O'CONNELL-MILLER GO TO BE FEB. 29

Eleventh-Street Playhouse Is Chosen in Hope That Women Will Attend Match.

BOTH WRESTLERS LAUDED

High Class Encounter Is Expected When Two of Cleverest Athletes and Best-Conditioned Men in World Meet.

Eddie O'Connell and Walter Miller will meet here February 29, likely at the Eleventh-street playhouse. The deal for the theater has been practically closed. It was first proposed to stage the match at the Rose City Athletic Club, but both principals objected because of the fact that women are adverse to going to an athletic club and would be more likely to attend the theater.

"In a high-class match of this kind, the theater is the proper place to stage it," said Charley Cutler, manager of Walter Miller, before he departed for San Francisco the early part of the week.

"When Miller meets O'Connell two of the cleverest and best-conditioned men in the world will be seen in action, and many women and young boys and girls might desire the opportunity of witnessing a struggle of brains, strength and wrestling merit.

Eastern Theaters Used.

"Throughout the East all of the big matches are staged in theaters, and the number of women in attendance is great. It is a mighty fine thing for a young boy to witness, for he shapes in his mind a physical ideal, toward which he will work, and this will serve the boy to keep in condition," concluded the great American heavyweight wrestler. Cutler and Miller will return here about February 24.

The Eleventh-Street Playhouse will make a fine site for the show. It is handy for everyone and in case the night is cool can be heated. Three thousand fans can be seated and seats will be built on the stage. It is expected that the match will draw a capacity house.

O'Connell, in taking on Miller, is tackling the toughest middleweight in the business. Eddie has been in Portland since 1909, but he goes East and to California every Summer in search of matches.

O'Connell Is Brought West.

He was instructing wrestling at Yale and attending school, from which he graduated after taking up a law course.

When Edgar E. Frank, who is now the chairman of the registration committee of the Pacific Northwest Association, went back in 1909 to represent the Northwest in the National championships, which that year were held at Newark, N. J., he was a 125-pound wrestler.

O'Connell also was there with the Yale representatives and met Frank for the first time. The friendship, which still exists between the two men, instantly sprang up, and the result of it was O'Connell's coming to Portland as wrestling instructor of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. The club officials signed him up upon Frank's recommendation.

Here are a few of O'Connell's most important matches:

Won, Joe La Salle, of Chicago, Portland, Or.
Won, Frank Riley, of Tacoma, Portland, Or.
Won on foul, Eugene Tremblay, of Montreal, Portland, Or.
Won (1 fall, 11 min.), Eugene Tremblay, of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec.
Lost on foul, Dan Sullivan, Salem, Or.
Won, Al Singh, of Astoria, Astoria, Or.
Won, Dodan Singh, of Astoria, Astoria, Or.
Lost handicap, Dodan Singh, of Astoria, Portland.
Lost, Mike Yokel, of Salt Lake, Salt Lake.
Won, Maronda, Portland.
Won handicap, Mike J. Dwyer, of Chicago, Portland.
Won, Ted Tonneman, of Chicago, Portland.
Lost handicap, Ad Santel, San Francisco.
Won, J. Johnson, Vancouver, B. C.
Won, Tom Weeks, Nanaimo, B. C.
Won, George Wolfe, San Francisco.
Won, Charles Rentrop, Portland.
Won, Ben Hordsen, Portland.
Won, Young Santel, Portland.
Won, George Bothner, New York.
Won, Joe Kelly, Waterbury, Conn.
Won, Bob Somerville, Hartford, Conn.
Lost handicap, Mike J. Dwyer, New Haven, Conn.
Won, Wee Church, Toronto, Can.
Won, Ed Atherton, Buffalo, N. Y.
Won, Max Wiley, Rochester, N. Y.
Won, Max Wiley, New Haven, Conn.
Draw, Con Albright, Rochester, N. Y.
Won, Con Albright, Portland, Or.
Lost, Alex Swanson, New York.
Won, Alex Swanson, Auburn, N. Y.
Won, Fred ("Demon") Bartl, Rochester, N. Y.
Won, Al Ackerman, Lima, O.
Won, Henry Gehring, Cleveland, O.
Draw, Wino Kletonen, Worcester, Mass.

GRESHAM CLUB ORGANIZING

Inter-City League Fans Hope for High-Grade Team This Year.

GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—William A. Rose and "Leapy" Lind, of Portland, were in Gresham Wednesday in the interests of the Inter-City Baseball Club, which will be extended this year to take in the West Side Beavers, East Side Redmen, McMinnville Yellow Bends, St. Helens Cubs, St. Johns Tigers and the Gresham Maroons. The teams will be composed of professional players, all under contract for the season.

Following as a prospective personnel of the Gresham Maroons: Catchers, Frisco Edwards, C. Bleeg, C. W. Hanson, ex-Victoria player; pitchers, A. Donaldson, C. Druhot, William A. Rose; first base, Fritz McKeen; second base, Hans Gravelle, Ike Wolfer; shortstop, Bad Watts; third base, Fred Garver; left field, Leapy Lind; center field, Eddie Bogart; right field, Billy Stepp, Brownie Grace; utility, Cack Blanchard.

These are all league players, many of them well known. The local boys will have a tryout and if they will work they will have a chance to play. An option has been secured on the ball park, and a large grandstand, capable of seating 1000 spectators, will be built.

HOOD RIVER ATHLETES BUSY

Commercial Club Installs Apparatus for Exercise by Members.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Athletes of the Hood River Commercial Club form one of the most active athletic organizations in the mid-Columbia district. Gymnasium apparatus has been installed in the assembly hall of the club quarters. Lockers and shower baths have been provided. The athletic department gives an incentive to the youths of the city to participate in the commercial organization's activities.

Frequently the younger members of the club entertain their elders with boxing matches, handball games and wrestling bouts.

The flagpole on top of a tower on a New York hotel has been so mounted that it can be lowered into a tubular casing for painting or repairing.

SIGNING "THE PAPERS" WHICH WILL BRING TOGETHER TWO WORLD'S CHAMPION WRESTLERS IN PORTLAND FEBRUARY 29.

Picture was taken last Monday when Eddie O'Connell, welterweight champion of the world, signed to wrestle Walter Miller, of St. Paul, for the middleweight championship. Miller is the bonafide middleweight champion, holding the Police Gazette belt, which is seen in the photograph. Reading from left to right—Walter H. McCredie, manager of the Portland Beavers; L. A. Spangler, Walter Miller, Charley Cutler, heavyweight wrestler and manager of Walter Miller; Edgar E. Frank, chairman registration committee of the Pacific Northwest Association; Eddie O'Connell and Frank Harmar, chairman Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club boxing and wrestling committee.

GOTCH IS SIGNED UP

Guarantee of $1000 Accepted to Meet Santell.

OPPONENT IS RELUCTANT

Frank Schuler Is Unable to Close Agreement With Chicago Boy Who Wants Fourth of Receipts. Champion Gives Handicap.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Frank Gotch, wrestling champion of the world, may possibly give the mat game a big boost in San Francisco.

Frank Schuler, the four-round fight promoter, who has been giving most of his attention to the sport of wrestling, is in the market for a handicap match between Gotch and Ad Santel, the German boy from Chicago, who has made such a tremendous hit hereabouts.

It could hardly be an even contest, of course, since Gotch weighs well over the 200-pound mark, while Santell tips the beam at no more than 180 pounds.

Therefore the scheme proposed is to see whether Santel could last 20 minutes against his heavier opponent. In short, Gotch would come here under an agreement to throw Santel or be declared a loser.

Gotch Long Inactive in Game.

In a measure also it would be a come-back stunt for Gotch, who hasn't been active in the game for some time past. Just now Gotch is in Los Angeles, where he is doing some training preliminary to spending the Summer months with a circus, meeting all comers. The idea, of course, was taken from the Willard scheme of traveling with the Wild West show.

Willard is reported to have made a lot of money in that fashion this season just closed and Gotch likely thinks he could do as well.

At all events Schuler is quite anxious to stage the bout the afternoon of Washington's birthday, February 22. He has offered Gotch a guarantee of $1000, which has been accepted. The difficulty now is to close with Santel. The latter reckons that he is somewhat of a card and wants 25 per cent of the receipts.

Schuler is rather inclined to the opinion that it would be far too much, and there the matter rests.

Gotch, of course, expects to throw Santel, but when an experienced wrestler is entirely on the defensive it is not easy for even a bigger man to pin his shoulders to the canvas. Without question, after the taste of wrestling we have had, Gotch and Santel would draw a big crowd and it might lead to other matches of importance.

The four-round fight promoters, by the way, have received something of a jolt at the hands of Chief of Police White. Nominally these fights are supposed to be simon pure amateur affairs, but as a matter of fact quite a number of well-known professionals of days gone by have drifted into the game.

One Show a Week Held Enough.

At all events the Chief has assumed regulation of the sport and only this week decreed that there were too many fight clubs.

He adheres to the belief that one show a week is quite a sufficiency and has instructed the various promoters to get together and arrange a schedule on that basis. They simply must come to some compromise else there will be no fights.

And the Chief has made a good move. We have been having as high as three fight clubs a week, to say nothing of the wrestlers. That keeps the fans out too much at nights, and on the whole there will be a better atmosphere with just one fight club allowed to perform. It will save the talent a little while longer and the public will be more than satisfied.

KLETONEN IS PRAISED HIGHLY

Wrestler Declared Unequalled in Light-Heavyweight Class.

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I note in an evening paper an article signed by "Junias," stating that Wino Kletonen beat Walter Miller, throwing him twice.

For the information of "Junias" I beg to say that Wino Kletonen is a light heavyweight. He is a big Swede from Worcester, Mass., and is a tough bird. He beat every light heavyweight in the East and stands there just like Ad Santel does in San Francisco.

Now, I have followed wrestling for the past eight years and am a lover of the sport. I am not sure whether or not Walter Miller ever wrestled Kletonen, but it is not at all unlikely.

Walter Miller is the undisputed middleweight champion of the world. But he has met many light heavyweights in order to get matches and in doing this he might have run across Kletonen.

Your own man, Ed O'Connell, will tell you about this Kletonen.

I saw O'Connell wrestle him two hours to a draw in Kletonen's home town two years ago.

You may wonder why I take the time to be so interested in this matter, but it is easily explained. My home is in St. Paul, where we have three idols—Walter Miller, middleweight champion wrestler of the world; Mike Gibbons, middleweight champion boxer of the world, and Martel O'Toole, baseball pitcher.

Any time that "Junias" or anybody else digs up a middleweight that can beat our Walt Miller he can telegraph to any newspaper in St. Paul and get any part of $10,000 covered.

ANDREW A. PIERCE.

DEL MONTE PLANS GOLF PLAY

Club to Stage Midwinter Event February 19 to 22.

DEL MONTE, Cal., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Announcements for the eighth annual midwinter golf tournament of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club are being sent out broadcast, giving the dates as February 19-22, inclusive. Prizes are to be awarded to the winner of all flights, women and men, and also to the winners of all special events. Entries for this tournament will be received at the Hotel Del Monte up to 9 o'clock the evening preceding the opening of the tournament. The complete schedule follows:

Saturday, February 19—Morning: Qualifying rounds for men over 18 holes; prizes for best scratch and handicap scores; 16 to qualify in each flight. Afternoon: Qualifying round for women; prizes for best scratch and handicap scores; eight to qualify for each flight. Special event for men: Best score for six holes, second, third, fifth, tenth, thirteenth, seventeenth. Those handicapped at nine strokes or more against par to receive a stroke on second, fifth and tenth holes.

Sunday, February 20—Morning: First match play round; men's competition over 18 holes. Afternoon: First round women's competition over 18 holes; second round men's competition.

Monday, February 21 — Morning: Third round, men's competition; second round women's competition. Afternoon—Two-ball foursome for men at medal play, partners being automatically arranged by qualifying round, first and last and so on.

Tuesday, February 22—Finals for men's competitions for all flights over 36 holes; finals for women's competitions over 18 holes. Special event for women.

SWIM TO BE FEB. 23

Oregon State Meet Will Be at Multnomah Club.

ENTRANTS BEGIN TO SIGN

Junior and Senior Events Arranged on Programme for Oregon Diving Championships — Jack Oberdorf's Entry Questioned.

Considerable interest has been created in the coming Oregon state swimming and diving championships to be held at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club Wednesday, February 23.

Many entries have been turned in to Jack Cody, instructor at the winged "M" institution, from the Portland Amateur Swimming Association.

There are six senior events and two junior races on the programme so far. The seniors will compete in the 50-yard, 100-yard, 200-yard, 500-yard swims, relay and diving, while the youngsters will hook up in the 50-yard and 100-yard swimming races.

Whether or not Jack Oberdorf will be able to represent the Portland Amateur Swimming Association in the coming championships has not been definitely decided. His eligibility, as to professionalism, has been questioned, and at present his case is under advisement of T. Morris Dunne and Edgar E. Frank, of the Pacific Northwest Association.

Thomas Sullivan is looking after the Portland Amateur Swimming Association end of the game. He has sent in the names of Jack Townsend, Ed Reed, Errol Byrnes, J. P. Thompson, Jack Oberdorf, "Duke" Louis Walker and Art Hicks to uphold the association in the tourney.

Two relay teams have been entered, one composed of Phil Patterson, Thomas, Sharp and Thatcher, while McMurray, Ed Leslie, Wing and Wheeler make up the other quartet. Following are the entries to date, as announced by Jack Cody yesterday:

Senior—50-yard—Ed Leslie, L. Sharp, Wing, McMurray and Patterson, all of Multnomah Club; Thompson, Oberdorf and Townsend, P. A. S. A.

100-yard—McMurray, Leslie and Ed Shea, of Multnomah; Oberdorf, J. P. Thompson, P. A. S. A.

200-yard—C. Wheeler, H. Breske, of Multnomah; Byrnes, P. A. S. A.

500-yard—Mankurtz, H. Breske, Ross, Roller, of Multnomah; Byrnes, P. A. S. A.

Diving—Balbach, B. Leslie, Spamer, "Happy" Kuhn and Earl Smead, of Multnomah; Ed Reed, of P. A. S. A.

Junior—50 and 100-yard—"Duke" Walker, P. A. S. A.; John Piper, John Thompson, Al Clark, "Shorty" Oliver, Myer Wilsey and Bus Douglas.

TWO ENTRIES IN THE OREGON SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MULTNOMAH CLUB NEXT WEEK.

Chess.

E. H. BRYANT, Editor.

Contributions of games, endings, problems or items of interest, criticisms, club notes solicited. Send direct to 143 East Thirty-fifth street. Phone Tabor 6213.

PROBLEM NO. 16.

Here is a beauty. May cause some solvers a sleepless night before the solution is discovered. It requires analysis before and after the key move is made. It is by Dr. J. M. Kenworthy in Public Ledger. He is a sports magazine composer.

Black, five pieces.

White, 11 pieces.

White mates in two moves.

White, king on KR5, queen on KR4, rook on Q8, bishop on KB7, knights on KB6 and K3, pawns on KR6, KB5, Q7, Q5 and QB5. Black, king on K2, bishop on K3 and Q3, pawns on KKt4 and QB2. Study black's last move.—Editor.

PROBLEM NO. 17, OR END-GAME.

By A. Bold, San Quentin, Cal.

Very instructive. Have seen it before.—Editor.

White, king on QKt6, bishop on KR2, pawn on QB7. Black, king on QR8, rook on KR3, checking. White to play and win.

PROBLEM NO. 18.

Second prize two-mover—The Gazette-Times second-quarter problem tourney, 1915.

By A. J. Fink, San Francisco, Cal.

Black, nine pieces. White, 10 pieces. White mates in two moves.

White, king on QR3, queen on QRsq., knights on QR4, KB8, rooks on K4 and KR5, bishop on KR6, pawns on K2, KR2, QB5. Black, king on Q4, pawns on KR2, KR6, QR2, QR3, QB3, Q5, K4, KB4.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 13—Key move, B-Ktsq., P-B6, K-B2, K-Q5, K-B3; dis. mates.—Roy C. Andrews, Astoria.

Problem No. 14—K-B2, KxP, B-B3, KxP, R-B4; mate.

Problem No. 15—Key move, Q-B4. Solutions have been received from Edwin Widmer, N. Sanfield, M. Munly, Dr. Byers and A. Payne.

Below is the copy of a letter which is self-explanatory:

Knockaloe, Dec. 23, 1915.—The Franklin Chess Club, Philadelphia, Pa.: Hereby we take liberty to incommodate you with a modest entreaty. After having been taken from a Belgian ship we left America with we got into English captivity, where we have been for more than a year. As we are zealous chess players and want to extend our knowledge concerning certain problems and openings, we should be very much obliged to you for providing us with some chess books, papers, old editions, as well as men and boards. Hoping not to have troubled you in vain, we remain sincerely yours,

RUDOLPH PROGER.
ROLL POLLER.

Prisoner of war No. 4401, camp 1, compound 2, hut 1a, table 8, Knockaloe Aliens' Camp, Isle of Man, England.

Perhaps some of our readers have an abundance of literature and can send some to brighten the lives of these two unfortunates.

An English chess master, J. H. Blackburne, of the Birmingham Chess Club, recently celebrated his 73d birthday by giving a simultaneous exhibition, playing 18 games without a defeat. He won eight and drew 10—remarkable form for one of his years. He gives as many as three performances a week.

GAME NO. 33.
"Ruy Lopez."
Contributed by N. Sanfield, Centralia, Wash.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K4	21—BxB	RxB
2—Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	22—Kt-Kt3	R-KB
3—B-QKt5	B-QB4	23—Q-K6	Q-B
4—P-B3	KKt-K2	24—QxQ	KRxQ
5—O O	Kt-Kt3	25—Kt-Kt5	K-Kt
6—P-Q4	PxP	26—Kt-K4	K-B2
7—PxP	B-Kt3	27—P-Kt5	K-K
8—Kt-B3	O O	28—R2 R-K2	K-Q2
9—P-QR4	P-QR3	29—QR-K	B-Kt3
10—B-QB4	P-R3	30—B-B4	B-B2
11—P-KR3	P-Q3	31—P-R4	P-R4
12—B-K3	QKt-K2	32—B-Kt5	B-Q
13—R-K	P-QB3	33—P-Kt4	PxP
14—Q-Kt3	B-B2	34—P-R5	Kt-B
15—Kt-Q2	R-Kt	35—QKt-B5 ch	PxKt
16—QR-B	P-QKt4	36—KtxP ch	K-Q3
17—PxP	RPxP	37—B-B4 ch	K-Q4
18—B-Q3	K-R	38—R-K5 ch	KxP
19—Kt-K2	P-KB4	39—R-K4 mate.	
20—PxP	BxP		

Another Ruy Lopez and a beauty.

GAME NO. 34.
Intercity chess match.
"Ruy Lopez Opening."
White, A. G. Johnson. Black, Dr. L. E. Story.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K4	27—P-KKt4	P-KR3
2—Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	28—K-Kt2	K-Kt
3—B-Kt5	P-QR3	29—K-Kt3	K-B2
4—B-R4	Kt-B3	30—P-KR4	RxR
5—O O	B-K2	31—RxR	R-Q
6—P-Q4	P-QKt4	32—RxR	BxR
7—B-Kt3	KtxKP	33—P-R5	B-B3
8—PxP	Kt-B4	34—B-Q4	B-K2
9—B-Q5	O O	35—K-B3	P-B4
10—B-K3	R-Kt	36—B-K5	B-Kt
11—Kt-B3	Kt-K3	37—K-K4	P-Kt3
12—Kt-K4	Kt-Kt3	38—PxP	KxP
13—B-R7	a)B-Kt2	39—K-Q5	P-KB4
14—BxB	RxB	40—PxP	KxP
15—B-K3	P-KB4	41—K-B6	K-Kt5
16—PxP e. p.	BxP	42—K-Kt6	P-B5
17—P-B3	Kt-B3	43—KxP	P-Kt5
18—Q-Q5	K-R	44—Kt4	PxP
19—QR-Q	Q-K	45—PxP	K-B4
20—QxP	Kt-K4	46—P-R4	K-K3
21—KtxKt	BxKt	47—K-B6	B-Q2
22—QxQ	RxQ	48—P-R5	B-R5
23—Kt-QB5	KtxKt	49—B-Q4	K-B4
24—BxKt	QR-Kt	50—P-R6	KxP
25—P-KB4	B-B3	51—P-R7	Resigns.
26—KR-K	KR-Q		

A—A very interesting position. If white takes rook black captures two pieces, and if white refuses to take rook, he is forced to trade his powerful king's bishop for black's queen's bishop in order to get out whole. At first sight looks as though white had won the exchange.—Dr. Story.

A splendidly played game. Where did black err in their magnificent defense? Play it over slow and study well. The ending is fine and the game is full of critical positions.—Editor.

GAME NO. 35.
Played betwen N. Sanfield and a stranger.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K3	12—P-KB4	P-QB3
2—P-Q4	P-Q4	13—R-KB4	Kt-KKt3
3—Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	14—QR-KB	Q-B2
4—PxP	PxP	15—Kt-K2	B-Q2
5—Kt-KB3	B-Q3	16—Kt-Kt3	QR-KKt
6—B-Q3	O O	17—Q-R6 ch	KxQ
7—O O	Kt-QB3	18—Kt-B5 ch	BxKt
8—B-KKt5	Kt-K2	19—KtxB ch	K-R4
9—BxKt	PxB	20—P-Kt4 ch	KxP
10—Kt-KR4	K-Kt2	21—R-Kt3 ch	K-R4
11—Q-R5	R-KR	22—R-K2 mate.	

Chess players in Astoria: Please communicate with Roy C. Andrews, 520 Irving avenue, Astoria.

Peter Claudianos, California, and others: Space limited. Will publish soon as possible.

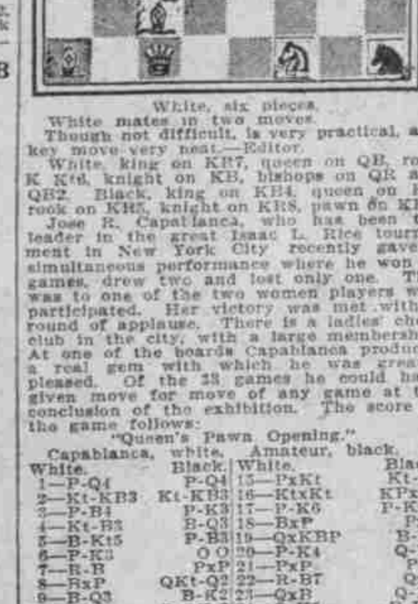
Problem No. 13 has afforded the fans all the study imaginable the past week. Have received many calls over the phone in regard to it.

Splendid chess weather.

PROBLEM NO. 16.

This was entered in the Gazette-Times tourney by F. B. Phelps, Sandwich, Ill.

Black, five pieces.



White, six pieces.

White mates in two moves.

Though not difficult, is very practical, and key move very neat.—Editor.

White, king on KR7, queen on QB, rook K Kt6, knight on KB, bishops on QR and QB2. Black, king on KB4, queen on K5, rook on KR5, knight on KR8, pawn on KR3.

Jose R. Capablanca, who has been the leader in the great Isaac L. Rice tournament in New York City recently gave a simultaneous performance where he won 30 games, drew two and lost only one. This was to one of the two women players who participated. Her victory was met with a round of applause. There is a ladies' chess club in the city, with a large membership. At one of the boards Capablanca produced a real gem with which he was greatly pleased. Of the 33 games he could have given move for move of any game at the conclusion of the exhibition. The score of the game follows:

"Queen's Pawn Opening."
Capablanca, white. Amateur, black.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	15—PxKt	Kt-Q4
2—Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	16—KtxKt	KPxKt
3—P-B4	P-K3	17—P-K6	P-KB4
4—Kt-B3	B-Q3	18—BxP	PxB
5—B-Kt5	P-B3	19—QxKBP	B-B3
6—P-K3	O O	20—P-K4	Q-K2
7—R-B	PxP	21—PxP	PxP
8—RxP	QKt-Q2	22—R-B7	QxR
9—B-Q3	B-K2	23—QxB	Q-K2
10—O O	P-QKt3	24—Q-K5	R-KB
11—Q-B2	B-Kt2	25—R-Q3	Q-B3
12—Kt-K5	P-Kt3	26—R-Kt3ch	K-R
13—B-R6	R-K	27—B-Kt7ch	Resigns.
14—KR-Q	KtxKt		

Messrs. Greenway and Smith, two expert chess men, visited the large and flourishing club at San Quentin. San Quentin won 9½, lost 10½. Mr. Clark, one of California's leading players, will play the boys soon.—Good Record, San Quentin.

CALIFORNIA AND AGGIES TIED

Basketball Games This Week Will Decide Conference Title.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The University of California basketball team and the Oregon Agricultural College quintet are now tied for first place in the Pacific Coast Conference League and the two games which are to be played at Berkeley next Friday and Saturday night will decide the winner for the season of 1915 and 1916. At present the Oregon aggregation has the dopester's advantage, having recently defeated the University of Washington athletes so decisively in the games at Corvallis.

The California team is in good spirits over the return to the game of Captain Norton. This plucky player has been out on account of a fractured wrist, sustained in the game at Seattle last month, but is now again getting into the game. Dan Foster, the former Portland, Or., player, is showing up well in the practice games.

Ben Charington, a former Nebraska basketball star, has taken charge of the squad during the last few weeks, and a great improvement already is evident.

Long Island, N. Y., legal speed limit on public highways is now 30 miles an hour.

GARDNER DISDAINS ADVICE OF CADDIES

Comment on Game Forbidden and Whole Play Is Made on Own Initiative.

CRISES ARE MET CALMLY

Own Judgment Used Entirely by Amateur Champion Who Is Undisturbed Even at Most Unusual Points of Game.

BY GRANTLAND RICE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Robert A. Gardner, amateur golf champion, has more interesting features to his game than ability to drive 270 yards or play a half-iron shot further than most good golfers can play a cleek or a spoon.

One of the most interesting of these side lines is the way Gardner works with his caddie. Now, the average golfer, including the dub and good player, is inclined to depend quite a little upon his caddie's judgment. At least to most golfers there is often an indecision over certain shots that need backing up.

Out at Detroit at the last amateur championship we frequently heard star golfers putting to their caddies such queries as "What is this shot—a mashie or a mid-iron?" "Is that a brassie shot, or can I get there with an iron?" "I wonder if a mashie-niblick will get me home?"

Many Depend Upon Caddies.

There are any number of golfers who depend largely upon their caddies' advice at critical stages, and at most other stages requiring judgment beyond the routine. But Gardner is a different type, playing over a new course for the first time he may inquire about distances and the location of traps, but playing in a tournament or an important match the Hinsdale star uses his own judgment exclusively.

As a rule he selects a small caddie, so there can be no argument, and where there is greater likelihood of strict obedience. And he has it distinctly understood that his caddie, especially in a tournament, is to make no remarks and give no advice. If the rule is broken the caddie at once goes back to the clubhouse and a substitute is called in. For Gardner does his own thinking, dopes out his shots, picks his own clubs, and in this way throttles any dependence upon outside help.

Undoubtedly this is the best system. The golfer who begins to depend upon his caddie's judgment, as so many do, soon gets into a state of perpetual indecision. If he happens to strike a wise, keen caddie who knows the course he will be well enough off. But if he doesn't, he will soon be up against it.

Gardner Doesn't Use Wise Caddie.

Gardner doesn't have to draw the luck of having a wise caddie. And suppose he drew one of the wisest? Shouldn't the judgment of a man good enough to win a championship be better than that of almost any caddie in the country?

You have heard a lot about the golfing temperaments of Travers, Ouimet and Travis—but not even these three have anything to spare on Gardner. He doesn't get to play as much tournament golf as the others, but there isn't a better fighter in the game, nor one who apparently keeps on tap any greater serenity under fire.

Here is an example: At Detroit, in the qualifying round, Gardner and Travers were paired. Playing the first hole, which is something more than 400 yards, Gardner, who had missed his tee shot, was short of the green on his second. His third ran about 12 feet past the pin, so he had an easy five and a possible four in sight. His first putt ran eight feet past the pin, as the green was much faster than it looked to be. His next putt was five feet over; he missed his next, and finally wound up with a 7—, having used up four putts on the first green.

But he was smiling when he picked up his ball. "Well, I can't do any worse than that, anyway," was his only remark. There was no sign of any disturbance in his makeup, and he settled down soon enough to lead the medal field, until Dudley Mudge displaced him by one stroke.

No golfer ever had to show any greater resourcefulness than Gardner in his matches against Tom Sherman and Max Marston. In both matches he was well behind when the last five holes were reached, where any slip would have dropped him with a thud.

In his match against Tom Sherman he was 2 down and 4 to play. Coming to the 33d hole Gardner topped his tee shot. "Good night for Bob," remarked a Chicago friend, as Sherman laced out a fine drive down the middle.

But Gardner didn't feel in a "good night" mood. Playing from the rough he cracked one 210 yards with a mid-iron over a deep trap guarding the green, dropped the ball within 10 feet of the hole and nabbed a 3 to Sherman's par 4. Lucky? Yes; but there was no luck about that 210 iron shot out of the heavy tangled grass. No half-hearted, discouraged effort would have ever done the work. There had to be a world of fighting determination back of that shot to turn the trick.

Dugdale Signs Relief Catcher.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—President Dugdale of the Seattle club announced today that he had signed Hunter, Colorado State League, as relief catcher. He may offer a contract to Moneymaker, a catcher, who lives in St. Louis and who has been playing in a small Southern league. Seattle will not take Thirdbaseman Brenegan and Catcher Roche from the St. Louis Cardinals.

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