

## CRACK FOOTBALL TEAMS TO TRY OUT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Multnomah Has Decided to Give That Date to Commercial, Which Will Be Quite Strong.**

There's nothing so uncertain as football dates. Yesterday The Astorian announced failure of the negotiations for a Christmas day game between Commercial and Multnomah, and now must announce that the Christmas day game will take place. Multnomah had been negotiating with Oregon for Christmas, but yesterday Manager Watkins wired a proposal that Commercial will agree to. Mr. Watkins is willing to give the team \$200 or 40 per cent of the net receipts, Commercial to take its choice after the game is played. It costs money to maintain a football team, and for this reason the financial arrangements are important. It is interesting in this connection to note that football managers usually have little trouble as to allowances.

Manager Watkins' telegram came yesterday. It was rather indefinite in its language, but its receipt indicates that Multnomah wants Commercial for Christmas. The date originally fixed was December 3, but Commercial was anxious for the Christmas game and urged Mr. Watkins to try and make arrangements. At first it seemed that the Portland team would take on Oregon, but now it is probable that Commercial will make the Xmas struggle on Multnomah grid. If the Christmas day game with Commercial is played a large delegation will attend from this city, and there is little doubt that the crowd will be a record-breaker. Further advice is expected today from Manager Watkins concluding the arrangement. In view of the fact that Commercial will defeat Multnomah on Christmas, the game should be seen by at least 5000 people. It will be the game of games.

Commercial's next game, if Multnomah takes on the Astoria clubmen Christmas, will be with Puget Sound

university at Seattle. This game will be played on December 10. The contests between Commercial, Multnomah and Puget Sound will permit of the selection of all-northwest team. That Commercial will be well represented on this team goes without saying, for guards like Gammal, tackles like Blair and Sutton, centers like Bay and halves like Painter are not numerous, even in the entire country. Only the weight of experience will count against Commercial's other men.

The Puget Sound-Commercial game ought to be a fast one. Commercial is now practicing diligently for the struggle, and if the men work as well on the Seattle grid as in the gymnasium victory will be comparatively simple. Commercial will line up for the Seattle game as follows: Center, Bay; right guard, Gammal; left guard, Minard; right tackle, Sutton; left tackle, Blair; right end, Jones; left end, Barker; quarterback, Stockton (captain); right half, Roxy Graham; left half, Painter; fullback, Abercrombie; substitutes, Mathena, Welch, Mix and Hughes.

Roxy Graham was in Portland last night, but every other man in the squad was at the gymnasium. The practice was secret and the work done was excellent. The team at present is very strong, and if Stockton and Barker completely recover use of crippled legs Commercial will make December a memorable month in football lore. Barker is ever so much better than he was last year, and the whole team has improved. The men are enthusiastic and turn out nightly for hard, hard practice. Minard is not in town just at present, but he can be relied upon to give a good account of himself. Captain Stockton is tickled to death with the work of his squad, and says Commercial's football colors will continue to fly.

## INTERESTS OF COLUMBIA WILL BE LOOKED AFTER

**Harbor Improvement to Be Cared for by the Committee at the Forthcoming Session of Congress.**

A special to the Oregonian from Washington says:

The house committee on rivers and harbors held a preliminary meeting today to prepare a bill which will be ready for presentation to the house before the Christmas recess. The measure was discussed only in a general way, but an agreement was reached that the more important projects would be taken care of first by the committee and the less important afterward. Representative Jones of Washington will look after the interests of the Columbia river, the improvement of which means so much to his constituents in Washington. Members of the committee who were seen today were of opinion that the Columbia project proper-

ly comes within the classification of important, and it will be among those considered first.

Mr. Jones was present today. In addition to caring for the Columbia river work, Mr. Jones will control to a large degree appropriations for improvements in the state of Washington.

It has been definitely determined that a river and harbor bill shall be passed at the approaching session of congress. Chairman Burton decided to get his committee together in advance of the convening of congress, so as to complete work on the bill and have it ready to present to the house just before the holiday recess. Once the bill is called up in the house it will take but a short time to get it through that body, and it will go through in

practically the shape in which the committee reports it.

In the senate, however, there is likely to be considerable discussion of various features of the measure, and there is apt, before the bill reaches the senate, to be considerable discussion and amendment by the senate committee. The senate will, of course, pass the bill about as it comes from the committee on commerce, with probably a few amendments, increasing individual appropriations. Then it will be a question of holding the senate increases in the bill, and this will have to be done by the combined efforts of the various members of delegations whose states are interested.

There has been no river and harbor bill for three years, and there will probably not be another until the short session of the fifty-ninth congress. Therefore the appropriations to be made this winter will be of sufficient size to continue work for two years to come, commencing July 1, 1905.

Four years ago Senator Tom Carter of Montana, angry because the western men were unable to secure the enactment of a national irrigation law, vented his spite by talking the river and harbor bill to death, at the close of the short session of the fifty-sixth congress. There is little probability that any such tactics will be resorted to by disgruntled senators this year, though there is always a possibility of defeating a bill of this character in a short session. There has of late grown up a sentiment against enacting river and harbor legislation in the long session, as it is the session immediately preceding elections, and members do not like to go before the people with a fresh record of expenditures that will surely be termed "extravagant" by the opposition. That is why river and harbor bills are now put over until the short session.

It should be said, in passing, that the appropriation for continuing the jetty improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river will not be made in the river and harbor bill, as this is a "continuing project," appropriated for each year in the sundry civil bill.

The coming session will determine once for all whether The Dalles-Celilo canal project is intended to be a continuing project. By some it is contended it is such; Chairman Burton of the house committee says it is not. It is highly desirable that this should be made a continuing project, if it is not one already, for once it enters this class there is sure to be adequate appropriations made for carrying on the work each year, irrespective of whether or not congress passes a river and harbor bill. All continuing projects are appropriated for yearly, and enough money is always made available to continue work without cessation until the project is completed.

It may require special legislation to make The Dalles-Celilo canal a continuing project. If so, the members of the Oregon delegation will endeavor to secure the enactment of such legislation.

### Many Witnesses Summoned.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has issued subpoenas for 20 witnesses in the Smoot investigation, and fixed December 12 as the date for their appearance before the committee. Nearly all the witnesses are in Utah.

Hansen & McCanna, who occupy the shop formerly used by T. S. Simpson, adjoining the city water office, are prepared to do all kinds of sign and carriage painting. They will make a specialty of work of this class and guarantee satisfaction.

### HER ROMANCE IS ENDED.

**Aged New Thought Bloomer Maiden May Publish Love Letters.**

Vineland, N. J., Nov. 29.—To have a rich lover and then lose him, as did Miss Susan P. Fowler, the 80-year-old new thought bloomer woman of this place, would be blighting to the hopes of the average girl, but not so to the apostle of short skirts and trousers. Her sweetheart, George Edward Fowler of Montana, who saw the published account that a man was wanted on the Fowler farm, came and saw and conquered. Arrangements for the wedding were to have been made on the day he was called suddenly to England to claim his share in his father's estate. Arriving in Europe, he dispatched a hasty note, breathing therein the warmest affection for the woman in America who had taught him the new thought. Soon after another note followed, stating that he had fallen downstairs and was in a hospital, so weak that he feared the worst. Since then Miss Fowler has tried in vain to get word from him. The registered letters she sent have been returned by the postal authorities, and she is almost forced to believe him dead. His people were opposed to his marriage.

Miss Fowler goes about harvesting her corpse with a feeling that out of all the proceedings is to come a blessing to humanity. It is possible that if George Edward is not heard from soon the series of letters written by Miss Fowler to him during the courtship, will be published. In them is unfolded the new thought, inspired by love, in such a manner that the hardy Montana man was converted. Miss Fowler said today it might be that she and her lover were drawn together by the higher power, so that the world might learn the true life through the letters which, when published, will be a guide to the elevation of womanhood. No occurrence for years has aroused such great interest here as the "bloomer woman's" love affair.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge Bowby has gone to San Francisco on business.

William Anderson of Deep River was in the city yesterday.

R. S. Dunlap of Portland has joined the clerical force at the Astoria Savings bank.

Thomas H. Sullivan, representing the Pioneer Binding & Printing Company of Tacoma, is in the city.

M. B. Dudley, ahead of the Keane company, which plays Astoria next week, is in the city, preparing for the engagement.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

#### Parker House.

Ed. Davis, Seattle.  
C. Thorall, Truckee, Cal.  
Chas. Stolpe, Aberdeen, Wash.  
D. McVean,  
Philip Minor, City.  
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**J. V. BURNS,**

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be considered.

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