

ATHLETIC CLUBS BEST IN COUNTRY

Multnomah, With Brilliant History, Has Membership of More Than 2500.

NEW BUILDING IS NEEDED

Larger Structure Is Projected on Land Recently Added to Fine Holdings Near Business District of Portland.

BY FRANK E. WATKINS In beginning this brief history of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, I can not do better than to start with an editorial which appeared in The Oregonian, September 28, 1906, which said: The Multnomah Club's formal opening of its new and commodious home last night was pre-eminently a social event, but its real significance is much deeper. This has been kind to this organization of our best young men, and it is the hope of the athletic world to see such a club in every city.

Club Formed in 1891.

I consider the above compliment, which was given our club, by our leading daily, the morning after the formal opening of our present clubhouse, as great a one as we have ever received, although we have had many.

But to begin at the beginning of our club history, let me take the reader back to February, 1891, when Portland was a small city compared with what it now is, when a little band of good fellows and sportsmen got together and on February 28, of that year, had their first meeting, organized and elected officers, the first of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club.

There were 11 present at that meeting: A. E. McAlpin, L. J. Goldsmith, W. H. Wallace, W. F. Johnson, H. E. Judge, Bruce Carr, George L. Bickel, Dr. A. E. Mackay, Allan Ellsworth and A. Gavin.

A. E. McAlpin was elected the first president of the club and of the original 11 members, several served on the first board of directors.

The first club quarters were secured in a building on the east side of Second street, between Yamhill and Washington streets, where a gymnasium, billiard room and reading room were provided for members.

Soon after this, the need of an athletic field became apparent and the inclosure back of the Exposition building, which is now Multnomah Field, and which at that time was being used as a stockshow ground, was secured and an athletic field was laid out and a grandstand erected.

In the Fall of 1893, the clubhouse on the southwest corner of Tenth and Yamhill streets, which had been built for the club by the Ladd estate, was opened and was the home of the club until July, 1909.

The opening of the then new clubhouse on Tenth and Yamhill streets was an attraction that gained many new members for the club and the initiation fees were raised and Multnomah began its real journey to success and prosperity.

Athletes from all over the state joined the club and its track, football and baseball teams began to win championships not only in the Pacific Northwest, but Pacific Coast championships as well.

Honors Won in Athletics. About this time, cocked-hat bowling became a great fad and the Multnomah team developed more "stars" in this game than any other Northwest club and its team won several championships in the Northwest Coked-Hat Association.

In the meantime, Multnomah had defeated the Olympic track team of San Francisco, in a dual meet, on July 27, 1905, and its football team had defeated Stanford University and all Northwest teams. Its bowlers and wrestlers had won many honors in the ring and in the mat and Multnomah had become the by-word for clean, clever athletes and athletics and also stood for success in all athletic sports.

Caspar Whitney, probably the best-informed authority on athletic clubs in America, said in Harper's Weekly, in an article on "Athletics and Athletic Clubs," that the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club was second to none as a clean, amateur club and, in fact, had no superior in this respect.

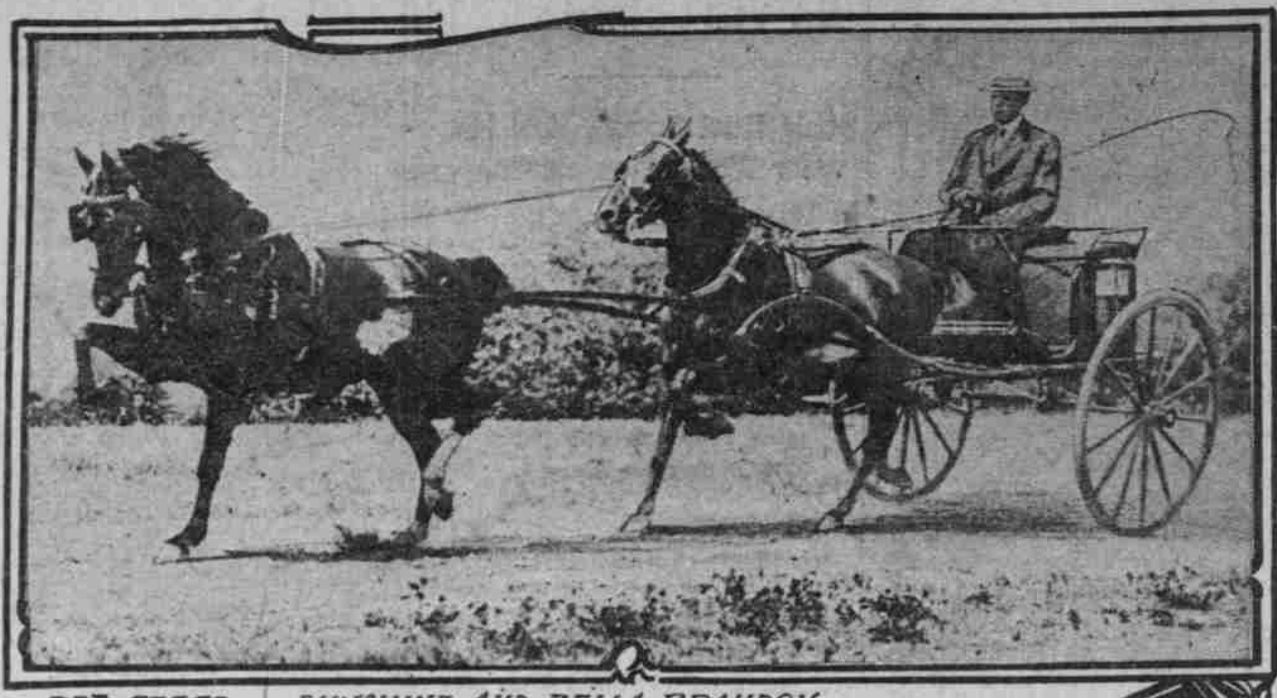
Coming from the sources that it did, this statement caused many complimentary articles to be written about our club in various papers and magazines throughout the United States.

After a successful career in the home on Tenth and Yamhill streets, the growth of the membership demanded larger and more suitable quarters and, consequently, the purchase of Multnomah Field, comprising about five acres at the head of Morrison street, where the present grounds and clubhouse are located, was consummated and the building of the new clubhouse was commenced. This clubhouse, which is the one at present occupied by the club, was completed in July, 1909, and was thrown open to the membership on Saturday, July 21, 1909.

The present clubhouse is being outgrown by the membership and ere long a new one will have to be erected. The present board of trustees have considered the matter informally, and the general opinion of the trustees and membership seems to be that the new clubhouse, when built, should be erected on the southwest end of the present property owned by the club, which is on the new piece acquired this Spring from the King estate. The building of this new ground gives the club something over eight acres in the heart of Portland, and its ideal location and amphitheater situation make it probably the most desirable and unique location for an athletic club and field of any in America.

Advantages Without Equal. No other club has its clubhouse and athletic field combined in the center of a city and the advantages enjoyed by the members of Multnomah are greater than those of any other athletic organization in this country.

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When Classes Are Held.

The classes are as follows: Senior classes, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings; business men's classes, Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 5 to 6; ladies' classes, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Besides these classes the junior classes are held twice weekly.

In connection with other advantages offered by the club is the Turkish bath department for members, which has been newly refitted and renovated and is a very important adjunct to the club.

The club has also adopted an official seal which will be put in the form of a button and pin and will be copyrighted by the club and the output controlled by it. Members may obtain them at the club office.

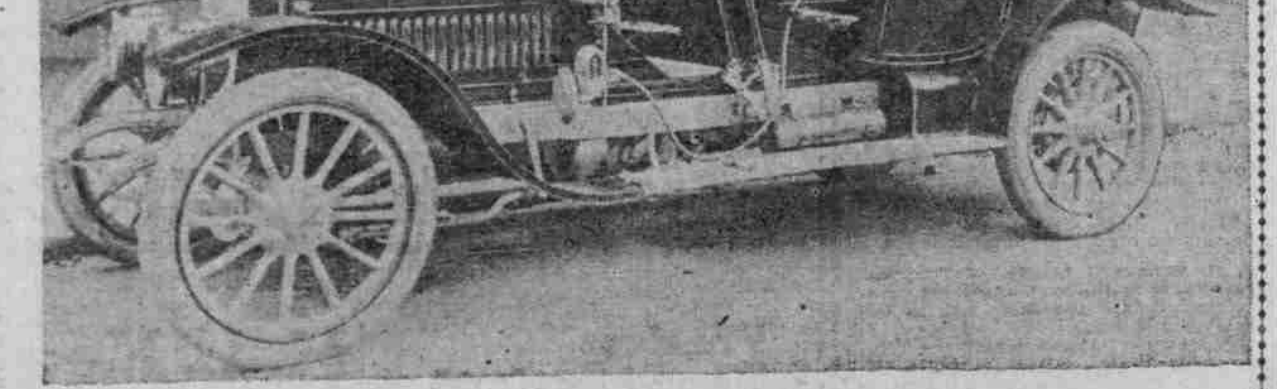
As Portland has grown so rapidly and there are perhaps many who are not familiar with our clubhouse, it might not be out of place to give a general description of our present home. It was designed by Architect Lazarus and is essentially composite in structure, being Colonial in style. The eastern facade is two stories, somewhat plain, excepting around the entrance and front porch, which are prettily adorned. The western facade, owing to the depth of the field on which it faces is three stories in height and is much more attractive than the front of the building.

The ornamental porches from all three floors afford splendid lounging places for the members and an excellent view of the athletic field, tennis courts, etc., is had from them. The beautiful new grandstand which was completed a year ago at a cost of nearly \$30,000 and which seats nearly 6000 spectators comfortably, is opposite the west-end of the clubhouse.

On entering the building, one is ushered immediately into the assembly hall. A striking feature is the extreme simplicity and richness of the furnishings.

By way of expediting the transmission of letters, the Belgium postal authorities have recommended that all letters intended for those for other Belgian points in yellow and foreign letters in green envelopes.

BIG CAR NEWCOMER IN WEST.



L. N. FLEISCHNER'S SIX-CYLINDER LOZIER-LANDAULET. The six-cylinder Lozier-Landaulet seven-passenger car purchased by L. N. Fleischner, of Portland, through the H. L. Keats Automobile Company last week, is the largest and highest priced automobile built in America. It is the first of its kind to be received in the Pacific Northwest. The car equals a 75-horse power machine, and was delivered to the purchaser at a cost of \$7750.

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NEW SYSTEM WINS

Big Colleges Follow Yale With Advisory Coaches.

NEW RULES SCRUTINIZED

Football Followers Anxious to See How Latest Changes Work Out. Howard Jones is on the Job at Old Ell.

BY WALTER E. HAPGOOD.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 18.—(Special)—The big universities of the East—Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Dartmouth—are upon the eve of another football season. For these universities and for all of the immense following that college football has here in the East the season promises to be one of even unusual interest.

Of course there is an interest to see how the changes in the football rules, as enacted by the solons and lawmakers of the gridiron, work out in actual practice. But the real interest will center around the showing of Harvard—the champion eleven of the East last year, so far as it is possible to have a champion under the present schedule system—and the success attained by the new men who make their debut, this Fall, in the role of head field coaches.

System Changed.

The system of football-coaching in the East has been gradually undergoing a change in the past two or three years—largely because of the multiplicity of new formations possible through the changed rules. This year practically all of the larger institutions have gone over to the advisory system. At Yale the long-standing tradition of having the preceding captain as head field coach for the following season has been shattered with the engagement of head coach for 1909 of Howard Jones, brother of the famous Tad Jones, whose success at Syracuse last season fully justifies his appointment to the larger field at Yale. Tad Jones, by the way, succeeding his brother at Syracuse, at Pennsylvania Sol Metzger's love for the West and his apple orchards there prevented his return to head coach again, and after a bitter squabble between rival factions, Al Smith was finally appointed as Metzger's successor. Jim McCormick, Walter Camp's selection for all-American fullback two years ago, is the active head at Princeton, with an advisory committee of three, headed by Phil King, known to every Princeton man, behind him. Cornell, after a disastrous season and inferior coaching last Fall, has induced Dan Reed, a prime favorite with every Ithacan, to lead the active coaching force with a bunch of advisory coaches that seems from the outside to be almost too unwieldy.

The season's playing schedules for the larger universities of the East present precious few startling changes. The Harvard schedule presents the only digression from the one of a year ago worthy of chronicling. Harvard has taken on Cornell again, after an absence of several years, and this Harvard-Cornell meeting will be especially significant in assisting at a final solution of the championship problem late in November, providing Pennsylvania is in the field as a claimant for the honor, as a year ago.

Cornell and Pennsylvania have always met for years on Franklin Field, in Philadelphia, for the Thanksgiving game, the closing collegiate contest of the year. The result of that game, together with the outcome of the Harvard-Cornell meeting a few weeks previously, will give the best line obtainable on the relative strength of Harvard and the Quakers, for no other college eleven plays both Harvard and Penn excepting Brown, and in that case the Brown-Penn game comes so early in the season that neither of the contending teams can be fairly regarded as having reached its full development.

But elsewhere the start has yet to be made, largely because of faculty interference, the feeling of the faculties being that too much practice in advance of the opening of the academic year puts too much importance upon the game. At Princeton, for example, an iron-clad rule was passed preventing any practice at Princeton or elsewhere for Princeton men before college opens. At Cornell there will be nothing doing until next Wednesday, while at Yale Captain Gray had to cancel his original call for candidates and delay the start a week because of intimidation from the faculty.

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