COLTS HAVE BAD LUCK IN BUNCHES

Will Mac Rae Writes of What Casey's Men Are Up Against Just Now.

SHAKE-UP IN MAP COMING

Aberdeen Good Ball Town, but Has Not Enough People and Hoquiam Knocks—Tacoma Has Baseball Sickness.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

Those fans who have been kicking at the class of ball Casey's Colts have been putting up since their return home have failed to take into consideration how sadly the team has been crippled. The second invasion of the Colts met with disaster during the second week, and once the machinery began going to pieces, it wrecked the whole works.

During the last week at home, Manager Casey's hired men were playing bang-up baseball and the long-looked-for winning streak had the appearance of having arrived. This kept up during the Aberdeen series, and in spite of the fact the cats managed to take the series, the team, with the exception of two games, played gilt-edged ball.

The first break in the machinery came during the last game of the series at Tacoma. Portland had virtually won the game. Then came an injury to Casey, and the switch that was necessary not only cost Portland the game, but prevented the Colts from jumping into second place. The victory of that game would have landed them there, for at the time Spokane was being taken down the line by Aberdeen and Seattle was being trimmed by Vancouver. This was also the first time Seattle had received the jolt that was long overdue, and they were a mighty tame lot of balltossers when they got back to their own camping grounds. Their pepper was gone and, had the Colts gone into the battle with Casey around second, nothing could have kept Portland from taking the series.

Trouble Comes in Bunches.

This luck was not written in the book. At first it was not expected that Casey's injury would keep him out of the Seattle series. It was not even guessed that he would be out of the game as long as he has been. Seattle managed to scratch out and win the first game. Portland took the second and then, to complete the smash-up of the Colts' lineup, Mullen broke his ankle, and since then trouble has been coming fast and furious for the Colts.

Casey's injury made it necessary to yank that all-round good ballplayer, Adams, out of right field to second base. While Adams is a pretty nifty first-sacker and a corking good third-baseman, the play around the keystone sack was new to him and he naturally blundered some. This switch would not have been the cause of much trouble, but when Mullen was injured the climax was reached. This made it necessary to put Bill Chinault at first. The blond Tennesseean had never played the position, but he gave the best performance that was in him, and while he did not play the bag in a finished way, his work was far from being yellow.

The two serious mishaps took the ginger out of the rest of the team, and while they did not play ragged ball, the games they put up were wobbly. Fournier played the right field, and that right field in Seattle is no joke. Yet the catcher did very well. With the patched formation it was practicaly impossible to play good ball, and once more the Seattle luck was to the fore. The Colts lost the series again, and Seattle thereby increased its long lead. All of this, of course, is the luck of baseball.

Bad Fingers Add to Ill Luck.

The god of ill-luck, who landed among the Colts at Tacoma, followed them to Seattle and was not left behind when the team came home. In the opening game Tommy Murray, who has been catching grand ball ever since he joined Casey's team, received an injury to his finger and he had to give way to Fournier. At first Murray did not think much of his hurt. After a day or two the injury became so painful that Murray found it necessary to call in a doctor and have the finger lanced. As it is, the operation was performed just in time to save him from blood poisoning.

On the same day a few innings later, Fournier's finger came in contact with a foul tip and the nail was almost torn off. In spite of this painful injury, he has been working behind the bat. He is doing the best work he can, but because his finger is in such shape, Vancouver has been able to steal on him, and the fans are inclined to censure him. If his critics were only half as badly injured they would not even sit through a game.

Enough of the hard luck business. Here's something about what is likely to happen when the Northwestern League moguls gather together in their next annual pow-wow. Unless all signs fail, there will be a switch on the Northwestern League baseball map. This of course, or at least some of it, depends upon what the McCredies will do. Should they elect to weigh anchor with the Coasters and hook up with the Northwestern League, Aberdeen and Tacoma may find themselves out in the cold.

At the present writing Aberdeen is a better ball town than Tacoma. It would be a pity to drop Aberdeen out of the league, because President McFarland and the rest of the staunch and game business men of that city who are backing the team are a credit to any baseball organization. The only trouble with Aberdeen is that it is not large enough to support a ball team in a league the size of the Northwestern League.

Hoquiam Knocks Aberdeen.

Aberdeen is a thriving and growing town, and so is Hoquiam. Nothing can stop the rapid growth of these two towns and it will be only a matter of time before Aberdeen and Hoquiam are consolidated and then, with the same men at the helm, it would be a good ball town. As the thing stands now, there is a keen rivalry between the two towns.

The ball park is a pretty one and it is happily situated so that the fans from both Aberdeen and Hoquiam can get to the games with ease. The fans of Hoquiam, however, are not pulling for the Aberdeen team, not by a long shot. They go to the games and pull like a mule for the visiting team. They take possession of the left field bleachers and the Aberdeen fans, who as a rule outnumber them, take the right field bleachers. While the Aberdeen fans are rooting for the home team the fans from Hoquiam are rooting just as hard for the visitors. This helps the visiting team a lot, but at the same time it makes it unpleasant for Manager Rowland's hired men.

At that Aberdeen out-draws Tacoma. The combined population of Aberdeen and Hoquiam is not over 40,000. Its team has been hovering near the cellar and yet both places have sent more fans to the ball games than Tacoma with its boasted population of 100,000.

This naturally brings up the question, "What's the matter with Tacoma?" We have been "Watching Tacoma Grow," and we've been caught by that clever line, "You'll Like Tacoma." Tacoma has grown and is growing and it's a very likable place, but there is something radically wrong with Tacoma when it comes to baseball. It is a tough problem to solve. It is hard to believe that a city the size of Tacoma, a city of beautiful homes, pretty women and full-blooded men, is without love of the National game. If its population was made up of foreigners, an answer could be readily found, but this is not so. Nor can it be possible that the baseball germ, a germ that President Taft boasts proudly of having, is dormant in all Tacomans. Neither can it be true that Tacoma is baseball sick.

Tacoma Baseball Sick.

Once upon a time they say Tacoma was a good ball town. For that reason it was I who urged Mique Fisher to discard Sacramento and move bag and baggage to Tacoma. Well, Tacoma did not support the Tigers, one of the best minor league baseball teams that ever wore a uniform. If there ever was a baseball team in the world that deserved loyal support of the fans and one that should have made money at home, the Tigers made up that team. I merely mention this in passing, so as to stall off any howl about the Tacoma fans not turning out because the team is in the cellar.

Now the question naturally arises, can Tacoma be roused, or better, can the fans of that growing city be roused out of their inertia? Can someone plant the baseball germ so that it will spread? It might be done, and I think it possible, but it will take some giant baseball magnate to accomplish the feat. Tacoma is inflicted with a baseball sickness, that unless there is an awakening will be fatal. Perhaps a course of drastic treatment, such as the Pacific Coast League gave to Sacramento, leaving the city without league baseball for a couple of years, might be effective, who knows?

I think I could, if it were not for telling the truth deep down and of making "a bull," as Robert Louis Stevenson once said, give the real diagnosis of Tacoma's baseball sickness, but this is one of the times when it is best to remain silent. I sought for a solution from the sporting writers of Tacoma. They told me of some of the things which they thought was the "matter with Tacoma," but they also knew it was best not to come out and tell the truth. I still think the sickness can be cured, and it would not be necessary to give Tacoma a world-beating ball team either. The fact remains that Tacoma must look up, especially if she wants Northwestern League baseball.

COLONIES MUST AID NAVY

Beresford Says Help Needed to Maintain Two-Power Rule.

LONDON, June 26.—Admiral Lord Beresford was the principal speaker at the closing meeting this morning of the imperial press conference, and gave his views on the question of the empire and the navy.

"It is impossible," he declared, "to maintain a two-power standard unless the dominions come in and assist."

The speaker's general plan for an empire navy, as outlined in his speech, contemplates distinct fleets for each of the five nations of the empire, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. These fleets should be mobilized, able to protect the routes of trade and capable of being turned quickly into offensive weapons. There should be standardization, interchange of officers as well as interchange of ships and repairing stations should be established throughout the empire.

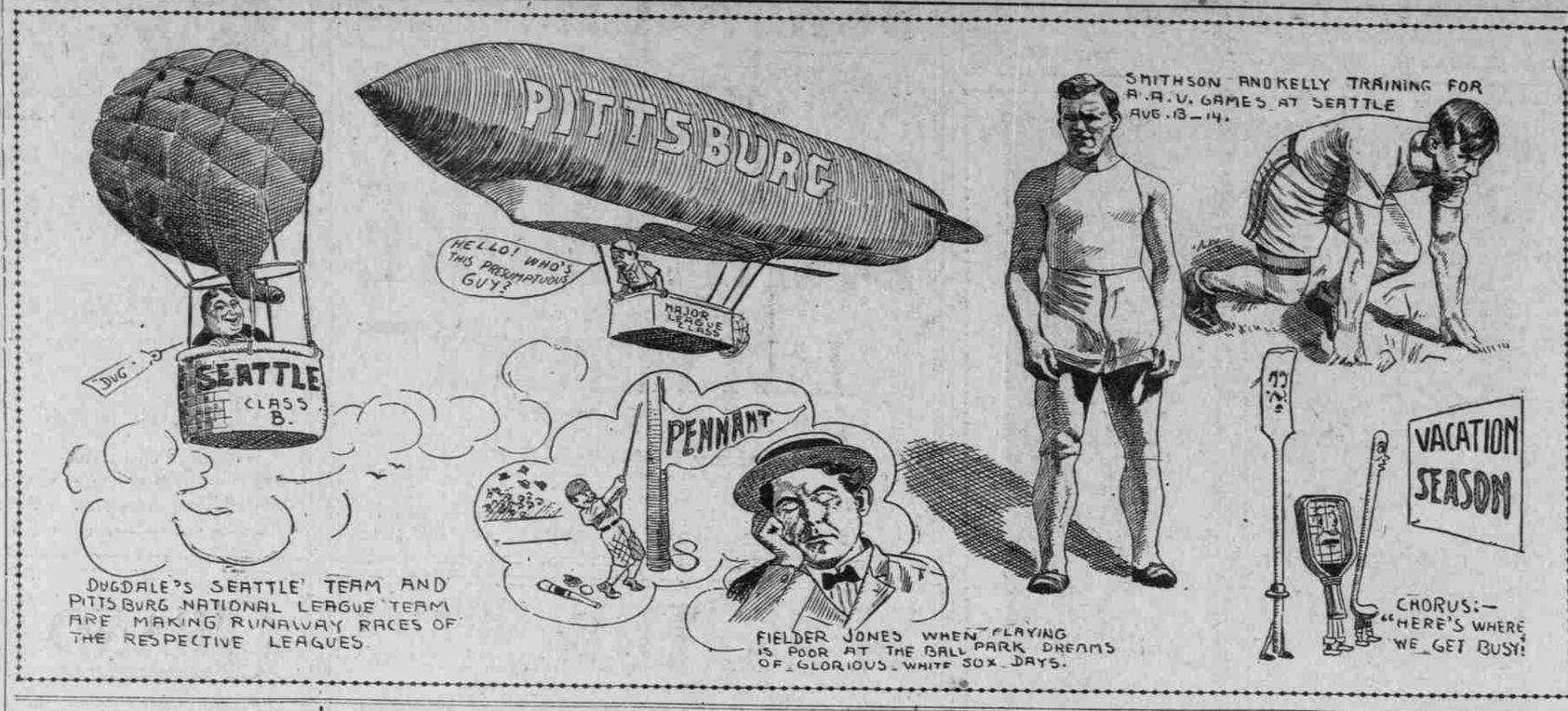
"By some extraordinary mad infatuation for which I am quite unable to account," said Lord Beresford, "the repairing stations upon which we have spent so much money have been dismantled."

Continuing, the Admiral suggested that the dominions could assist greatly by rebuilding and re-equipping these abandoned naval bases. In the event of war all the fleets of the empire would have to act under a central strategical bureau which would have to be established by the Admiralty. At the same time there must be no hint of the domination of the home government during normal times. The speaker then contended that the grave warnings uttered by various statesmen proved that they knew the empire to be unprepared for war. This anxiety was emphasized by the offers of dreadnoughts from colonial governments and the fact that the colonies are recognizing the unpreparedness of the navy he regarded as the severest possible condemnation of the imperial policy of defense.

In conclusion Lord Beresford said he believed the primary object of all nations at the present moment was for peace and that if the British empire was properly prepared there would be no war.

Colorado is making an experiment—so far successful—of the honor system among the convicts who work on its highways. About 50 of the prison birds have recently been working on a road between Canyon City and Telluride, with no keepers watching them, and only two foremen or overseers to direct the work. Not one has tried to escape.

SOME LITTLE RAMBLES IN SPORTLAND BY CARTOONIST HARRY MURPHY



OREGON ATHLETES STIR UP CLUBMEN

Multnomah Objects to Its College Members Appearing Under Seattle Colors.

MUCH INDIGNATION HERE

Certain Trackmen Would Desert Local Organization Because Hayward Has Been Secured to Train Puget Sound Squad.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Around the lounging-room at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club during the past several days angry mutterings relative to the ingratitude of athletes have been frequently heard. These mutterings are not voiced loudly nor are they directed at any particular individual light of the athletic world. It is simply an indication of the feeling of the clubmen over the reported intention of several Oregon athletes to enter the Amateur Athletic Union games under Seattle's colors in August.

How an Oregon athlete could entertain the idea of competing for other than an Oregon institution in view of the great record this state has made in athletics is something the Multnomah Club members cannot understand. Yet several Oregon athletes have been reported as having agreed to compete for the Seattle Athletic Club simply because that organization has secured the services of Will Hayward as trainer, and these athletes have not entered any denial to the report.

Multnomah Has Proud Record.

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club has done more for athletics and athletes in the Pacific Northwest than any other two clubs combined, and equally as much for clean sport as has any college institution in the West. In view of this record, why should any athlete, great or small, even think of competing for any other organization outside of the Multnomah Club, unless it be another Oregon institution?

It is looked upon as the height of ingratitude for any Oregon athlete, providing he had not previously been affiliated with a Washington institution, to consider entering under the colors of the Seattle Athletic Club for a single instant. Simply because Bill Hayward, admitting that he is a good handler of athletes, has been chosen to train the team of the Seattle Athletic Club furnishes absolutely no grounds for the desertion of the famous Portland and Oregon institution by an Oregon athlete.

Seattle Hasn't Done Much.

The Multnomah Club has taken enough interest in athletics to send its representatives to all parts of the country as well as to two of the world's Olympic contests. Has Seattle taken that much interest in the world of amateur athletics? Look into the records and see for yourself. Seattle has yet to send a track team or even an athletic representative of that club any further than California, and even then it has nothing to boast of.

On the other hand, the Multnomah Club has sent representatives to the Olympic games; to the Eastern events, to California on frequent occasions, and has sent its premier wrestler to the big boxing and wrestling tournament held at New Haven, Conn.

Then again the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club has been represented on field and track every year since it first embraced athletics. How many track teams has represented the Seattle Athletic Club during its existence? Very few indeed.

Developed Crack Athletes.

While the Multnomah Club has depended upon the educational institutions of Oregon to a certain extent, it has also developed many athletes of its own, and has persevered in the effort to improve others who have joined the ranks of the club from outside institutions. The Seattle Athletic Club has never shown the interest in athletics that has predominated the efforts of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club every year. The Seattle club, to a great extent in the past, has been more of a social organization than an athletic club. On the other hand athletics have always predominated in the policy of the Multnomah Club, and for that reason if for no other the Oregon athletes owe it to Oregon to represent Multnomah at the A. A. U. games if they contemplate competing at all.

Two Umpires in Trouble.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Formal protest against Umpires Perrine and O'Loughlin, of the American League, officiating at any more games in which the Washington team was engaged this season, was filed today with President Johnson of the league by President Noyes, of the local club. Mr. Noyes said the work of these umpires was "not even decent."

Vanderbilt Entries Win.

PARIS, June 26.—The Prix Argenuel was run at Long Champs today, and won by W. K. Vanderbilt's Silverstreak. Mr. Vanderbilt's Gambaisuf won the Prix Seeg et Marta, and his Ripolin ran third in the Prix Meudon.

See Tull & Gibbs' pre-inventory sale announcement on Page 11, Section 1.

RAIN PREVENTS ONLY ONE GAME

Season's Record Shows Oregon Climate Is Ideal for the Great National Sport.

BIG HANDICAP IN THE EAST

Storms Have Caused 38 Contests to Be Canceled in National League. This Year, Demonstrating Advantages in Northwest.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

With July 4 practically at hand and the baseball season almost half over, Portland is in a position to make a boast, and that boast is one which will effectually put to rout any and all of the cranks who have harped about 13 months of rain in Oregon each year.

The season opened in Portland on April 13 and up to this week's series there has been but one postponed game due to climatic conditions, and that was the Sunday game preceding Decoration day. Such a record stands out as a testimonial to the climatic conditions existing in this state, and furthermore, is a record that cannot be boasted of by any other section of the country outside of California.

Here in Portland the fans and the general public hardly realize that such a record has been established, and were it not for the numerous and frequent postponements of major league games recorded in the telegraphic dispatches, a comparison of climatic conditions as governing baseball would be in order.

In the National League, which inaugurated its season the day after the Pacific Coast League opened here 38 games have been postponed in various parts of its circuit, and this number does not include last Tuesday's failure to play out of respect for the funeral of President Dovey, of the Boston club. Just compare the Eastern postponements to those occurring in the Northwest and it will satisfy the most exacting that this section of the country is better adapted to sport than any part of the East.

These comparisons are not necessarily confined to the present year, for it has been the case in many years gone by—so much so that the major leagues are seriously considering a proposition to postpone the opening games until about May 1. Here in Oregon baseball can be played as early as March, but the magnates do not deem it advisable to rush the season, and April is early enough.

Another handicap found in the East is the suddenness of changes in climatic conditions. For instance, one day last week New Yorkers were freezing at the ball game, while four days later the telegraphic dispatches heralded the fact that numbers of people were prostrated by the heat in Chicago, New York and elsewhere. Prostrations from heat are practically unknown in the Northwest, even in August.

With such a favorable climate it is easily seen that the Northwest is the best country to produce athletes. Many good ballplayers have been developed in this section, while athletic leaders in other lines are also numerous. The Oregon climate has also had not a little to do with the success of many a player now in the major leagues, for not a few of them played one or two seasons in Portland.

Only one postponed game on account of rain in nearly three months of continuous baseball! Remember to emphasize this in writing any of the Eastern fans you may know. Sixty-eight games played out of 70 scheduled, and only one postponed because of rain, the other being due to the inability of a team to arrive on the date scheduled, is something of a record. Get in and boost. It will be worth while.

SQUASH RACQUETS WEST

OLD ENGLISH GAME FAVORED BY LOCAL CLUBS.

Indoor Sport Popular in East. Courts to Be Established Here.

Squash racquets, a game new to the West, but which has been played in the East for ten years, and which originated in England more than half a century ago, is being revived all over the country, and is now the rage in the East, its popularity reaching the West, where it is being taken up with enthusiasm. Portland clubs are receiving the game with favor and in a short time courts will be arranged for the game, which is an inside sport. The Irvington and Multnomah Clubs, the Arlington Club and the Wavely Golf Club have signified an intention of establishing courts, and the indications point to a popularity unequaled by any other game.

Squash racquets, like the older game of racquets, was first played in open air, and in an improvised court. It seems to have been invented by schoolboys at Harrow, England, who played against the stone walls of buildings with racquet bats and a soft ball.

The game is best explained by the following playing rules, which have been adopted by the United States Squash-Racquet Association:

1. The game shall be "fifteen up;" the first server to be decided by the spin of the racquet; the server only to score.
2. At "thirteen all" the outplayer may be set to three or five (i. e., the first player thereafter to win the number of points set, scores the game), and at "fourteen all" to three, provided this be done before another ball is served. If set be refused at "thirteen all" game cannot be set at "fourteen all."
3. The ball shall be served alternately right and left, beginning on whichever side the server elects.
4. The server must stand with at least one foot in the "service box" and serve the ball over, but not touching the line on the front wall and returning within the proper service court; i. e., the court opposite the server, otherwise it is a fault. Serving two faults, missing the ball, the ball striking the tellale or any part of the court before reaching the front wall, or hitting the back wall on the volley in or above the netting is a hand-out.
5. A service fault may be played at the option of the striker.
6. A ball, to be fair, must be struck before or on the first bound, and be returned to the front wall on the volley above the tellale, and must not touch the ceiling, the galleries, or any wood, iron or netting, nor a part of the court itself, before or after reaching the front wall.
7. Until a ball has been touched or bounded twice it may be struck at any number of times.
8. Only the player to whom a ball is served may return it. A player using both hands to return a ball loses the ace.
9. A ball touching either player before the second bound loses a hand or ace for the player touched.
10. If a ball, after being struck and before touching the front wall, hit the striker's adversary's racquet, or any part of his body above or on the knee, it is a let, and shall be played over; if below the knee it counts against the striker.
11. Every player must keep out of his adversary's way. If, in the opinion of the referee, the striker is interfered with in any way by his opponent, either when striking the ball, or in his effort to reach same, he must call the point a let and not wait for an appeal. When a "hinder" appears to the referee to be deliberate or intentional, the player making the "hinder" shall lose one ace from his score and also the hand if he be the server.
12. If the ball hit in or above the netting on the back wall on the volley, it counts against the striker; if it hits in or above the netting after touching the floor, it counites a let.
13. If a ball breaks during play the point shall count as a let and be played over.
14. At any time when not in actual play a new ball may be substituted by mutual consent of contestants or by appeal to referee.
15. The referee's decision on all questions referred to him shall be final. No appeal can be made on the service.

VARSITY'S VICTORIOUS 1909 BASEBALL SQUAD.

Top Row—Van Marter, Sub Pitcher; Henkel, Pitcher; O. R. Bean, Manager; Hurd, Pitcher; Kelly, Coach; Homer Jameson, First Base; Harper Jameson, Assistant Manager. Middle row—Clark, Left Field; C. Huston, Short Stop; Sullivan, Center Field. Bottom row—Gabrielson, Catcher; Doby, Sub Infielder; Newland, First Base; McIntosh, Third Base.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—In spite of a series of accidents, which, throughout the season held half of Oregon's baseball team on the sick list, the University nine made the clean record of 12 victories and one tie in 21 games played. Player after player had been injured until, with the close of the season, the entire infield had been changed from its original lineup, a new man playing in every position. Two Oregon men, Hurd and Coleman, are playing now with the Tacoma team in the Northwestern League. Coach Tom Kelly has been secured to train next year's team.

ROWING HONORS WILL BE DECIDED

Intercollegiate Regatta to Be Followed by Yale-Harvard Race.

CHAMPIONSHIP AT STAKE

Syracuse, Cornell or Wisconsin Probable Winners at Poughkeepsie—Harvard Has Stronger Crew Than Yale.

BOSTON, Mass., June 26.—(Special.)—The college rowing season closes the coming week, with the Harvard-Yale races on the Thames River at New London, next Thursday, and the intercollegiate regatta, in which Syracuse, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin will figure, coming to Poughkeepsie on the Hudson River a day later.

The season of preliminary races and of more important contests has been replete with surprises that suggest the unexpected may happen. On the Coast there was the defeat of the Washington crew by Leland Stanford after it had twice won the Coast championship. In the East, Pennsylvania's victory over Yale and the defeat of the much-touted and over-confident Harvard eight at the hands of Cornell were quite the features.

Poughkeepsie Winner Champion.

The Harvard and Yale races at New London cannot be properly regarded as of as much importance as the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie. Especially is this true this year, in view of the defeat of Harvard by Cornell and of Yale by Pennsylvania, as both of these winning crews will row at Poughkeepsie. It will thus be possible to get at the college crew champions of the East this year by an actual race rather than by any system of elimination and comparison. To the winner at Poughkeepsie must be accorded the palm, as neither Harvard nor Yale, already defeated by crews that are to row on the Hudson, can logically claim superiority.

Syracuse is the present champion, and the varsity eight that the veteran James A. Ten Eyck has in training for next week look fit to make a valiant struggle to retain possession of Poughkeepsie's premier honors. Syracuse, however, had a somewhat easier task last year in winning than can be reasonably expected this time. A year ago Cornell wasn't in the running. But Courtney of Cornell had been having trouble with his men all season; there was insubordination in the ranks, and most of Courtney's efforts in 1908 were directed in consequence to getting discipline rather than to winning a college championship.

Must Reckon With Cornell.

This year Cornell is to be reckoned with. Courtney has quartered on the Hudson this time an eight that possesses all the characteristics of a Cornell crew, and since 1900 Cornell has been beaten but twice on the Hudson, and then both times by Syracuse. The Cornell crew is not especially experienced, so far as varsity rowing is concerned, for most of the men rowed against Harvard a month ago, and of that Cornell crew not one man had ever before rowed in a varsity four-mile race. But the manner in which that crew defeated the Harvard veterans was the best possible evidence of its superiority, and, by a crafty change or two Courtney believes he has still further strengthened his eight.

The Syracuse crew is more experienced and showed good form in its defeat of the Navy at Annapolis, being the only crew to win from the Middies this season. The general trend of opinion is that Wisconsin will bear watching and take a whole lot of beating. The Badgers are trained by Edward H. Ten Eyck, winner of the diamond sculls at Henley 12 years ago this Spring, and a son of the Syracuse coach. Wisconsin with its powerful, free-moving eight, will be nearer the top than the bottom of the line. The Columbia crew, although it has finished second for two years, cannot be seriously considered on form shown to date, while far too many obstacles have been encountered by the Pennsylvania eight since they defeated Yale to lead one to believe that they will finish other than in the ruck.

The freshman eight-oared and the varsity four-oared races at Poughkeepsie over the two mile course are not as important as the varsity. Courtney's freshmen have shown by all odds the best form, but it would be well to keep a weather eye on the Wisconsin youngsters. In the four-oared race, unless some other accident befalls their men, Cornell will be the winner.

Harvard Should Beat Yale.

The varsity race at New London on all form should go to Harvard. The Crimson crew has the experience, the weight and the prestige to win. Were it not for that defeat by Cornell, Harvard would be a pronounced favorite, but the work of Coach Wray's men in that race indicated over-confidence. If the Harvard men have well learned the lesson of the Cornell race, they should win.

The manner in which Yale varsity has been rowing of late indicates, however, that it is far from admitting defeat in advance. Yale's rowing advisers realize that their eight has a fighting chance. The only just criticism that can be leveled at the Harvard men is that they do not apparently get all the possible strength into their oars.

Forecast of Minor Races.

In the four-oared varsity Harvard should be an easy winner. The Harvard quartet is easily the classiest that the Crimson has turned out in years, and every man is good enough for the varsity. Yale, on the other hand, admits a weakness in the four-oared boat.

The Yale freshmen ought to take the measure of Harvard's future varsity sweeps. The Harvard freshmen when they rowed at Cornell were lengths inferior to their rivals. The Yale crew is seemingly as good as was the Cornell 1912 boat. Harvard has improved some since then, but there is still room for much improvement.

In a word, it should be Syracuse, Cornell or Wisconsin in the varsity at Poughkeepsie, with Wisconsin or Cornell in the freshman and Cornell in the four-oared, while at New London, Harvard ought to win the varsity eight and four-oared races with Yale obliged to content herself to win in the race for freshmen.

"Jiggs" Donohue to Advance.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 26.—The Daily News today says that "Jiggs" Donohue, now playing first base for the Washington American League baseball team, will succeed Joe Cantillon as manager of that club.