

RIVALRY STILL ON FOR BIG FIGHT

San Francisco Says Salt Lake Couldn't Be Considered in Matter.

SUSPICION WAVE BREAKS

Fans Believe Jeffries Is Afraid of Losing With Johnson and So Declared for Bonus—Gossip From South Is Interesting.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The big fight, as the prospective match between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson is already labeled, its various aspects and angles and all the gossip that has arisen since the awarding of bids, has been the one topic of conversation in pugilistic circles as far as California is concerned. San Francisco wants the fight, but Salt Lake is still enthusiastic, but as Salt Lake is poorly located to handle such a big undertaking, it is not even considered a competitor.

Gleason and Graney will be home in a few days and with their coming there will doubtless be more retelling of go-go looks and figures that Gleason is going to do much talking about what happened at the secret conference, but in all probability Graney, the honest blacksmith, will be ready to tell some of the things that he knows.

All over the country there is a wave of suspicion as to the match, and it will take a world of denying from the men in charge if the prospects of the match are not injured financially.

The suspicion of the match does not extend to charges of any frame-up as to the outcome of the fight, but there are other things considered. Although the talk that Rickard gave Jeffries a bonus before the fight, the story that the two heavyweights have agreed to divide the purse evenly is readily accepted, and what is more, most of the people give Jeffries credit for suggesting such a cut.

They think that the ex-ballerplayer is afraid that he can't beat Johnson, and wants to make all the money possible. From a business standpoint such a course would be perfectly legitimate, but it doesn't look good from a sportsman's point of view.

Is Coffroth Interested? But let's get back to the start. As to whether Coffroth is interested in the match is a mooted question. Rickard has denied it, pointing out that he has Gleason. Inasmuch as Coffroth is credited with having secured rights to the basic principles of the two moving-picture machines that count it is thought that is where he will figure.

Gleason, it is argued, has been selected because he was close to Berger and also because he can attend to the publicity work. That leaves Rickard, therefore, as the man behind the guns, who will have to finance the project. It is not understood that Rickard has any too much of this world's goods, but possibly he may have gathered enough backing to handle this bout.

If the bout is finally set for San Francisco, in all probability it will take place at the Colma arena, unless in the meantime the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County revoke Coffroth's fight permit. There have been threats of that sort, and the matter is still up for consideration.

The trouble, it appears, started at the last fight between Jack Johnson and Ketchel. Some of the officials of San Mateo County tried to work the deal, but aver that they were turned down by Coffroth and handled roughly by San Francisco police, who were doing special duty and, of course, were aided by a local Jeffries. They resented this and have asked that the permit be revoked. Action from one to the other has postponed because of the absence of Coffroth in the East, but the Board has declared its intention of deciding one way or the other on December 29, whether Coffroth is here or in the East.

Bid Declared Too High. Sporting men generally, think that the promoters have given altogether too much for the match. They point out that the men in charge can hardly expect to draw \$100,000 from the spectators and if there is \$75,000 in the house, it will be a record-breaking attendance in California. That leaves a good-sized deficit to be made good out of one-third of the profits of the moving pictures. And there comes the rub. Moving pictures are more or less a gamble. To make anywhere near the amount of money that is expected, the pictures must be perfectly clear and run from 12 to 15 rounds. If it is a one-round fight, say, or a slow affair, it will cut into the profits.

INTERSCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL CAPTAINS FOR 1910



JAMES CAMPION, JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL



CHARLES FINEGAN, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



ROY FLAHERTY, WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

HEADS ARE CHOSEN

Flaherty Completes List of Football Captains.

ALL ARE STRONG PLAYERS

Teams Lose Some Advantage Through Graduation of Experienced Men, but Many Veterans Remain.

With the election of Flaherty as the Washington High School football captain for 1910, the task of choosing leaders for all of next season's interscholastic grid-iron teams was completed. The captains were elected by the members of 1909 teams.

The captains are chosen according to their all-around ability, generalship, experience and popularity with the players. The 1909 captains are some of the strongest men that have been on the school teams in the history of the interscholastic league.

Roy Flaherty, Washington High leader, was their star tackle this year. Weighing 170 pounds and fast, he played a tackle and interference game that was a great factor in enabling the team to land the 1909 interscholastic championship. Had he not played center in the last game of the season, he would have been one of the tackles in the all-star team. Last season he played guard.

The Lincoln High School captain-elect, Paul Cochran, is another 170-pound tackle. Next season will be Cochran's fourth year of interscholastic football. He was unable to play in all of the past season's games on account of an injured shoulder, but made a remarkable showing in the last two games played. Next year he probably will fill Gerspach's position at right tackle.

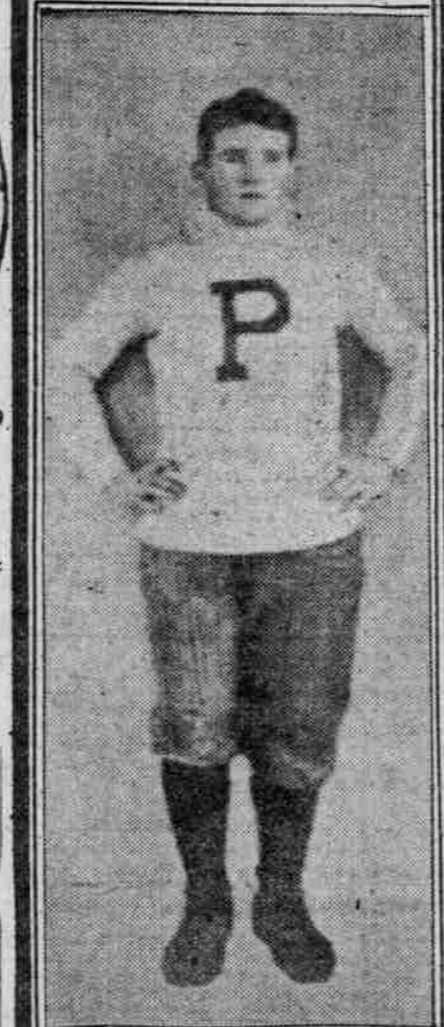
Jefferson Elects Star Punter. James Campion will captain the Jefferson High team next season, when it will be a member of the interscholastic league for the first time. "Sarp" Campion at present weighs only 145 pounds, but he is young and he has three years more in which to play school football, and is expected to make the all-star team in time. As it is he is one of the best fullbacks among the prep school players, and as a punter he is almost in a class with Earl Cobb, the star P. A. booter.

Finegan, the Columbia University captain, played quarter during the past season. He is a heady player, and during the two years he has left to play school football he should make a strong bid for all-star honors. He weighs 150 pounds, is fast, and in execution of forward passes he is in a class by himself.

The Portland Academy captain, Lester Soden, with the exception of Gerspach, of Lincoln High, was perhaps the strongest tackle in the interscholastic league.



PAUL COCHRAN, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL



LESTER SODEN, PORTLAND ACADEMY

He was always in the game, and was the strongest man on the P. A. line. He is fast and weighs 175 pounds. He has two years yet to play and will be a tower of strength.

All of the interscholastic teams next season will have nuclei for strong teams, although some of the stars will be graduated. Each team will have at least eight men who played in regular games during the past season.

Lincoln High Loses. Lincoln High will lose through graduation two strong players in Gerspach and Caulfield, who will attend Oregon University next year and try for the team there. Gunnell will not attend the high school next year. The following players, however, will be back for next year's team: Jack Day, right half; Oswald Day, full back; O'Neil, guard; Tyson, center; Toomey, end; Shafer, tackle; Vesper, quarter; Patterson, half; Alcott, utility man; Stiles, half; Cochran, tackle.

Portland Academy's star players, Cobb, Curry, Wilson and Cookingham, will attend college next year, the first two named going to Oregon University and the latter two to Cornell. Ten of this season's players who will be in the game next year are: Staley, left end; Tegar, left tackle; Small, left guard; Condon, right guard; Soden, right tackle; Edwards, right end; Bean, right end and quarter; Noland, full back; Rose, center; Myers, half.

Columbia will lose this Spring, by graduation, Aya, Keyhoe, Fitzgerald and Redman. The remaining members of the '09 team probably all will be back. They are: Haywood, Sharpe, Quinn, Sarsfield, McNamara, Finnagan, Lacey, McAlpin, Perkins and Kellaher.

Washington High School will lose the two leaders, Jones, Anusson and Ferguson. However, the all-star quarterback, Cornell, will be back, as well as the following: Munley, left half; Camp, full; Hodges, center; McClain, guard; Jackson, substitute half; Frazer, tackle or half; Flaherty, right tackle.

Jefferson High in League. The new Jefferson High School will enter the interscholastic league next Spring in time for the baseball season, and next Fall will have its first league football team. The '09 team, though light, was fast and almost up to the standard of the other prep school teams. Every man of this year's team was a freshman, and each one will be out for football next season.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—E. C. Sharpe, of Oakland, Cal., who has been promoting the establishment of an independent telephone system to cover the Rogue River Valley, including Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, has asked for the withdrawal of the franchise for the time being. It is said that the project will be presented in a somewhat different form in a few months.

GOODSPORTCOMING

Oregon Athletic Club to Give Fine Fistic Show.

"JOCKEY" BENNETT IS STAR

Will Box Jimmy Carroll, California Whirlwind—Edwards to Meet One of Several Experts in the Squared Circle.

One week from Tuesday, or on the night of December 21, the Oregon Athletic Club will stage its first smoker at Merrill's Hall, when a first-class card of boxing exhibitions will be offered. This smoker will be held along the lines set by the Rose City Athletic Club, which proposes to hold its regular monthly smoker either on December 25 or 26.

The Oregon Athletic Club's card will undoubtedly prove a first-class entertainment, for "Jockey" Bennett, the little chap who made such a fine showing at the recent smoker of the Rose City Club, has been signed to meet Jimmy Carroll, of Oakland, Cal., who is now on his way to Portland to appear with Bennett. Bennett can be termed a veteran at the game, for he was born in California, October 27, 1879, and first embraced the boxing game in 1901. Previous to that year he had been one of the most successful jockeys on the Pacific Coast, but found that continuous training resulted in the accumulation of so much weight that he could not make the customary 90 pounds, and has been most successful in this vocation.

Bennett's Many Fights. He has met Monte Attell four times. In these battles he was knocked out once, wop once, and the other two were drawn battles. The former rider displayed so much cleverness at the recent bout that he was immediately matched by the rival club.

Jimmy Carroll, the Oakland chap who is matched to meet Bennett, is said to be a veritable whirlwind, and an exhibition in which he participates cannot be otherwise than interesting and exciting from start to finish. For the other bout the Oregon Club has signed Frankie Edwards, another whirlwind among the little chaps, and his opponent is likely to be Louie Long, who fought a draw with Pete McVeigh in Tacoma last Friday night, though Long has not yet agreed to the terms offered. There are two other local boys now in town who want the chance at Edwards, and one of these is Kid Scaler, though the other stands a better chance. He does not wish his name mentioned unless he gets the match, for he is yet an amateur, and will continue such if he does not get a chance at Edwards.

Attell May Fight Webster. The Rose City Club has signed Monte Attell for the smoker planned for the latter part of the month, and it is possible that he will be put on in an exhibition with Danny Webster, with whom he boxes at San Francisco on December 17. Attell and Webster are high-class artists, and the Rose City Club expects to spend more money in getting this bout than was required for the first two smokers combined.

Both boxing clubs will be well patronized, for each organization is showing a disposition to get the best talent available for these exhibitions.

Newcomer in Field. J. P. Gage, formerly of Minneapolis, has secured the local agency for the Pullman and Acme. He has opened his office at 14 North Seventh street, under the firm name of the Metropolitan Motor Car Company. Both cars are well known to the transportation states, but have been seen here very little. In San Francisco the Acme is well known, and the Pullman has lately entered that field.

"I like Portland very much," said Mr. Gage. "I believe it is the coming city of the Pacific Coast, and have cast my fortune here to stay. I know how the right goods, and an anticipating a good business. I will have six cars here for the show."

Neatte Hits Montana Storm. A. E. Neatte, of Neatte & McCarthy, local agents for the Locomobile, returned Thursday from Billings, Mont., his former home, where he still owns a large livestock ranch and has other interests.

"You think you have been having bad weather here," he said, "but we should account ourselves lucky. The little storm we had was mild compared with what it was in Montana, with the mercury standing at 28 degrees below zero."

Mr. Neatte brought back with him two Scotch terrier pups, which he says will occupy prominent positions in the firm booth during the show.

Frank C. Riggs, local agent for the Packard Automobile Company, has purchased a lot 70x97 feet from Kate Ward at Cornell road and Twenty-third street, near Washington, the consideration being \$15,000.

Mr. Riggs will erect a two-story garage and salesroom on the ground soon, and will occupy it with his agency and livery.

Automobile Street Railway. A steam automobile street railway has recently been installed for regular passenger service from Mandaville to New Orleans, La. The regular type 30 horsepower White steam engine and generator has been fitted to the front

Advertisement for ELBA electric lighting system, featuring 'The First and Most Successful Electric Lighting System for Automobiles' and listing The Willard Storage Battery Co. as distributing agents.

Advertisement for Automobile Dealers and Auto Supply Houses of Portland, listing various local businesses.

Advertisement for Archer, Combs & Company, Auto Supplies, 306 Oak Street.

Advertisement for Buick, Northwest Buick Company, F. W. Vogler, Gen. Mgr., 7th and Couch, A2520, Main 4555.

Advertisement for Ballou & Wright, Automobile Supplies, 86 Sixth St., Main 1834; A 1834.

Advertisement for Crowe Auto Co., 16th and Alder, listing Thomas Marmon, Oldsmobile, Overland.

Advertisement for Firestone Tires, vulcanizing & retreading, R. E. Blodgett, 510 Alder St., Main 7005.

Advertisement for Ford Five-Passenger Touring Car \$950, Duplicate of New York to Seattle Race Winner, Standard Motor Car Co., Tenth St., Near Stark.

Advertisement for Stevens-Duryea and Selden Automobiles, Graham Motor Car Company, Fifteenth and Washington—Phones Main 8408, A 2208.

Advertisement for Keats Auto Co., Seventh and Burnside, listing Peeler, Pope-Hartford, Chalmers, Detroit, Hudson.

Advertisement for Columbus Electric, Lloyd Auto Co., Inc., 523 Alder St., Main 705, A 1198.

Advertisement for Firestone Columbus, Main 705, A 1198.

Advertisement for Maxwell, 526 Alder Street, listing E. E. Cohen, Manager, Phone A 4944, Main 2058.

Advertisement for Palmer Singer & Simplex Automobiles, Funk & Prosser, 323 Everett St., 1919 cars now here for inspection.

Advertisement for Stearns "The Ultimate Car", Guy E. Holman, Manager, Stearns Auto Co., Tenth St., Near Stark, Portland.

Advertisement for Studebaker Gasoline Electric Cars, Phone 1853, Chapman and Alder Sts.

Advertisement for Speedwell "50", Thompson Motor Car Co., 501 Burnside St., Portland, Or., Phones—Main 19, A 7726.

Advertisement for Inter-State Automobiles, Best Machine on the Market for the Money, Watson Automobile Co., 503 Alder Street, Agents, Phone A 7612.

Advertisement for White Steam and Gasoline Autos, White Motor Car Co., 86 Tenth Street, Phones: Main 692, A 2234; C. A. Eastman, General Manager, G. S. Brackett, Secretary.

Advertisement for M'Intyre, lowest priced car, soon to arrive here and which will be exhibited at the auto show. Includes image of the car and text: 'THE 1910 M'INTYRE. Before you buy your 1910 car, let us demonstrate this wonderful car to you. WESTERN AUTO CO., 531 Alder Street'.

Advertisement for The 1910 M'Intyre, featuring the slogan 'The Fastest Stock Car in the World' and listing Western Auto Co., 531 Alder Street.