

BIG PURSE TO BE DANGLED IN FALL

\$10,000 Harness Event Will Be Run in Next Portland Race Meet.

EXPECT EASTERN HORSES

Largest Stake Ever Offered for Harness Race in Northwest Will Be Feature of Portland Fair and Livestock Association.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
Next fall, harness racing in Portland and the Northwest is to be signaled by the offering of a \$10,000 purse for one of the events to be run in the meet to be held under the auspices of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association. The stake will be the largest purse ever offered for a harness race in the Northwest, and the hanging up of this big prize means that a number of the best harness horses from the grand circuit will be attracted here.

Last year the association held a most successful meeting, and indications point to one even more successful in the coming season. Harness racing is gradually coming into popular favor and because of this the association believes in attracting the best possible horses to the meet, and the only way to do this is to put up the most valuable purses possible.

Grand Circuit Events Equalled.
The \$10,000 purse will put the Portland meet on a par with any of the grand circuit events, for there are only two or three such offerings competed for on the big Eastern tracks. The bringing of the star performers from the East to the Northwest will not only benefit the game here, but it will mean an added interest all over the Pacific Northwest Fair Association's circuit, and will correspondingly increase the purses offered at the other tracks.

After many years of struggling and sometimes losing money, the various associations in the Northwest fostering the harness game are becoming recognized by the public. It has been a hard fight, but the wiping out of the gambling evil has paved the way for the success of the legitimate harness game, and the fancy steppers are finally being appreciated.
The public is still uneducated to this branch of sport, though the merit of the game is gradually attracting itself on the patrons of races until it is now possible to offer handsome purses with some degree of certainty of seeing the box office receipts amounting to worth the while, as well as earn the necessary expenses entailed upon the holding of a week-long meet.
Dates Precede State Fair.
Last year the Portland meet was the most successful in the history of the game in the Northwest. This year Portland has been extended the dates in advance of the Salem State Fair, and this of itself will increase the interest in the sport here. The Portland Fair and Livestock Association has survived against odds, and now, with plain sailing ahead and the assurance of a successful and brilliant racing season, the stockholders who have patiently waited for the day of adversity are likely to reap the fruits of their labor and faithfulness to a duty they performed so steadfastly.
Preparations are being made for the placing of the track in first-class condition for the coming season, and as soon as the weather becomes settled the work of rebuilding the track where necessary and the placing of the plant in readiness for the season will be commenced. Early entries indicate a fine series of races for some of the best horses in California and the Middle West, as well as those of the Northwest, are already listed, and before many weeks the grand circuit performers will be entered. Taking everything into consideration, the Portland meet this year promises to give the racing fans some of the very best sport to be had anywhere. Let us hope that the early prospects are fulfilled in the end, and that the meet will flourish and grow better each year to come.

CLUB NINE IS AT WORK

Multnomah Baseball Team Plays Next Saturday.
The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club baseball team will play its first game of the season on the club field next Saturday with the First Infantry, U. S. A. team of Vancouver Barracks. The soldier boys have made some of Portland's fastest teams travel, and are expected to give the clubmen a run for their money.

Baseball has assumed a bright aspect at the club and now that the rain has ceased, allowing the diamond to become dry enough for use, candidates are expected out at the evening practice. Several new men are showing to advantage and will likely make positions on the regular team.
Jimmy Twohy reported for practice Thursday evening, showing he is an accomplished infielder, and an all-around good sportsman. He has been assigned to work out around the key-stone station and works the double play in a pleasing manner. The management expects much from the former Santa Clara College lad.
Case Campbell is accepting everything that comes his way around short, being particularly effective in the handling of ground balls and accurate throwing to the bases. Diminutive Parke Meyers is one of the reliable performers of the squad and shows up strong at third base and in all probability will be assigned the berth permanently. Charley Baxter is demonstrating he is an all-around athlete, and is not satisfied in defending the clubs colors on the basketball floor or at soccer, but is making a game try for first base against Dick Jones.

Ed Shearer is back on the catching job, and will continue behind the plate with Plowden Stott, who has an option on the catching. Shearer is a valuable outfielder and with Stott in the game will likely adorn the right field. His heavy hitting counts. Al O'Brien, formerly of Columbia, and Ted McPherson, an old Portland Academy star, are trying out for the outfield.
Captain Ed Morris goes into the box occasionally, but if his shoulder does not improve he will play in the outfield. Sid Douglas is the only new man who is trying out for pitcher and will be given a chance to demonstrate his ability.

FAST BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO ARE WEARING UNIVERSITY OF OREGON COLORS.



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TEAM'S HOPES HIGH

Oregon, Now on Tour, Expects Baseball Championship.

TWENTY GAMES SCHEDULED

University Players Are in Midst of Hardest Season on Record, but Are Doing Great Work Under Coach Tom Kelly.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—After starting the season with four straight victories on the home grounds against other colleges of the Northwest Intercollegiate Baseball League, the University of Oregon baseball team left Wednesday morning on a 10-day trip through Washington and Idaho. Eight games will be played during the 10 days.
If the team is able to do as well as to break even on the road, Oregon's chances for winning the Northwest Intercollegiate baseball championship, for which it tied with Washington last year, will be bright. The full schedule for the season calls for 20 games, and is the heaviest the varsity team has ever attempted.
The Oregon team this season is easily the fastest that has represented the university. Under the coaching of "Father" Tom Kelly, an old Coast League player, the team has developed a snap and dash and knowledge of "inside baseball" tactics rare with college players. At present nearly every man on the nine has

BASEBALL'S CHIEF ASSET IS HONESTY

Sport Grows in Hold on Public Because Free From Taint of Crookedness.

BIG RACE MEET PLANNED

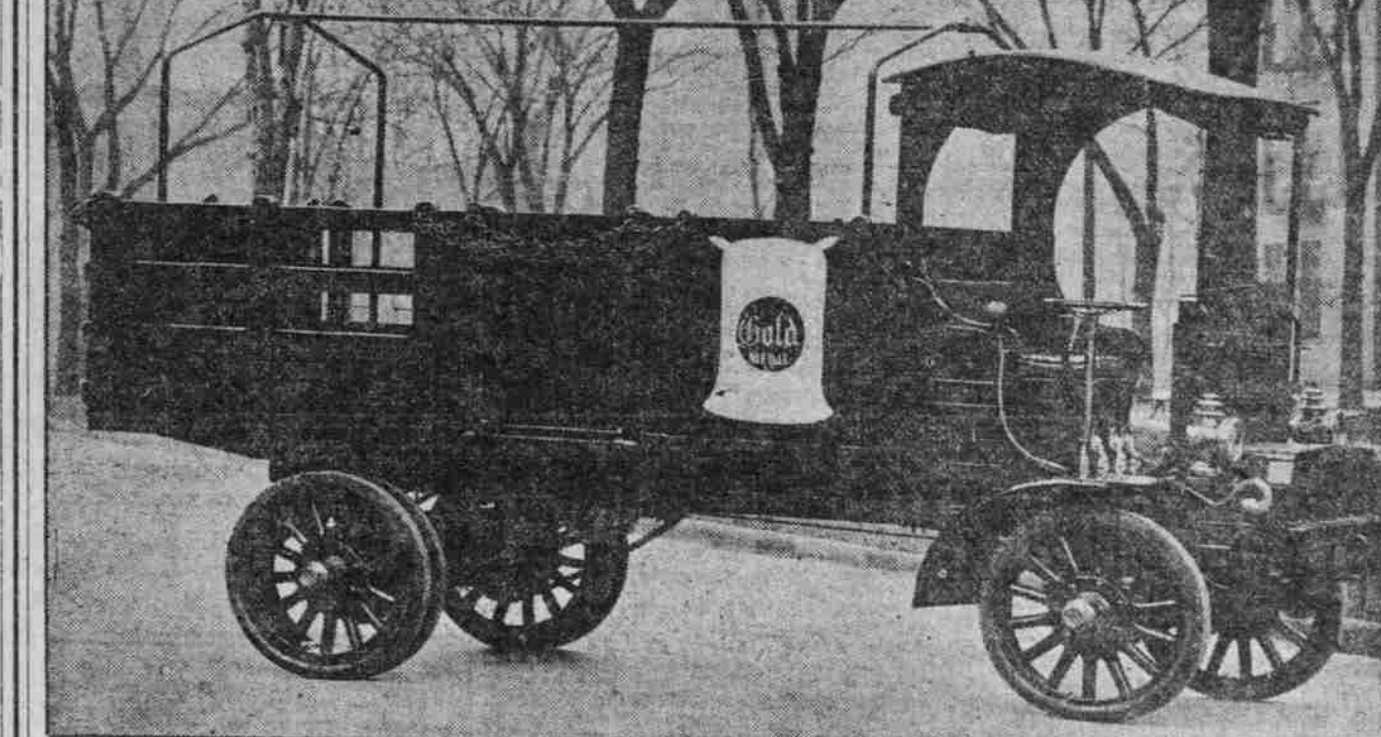
Portland Livestock Association is to Offer One \$10,000 Purse for Harness Event—Other Timely Notes of Sporting World.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
Once more the baseball season is on in earnest, and throughout the land the big and little leagues grammar school organizations and the boys of the sand lot, whence the big league stars emanate, are playing the National game. It is a great game, and its hold on the American public is so strong that many men would be absolutely lost without the opportunity of seeing a baseball contest occasionally during the season.
What gives baseball such a hold on the heartstrings of the public? This is a question often asked by those to whom the game does not appeal. Honesty. That is the answer. Of all professional sports, the American game of baseball is the one game that is free from the taint of bribery and crookedness. It is a sport that cannot be manipulated to suit the fancy of the gambler's element, and it is the elimination of the betting evil that makes the game so popular and insures its hold on public approval for years to come.
Neither speculation nor gain can be said to control baseball, for time and gain opportunities have arisen whereby the dishonest apportionment of a championship would have redounded to the financial gain of all concerned. Yet the puritan race where such could have taken place were determined on their merits and smaller cities were victorious against the larger centers of population. As a sport free from the taint of corruption baseball stands alone among professional pastimes.
Portland promises to enjoy one of the most successful racing seasons ever experienced in the Northwest since the near races in the Northwest have been portmacking. Next Fall the Portland Fair and Livestock Association will hold its fourth annual meeting of harness racing, and many high-class Eastern studs it is expected, will be attracted West by the handsome purses.
In the past the promoters of the harness races in the Northwest have been compelled to seek public help in the effort to hang up suitable purses, as the sport has increased each season, and the extent of attracting the money for the prizes at the gate. In the last several years the attendance at the harness meets has increased each season, and the coming meet promises to be most popular of all.
In anticipating this season's increase in public favor the promoters of the Portland meet have decided to offer a purse of \$10,000 for one event, and this will be the highest stake ever put up in this vicinity in the history of the sport. Such enterprise deserves success, and this year's meet of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association should go down into history as the "best ever."

President Graham, of the Pacific Coast League, has taken a step toward the elimination of rowdiness from the field in a manner that should bring results. A week or so ago a Sacramento player assaulted an umpire on the ball field because the official did not see a play as the player saw it. No matter how faulty the official's judgment may have been, such action on the part of any player or manager is deserving of summary punishment. The firing of Pitcher Whalen and his suspension for a month are justifiable in every particular, and it is to be hoped that the pleadings of Sacramento will not be permitted to diminish the sentence in the slightest degree. Good, bad or indifferent, the umpire must be protected. If they are incompetent, it is the duty of the president of the league to discharge them, but it is not within the province of the player or fans to assault them.
Yesterday Columbia University held its annual track meet in the big gymnasium of that institution on the Peninsula. As those of the past, the meet was most successfully conducted, and once more

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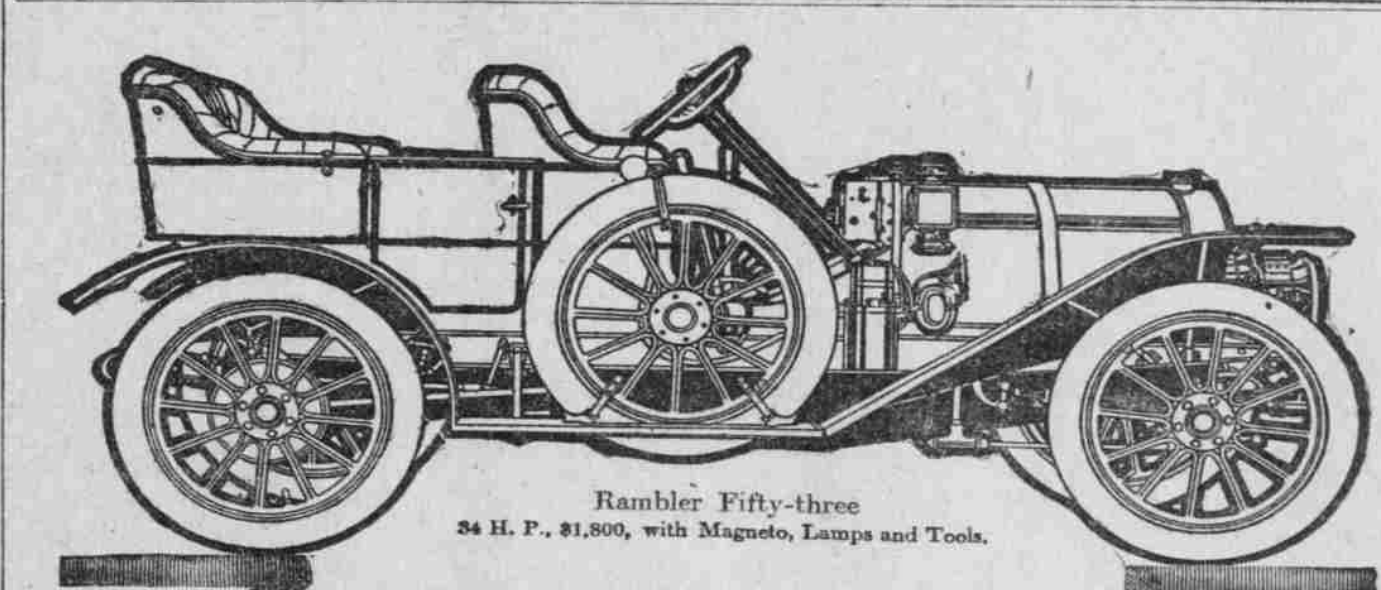
Seventh and Couch Streets

land this season will be Eugene McGreevy, easily the premier indicator of President Graham's staff. McGreevy gave satisfaction last season, and accounts of his work thus far indicate that he has not "gone back."
However, Columbia University has established this meet as an annual affair, and each year the patronage seems to increase. This indicates that eventually the sport will prove self-supporting, as it should be.
Next Saturday the tenth annual penit race of the Northwestern League will be inaugurated by President Lucas' organization. While the circuit has been cut from six to four clubs, there is more general interest than last season. Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Vancouver, B. C., now comprising the league, seem to have arrayed good clubs, and the race should be closer and harder fought than the competition of last year.
Joe Corbett, the late-time sterling pitcher of the famous Baltimore Orioles, is steadily on the decline. Corbett, after retiring from the game for three years when at the height of his career in the big leagues, came from retirement and joined the Los Angeles club in 1905, and was instrumental in pitching that team into the championship. Last year he tried to pitch for San Francisco, but was unsuccessful, and this year finds him in the Triple C class D League formed of small towns in the vicinity of San Francisco.
The first umpire to be seen in Port-

MACHINE REPLACES 10 MEN

Salt Lake Inventor Would Interest Big Packers in Invention.

In the endeavor to enlist the local Swift packing plant in an invention that will permit one machine to replace ten men, N. J. Torkelson is in Portland from Salt Lake City. Mr. Torkelson is staying at 285 Third street.
By means of a large power-driven drum, equipped with blunt teeth, with a patented preparation inside, Mr. Torkelson believes he has solved the way to clean beef casings by machinery. At present these casings are cleaned by hand and the work is slow and laborious. By Mr. Torkelson's method from five to 15 sets of casings may be cleaned at one time in less than 30 minutes. The present method requires a man to each casing. If he is successful in interesting the local packing-houses, Mr. Torkelson hopes to submit his machine to packers at other meat centers.
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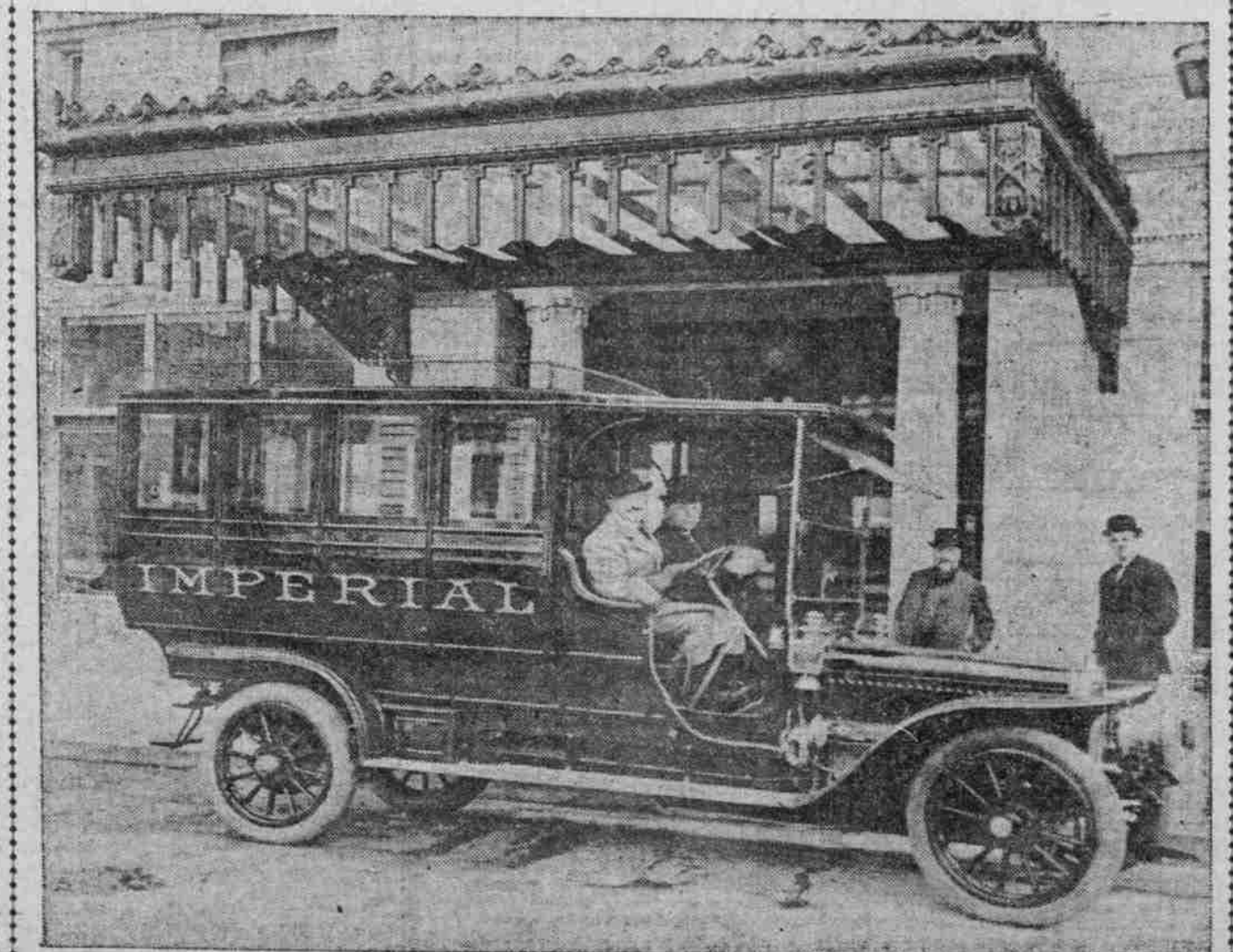
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