

BIG LEAGUERS OFF FIELD LOOK LIKE EVERY-DAY SORT OF MEN, SAYS CHRISTY MATHEWSON

'Out of Spangles'' Major Players Are Not Ordinarily Recognized Except by Some "Bug" With Keen Memory for Paces, and These the Athlete Seeks to Avoid-Most Ball Players Are Said to Drink Beer Moderately.

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"Out of the spangles," as the newspaper boys say, the big leaguer is not ordinarily recognized except by some "bug" with a keen memory for faces. Then, when he does pick out a member MATCH of the profession in his street scenery he usually greets him by chanting that old refrain, "Have one with me."

For this and other reasons, the "bug

players whenever they see him first.

conscientiously sidestepped by

Man Who Has Just Returned From Australia, Where He Had About 18 Fights, Will Meet Gunboat Smith Soon.

LESTER OBTAINS

BY HARRY B. SMITH. What with the expected arrival of Tommy Murphy from New York, to-gether with the matching of Gunboat Smith and Jack Lester, who recently arrived from Australia for a 20-round bout on Friday night, February 28, things are looking up. Even the dark aladow that is being cast by the pea-sibilities of what the Legislature may do to the fight game can't queich the enthusiasm of the fans. Jim Griffin, after it looked as if his date would go by default, had the luck

date would go by default, had the luck date would go by default, had the luck to fall into a heavyweight match just at the last moment. Jack Lester, the Cle-Elum giant, arrived the first of the Cle-Elum giant, arrived the first of the week from the Antipodes, and with Gunner Smith hanging around and looking for something to do it was no great trick to bring the pair together. Lester was at first rather lofty in his ideas of the money he ought to receive. First off, he wanted a guarantee of Support or his and with the privilege of Queries Are Many.

First off, he wanted a guarantee of \$2000 for his end, with the privilege of accepting 10 per cent of the gross. When Griffin laughed, Lester replied that he would take a guarantee of \$1500 with the same percentage option. Griffin couldn't hear any talk about a guarantee and Lester finally said he would take 20 per cont. Griffin couldn't bear any talk about a guarantee and Lester finally said he would take 20 per cont. Griffin couldn't bear any talk about a guarantee and Lester finally said he would take 20 per cont. would take 30 per cent.

Compromise is Arranged.

several residents of this town who seem to think the more they drink the better clitzens they make. Also, every time there is a ball game here not only the majority of the spectators, but the ath-letes, refresh themselves at a conve-niont keg. Realizing your principles, and knowing that 'Billy' Sunday, the evangelist and formerly a ball player, has accomplished great things for our cause, we hoped pertaps you might come here and give a lecture on the subject." Now I have never posed as the chauffeur of the Croton charlot or water wagon, nor has my name ever been prominently mentioned to lead the Compromise is Arranged. Griffin finally compromised by giv-ing the two fighters 55 per cent for their end, so Smith will draw down the small end of the purse, or 25 per cent. Jim Buckley, being a thriffy Irish-man, figures that 25 per cent is better than doing nothing. Also he feels con-fident that Smith will topple over the Northwesterner, and says if he does that the gunboat chap will considerably enhance his reputation.

ball pig from at the same time, and, while first a few of the others were engaging He is generally regarded as one of him in conversation, his grip was filled est cop. "How

He is generally regarded as one of those pests similar to mosquitoes, mothers:in-law and measles. Once he gets hold of you, there is no losing him until he has run his course, which gen-erally extends through several stanzas of baseball misinformation. He is anxious to give you a hypodernic of hints about how the game should be played. He usually wants it completely overhauled and renovated. There are many followers of the game in this country, however, who are easger to know how a bail player spend-his time and money, how he lives, what his ambitions are, and what his gen-eral mode of conduct off the field. Lengthy and congested arguments con-tunuity arise over the course of train. They made Faust walk all the way to the hotel from the station, a mile or so, with the suitcase, for the bene-"Bugs" posed in the pitching box with ficial exercise, and I was not in his been carrying. Faust was the worst and most serious nut I have ever seen. He was so bad that we always had to be careful to keep him away from the squirrels. Arthur Devin was a man that could not stand for the pest who insists on MeGraw Is Praised.

his time and money, how he lives, what his ambitions are, and what his gen-eral mode of conduct off the field. Lengthy and congested arguments con-tinually arise over the course of train-ing which a ball player pursues during the championship season, and I have been the recipient of many letters from Y. M. C. A's and other similar institu-tions, requesting me to lecture on the habits of the Big Leaguer. Not 'east among these was one which I received recently from a certain local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. I would not consider it a breach Arthur Deviln was a man that could bats" McGraw Is Praised. McGraw Is Praised. McGraw Is Praised. At the old Polo Grounds before the fire, the bats were kept locked up be-bind the bench in a closet under the prandstand. "Bugs" burst into tears looking man walked through the car. when he discovered that the sticks of the paused by Deviln's berth, and Ar-bur was had cetting the sticks of the club were burning. His chief con-

thur was just getting up after a sleep-less night.

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could see it had started to cloud up, and that it would likely rain. "You boys are goin' to grab the flag," went on the fan, "if you will do what I tell you to. I'm rootin' for you all right and have a little money bet, too." They all protest they have a financial interest. "We'll get our shiaries whether you

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the train. Now wrap your salary wing up tight in the blanket before you go to bed and hang it in that sling. Then you'll be in shape to work if Mao should want you to go in tomorrow." "Charle' went to bed, and he fol-blanket, which he took off his bed, into several knots around his right and then hanging it in the ham mock after having carefully laved it in oil before retiring. **Buttense to Loaded.** The next day, some of the boys got held of Faust's suitcase and a little in to severat the same time, and while a few of the others were engaging im in conversation, his grip was filled with the tron. When the train arrived in Pittsburg, and Faust picked up his bag and dropped it on his corn, he emitted a fearful how!. "Helle Thurst' answered the paid." est cop. "How are you, 'Bill?" he said. "Hello, 'Bugs!" " answered the police-man. "Want to go inside"" "Sure," replied 'Bugs,' " me and this girl." And they went through the lines where the court

Men Show Disappointment.

"This is Mr. McGraw." he said. "Don't save that table for me, and the wins I paid for you can do what you want to with it." "Aren't you going to drink it?" some-body asked him, after he hung up the seconder. like a political boss through the Gover

like a political boss through the Gover-nor's aste-room. "Bugs" was the sort of fellow who knew everybody. Finally the rest of us boys made our way into the Pole Grounds, where the newspaper men and firemen had preceded us, through the intervention of McGraw, who came up from down town. As we stood there watching the stand burn, "Bugs" noned in the pitching box with

body asked him, after he hung up the receiver. "Can't afford to now," he replied. "I'm going to be too busy figuring out how I am to win the world's championship next year." Coming down to New York on the train, he played bridge whist and failed to show his feeling of disappointment in any way. The other boys, less able to control their sentiments did not at-tempt to conceal their impressions of the game. Wilbert Robinson, the vet-eran coach of the team and the former Baltimere catcher, had a little Boston buil dog in a basket which he had pur-chased for his children us a souvenir of the series. He insisted on trying to

want him." "How much did you pay for him?" asked the newspaper reporter who had been wanting to get a dog. Then I tipped him off with a wink that "Rob ble" did not want to give the dog away. but was that are

Since I entered the National Leader. I have seen a great change in the type of men who play the game. Instead of the old, roistering, happy-go-lucky fellow of 15 years ago, baseball players today are, as a rule, cliizens of im-portance and means back in their home towns. Most of them have automobiles and hear accounts now. Many-and I

towns. Most of them have automobiles and bank accounts now. Many-and I am not finding fault-look like haber-dashers' hopes with their silk shirts, monogramed, and silk socks and ex-pensive ties. Marquard is the fashion plate of the Giants, which is a great credit to "Rube." He encounters some great competition. "Rube" and "Josh" Devore were for-merly keen rivals in matters of dress

"Rube" and "Joan" Devote were lor-merly keen rivals in matters of dress and general personal appointments un-tli Marquard blossomed (not a joke) out as an actor. Then "Rube" left poor "Josh" far behind because Devore could horn into the papers only once in a while, whereas Marguard was getting in there every day and with a picture about three times a week. Devore had to go down to Parkersburg, W. Va., and get the correspondent to send out a story that he bet a barkeeper he was "Josh" Devore to receive any publicity worth while this Winter.

Waddell Benn Brummel

when the Glants went to Philadelphia on the pleasant little excursion in 1911

eident and not have bis attire ruffied. One day "Josh" complained bitterly in this wise: **GLOVE FIGHTS ARE** Best Hotels Used. Best Hotels Used. "What's the use of rooming with a guy like Ruber He's got all the clothes in the world, but they won't fit me. The only things of his I can wear are his socks, and then I have to pull them up like stockings. Here I am without a brush and comb, and, if I roll over in the night, my social standing is gone while "Rube" bas a different suit of

In the hight, my social standing is gone while "Rube' has a different suit of clothes for every day." As most persons know, "Rube" is built on the general lines of the flatiron building, while Devore would make a nice partner for a member of the pony ballet. "Rube" always carries his ward-robe trunk on the road. That is he did

robe trunk on the road. That is he did up through last season. Nobody knows what he will have next Spring after spending his Winter projecting person-ality access the decisionic ality across the footlights. One time "Rube" Marquard and "Josh" Devore were honsting about the furniture in their room in a Boston hotel while a game was in progress.

"We've got a swell suite, ain't we, "Rube?" remarked "Josh." evidently hoping to stir up jealousy and referring the matter hack to his roommate for confirmation, as is his conversational

"You bet we have," answered "Rube." "The rooms are big and light, and the furniture is immense Apparently McGraw had not been list

Apparently accraw and not been inst-ening to the conversation, but, at this point, he cut in abruptly as is his wont. "All solid mahogany, I bet, with you two fellows in the room," he snapped. "Now omit the social discussion on the bench."

Big league ball clubs stop at the best hotels around the circuit now, McGraw being a pioneer in this and insisting that his men are properly housed. In that his men are properly housed. In the old days, a hotel which catered to family trade was afraid to take in a ball team for fear of the results, but that is all changed now. The most se-rious breach of etiquette which has occurred in the big leagues in some time was when "Bob" Bescher, of the Cincinnati club, asked for three help-ings of dessett at the Schenley Hotel in Pittsburg and was refused. The insti-tution was then run by the Ritz-Carlton people. As a result of this denial, there was an argument which eventuated in

Most all ball players have outside in-terests now. Take the Glants, "Charlie" terests now. Take the Glants, "Charlie" Herzog is a farmer in Maryland, and seconds and trainers in their sweaters Markie is studying law and making and armed with spouges, towels and practice for himself. Only this Winter he punched some man on the nose and got involved in a lawsuit for \$5000, which I regard as nothing more or less than a trial for Fred to get legal ex-perience. Snodgrass and Meyers each own considerable land in California, and Chis Crandall is a prosperious farmer of Us Crandall is a prosperious farmer of Itis Crandall is a prosperous farmer of

Wadena, Ind.

pect to drop out of it and elimb to other things eventually through the money they make out of it as capital. "Sam-my" Strang, for instance, has studied for grand opera. Many a ball player has started with this intention and has stuck until they cut the uniform off him. Of course, it is well known to fans that Fred Clarke owns an enor-many the known to fans that Fred Clarke owns an enor-many the started with the function and has stuck until they cut the uniform off him. Of course, it is well known to fans that Fred Clarke owns an enor-many the known to fans that Fred Clarke owns an enor-many the started with the function and has the started with the started based of the started based of the fans that Fred Clarke owns and his year.

nous ranch In Kansas and is very wealthy. He does not drink or smoke and his only vice is chewing a tooth-pick. He is seldom without one. Honus Wagner's weakness is autoobiles. Chance, of course, possesses (well-advartised orange grove. Tinker has large property holdings in the far West. Frank Schulte, of the Cubs, is very fend of trotting horses and goes to Canada every Winter where he races his stable on the ice.

The old game has produced some sucessful men, and most of them are rol-icking, good, wholesome fellows. Many nost continuously six the year, it is evident that the owner

This and the piece de resistance there was an amusing little fight between the two tiny sons of a prizefighter-Ruby Baxter and Bill Baxter III. These

Annual Meeting on Tuesday Night Will See Parent for Last View

POPULAR IN LONDON American Hostess Gets Boxers to Entertain Guests in Ballroom. BATTLES PROVE EXCITING

> **Professional Pugilists Mix With Vin** Surrounded by Gorgeously Dressed and Bejeweled

Soclety Women.

LONDON, Feb. 8. — (Special.)—The latest development in the art of enter-taining is to follow up a fashionable dinner party with a glove fight. This innovation is due to a well-known nnovation is due to a well-known American resident in London, Miss Claudia Lasell

Claudia Lasell. Claudia Lasell. The other night, at her home in the North of London, she entertained 29 persons, a number of whom were Amer-icans. After dinner the guests were ushered into the ball-room. To their intense surprise it had been trans-formed into a prize ring, complete in every particular, even to the installa-tion of the special lighting arrange-ments used for all the great prizefights. The ring was of regulation size, the ropes were of regulation texture, and the platform was strictly in ac-cordance with National Sporting Club rules. Spectators' seats were arranged was an argument which eventuated in the Reds leaving the hotel flat ever since. That is the last social blumder made in the large league, which I re-ard nere the astonished guests were asked to sit down and await events. The dest improvement that which the weat

at the right distance from the ring, and here the astonished guests were asked to git down and await events. The first impression that this was only to be comic representation was quickly dispelled by the appearance of

Hostess Makes Speec

Wadena, Ind. Fred Clarke is Rich. Many interesting personalities are bound in the big leagues now. Some shill players are men who are just using the game as a stepping stone and ex-pect to drop out of it and climb to other things eventually through the 'money' the state of the ordinary after-dinner dances and theatrical entertainments the state of the ordinary after-dinner dances and theatrical entertainments

Passy and his opponent stepped for-ward and shook their gloved hands. Miss Lasell ducked under the ropes, the gong sounded, and the fighting

began Whatever doubts lingered as to the reality of the boxing were dispelled before the end of the first round. The "Unknown" simost got a knockout at the outset and took full advantage of "Unknown" almost got a knockout the outset and took full advantage seven seconds on the floor of the ring. He was vigorously rubbed and fanned with towels by his seconds after the bell rang, and fought more cautiously for the remaining nine rounds. By the third round the women, wear-

ing gorgeous evening gowns and jewels, were taking just as keen an licking, good, wholesome fellows. Many clubg carry insurance on all their play-ars now. When one paises to think that teams embracing between \$190,000 and \$200,000 worth of baseball talent store of the country all followed by agitated little gasps, by "Ohis" and "Ahis." As each round ended there was much clapping of hands, and soon there was some mild betting, as the guests began to select their favorite.

Midgets Give Exhibition.

Two light-weights, Bill Lewis and Tom Danahar, were next in the ring. The hostess again acted as introducer and the two men put up a pretty five-round fight. As an interval between

chased for his children as a souvenir of the series. He insisted on trying to give it away and attempted to induce a newspaper man to take it. "Here," declared "Robbie," "take this dog. He brought me bad luck. I don't want him."

cern was for his bat, with which he but was just sore. Since I entered the National League

the players considerable levity, not en-forcing any strict training rules. He keeps a watchful eye on the habits of the men, however. Instead of laying down any exact rule, he makes one sweeping general demand which covers what the smaller one might not. He insists that all the boys report in the clubhouse at the Polo Grounds between ten and half past every morning of the pläying season. In the earlier days of the schedule, there is the morning practice, but as the race tightens and the players considerable levity, not en-forcing any strict training rules. He

practice, but as the race tightens and the strain becomes greater the morning practice is cut out for the regulars fof fear they may become stale, but they all must show up just the same. We do not even get into our uniforms then, but the object of the reporting is evi-dent. McGraw thinks that samy man who can appear at 10 o'clock in the morning looking bright and clear eyed has not been out all night batting around. "Mac" is very fussy about the boys showing dp. too, and fined two or three of the players who tried to sklp it once or twice last season very heav-ily. The rule has worked well. McGraw is Confident. practice, but as the race tightens and

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want him. At all events, while his en-

Those chiefly concerned in the game admit the chances are that a reforma-tory measure will be passed, although Coffroth seems to be hepeful that he can stave off any legislation at all. Perhaps he can and then again, b may be wrong in his assumptions.

THORPE'S INNOCENCE VOUCHED

Hayward Clies Incident Showing

Indian's Lack of Knowledge.

That James Thorpe, the Carlisic red-skin, really was ignorant of amateur eligibility rules when he played Sum-mer baseball in the college off-seasons is the belief of William Hayward, the famous University of Oregon trainer. "Bill" accompanied the American track and field team to the Owneds are set and field team to the Olympic games at Stockholm last Summer and became well acquainted with Thorpe. "He confided to me aboard the steam-ship Finland, crossing the Atlantic,

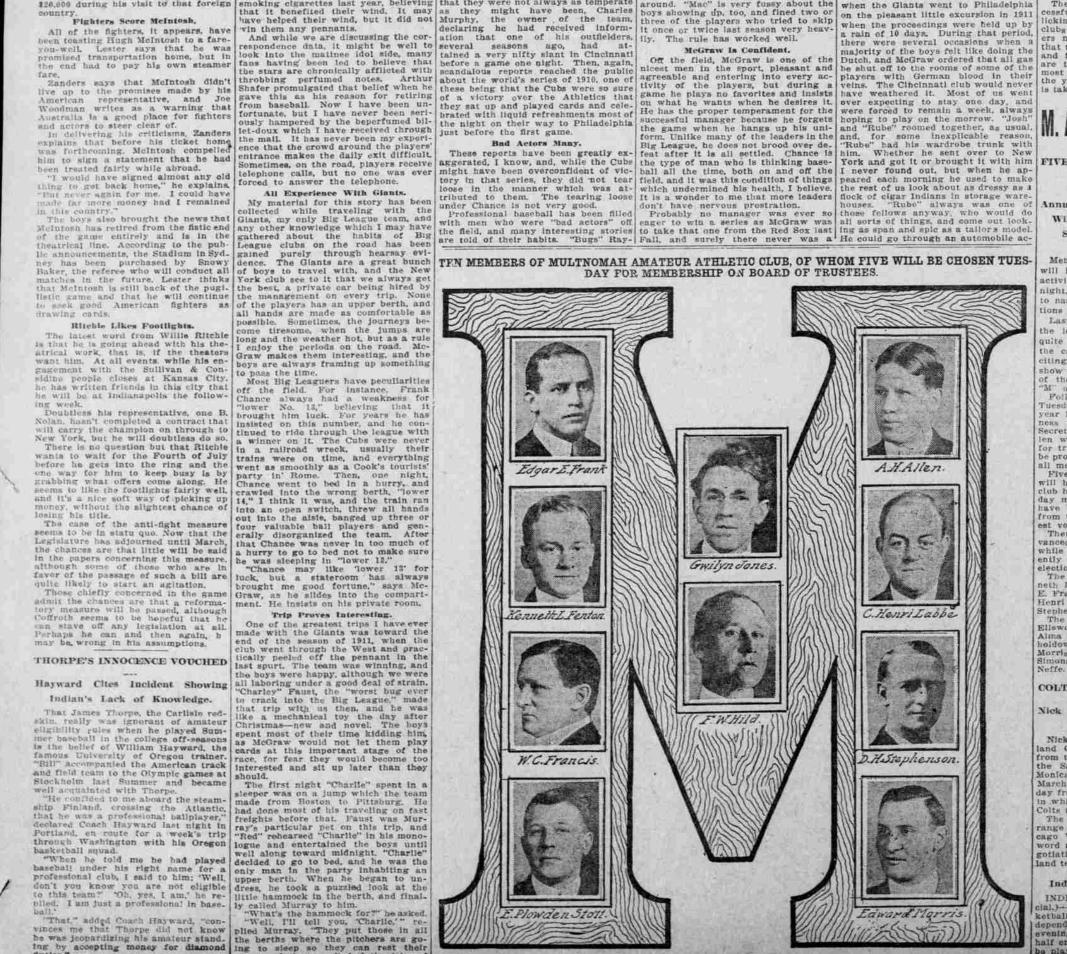
to seek good American lighters as of the players has an upper berth, and drawing cards. Ritchle Likes Footlights. The latest word from Willie Ritchle is that he is going ahead with his the-atrical work, that is, if the theaters want him. At all events while his en-

want him. At all events, while his en-gagement with the Suilivan & Con-sidine people closes at Kansas City, he has written friends in this city that he will be at indianapolis the follow-ing week. Doubtless his representative, one B. Value hasn't completed a contract that Ing week.
Doubliess his representative, one B. Nolan, hasn't completed a contract that the hasn't completed a contract that will carry the champion on through to have the summer on the number, and he continued to ride through the league with a winner on it. The Cubs were never in a railroad wreck, usually their trains were on time, and everything went as smoothly as a Gook's tourists party in' Rome. Then, one night. Chance went to bed in a hurry, and crawled into the wrong berth, 'lower ids' in the slightest chance of losing his title.
The case of the anti-fight measure seems to be in statu quo. Now that the chances are that little will be said in the papers concerning this measure, although some of chose who are in favor of the passage of such a bill are out its the chances are that a reformary outs likely concerned in the same of such a bill are than completed in the chances are that a reformary outs likely concerned in the same of the same of the same of the same of such a bill are the same of the same of the same of such a bill are the same stop in the chance is the same of the same of

Trip Proves Interesting.

Trip Proves Interesting. One of the greatest trips I have ever made with the Giants was toward the end of the season of 1911, when the club went through the West and prac-tically peeled off the pennant in the last spurt. The team was winning, and the boys were happy, although we were all laboring under a good deal of strain. "Charley" Faust, the "worst bug ever to crack into the Big League." made that trip with us then, and he was to crack into the Big League." made that trip with us then, and he was like a mechanical toy the day after Christmas-new and novel. The boys spent most of their time kidding him, as McGraw would not let them play cards at this important stage of the race, for fear they would become too interested and sit up later than they should. should.

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Will See Report for Last Year Submitted and Passed Upon. Members of Multnomah Athletic Club will indulge in their annual political activity at the clubhouse on Tuesday night, when they will be called upon to name five of their number to posi-tions on the board of trustees. Last year the vote was rather light, the leading candidate receiving not guite 400 votes, but this year, while

FIVE FOR TRUSTEES' BOARD WILL BE NAMED.

quite 400 votes, but this year, while ballroom, the campaign is not particularly exciting, the ballots are expected to show a bigger total. More than 1700 of the 3000 members of the winged "M organization are entitled to vote. Following the annual meeting on Tuesday night, when the report for the year 1912 will be read and other busi-ness transacted. President Ellsworth, Secretary Dyment and Treasurer Al-len will take charge of the balloting for trustees. Tan yother station, will Ten voting stations will for trustees,

for trustees. Ten voting stations will be provided in the gympasium, enabling all members to vote without delay. Five trustees, for terms of two years, will be elected to membership on the club board of 11 members at the Tues-day meeting. The names of ten men have been secured as nominees, and from these the five securing the larg-est vote will be declared elected. There is no evidence of a slate ad-vanced by any faction at the club, while the question of president appar-ently has been tabled until after the election.

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election. The nominees are A. H. Allen, Ken-neth L. Fenton, W. C. Francis, Edgar E. Frank, F. F. Hild, Gwilyn Jones, C. Henri Labbe, Edward Morris, D. H. Stephenson and E. Plowden Stott. The retiring board members: A. M. Elisworth, A. H. Allen, Edgar E. Frank, Alma D. Kätz and Frank Ransom. The holdover members: C. V. Dyment, T. Morris Dunne, R. W. Wilbur, George Simons, Charles Barton and Fred De-Neffe.

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ballroom. The evening's show was voted a splendid success. Most of the woman present had never seen a glove fight before. Now several of them are ar-ranging similar entertainments. Migs Claudia Lasell, or Lasell-Hock-einhul, is one of London's most popu-lar hostesses. For the last few years she has lived mostly on this side of the water and at one time took a keen interest in theatrical afairs, producing in London the plays "Lady Tatters" and "The Sweet Girl." She took the leading part in both of these and also in London the plays "Lady Tatters" and "The Sweet Girl." She took the leading part in both of these and also in "Peggy Machree," which had such a successful run in London. She lives with her brother, Robert Hockenhull, in Westfield. Her neighbor is the Grand Duke Michael. She is devoted to sport of all kinds and owns half a dozen Boston Terriers which havs taken prizes at all the principal Eng-lish dog-shows. She is a native of Jacksonville, Ill.

Tennis in Favor at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 8 .--- (Special.) -The Lewiston Tennis Club has purhased additional ground and will put n new courts and build a clubhouse. in new The state tournament is scheduled for June.

Steve Ketchel, the Chicago light-weight, is the latest championship possibility introduced by the Windy City fans. There is some talk of bring-ing him to the Pacific Coast for a

COLTS ARE TO MEET SEALS Nick Williams Also Wishes to Get Games With White Sox. Nick Williams, manager of the Portand Colts, has arranged a series of from three to five practice games with the San Francisco Seals for Santa Monica and Boyes' Springs soon after March 17. He received a letter yester-day from Cal Ewing, the Seal magnate, in which the latter agreed to give the Colts as many games as they want. The Portland leader is trying to ar-range for a game or two with the Chi-cago White Sox, but has received no

word regarding a date. He is also ne-gotiating for meetings with the Oak-land team.

Independence 34, Woodburn 9.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Feb. 8 .- (Spe INDEPENDENCE, OF. Feb. S.-(Spe-cial.)--The Woodburn High School bas-ketball team was deefated by the In-dependence High School team Friday evening by a score of 34 to 9. The first half ended 20 to 1. A return game will be played score be played soon.

