

# SPORTING EVENTS

## BASEBALL TEAM HAS ORGANIZED

### Manager Vigneaux Issues a Statement.

#### Interesting Doings by Outdoor Sports Throughout the Entire Country.

Sammy Vigneaux, playing manager of the Portland Baseball Team, on being interviewed by The Journal's representative as to the future movements and other details of the club, said:

"Some time since I was offered the management of the club, and after a few days' consideration I accepted. The Northwest League had been making threats of putting a team in this city, and President Lucas was quoted as saying that the Portland team had no standing and was not even the possessor of a franchise from the parent organization. This statement is not correct, and is refuted by the fact that Portland has still its franchise in the hands of the governing body. There are behind the Portlanders many of the most prominent and substantial citizens in our midst, many of whom have been identified in the club's past successes, and are ready and willing to open their purse strings to make the coming season one of unparalleled success. The team will report on or about March 1, and will play a series of games in California, President Marshall being now in that state arranging the schedule, but will probably return within the next four days. The team proposes to do the necessary preparatory work in California, and the opening game will be played at San Jose.

The players signed so far are: Pitchers—Thatcher, Slagle, Kostal, Bevin, Witbeck (undecided). Efforts will be made to secure a south-paw twirler and a right-hand pitcher. Some time later the following "piggy" Ward, first base; Anderson, second base; Schmeer, shortstop; Nadeau, left field; Van Buren, center field; third baseman to be secured later. On the position of right field is not yet filled, but will be covered by either Murdoch or Chiles. We are also negotiating as to securing the services of a catcher of well-known ability, and on the return of President Marshall to this city will be able to more fully explain the situation to The Journal's legion of baseball enthusiasts. In conclusion, playing manager Vigneaux added, "All players signed by the Portland club will positively keep their engagements, despite the envious statements made by disappointed managers of other clubs who failed to secure their services."

McCormack, the newly chosen football coach of the Northwestern University, is of the opinion that his team will cut a wide swath in athletics next year.

Teams from the Oxford and Cambridge, England, Golfing Society may visit this country next summer. In their company will be Willie, who has served as an apprentice as an amateur manager of visiting teams, will map out a trip for them.

H. L. Williams has been retained as football coach by the University of Minnesota for another year at \$2,000, an advance of \$500.

Manager Andrews of the Spokane League baseball team, has signed young Nicholson, the star pitcher of the Redan Club of Oakland. Nicholson was claimed by Seattle recently.

F. O. Armstrong, the Eastern veterinary expert and canine fancier, has left this city for White Salmon, Wash. While at the latter place his services will be enlisted to check a mild epidemic now prevailing among cattle there.

J. K. Ballie, the crack runner of the University of Pennsylvania, recently of the Athletic Club of Philadelphia won a five-mile handicap race, in which George Orton, an ex-champion, was scratch. At the same meeting A. Duke won the three-mile handicap.

James E. Moore, an old time athlete of distinction, died recently of typhoid fever in the hospital at Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Morse was 35 years of age. In his youth he took an active part in athletics and at one time was rated as the best high jumper in New England.

At the Yale games in March, 1890, at New Haven he was scratch man in the high jump and won first prize with 5 feet 8 1/2 inches. Some time later he beat Futing, the crack Harvard jumper, at the Harvard meeting with a jump of 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. The competitors used rubber-soled shoes only.

Captain Charles C. Bost, Jr., of the Naval Academy football team for the season of 1902, has appointed Midshipman Arthur G. Caffee, of Missouri, manager of the team for next year. Midshipman Caffee is a member of the second class and captained his class football team. He stands fifth in his class as a student.

Henry Fournier, the noted French automobilist, will attend the Automobile Show at Madison Square Garden, New York. It is believed that he intends to establish in America a factory for the manufacture of the same type of French machine which he has used in recent racing trials. According to reports from abroad, Fournier still holds the official kilometer record of 29 1/2, as the record of Angiers, of 29 seconds flat, was not separately timed, but was taken in conjunction with his mile record of 48 seconds. It is claimed that such times are not recognized by the Automobile Club of France. The reason for such a ruling is not understood in this country, where all intermediate times are records, provided they are taken properly by competent officials. In the States island trials records for the kilometer were allowed, even though the objective point was a mile.

The noted thoroughbred Stirling Imp. Coppland, 19 years old, by Stirling out of Sea Mark, by Adventure, is dead at Williamette Farm of inflammation of the bowels, says a special to The Tribune from Lexington, Ky. He sired, among others, Anselte, Curricoa and Gallion, Algo, Typhoon II, Sydney Lucas, Onatus, Jabe Wyo and Topsoil. He also sired the dams of McSheany, Ollivant and Imp. Albuca.

## FITZSIMMONS WINS

### "Freckled" Bob Lands on His Former Manager's Jaw; That's All.

ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 28.—Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Clark Ball, his manager, yesterday morning with a left-hand punch on the jaw. The bout took place in the lobby of the Thornton hotel. The blow struck Ball squarely on the point of the jaw, and he was knocked against a corner of the desk at the end of the counter. His head came in violent contact with a sharp corner, and a laceration resulted. In another fraction of a second Ball was prostrate and out. He was revived in a few seconds, and his bleeding head bled. He was not seriously injured, and was apparently as well as ever within 15 minutes after the blow was struck.

The trouble was precipitated by the fact that last night Ball severed his connection with the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons combination, and signed a contract with Jack Munroe, whereby the local miner, who had stood before Jeffries for four rounds a week ago Saturday night, is to be the star attraction of an athletic show managed by the former

## FOOTBALL HAS STRONG ENEMIES

### Said to Have Demoralizing Influences.

#### Strong Argument for and Against the Most Fascinating Sport.

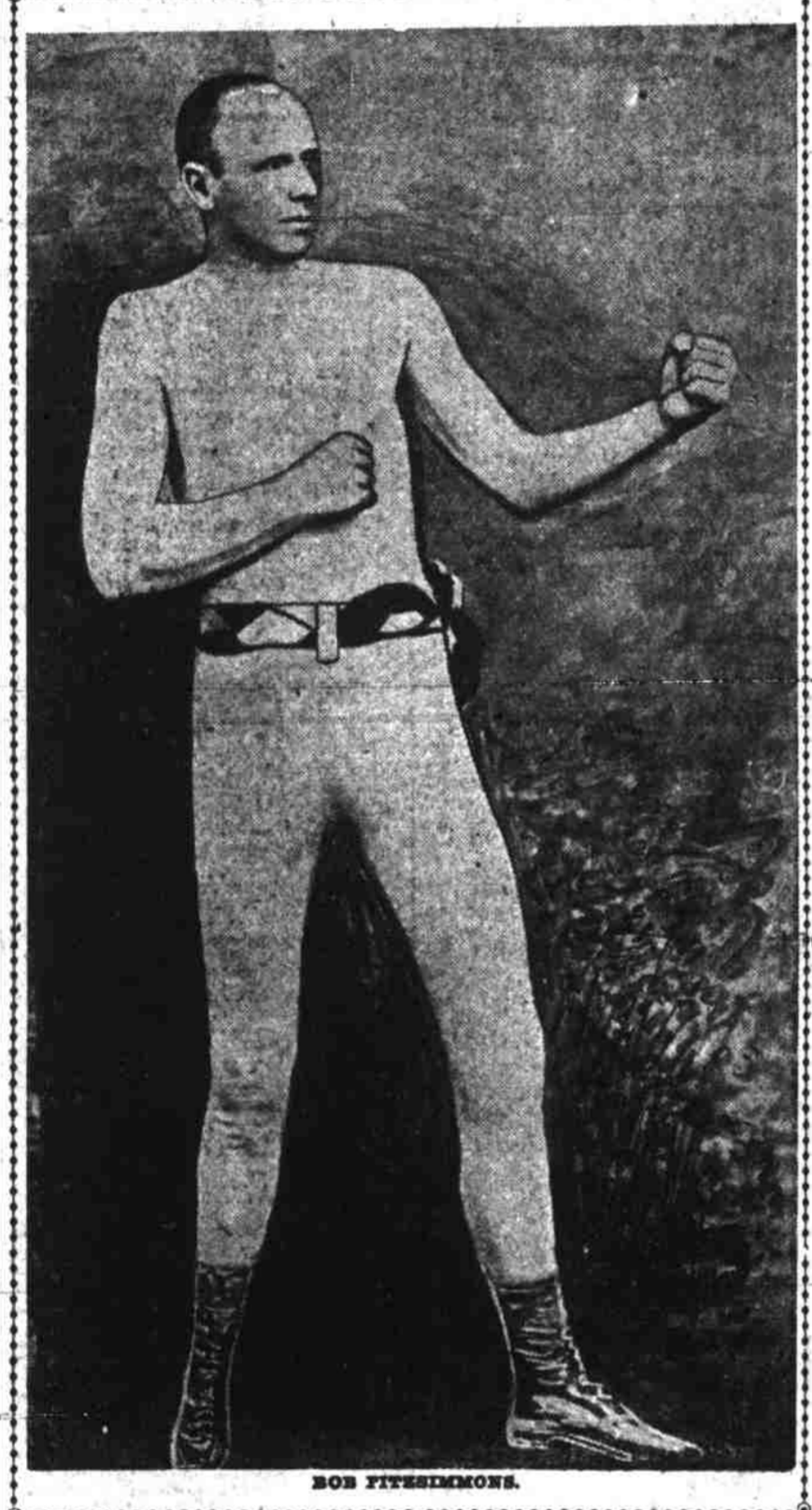
A relic of barbarism, second only to the Spanish bullfight, as compared with which prize fighting is mere child's play and the wrestling match a game of pin pong; a game that has done more to demoralize college education than any other influence that has found lodgment in the halls of learning—these are the opinions regarding modern football of the presidents of two St. Paul colleges. President Wallace of Macalester and President Dolphin of St. Thomas. President Bridgman of Hamline University, on the other hand, considers the game, as played in the intercollegiate league, helpful rather than destructive. The three presidents are at the head of the St. Paul colleges that have football teams in the league.

"You may put me on record as unqualifiedly opposed to college football," said President James Wallace of Macalester College. "It has done more to demoralize college education than any other influence that has ever found lodgment in the halls of learning.

"In the first place, it largely disqualifies the student for intellectual work. The players go out to practice at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and for three solid hours battle against one another. What is the result? Why, they return to their studies, weary, fatigued, even exhausted. There is no reserve vitality, the mind refuses to act, and the student throws down his book with a vain attempt to study, and rolls into bed. This may be all right to develop physical strength, but don't call it education.

"EXERCISE TOO VIGOROUS." "What the student needs is exercise just vigorous enough to keep him in healthy trim. It is not necessary that he have such brute strength as is developed by football. Tandball, tennis, basketball and games of a similar nature are far better. Two years ago I urged the students of Macalester to spend their money in fitting up the gymnasium for such light exercise, and the results were excellent. Football was counted out, and we had the best fall term in the history of the institution.

"The hold this game has on our college is simply alarming. Nothing says the marshaling of mighty armies in desperate conflict has proved so intensely fascinating. It has practically driven the prize fighter out of business, and horse



BOB FITZSIMMONS.

## BOSTON WANTS MUNROE.

The ex-football player and coach, Jack Munroe, who recently stayed four rounds with Champion Jeffries at Butte, Mont., is to leave for Boston at a near date, the manager of the Walden Theater, in that city, having secured his services for a ten-week engagement at \$500 per week. At the close of his Boston date, Munroe will return to Butte and train to meet either Sharkey or McCoy before a Butte club.

Jack O'Brien, the Philadelphia favorite, on New Year's Day, is listed to box Al Weing 20 rounds before the Fort Erie (N. Y.) Athletic Club. There is a wager of \$1,000 on the result, the boxers receiving 50 per cent. of the gross receipts, winner take all.

## PAPER CHASE ON NEW YEARS

The Portland Hunt Club members got requested to meet at East Twelfth street and Holladay avenue Thursday morning to participate in another enjoyable paper chase over an eight-mile course, to be selected, in which the bounds are to be set by Mr. F. O. Downing and T. J. Strain. The affair will be under the direct control of the master of the hounds. Plenty of jumps have been arranged for, and a large number of members are expected to be on hand. The start and finish, if thought, will not be very far apart, so that the whole performance can be witnessed by those who can go part of the distance in the Irvington trolley cars.

## Football on New Year's Day.

The Defiance Club of Oakland will compete with the Multnomah team for pigskin honors on Multnomah Field New Year's day. Both teams play a fair article of ball, and the prospects for an interesting game are bright.

Sporting news, Tracy & Denny, 105 4th.

## DOUGLASS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

### Live Gossip of Brawny Pugilists.

#### Jeffries is Very Sore Over His Recent Meeting With Jack Munroe.

Joe Choyznaki is listed to meet Morgan Williams of Colorado before a Chicago club within the next two weeks. The distance is six rounds, and the Californian is doing his preparatory work in the Illinois busy boxing center.

Anent the erection of a monument over the remains of poor old Peter Jackson as Sydney, a well-known Australian sporting scribe writes:

"I have to acknowledge yet another subscription toward the cost. Mrs. Gurnis, wife of the well-known couraging enthusiast of that name, has sent along half a guinea. Mr. Gurnis, when he first arrived in Sydney ten or more years ago, brought me a letter of introduction from Peter, who thought a great deal of him, and used to frequent his popular and well-known house in Church street, London.

"Mr. Gurnis, who was then champion bird mite of England, has many very happy recollections of the great black in the hey-day of his career—his 'burner' in England when those 'butterfly' friends, as Miss Fallows aptly put it in that letter I published late last month, were wont to circle round the great sable champion. Peter has no more sincere mourners than Mr. and Mrs. Gurnis, who are never done talking about him."

Jim Beaton, the Glasgow (Fris) mid-dleweight, now a prosperous boniface at Sydney, N. S. W., has secured a return date with Bill McCall. The latter, who outweighed the American over 20 pounds when he secured the decision, has opened a sporting resort at Newcastle, N. S. W.

"Cocker" Tweedie, who held an unenviable record during his stay at San Francisco, recently issued a sweeping deft to all Australian lightweight.

A Yankee featherweight, Ted O'Brien, of the San Francisco Olympic Club, recently sparred three rounds with Peter Toohy at the Gaiety Theater, Sydney. He's a croucher, and was all out of condition, but did not make a bad showing, albeit he was glad to ask Peter to ease up in the second round, after the left-hander's left cross had landed a few times.

It runs in the family. J. Fitzsimmons, a brother of the world famous "Bob" of the same name, is a member of the championship of the New Zealand Boxing Association at Christchurch. At the end of September, Young Fitz, who is also a blacksmith, is 20 years of age, stands 5 feet 9 inches and weighed on the scales 125 pounds. He can see how institutions might pay so much attention to the game as to neglect study and instruction, but I can assure you that is not the case at Hamline.

"Football has its positive virtues, too. It is excellent training. The player learns to obey, to act quickly and to work in conjunction with his fellows.

## "OREGONIAN" FAKE

### Story Concerning Tom Tracy Branded as Untrue.

The story published in this morning's Oregonian in regard to the supposed match between Tom Tracy of this city and Joe Walcott (colored) of Boston has been rigorously denounced as untrue in every particular by Mr. Tracy. The facts of the case are these: Tracy stands prepared to meet the colored man at 125 pounds at ringside. The brief epistle from Walcott's representative insisted on the weight schedule being set at 142 pounds at 3 o'clock of afternoon of contest, which virtually means 125 pounds, when the "Barbadoes" Lemon entered the ring. Unless Tracy's terms are agreed upon by the local man will pay no further attention to the colored man's ungrammatical epistles.

## Great Football Contests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—For the first time in the history of football a regular tournament to decide the indoor championship is to be held. Arrangements for the contest, which will be held at Madison Square Garden tonight, the series of games will continue through the remainder of the week. The teams that are to contest for the championship are the Harvard and Yale players, professional eleven in the vicinity of the metropolis. Included in the number are the Orange A. C., All Syracuse, All Philadelphia and Knickerbocker Field Club.

## College Chess Games.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The eleventh annual chess tournament for the intercollegiate championship, which began today at the Columbia grammar school, has aroused keen interest among devotees of the ancient game. The tournament was opened this afternoon with the chosen representatives of Columbia playing Princeton, and the Harvard players facing the Yale chess experts across the board. The play will continue through tomorrow and Wednesday and to the winner will be awarded the championship cup.

## Good Bout Tonight.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Followers of pugilism expect to see tonight one of the best bouts that has taken place in Chicago in some time. The contestants are to be George Gardner and "Kid" Carter and they are slated to mix it up in a six-round bout before the Lyceum Athletic Club. Carter has lost three times to Gardner, but never within the six-round limit, and the Brooklyn lad figures that he has a good chance to reverse the former verdict in a six-round battle.

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have a chance. When the field broke, Sam Lazarus, Esq., was caught in the barrier and interfered with several of the other starters. Aunt Polly was in the first flight and leading all the way, won easily from Saintry and Claudator. The weather was fine, but the track was in a muddy condition.

Sylvia Talbot, who took the 3-year-old event, was the only favorite to land. The mile and a sixteenth handicap resulted in an upset. The Pretzer was a 3 to 2 favorite, but Lord Bader showed improvement and won handily at odds of 5 to 1. Bill Maasie was sold to Brown & Harten for \$1,600. The summary:

Six furlongs, selling—Aunt Polly won, Saintry second, Claudator third; time, 1:17.

Six and a half furlongs—Stuyve won, Quiz II second, Jarretter d'Oo third; time, 1:13.

One mile, selling—The Buffon won, Illoshwo second, Axminster third; time, 1:44.

Six furlongs, selling—Dr. Bernais won, Illihoun second, Gold One third; time, 1:17.

Mile and a sixteenth handicap—Lord Bader won, The Pretzer second, Didero third; time, 1:50.

## A FEW POINTERS ABOUT SKATING

### An Expert's Instructions to Beginners on Ice.

An expert has given some pointers on speed skating that may be useful to boys and girls who expect to train for this winter's races. They are intended for skaters who have learned the first principles of the sport and want to become fast distance racers or sprinters. In both kinds of races the skates with the long blades are preferred.

At starting the runner, crouching with the right foot about 15 inches behind the left and digging the point of the right skate into the ice to give a good hold for a push-off, or placing the right skate at right angles to the course, at the word a strong push should be given, and the long, straight strokes of the racer should begin at once. It is wrong to begin with a series of short strokes to work up speed.

STRAIGHT STROKE IS BEST.

The boy who wants to abandon the "get started" style, which is "unnatural" and acquire the form of a finished racer will cultivate the straight stroke, with just enough curve at the finish to give the skate a good hold on the ice for the next stroke. It takes practice and skill to make a backward thrust with the leg, and at the same time, to place the other leg in position and receive the weight of the body on it, keeping a steady balance in spite of the impetus given by the push-off.

The skater throws his arms to the right when making a stroke with the left foot, and to the left when he changes to the left foot. This is to help keep the balance. The distance racer clasps his hands behind his back.

The ability to skate to the "outside edge" is the mark of a good skater, and is a great help in racing, as well as being indispensable in fancy skating. The racer can take longer strokes by leaning forward, bringing his weight over the skate on which he is running. The skate leans in the same direction, bringing the outside of the blade to bear on the ice. A straight and steady stroke is thus obtained. The skater must return to the inside edge, however, before beginning a new stroke.

PRACTICE BEST TEACHER.

As in anything else, practice is worth more than a book of directions. Boys should be careful, however, in practicing or racing, not to stand still until chilled after skating briskly. It is better to skate slowly for a while than to stand around a fire while recovering the breath. A boy should keep moving while on the ice, and should start home at a brisk walk after taking his skates off.

## Senator Simon Accedes to Request of Food Commissioners.

Senator Joseph Simon will attempt to hold up the Hepburn food bill when it comes up before the Senate. This bill passed the House on the 19th. It will probably be referred to the Senate committee on agriculture or commerce. The object of Senator Simon to hold up the bill is in order to accede to the request of a committee from the National Association of Food and Dairy Commissioners.

This committee claims that not a food and dairy commissioner was heard by the House committee before it was passed upon by the House, and that the National Association of Food and Dairy Commissioners have prepared a bill which they would like to present to Congress before the Hepburn bill becomes a law.

The committee of the food commissioners consists of John Hamilton, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania; Alfred H. Jones, Illinois State Food Commissioner; J. E. Blackburn, Ohio State Food and Dairy Commissioner.

## LAD TO REST.

The funeral of Isaac Steinhilber took place yesterday from the late residence of the deceased. Rabbi Wise officiated, and the remains were buried in the Beth Israel Cemetery. The Travelers' Protective Association, of which body the late Mr. Steinhilber was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The deceased was a prominent member of several fraternal organizations, delegations of each being present at the funeral services.

## CENTURY SHOT WON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The sport at Ingleside Saturday was marked by the victory of Alvin Polly, a 100-lb. shot, in the first race. She was one of a field of 11, and was not thought to