

BOWLERS TO MAKE SOUTHERN JOURNEY

M. L. Kline Team Will Clash in California Towns With Many of Best Aggregations.

SPOKANE TO BE VISITED

Provided Portland Team Makes Good Record in Coming Contests, It Is to Go to Toledo, O., Next Year to Enter Big Contests.

The M. L. Kline bowling team left this morning on the 1 A. M. train for San Francisco, where they will stop en route for Los Angeles, to take part in the Pacific Coast bowling championships, which will be staged in the latter city from March 11 to 17.

Upon their arrival in Los Angeles Thursday the local pin smashers will be whisked to the alleys and at 9:15 roll the five-man team championship event and on Friday, March 15, the double and single championship events.

The biggest match billed on the Pacific Coast this year is the single event at the California state tournament in Fresno Monday, the man making the highest single score receiving a prize of \$250.

Special Matches Arranged. The 4500 single event is scheduled to be rolled in the morning and in the afternoon the M. L. Kline team will journey to San Jose, Cal., where it has another special match to be rolled Wednesday morning, March 28.

The Northwest championship will be about the last big event of the 1917-18 bowling season. As an added incentive to the M. L. Kline team, they will make good on their California tour and at the Northwest International tournament, they have been promised a trip to the biggest event of the bowling world, the A. B. C. International championships at Toledo, O., in 1918.

Tonight at the Oregon Bowling Alleys there will be a free-for-all event for all bowlers with an average of under 170. A big turnout is expected, as the free-for-all tournaments have proved to be a big success.

The Commercial League playing on the Portland Alley will post the league game until March 27, as some of the leading members of the league are on the M. L. Kline team.

M. L. Kline has put up a trophy for the Commercial League, which will become the permanent property of the fortunate one who wins it three times. The Webfoot Cup W. O. W. is, now leading the league and as only nine more games remain to be rolled, it looks as if the team will win the trophy this time.

Trotting Gossip.

Knockalong, the most famous show horse in Europe, was killed by the Bolsheviks in Petrograd last month. Just prior to the war, Walter Winans purchased him and after he had swept everything before him at the International Horse Show, he was sent to Petrograd where he won the Emperor's prize. Recently while running riot in Petrograd the Bolsheviks broke into the stable where Knockalong was kept. They took the horse and rode him all day until he was exhausted and left him to die in the street. It also is reported that the magnificent trotter Willy, 2:05, that A. C. Pennington raced so victoriously in Europe and America, recently was killed under similar conditions in Moscow.

Arvole, the three-year-old brother of Worthy Volo, 2:04, and half brother of Peter Volo, 2:02, and Volga, 2:04 1/2, is now in Thomas W. Murphy's stable being prepared for his futurity engagements.

The five eastern members of the Grand Circuit will give \$175,000 in premiums.

Lettie L. 2:08 1/2 will be raced by W. R. Dickerson after she is bred to Atlantic Express. She can step a half-mile track in 2:16.

Luella Spicer will be trained again this year. As she trotted a trial in 2:03 1/2 at Lexington in 1916, she has a chance anywhere if she will race up to her true form.

Almost all of the members of the Grand Circuit will give their early closing events for aged horses on the three heat plan.



LEFT TO RIGHT—LIEUTENANT DARLINGTON, "ROD" MURPHY (FORMERLY WITH OAKLAND), TULLIN, WOODY, SANDERSON AND "BEEF" BARNES.

TITLE IN BALANCE

South Parkway and B. B. Fives to Play Three Games.

SULLY'S ALLSTARS BEATEN

Both Teams Are Rounding Into Shape and Some Fast Playing Is Expected—Second Fives to Stage Preliminary.

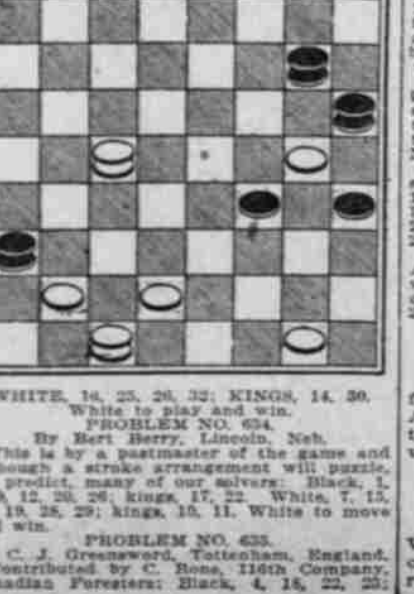
The South Parkway basketball team, fresh from their rest of the last few weeks, are again in training for their big series with the B.N.A. Fives team. Both teams claim the independent championship of the state and a satisfactory agreement has been reached to play a series of three games. The winner of this series will undoubtedly be state champions as all other contenders have been disposed of.

The first game is scheduled for March 20, at the Neighborhood House gymnasium. The B.N.A. Fives team has just defeated Sully's Allstars in two successive games, Sully's having claimed the right to play for the championship. This eliminates Sully Allstars from further consideration and the question of championship lies between South Parkway and the B. B. Fives.

The second game will take place on Coach Faber's B. B. floor. If a third game is necessary it will be played on a neutral floor. There will be a preliminary game between the South Parkway Juniors and probably the B.N.A. Fives second team.

Checkers.

Headquarters Portland Chess and Checker Club, Worcester Building, Third and Oak streets, Portland, Ore., is solicited. Mail to 143 East Thirty-fifth street. PROBLEM NO. 623. By H. H. BRYANT, Editor.



RULES NEED CHANGE

Illinois Coach Declares Basketball Played Wrong.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE

Alterations of Regulations Deemed Necessary to Give Visiting Team Fair Chance With Five Play-ing on Home Floor.

The game of basketball as played in the Big Ten conference is wrong, all wrong. So declares Bob Zuppke, of Illinois. "Zup" has a lot of revolutionary ideas about indoor sport, which is fast rising to a prominence that only football holds in the Western colleges. Zuppke is true to his first love—football—but he has a fondness for basketball which dates back to his college career at the University of Wisconsin.

Game Declared Fluky.

"Just look at the standing this year," Zuppke says. "Not a single team has gone through the first half of the schedule without defeat, and it looks as though the champion might win the title although losing two, or perhaps three, games. Teams which have no record to speak of are ranked with first-class quintets because of the fluky nature of the game."

Suggestions Are Made.

"I would make two suggestions for the good of basketball," continued the iconoclast from Champaign. "Divide the floor into zones and give the team which works the ball up under the hoop the right to shoot from any part of the basket by teamwork three points or a goal while random shots made from outside the goal zone should count only two points. It has been clear lately that utility infielder Ivan Howard had been released to the Salt Lake team."

Right Off the Bat.

When the Boston Braves open the season at home on April 24 a service flag will flutter beneath Old Glory from the flagpole at Braves Field. It will contain four stars for Gowdy, Maranville, Rice and Schreiber.

Le Magee Is Released.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—Lee Magee, infielder, was released by the St. Louis Americans today to the Cincinnati Nationals. A three-cornered trade was involved.

"Gunboat" Smith Outchased.

JOPLIN, Mo., March 9.—Hugh Walker, of Kansas City, completely outchased "Gunboat" Smith in a 12-round boxing exhibition here last night.

NEW SPORT ON LIST

O. A. C. Adopts Grenade Throwing for Field Meets.

ACCURACY IS DEMANDED

Present Shot-Put and Discus-Throw All for Distance and Direction Does Not Matter, Says Physical Director—Event Popular.

Squirrel Food.

Some little bug is going to bite you someday. All the rage. A holdout is a comical cuss. He takes it seriously.

No Argument.

Fred Fulton got \$544 per minute for cheating Frank Moran. Moral: Do not raise your boy to be a college professor.

The Alysian Fight Fan.

Though I like a man of science And admire his self-reliance As he cleverly maneuvers in and out; Though his cool and shifty action Fills my soul with satisfaction, I would rather see a roughneck you can count.

Time Tells.

A week ago Jack Dempsey wasn't good enough to get a match with Fulton. Now he is too good.

Help.

Yesterday I wedged into an elevator in the Yeon building. Three Army officers with spurs on backed me into a corner until they reached the second floor. When will they manufacture armor-clad "kicks" we can wear for just such occasions?

Salt Lake Gets Howard.

CLEVELAND, March 9.—Vice-President E. S. Barnard, of the Cleveland American League team, announced today that utility infielder Ivan Howard had been released to the Salt Lake team.

practice session daily at Hot Springs.

It will be held in the middle of the day, instead of one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The Boston Red Sox are to follow the same program.

Eddie Fitzpatrick, of the Boston Braves, has notified George Stallings that he is through with baseball for all time. Fitzpatrick always has been an enthusiastic farmer and he intends to devote his time to his New Jersey farm.

Rabbit Maranville has ambitions to qualify as an aviator. He hopes to get a transfer from the yeoman service to the aerial department.

Signed contracts are appearing in the business office of the Browns at a great rate of speed. The only men now unsigned are Dave Davenport, Lee Magee, Bert Gallia and "Hank" Severeid.

One of the American League veterans, Terry Turner, is a Cleveland hold-out. Turner has been in the league 14 years and is a favorite with the fans.

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McCredie Believes New Seal Manager Has Goods.

CHANGE MAY INJECT LIFE Sale of San Francisco Club Will Do Much to Brighten Prospects of Pacific Coast League, Says Portland Baseball Magnate.

That Charlie Graham's purchase of stock and election as manager of the San Francisco baseball team is one of the best pieces of business the Pacific Coast League has manipulated in many years, Judge McCredie expressed opinion of Judge McCredie.

The Portland magnate has always been a great admirer of Graham. When the new Seal owner was managing the Sacramento team and doing the bulk of the catching for that club a number of years ago, the local magnate always held Graham up as a shining example of what a ballplayer should be.

Graham's entry into active participation in Pacific Coast League affairs will go a long way toward giving that circuit the stability it needs to weather baseball's stormy seas. The new San Francisco manager is a thorough business man and, besides, he knows baseball from A to Z, having been one of the most efficient catchers the Pacific Coast League ever boasted.

Popular Owner Needed. San Francisco has long felt the want of popular ownership for the Seals. Not since the days of Hank Harris has the Pacific Coast metropolis been able to boast an owner popular with the fans. San Francisco is the greatest inland baseball city in the country. With such men as Charlie Graham, Thomas Graham, former president of the Pacific Coast League, and Dr. H. H. Strub and Tom Stephens at the head of the Seal management, there is no question but what the Bay City fans will again rally to the support of the club.

Henry Berry, who sold out what interest he had in the Seals to Charlie Graham and his associates, was a great mixer with the boys, but his knowledge of baseball was limited. Personally, Berry was as fine a person as one could expect to meet.

The rumors that James Coffroth is trying to break into the Pacific Coast League by installing a club in San Diego indicate that there might be a change of ownership in that city. Vernon team could be sold to Coffroth and the franchise transferred to San Diego.

Two Clubs Not Needed. Los Angeles can no more support two clubs than it can provide good eating-houses. Johnny Powers, owner of the Los Angeles club, would be the happy owner of a baseball club if he had a party to any deal whereby the Vernon club was dispatched to San Diego. The Angel fans are not strong for continuing to own a club in the city where the team located at San Diego. Powers would be in a position to perhaps pay dividends enough to at least paint the outfield fence at Washington Park at the close of next season.

Cal Ewing is trying to dispose of stock in his club to the Oakland fans at \$2 per share, all of which tends to show that outside of the San Francisco club the remaining cities in the Pacific Coast League are a bit wobbly.

BENEFIT SHOW MONDAY

VAUDEVILLE AND BOXING TO AID ATHLETIC FUND. Performance to Be Held at Liberty Theater, Vancouver, and Bill Includes Many Acts.

The Liberty Theater, in Vancouver, Wash., will be the scene of a big vaudeville show, given for the benefit of the Signal Corps Athletic Fund, tomorrow night. Besides a bill of all-star vaudeville acts there will be a number of boxing bouts and other forms of entertainment, including a Douglas Fairbanks motion picture.

The vaudeville acts have been arranged by the Portland Press Club, while the athletic end of the show is being handled by Lieutenant Sheehy, regimental athletic director.

The Press Club has arranged for the appearance of star acts from the Orpheum, Pantages and Strand theaters during the evening, besides a number of local acts.

There will be four boxing bouts between soldiers and a four-round exhibition match between Muff Bronson, lightweight champion of the Pacific Coast, and Marty Farrell, the clever New York middleweight. Both boys will box at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse Wednesday night. Farrell will meet Al Somers while Bronson will tangle with Neff.

The Portland vaudeville acts on the bill are: Mrs. W. H. Burritt, soprano; Miss Lorraine Lee, 15-year-old contralto; the Portland ladies' trio, Miss Gene Knight, violinist; Miss Stella Jones, cello and Miss May Ross piano; Virginia Ryder, pianologue; Gertrude Dommyer, Portland child dancer, dances arranged by Miss Bea Ringgold; Miss Edna Underwood, well-known lady baritone singer, will make her first Coast appearance at the soldiers' benefit.

Each man is given five grenades and must throw them one at a time, within 20 seconds. In this event the results are judged by speed and accuracy. Another event is for distance only. In this the thrower must stand in the four-foot square and throw the grenade as far as he can in a straight line.

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