

# TODAY'S SHORTING GOSSIP

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## FRANK HOWE WINS THE INMAN MEDAL

### TRAP SHOOTING SEASON OPENED YESTERDAY AT CITY VIEW PARK WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE—NO ONE ABLE TO WIN THE LIPMAN PRIZE.

The opening of the trap shooting season yesterday was participated in by the most enthusiastic marksmen of the Multnomah Rod and Gun club, in spite of the unpleasant weather.

A drizzling rain prevailed, during the shooting, somewhat handicapping some of the contestants, but nevertheless some fine scores were made.

Frank Howe captured the Inman medal, by scoring 46 out of a possible 50.

No one was able to capture the Lipman cup which is offered for a consecutive score of 35 birds.

J. E. Cullison scored the highest average in the regular shoot, making the fine record of 88 out of a possible 100.

Carlson, Hoggar, Abraham and Storey made good scores.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score, Percentage. Lists names like Cullison, Carlson, Caldwell, etc.

## OLD ATHLETES TO ENTER BIG MEET

Sheldon, the old Yale athlete and the present world's amateur champion shot-putter; Dewitt of Princeton, together with the Pennsylvania stars, have been invited to compete in the shot-put at the athletic meet to be given in the Second Regiment armory, Philadelphia on the evening of March 13.

This should make a very interesting event. Sheldon has recently come within eight inches of the American record. Dewitt is one of the best shotputters in the colleges, while both Smith, Penn's and Dewitt are world class.

Dewitt is especially admired on account of his great football prowess. Princeton men the world over will look back to his record of 1903 with feelings of appreciation and gratitude.

## CRACK SPRINTER TO COACH NAVAL MEN

Annapolis, Md., March 7.—Bernard J. Wefers, the former crack sprinter of Georgetown university, arrived in Annapolis today, and will at once take charge of the candidates for the naval academy which are being trained in which branch of athletics the navy is taking special interest this season.

Wefers is widely known as the holder of the world's sprinting record for 120 yards, making the distance in 11 3/5 seconds. Arthur P. Duffy, another Georgetown man, now holds the world's record for 100 yards, his time being 9 3/5 seconds.

## DARTMOUTH LOSES FOOTBALL CENTER

Henry J. Hooper, 1907, Dartmouth's famous football center, died last week, following an attack of appendicitis, for which an operation was performed on Thursday last at Hanover, N. H.

Hooper was 30 years of age. His home was in Exeter. At the close of the football season last fall he was chosen by many critics as the center for the All-American football team.

## TIGER BALLPLAYERS.

Princeton, N. J., March 7.—The 'Varsity baseball candidates were called last week by Captain Stevens. Over 65 men responded, of whom 15 were the pick of the freshmen class.

## HOLLANDEE AFTER JEFFRIES.

New York, March 7.—Harry Plaacke, the Holland heavyweight boxer, who claims the championship of Europe, has arrived here and is looking for a match with Jeffries. Clark Bell, who was Jeffries' manager until the Munroe imbroglio at Butte last spring, is to manage the American tour of the new aspirant for championship honors.

## BLOOD

On account of its frightfulness, blood poisoning is commonly feared. It may be either hereditary or contracted. Once the system is tainted with the disease any manly effort in the form of sports, labor, or business is bound to be unproductive.

## POISON

Dr. Brown's Blood Cure, a small bottle, for sale in Portland only by Frank Van...

## GRAND TROTTING CIRCUIT UNDER WAY

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—Plans are now stated to be under way for the formation of a grand trotting circuit embracing the states of Utah, Montana and Washington.

It is said to be the intention of those interested in the project, for such a circuit, given by each city located in the circuit, such city to be responsible for its own losses only.

Of those cities proposed for the circuit the following have been named: Butte, Anaconda, Missoula, in Montana; Salt Lake and Ogden, in Utah; and Spokane and Seattle, in Washington.

The scheme is to provide seven weeks' racing, each city to have one week.

Advices from Montana state that George S. Klotz, a prominent handicapper of Butte, is now figuring on the circuit, and the following gentlemen who are interested in fast horse flesh are understood to be behind the movement: Fred Steining and Tyler Thompson of Missoula; Dr. Hanson of Butte; Judge English and John Calkins of Anaconda; and Mr. Huffman, owner of several good trotters.

## GIANTS REPORT TO M'GRAW IN SOUTH

Savannah, Ga., March 7.—The baseball players who will compose the New York National league team this season reported to Manager McGraw here today in readiness to begin the spring practice work. They are Dunn, Brown, McCormick, Motes, Dahler, Devlin, Gilbert, McGinn, Bowman, Warner, Brennan, Minnehan, Nops, Milligan, Whitte, Ames, Taylor, McGinnity and Matthewson.

The team will stay a week in this city and then go to Birmingham to limber up for two weeks. Little Rock, Nashville and Mobile will be visited in turn and on April 6 the players will start for home.

## OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE RACE ON MARCH 26

The Oxford-Cambridge boat race will, it is stated, be rowed on Saturday, March 26, the original fixture. A short time ago it was announced that the contest would be rowed on March 30, but this will be the middle of Holy Week, and was objected to. Owing to the heavy rains and floods, the crews have not progressed as well as might be expected, but they are doing their best under the circumstances.

The Oxford crew has been weakened by the retirement of its president, who is suffering from a bad knee. His place has been taken by A. R. Balfour.

## BUFFALO HOLDS AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Buffalo, N. Y., March 7.—City Convention hall was filled to overflowing today at the opening of the automobile show under the auspices of the Automobile club of Buffalo. The show far surpasses that held here last year in both number and variety of the exhibits.

There are several hundred cars on display, including many of the most interesting exhibits at the late New York and Chicago shows. The exhibition will continue through the remainder of the week, and the attendance promises to be exceedingly large.

## J. P. MORGAN'S DOGS WILL BE PRESENT

Chicago, Ill., March 7.—A bench show under the auspices of the Collie Club of America opens in Milwaukee tomorrow and will continue through Wednesday, when a majority of the entries will be taken to Chicago for the week. The exhibition includes prize winning dogs from many of the most famous kennels of America, including Pierpont Morgan's great kennel of collies.

## BASEBALL AT FULLMAN COLLEGE.

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—The baseball men at the Washington state college at Pullman are feeling quite jubilant over the prospects for a good team this season, as all the signs point to the best of the freshmen class.

The baseball prospects are exceedingly brilliant. A larger squad has been practicing for the last two months than in any previous year. With the exception of Wallace and Hamlin, last year's players are all back again. Combined with these old players is a promising lot of new material.

The college was fortunate in securing the services of J. N. Ashmore of the University of Illinois for coach.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE MEETING.

South Bend, Ind., March 7.—The baseball magnates of the Central league began a meeting at the Oliver House today to conclude arrangements for the coming season. The adopting of the schedule is the chief business of the meeting, although there are several other matters to come up for settlement.

It is still some talk of the possible transfer of the Marion franchise to Peoria, but those best informed as to the league affairs are of the opinion that the Indiana city will retain its membership.

Contracts approved. Spokane, Wash., March 7.—President Lutz has approved contracts forwarded by McCloskey for Boise and made with Eddie Hammond, George F. Babbitt, Erven Jensen and Charles H. Elsey. Elsey was signed by McCloskey when the manager was here last.

Kid Hatten would like to meet Frank Freeman in one of the preliminaries at Oregon City on the 10th of this month. Hatten is anxious to know what Freeman thinks of this plan.

## PORTLAND BROWNS DOWN BAKERSFIELD

### BRILLIANT TEN-INNING CONTEST CAPTURED BY THE OREGON PLAYERS—DRENNAN, CASTRO, SHEA AND BUTLER PLAY GILT-EDGE BALL.

Bakersfield, Cal., March 7.—In a hard fought, well played game yesterday afternoon the Portland Browns defeated the Bakersfield team by the score of 4 to 3. It required 10 innings to decide the contest, for in the eighth a couple of errors allowed Huston's men to tie the score. Kerby Drennan started the scoring for the Portlands in the second inning, when he found Westlake's delivery decidedly to his liking and smashed the ball for one of the longest drives ever seen here, which netted him clearance papers for the complete tour of the sacks.

Drennan, however, seemed to live up to the Portland's swat sticks, for they kept up a continual bombardment of Westlake's crotch during the rest of the game, and only some sensational fielding on the part of Murdock at third, Burke and Raymer at short and second, and Householder in the outfield, kept the score down.

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## COMMERCIAL BOWLERS DEFEAT MULTNOMAH

The Commercial club bowlers won an exciting contest from the Multnomahs Saturday evening. The finish was decidedly close, only 31 pins being the margin by which the Commercial won. Buck of the Multnomahs made the highest total score of 180, but the majority of the Commercial made the highest score in one game, making a score of 90 in his second game.

Peterson of Commercial and Menefee of Commercial are tie for the second highest score, with 55 each. The scores: Multnomah—Rogers 25 45 38 45-140; McCabe 32 42 38 28-139; Peterson 22 44 55 28-149; Knight 23 44 45 34-146; Buck 47 47 33 53-180.

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## WATERHOUSE CUP EVENT.

and Outburst finished as named. 8 to 1 shot, won the \$4,250 Waterhouse cup event at Emeryville Saturday. Results: Waterhouse cup, 2 1/2 miles, value \$1,250; Grafer, 105, Crosswater, 8 to 1; Veterano, 104, J. Martin, 3 to 1; second, Horatius, 195, Powell, 11 to 1; third, time 3:58. Lucy Crawford, Horton, The Way, Ric Shannon, Modicum and Outburst finished as named.

COMPANY H WINS FROM K. Company H won the indoor baseball game from Company K, in the armory Saturday evening by the overwhelming score of 49 to 2. Batteries: Austin, Kramer, for H, and McKay and Morrow, for K.

COLUMBIA DEFEATS HIGH SCHOOL. The baseball game between the Columbia University and the Portland High School nines, which was played Saturday, resulted in a victory for the 'varsity' players by the score of 10 to 1.

JUNIORS DEFEAT RINGLERS. The basketball game Saturday evening between the Ringlers and the Juniors Multnomahs was won by the latter by the score of 12 to 10.

## SPOKANE BAKERS START BREAD WAR

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—A merry war is on among the bakers. Price cutting has been going on for the past month but it has only been in the last few days that cutting has become general. Formerly the price to the wholesaler was 25 leaves for \$1, but recently a cut was made and some of the bakers started giving 28 leaves for the same price. Yesterday a still further cut was made, and wholesalers are now receiving 30 leaves for \$1. There is no agreement of the bakers' association whereby a member can be even fined for price cutting, but it is now being suggested that such a law be taken at the next meeting of the association.

It is understood that a meeting of the association will soon be called and an effort be made to bring about an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. Just how soon this meeting will be called is yet a matter of doubt.

## WHAT SHIPS MAY COME IS NOT KNOWN

Local officers of the Portland-Asiatic company state that while it is probable that the Indravadi will take the place of the Indravadi, whose charter expires March 25, nothing definite is known about it. Unless rechartered this will be the last trip of the Indravadi to Portland. Her charter will expire about the time she arrives in the Orient. Captain Craven says that he is in the dark as to what kind of a change is to be made. If the Indravadi does come here he says it is very probable he will exchange on the Portland run.

There is also the same degree of uncertainty concerning the Indrapura. Her charter to the Portland-Asiatic company expires on May 1, and it has been learned through semi-official sources that she is to be succeeded by the Indramayo. Before the expiration of her charter she will be able to make but one trip to Portland. The steamer is due to arrive here about the first week in April.

## MARINE REPAIR JOB.

Engineering London gives an account of a repair job done at the Northam Iron works, Southampton, on the steamship Ninewa. The vessel arrived in Southampton water on Wednesday, January 6, with a fractured intermediate cylinder. A board of trade and Lloyd's survey was held on board the following morning, when it was decided to bore out the cylinder and fit in a cast iron cylinder, together with long vertical stays to strengthen the fractured parts of the cylinder. This work necessitated the turning down of the old piston and fitting the same with new junk ring, floating rings and packing rings. The liner was cast, bored out, and fitted in place, and then left on her voyage to the Cape and Australia at 8 o'clock on the following Friday morning, January 15; the whole work being carried out in seven days from the commencement to the entire satisfaction of the company's officers and the surveyors. The cast weight of the liner was over two tons.

## BANQUET OF BADGES.

New York, March 7.—The Wisconsin society of New York is to give its first annual banquet tonight and elaborate arrangements have been completed for the function. Governor LaFollette will be present and deliver an address, and Postmaster-General Payne, Senators Quaker and Spooner and other distinguished sons of the Badger state are expected to be present.

## LAPS MAKE LITTLE OUTWARD SHOW

### F. S. KELLY WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM LAND OF RISING SUN TELLS OF QUEER WAYS OF THE LITTLE BROWN MEN—ARE VERY PATRIOTIC.

The Japanese shows his patriotism not in loud hurrahs, in fiery speechmaking, in the sounding of martial music or the waving of banners and flags; but in the heartiness with which he subscribes to his nation's cause and the promptness with which he steps forward in the emperor's call to arms. F. S. Kelly, representing the Portland Flouring Mills company, who has just returned from nine weeks in the Orient, from personal observations, has thus formed his opinion of the little brown man.

"I left Japan on February 19," said Mr. Kelly, "and saw the entire country as wrought up by the war, the outward show of feeling that characterizes the American, the Englishman or the German, is not in evidence. Nearly every store is decorated with flags. It is true, and there is some demonstration about the recruiting stations, but on the whole the Japanese are 'having nothing and saving wood.'"

Mr. Kelly left Portland for Japan December 28 last. During the trip he visited Yokohama, Nagasaki, Kobe and other Japanese towns but did not leave the islands. The firm represented by Mr. Kelly is one of the heaviest shippers of flour into the Orient and Mr. Kelly succeeded in making several large contracts for early consignments of wheat stuffs.

"Since war was declared, up until the time I left," he said, "the opening of business has been stagnated on the market, all vessels and the railroads of the island empire are required for the transportation of troops and munitions of war and the result is the piling up of cargoes at the docks and no chance to transport the goods inland."

Mr. Kelly, who is personally acquainted with Oscar King Davis, one of the well-known eastern war correspondents, met him at the Imperial hotel in Kobe. "I became acquainted with Mr. Davis about a year ago, when he en route to Manila," said Mr. Kelly. "I also saw Jack London, the magazine writer and correspondent at Shimmon-estri. At that time London was preparing to depart for Korea. As a matter of fact most of the war correspondents shut up in Kobe, with promises from the Japanese government that they will be allowed to go to the front with the next expedition. All news coming into Japan is subjected to rigid censorship and it is my opinion that even the correspondents are not aware of all that is going on. There is an abundance of foreign adventurers and soldiers of fortune. The government won't allow them in, and about the only foreigners in the country, drawn there by the war, are the correspondents."

"Japan is flooded with newspapers, and extras are published and eagerly sought. As far as the government will permit, every one is well informed of the operations in Korea."

The trade of his company with Korean and Russian ports, in Mr. Kelly's opinion, will be retarded by the war, as the Japanese will not allow any merchant vessel to pass in. "The climate when I left," he continued, "was freezing, but not disagreeable. The hotels are a little cold, but the cold weather is about past. I returned on the Empress of India and had an unusual voyage of 13 days."

Mr. Kelly is suffering from the effects of an obstructed gland in his left eye and Saturday morning underwent an operation to relieve it. He is able to be at his desk.

## NEED \$8,000 TO ENTERTAIN GUESTS

A meeting of the executive committee of the Multnomah Branch No. 82, National Association of Letter Carriers, was held yesterday to formulate plans for obtaining money for the entertainment of delegates to the national convention, to be held in Portland next summer.

It was decided to get up a handsome illustrated souvenir in book form. It will contain photographs of the president of the United States and other prominent government officials, the officers of the Letter Carriers' association, prominent Portland people and many scenes in and around this city, besides reading matter descriptive of the state and city. The business houses of the city will be asked to take advertising space and it is from this source that the postmen hope to raise the main portion of the money they need. Canvassers will be put to work this week and will continue until every business man in this section has had the opportunity presented to him.

Eight thousand dollars is the sum required to provide for the convention. Four years ago Minneapolis raised this sum for the convention in anticipation of securing it for the following year and each succeeding year she has been unable to get it. This sum being on deposit that city made a very hard fight against Portland and her delegates included the majority to agree on Portland as the next meeting place, conditioned that she would raise as much money as Minneapolis had done.

The members of the local branch are assessed 25 cents a month for the convention fund. There are now 90 members in this branch and it soon will be increased to over 100.

Negotiations are now in progress with the Lewis and Clark Fair officials to secure an engagement for the band of the New York City brass during the fair. It numbers 70 pieces and is said to be the equal of any band in that city.

James C. Keller, the national president, is expected to arrive here in the near future in the interest of the coming convention. The executive committee is composed of Frank Stewart, chairman; E. A. Moulton, H. C. Hutchinson, W. P. Lyman and G. W. Feathers.

## SECURITIES NOT THOUGHT AVAILABLE

The action of Portland business men in declining the offer of J. J. Healey to promote trade interest between Alaska ports and this city is given an explanation by Henry Hahn of Wadham's & company.

"We feel the promoter should have some substantial interest or investment in any corporation we might form to exploit the Alaska trade," said Mr. Hahn, "and as there is considerable doubt as to Capt. J. J. Healey's securities being available for cash at this time, we concluded not to accept his offer. His proposition was that he would take a \$25,000 interest in the corporation, to be represented by certain securities that he has. These were not acceptable to a majority of the merchants who had the matter under consideration. Many of them expressed themselves as being willing to embark in such an enterprise, but the promoter, if he is to have the active management, should make a very substantial investment in the corporation. This will be the only way of the matter, suppose, at least so far as Capt. Healey is concerned. We may take the subject up again, but along different lines than those offered us."

Mr. Hahn is chairman of the committee on Capt. Healey's proposition under investigation. Capt. Healey left Saturday night for Seattle.

## CAPTAIN BAKER OPENS THE BIDS FOR OATS

Bids have been opened at Portland and Seattle for supplying 1,500 tons of oats to the government, which will be sent to Manila on the British steamship Inverness. The Portland bids were opened by Captain Jesse M. Baker, distributing quartermaster. They are as follows: Albers Bros. offered 500 tons of No. 1 at \$26.30; 500 tons of No. 2 at \$27.25; 750 tons of No. 1 at \$28 and 750 tons of No. 2 at \$28.25, delivered at the firm's dock in 30 days.

Kerr, Gifford & Co. offered 500 tons at \$26.42; 1,000 tons at \$26.67, and 1,000 tons at \$26.85, delivered at Montebello at any time during the last half of this month.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. bid \$1.23 for 100 pounds of No. 1 gray oats, for 500 tons; the same figure for white; \$1.41 for No. 2 white, and \$2.43 for a better grade of No. 2, to be delivered at Oceanic dock within 30 days.

G. W. Simpson bid \$26.70 on 100 tons of white; \$26.70 on 100 tons of gray; 100 tons of either white or gray at \$27.20.

George A. Westgate of Albany offered to furnish 500 tons of gray oats averaged 37 minutes to the bushel for \$26.55 at 1,000 tons of No. 1 on red oats, gray and white, at \$27.95 a ton, to be delivered here within 15 days after the acceptance of the proposals.

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### PORTLAND LETTER CARRIERS HOPE TO RAISE THIS SUM FOR COMING NATIONAL CONVENTION OF POSTMEN—SOUVENIR BOOK WILL BE ISSUED SOON.

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