

# FILIPINOS ON FOR ATHLETIC HONORS

### Few Years' Development of Islanders Indicates They Are "Comers," Too.

## TRIBES TAKE TO SPORTS

### Performances Now Compare More Than Favorably With Early American Marks in Intercollegiate Activities.

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**CELEBES SEA.**—Proved by facts and figures that the Filipino takes naturally to sports, have the natives the ability and physique to compete on an even basis with American, European and Australian athletes? This question has not been finally answered, and the query might be applicable to all yellow and brown races. Close observation of the native Filipinos has led American teachers to believe that in a generation or so the little brown men might so improve that they would have an equal show with whites. This would include all forms of sports.

There are many who think that the time is far distant before the records of the white man are approached. Again, there are a few who with a pencil and ink will show where the natives have made a far greater progress in athletics in a given time than did the American college athletes. Such is P. S. O'Reilly, division superintendent of schools in the Philippines.

Mr. O'Reilly, writing for the Teachers' Assembly Herald, which, by the way, devotes about two-thirds of its space or more to sports, points out that the Filipinos shortly after starting in athletics made better marks than did the students of Yale, Princeton and Harvard in the first recognized amateur meets.

**Track Records Cited.**  
In 1875 at Irlington, Sheldon won the pole vault at 7 feet 7 inches; Biddle put the shot 33 feet 3/4 inches; Walter won the broad jump with 18 feet 10 1/2 inches. At Harvard the high jump record was 4 feet 8 1/2 inches and the mile was run in 5:41. Yale's best sprinter covered the 100 yards in 1:14, and the 200 yards in 2:30. The 400 yards was run in 5:40. The 800 yards in 11:57. Mr. O'Reilly says:

"These are not the best amateur records for the United States at that time, but they are the best records made at the college meets named. Turn the Cebu track and field records against the Yale team of 1875 and Yale would stand about as much show of winning as Manila did at the last carnival meet (Olympic). The 1875 is taken, as that was about three years after college athletics were organized in the United States, and figures that the Yale athletes of 1875 had about as much training as the Cebu athletes of today."

The physical development of the Filipino is already noticeable; in fact, markedly. The average native is of small stature. It is not meant to claim here that this size has increased in such a short time, but the American teachers have noticed that the youth who has had the trained exercise since the occupation is much better developed in every way than is the native who has none, and this does not except those engaged in hard manual labor.

**Natives Fitted for Baseball.**  
Both by build and aptitude the native is better fitted for baseball and such games and track athletics than he is for the field events. But even here the records are above the ordinary. Thus Llanam, a Visayan, from the province of Cebu, has tossed the 12-pound shot 40 feet 1 1/2 inches. This stands as the interscholastic record of the islands. As interscholastic records are the only ones at present recognized, they are the only ones taken into consideration.

The hammer throw and the discus are not allowed in native athletic meets as yet; the native has not been able to overcome that innate curiosity, and he often encroaches upon the players regardless of the danger involved. The pole vault has been well mastered and the record now stands at 10 feet 6 1/2 inches. This is held by Abad, a Bicol from Albay province. The rest of the records to date are:

- 50-yard dash, 0:05 3/5.
- 100-yard dash, 0:10 2/5.
- 220-yard dash, 0:23.
- 440-yard run, 0:54 4/5.
- 880-yard run, 1:13 3/5.
- 220-yard low hurdle, 0:38.
- Running broad jump, 20 feet 2 1/2 inches.
- Running high jump, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches.
- 880-yard relay race, 1:41.
- One-mile relay, 3:45.

Of the record-holders five come from Cebu, three from Albay, two from Ilocos Norte and one each from Occidental Negros and Bohol.

**Cebu Take to Athletics.**  
The Cebu native seems to take best to athletics of all kinds. He is good both in field and track events, and physically is at present slightly superior to the majority of other tribes. The Cebu baseball team won the interscholastic championship for the last three years, including 1913. In the annual interscholastic meet of 1913 Cebu won with three points to spare from Occidental Negros.

There has been some talk of entering a Filipino track team in the next Olympic games at Berlin, but this is hardly likely, as there would have to be a tremendous improvement in all branches in order to make any showing at all. As a matter of fact, there is really no excuse for sending a Filipino team to the Olympic for some years to come, as they have an Olympic meet of their own in the Orient.

The first of these "Olympics" was held at Manila in February, 1913. Japan and China entered and the final results showed the Filipinos victors by 137 points to 42 for China and 11 for Japan. Being marvelous swimmers by nature and training, the little brown men from the islands practically made a clean sweep of the events. A showing the interest in the games it is to be noted that twice as many competitors took part in the games as at the Olympic at Stockholm.

Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former minister for China to the United States, is president of the Far Eastern Olympic Association, which will hold its next annual at Shanghai in 1915. At this meet will be picked the Oriental representatives for the games at Berlin the following year.

**Igorrotes Hold the Palm.**  
The one tribe which will probably be heard from in the near future athletically are the Igorrotes. These warlike people, whose reputation is, however, of more crinoid hue than the facts warrant, have taken an interest in sports with much enthusiasm as they went after their neighbors' topknobs in the past. The Igorrotes are splendidly developed physically, and among them the Boyatos and the Kalingas hold the palm.

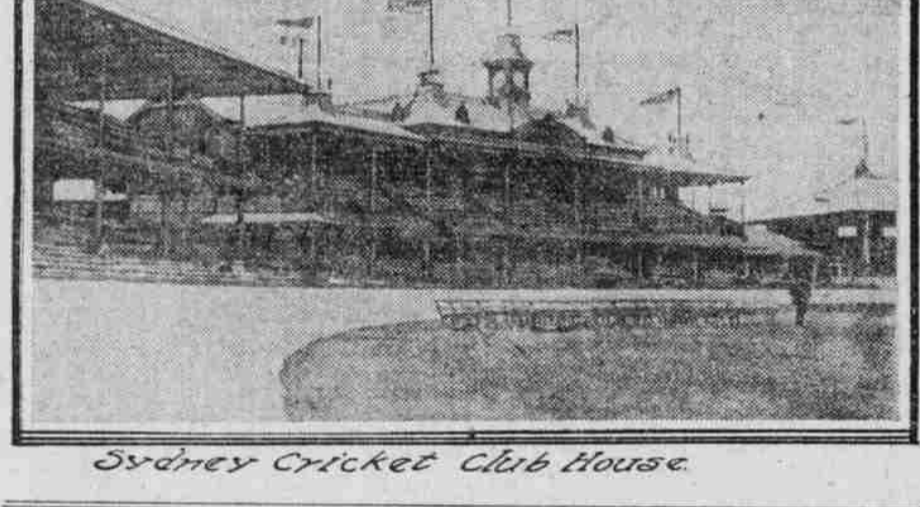
## VIEWS FROM FAR OFF AUSTRALIA DURING SOJOURN OF GIANTS AND WHITE SOX ON TOUR OF THE WORLD.



Left to Right: Mrs. D. Hardin, Mrs. J. Callahan, Margaret Callahan & Mrs. J. McGraw, aboard S. S. Albano in Coral Sea.



Chas. Comiskey, Eddie McGoorty (boxer) and Hans Lobert.



Sydney Cricket Club House.

In the Bontoc meet last Spring 15 Kalina boys came down from the Lubuagan Industrial School and 14 came from the Hocano, representing the Cervantes district. The young hopefuls from Lubuagan walked the 80 kilometers to the meet in a day and a half. They walked the entire distance from Cervantes, 58 kilometers.

From this it might be deduced that the Filipinos could be relied on in distance events, but up to date the marks in the long distances have been nothing out of the ordinary. They seem to be better in the sprints. Where it requires stamina and strength the native is still far behind. The reason for this is given by physical directors and experts as lack of proper nutrition. The islanders subsist mostly on a vegetable diet, and although this might be a blow to the vegetarian theory, it is given as a fact that those who are not meat-eaters have made the poorest showing in athletic meets.

The native boxer is a case in point. There is no question about his shiftiness and general speed in the ring, but given a blow in the stomach and he is usually finished.

The schools are making tremendous strides in all athletics, and it may be reasonably expected that in a short time a race will be developed which will fit into the scheme of self-government, mentally and physically.

## Yale's New Coach Arrives.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Guy Nickalls, the Oxford oarsman, who for several years stroked his crew to victory in the Oxford and Cambridge boat races, arrived from England last night. He comes as an assistant coach of the Yale varsity crew. Nickalls will go at once to New Haven, where he will start working on the crew in the gymnasium and tank. He will remain until after the contest between Yale and Harvard at New London.

## Willie Hoppe Wins Decision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Willie Hoppe, a San Francisco lightweight boxer who lost two fingers from each hand in the explosion of a toy cannon last Fourth of July, returned to the ring here tonight and gained a decision over Sally Salvadore, a Sacramento boxer, in a four-round contest.

## TRAINING CAMP NEWS TO BE SENT BY FAWCETT

Sporting Editor of The Oregonian Goes to Survey Coast League Teams and Give Fans First Hand, Unbiased Information.

WHILE "Winter baseball" has been crowding real baseball down pretty well into the minor headlines. Spring training is almost upon us and the onward march to the conditioning camps undoubtedly will monopolize its usual prestige on the sporting pages. The Oregonian will put forth special efforts to furnish the baseball fans with the latest, most interesting, and accurate "dope" on the various teams, from the majors down to the lowliest D's.

Roscoe Fawcett, sporting editor of The Oregonian, leaves tomorrow for an extensive tour of California. He will go first to Los Angeles for the Vanderbilt cup and the international grand prize races and, while

# BASEBALL CASTING SPELL AT COLLEGE

### Practically Entire 'Aggie' Team of 1913 Is on Hand and Season Is Promising.

## NEW MEN ALSO AVAILABLE

### Captain Ben Culver Highly Pleased With Prospect and Higher Grade of Playing is Forecast in Northwest Conference.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—With practically the whole 1913 varsity baseball membership in college this semester, Oregon Agricultural College fans are looking forward to the coming diamond season with a large degree of hopefulness. In all there are ten men who won varsity baseball monograms last Spring and who will report for duty when Captain Ben Culver issues a call in about six weeks.

The prospect in college of a large amount of more or less promising new material justifies to a large extent at least the sanguine attitude of the Beaver, favorite of the National game.

The team of veterans who could be lined up at a moment's notice would be: Pitchers, Captain Culver and Moreland; catcher, Wiley; first base, Goble; second base, Hutt; third base, Fryer; shortstop, Smith; outfielders, Shaw, Robbins and Loof. This is the team which was the champion of Washington and Oregon for the championship of the western division of the conference.

## Culver Is Favorite.

Local fans are putting their faith in Culver to handle a large amount of the box work this year. Ben was the "iron man" last season, pitching five out of eight conference games and winning four of the five that he entered. He was selected for all-Northwestern honorman last year. He was easily the star of the local aggregation, pitching steady ball at all times and walking up a batting average of .316, the highest average of any on the Beaver squad.

Moreland, the other last year's pitcher, is a Portland lad. He is a powerful pitcher, but last year was ineffective against the conference players, largely because of inexperience. Local enthusiasm this year expects him to show up to better advantage.

Of the newcomers with reputations as heavy hitters are Williams, brother of "Rube" Williams, a prominent local athlete. This lad was a feature of the Portland Interscholastic season last Spring, and Oregon Agricultural College fans who are familiar with his work expect him to appear frequently in the local box.

Kedderly, of Lincoln High, and Blagg, of Hood River, are two other high school pitchers who will be watched with interest.

Of the pitchers who tried out last year but fell short of varsity berths are Cough, Martin, Pechin, Cardwell and Tammerlane. A pretty race is promised for the position behind the bat. "Shut" McFarler, last year's regular catcher, is the favorite choice for this place, but there are many stumbling-stones in his way. Among the obstacles are supplied by a clever backstop who was irresistible last year but who caught good ball for the freshmen; Hayes, the Pasadena High School athlete, who has a reputation both as a catcher and outfielder, and Most, of Lebanon, who is blessed, according to advance reports, with a speedy leg.

## Another Battery Available.

Doolittle, pitcher, and Lutz, catcher, a battery combination which proved effective with Pomona College last season, will be available to furnish the starting practice, but will be prohibited from partaking in conference games by the one-year attendance ruling. Doolittle is also a third baseman. Both will be back in 1915.

Goble, the first baseman who stepped into Cooper's shoes last year when the latter left college in the middle of the season and whose hand was against Johnnie Welch in the last Oregon game is a part of local athletic history, should have things his own way in the initial post. The young first baseman would be welcomed as a rival of Goble, who is short, but such a player brings on the line.

Hutt, Smith and Fryer, who held down second, short and third last year, are three good men, but each will have his hands full to hold his position against the University's other infield candidates. Wilson, who had landed at third last year only to break an ankle at the beginning of the season, and Lansdale, also a candidate for third last Spring, are both in school. Storm, of Walla Walla; Price, of Corvallis High, and Avery and Sid Laaswell, Columbia University products, are other promising candidates for infield berths.

## Several Aspire to Field.

Robbins, Shaw and Loof, members of last year's team, will be opposed in the outfield by Shaver and Goble, who last year; Tully, an Eastern Oregonian with a good rap, and Sinclair, of Pasadena University products, are other clever fielders and a fast man on the bases.

The only monogram winners of the 1913 team missing this year are Galtier, utility man, and McMillan, south-paw pitcher.

The question as to who will coach the Aggie line this year is as yet unanswered. Jess Garratt, whose work here last Spring pleased the fans, has been approached with a contract for this year, but has not signed as yet. The athletic board has other men under consideration, and is promising players and fans definite information in this regard early next week.

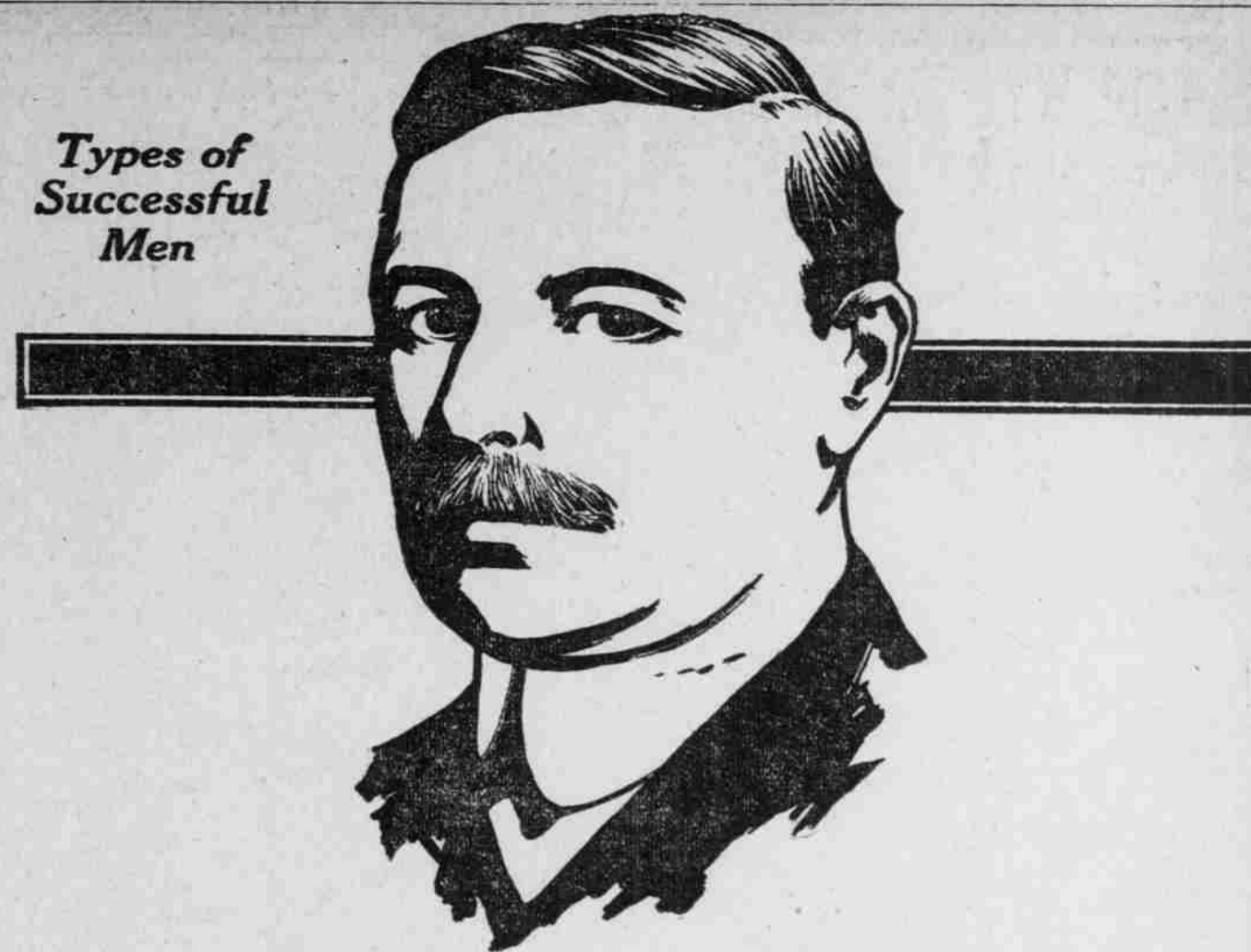
Captain Culver is anxiously looking for the advent of Spring and he says prospects for a winning team are racy. "You can quote me as saying," he said, "that if Oregon Agricultural College does not figure prominently in conference baseball this year it will mean that the other teams in the conference are producing teams of a far better class than those of previous years."

That year had four fielders men to start with, and yet we tied Washington and Oregon. This year we have ten old men, and ought to have a big season. I think that both Washington and Oregon will be stronger than last year, however, and look for some great clashes when the conference season begins the last of April."

## WRITER-ATHLETES UNDER BAN

Princeton Also Prohibits Interviews on Reforms by Captains.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 14.—Princeton's athletes hereafter will be prohibited from writing articles on football games for the newspapers and interviews with captains concerning reforms in the sport in which they are engaged will not be permitted. This has been decided by the board of athletic control, the final authority in all athletics at Princeton.



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## SEATTLE GETS KINDER

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TRACK TEAM STRENGTHENED.

Ex-Whitman College Sprinter Will Help Coach and Fill Gap Left by Departure of Others.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The registration today of General Kinder, ex-Whitman College athlete, has boosted the stock of the Washington track team. The unexpected appearance of Kinder at the recorder's office brought a big surprise to Dr. Hall, who will assist in coaching the Washington team this season.

Kinder will fill the vacancy left by Turrene and Crites, who ran the sprints for Washington last year in all the meets. Kinder can sprint the 100 in 2:4.5, do the 220-yard dash in 21:4.5 seconds, run the 440 in approximately 51 seconds, and do the hurdles better than any material that has yet appeared at this college this year.

The failure of Gale Bandy, of Tacoma, sensational hurdler of the Northwest last year, to register and his decision to become one of "Bill" Hayward's track proteges, together with the mysterious disappearance of Crowley, a crack football and track man of Boise, who left Washington two days after registration to go to the University of Idaho, brought clouds of gloom to the purple and gold track squad. The appearance of Kinder, however, has considerably brightened the aspect.

Dr. Hall had, until this week fully expected that Gale Bandy would register here this semester. He has been, it is understood, negotiating with Hayward at Eugene. Hayward was in Tacoma during the Christmas holidays and

## OLYMPIC FUND IN DOUBT

GERMAN TURNERS' DIFFERENCES BLOCK APPROPRIATION.

Socialists Say They Will Refuse to Vote for \$50,000 Until Working Men's Societies Are Recognized.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—Imperial Parliament again today discussed the proposed appropriation of \$50,000 for the Olympic games to be held here in 1916. The appropriation was rejected by the budget committee on January 15, but radicals introduced a resolution to restore the item to the budget.

Differences of opinion among the German turners appears to be the obstacle to the passage of the appropriation. The turner organizations disapprove of the alleged "American tendencies" within the Olympic committee and the reputed American ideals of sport and its "prostitution in the chase for records," were criticized by several speakers.

Socialists declared in the course of the debate that while they were willing to appropriate money for sport, they would not grant a single penny for the purpose while the workmen's gymnastic societies in Germany were excluded from representation on the German Olympic committee and were persecuted by the police.

Dr. Theodor Lewand, director of the Ministry of the Interior, strongly advocated the appropriation. "Germany is bound in honor," he said, "to return the hospitality her Olympic representatives have enjoyed six times." The final vote, which is to be taken on February 17, depends largely on the attitude of the Clerical party, which was silent today.

## COLUMBUS JUNIORS WINNERS

Olds, Wortman & King Bowlers Also Take Three Games.

Two matches were rolled in the House League No. 2 of the Saratoga Alley Friday night and one match in the Duck Pin League. The Columbus Juniors took two games from the Portland Sign Company five and the Olds, Wortman & King bowlers captured all three games from the Ballou & Wright quincies. Blaney's duck pin team fell twice before the enmeshes of Raymond's crack quintet.

Merrick, of the Columbus Juniors, went 210 pins with high score and 186 pins to his credit for high average, but in the Ballou & Wright-Olds, Wortman & King match, Estes rolled high score of 225, but Randall, of the same team, finished the three games with an average of 202.