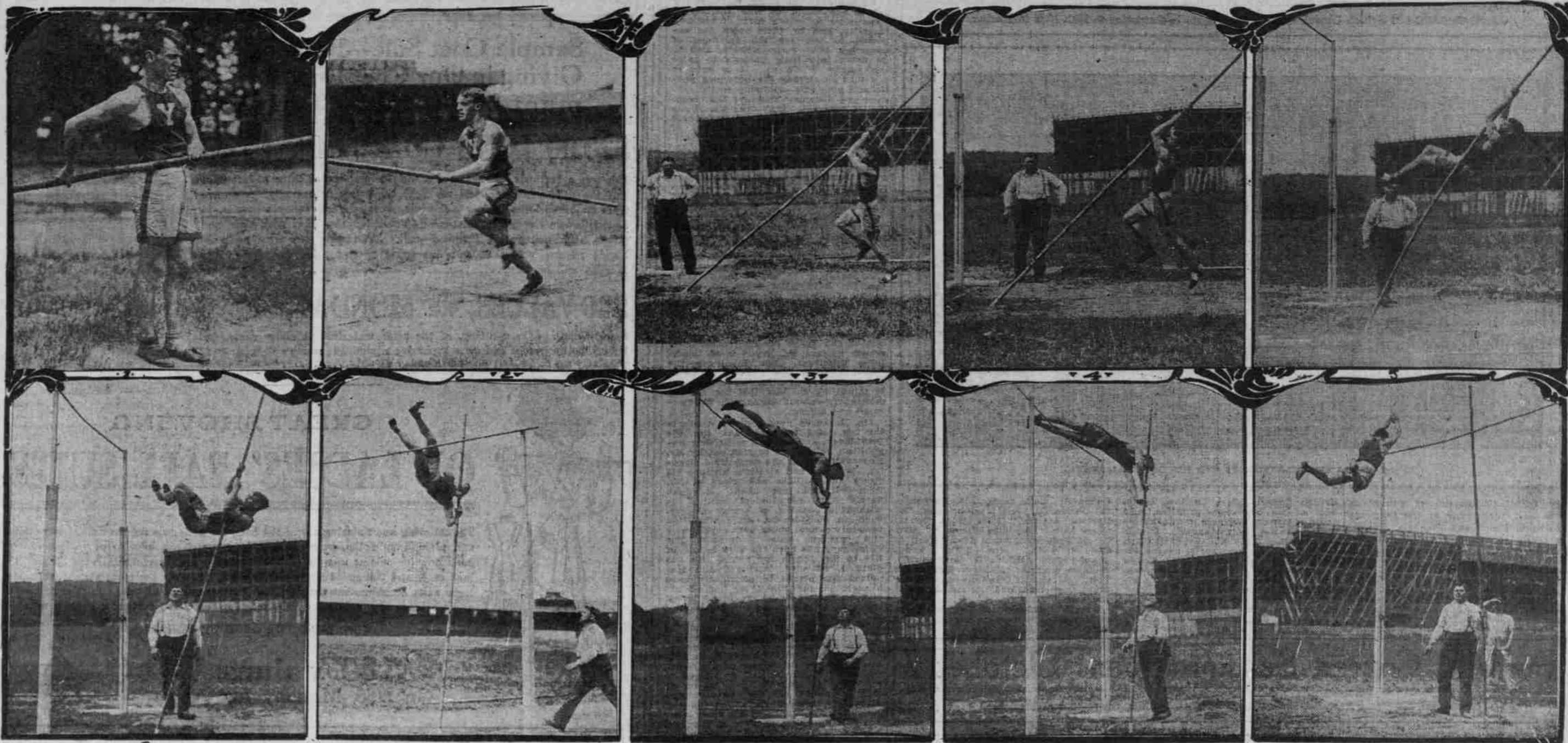


A. C. GILBERT CLEARING BAR AT 13 FEET, AND OTHER ATHLETES IN ACTION



ALFRED C. GILBERT, POLE-VAULTING. THE TEN PICTURES SHOW GILBERT AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE SAME VAULT.

OREGON'S VICTORS DECLINE PLAUDITS

Athletes Who Succeeded in London Games Display Modesty After Triumphs.

HERO BUSINESS NOW OVER

Young Men Blazoned With Well-Earned Medals Weary of Worship and the Superabundance of Glory.

BY W. J. PETRAIN

"Remember, boys, you are heroes for ten days—then go to work."

The above admonition was President Roosevelt's parting injunction to the members of the All-American team on the occasion of the victorious athletes' visit to the Nation's Chief Executive at Oyster Bay August 31. Today a majority of the members of that peerless aggregation of American brawn and muscle has followed the advice so ably given.

Among the exceptions are Oregon's trio of Olympic winners, but within a few days they will also have followed the President's advice, and it has only been because of their triumphal tour across the United States that they have not adhered to the dictum sooner. Portland and Oregon displayed a desire to welcome the three athletes who brought fame to the state in a fitting manner, and in order to accommodate their fellow-citizens, the boys delayed their homecoming.

Next week the hero business will have ceased and Forrest Smithson, Dan Kelly and Alfred Gilbert will turn their energies to other channels whereby the state may be benefited in a new manner. Gilbert, a benedict since last night, is on his way to Yale University to complete his education as a physician and surgeon, that he may remedy the ills of his fellow-man, and the other two are preparing to embark in mercantile pursuits. The memory of their close association, not only during the London competitions, but also during their triumphal trip across the continent, when, as native sons of Oregon, they were feted, dined and tendered ovations from the time they left New York City, will prove a lasting source of pleasant recollections of merit appreciated.

President Roosevelt's greeting, New York's welcome, the ovations at Chicago and Denver, and, above all, the magnificent reception tendered the boys at the conclusion of their journey at Portland, fittingly commensurate the feat of valiantly performing a foreign competition, and add to interest in healthful, outdoor sports among the general public, as well as to promote a greater incentive to emulate their example on the part of the younger generation.

Oregon's Fame Abroad.

While the various entertainments, receptions and the like extended the boys on their way home testify to the appreciation of the American public at feats of strength and endurance, it has also served the purpose of advertising the advantages of the State of Oregon in a far greater manner than could have been secured through any other medium of exploitation. In New York, the Oregon trio was second only to Johnny Hayes and Mevin Sheppard in the expressions of the throngs gathered along the line of march of the great parade in honor of the Olympic winners. On every hand there were shouts for Hayes and

Sheppard, both of whom are New Yorkers, and yet it seemed that almost as frequently the names of Smithson, Kelly and Gilbert were uttered as enthusiastically. A great deal of Oregon's popularity in the metropolis was due to the personality of her three sons, each of whom is regarded as a wonderful athlete by practically every member of the All-American team.

Ray, Ewry, Cloughton, Carpenter, Cartmel, Shaw, Garrett, Cook, Kamey, Flanagan, McGrath, Daniels, Sheppard, Ralph Rose, Robbins, Harry Porter, Giffin, Coc, Rector, Lawson Robertson, Paul Pilgrim and Johnny Hayes were among the stars of the All-American team who sang the praises of Kelly, Smithson and Gilbert on every occasion, whether the Oregon boys were present or not. Their fellow athletes seemed to realize that there was something marvelous about the ability of Smithson, Gilbert and Kelly because of their hailing from Oregon. Most of the athletes knew very little about Oregon, but when they sailed from New York on the steamship Philadelphia, and the three Oregon boys immediately formed an alliance, the balance of the 90-odd athletes were soon cognizant of this state and its geographical location. When all three scored at London the interest in Oregon and the Pacific Coast was intensified to a marked degree. The American stars have announced their intention of coming to Oregon to embark in business or professional careers.

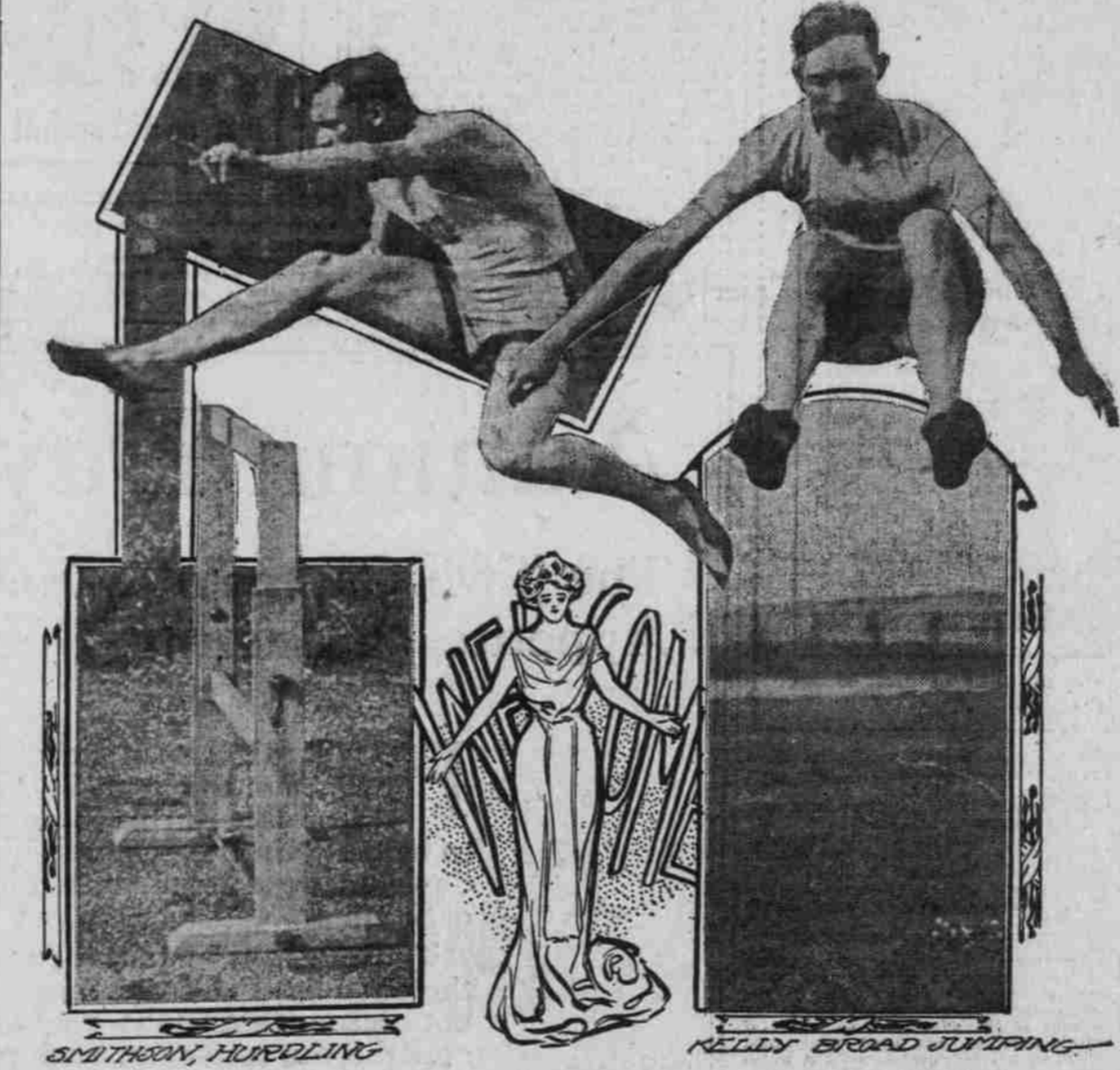
Rose, Oregon's Friend.

Ralph Rose, the remarkable weight man, proved one of the most ardent advocates of Oregon, and while he is a native of Healdsburg, Cal., he scarcely ever mentioned his own state, but almost continually dwelt upon the splendid treatment that had been accorded him by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club during the Amateur Athletic Union games at the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1905. John Flanagan and Matt McGrath, both of whom are members of the New York police department, announced their intention of visiting the Coast with their families next year, and when informed that Seattle was to have a world's exposition in 1909, they were all the more pleased at having arrived at such a juncture.

John C. Garrels, of Chicago, the famous University of Michigan football and track team star, who ran second to Forrest Smithson at the amateur athletic meet, an ardent admirer of the Oregon boys. His statement relative to them is worthy of republication and is as follows:

"You can find a better trio of athletes, or a more gentlemanly bunch of boys than Forrest Smithson, Alfred Gilbert and Dan Kelly are not to be found anywhere in America, or for that matter in the world. I have had the pleasure of being associated with them on numerous occasions, while they were competing in the East prior to the Olympic games, and when I learned that each of them had been selected to go to London, it was a source of considerable pleasure to me. I'll say that I had entertained hopes of beating Smithson at London, and tried my very best, but I will now admit that he is the greatest hurdler the world has ever produced, and if my statement is worth anything, you will see that he maintains his supremacy. Another fond recollection during the balance of my life will be my association with Alfred Gilbert during the time we toured Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Italy and France together just after the London games. I do not know where I could have selected a more agreeable companion for a journey of that kind than Mr. Gilbert. I am almost as proud of your Oregon boys as though they were natives of Chicago, and you can rest assured that I shall visit Portland at the very first opportunity I have."

Harry Porter, the world's champion high-jumper, is another All-American star who voiced his approval of the Oregon boys and who is anxious to visit the coast. Porter believes that Dan Kelly is the greatest sprinter in America today, and says that if Kelly will retire from athletics for one year in order to allow his injured leg a chance to mend properly, he is capable of again equalling the world's mark of which he is now the holder. James E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, and probably the best American authority on amateur sports, is another man of prominence in the athletic world who never fails to say a good word for Oregon when the opportunity offers. Mr. Sullivan is in this talk with President Roosevelt, after the



SMITHSON, HURDLING

KELLY BROAD JUMPING

latter had complimented the Oregon boys at Oyster Bay, said: "Mr. President, I am very glad that you complimented the Oregon boys. They well deserve it, for each of them is a star in his particular line, and Mr. Kelly is a capable man in several events. Their state deserves great credit for the men she has turned out. In fact I believe Oregon is entitled to the palm in amateur athletics for the cleanliness and splendid attainments of the athletes she does send to the various competitions in which they have won honors."

Fine Future for Oregon.

"I know," replied the President, "Oregon is a great state, and has a wonderful future. Her sons do her proud. Yes, Mr. Sullivan, I am highly pleased with the Oregon boys."

The above conversation between the President and Mr. Sullivan, took place after the Nation's Chief Executive had lauded the performances of the Oregon boys in his remarks to the assembled athletes, and it was after this conversation that a photograph was taken of the President bidding farewell to Kelly, Smithson, and Gilbert on the veranda of his home after the other members of the team had started for the boat-landing.

President Roosevelt is a remarkable man, and while every member of the All-American team had entertained a wholesome respect for him before their visit to Oyster Bay, this feeling was intensified two-fold after having met the greatest American of the day. The President displayed his remarkable versatility in keeping in touch with public matters when the boys were introduced to him individually. As each man was presented, whether he be a victor or an unfortunate who had not gained a place, the President knew his athletic specialty and congratulated or sympathized with him as the case might be, yet admired each and every one of them that he was proud of the showing they had made. After leaving New York the Oregon athletes visited Buffalo, and while they were not entertained by any athletic organization, they enjoyed a most pleasant

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE OREGON ATHLETES.

Forrest C. Smithson, of Portland, holder of the world's record in high hurdles, set a new mark in that event at the London Olympic games. His time for the 110 meters (120.7 yards) was 15 seconds flat.

Alfred C. Gilbert, of Portland, won the pole vault at London with a jump of 12 feet 2 inches. Cook, of Chicago, is recorded with having tied Gilbert, but merely jumped 12 feet 3 inches in his heat. Gilbert beat him seven inches in the jump-off. The Oregon boy holds the world's record of 12 feet 7 3/4 inches for this event.

Dan J. Kelly, of Baker City, took second place in the broad jump at London. He was defeated by Frank C. Irons, of Chicago. Kelly is also the holder of the world's record for the 160-yard dash, and has tied the record for the 220-yard dash.

The cordial welcome extended the delayed party at Salt Lake City by the Young Men's Christian Association was one of the most delightful features of the trip. The members of the Salt Lake Association took the party on an automobile trip through the city which included a visit to the University of Utah and the famous Mormon Tabernacle, where they heard the regular concert on the grand organ.

The morning after leaving Salt Lake the party awoke in Oregon, and from Baker City to Portland they were the recipients of ovations. At the conclusion of the Portland demonstration the hero stunt was ended and henceforth the athletes' time will be occupied by the more serious matter of attending to their future. Each of the boys desires to extend thanks to the people of Portland and the members of the committee who labored faithfully in making it the success it was, and to convey to them their delight at again being home.

CLUB'S AMBITION.

and those interested in amateur athletics will do well to remember the name of the Illinois Athletic Club, for it is likely to soon become one of the leading clubs in these sports in the country.

Fine Reception in Chicago.

With fondest recollections of an enjoyable stay in Chicago, the Oregon boys went to Denver. They were accompanied as far as St. Louis by Mr. Zeller, who had formed a warm attachment for the boys, and expressed his intention of some day visiting Portland and the Pacific Northwest. On their arrival at Denver the party was met at the depot by a delegation from the Denver Athletic Club and escorted to the handsome quarters of that organization. The Denver clubmen, seemingly, could not do enough for the boys, and their stay in the Colorado capital was one that will long be remembered. Banquets, automobile rides and theater parties came with such regularity that the guests had scarcely time to address a few postal cards home during their stay.

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GILBERT HOLDS WORLD'S RECORD

Oregon Man Has Made 12 Feet 7 3/4 Inches in the Pole Vault.

DOES BETTER IN PRACTICE

Before He Retires He Expects to Raise His Mark to Thirteen Feet—Pictures Show His Remarkable Skill.

The world's pole-vaulting record, held by Alfred C. Gilbert, the Oregon boy, who won the Olympic vault at London, is regarded throughout the East as one of the most remarkable feats in athletics. Gilbert, who is but five feet six inches in height, established a record of 12 feet 7 3/4 inches in the pole vault, which mark he made on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, during a field competition wherein he represented Yale against the University of Pennsylvania.

Some few years ago the vaulting record stood at a mark but a trifle over 12 feet, but Gilbert expects to set a mark at 13 feet before he concludes his career at the sport. He has on two occasions accomplished the hitherto unbelievable feat of vaulting 12 feet, and it was while in the act of accomplishing it that he was caught by the camera. The photographer who took the pictures of the Oregon boy performing this remarkable feat is W. H. Wallace, of 683 Amsterdam avenue, New York City, one of several people present when the mark was made.

The pictures shown herewith are remarkable, for the reason that they plainly show how the wonderful vaulter accomplishes the feat of going over a bar set higher than his pole. Each position is perfect and the ten pictures form a consecutive series that are explanatory in a measure of how the feat is accomplished. Some time ago W. R. Dray, another vaulter of prominence, was able to have beaten Gilbert's record, but if he did so, his feat is not recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union. Dray, at the instigation of some of his friends, sent out typewritten stories to the effect that he had beaten Gilbert's mark. These stories are said to be absolutely unfounded and, unfortunately, were published in a number of papers. Throughout the East, where the sporting pages of the big dailies are most extensively read, Gilbert is the recognized champion of the world at the pole vault.

On this page are also shown pictures of Forrest C. Smithson, the world's champion hurdler, in the act of clearing one of the barriers at the competitions at Celtic Park, Long Island, on the afternoon of the big celebration in New York, August 29, and one of Dan J. Kelly broad jumping. The Celtic Park meet was a handicap affair, and as both Oregon boys were handicapped heavily on account of their showing at London and other places, the best they could do was to secure second places.

HAS CINCH ON PORTLAND

California Magnates Have No Fear of McCredie.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Baseball gossip in San Francisco is somewhat at a standstill. Everything has been laid aside to await the return of Ewing and Henry Berry from Portland. From this end of the circuit it begins to look very much as if the Californians are going to have trouble with Portland, and it may be they will find that they cannot swing matters easily as they imagine. As a matter of fact, the Coast League needs Portland far more than Portland needs the league. When the subject was mentioned the other day to a Coast League official, he said: "I don't look for any trouble with McCredie. He wants his way, of course, and the other directors want their way. If it comes to the worst, we will not give up the Portland territory. The franchise belongs to the league. We can get plenty of Portland men to put their capital into the team. McCredie has always made money out of the club, and there are plenty of Portland people who are aware of this. If we could give them an eight-team league, we would like to do it, but it does not look feasible." Such talk sounds a bit warlike, and as if there is trouble ahead in the camp of the Coasters. Slug Slattery, the Oakland catcher, has been having his troubles of late. Since the Oakland club has been losing so persistently, the Commuterline fans have always been ready to knock. They object to Slattery because they think he is lazy, and a week ago, one Sunday morning, they made some rather personal remarks. Slattery responded, and police had to be called to quell the disturbance. Last Tuesday the bleachers made remarks about Dolly Gray. Slattery came to the rescue, and had a conflict with one of the hoodlums. He came off best, but for all that he is apt to find that life is a misery. It is said that he has written to Charles Baum, of the Fresno State League team, that he is dissatisfied with his surroundings, and that he would not object to a change. So you may hear that the leading sticer has gone to other pastures. More news has come about Bill Burns, the former Los Angeles pitcher. Mike Fisher, who is arranged for the trip of the All-American ball team that will go to the Orient next November, had a letter from Burns, in which he said that he would not be able to play any more ball during his life. His injuries are said to have been received as a result of an altercation with Bob Ganley. Another man who will probably make the trip, and who is well known to Portland fans, is Buck Freeman, with Washington. Buck wants to take his wife on the outing, and if this can be arranged, will be a member of the party. The Diposa run, better known in California as the Marathon of the West, was contested over the hills and mountains of Marin County last Sunday. It is an uphill and downhill course of about 19 miles. All told, there were 85 contestants, of whom more than 80 finished. The race attracted thousands of spectators, and among the visitors who tramped over to see the finish were Bert Kerrigan, now active in Olympic Club circles, and Peter Grant, who takes a healthy interest in all matters athletic. Pete confessed a couple of days later that it was rather strenuous exercise for him, but he said he enjoyed the walk. It should be explained for the benefit of Portlanders that Peter didn't participate in the contest except as an on-looker.

Escape "Crimps" Clutches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Five landmen jumped overboard from the schooner Winslow into the bay this morning to escape from the vessel. Two of them were picked up by a boat from the Sailors' Union and the other three were dragged out of the water in an exhausted condition. The men alleged that they were hired on board the schooner through misrepresentation and believed that they were about to be bargained.

For Bargains in Trunks, Suit Cases and Bags go to the Harris Trunk Co., 12 1/2 St., opp. Oregonian. They are selling off the bankrupt stock of the Pacific Coast Trunk & Bag Co.

Tomorrow (Monday) positively the last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Don't fail to read Gas Tips #2.