

SPORTS OF THE DAY

"PREPS" ANSWER CALL OF DIAMOND

Two Hundred Students Strive for Places in Interscholastic League.

COLUMBIA FIRST TO ASSEMBLE PLAYERS

First Baseman Kennedy of Beavers Has Worked Fast Team Out of Youthful Collegians—East Side Has Enormous Squad Out.

If you don't think the baseball season is here, take a little stroll through the corridors of the various preparatory schools of Portland and listen to the gossip. Then, if you are not satisfied, take a little more time and wander over in the vicinity of the same schools shortly after the close of the session and become thoroughly convinced.

Something has been done toward organizing a team in every school in the city except Allen Preparatory. The spirit is hovering over that institution and next week will probably see the students in the midst of preparation. Nearly 200 ambitious boys are fondly hoping that they will be among the chosen 54 who will represent the six schools in the interscholastic league.

Columbia, as usual, has taken advantage of her big "gym" and has been practicing industriously, and under the careful coaching of Ed Kennedy, Portland's big first-baseman, has almost completely lost its team. Looko, catcher; Dockstader, Campbell and Davis, infielders; and Weisberger, outfielder, are the only players left. A bunch of promising material, George Dooley, O'Brien and Gleason are trying for second base, the only vacant position in the field. Two very successful ones will probably fill up the vacant positions in the outfield.

The choosing of an efficient battery for next week will probably see the matter solved. Columbia has three good pitchers in Locke of last year's team, Kehoe, a promising outfielder, and a few well known to Portland fans, but Perkins, a big left-hander with lots of speed and power, is a stranger here. He is one of the best promising players on the Columbia squad, and should be taken good care of himself, will be a big help to the team. Toomey, Mitchell and Ennis are all good catchers and are making a close fight for the position, with Ennis the favorite.

Big Squad at East Side.
Sixty-four candidates turned out to a baseball meeting held at the East Side High school Friday night. Nine of these are veterans, and with the rest of the team the east sliders are bound to be contenders in the race. The team last year was a dandy for the first year.

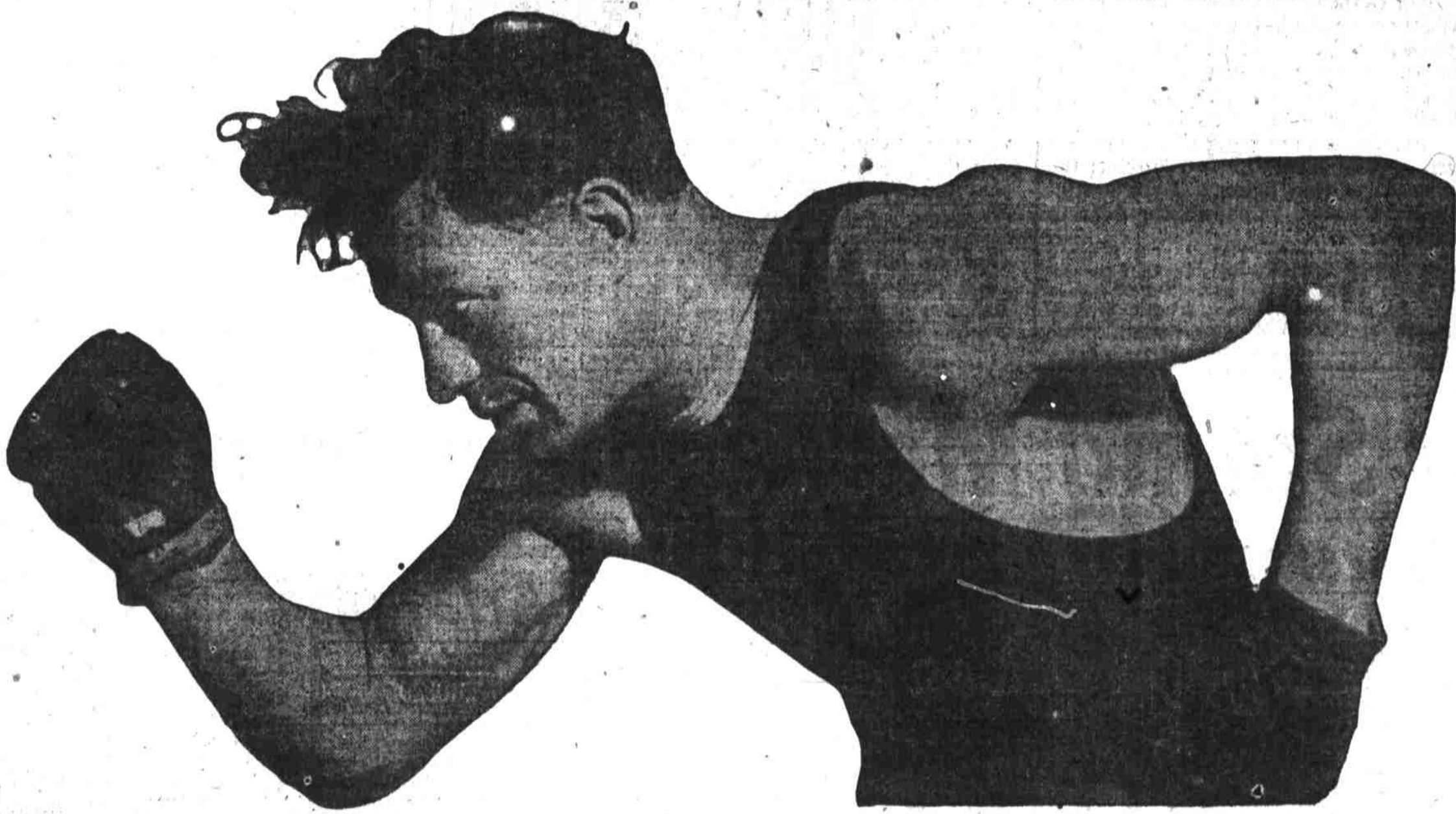
The team will go into the game with a field intact, but with a vast majority of new players. Morley, a catcher, Graham, Landfare, Cornell and Morrow make up one of the best infields in the city, and will probably provide the team with a backbone. Although there are numerous other candidates for the second cushion, Stovall seems to be the most promising. Frantz, a pitcher, and Thoburn are the principal candidates for catcher. Thoburn caught last year's team, and is a good catcher, but not very dangerous when on the base or at the bat. Thoburn's hitting is a promising may land him the position.

Last year's outfield was miserably weak, with at the bat and in the field. The three good outfielders can be developed into a nucleus for a good team. The nucleus for a good team. The nucleus for a good team. The nucleus for a good team.

Academy Saws Wood.
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The schedule committee will meet in a few days and make definite plans for the season.

NEW MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE PRIZE RING.



Stanley Ketchel, the wonderful fighter, who waded into Mike Twin Sullivan at Colma the other day and knocked him cold in one minute and 18 1/2 seconds. This picture shows the Pacific Coast boy in characteristic attitude. His only rival in his division is Billy Papke, the Spring Valley, Illinois, Miner, and the Critics think he will make short work of the Eastern fighter when they eventually meet.

UNCLE TO RUN IN CRESCENT DERBY

Hildreth's \$30,000 Colt Will Meet Famous Chapultepec in Southern Classic.

By Robert Collyer.
New Orleans, Feb. 29.—Interest in the running of the Crescent City Derby, which will be decided March 14, the last day of the meeting, which begins tomorrow, and which had been lagging because of the acknowledged superiority of Burlew & O'Neill's Chapultepec, received an impetus a few days ago when a positive announcement was made that S. C. Hildreth would send both his colts, Uncle and Meelick, from Los Angeles, on to go in both the New Orleans events, shipment being made right after the running of the colts in the California Derby.

This information came in the form of a letter from John Lowe, who is training Hildreth's Oakland string, to a horseman at Memphis, and it immediately set the horse people here to speculating on the probable outcome of a meeting between these two undoubtedly high class three-year-olds. Lowe sent along some information that somewhat dampened enthusiasm in the Burlew & O'Neill camp.

Mr. Lowe stated that Uncle's work for the California Derby was a mile better than 1:30 over the Santa Anita track with these two colts. Uncle will probably be used to race Chapultepec into the ground, or at least to attempt to do so, has been running races over the four-furlong route along around the 1:12 mark, so that it is with reason that adherents of Chapultepec are beginning to weaken in their enthusiasm.

Hildreth is a past master in the art of fitting horses for big races, so that if Uncle arrives on the ground sound and safe, the best western Derby race seen in years will result in the meeting of these two colts.

Youngsters Ordinary Lot.
With the exception of the Cella collection of two-year-olds, the youngsters shown here this winter are a very ordinary lot. Cella has undoubtedly the best bunch of youngsters that ever before raced in the southern country, several of which are certain to be

MUSCATINE HERE FOR GAME FRIDAY

Crack Iowa Basketball Team to Meet Portland Y. M. C. A. Players.

Physical Director Grilley of the Y. M. C. A. has concluded arrangements with the manager of the Muscatine basketball team for the quintet to play at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium next Friday night.

At present the Muscatine basketball five occupies a higher position in the basketball field than has ever been held by any one team previously. It opened its tour at Muscatine, Iowa, where it enjoyed a more than local reputation. From the beginning of the season it has played something like 60 games away from home and has only been vanquished nine times. Wherever the visitors play they put up unprecedented scores, although they do not all reach the total of 91, their score at Concordia, Kansas.

This has resulted in their now being acclaimed champions of the United States, and that practically covers the world of basketball, as in no other country in the world is the great indoor game played to the extent it is here.

High School's Hot Tub.
The team has occasionally been defeated there is no doubt, in the large majority of the victors have been isolated Y. M. C. A.'s. Other victors were Wagner, a high school team, and the Brigham Young university of Utah, while a high school in Greeley, Colorado, gave the team one of its hottest games, scoring 37 to 33 for the tourists.

Southern California papers give great prominence to the Muscatines, and their playing is described as the best seen in the game. Probably if there is one thing more than another in which they excel it is their team work. They whirl from one end to another of their playing grounds, passing the ball from one to another with almost clocklike

KING'S HORSE IS DERBY FAVORITE

His Majesty's Nomination Approved by the British Sports—Shrubbs Talks.

By Richard Dahlgren.
London, Feb. 29.—Interest in the next Derby is beginning to be manifested and some betting on the great race has been recorded. In the early betting, Prospector seems to be a slight favorite with the King's Perler second in the betting. Rush Cutler and Dalgety also have received some support and bets have been recorded on Mountain Apple.

The derby appears to me to wear a more than usually open aspect this year, for apart from those above named, such as Morena, Vanose, White Eagle, Royal Realm, Sir Archibald, Eaton Lad and Leslie are all likely to command liberal support. There is also a great tip for Bachelor's Button, in Ireland, whose owner, Mr. Lowry, has already refused many tempting offers for him, though his book record is nothing much to boast about.

For a time after he broke his hip it was thought his life could be saved, and everything possible to accomplish this result was done. Up to the end of last season, Perlimmon's get had won 146 races and purser to the aggregate of \$25,000 were to their credit. The horse was valued at \$200,000, though of course he was not for sale at any price.

Another automobile record has been made. Fifty miles in 36 minutes, 5.76 seconds was made by Charles Jarrott, driving an 80-horse power at Brooklands. Just fancy what an average of 83 miles an hour means!

A letter has been received in Dublin from Richard Croker, one of the syndicate of sportsmen who are providing the 1,500 purses for Burns and Roche on March 17. Mr. Croker, writing from Assan, says he is determined to be back in Dublin to see the contest between the Canadian and the Irishman, as he is convinced it will be one of the finest exhibits ever witnessed.

"Les Sports" of Paris has discovered that Tommy Burns is a Frenchman. His real name, says the Journal referred to, is Noe Bruseau, and while his father was a pure Breton, his

VANCOUVER'S BALL CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Washington Team of Tri-City League Prepared to Entertain Supporters.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 29.—That Vancouver is in the game for keeps was proved yesterday when the supporters of baseball gathered and organized a stock company which will make its debut as the Vancouver Ball Park association.

An organization was also formed for the direct promotion of the game under the title of the Vancouver Baseball association with the following officers: Manager, M. J. Heiser; president, A. J. Fender; vice-president, W. O. Tenney; secretary, E. M. Kand; treasurer, A. G. Bigham; board of managers, A. J. Fender, A. J. Bigham and Ben Devayman; board of trustees, W. O. Tenney, M. J. Heiser, J. P. Wineberg, Frank Wilcox and A. J. Proebatel.

The athletic park, the ball grounds, is ideally located on Hoffman avenue, and there will be seating accommodations arranged for 900 spectators. Jack Heiser has accepted the management and will serve for two years. Heiser and Donnerberg are now making arrangements for exhibition games with independent teams to be played on the Vancouver diamond preceding the opening of the league. The Wabash nine of Portland has accepted and will be one of the earliest opponents.

Some Quiet Tips to our Quartet of Ball Tossers who leave for Santa Barbara tonight.
GRAB ALL LOW BALLS—WHEN AT THE BAT KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL—NEVER MIX FOOTBALL WITH THE GAME!—IF YOU CAN'T HIT THE BALL—HIT THE PIKE!

NEVER HIGH ONE!

TO THE BUSHES!

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The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has gained 14 new unions and 28,631 more members are now on the books in good standing than was the case one year ago. The total membership in good standing now is 123,823, which means that the brotherhood has actually more than 250,000 members.

The eleventh annual convention of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, held recently, took practical steps looking toward obtaining a new York state legislative measure of benefit to the workers, and a campaign will be instituted to obtain more thorough organization of the laboring people.