# TACOMA HOPES TO HAVE STRONG NINE

## Tigers Will Fight Even Harder Than Usual to Beat Seattle.

## RIVAL GETS MIKE LYNCH

**Shreeder Is Anxious to Prove That ex-Manager Was Not Entirely Responsible for Success of Former Teams.**

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—With Mike Lynch gone to Seattle, Tacoma's bitterest baseball rival, the trend of local Winter gossip has been how the 1909 Tigers will fare without their big, scrappy captain, and how Tacoma and Seattle will stand relatively when the next race is over.

Just how big a factor Lynch has been in Tacoma's past baseball success will be determined in a degree next season. With Mike at the helm, the Tigers have won one pennant and finished second the two succeeding years. Critics around the circuit have conceded that he did not have the individual players to entitle him to his standing out that it was his leadership and ability to teach his players the inside tricks of the trade that kept Tacoma a contender in every pennant race since he has been captain of the team. If Lynch really is a peerless leader, D. E. Dugdale, of Seattle, will get the benefit of his generalship this year.

### Speeder Deserves Some Credit.

In the past it has been a by-word between seasons that "Mike" Lynch will not have a losing team the next year. As a matter of fact, Lynch has been given much of the credit that should have gone to George M. Shreeder, president of the Tacoma club and its backer through several bad seasons. Working with Shreeder, Lynch has always got what he asked for in the way of players. Shreeder has never refused to spend real money when it was up to the Tacoma team to strengthen.

And the Tacoma magnate will go almost to extremes to give this city a winner next season. He is more anxious to beat Seattle now that Dugdale has got Lynch than he ever was before and he proposes to do so next Summer. With the opening of every season, Shreeder has made the prediction that he would "finish one, two or three and beat Seattle at all costs." The number of times that Seattle has beaten Tacoma in baseball since Shreeder has had control of the team can be counted on one finger.

Two weeks after Lynch had signed a contract with Seattle, Shreeder bought the Butte team outright and the 1909 Tigers will include the best players of the last year's Tacoma and Butte teams, besides those new men Shreeder has bought or signed since the close of last season.

If money can make a winner, Shreeder says he will have a winner next year. He has already given this town the finest baseball plant on the Pacific Coast. And he built it at a time when he was not sure of a franchise in the league.

### Captain Not Yet Named.

Shreeder has not yet announced his captain for next year, if he has made such a selection. He has been negotiating with Charley Doyle and "Brick" Devereaux, but it is hardly likely that either one of these men will pilot the Tigers during the coming season. Should Russ Hall show an inclination to buy an interest in the Tacoma club, he would be given the job of bench manager. But unless Hall is willing to shoulder some of the financial burden he will not be connected with the club. Should Shreeder be unable to get a captain, he could get along well enough by appointing one of the men now under contract to him. Two or three veterans of the 25 players he has could fill the bill.

The pitching department is giving the Tacoma manager the greatest worry at this time, though he has eight pitchers under contract. The best known of these is Ike Butler, the veteran, who has been with Tacoma four years. Butler will be back early next Spring, and will be put in charge of the youngsters. Old Ike can win many a game yet, though he cannot stand the work as he did years ago.

Bert Hall, the local plumber boy, whom Lynch was lucky enough to pick up for nothing last season, is perhaps the most promising of the twirlers to be seen on the local team next year. For a youngster, Hall has marvelous control. He showed that in his first game, when he trotted out with the bases full and none out. He pitched one ball and then seven strikes running. Under the tutelage of Lynch, Hall mastered what has been locally termed the "fork ball," a sort of dry spitter, which has even more of a break than the spitball. Hall holds this ball between his index and big finger and delivers it with all the speed of a straight ball. He learned to control it last year, and has been perfecting his mastery of the new ball this Winter.

### Idaho Player Is Comer.

Much is expected this year of Lee Samuels, the Idaho University boy, who played with Butte last season, and was bought by Shreeder in the wholesale purchase of Butte players. Samuels pitched the best ball of his career last year, and should be better next Summer. Claflin, another of the ex-Butte players, is expected to make good. Claflin broke in the game with Tacoma, but Lynch let him go, because he was too erratic. He pitched steady ball for Butte last year, and was one of the best hitters on the team.

Of southpaws, Shreeder has plenty. They are Jess Baker, Cole, Hunt and Wakefield. Baker is another Tacoma boy who made his debut last year. He won the first six out of seven games pitched. Hunt pitched one game for Tacoma against Vancouver last Fall, won it, and then took French leave when he got his first pay check. Shreeder liked the work of the tall southpaw, so he took him back. Cole comes from California, and Wakefield was the winning pitcher for the Elma, Wash., semiprofessional team last year.

The personnel of the team at this time includes the names of four catchers: Joe Collins, Johnny Bender, "Stub" Spencer and Hughie Kellackey. Collins is the Santa Clara College boy, who has learned the game under "Happy" Hogan. He played the outfield for Tacoma two years ago, but could not handle ground balls, and was not much of a success, though he proved a good hitter. He is a catcher by rights, and it appears that he has the call for the backstop job. Bender is the former University of Nebraska star football and baseball player, who has been with most of the teams in the Northwestern League the last two seasons. He may not report next season, as he has gone into business in Spokane. Bender played in Portland two years ago under the name of Burdette. Spencer caught the majority of games for Aberdeen the year the Black Cats won the pennant. He and Bob Brown did not jibe, and he was transferred to Butte. Shreeder has not decided what disposition he will make of Spencer. Kellackey will be used as catcher for Tacoma this year, if he is held. He played first base last year, and proved an ordinary first sacker, who hit in streaks, sometimes knocking the ball out of the lot every time he came up and more often failing to hit at all.

### Hurley Scheduled for First.

The first baseman job now lies between Bill Hurley, the old-timer, and Fred Cline, a youngster who was found in California this Winter. Hurley's aggressiveness will be a card in his favor. Tigers playing Winter ball in California have much good to say about Cline and Shreeder intends to bring the youngster up North for the training season.

There will be three candidates for second base when the players report here in the Spring. They are Mackin, the midget who held down the sack the greater part of last season; Stis, who was secured from Butte, and Ash Houston, an infielder who has played more or less up and down the Coast. The best hitter of this trio will have the best chance of landing the place, as Shreeder intends to have a hitting infield.

At shortstop will be Buster Bresino. Tacoma fans are satisfied with the playing of this little fellow and Shreeder is not looking for any other shortstops. Mike Lynch has been trying to inveigle Shreeder into a trade whereby Seattle would get Bresino, but there is nothing doing. Not even Terry McKune is regarded as a fair exchange for Bresino. He cannot hit; everybody knows that. But if he could hit he would never stay in this league or any other below the major leagues. He led the league last year in fielding by a good margain and the records do not tell half of his worth to the team he plays with. He is as foxy an infielder as plays the game. He is never caught napping and much of the credit for Tacoma's "inside ball" must be given to him. He will again captain the infield next year.

Third base appears to be well cared for with Cartwright and Chandler to choose from. Cartwright led the third basemen in fielding last year and played a remarkable game. General surprise was expressed that the larger leagues overlooked him. He is a fair hitter, averaging over .250. Chandler was with Spokane a time last season and proved a sensation while he lasted. His arm went back on him and he was dropped. He has written Shreeder that he is back in shape and will be given a trial.

### Good Men for Outfield.

The outfield looks better than anything else in the league. The left garden will be taken care of by either Kipper or Martinke, center by Charlie Swain and right by Frank Suess or Irby. Kipper was secured from Spokane in a trade last year and won favor here by his hard hitting, fast fielding and aggressiveness. He should take the job away from Martinke, whose playing was only ordinary last season. Swain ranked at the top of the outfielders playing with Butte last season and classes with the leading hitters in the league. His greatest batting feat last Summer was three home runs out of four times up at Seattle. Suess ranked sixth among the league batters last season and showed wonderful improvement in his fielding. He will be ripe for promotion by the end of next season if he continues to improve. Irby was always feared when he came to bat for Butte and broke up many a game with a timely swat. He is a fair fielder, with a fine throwing arm.

Some of these players may figure in trades before the training season begins, but most of them will be ordered to report in Tacoma about the middle of March. The conditioning of the players will be done here in Tacoma, as has been the custom the past few years.

"Lynch or no Lynch, we'll have a first division team next season," Shreeder said yesterday. "From the players now under contract I believe I can pick a team that will hold its own against the others and if not, we will get a team that can. Tacoma will finish one, two or three, and we will beat Seattle. Just paste that in your hat."

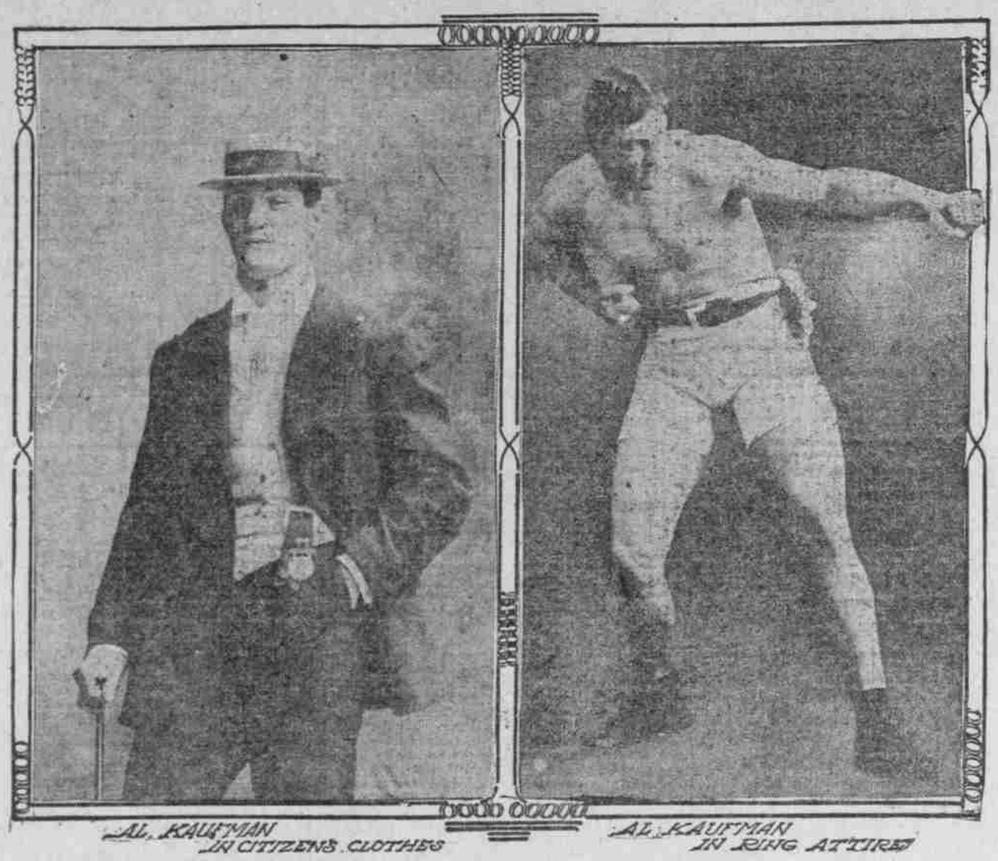
Meanwhile the fans are anxiously awaiting the opening of the season. The race next year will be of more interest to Tacoma folks than ever before. Three of the prime favorites of Mike Fisher's great ball team will return to Tacoma this coming Summer as captains of rival clubs. Pearl Casey will pilot the Portland Northwestern club, Lou Nordyke the 1908 pennant-winning Vancouver Beavers and Mike Lynch, until recently of Tacoma, the Seattle Siwashes.

### Women to Drive Flying Cars.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—The New Orleans Automobile Club today announced that a race for the woman's championship of America will be added to the programme for the International Mardi Gras automobile speed carnival, to be held February 20-22.

Work on New York City's new Catskills reservoir and aqueduct is employing 45,000 men.

# AL KAUFMAN DECLARED LOGICAL OPPONENT FOR JACK JOHNSON



AL. KAUFMAN IN CITIZENS CLOTHES — AL. KAUFMAN IN RING ATTIRE

AL KAUFMAN, the young California heavyweight, who recently defeated Jim Barry, of Chicago, is rated in some quarters as the logical opponent of the claimant to the heavyweight honors, Jack Johnson. Kaufman was formerly the heavyweight champion of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, and as the representative of that institution, came to the boxing tourney at the Lewis and Clark Fair, in Portland, receiving the medal for that division by default; there being no one else entered in his class. Later he was taken in tow by Billy Delaney, who believes he will be a world-beater in time. Delaney announces that Kaufman draws the color line and will not meet Jack Johnson, at least not at present.

# JEFFRIES IN DENIAL

## Says No Reason Exists Why He Should Meet Johnson.

## NEGRO MAY BE CHAMPION

**Writer Sees None of Present Day Aspirants Who Can Beat Him. Herrera Threatens to Re-enter the Ring—Other Gossip.**

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Serene in his retirement at Los Angeles, Champion James J. Jeffries continues to rebuff the rumors spread broadcast of his intention to re-enter the ring and meet Arthur "Jack" Johnson. Big Jeff says he is through with the fighting game, yet, despite this assertion, many are anxious to force him to a meeting with the negro.

Jeffries has issued a public announcement in which he says there is no reason why he should fight Johnson for the championship of the world, for he, himself, never relinquished that title, either by tender or defeat. Before he retired he refused to meet Johnson and does not believe that there is any reason why he should do so now.

The mere fact that the negro defeated Tommy Burns does not necessarily mean that he is any more fit to meet the champion of champions now than he was four or more years ago. For a man of Johnson's physique to defeat a man like Burns, who never really was entitled to any claim upon the world's championship, is not a great accomplishment, for Brusso was out of his class entirely when he met the negro.

Jack Johnson is the type of the burly negro, possessed of some science, but more brute strength, to whom the fighters of the days of John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett and Robert Fitzsimmons paid little or no attention. Fitzsimmons, it is true, met Johnson in the ring, but that disgraceful affair occurred after the famous Australian had gone into his decline. In fact the match should never have been permitted, for the name of Fitzsimmons stood as a model, despite his two defeats by Jeffries. To set him up as a punching bag for the black when the "old man" was long overdue for retirement should redound to the lasting discredit of the Philadelphia fight promoters who were responsible. Poor old Fitz proved utterly unfit for the contest and he was made a chopping block for the negro, who knocked the veteran out in two rounds, July 17, 1907.

The passing of Fitzsimmons and Corbett and the retirement of Jeffries seems to indicate that the colored man may claim the nominal title undisputedly until a white heavyweight of more promise than any now before the public shall come to the front. The present-day heavies present a beautiful collection of pugilistic lemons, for the only one of the bunch to show promise is Al Kaufman, and he is but a second-rater.

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Aurelio Herrera, who, during the time he was "handled" by Biddy Bishop, was heralded as the world-beating Mexican, and who is now conducting a hotel at Bakersfield, Cal., is threatening to re-enter the ring. Threatening is a good term for such as he, for that is about all his efforts would amount to. Herrera is now in the class of Young Corbett and others who believe the supposed revival of the boxing game means a little easy money for them at the expense of the fickle pugilistic fans.

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Dr. Roller, the Seattle "phenomenal" wrestler, seems to have backed down in some of his pugilistic aspirations. Before Al Kaufman defeated Jim Barry at Los Angeles recently, the Seattle medico-wrestler-pugilist was extremely anxious to meet the winner of the bout, but on learning that the bout lasted 39 gruelling rounds, he changed his mind about Kaufman being such an easy mark, and now says he will meet some other "heavy" first in order to break himself into the game. The Seattle "sawbones" says he believes he is a fighter because Fitzsimmons told him so.

The snail's teeth are on its tongue and there are thousands of them.

# HELPS COAST CLUBS

## New Rating Will Aid Fight on California Outlaws.

## WAR WILL COST BIG SUM

**Outsiders Must Dig Deep Into Their Pockets If They Carry Out Threat to Put Teams Into Coast League Cities.**

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—When the National Commission, in planning a way to evade a baseball war with the Eastern League and the American Association, raised not only those leagues but the Pacific Coast League to double A rating, they did the best possible thing for the Coasters if there is to be a war with the California State League, as now appears certain. That move, as the Portland fans are doubtless aware, means that the Coast League will be permitted to draft players from Class A leagues, such as the Southern Association and the Western League, and that it will be better able to protect itself and have strong teams.

### Baseball War Is Certain.

As to the war, there seems no way to stop it, unless the outlaws fall down on their announcements. Since Charlie Graham and Bill Curtin, of the Sacramento team, made the announcement that they were ready to join hands with the Coasters, the outlaws have been making announcements galore and if they spend their money half as fast, there will be a ton of it used. They say they will have splendid baseball plants in San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles and that their teams will size up to the Coast League. Now all this costs money and just how they are going to accomplish it, nobody exactly understands.

In reality it was Cy Moreing, of Stockton, who first started the war talk. He allowed it to leak out that the entire Stockton team, with the exception of Danny Shay, would be brought to San Francisco with himself as manager and that Shay would build up a new team for Stockton.

### Sacramento Club Withdraws.

Then came the cyclonic announcement from the Sacramento camp. It startled even the outlaws when Graham said that he would have no more of them and also that he was ready to join hands with the Coast League.

"I am the only one in the State League who knows what a baseball war is," said Graham, "and I am not going to sacrifice what we have built up in Sacramento. It cost the State League $30,000 to operate last year and what will happen to them in a fight? We can't afford to go into it and for that reason we are willing to accept the offer that was made by Ewing and become a member of the Coast League. Most if not all of our players will be with us and there will be a sixth club in Los Angeles."

On hearing this news, the outlaws first of all called Graham a traitor. Then they said they didn't want him, but that they did want his players and they intimate that they know how to get them. Cy Moreing, President Frank Herman of the State League and Danny Shay visited Los Angeles this week and had a love feast. They interviewed Jim Morley, the ex-Los Angeles manager, and tried to induce him to accept the management of the club they propose to install in that section of the state. In that the outlaws were not altogether successful, but all the same they sent out glowing statements of what they propose to do.

### Clubs Would Cost Money.

It remains to be seen how serious are their statements. To put a club into San Francisco will cost them fully $50,000. They would have to spend $25,000 in Oakland and around the $40,000 mark in Los Angeles. Who is going to supply the cash for this exceedingly hazardous venture, they are not as yet prepared to state.

So far as I can learn, the people of California haven't any set ideas as to organized or outlaw baseball. All they want is the best ball that can be furnished them, and if the outlaws expect to secure the support of the public, they will have to ransack the woods for ball players, who are none too plentiful.

In any event it is to be deplored that there is to be a war of this sort. It will hurt baseball and certainly cannot do it any good. One side is bound to fall and the other will have to spend considerable money in the victory. It means that for a time it will be baseball with no profit and professional baseball cannot last for any length of time where the promoters are not getting their share of the receipts.

Young Hackenschmidt (Charles Berg), Who Offers to Throw O'Connell Four Times in an Hour.

# ISSUES CHALLENGE TO ED O'CONNELL

## Young Hackenschmidt Offers to Throw Local Wrestler Four Times in Hour.

## POSTS FORFEIT OF $500

**Bellingham, Wash., Athlete Says He Is Ready to Make Side Bet of $1000 or More—Also After Dr. Roller, Seattle Wonder.**

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to throw Ed O'Connell, the wrestling instructor of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club of this city four falls in 60 minutes of actual wrestling. I to weigh in at 167 pounds at noon on the day of the match. Mr. O'Connell to weigh whatever he pleases. Being that Mr. O'Connell declares he is open to wrestle any man in the country at 158 pounds in an even match, I think my offer will more than give him the best of it, as there will only be nine pounds difference between that and the weight I agree to make. I am anxious to meet Mr. O'Connell under these terms, the match to be for a side bet of $500 and open to a $1000 or more if so desired by Mr. O'Connell or his friends. The match to be catch-as-catch-can style, strangle holds, flying falls and rolling falls barred, pin falls only to count, and the match to take place in three weeks after the articles of agreements are signed, with the referee to be mutually agreed upon.

YOUNG HACKENSCHMIDT.

The above communication was received yesterday by the sporting editor of The Oregonian, and means that Young Hackenschmidt, as he styles himself when wrestling, but whose real name is Charles Berg, of Bellingham, Wash., is anxious to meet Wrestling Instructor Eddie O'Connell, of Multnomah Club, who announces that he is ready to meet any man in the world at his weight.

As a mark of good faith Hackenschmidt has posted $500 with Will G. Mac Rae, of The Oregonian staff, and announces that he can double this sum if the Multnomah man is anxious for a match. Young Hack contends that, insofar as Instructor O'Connell took on Professor M. J. Dwyer, Joe Heinrich, of Spokane, and La Salle, all of whom outweighed him several pounds, he thinks he should be given a chance if O'Connell really is in earnest in these matches.

"I will wager $500," said Hackenschmidt yesterday afternoon, "that I can throw Mr. O'Connell four times in 60 minutes of actual wrestling time, and as a guarantee that I mean business this sum is now in the hands of Mr. MacRae. If O'Connell wishes to accept this challenge I shall be pleased to meet him at any time and sign articles, and all that I ask is that I have three weeks from the date of signing in which to train down to the weight at which I agree to meet him, 167 pounds. He has met Dwyer, who was not in condition and weighed over 170 pounds, and La Salle, who weighed about 175 pounds, and I cannot see any reason why he should refuse my challenge, and I do not believe that he will do so."

Young Hackenschmidt professes to have received permission from the "Russian Lion" to use the wrestling title under which he announced himself. He recently toured Europe with the famous Russian wrestler and has won 12 matches abroad, in addition to a large number of victories scored in America before he went to Europe.

As Charles Berg, his real name, Young Hackenschmidt started out as a wrestler at Bellingham, Wash., where he resided for years, and after winning several bouts among local celebrities he went East.

The newcomer also announces that he is after Dr. Roller, and would like to take on O'Connell before he goes after the Seattle man, for the training necessary for this match would put him in fine condition to prepare for the Seattle physician.

### Centralia 31; Castle Rock 24.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—One of the fastest games of basketball ever witnessed in this city was played here last night between the Centralia and Castle Rock High School teams, the score at the close standing 31 to 24 in favor of Centralia, which is said to be the fastest school team in Southwestern Washington.

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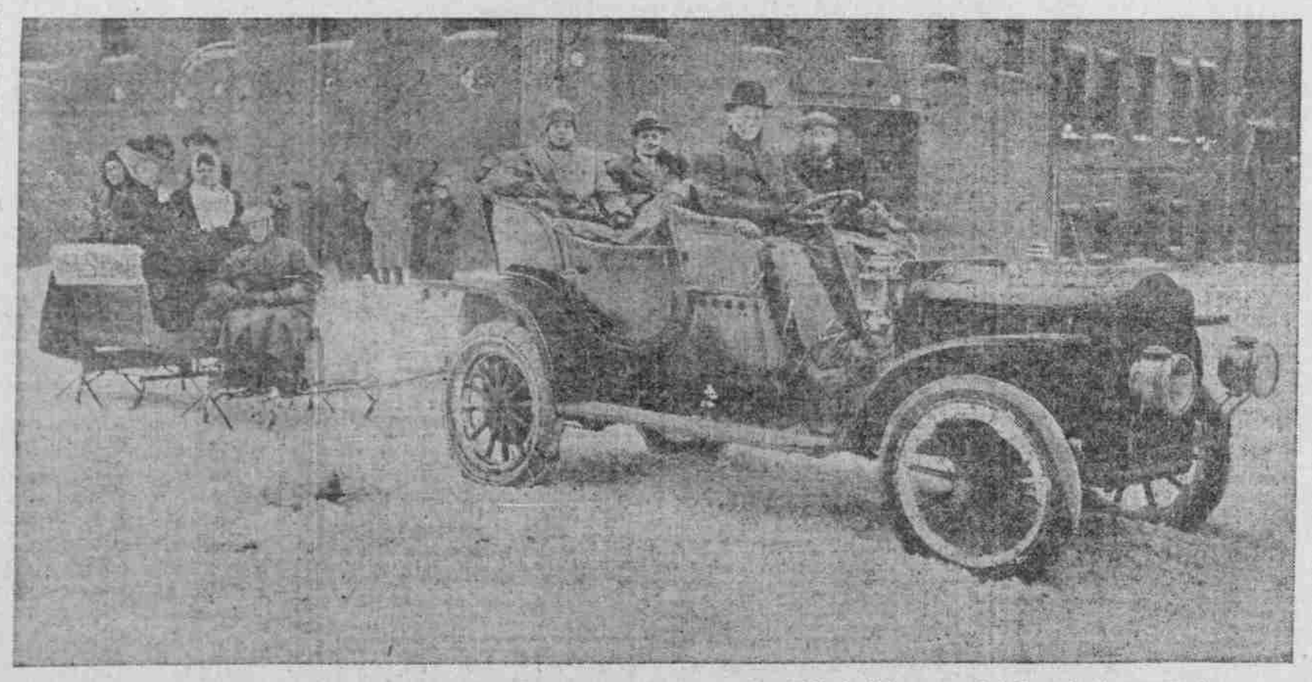
## J. B. KELLEY WITH A PARTY OF FRIENDS IN WHAT HE TERMS HIS 30-HORSEPOWER SLED



"Hip Hooray! It's snowin'!" That's what Kelley said.
Kelley owns an auto. Here's what Kelley did.

Kelley build a bob-sled and tied it on behind
And started down to do the town,
Despite the storm and wind.

Soon Kelley's sled was crowded; O, surely it was grand;
They sang a song, they whizzed along,
This joyous little band.

From river's brink to mountain, this was Kelley's bent.
The sled it jumped, it thumped and bumped.
But went where Kelley went.

Then Kelley turned a corner and the little sled he slid
And dumped his load upon the road.
He did? Like Kelley did.

## INDOOR SPORT IS GAINING

**Popularity of Basketball Grows in Portland.**

Basketball is now the principal gymnasium sport, and while it is enjoying popularity among the few who realize its merits, the game is yet far from receiving the patronage to which it is entitled. Some few years ago the game was played almost exclusively among the Young Men's Christian Association organizations, but of late it has been received with favor by the various colleges and athletic clubs. The result has been that the game naturally draws larger crowds at each succeeding contest.

The game itself is really one of the most strenuous contests known to athletics, and requires the participant to be in the best possible physical condition. In fact there is no other gymnasium game that requires more energy than basketball, unless it is handball, and the association game is much more attractive.

At present Portland possesses two institutions with high-class basketball teams. These are the Young Men's Christian Association and the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. The former has the distinction of having initiated the game in Portland, as it has in most of the cities of the country. Multnomah, since it has adopted the sport, has succeeded in developing a team that ranks with the older organization in every particular.

At the recent meeting between the two organizations, the association players were overwhelmingly defeated, but as they have another game with the clubmen, which will be played in the near future, the Y. M. C. A. lads will have a chance to redeem themselves. In order to accomplish this the association players are practicing hard every night, for they are extremely anxious to even up the score against the clubmen and to regain the laurels lost in the recent contest. On the other hand, Multnomah does not intend to be caught napping, and the agile and active players of the club's quintet hold regular practice.