

FLASHLIGHT IS KING OF 1912 HORSE SHOW

Handsomeness of Black Thoroughbred Turns Tables on 1911 Winner, Bobbie Burns.

VICTOR ONCE AN "OUTLAW"

Crown Goes to Fancy Gelding Owned by Mrs. Coe A. McKenna With Popular Acclaim—Drill by 16 Riders Is Closing Feature.

Flashlight, a mettlesome black Kentucky thoroughbred, is the equine king of Portland. The Sixth Annual Portland Horse Show came to a successful close last night, and had the distribution of trophies been followed by the crowning of the champion of the exhibition, Mrs. Coe A. McKenna's handsome gelding, trice winner in as many classes, would have borne the jeweled headgear from the Kramer Riding School ring. Four years ago Flashlight was rated as perilously near an outlaw, unfit for show duty and nothing but horseback work of the daredevil cowboy variety. But yesterday afternoon his proud owner rode him to victory in the ladies' saddle-horse class, a victory in the officers' mounts, in which he has never been defeated, followed in the evening, and on the heels of that conquest came the crowning of the evening, when "Flash" met and conquered the best field of saddle horses ever gathered in a Portland ring in the open saddle class.

Bobbie Burns Forced to Yield.
Bobbie Burns, the champion of last season's show, and conqueror of Flashlight last season, was forced to yield to the black last night, taking a red ribbon, emblematic of second place. But Bobbie was not the only high-class animal to suffer in comparison with Flashlight in the evening, for Thomas W. Lawson, added two more ribbons to the list of 12. She was entered in only two classes and won each time; Gladys L. Ike Flashlight, is a Kentucky thoroughbred, but has yet to suffer the sting of defeat in a show. Difference in size prevented meetings with horses of the Flashlight and Bobbie Burns caliber, a series of competitions the like of which has seldom been seen at a Western show.

Drill by 16 Riders Feature.
One of the distinct features of the evening was the ladies' and gentlemen's drill, presenting its members of H. M. Kerron's Portland Riding Academy riders. The performance, with its maze of intricate maneuvers, faultlessly executed, was declared by experts

to be the equal of anything they have ever seen in a horse show ring, in New York or London. The riders, ladies dressed in black riding habits and silk hats, and gentlemen wearing scarlet coats and the silk hats, made a splendid appearance, enhancing the spectacularity of the maneuvers.

Judges Have Hard Task.
The open saddle class, in which Flashlight was so handsomely rewarded, probably was the most difficult class of the entire 26 class-show for judges Roscoe and Kier to name the winner. Conference followed conference, with the most minute examinations of details of horseflesh made before the blue, to the delight of the crowd, was placed on Flashlight's bridle.

Stimley won the first event of the evening, the thoroughbred saddle, with the unlucky Ella Hart second and Gibson Boy third. Flashlight then took the officers' mounts blue and followed this with the open saddle conquest against a field of stars. Mrs. McKenna, Flashlight's owner, bobbed up with another winner in the next class, open for the performers under 15.2 hands, showing the chestnut Gladys L. for Miss Jean Morrison.

Thoroughbred saddle horses (exceeding 14 hands)—Stimley, F. O. Downing, first; Ella Hart, Chester G. Murphy, second; Gibson Boy, F. L. Stewart, Kelso, Wash., third. A. S. Rothwell trophy to winner.

Horses suitable for officers' mounts—Flashlight, Mrs. Coe McKenna, first; Stanfield, Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, second; Vinca, J. E. Wiley, third. Dr. J. N. Coghlan trophy to winner.

Open saddle classes (under 15.2 hands)—Gladys L. Miss Jean Morrison, first; Duke, Miss Ethelwynne Glass, second; Iony, Miss Eva Kiernan, third. Dr. C. F. Tusker trophy to winner.

Open saddle classes (15.2 hands and over)—Flashlight, Mrs. Coe McKenna, first; Bobbie Burns, Miss Elizabeth Huber, second; Jackdaw, C. B. May, third. E. C. Sheelin trophy to winner.

Polo pony, novice (not exceeding 14.2 hands)—Flora, Kramer's Riding School, first; Cricket, Miss Louise Hatfield, second; Bluebell, Kramer's Riding School, third. R. E. Farrell Company trophy to winner.

Ladies' saddle horses (not exceeding 15.2 hands)—Lady Dufferin, Mrs. James H. Murphy, first; Robert Bruce, Mrs. J. Couch Flanders, second; Duke, Miss Ethelwynne Glass, third. Portland Riding Academy trophy to winner.

Qualified hunters (over 15.1 hands)—Kitty, Kramer's Riding School, first; Oregon Frank, E. K. Oppenheimer, second; Gibson Boy, F. L. Stewart, Kelso, Wash., third. J. C. Ainsworth trophy to winner.

High jump—General, Portland Riding Academy, first; Kitty, Kramer's Riding School, second. Glass & Prudhomme trophy to winner.

Flora won the polo pony class for novices under 14.2 hands, for Kramer's School, while Bluebell, another midget from the same stable, was third. Miss Louise Hatfield's Cricket was second.

Lady Dufferin, owned by Mrs. James H. Murphy, scored its second victory of the show in the ladies' saddle horse class, for entrants not exceeding 15.2 hands. Kitty, Kramer's Riding School, was victor in the qualified hunters' class, while General, Portland Riding Academy, won the high jump, the final event of the evening.

Trophies were awarded the winners after the high jump.

John R. Gentry to Graze.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 7.—John R. Gentry, famous pacer, twice holder of the world's record and sire of 84 turf winners, was brought back to Tennessee from New York on a special car today to spend the last days of his life here. The horse is the property of the E. H. Harriman estate.

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FIRST HARD TO FILL

McCredie Says Initial Baggers Not Plentiful.

PORTLAND HAS TROUBLES

But Beavers Not Only Team Having Worries Over Who Shall Play

First, as Del Howard Wants to Play Outfield.

That first-base position has become one of the most difficult to fill in baseball, is the conclusion reached by Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland Beavers. McCredie has been forced to make a study of first base and first basemen during the past season, and not only believes that the berth is growing "tougher" every year, but declares that the Pacific Coast League boasts of not one first-class first-sacker.

"Pop Dillon, of Los Angeles, is the only first baseman in the league who could be styled first-class, and you'll have to concede that he is an odd-time and ready to quit," argues Manager Walter.

"There are good fielding first basemen here, but the fine fielders are weak with the stick, and the heavy hitters are not fast enough around the bag. The job is becoming a harder one each year, and consequently the difficulties of securing a high-class man are increased. The fellow who hits well, goes after those balls to his right, as well as stops the ones in front of him, is the exception in the minor leagues of today. For that matter, they are not having the many first sackers in the majors these days."

McCredie eagerly awaits the call of the postman each day, for he is expecting a note which will dissipate the gloom centered about the 1913 first base position of the Beavers. "Mac" says he will sell Bill Rapps to the highest bidder, but to date is experiencing as much trouble in selling Bill as he is in getting a man to take his place.

Portland is not the only club in the league having trouble over first base. Del Howard, of San Francisco, wants to play outfield and Ewing is trying to land Warren Child, formerly owned by the Chicago White Sox. Oakland has secured Neas, of the New England League, to struggle with Tiedemann for the first corner location, while Dillon is talking of retiring from active work, and bequeathing his job to one of the younger men. Sacramento expects to use Miller again, but he is far from a weighty batsman, while Hogan will start "Ham" Patterson out at first again in 1913, but is looking for someone to fall back upon should "Far" fail to perform up to standard.

Owen Bush, of the Detroit Tigers, broke all records for passes during the 1912 season. He was walked 110 times during the year. Fielder Jones held the record in 1908, of 197, but Eddie Collins beat him last year.

The Toronto Club of the International League battled 1913 to win the championship this year. Murphy, of Baltimore, sixth on the official batting list, was really the leader of the circuit, with an average of .361.

The San Francisco management has been worrying over the league rules, which hold the salary rolls to 20 men. Ewing has 44 men lined up for next season, but can only handle 20 in the new Class D league, the men over to the new Class D league in the process of organization. Only 30 will be taken on the training trip, 14 of the ambitious ones being con-

signed to the "bush" for further seasoning.

Howard Camnitz, one of the pitching stars of the baseball firmament, was twice sent back to the minors before he became a Pittsburg regular. In 1903 Pittsburg drafted him from Vicksburg, but turned him over to Dick Kinsella at Springfield for further seasoning. The following Spring he trained with the Pirates, but was sent to Toledo, and did not begin real work in the major until 1907. In the past six seasons he has won 106 games and lost 53, for a percentage of .621.

Hoppe Defeats Yamada.

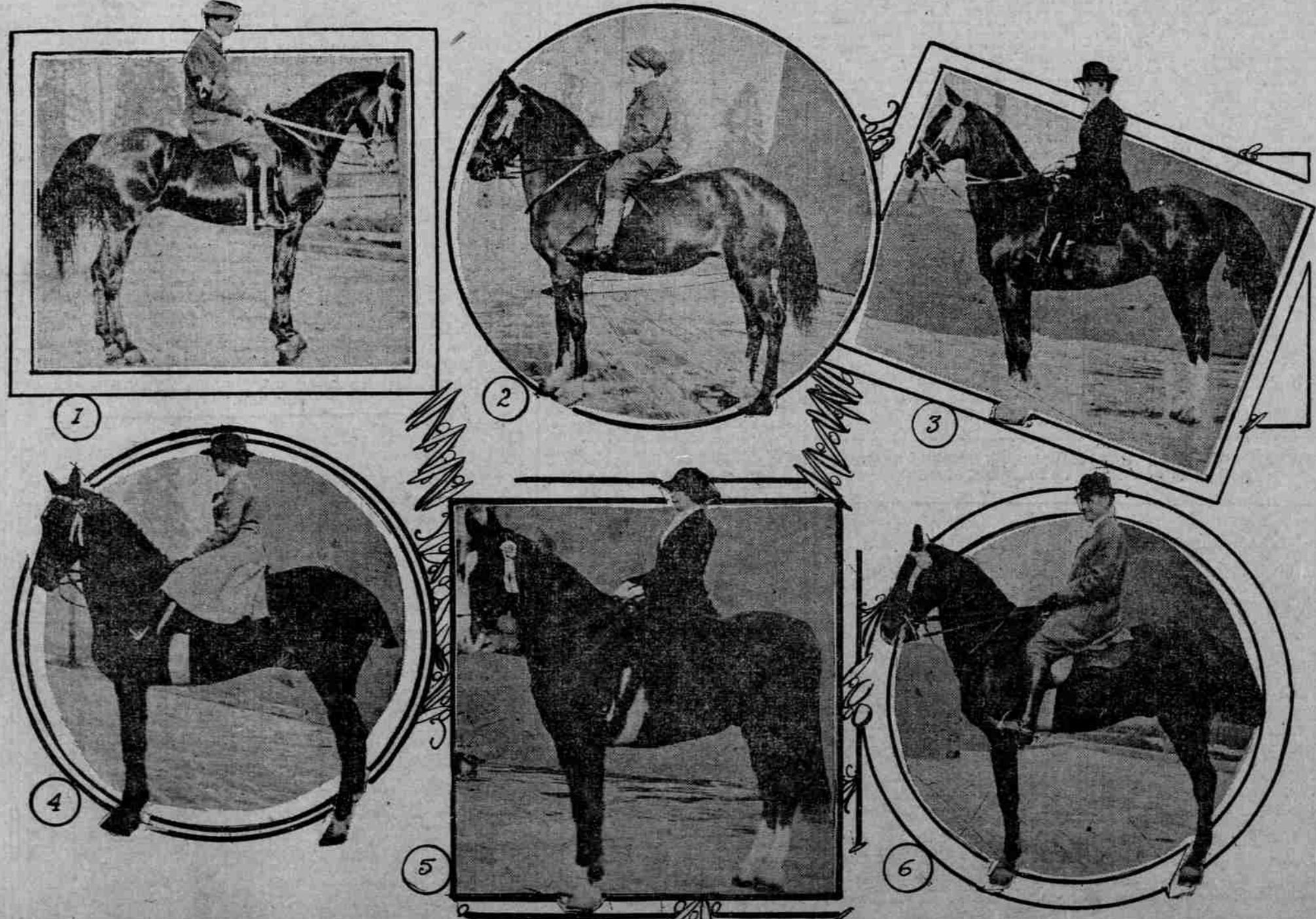
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Willie Hoppe won the final game of the three-cushion 18.2 ball billiard tournament here tonight, defeating Kodji Yamada 400 to 244. The winner's high

run was 99 and his average 20. The Japanese highest run was 63 and his average 12.4-19. Hoppe won all four games played by him in the tournament, while Yamada and George Sloan, each lost two games to him and won and lost one to each other.

Eugene Boy Elected Captain.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—At the annual football banquet given the members of the Willamette University team at the Marion Hotel tonight Grover Francis, the star right end of the team, was elected captain for the season of 1913. Francis hails from Eugene, Or., and is extremely popular among his teammates and students at Willamette and is considered by many of the best judges in football circles as the strongest end in the Northwest.

A FEW OF THE BLUE RIBBON WINNERS YESTERDAY AT PORTLAND'S SIXTH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW.



1, JOHNNY H., RIDDEN BY E. K. OPPENHEIMER; 2, MARTINETTE, RIDDEN BY MASTER MARTIN B. BIDDLE; 3, FLASHLIGHT, RIDDEN BY MRS. COE A. MCKENNA; 4, CHIPS, RIDDEN BY MISS MAIDA HART; 5, ON TIME, RIDDEN BY MISS LOTTIE F. HATFIELD; 6, ROY, RIDDEN BY H. M. KERRON—MR. KERRON WAS AWARDED A BLUE RIBBON FOR THE SPLENDID SHOWING OF THE CHILDREN'S DRILL TEAM.

BEAVERS BUY STAR PITCHER HAGERMAN

"Rip" Is Obtained From Lincoln Club by McCredie at Cost of \$2500.

NEW TWIRLER IS GIANT

Six Feet Four Inches Tall and 24 Years Old, Youth Is Said to Be Terror of Sluggers Because of His Speed.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—"Rip" Hagerman, crack pitcher of the Lincoln Club for the last three years, has been sold to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League.

Judge McCredie began negotiating for Hagerman's release several months ago, but the \$2500 price was a stumbling block. The hope of claiming the Chicago Cubs drafted Shortstop Berghammer from Lincoln, and the Portland magnate, who insisted on landing Hagerman, was forced to come to the local club's terms. Judge McCredie's check arrived here today, and the release papers at once were forwarded to the secretary of the National Association for promulgation.

Hagerman is one of the tallest twirlers in captivity. He stands 6 feet 4 inches, and because of his exceptional speed has been the terror of Western League sluggers every season he has been with the Lincoln club. His official record for the season of 1911 was 28 victories and 14 defeats, a percentage of .650. This record was achieved with a club that finished in the fifth position in the Western League pennant race.

Hagerman is 24 years old, and started his professional career with the Topeka, Kan., club in 1908. After pitching his team into the Western Association pennant, Hagerman's release was sold that Fall to the Chicago Cubs, with whom he pitched the entire campaign of 1909. He came to the Lincoln team early in 1910, and for three years has been its pitching mainstay.

PORTLAND FANS ARE REJOICED

News of New Addition to Pitching Staff Pleases.

There was much joy at Portland baseball headquarters yesterday afternoon when the news of the purchase of Hagerman was received. "Hagerman will sure make good with us. He is a youngster, big, pitched more games than any other man in the Western League and made a splendid record with a second-division team," summed up Manager "Mac."

"I was after this chap last July and August, but when four major league drafts were put in for him I despaired of securing him. Lucky for us that the Cubs secured Berghammer, the shortstop, thus canceling the other drafts and paving the way for the \$2500 purchase."

McCredie negotiated with President Jones, of the Lincoln club, for Hagerman when he was in the Middle West several weeks ago. He offered \$2500 for "Rip," but Jones had a number of other offers and refused to sign the papers for the transfer of the player. Several letters were exchanged on the subject and the check for the purchase price was sent to Lincoln a few days ago.

W. W. McCredie and W. H. McCredie left last night for Sacramento to attend the Pacific Coast League meeting of Monday. The acquisition of the Toledo infielder, McCormick and Derrick, together with the closing of the Hagerman deal, sent the two on their way rejoicing, with nothing but schedule and the 1913 Northwestern situation in Portland to worry them for a few days.

The adoption of the schedule for 1913 will be one of the chief matters to come before the directors. President McCredie has drafted a schedule almost identical with that of last year, from a Portland home standpoint, but has eliminated many jumps in the south. The matter of the Portland application for permission to place a Northwestern League team in this city will also be taken up, but only in a perfunctory way, as no opposition to the programme is expected.

Disatisfied with the salary-limit legislation of the National Association, with its supposedly east-iron rules for the regulating of salaries in the minor leagues, but with special concessions to the Northwestern and probably the Union Association, the Cotton States League has taken an extremely advanced stand on the question. President Lewis of that league, has been vested with the power to sign all contracts with players and act as paymaster of the organization.

At a recent meeting the directors unanimously passed a resolution fixing the salary limit at \$1000 a month for each club, ordered that all contracts be signed by the president and that all salary moneys be paid into his office for distribution among the players.

The Cotton Leaguers believe that this novel scheme will do more to protect the interests of baseball in the minor leagues than any other, and hope to see its introduction into other leagues after the season of 1913 has proved its value in the Cotton States circuit. The managers, of course, have the power to engage players, but all contracts must be signed and salaries paid by the president.

The Union Association is to live. According to advices from President Section of the National Association, the D circuit, of the Rocky Mountains, is to be granted a special salary concession of \$1650 a month instead of the \$1200 required by the salary laws passed at Milwaukee last month.

Grave fears of the ability of the league to continue next season were held, but it now seems likely that the Union, as well as the Northwestern, will be the beneficiary of special concessions.

Sporting News sees in the \$3500 Northwestern League salary concession and the prospective assistance of the Union Association, the destruction of the new salary limit rules. With each league capable of setting up a plausible case for a special dispensation, and the association gradually yielding to the demands, the graded salary will cease to be a benefit.