

IT LOOKS LIKE A DRAW GAME

So Says Lamping of
Washington Race.

National Guard Colonel Has Words
of Praise for His State
Command.

Col. George Lamping, next to the governor in command of the National Guard of Washington, returned to Seattle this morning after having spent two days in Portland. In addition to the National Guard, Mr. Lamping has duties as auditor of King County, Wash., and is the prime mover at the Seattle end of the proposed new baseball league which will consolidate California and the Northwest interests.

In the matter of glory, Col. Lamping is a near neighbor to Portland, having returned from the Philippine Islands as first lieutenant of Company G, First Washington Volunteers of Vancouver.

Col. Lamping would talk very little regarding politics when seen by a reporter for The Journal this morning. "It is not a soldier's business to devote his time to politics," he said, "and I find quite all I can attend to as auditor, National Guard commander and a baseball manager."

THE SENATORIAL RACE

"Of course, being so near the seat of war, you cannot help hearing good deal concerning the Washington senatorial candidacy," was ventured. To this Col. Lamping replied:

"From what I can gather, it is very nearly a dead heat between Preston and Ankeny. There is no doubt the race is between these two men, and any others who may be mentioned are merely incidentals. I do not see where either has the best of it."

Col. Lamping is one of the youngest National Guard regimental commanders in the United States, and the youngest head of a state force. He is 27 years of age, stalwart and handsome, and during his term of service in the Philippines bore a reputation for bravery that was unexcelled. He often led scouting expeditions and was the trusted aide and adjutant of the late Col. Weisenberger, mentioned by Gen. Charles King as at the head of volunteer line officers in the service.

"I find affairs in the Washington National Guard to be in first-class shape," said Col. Lamping, in speaking of his regiment. "We have but one regiment in our state, but it is well equipped and an irregular body of troops in America. The regiment could take the field within 24 hours' notice and have everything required by regulations."

CREDIT TO DRAIN.
Adjutant-General James A. Drake deserves credit for the part he has played in the work he has performed in equipping the guard of Washington. By a display of energy and tact combined, he secured things that New York and Wisconsin, the two crack guard states of the Union, were longing for—and he secured them first."

Mr. Lamping is a firm believer in the successful outcome of the proposed new baseball league, and says he is spending both time and money in promoting Seattle's end of the deal.
"We have a fight on our hands up there," he said, "but I believe we are in a position to win out and to greatly benefit baseball by so doing. The other league made \$2,000 there last season, and while we may not do quite that well, we will give them a better article of ball and leave it to the public to decide what our returns shall be."

NEW ALASKAN LAND LAW

(Journal Special Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The delegation of Alaska here to secure legislation in the interest of that territory are greatly delighted at the success that has attended their efforts to secure proper land laws. The House of Representatives has passed a bill allowing settlers in the homestead laws, instead of only 80, as is the case at present. That was regarded by friends of the territory as a great advance, but it was not exactly what was wanted, because the holdings could only be taken up on surveyed lands. Last week Colonel Ivey and Mr. Hoggatt made an argument before the Senate Committee on Public Lands which resulted in giving an assurance that Alaska will have a land law that will be perfectly applicable to the peculiar conditions there. The committee promised these gentlemen that not only should settlers on Alaskan lands get 320 acres, but that they should be permitted to take up lands that have not yet been surveyed and secure title to them. A sub-committee, consisting of Senators Gamble, Clark and McLaughlin was appointed to draft the bill and promise was made that it should be adopted by the Senate at an early day. The House committee is ready to accept the amendment, and the chances are good that it will become a law in the near future.

Colonel Ivey says this is the biggest piece of legislation that could be enacted for Alaska, and both he and Mr. Hoggatt were ready to throw up their hats for joy when they left the Senate committee room. "It is better than getting a Delegate for the territory," said Colonel Ivey. "It means an influx of 50,000 people into Alaska to take up lands, settle there and help to develop the country. They will have to live there five years before they can obtain title and there is to be no commutation of entries whereby they can spend 14 months there and then sell out to a corporation."

"The delegate bill will come next. It is already on the calendars of both Houses with a favorable report from both committees, and it will be passed before this session adjourns."

CASE AGAINST GAMBLERS.

The case of the state against Fred T. Merrill and others charged with gambling, will not come up for trial in the State Circuit Court until after the holiday vacation. The court has been setting no jury cases for trial during the present term, except the Traynor larceny case, and consequently the gambling cases must wait until the next term.

The district attorney will move against the alleged gamblers as rapidly as possible under the circumstances, as it is greatly desired to have them disposed of.

The next term of court will begin January 12, at which time it is quite probable that the gambling cases will be set for trial.

Coffman's Xmas Candies.

SPORTS OF INTEREST

Barney Dreyfuss May Buy Quaker
City Team.

WRESTLERS ARE VERY BUSY

Remarkable Eating Capacity of
George Leander, English Crack.

Barney Dreyfuss, president of the two-champion Pittsburgh team, will probably soon become the owner of the National League team in Philadelphia.

While there is no positive confirmation of the story, it has been known for some time past that Mr. Dreyfuss and Col. John I. Rogers had been dickering for the deal. The matter was discussed in New York at the league meeting, and after the latter adjourned Mr. Dreyfuss accompanied Mr. Rogers to Philadelphia, where he now is. During the past two months President Dreyfuss and Secretary Pulliam have made several trips to Philadelphia, and at the National League meeting in New York last week the statement was given out that the Pittsburghers had an option on the Phillies' stock. It is believed the negotiations for the deal have been fully closed and before the end of the year the transfer will be made, giving the local magnate full control of the club.

Another foreign wrestler in search of international honors and incidentally Yankee gold has just reached here from Denmark. The latest arrival is Aage Christensen, of Copenhagen. He is a pupil of Beech Olsen, champion heavyweight, and has with him two first-class medals for Graeco-Roman wrestling, won in his native land.

Although only 16 years old, Christensen is a fairly developed athlete, and he has issued a challenge to meet anybody at any weight up to 200 pounds.

It is Christensen's desire to get on a match with the best man possible, and if he is successful he will tour the country meeting all comers.

Fritz Schumann, No. 74 Ralston avenue, South Orange, N. J., is looking after Christensen's interests.

Columbia's varsity and scrub basketball teams were out for practice yesterday, and it was almost a toss-up which of the two is the better. At least eight of the ten men are varsity material, according to Captain Elias.

One of the features of the annual masquerade ball of the French Students, to be held at the Grand Central Palace on New Year's Eve, December 31, will be an athletic ballet consisting of girls attired in the colors of the leading college teams. There will be a mimic football game, rowing girls, baseball girls and ping-pong girls.

Frank Herrick and George Fisher have been daily training for their wrestling match, to be held at the New Polo A. A. house next Friday night, and both are in fine condition. "The New York A. C. men here are unanimous in their belief that Herrick will be the victor," the members of the N. P. A. A. have the same confidence in Fisher, consequently a good contest is anticipated.

Steve O'Donnell, the veteran manager, will take Leo Pardo, Max Luttrell, Young Muldoon, Phil Kelly and other clever wrestlers to Torrington, Conn., today, and to Waterbury tomorrow, to meet all local wrestlers in open tournament.

The home talent will be offered cash prizes to tackle Steve's champions. As a special feature for both nights O'Donnell has arranged for a number of amateur bouts and tug-of-war contests, the winners of which will receive handsome medals.

Tom Tracey, the local favorite, recently received a letter from Claude Johnson, the sporting editor of the Kansas City Star, which reads as follows: "It was Hugo Kelly, an amateur from Chicago, who recently defeated Rube Ferns here. A match between him and the winner would, I think, draw a packed house. Regards to Jack Grant, 'Mysterious' Billy Smith and all friends."

Enrli Robles, famous torador of Old Madrid, who is well known throughout the Kingdom of Spain, exhibited his prowess at San Jose last Friday and Sunday afternoons. He came up Thursday from Monterey, where he has been ever since he was tossed by an enraged bull two weeks ago.

No offer for the Tommy Ryan-Jack Root fight has yet been accepted by the promoters. "Tommy Ryan," of San Francisco, and Fort Erie have been bidding \$1,000 ahead of the others.

George Gardner is willing to meet Jack Root in a six-round bout in Chicago before the New York Detective Bureau, before Fort Erie, A. C. on January 10. Gardner defeated Root in 17 rounds in California. Kid Broad and Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican fighter, have been matched for a 20-round go before the club offering the best inducements.

OVERDOING BASEBALL.
Baseball is the national pastime of the American people, but there is a chance of overdoing it even with all its popularity. In California the magnates have been very successful in the past, but they could not stand to give the followers of the game the same dose as they receive in the East; they wanted to dish out the same bill of fare all the year round. At first schedule of games was arranged and proved a success, but now the magnates there figure on eight months in the year for the game. This is a little too much evidently, for some of the writers on the Pacific Coast are kicking at the continuous performance. They say that where there were thousands of fans a year ago, under the old conditions, there are hundreds now. Of course there are exceptions, but on the whole the fans there have been intimidated plainly that they do not want an overdose of a good thing.

KID MCCOY IN TROUBLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Capt. Titus of the New York Detective Bureau, sent out an order yesterday for the arrest of Norman Selby, a pugilist known as "Kid" McCoy, on the charge of grand larceny. The complaint is David Lamar, a broker, who says he went to McCoy's drinking place Saturday and gave McCoy a \$100 bill, telling him to keep it until the party stopped drinking, when the charges were to be deducted and change given.

According to Lamar, McCoy declared later that it was only a \$30 bill he had received. After the dispute the police say McCoy could not be found.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Tom Jenkins, catch-as-catch-can wrestler, failed to throw George Bothner, the lightweight champion, four times in an hour, and lost the match at the Grand Central Palace last night. Jenkins scored three falls, the first in 27 seconds, the second in 15 minutes 5 seconds, and the third in 15 minutes 10 seconds.

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John L. Wilson Had a Neat Plan But
James I. Hill and McBride
Turned Him Down.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—John L. Wilson is endeavoring to secure his election to the United States Senate by effecting a compromise between the McBride element of the Republican party, now demanding with so much determination the passage of a railroad commission bill, and the railroad lobby, or that portion of it which represents the interests of the Northern transcontinental railroads.

Efforts to bring about such a compromise, with John L. as the residuary legate of the much contended senatorship, were set on foot by the ex-senator last week. They have already progressed to the point of the matter being presented to both Governor McBride and James I. Hill, the president of the Great Northern Railroad. According to the best information obtainable the approaches were turned down hard by both those gentlemen.

The Wilson program was for the governor to abandon the suit which the state has brought against the Northern Securities Company and the companies composing it to invalidate the merger of the Northern transcontinental railroads, for the railroad commission bill, and for the political forces thus merged to combine in the election of Wilson to the Senate, forgetting Preston and defeating Leach.

During the past few weeks Wilson has been seen much in the company of Sam Hill and Judge Burke, who, in the absence of J. D. Farrell, stand at the head of the Great Northern lobby. These gentlemen, he induced to present the matter to President Hill on the occasion of the latter's visit to Seattle last Saturday. While Hill did not look with any great favor upon the proposition, it was reported that he expressed himself as not unwilling to consider it provided the ex-senator could "deliver the goods" from the governor.

When the governor was in the city a gentleman who in politics stands close to Wilson called upon him and outlined to him a proposition to withdraw the merger suit and make some modifications in the proposed commission bill in return for the withdrawal of the opposition to the latter of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads and their representatives. To this proposal the governor responded:

"If there was a reason for the commencement of the merger suit there is still the same reason for continuing it. The issue is now on trial before the Supreme Court of the United States, and there seems no good reason why it should not be prosecuted with vigor until the rights of the state and its people are established."

Senator Wilson, when approached this morning for confirmation of the denial of the story refused to do either. When asked about it he stated that there was nothing to be said about it. In this connection there is a large significance in his recent denial of the Wilson Ankeny combination story in which he stated that after his experience with Senator Foster four years ago, if he ever went into another combination to elect a man to the United States Senate, that man would be himself.

It is an open secret here that the Great Northern interests contemplate with no little disinclination the possible election of Ankeny, who is a Walla Walla man, and whose connections make him friendly to Harriman, in opposition to the Hill railroad interests. But the Ankeny campaign has been managed with such consummate skill and astuteness by George Stevenson, the O. R. & N. lobbyist, that they have been almost compelled to join the Ankeny forces in their effort to prevent the passage of the commission bill. In short, Stevenson has secured the election of many of the members he controls as Ankeny, rather than railroad men, and those men would abandon the railroad cause, should the railroads show any lukewarmness toward Ankeny.

The effort on the part of Wilson to bring about a compromise between the warring forces in the railroad fight was entirely independent of the effort made by other parties to bring about a meeting between the railroad magnates and the governor. That effort was undertaken by Jacob Furth, the president of the Seattle Electric Company, and Col. Alden J. Blethen, the editor of the Seattle Times. But it came to naught through the insistent refusal of Mr. Hill, who, when approached by Colonel Blethen on the subject, closed the conversation with the statement:

"Colonel Blethen, if Governor McBride came into this room through the back door, I would go out of it through that other door, even though it were guarded by a regiment of soldiers."

However, the fact that the two movements, having to do with the two men who were on foot at the same time, gave rise to many rumors connecting them together, one of the most interesting of which was that Wilson, through Furth, had "gold bricked" Colonel Blethen, who is inclined to be unfriendly toward the ex-senator, and induced him to approach President Hill along a line which Wilson expected to land him the senatorial plum. This rumor has proven to be groundless, as there was no connection between the two movements, the one having been made from motives showing a disinterested desire to bring about a better feeling between the two leaders of the bitterly opposing factions, and the other from a motive of personal selfishness.

DAUGHIREY WAS HOT.

W. H. Daughirey, vice-president of the Union Stockyards Company, is lamenting the loss of a \$40 overcoat which he had just purchased. The valuable article was not stolen, but was so soiled that it can no longer be used. And it was all brought about in this wise:

Mr. Daughirey was the owner of a thoroughbred Angora goat until Saturday, at which time he sold the animal to a farmer who formed a strong attachment for it. The new owner sized up his long-haired possession for awhile, and concluded that its flowing locks were badly in need of brushing. Unknown to anyone he went into a room near the stockyards occupied by Mr. Daughirey and appropriated a fine clothesbrush with which he proceeded to cury the goat. The "brushing property" stood as dumb as

an oyster until the job was completed, and his appearance was greatly improved. Mr. Farmer returned the brush where he found it and took the hard-headed quadruped home with him. A short time after he had gone Mr. Daughirey went to his room, took down his overcoat and gave it a thorough brushing. The room was dark and he did not examine his work until he opened the door. Then it was that he discovered his fine overcoat was forever ruined. It was covered with long goatees from top to bottom and smelted like a corn in which a band of scabby sheep had been confined. The owner applied the sulphurous treatment for about 15 minutes, but it did no good. The goat left its ineffaceable mark.

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PAWNEE WIFE'S DIAMOND

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according to the witness, Viant had considerable money during a game at Blazier's saloon, and in order to secure more cash, pawned his wife's ring. Blazier advancing \$5 on the property. Now Mrs. Viant wants her ring back, hence the litigation.

One reason why The Journal has rapidly gained circulation is that it is the only paper in Portland that dares to print the news.