

SPORTING GOSSIP

FROM SAN FRANCISCO

INTEREST IN COMING HAPLON-CORBETT BATTLE INCREASING—BAY CITY SPORTS SPECULATES REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF MATCH BETWEEN JEFFERDS AND MURROE

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Were it not for the prospect of an exciting and scientific contest in the coming Haplon-Corbett fight there would not be much interest in boxing here. The holidays have not been ushered in this year with a very attractive sporting program and not the usual interest is manifest even in the university gymnasiums. The Ingle-side track is drawing a little less than the customary patronage and there is inclination to forget the dogs and rabbits.

There has been considerable controversy over the allegations that the California amateur boxers have been installing on money prizes. The rulings of the Amateur Athletic Union, according to the charges, are being set at defiance and money prizes are accepted by the entries. George James, secretary of the union, is making an investigation and a number of ambitious and greedy youngsters will probably be barred from the alliance. James says that he has been told of cases where money has been "slipped" to contestants in so-called prize cups and that many of the amateur fighters have become so accustomed to receiving cash that many of them demand recompense for a contest.

The decision of California to call off the football with Minnesota has been a great disappointment to lovers of the game. An immense crowd had gathered to witness the struggle on New Year's day and when the news came that California considered the concessions asked for by Minnesota too many and dangerous, there was a lot of grumbling. Ezra Decoto, California's manager thinks that there is a slight possibility that Minnesota will give in and negotiations may be resumed, but he adds "there is not much chance of this occurring." One of the principal stumbling blocks in the way of a satisfactory contract was the demand for expenses which is declared to have been exorbitant. Reports from other sources by Minnesota the California college was inclined to give in, but when the coin allowances rolled up the wires carried the reply: "We will have to call all negotiations off."

Jack Munroe's victory over Al Limerick in Boston has created various opinions here as to the miner's chances with Jeffries. Limerick is a new man of uncertain quality as a fighter and he is described as being a slow, tough hard hitter. Like most big fellows who have not acquired ring style he is awkward and unromantic. The report of Munroe's extraordinary and sudden acquirement of accuracy and speed is not credited. So many unreliable statements are made to the press concerning fighters these days that the average "fight puff" can be misled. This is a case of press agent work for ring contests and Munroe's latest achievements are worth swallowing with a grain of salina matter.

There is little chance that Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight, will meet Champion Jim Braddock in a California club in the near future. Johnson is on his way to his home at Galveston, Texas, and the small talk of his going East to meet the man from Los Angeles has ceased.

Young Corbett, who is beginning to be known as "the young man of many mysteries," because of his lack of spechmaking qualifications, is in fine fettle. The little boxer is an exception to the rule among some prizefighters of "talk as much as you can" and "intimidate" but he has a few self-encouraging words to say at the Beach tavern yesterday afternoon after a set-to with a very clever little chap named Jack Burke and a fast young man named Sanderson. Corbett tried out a few fast rounds with the latter and the two who were fortunate enough to be at hand saw some clever, fast fighting.

Corbett came to the floor after a spin in the park, and when stripped looked the perfect man. His flesh had a warm, clear glow, and his muscles were supple and hard. Then he went at Burke like a cat. The latter was game to the core and made a creditable stand, but he was slapped all over the ring until the blood came freely. He called the turn on the three rounds, for at the end of the third mill Corbett said: "I don't want to punch you any more. You have made too game a showing to be punished."

Hanon, at Croll's in Alameda, is not doing so many strenuous turns, although he is not neglecting any of his work. He does not seem to be in the least nervous about the outcome of the coming battle with his well-advertised adversary, and speaks of winning as though he was sure that he had as good a chance as the man at the beach for the long end of the purse. "I am not worrying," he says, "and the worst I will get will be a draw. I do not think that Corbett has improved to any great extent since his last contest with me, therefore I cannot see why there should be any inclination to give him place as a favorite. I am training carefully and trying to add to my speed. I am going to try to win this time, for I am sure that a victory will mean much to me."

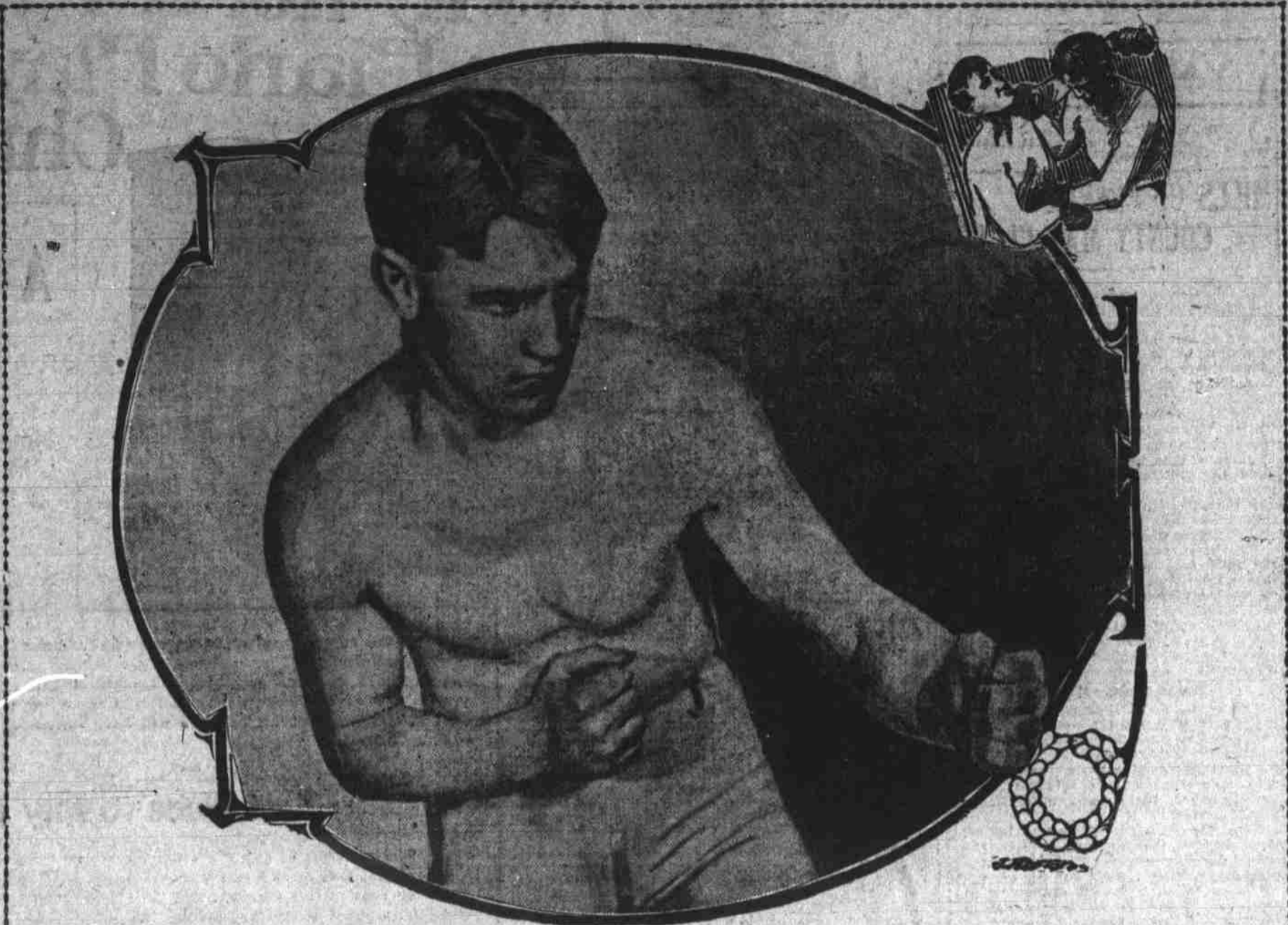
Gus Ruhlin, who is at Akron, O., says: "I am willing to fight Jeffries at any time and any place, and for any purse. If I fail to put him out in 24 rounds, I don't want a cent." Ruhlin has been in training for some time and is in good condition and ready for battle on short notice.

Jimmy Carroll, the ex-lightweight boxer of Boston, has signified his willingness to place his title on Jimmy Scanlon's chances of defeating Joe Millet before any California or eastern club in a 20-round go.

Dave Barry is getting busy in the tropics. He and Jack Weedy are putting in hard licks for a scheduled meeting at Honolulu on New Year's evening. Billy Woods, the Denver heavyweight, will referee.

Dan Creodon, whether he wins or loses, with Champion McCall at Melbourne, intends visiting England and America again. Creodon will first come to San Francisco and may possibly try to make a match under the auspices of a local club.

"Kid" McFadden, who is well remembered by Pacific Coast admirers of the flistic art, and George McMurray, met recently before the Marlboro club at Marlboro, Mass. The "Kid" fought a



CHAMPION YOUNG CORBETT IN HIS FAVORITE RING ATTITUDE. The Above Photograph of the Champion Is His Favorite and One of the Best Ever Taken of Him.

typically fast fight, but went down and out in the ninth.

A challenge to the winner of the Young Corbett-Hanlon fight comes from Artie Simms of Akron, O. Simms wants the weight set at 123 pounds at 3 o'clock.

OREGON FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE HONORED

In the annual selection of an All-American football team Walter Camp, the well-known authority on the college game, chooses two Oregon boys for prominent positions on that eleven. The Oregonians to win marked success on the gridiron in the East are Capt. Richard Smith of Columbia university and Martin Heston of the University of Michigan. Smith and Heston are both Southern Oregon lads.

Camp is the undisputed football authority of America and when he selects a man for a position on the All-American eleven it means that that man is the best man in the position indicated of all the college players.

In making the following selections Mr. Camp especially commended Heston, De Witt and Hogan as men of exceptional brilliancy. The selections for the All-American eleven are as follows:

- End—Henry, Princeton. Tackle—Hogan, Yale. Guard—De Witt, Princeton. Tackle—Knowlton, Harvard. End—Rafferty, Yale. Quarter—Johnson, Carlisle. Half—Heston, Michigan. Half—Kater, Princeton. Full—Smith, Columbia.

PUGILIST IS DEAD AS RESULT OF FIGHT

(Journal Special Service.) Sacramento, Dec. 21.—Thomas Prendergast, the prize fighter who was severely injured in a 20-round boxing contest with Kid Williams of Los Angeles last Friday night, died Saturday evening. After the fight Friday evening Prendergast left the ring apparently uninjured, and no sign of anything serious happened until his brother was awakened during the night by his labored breathing, and immediately called a physician. The injured man never recovered consciousness despite all the efforts of the medical man to arouse him, and died early Saturday evening. It seems that just before the close of the contest Williams rained a shower of blows at Prendergast's head, which the latter partially guarded by his gloves, but the force of the blows brought on concussion of the brain, and death followed. Kid Williams and his seconds are under arrest pending an examination by the coroner.

U. OF W. ELECTS OFFICERS.

(Journal Special Service.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—At the election of officers for the coming year at the University of Washington, Charles F. Sigrist was elected general manager and Fred McElmon was elected captain of the football eleven. The following were chosen to aid the general manager: Football manager, John R. Slattery; track manager, George Randall; baseball manager, W. C. Spaidel; basketball manager, Frank Waller; manager of women's athletics, Myra Flew.

Washington's new shell for this season's rowing will be completed by the middle of January. The big regatta with the University of California will come off in April.

ARRIVAL OF THE GROSEBEAK.

The regular annual visit of the pretty little evening grosbeak has been noticed. The birds are known to visit the lowlands and the cities when the snows of the mountains make foraging difficult. They can be seen each day skipping and twittering around the capacious lawns of some of Portland's fine residences, where bird forage is good.

STATED SIX ROUNDS WITH TERRY. (Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—In a six-round bout before the National Sporting club, Saturday evening, Billy Willis of this city stayed the limit with Terry McGovern, the former lightweight champion.

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BASEBALL ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS

C. F. SWIGERT CHOSEN AT A MEETING CHARACTERIZED BY HARMONIOUS PROCEEDINGS—REPORT OF FORMER PRESIDENT PRAEL—DELEGATES ELECTED.

The Portland Baseball association held its annual meeting in the Chamber of Commerce building Saturday afternoon, during which a new set of officers and directors was chosen. C. F. Swigert, who has but recently become interested in association affairs, was chosen president to succeed R. F. Prael, who has occupied that position since the resignation of J. P. Marshall. The new board of directors and officers were elected unanimously, Secretary Richards being instructed to so cast the ballot.

The officers chosen were: C. F. Swigert, president; J. F. Richards, secretary; R. W. Schmeer, treasurer, and A. Devers, W. A. Meares, Dom Zan and F. L. Fuller, directors. Retiring President Prael read the following report: "To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the Portland Baseball Association—Gentlemen: As your president did not take this office until the season was more than half over, and many of the most important events—with which I presume nearly all of the members are familiar—occurred during the previous administration under J. P. Marshall and the old board of directors, this report will necessarily be very brief.

"During the season the club played 38 games at home and about the same number away from home. I have not the exact figures at hand, as the number of scheduled games was not played because of bad weather. The season was not a success. The club finished in fifth position, but an analysis of the season shows the clubs finishing in second, third and fourth places really were a very few games ahead of the Browns. Had not our start in California been so poor, the club winning under Vignoux only five out of the 20 games played abroad, the final result would have seen the Browns easily in the first division. After the second visit to California your board of directors concluded that Vignoux's management was a failure and decided to drop him. This was done and W. Fred Ely was chosen manager. Under Mr. Ely's management an improvement in the playing of the team was almost immediately shown. Expenses of the club were reduced by dropping undesirable and unnecessary players.

"Manager Ely has signed up several players and has already a splendid nucleus for a team for next season. The club has an option on the present grounds for next season and has the first refusal on the park for 1922.

"Your secretary will report on financial results of the season later, but owing to illness and a rush of personal business he has been unable to prepare his statement so that it could be presented at this meeting. This report, however, will be ready; so he informs me, within 10 days.

"At the time of my taking office it was apparent that the club had underestimated the amount of capital necessary to meet the season's requirements. The original paid-in capital should have been larger. Unfortunately weather conditions and the great expenses forced upon the management on account of the baseball war called for a heavy outlay of money. Salaries were exorbitant, players jumped their contracts and did not return moneys advanced to them. Large amounts were needlessly spent for transportation for players and for telegraphic bills in an effort to get players to strengthen the team by the former management. Had it not been for friends of the association, who personally guaranteed the funds necessary, the association would have been embarrassed.

"The baseball war is over so far as Portland is concerned. The Pacific National League is practically eliminated, and with Tacoma in the league instead of Sacramento, I see in the Portland plant and franchise a very valuable asset. With the experience of the past to guide the future management, I believe the stock should be considered worth par. Our franchise in the Pacific Coast league has two years to run, and with the attendance in Portland—which, by the way, has been most gratifying—and with the large crowds that may daily be looked for during the Lewis and Clark fair, the losses of this year

should be offset and funds for future dividends earned." Secretary Richards reported that he would be ready to render a financial report in about 10 days, as his business had prevented him from completing his report in time for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. P. C. Spencer a vote of thanks was extended to retiring President Prael and the former board of directors.

President Swigert and Manager W. F. Ely were chosen to represent the club at the annual meeting of the league to be held in San Francisco on January 2, 1922.

DUCK SHOOTERS GET BUT SMALL BAGS

Yesterday brought disappointment to many of the duck shooters who visited the various shooting preserves along the Columbia, known as Tony Barber's, Salinas, Lumsen's, House's, Johnson's and other places, for they succeeded in bagging but a small percentage of what they expected. It did the wily duck elude the festive runner, who loudly proclaimed that he would secure many game fowl with which he would make the hearts of his friends joyous by presenting each with a brace of prime ducks. But alas, for his hopes, for after securing the services of a large express wagon to haul them to town in a small boy to count them, the gay sportsman succeeded in shooting but three ducks, one of which fell on another fellow's preserves and was lost. Such was the fate of one, if not several, of the local sportsmen, who banked on a splendid day's shoot, for the gamekeepers had been especially vigilant all week keeping off poachers, and had reported ducks galore.

But there was nothing doing, and those who had promised Christmas dinners endeavored to buy their more lucky brother sportsman's string while on the way to town on the "Mallard Limited" last evening. But ducks were so scarce that money could not buy them, so there will be many friends disappointed today and put to the necessity of purchasing a high-priced turkey.

DILLON MAY NOT GO TO BROOKLYN

Brooklyn is not the only big league club that was bidding for Frank Dillon's services next season. Washington and Chicago American clubs were after him, but Brooklyn was there stronger with the cash and he accepted its terms. In talking of his new arrangements Dillon said yesterday: "When the Los Angeles team was in San Francisco several months ago I received an offer from Danny Long to play on the Brooklyn team. I also received one from the Washington team of the American league, this offer being \$2,800 for the season. Some days later, when Mr. Morley asked me what I had done, I told him I had turned down the Washington offer. The Brooklyn people kept after me and I finally sent the management my terms and received an answer that the terms had been accepted. That's how the case stands at present. If I go I will play first base, but I don't know whether I will act as captain, it having been understood in the original negotiations that I would not charge any extra sum if I was made captain. I didn't have any contract with Morley for next season, but I had a verbal agreement, which is just about the same.

"I have no complaint to make against any one here, for no one could have been treated better in Los Angeles than I have been. I do not want any better manager to work under than Mr. Morley, and I am altogether satisfied with Los Angeles. I don't really know what I will do finally."

Morley says that although the management did not make any money this year in the baseball business, he went to Dillon after the season closed and voluntarily raised his last season contract price just \$400 because he appreciated Dillon's work for the club. Dillon was more than satisfied with this increase, Morley says. There is little

difference between what he now offers Dillon and the amount of the Brooklyn bid, but that he cannot offer Dillon another cent. Dillon says that if he goes East it will not be until the latter part of February.—San Francisco Bulletin.

MULTNOMAH TEAM DEFEATS CHEMAWA

INDIANS SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A FIRST GOAL, WHICH IN THE FIELD SCORE MADE AGAINST THE GUSKIBEN ON THEIR OWN GROUNDS THIS SEASON.

Multnomah 13; Chemawa 5. The above was the final score of the contest between the gridiron gladiators of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club of this city and their lighter opponents, the Chemawa Indians, of the Chemawa training school, near Salem, Or. The game was at times brilliantly played and was featured by the plucky defense of the sons of the forest and plain. The one unredempting point was the unnecessary delay in starting the contest, which was advertised to commence promptly at 2:30 o'clock, but it was almost an hour after that time when the teams made their appearance on the field. Just why such delays occur so frequently on occasions of this kind is hard to understand.

The dilly tactics which have marred several of the Multnomah contests of late undoubtedly had considerable to do with the small attendance that witnessed Saturday's game.

Chemawa kicked off at 2:30, and within seven minutes after that time the Multnomah players, by a series of line rushes and end runs, with Kirkley, McMillan, Corbett, Dolph and Eastman carrying the ball for 4, 7, 8 and 10-yard gains, sent Dolph over in a 10-yard rush for a touchdown. McMillan failed at a goal. Score 5 to 0.

The Indians got the ball shortly after it was put in play again, on a fumble, and after two unsuccessful attempts to gain yardage, they resorted to a punt, which took the ball to Multnomah's 20-yard line, when Foster secured the ball on Dolph's partially blocked return punt and succeeded in gaining a couple of yards before being downed. The Indians were again unsuccessful at a gain on the first two downs, and quickly formed for an attempt at a place kick for a goal from the field, which was successfully performed before the Multnomah tackles got out of their tracks. Decker making a perfect kick square between the goal posts. Score 5 to 5.

In a series of line plunges and long runs, marred occasionally by fumbles on both sides, Multnomah succeeded in making two more touchdowns in the second half. McMillan, Kirkley, Kerri-

gan, Corbett and Eastman proved to be Multnomah's best ground-gainers, while Ross, Jordan and Pratt tackled splendidly.

McKinnon was hurt early in the game and for a short period Multnomah played with but ten men, there not being a clubman in uniform available as a substitute. It was while thus handicapped that the punting duel occurred which eventually resulted in a place kick of goal by Decker.

Kirkley played a swell game, being always to the fore, and in almost every instance gained from 5 to 20 yards before being downed. Kirkley was relieved by Zan during the last ten minutes of play. Zan immediately distinguished himself by going through the Indians' line for a gain of 20 yards, aided by excellent interference by Corbett.

Without Saunders the Indians would have met a 40 to 0, or worse, defeat. The big fellow was in every play, and not a yard did the local men gain through his territory. Teabo gave an exhibition of hurdling, when he eluded Dolph's tackling by jumping clear over that worthy's head, that was worth witnessing.

The Indians were outgeneraled throughout the contest, and it is only a remarkable piece of luck that enabled them to score. It is to be hoped that hereafter contests will start at the advertised time.

The teams lined up as follows: Chemawa. Position. Multnomah. Foster.....L. E. R.....Jordan Saunders.....L. E. R.....Eastman Godwin.....L. E. R.....McKinnon and Bender.....L. G. R.....Griva McCully.....C.....Kellar Feason.....E. B. L.....Ross Welfeldt.....R. T. L.....Kirkley Zan Bensen.....R. E. L.....Pratt Harris, Teabo.....Q.....Kerrigan Davis.....L. H. R.....Corbett Moon.....R. H. L.....McMillan Decker, Lucien.....F.....Dolph Officials—Templeton and Downs.

SALEM KENNEL SHOW A SUCCESS.

The local dog fanciers who participated in the Salem bench show returned yesterday and are enthusiastic in their praise of the Salem Kennel club's first exhibition, which, it seems, was a success. When taken into consideration that the Salem club is but recently organized, their successful exhibition is all the more commendable. It is the intention of the club to hold another exhibition next year, and the well-paid efforts of the members in the past week's exhibition will greatly enhance their efforts in the next show.

TO PLAY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

There will be a game of association football played next Sunday at the National baseball park, between the Ilwaco team and the Eastern Oregon aggregation, representing Condon and Fossil.

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