

# NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

## AN EIGHT-TOWN LEAGUE IS TALK

### Tri-City Officials Will Make Trip Over the Proposed Circuit.

An eight-town semi-professional baseball league to comprise clubs from the east and west side of Portland, St. Johns, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem, Albany and Woodburn, will probably furnish amusement for the Willamette valley fans next summer. About January 15 president C. A. Whitmore and Secretary Smith of the present Tri-City league will go over the proposed circuit and confer with the club management in the various cities to see what can be done in the way of organization.

With the organization of an eight-town league the Tri-City organization of last year will go out of existence. The Tri-City has never been so popular as when it was a semi-professional league, and it is very likely that a larger league was launched and became a permanent thing.

While the matter has only been discussed through correspondence it is said that the upper valley towns are anxious to come within the fold and each place will put in a strong team. All of them are good baseball towns and the team stands excellent and are finishing the season with money in the treasury.

Just how the schedule will be maintained throughout the season remains to be worked out when the proposed organization has taken definite shape. If it is an active factor in the baseball world it is very likely that the league will be divided into two sections, making four teams for each. To reduce expenses the four towns in the southern division—Woodburn, Albany, Salem and Eugene—will play a separate schedule from that of the northern division. The training teams in each section would then meet in a post season series to determine the actual champion team of the league.

It is probable that soon after the return of the two officials to Portland a meeting will be called and representatives of the various clubs will attend to talk over the situation. One of the principal reasons for expansion is the desire to do away with the teams advertising various business houses, as was the case with the Tri-City league.

Principals in the dispute over the selection of a manager for the Olympic team, which will contest in London next summer. On the left is Martin Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic club, New York, the hero of the Athens games, and on the right is George Bonham, crack distance runner of the same organization. These athletes protest against M. F. Halpin, whose photo appears as manager, asserting that he was boorish at Athens. Halpin has been placed in charge of the team.



## BASKETBALL TO START FRIDAY

### Six City Schools Will Strive for Championship at Indoor Game.

Next Friday night the season of the interscholastic basketball league will be inaugurated with a game between the teams of the West Side high school and Columbia university at Columbia university gymnasium. The league is composed of six teams, East and West Side high schools, Allen Preparatory, Hill Military, Portland academy and Columbia university. All games are to be played in the big gymnasium of Columbia university.

This is the first year that anything like this has been attempted, so that it is hard to get any line on what the different teams will do, but it is a safe bet that the Columbia team will be close to that place. The Columbia team is composed of strong fast players, all of whom have participated in some other branch of athletics. They are as follows: Walker, center; Gleason and Dooley, forwards; McDonald and Pomeroy, guards. McDonald is the only one of this bunch who has not been on some of the teams from the university. Walker, Dooley and Pomeroy were all stars on the basketball team of the university last year.

Of the other teams nothing at all is known. The Hill boys have just returned from a two weeks' vacation, and can hardly be in shape to play their best games for at least three weeks.

West Side high school turned out for practice Friday night, and while they have not had any material it will take time to pick a team from this bunch. After the team is named the team work will have to be perfected so that West Side will be in just as bad shape as Hill.

East Side has a light team, but they have been practicing faithfully, and may spring a few surprises. Their lineup is as follows: Graham (captain) and Burdick, forwards; Barker, center; and Leonard, guards.

Portland academy and Allen are dark horses in the race, and their strength is unknown. Portland has been practicing for some weeks before the holidays, and will probably be in good shape when the season opens. Allen has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, and this game will probably show the relative strength of the two teams.

Nobody knows just what the Allen boys will do, but tales are heard about their playing, which is remarkably strong for the other teams. Their team is said to be composed of tall, rangy boys, who are well capable of taking care of themselves in a rough game. Next week will see the problem solved.

## CALENDAR OF SPORT FOR THE WEEK

- Monday—Conference of minor and major league representatives in Cincinnati. Georgia field trials at Waynesboro, Georgia.
- Tuesday—Lone Star field trials at San Antonio, Texas. Annual meeting of Atlantic Baseball league at Easton, Pennsylvania. Joe Walcott vs. Jimmy Gardner, 10 rounds, at Boston. Meeting of the national board of the National Association of Minor League clubs at Cleveland.
- Wednesday—Johnny Coulton vs. 'Kid' Murphy, 10 rounds, at Peoria, Illinois.
- Thursday—Al Delmont vs. Joe Wagner, 15 rounds, at Thornton, Rhode Island.
- Friday—Tournament of the Jews and Northwestern Bowling association opens in Sioux City.
- Saturday—Intercollegiate basketball contest between Pennsylvania and Princeton at Philadelphia. Intercollegiate basketball contest between Cornell and Columbia at Ithaca.

## SMALL LEAGUES ASK BETTER PROTECTION

### At Conference Today Little Fellows Demand Protection From Majors.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Decisions that will have an important bearing on the future of organized baseball will probably be reached at the conference in session here today between a special committee, appointed by President Powers of the National Association of Minor League clubs, and the members of the national commission. The conference is the result of the dissatisfaction long felt by the minor leaguers over the agreement governing their relations with the major organizations.

The minor league people believe that they have been given the worst of it, and they want a new agreement that will better protect their interests. The dissatisfaction among the minor leaguers has almost reached the point of open revolt. The major league magnates have awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and are believed to be disposed to make some concessions to the smaller organizations.

The problem of drafting and purchasing players is the point at issue. The complaint of the existing practice in this regard comes principally from class A teams, which have been rigidly closed year by year. In order to get players cheap the National American league teams have been in the habit of taking them from the smaller organizations, going even as low as class D teams, in order to avoid having to make a good record to get them.

The minor leaguers believe that the only way to wipe out the evil is to reach an agreement limiting the drafting and purchasing of players to seven men to a team each season.

## BILLY DELANEY MAY MAKE NEW CHAMPION

### Manager Who Brought Corbett and Jeffries to Front Has Al Kaufman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Jan. 6.—Congratulations to Billy Delaney.

Billy surely has the knack of turning out champions. It was Delaney who brought out Corbett and handled him in the great fight with Sullivan. He discovered Jeffries, a nobody, took him up to the ring with Corbett, and carried him along from one fight to another until he beat Fitzsimmons, the holder of a world's championship in his list. It looks now very much as if he would add another.

But Delaney isn't in a hurry. He's taking his time. Al Kaufman is only a youngster, not fully grown or hardened yet. Delaney is carrying him along up to the limit.

Delaney made a mistake in matching Kaufman against O'Brien for his first professional fight, although Al nearly outlasted O'Brien in the early rounds. But after that he decided to let the big blacksmith grow a little before he took him on.

Kaufman's victory over Jack Twinn Sullivan puts him in line for a fight with Burns, the world champion, in the near future. Burns would fight him up again after whipping Hart and O'Brien. But he can't get away from Kaufman's challenge. In the first place, Kaufman is a real heavyweight, weighing about 200 pounds. He has been winning his fights with knockouts. And Kaufman is an American, and he's from the Canadian will have to meet him if he continues fighting in this country.

## LITTLE MORAN GOES ON STAGE FOR SPELL

### Attell Unwilling to Do 120 Pounds for Frankie Neil, Dad Says.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Owen Moran expects to leave for Chicago some time today. Through his manager, Charlie Harvey, the little English fighter, has signed articles for a 30-round fight for the world's heavyweight championship.

The bout will take place in Dublin on March 7, St. Patrick's day, for a purse of \$7,500 and a side bet of \$2,500. They will fight under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. It is reported in sporting circles here that Richard Croker, former Tammany leader in New York, is financially backing Roche.

This Day in Sport Annals.

1842—At Wexham, New Jersey, two New York pugilists, Elliott and Winkler, fought 95 rounds under London prize ring rules, with bare knuckles, ending in a draw.

1881—At Springfield, Massachusetts, David L. Dowd lifted, hands alone, 1,317 pounds.

1882—At New York, in a cushion carom match for \$1,000, Maurice Daly defeated William Sexton by score of 500 to 487.

1886—Al Kaufman, pugilist, born in San Francisco.

1903—At Milwaukee, Charles Neary knocked out Jack Dougherty in third round.

Holy Snod.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The holy synod has decreed that while soldiers are in the military service they cannot change their religion, it being their duty to remain orthodox.

## TOURMALINE

### How the Mines of Burma Are Worked—Some Rare Finds.

From the London Globe.

Tourmaline is a beautiful mineral known according to its color by the name of emerald. The pale blue or bluish-green is indolite, the Berlin blue is called by jewelers Brazilian emerald, and so on.

Tourmaline is found in separate crystals in the interstices of hard granite-like rocks.

Some of the mines are worked by the natives, but occasionally profitable when they have leisure to dig down eight or ten feet on the soft surface of the ground. The veins are very small, and are only a few inches wide.

One mine, C. S. George, deputy commissioner, Ruby mines district, Burma, has been worked for many years. This system is called Katha, and is the original ruby diggings at Katha. The mine is worked by the ordinary Twinnion method, but the shafts are only four or five feet square. By custom the owner of the shaft is entitled to extend his workings underground from the center of the shaft.

The vein is formed by a vein of quartz, hard granite and mica, the interior of which the tourmaline is found, at times adhering loosely to the rock, at others lying separately in the loosey loosey of the quartz. When a vein is once found it is followed up as far as possible, subject to the usual caveats of the mine.

What, however, makes the mining so exciting and at the same time keeps the industry fluctuating is the fact that the veins are only found intermittently in the vein.

One may get several in the length of one yard, and they will usually contain a vein yielding crystals every one who can commence digging along the line of the vein. It is a long job to see whether, when the vein is reached, there will be tourmaline therein. Adjoining Twinnions are usually different in size, and it is calculated that at least two thirds of the shafts sunk yield nothing at all, while only an occasional shaft will be successful.

Of the 63 Twinnions at the time of Mr. George's visit only three were yielding, and of these only one was of the highest quality stone. The veins are fairly deep down, none having ever been reached at a lesser depth than 40 fathoms, while the ordinary depth is 40 or 50 cubits; when the vein takes a downward direction it is followed as far as possible, but it is rarely over about 60 cubits, for at that depth the futility of the dirt puts the lamps out. The vein is put the lamps out.

The vein is said rarely, if ever, to show an outcrop, and it is a matter of great speculation whether the prospecting anywhere would be laborious. There has been some talk of a rush. The first find, each causing a rush. The first find, each causing a rush. The first find, each causing a rush.

## AMERICAN CHAMPIONS FOR NINETEEN SEVEN

- Amateur athletics: Martin J. Sheridan
- Archery: Harry E. Richardson
- Baseball: George Slatton
- Billiards (amateur): Calvin Demarest
- Billiards (prof. 18.1): Jacob Schaefer
- Boxing (prof. 18.1): James Lewis
- Boxing (heavyweight): Thos. Burns
- Boxing (lightweight): Joe Gans
- Boxing (middleweight): Abe Attell
- Boxing (welterweight): Emanuel Lasker
- Boxing (bantamweight): J. H. Sellers
- Boxing (featherweight): Alio Ross
- Boxing (lightweight): Jerome D. Traversa
- Golf (women): Margaret Curtis
- Golf (open): Walter Drew
- Hockey: Walter Curtis
- Pool: Thomas Houston
- Racquetball: Charles Croker
- Roller Skating: Harley Davidson
- Hoque: Harold Bosworth
- Hrowing: Frank Bennett
- Shooting (trap): A. O. Berg
- Shooting (revolver): W. G. Briant
- Shooting (rifle): W. G. Briant
- Skating (prof.): Norval Baptie
- Skating (amateur): Morris Wood
- Swimming: W. A. Larned
- Tennis (Western): Nat Emerson
- Tennis (women): Evelyn Sears
- Tennis (intercollegiate): F. Gardner
- Wrestling: Frank Gotch

## MOTOR BOAT CIRCUIT IS FIXED FOR FLORIDA

### Commodore Allen Trophy of Captured Silver Pieces Will Be Prize.

St. Augustine, Ormond, Daytona, Rockledge and Lake Worth, with Miami, in all probability, will compose the motor-boat circuit in Florida this winter. The race for the Commodore Allen trophy will be contested along the canal from St. Augustine to Lake Worth, with controls at these points between the start and the finish.

The Allen trophy is a handsome affair, constructed of silver pieces captured on the Maria Theresa, and a great many boats will compete for it. The race along the canal will be both interesting and instructive and will be followed by a number of non-competing boats throughout the long journey. The local tournaments along the route will provide ample entertainment for all who are interested in this kind of sport.

The Lake Worth tournament, always a great affair in the past, will be an even greater affair this year, owing to the presence of an even greater number of large boats than last year. The dates at Lake Worth are March 11, 18 and 19, with six events each day.

Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headaches, lacked ambition, work went out and all run down. Hardock Blood-Bitters made me a well woman. Mrs. Charles Prattoy, Moosup, Connecticut.

## HONORS EVEN IN THIS BASKETBALL CONTEST

### Albany, Or., Jan. 6.—The high school boys and girls of Woodburn played the boys and girls of the local high school a double header in basketball, and the result was an even contest.

## IMPORTANT SESSION OF SOLONS IN OHIO

### Legislature of Ohio Convened Today with All Indications Pointing to a Busy and Important Session.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6.—The legislature of Ohio convened today with all indications pointing to a busy and important session. Much unfinished business was left over when the session adjourned last April, and a number of additional measures of importance are to be introduced.

Among the measures which come over from the last session are two of first importance. One is the Rose county local option bill, which is now in the hands of the senate committee on temperance. The fight on this measure will be made in the senate. The friends of temperance are decidedly in control on the house side and the liquor interests appreciate the fact that if the measure is defeated it must be accomplished in the senate.

Next in importance is the primary election law bill, which was hung up at the last session. The opponents of primary election reform considered the disposal of the bill at the last session as a victory in their favor. The advocates of the measure, however, have not accepted the defeat and intend to press vigorously for the adoption of the measure at the present session.

Other measures of importance that will probably receive attention at the present session bear chiefly on questions of taxation, public ownership of natural monopolies and home rule for all cities.

## BOYS GIVE NAMES OF LIQUOR SELLERS

### (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Jan. 6.—As the result of his investigation of the case of certain little boys who have been securing liquor from some hitherto undiscovered source, District Attorney Phelps has lodged complaints against two liquor sellers, Jordan and Shull. Eight juries who spent one night in city jail were in the sweatbox a whole day, and it is on information secured from them that the complaints are based.

**ESPEE IS ALBANY'S FIDELIEST SERVANT**

Will Build Depot Wherever Desired—Watchdog Committee Is Named.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Jan. 6.—At a most enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens of Albany held in the parlors of the Alce club to consider the location for the new depot, J. P. O'Brien stated the Southern Pacific was willing to locate the new depot, as ordered by the railroad commission, at any place the people might choose. A vote decided that the depot should be located on the side of the track nearest the city and that obviate the necessity of passengers crossing all the sidetracks before reaching the ticket office. There has been some discussion of the old arrangement and several times serious accidents have barely been averted.

The company was ordered by the railway commission to build a new depot by January 1, 1908. An extension of time was asked and granted. The company began laying out grounds and even the foundation work of the new depot was begun.

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**GERMAN TALK ABOUT NAVY**

Clubs and Store Loungers Make League Topic of Conversation.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Berlin, Jan. 6.—The affairs of the German Navy league occupy the minds of the people almost as much as the Harden-Moika trial, which has been placed in the background during the holidays.

Everywhere in the stores, in the clubs, and in the military casinos, you hear people discussing the sensational incidents which followed the resignation of Prince Rupprecht from the Bavarian branch.

The Berlin branch of the league has called a great meeting of its members on January 12, and here the affair will be discussed in all its details. It will be made as to how to overcome the dangers which threaten the very existence of the league.

It is thought that some representative of the Kaiser will be present and disclose to the members of the league the agreement which everyone thinks was made between the emperor and the father of Prince Rupprecht during the long conferences in which the Kaiser's consent to this is another of the Christmas holidays.

The Kaiser has consented to become honorary president of the new German navy club, which has just been formed for the purpose of raising the necessary money to experiment with dirigible airships, such as those invented by Count Zeppelin and Major von Parasell.

It has long been clear to everyone that the Kaiser is opposed to making any large appropriation for the development of the aerial navy, which the Kaiser hopes to see realized, and to promote the construction of the objects of the new association.

The president of the club is Prince W. Ernest of Saxony-Anhalt.

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**MANY BIG CASES ON HIGH COURT DOCKET**

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 6.—Many important cases are on the docket for early hearing in the United States supreme court, which convened today after the holiday recess. One of the most important of these cases is the rebate case against the Northern and Major Wallace, in which the company is under sentence to pay a fine of \$15,000. This is the case in which the company resists the Elkins law, under which the fine was imposed on the ground that it was repealed by the railroad rate law at the last session of congress.

Another case on the docket for hearing this week is that of the United States vs. Adrian H. Larkin of New York, involving the possession of jewelry belonging to the late Cassis L. Chadwick. The government attempted to seize the jewelry on the ground that it had been smuggled.

Still another important case to be taken up is the suit involving the question of whether the University of the South is subject to taxation under the laws of Tennessee. The case arose nearly a year ago when the University of the South, Tennessee, where the university is located.

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