

### TEN-ROUND BOXING BILLS BEING DRAWN

#### State Legislature to Be Asked to Legalize Bouts.

### COMMISSION PLAN PRAISED

#### Popularity of Sport in Army and Navy Places It Upon Higher Plane.

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Several new boxing bills which for their purpose the legalizing of 10-round boxing bouts in the state of Oregon are now reported to be in process of formation, and the one that will tend to govern the boxing game and keep it on its present high plane, along lines as now conducted under the auspices of the Portland Boxing Commission, will most likely be singled out and presented at the coming session of the Legislature, according to boxing enthusiasts who have long felt the need of just such a system as has been inaugurated in this city most successfully by the men appointed by Mayor Baker.

To whom will be delegated the opportunity of presenting the boxing bill for adoption has not been definitely decided, but it is known that a majority of the Multnomah delegation to the Legislature are boxing enthusiasts who would be willing to support such a bill. All of the out-of-town members of the House and Senate have not been consulted on the proposed measure, but after the wonderful system inaugurated by the Portland boxing commission which has successfully conducted six-round bouts during the past year and elevated the boxing game until it now stands on a par with any other sport, it is not thought they will be averse to lending their assistance in the passage of such a bill.

### California Plans Change

When the California Legislature meets next month at Sacramento Edward Lewis, assemblyman-elect from Marysville, will present a new boxing bill which, if passed, will permit 10-round bouts and a decision by the referee. Many other states plan the same movement when their legislative bodies convene.

No branch of athletics has contributed more towards the support of various war activity funds than boxing. Under the supervision of James Coffey, San Francisco and Los Angeles boxing audiences have contributed many thousands of dollars to make the boys "over there" and in this country happy. In the recent campaign for funds conducted by the United War Work fund committee, boxing played an important role in putting the fund "over the top" in grand style.

In Portland we have seen boxing enthusiasts storm the roped arena with a shower of coins for such worthy causes as the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Armenians and Salvation Army funds. The spectacle of a minister of the gospel standing in the ring making an urgent appeal to the fans for a contribution to the Salvation Army war fund, and a response from the audience that netted over \$400 as the excellent answer to his merited appeals, is still fresh in the minds of those present at the time.

### Audience in Order

Boxing audiences are among the most orderly conducted of any public gathering—and the game as supervised by the Portland Boxing Commission is clean. At the recent bouts given by the Portland Boxing Commission at the Hellig Theater smoking was tabooed; only umbrellas supervised seating the patrons, and when all was finished the chief lady usher reported to the theater management and boxing commissioners that the audience as a whole invaded the beautiful building in the most orderly ever ushered into the playhouse.

Under the stringent rules of the Portland Boxing Commission there is no chance of fake fights or boxers appearing in the ring out of condition. The public cannot be bilked as in ye olden days. The bouts are as feasible, are paired according to their weight and ability. The referees selected by the commission are capable and render their decisions wisely.

If the boxing game can be continued in the future as it has during the brief time the Portland Boxing Commission has taken charge, all the interest in which the shows are held receives part of the proceeds, there is no valid reason why a state boxing bill calling for three or five members, to be appointed by the Governor, should not be passed. The United States Government has spent millions of dollars to order that its soldiers, sailors and marines might become proficient in learning the art of boxing. The big colleges and universities are planning to make boxing a major sport. The Y. M. C. A. will foster mass boxing.

When conducted along clean lines and by such capable business men as constitute the Portland Boxing Commission, boxing cannot be other than a major sport.

### ENTRIES, THEIR HANDICAPS, THE NUMBER OF POINTS NAMED BEING THE NUMBER THEY MUST RUN FOR GAME, AND THE NUMBER OF MATCHES THEY HAVE WON AND LOST UP TO DATE:

A Class	Points	Won	Lost
McDonald	43	1	0
Brooks	42	1	0
Kennedy	42	1	0
Yard	42	1	0
Wilmont	35	4	4
Adams	35	3	3
McWaters	35	3	3
B Class			
Alexander	25	1	1
L. Smyth	25	1	1
Dart	25	1	1
Leid	25	1	1
Collins	25	0	0
Smith	25	0	0
Copier	25	0	0
C Class			
Duffy	25	0	0
Malloy	25	1	1
Buffington	25	1	1
Wright	25	1	1
Ringler	25	1	1
Matheson	25	1	1
D Class			
Day	20	3	1
Goodwin	20	0	0
Parsons	20	0	0
Fager	20	0	0
T. Murphy	20	1	0
W. Peak	20	0	0
E Class			
Cole	25	1	1
Condon	25	0	0
Routledge	25	0	0
Drummond	25	0	0
Lennox	25	0	0
Hartwig	25	0	0
F Class			
Graham	25	2	0
Froude	25	0	0
Wright	25	0	0
Greer	25	0	0
Spencer	25	0	0
Donshue	25	0	0
Bump	25	2	0
G Class			
Polikronis	20	0	1
Proot	20	0	1
Husted	20	0	1
Rea	20	0	2
H Class			
S. Smyth	20	2	1
Bidwell	20	0	0
Hendrix	20	0	1
Helmcke	20	1	0

The three-cushion tournament on at Bowie and Caldwell's Billiard Parlors is coming along nicely and up to date some very good matches have been played. There are to be no matches on a handicap basis. A match is being played every night except Saturday and Sunday. There will not be any matches during the Christmas holidays but will get under way the day after.

A big three-cushion tournament will be held at the Rialto Billiard Parlors starting sometime during the first part of January. Entries are now being received by Manager Green.

Willie Hoppe, champion billiards player of the world, will play in Portland at Bowie and Caldwell's in January. Kiji Yamada, the famous Jap billiardist, is traveling with Hoppe this season and will appear in exhibitions against the champion.

### CAMP TRACKS ARE LAID

#### Network of Steel Being Laid at Camp Knox.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Hundreds of workmen are laying railroad tracks at Camp Knox, the new artillery camp being constructed at Siltshon, Ky., 32 miles south of Louisville. The camp is to have a network of steel rails that will compare favorably with any of the country's big shipping stations. The elaborate transportation system is necessary to handle the heavy guns and the volume of munitions and supplies.

Rights of way are being acquired through farm lands and workmen are tearing down orchards and planted fields. Several beautiful woodlands have been cleared away to make room for the innumerable switch lines and tracks that will dot the entire camp, which will have the most complete railway facilities of any camp in America.

### BEAVERTON GRANGE ELECTS

#### B. K. Denney Chosen Master at Annual Meeting.

BEAVERTON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Saturday was a big day for the Beaverton Grange, No. 324. The annual election was held and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: B. K. Denney, master; Nora Burston, overseer; Mrs. B. K. Denney, lecturer; Mrs. James McGowan, steward; Ben R. Patton, assistant steward; Josephator Dunn, chaplain; Mrs. Day Gray, treasurer; Mrs. Ruby Boyd, secretary; Carrie Leonard, Ceres; Dora Stipe, Pomona; Maud Swenson, Flora; Helen Davis, lady's assistant steward; Helen Tucker, musician.

### Downey Out of Service

COLUMBUS, Dec. 14.—It's no longer "Private Bryan Downey, U. S. A." The Columbus welter weight, having received his honorable discharge from the Army, has returned home to prepare for an extensive ring campaign. Downey went into the service last August and was stationed at Camp Sherman.

### Taku Glacier Active

DOUGLAS, Alaska.—(By Mail)—Taku Glacier near here has been unusually active lately. Marines report that Strauss' mass of icebergs evidently dropped from the big frozen river. Old-timers say they never before saw so much ice in the Straits at this time of the year.

### YARDS MAY CLOSE TWO DAYS A WEEK

#### Operation for Four-Hour Shift Held Too Expensive.

### MEN'S STAND COMBATED

#### Builders Believe Government Will Back Them on Basis That Otherwise They Will Lose.

Saturday half holidays among men employed in wood shipbuilding plants, which were started yesterday when members of organizations affiliated with the Columbia River District Maritime Council left the yards at noon, will probably be lengthened, at least in some of the yards, so that the men may have the entire day to themselves, giving them Saturday and Sunday of each week.

The matter of the yards shutting down for the entire day, on the ground that to get up steam in the plants, start blacksmith fires and the like is too expensive for only a four-hour run, will no doubt be recognized by the Government. The management of one yard has already been to the point that the Emergency Fleet Corporation will not endorse any act tending to countenance the stand of the men for Saturday half holidays, as they are not provided for in the Macy agreement, neither, so it is made plain, does the Government expect a corporation to lose money. It is contended that to work half a day with a full force and the other half with a small percentage of the men is unquestionably a losing system.

As regards the steel shipyard forces, who went out as ordered by the Metal Trades Council, most plants simply had the night shift work from noon to 4 o'clock, and the "graveyard" shift went on from 4 to 8 o'clock last night. The Williams Iron & Steel Works was one exception. It was reported that of 2800 men employed 32 went out at noon and the estimate of the management was that more than half of them were men hired about a week ago. They were asked to drop their badges in a bucket at the gate, a request that spelled dismissal. So great was the hurry that the men were unable to carry out its customary schedule.

The Coast Shipbuilding Company had only a few men leave the yard, but at the Supply-Building plant work was virtually suspended during the afternoon. The Grant Smith-Porter plant continued running with less than half of its men.

### OREGON MAN GOES EAST

#### JOHN B. MORRIS TO BE CHIEF INSPECTOR AT BOSTON.

Former Chief Engineer of San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company Gets Big Job.

John B. Morris, who has directed the machinery installation in all wood vessels completed and under way in the Oregon District for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, will round out about a year's work December 23 when he departs for Boston to become chief inspector of the division of construction and repairs of the operating department of the United States Shipping Board.

Previous to joining the Oregon District Mr. Morris was directing machinery and equipment installation for the Northwest district, it then being under Captain J. P. Blain, of Seattle, who has charge of steam and wood construction.

For years Mr. Morris has been identified with steamship lines on the Coast and was with the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company as chief engineer for a lengthy period, then shifted his responsibilities to the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company. He was sent East when the turbiners Great Northern and Northern Pacific were under construction and was chief engineer for a time after the liners were placed in service between Flavel and San Francisco, being advanced to marine superintendent. When the organization settled down to a normal working basis he returned to the Great Northern as head of the motive power department.

When the Navy took over the turbiners he was commissioned in the service, but in view of the importance of the shipbuilding programme at the time, successful efforts were made by

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Emergency Fleet Corporation officials to obtain his release so that he could remain ashore. The organization being formed at Boston is a permanent one that will have to do principally with vessels after they are delivered from the hands of the builders, except any future contracts will probably be made to coincide with ideas of the operating department.

### BOARDING STATION LIKELY

ABANDONMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED. Ensign Spaulding to Be in Charge of Permanent Headquarters in Portland.

Portland is to be the permanent quarters of a boarding officer and intelligence branch of the Navy, or, at least, that is indicated as certain through the fact recommendations for the abandonment of this station, as well as that at Astoria, have not been followed. The understanding is that the same plan is to be adhered to as on Puget Sound, where all sub-stations are ordered closed, and the headquarters for that service will be at Seattle. With the Astoria office closed, all details of the Columbia River district will be directed from the Portland headquarters. Ensign Spaulding, now in charge

### GARBAGE RIGHT VALUABLE

Colorado Man Gathers Refuse for City Free of Charge. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Fred Staley used to pay the city of Colorado Springs \$1440 for the privilege of collecting garbage. He used it to feed the hogs on his ranch. Now he asks the city to pay him \$300 a month for the cost of collection.

### OREGON LEGISLATORS, NOS. 20, 21, 22, AND 23.



**T. B. Handley, Senator, Tillamook, Lincoln, Washington and Yamhill counties.** Thomas B. Handley, Senator for the district of Tillamook, Lincoln, Washington and Yamhill counties, has been a member of the Legislature for the past three sessions, the coming session being his fourth consecutive attendance. In 1913 and 1915 Mr. Handley was a Representative and later was elected to the 1917 session. The 1918 session completes 34 years ago and has resided 27 years in Tillamook County, four years of which time he was the City Recorder of Tillamook. He is a lawyer by profession and has been active in public matters for many years. Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

**A. W. Orton, Senator, Multnomah.** A. W. Orton, Senator from Multnomah County, is a holdover from the 1917 session. For years he has been active in local politics and was appointed Register of the United States Land Office at Lakeview through the efforts of Jonathan Bourne, Jr. That position he held from 1909 to 1912. He served in the Philippines in 1899 and is interested in the Spanish-American War Veterans. At present he is the clerk of County Judge Taswell. In 1909 Mr. Orton was a member of the House and in 1917 he served the first half of his term as Senator. He is a Republican.

**Oscar Horne, Representative, Multnomah.** Oscar W. Horne, Representative from Multnomah County, was elected as a candidate of organized labor. He served a previous term in the Legislature as a labor candidate. Mr. Horne has resided in Portland most of his life, save for a period when he was in New York, where he was superintendent on a section of the first subway and built municipal incinerators. He has held high positions in labor circles for years and is considered one of its main advocates. Labor considers him specially qualified to look after its interests in the Legislature. Mr. Horne is a Republican.

**D. C. Lewis, Representative, Multnomah.** D. C. Lewis, Representative from Multnomah in the Legislature for a number of years and two years ago he led the House ticket, repeating this in the election of the current year. Mr. Lewis has been interested in the development of St. Johns and is a lawyer by profession. Before coming to Oregon he was in Oklahoma and for half a dozen years acted as legal adviser for the Frisco Railroad. Politically classified, Mr. Lewis is a Republican.

### BILLIARDS ATTRACT CROWD

#### ANNUAL CONTEST AT MULTNOMAH CLUB NOW ON.

Eight Classes Made Up According to Player's Handicap, Winner in Each to Receive Prize.

Never before in the history of local billiards has there been such interest displayed in the cue game as at the present time. Even in pre-war times billiard tournaments and exhibitions "starved to death" here but at present tournament scheduled so far in Portland this season it has been hard to even get standing room.

W. R. Seibert, one of the best known billiard experts on the Pacific Coast, who has charge of the billiard room at Multnomah Club and also serves in the capacity of instructor, started his annual pocket billiard tournament in the club room last Tuesday night with 54 entries on the list. This number of contestants is the largest that has ever taken part in any kind of a billiard tournament in the Northwest and perhaps the largest in the Pacific Coast. The eight classes in the tournament and each player shoots against only the men in his class. The winner in each class will receive a handsome cue as first prize.

The billiard room at the club was thronged Tuesday. Besides being the largest tournament ever staged it promises to be the most successful. Another record for the Northwest was also set when 49 games were completed in four days. About 110 more matches remain to be fought out before the tourney will be over. The scores have been exceptionally close in all of the classes.

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