

ALL QUIET UNTIL EWING'S RETURN

Portland Baseball Question Awaits Middle of the Month.

WAR IS NOT WANTED NOW

Belief Expressed That Permission for Club Will Be Given, but Eight-Team Proposition Planned for Year Later.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Until the return of Cal Ewing from Honolulu, and he is not due until the middle of December, the Coast League will not take any action regarding the request of D. E. Dugdale to have a club representing the Pacific Northwest League in Portland.

Quite evidently, from what Dugdale has intimated, he is willing to concede that point for the sake of using Portland. If he does, and binds himself to such an agreement, no doubt the desired permission will be granted.

League Not Looking for War. The Coast League people are not anxious for another war, but there is no reason to believe that they are afraid to face the issue if it is forced upon them.

Although nothing definite has been fixed upon, it is almost a certainty that Comiskey will bring his White Sox to the Coast for their annual Spring training trip, which will mean the opening of baseball a month in advance.

New Park for Sacramento Planned. Charlie Graham, who will control both Coast and State League clubs in Sacramento during the coming season, was in San Francisco a few days ago and stated that he hopes to have a new park.

The proposed park will be on the line of a new electric railroad and will be within easy walking distance.

Bliss Breaks Ankle. Jack Bliss, the former Oakland catcher and last year with St. Louis, was the victim of an unfortunate accident this week in Stockton, where the two major league clubs played last Monday.

It is also said that it is quite likely he will be unable to play ball during the coming season. It will be a hard blow to Bliss, who has been improving of late and promised to have a mighty good year.

According to some of the major league boys, Honus Wagner will soon be in California to spend the Winter months. He has been troubled with rheumatism of late and figures that a few weeks on the Coast would do him a world of good.

Howard Mundorff is the only San Francisco player left in the city. The balance of them have disappeared for the Winter. Tom Tennant, the first baseman, talked of staying in San Francisco, but secured a job in the Imperial Valley Winter League, decided that would suit him. Mundorff may also go to the Imperial Valley if the opening comes. Otherwise he will remain here.

CORRIGAN IS NOW BANKRUPT

Stubbornness Drives Well-Known Sporting Man to Wall.

Talk not of crushed pride until you have contemplated the picture of Ed Corrigan in the bankrupt court, where his own stubbornness brought him says a writer in the Chicago Tribune.

Corrigan always paid his debts when he had money. He used to say, "I don't care how much I owe, I'll pay it when I have it." He repeats it so often that the phrase became classic.

"I don't owe a dollar in the world that I am not ready and willing to pay." Corrigan could have quit and got out with a clean sheet and a competence three years ago, when the writing on the wall spelled ruin for him and a great deal for those who would relieve him of his holdings.

Corrigan's present worth, but with three-quarters of a million and a clean receipt ready for his hand, he said, "I won't," and grimly faced his inevitable finish.

This was the explanation he made to a friend, who timidly suggested (all suggestions to Corrigan were made timidly): "It's a lot of money, I know. It is more money than I'd know what to do with if I got out of racing. It is more money than what I have in worth the way things are going now, with the ride of my company thrown in. As a business man perhaps I should have taken it, but I wouldn't give those fellows the satisfaction of saying 'I'm not going to quit now and leave them at the mercy of them buzzards.'"

The old man went down and out and the friends he thought he was protecting fell with him, but not from such a height or to such a depth.

If he had it to do again, he would do it again.

That's Corrigan.

REFEREE'S TONGUE SAVES PUG

Irishman Bingles Count and Negro Loses to Erin's Son.

Con O'Kelly, the Irish giant, who has come over here to wrestle for Charles Harvey, took a story of a prizefight which took place in the east end of London between a negro and an Irishman.

reached the Irish fighter's jaw and the latter's head thumped the boards with a crash that seemed to preclude further contest, the following monologue took place: "One!" (In an undertone to his exasperated opponent.) "Come on, man; get up out o' that! Are ye goin' to let this black son of Ham say he knocked ye out?" "Two!" ("Man, can't ye raise yourself and listen to what I'm tellin' you? Come on, get up!") "Three!" ("For the sake of your fathers that bled on many a field, get up and wipe the floor with this black smoke that's grinnin' at you.") "Four!" ("Are ye goin' to lie there slappin' while this limb of the devil takes all the money? Get up, I say, before I pull you up!") "Five!" ("This sort of entreaty continued until, as the disgusted referee lingered on the final count, the badly dazed Irish pugilist staggered to his feet, swung wildly at the unguarded negro, and bowled him over unexpectedly. None too quick, however, for the ever-ready referee was fast picking himself up and proclaimed: "One-two-three-four-five—and five is ten. You're out, you nigger!"

AUTO MEN KEEPING BUSY

DE VAUX PLACES SUB-AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. More Chalmers 30s Delivered—Motor Age Man Here—Automobile Show Plans Progressing.

C. H. De Vaux, of the Northwest Buick Company, spent several days last week arranging sub-agencies in the state of Washington. Two carloads of Buicks received from the factory last week were distributed among the newly-appointed agents.

The Keats Auto Company delivered Chalmers 30s to the following purchasers last week: J. E. Blidie, Portland; L. S. Russell, Washougal, Wash.; Dr. B. H. McCullon and A. V. Clay, Portland.

F. K. Haskell, representing Motor Age, was a visitor in the city last week. He spent considerable time among dealers securing data for the annual issue of the Motor Age, on December 31.

Entries closed Saturday for the six-hour endurance derby to be given next Sunday by the Los Angeles Motor Racing Association at Ascot Park, said by the Southerners to be the best-equipped and fastest track in the West. Handsome trophies and cash awards will be given the winner of the race in each class.

The annual catalogue of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company, of Buffalo, is out and is said to be the finest publication of its kind ever issued. It is handsomely illustrated and decorated.

A meeting of the board of directors of the American Automobile Association has just been concluded in New York. Reports from the various standing committees were heard. Last Wednesday the officers of the association for 1910 were elected.

Plans for the Portland Automobile Show in the Armory, January 24, are progressing. William F. Lipman, promoter of the event, artists are now at work painting decorations for the cyclodrome.

The new traffic ordinance recently passed has not resulted so disastrously to motorists as its framers predicted. Out of the large number of arrests made by the police against motor drivers and truckers have suffered greatly.

The Maxwell Agency received a carload of Juniors and a carload of Model E 30-horsepower touring cars last week. Deliveries were made to Mrs. John Labbe, Dr. Bristow and George H. Ball, of Ballston.

Bert Dingley, the great California racing man, has returned home. Dingley had been in the East but a few months, yet carried back with him upward of \$6000 as the result of his short campaign. It is the intention of Dingley to sell out his garage and agency business in Alameda County, California, and rest for the Winter.

That the rear light question is becoming a serious one for motor car owners in this country, as it has been for English owners for some time past, is shown by the frequent arrests that are being made in Portland and other localities. Careful drivers are being fined for failing to have oil and well trimmed, the owner finds frequently that the rear lamp has gone out and that he has laid himself liable to arrest.

J. A. Hess, of Portland, who recently with a 25-horsepower Franklin touring car broke the automobile record for the run between Portland and Seaside, making the distance of 212 miles in nine hours and 52 minutes, in comment on his trip said: "We got a speed over the Olympia prairie region by Warner's speedometer, of 52 miles per hour. Of course, my average speed for the entire trip was not very high, for 35 miles of this road is through the foothills of the Coast Range Mountains and grades are so steep that one almost felt like attaching a balance to the front end of the car to prevent its toppling backwards. One can appreciate what it means to make this speed."

Ten thousand persons witnessed the 50-mile automobile race at San Jose, Cal., last Sunday, in which the new White gasoline car came in second, but was awarded first place, the driver having made a profit of \$1000. The big Thomas six-cylinder 70-H.P. car. The driver, W. H. Leppner, fouled the White car twice on the turns. Had the driver of the Thomas strictly adhered to the rules, he said, the White car would have easily come in first.

ATHLETIC LEAGUE PROPOSED

Preparatory Schools of Willamette Valley Talk Organization.

Representatives from various Willamette Valley preparatory schools will meet some time during the Christmas holidays to organize a new interschool athletic league.

The schools expected to enter the new organization are the high schools of Salem, Albany, Newberg, and Hill Military Academy, of Portland. The Eugene High School may also enter.

Promoters of the proposed organization are Principal Kirk, of the Salem High School; Principal Riley, of the Newberg High School; and Major von Eszloffstein, of Hill Military Academy. Principal Kirk has been agitating the plan for several months, and the H. M. A. interests are particularly anxious to enter since their affiliation with the Portland Interscholastic League ended.

The new league will have teams in basketball, track, baseball and football. Many of the events which formerly have been held in the Valley towns will be conducted in Portland.

By putting the leaders of the Willamette Valley League, the Portland League and the Eastern Oregon League against each other, the trouble which has been experienced heretofore in deciding the state champions will be eliminated.

OUTLOOK FOR TWO TEAMS AGAIN GOOD

Dugdale and McCredie Both Confident Coasters Will Grant Concession.

BOTH SIDES YIELD POINTS

Northerners Agree to Be Content With Class B Rating, Thus Insuring Support of Frank Ish to Portland Application.

BY W. J. PETRAVIN. If Messrs. Dugdale and McCredie have not been shipped another lemon in the shape of promises from J. Cal Ewing and his associates, it seems quite likely that Portland will again be represented in the Northwestern League.

At least such was the assurance brought hereby Dave Dugdale, the Seattle magazine, after a conference held with the San Francisco magnates a few days ago. Dugdale seemed sanguine over the possibilities, and left for Seattle well satisfied with his visit to the Southland.

Ish Portland's Friend. Frank Ish, with whom Dugdale held a conference, always has had a warm spot in his heart for Portland, and when he visited this city last Summer he tried his best to eliminate some of the grievances held here against the Pacific Coast League officials, for Ish seemed to be a fair-minded man.

At the recent Pacific Coast League meeting, Ish voted against extending the McCredie's privilege of playing a Northwestern League club here, but in so doing he said the only reason he was against the proposition was because Portland would not guarantee that the Northwestern League would refrain from a higher rating at the hands of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues when the reclassification shall come as the result of the coming census.

Dugdale was willing that the Northwestern League should concede this request in order to secure the desired recognition, and on the strength of his conference with Congressman McCredie, the latter, before departing for Seattle, D. C., submitted a formal application to the Coasters on the terms mentioned.

With the two-club idea in view Walter McCredie, who is now solely at the head of the two Portland teams because of the absence of his uncle, has commenced the work of building them up once more. Walter does not relish this job, for he says he was hardly able to sleep nights in trying the scheme last season. This year, however, he is planning different arrangements for his team, and he will import a manager of considerable ability to handle the Northwestern club.

Walter to Stick to Coasters. Walter McCredie had originally planned to take the Northwestern team himself, but in view of the action of the Pacific Coast League in extending Portland more games at home, the tall manager has decided to take the plum for himself and let the "other fellow" handle the "roadsters," as the Northwestern team is quite likely to be if it has only eight weeks out of 24 at home, as will likely be the case if it is allowed to play Portland at all next season.

Hitherto Walter McCredie's biggest kick against the Pacific Coast League was because his team was on the road all of the time, or practically all of it, and now that a boon in the way of added games for Portland is extended, he seems satisfied to take another fling at the "gang" down South.

Players Are Rusticating. Several members of the Portland team are sojourning in the mountains back of Stevenson, Wash., where they have rented a cabin from a farmer named Peterson, and intend to spend most of the Winter hunting and fishing in that vicinity. The camping party comprises Jack Graney, Jimmy Cook-Adams, Charley Armbruster, Ivor Olson and Eddie Von Davy, and reports have it that all the boys are having a great time.

"Dutch" Armbruster came down to Portland the other day ostensibly to get a "cargo" of supplies, and the tales he tells of the gang are shameful. "Dutch" would make Charles Evans Hughes extremely jealous, and the tales he tells of the facial adornments hanging to Jack Graney and Adams, if true, are the limit.

Between Portland and Seaside, where Eddie Davey has a crop that would do justice to a Salem farmer whose acquaintance he made once upon a time, and because of his flowing wintery, Davey has been styled Count Von Davy, and has a crop that would startle all his relatives if he ever appeared before them, and his grand parents of several generations back on the road, he would turn in their graves if they were aware of his person al appearance, Armbruster, who shed his crop the minute he landed in Portland, has advised Graney to keep

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DR. ROLLER LAUDSGOTCH

VISELIKE GRIP MAKES IOWAN CHAMPION WRESTLER.

Seattle Man Declares He's as Strong as Easterner, but Hasn't the Necessary Handgrasp.

"Do you know what makes Frank Gotch the greatest wrestler in the world?" inquired Dr. Roller, the Seattle grappler recently. "Well," he continued, "it isn't his speed

nor his wonderful strength. Now, I will give you one more guess." "The writer took one chance and beat him to the sure thing." "Yes, you're right," said the doctor. "It's the hands—the viselike grip that sends us fellows chawing second money. When it comes to work with his hands, Gotch is in a class by himself. A great many people believe that Gotch is much stronger than yours truly, but such is not the case. In actual strength there is very little choice between us. It's the hands. I haven't got that powerful grip—no man has it like Gotch."

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