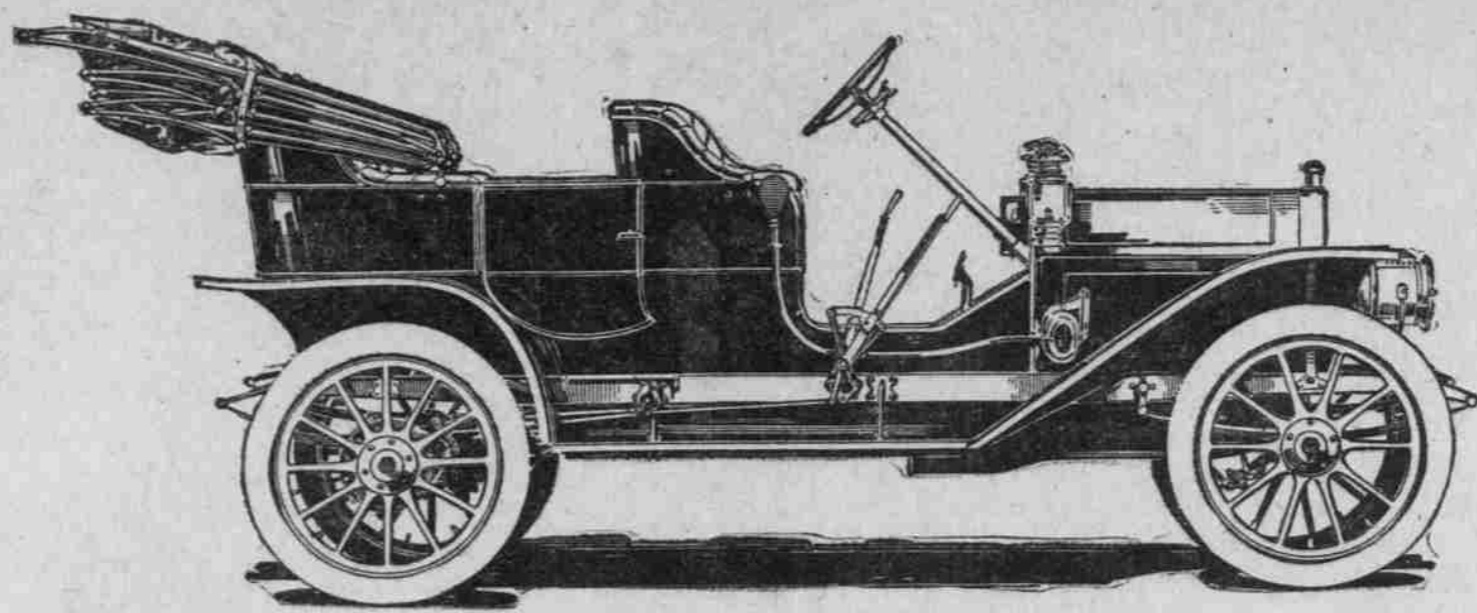


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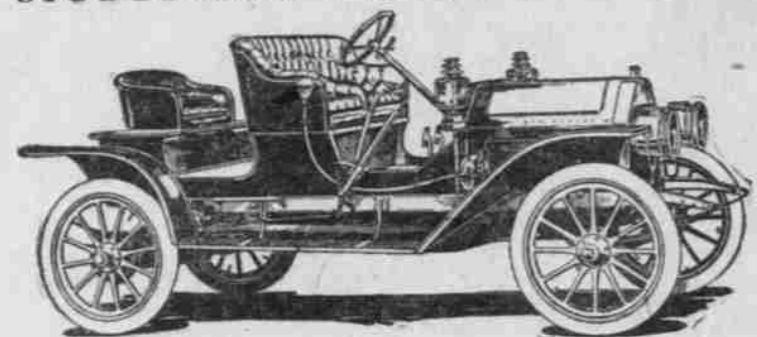
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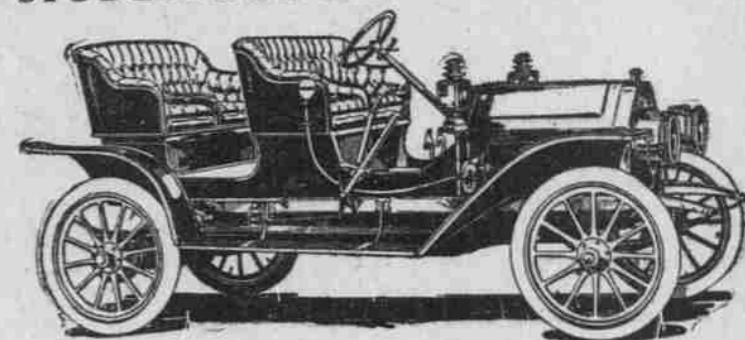
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FIGHT IS TO BEGIN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Football Games of Season Are Now Out of Way.

CHANCE FOR OREGON EVEN

Struggle With Idaho Will Be Good Test of Each Team's Abilities, Says Referee—O. A. C. Working Hard to Get in Shape.

BY REFEREE
Now that the preliminary football games are out of the way interest naturally centers upon the struggle for the Northwest championship, which begins next Saturday, when Oregon meets Idaho at Moscow, and when the Oregon Agricultural College lines up against Washington at Seattle.

The outcome of these gridiron battles will be watched with interest all over the Northwest, for two of the Conference teams will undoubtedly be counted out of the championship race. A month ago the teams of Oregon and Corvallis were picked as easy winners over their Idaho and Washington rivals, but conditions have changed somewhat during the past ten days, and at the present time the result of each game is a matter of speculation.

Coach Combats Heavy Odds.
The writer saw Oregon put up a mediocre article of football against a team of her own alumni stars at Eugene a week ago. Coach Forbes has been working against heavy odds, but is developing a good team and has at least a fair chance of winning from Middleton's proteges next Saturday.

No Freshmen on Idaho Team.
While Idaho has lost a good bunch of her men of last year, their places have been filled by substitutes and second team reserves. There are no freshmen in the Moscow lineup. All the men have served under Middleton before and they know his methods. Their style of attack is versatile, their defense strong and their fighting spirit of a high order. They underweigh Oregon slightly, but this disadvantage is offset by the fact that the coming game is on their own grounds. The only weak point about the Idaho team lies in the fact that it

has no punter, and this handicap will be especially noticeable in a contest with men like Clark and Moulton. Taken as a whole, the chances for victory seem to be about evenly distributed between Oregon and Idaho.

Washington Out for Blood.
Both Washington and O. A. C. have been filling the papers with bear stories, although Washington's stock took a skyward direction when Babcock, Burt and Jarvis joined the squad two weeks ago. Coach Dobie's men played rings around Whitworth, and there is no denying the fact that they are out for sweat and glory against O. A. C. It will be remembered that Washington has not defeated the Oregon Aggies since 1903, although no game was played last season between these eleven. Washington is not only out to defeat O. A. C., but she has a notion that Oregon, Pullman and other Northwest teams are in line for a whipping. Despite the criticisms that have been hurled at him, Coach Dobie is developing a high-class team at Seattle, and if the O. A. C. players have a notion that the coming game will be a one-sided affair they certainly have another guess coming.

With seven old players as a nucleus and with a wealth of good material at his command, Coach Norcross is building up a most formidable football machine at Corvallis. The strength of the Oregon Agricultural College bunch is as yet unknown, but the wise ones say that it will be stronger than last season's eleven. As a punter and place-kicker, Wolff is always a dangerous man, and in these departments of the game the Agricultural College men should out-class Washington. The writer takes no stock in the hard back stories that have come down from Corvallis. He predicts a hard, close game at Seattle, but is inclined to the belief that Oregon Agricultural College will win.

O. A. C. Has No Freshman Team.
General regret is expressed at the inability of O. A. C. to put out a freshman eleven. Considerable interest had been aroused because of the announcement of a freshman intercollegiate committee of the University of Washington and that they will be forced to the side lines if the evidence shows that they are being played in violation of the rules. Some pretty hard things have been said about the Washington management and Coach Dobie, but judgment should not be passed until a searching investigation is made.

By a vote of 4 to 2, the Northwest Conference Colleges have applied a strict construction to the four-year rule and have made the regulation retroactive. This excludes Roder, the Pullman half-back and Blumson, the Idaho runner, besides a number of Whitman's best men. It will exclude Jamison, the O. A. C. giant; Huston, the Oregon sprinter; Small, Idaho's famous quarterback, and several others at the end of this year. The writer has discussed the injustice of this ruling until his own patience and the patience of his readers has become exhausted, so no additional comment will be made.

PORTLAND MAY BE IN TWO LEAGUES

All Kinds of Stories Being Circulated Regarding McCredie's Plans.

REAL INTENTION IN DOUBT

Rose City May or May Not Be in Northwest and Pacific Coast Leagues at Same Time, Magistrate Refuse to Say.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
The problematical arrangement of the baseball map of the Pacific Coast and Northwest League circuits for the season of 1909 forms more of a puzzle than was the result of the American and National League games in September.

Rumors and denials are floating about with the utmost abandon, and in all of the principal baseball strongholds under discussion. From Seattle we hear that Portland is to be affiliated with the Northwest League, and also maintain a team in the Pacific Coast League. Aberdeen has it that Russ Hall, the Pacific Coast League deserter of 1906, is to be employed by McCredie as manager for Portland's Lucas league team. And down in California, every spare inch of space is being devoted to statements from Walter McCredie, who is quoted in San Francisco as being unalterably opposed to continuous baseball in Los Angeles. In the Angel City he is quoted just the opposite, or as being in favor of giving the Angels all the baseball they want and then some.

All of these rumors undoubtedly have some foundation, but as far as known to the writer, Walter McCredie is yet to be quoted exactly on any subject. Perhaps it is the fault of the interviewers, for the next day after a statement is attributed the valiant manager of the Portland team, either he or his uncle throws cold water on the statement by a partial or complete denial of the point taken. From such a state of affairs one would be led to believe that Walter McCredie is somewhat inconsistent. But there may be a firm advocate of the paraphrase, "Inconsistency is a jewel," and thereby keep the fans and some of his immediate friends guessing continue. It may be a lot of fun for Walter, but is hardly appreciated by the general public.

The Northwest League season. Dug made good all right. He ran away from the other teams, only he ran the wrong way, and thereby justified the press agent prophesies. The inconsistency of the Seattle baseball writers has even Walter McCredie faded into retirement when it comes to doping out "splendid" teams.

Despite the denials of Walter McCredie, as well as those of his uncle, who, by the way is as thoroughly reliable on baseball topics as his nephew is the opposite, there seems to be some foundation for the frequency of the stories emanating from the Puget Sound territory.

By way of placing the baseball situation before the public the aforementioned Seattle article starts off a column article in the following manner:
Announcement made by Walter McCredie that he has 28 baseball players under contract for next season simply explains that the Portland manager will split the list so as to allot 18 to each of his two clubs, the Class "A" club of the Pacific Coast League and the Class "B" club of the Northwestern League. It again emphasizes that Portland will be a member of the Northwestern League next year and that McCredie expects to put the winner of the latter league in the Rose City.

McCredie, who, with his uncle, Judge W. W. McCredie, owns the Portland franchise, is placed in the rather odd position of being the only baseball manager in the country who owns two clubs in one city. It is unprecedented, although stockholders in one club are known to have large holdings in the other.

McCredie's 27 players may explain a whole lot to the Seattle scribe, but here in Portland the fans would be much more satisfied if both the McCredies and the other Pacific Coast League magnates would do a little explaining of their intentions for the coming season.

Here in Portland spectators are would be much more satisfied if Messrs. Ewing and Berry had devoted their efforts to discussing the prospects for a reorganization of the Pacific Coast League circuit for next season instead of meandering off to witness the world's series, where they furnished around Chicago with a challenge to the world's champions for a series with the Los Angeles Club at the end of the present season in the Southland.

According to the present status of baseball affairs there is to be nothing doing in the matter of next season's circuit until the annual meeting of the league, several weeks hence, and it is quite probable that Portland will be classed as both a Northwest League and Pacific Coast League city until that meeting shall definitely settle the proposition.

Los Angeles is still hankering for continuous baseball, and to judge by the rumors referred to above, it is quite probable that the "banker" will be gratified, and it is also quite probable that the McCredies' consent to such an agreement will be secured by granting them the right to enter a team in the Northwest League, which would serve to place Portland on the same plane as Los Angeles in being doubly represented upon the diamond.

However, Seattle's argument, based on McCredie's having signed, drafted or bought 26 or 27 players for next season, is of little or no significance as far as the present issue is concerned, for it will be remembered that the Portland team last Spring was composed of something like 35 players before the Spring training stunts were commenced.

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