

NEWS OF SPORTING WORLD

PORTLAND READY FOR SEALS TODAY

McCredie's Players Promise to Win Opening Game of Coast League.

By Will J. Slattery.

San Francisco, April 4.—The Beavers put in their last day of practice yesterday morning and are awaiting the call of "Play ball" this afternoon, when they go against the Seals in the opening game of the Pacific Coast league's season. Each member of the Portland team looks fit and ready to play the real brand of ball and Manager McCredie goes on record as saying that he will give San Francisco a good trimming.

Portland will start the season minus two of the men who were with the team during its spring training. The absentees are utility men, Ed Kennedy and Mickey Malloy. Kennedy jumped to the outland Fresno team yesterday morning and Malloy was released because of his inability to land on the ball.

Kennedy and McCredie had a row on the previous day when the big player asked the manager for a steady job on the team. McCredie said that he wanted him for utility roles, but Kennedy replied that he would not play unless assigned a regular position. Kennedy had been in communication with Manager Charlie Baum of the Fresno club and after his things and bright and early the next morning beat it to the "Tahsin City."

McCredie was very sorry to let Malloy go, but was forced to because the player was unable to hit at all during the practice games. As several of the state league teams have made him offers, it is believed that Malloy will find a berth with one of them. He is a promising young man and was very popular with his team mates, all of whom are sorry for him.

RUSSIAN GIVES

Frank Gotch Wins Wrestling Championship From Hackenschmidt.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, April 4.—"I'll give you the match," said George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, and the championship for catch-as-catch-can wrestlers of the world had been transferred to Frank Gotch, a town after a struggle lasting more than two hours at Dexter's Pavilion last night.

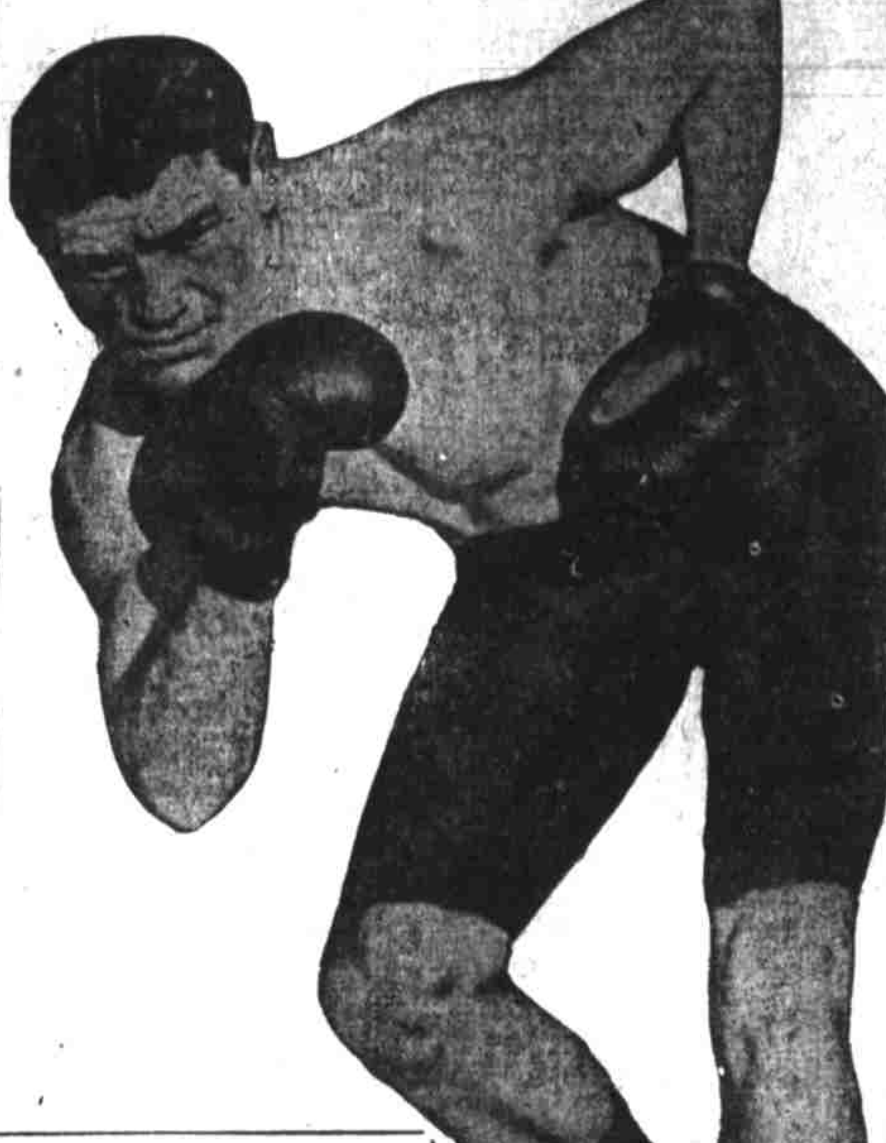
Twisting, pulling and tugging both exerting themselves to the limit, the feature of which was the defensive work of Gotch, the two men tumbled about the mat while some 3,000 persons sat and stood in suspense in anticipation of the outcome of the contest to which they had looked forward to for weeks.

Suddenly Hackenschmidt relaxed his hold on his opponent. Then he spoke a few words to the crowd could not hear and the wrestling match was at an end. It came so quickly and entirely unexpectedly that the spectators could not realize for several seconds that the championship of the world for wrestlers had passed from one man to another before their very eyes.

Gotch, who had been leading the championship of the world for wrestlers, asked the referee to call the match a draw. Upon being refused the foreigner went at his task again, seemingly renewed vigor. But his renewed efforts were futile and within a few minutes after a final struggle all about the ring, Hackenschmidt gave up.

It is estimated that the stake of the purse for the winner is about \$8,000 and \$5,000 for the loser.

SOCIETY MEN WILL BOX PUGS.



SPORTING NOTES

Local and Otherwise.

The Central league magnates have fixed the salary limit for their organization at \$2,000.

Like George Stone of St. Louis, Denny Sullivan of the Boston Americans plays the fiddle right smart like.

Johnny Summers and "Soldier" Burns have been matched for a fight to take place in Baltimore this month.

Fred Bradley, the heavyweight pugilist, who has been making his home in New York, has returned to Boston.

Joe Nealon, the former Pirate, will play first base for the Sacramento team in the California league this season.

The New York Americans are having trouble in hitting the southpaws during the spring exhibition games.

The Southern league teams have been taking their annual crack at the majors and making good in the early season work.

Claude Rossman, the Detroit first baseman, is in kind of bad with his townspeople at Philmont, Pennsylvania. Claudius referred to them as "Rubens."

Each season seersucker minor leagues pooling the mileage of the entire league. It seems to work very satisfactorily.

The threats against the life of Evangelist William Sumner, who was slain by a mob, are being kept under the impression that "Billy" had been an umpire instead of a ball player.

Wrestling does not seem to pay very well except on the burlesque stage, where some people believe it really does. The great Hackenschmidt failed to draw the fans during his tour.

It is said that Jake Stahl of the New York Americans and Mike Donlin of the New York Nationals have made application to the national commission asking to be reinstated.

Providence will have a star pitcher in Ray Friel, the premier Stogie slamballer of the Wheeling team last year. Wheeling didn't win the pennant, but it wasn't the fault of the Friel party.

George Kihm, first baseman of the Columbus (Ohio) team, wears a mustache which makes him look like the ball players seen in the old prints.

Elmer Stricklett has started to pitch for the San Jose team of the California league, which means that he will not be a member of the Brooklyn club this year.

Some team or teams will be able to annex several crackjack fields in the near future. The Boston Americans are now trying out Thoney, McHale, Sessler, Yeret, Cravath, Sullivan and Carlisle. It's a good outfit, but the Red Sox can't keep them all.

The new president of the Three-I league, Tom Loftus, has had quite a baseball career. Loftus played with the Red Sox of St. Louis in 1876-78. The next few years were spent with the Dubuque team and in 1883 he returned to play with the old St. Louis Browns. Later he managed the Grand Rapids and Columbus clubs of the National league, and the Washington team in the American league.

BRIDAL VEIL HAS

BUCH OF STARS

Old Leaguers Will Represent Lumber Company on Long Baseball Trip.

Bridal Veil, Or., April 4.—The Bridal Veil baseball team has organized and is now ready to meet any of the independent teams in the northwest. Bridal Veil has a fast aggregation and intends playing a long schedule this season. Nearby games will be arranged before the team starts on a long trip that Manager Jack Lynch will negotiate. The team is backed by the Bridal Veil Lumber company.

It is firmly believed here that the team will make the best record of any independent aggregation in the northwest. All the players are imported and expense has been spared to get fast men.

Jack Lynch from the Montana State league, will be manager and play at first base during the season. He has a wide reputation throughout the northwest. Bob Early, the well known right fielder formerly of the Three-I league, will captain the nine. He is expected to arrive here today.

Wilkinson, a New York lad, will hold down second base. He is one of the fastest players on the team. J. F. Black, formerly of Seattle, will scoop up around the third corner. He is said to be one of the fastest third basemen in independent baseball on the coast. C. Durling, who made good with a Portland league team last season and after a hard fight was bought from Portland, will officiate at shortstop.

T. Bergerman, a hard-hitting man from Boston, will take care of left field and Jack Wheeler, a player with "rop" in the central states, will be depended to look after matters in the center garden. Scott Ballard and M. E. Dawson, formerly of New York, will be responsible for all the box work this year. They are the highest priced men on the team.

The ball team will serve as an advertisement. The suits will be of blue with white trimmings. Lynch says his infield will be high priced as any infield in the northwest.

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BEST OF BRITONS.



This is a picture of Owen Moran, the great little English fighter, who is now in this country. Moran recently fought a sensational draw with Abe Attell, the American featherweight champion, and is looking for a match with Joe Gans, the famous negro lightweight champion.

OLD STARS LINE UP WITH YOUNGER MEN

Athenians Will Try to Show Some Fine Points to East Siders.

Tomorrow afternoon the professional diamond at Vaughn street will witness a scene of a struggle, in which old experienced league players will be pitted against the young blood which is rapidly crowding them off the field. The two teams will be the Athenians, captained by Joe Stuit, the veteran first baseman, and the East Siders, captained by Hal Pomeroy.

It will be a friendly contest in which the veterans will endeavor to show the youngsters a few points about the game that they will have to learn sooner or later.

The Athenians have a strong lineup of Pacific coast stars: Win French, pitcher; Heltzman, catcher; Stuit, first base; Andy Anderson or Bobby Burns, second base; Joe Fay, shortstop; Cal Giles, third base; Kirby Drennan, left field; Oliver, center field and Ed Davey or Gardner, right field.

The East Siders will lineup as follows: Pitchers, Gardner, Streif or Hurlbert; catchers, Brock and Thomas; Kennedy, first base; Barrell, second base; Myers, shortstop; Tanseler, third base; Mace, left field; Duval, center field; and Lenz, right field.

A small admission fee will be charged to defray the expenses of the game.

OLD MASTER AGREES TO FIGHT BAT NELSON

Gans Signs for 20-Round Mill With Dane in San Francisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, April 4.—Articles matching Battling Nelson and Joe Gans in a 20-round contest to be fought in San Francisco next month have been signed by all parties concerned. The only details that have not been decided upon are the selection of a date, the choice of a referee and the posting of the fight, but these questions will be settled Monday night.

Nelson, appearing as his own manager, and Ben Selig, for Gans, who is in the east, quibbled over the weight for several minutes before signing up, but finally agreed that Gans should weigh 132 pounds ringside and Nelson is not to make any specified weight. The conditions were wired to Gans, and he is said to have accepted them. He closes his theatrical engagement inside of a week, and will then come to the coast to begin training. Gans agrees to deposit a similar amount for appearance. The fight will be under the auspices of Gleason's Occidental club.

RILEY GRANNAN, THE PLUNGER, CASHES IN

Famous Gambler Practically Penniless When He Died in Rawhide Camp.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rawhide, Nev., April 4.—Preparations are being made today to ship the body of Riley Grannan, the plunger, who succumbed last night to pneumonia, to his old home in Paris, Kentucky. The gambler virtually died penniless, as he had lost all his money in his new resort here, which had not yet opened, in which the chief asset was to be the personality of the owner.

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Grannan died at the tracks here, he is reported to have cleaned up \$150,000. In 1892 Grannan attained national prominence in the sporting world by placing a bet of \$175,000 on the victory of Navarino in a big stake race at Sheephead Bay. The wager still stands as the highest water mark in betting at New York tracks.

FINISHES ON FOUR COURSES.

First at Emeryville.

San Francisco, April 4.—Emeryville results yesterday:

Six furlongs—Nagaram won, Blundy second, Sick third. Time, 1:13 1/2.

Four furlongs—Cosslet won, Ocean Queen second, False Nun third. Time, 0:45 1/2.

Future course—Adena won, Wahoo second, Walter Miller third. Time, 1:11 1/2.

Mile and a quarter—Eduardo won, Borghis second, Como third. Time, 2:06 3/4.

Mile and 20 yards, selling—Columbia Girl won, Carthaginian second, Johnston third. Time, 1:42 1/2.

Five and one half furlongs—Sainagnes won, Sir Angus second, Humero third. Time, 1:08 3/4.

In the Money at Bennings.

Bennings, D. C., April 4.—Results yesterday:

Six and one half furlongs—Campaign won, Smoker second, Simple Honors third. Time, 1:24 1/2.

Four and one half furlongs—Takahira won, Devise second, Lady Ethelna third. Time, 0:58.

Six and one half furlongs—Bob Callahan Jr. won, Kempton second, True Boy third. Time, 1:23.

Four and one half furlongs—High Range won, Elizabeth Sweeney second, Tip Pappas third. Time, 0:58 1/2.

Six and one half furlongs—Millstone won, Umbrella second, Venus third. Time, 1:26 4/5.

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PORTLAND ACADEMY IS EASY VICTOR OVER HILL

Portland academy won the second game of the interscholastic baseball season yesterday from Hill by the decisive score of 12 to 9. The grounds at Twentieth and Vaughn were in horrible shape, making the fielding very bad. Hill suffered worse from his being in the fifth he was withdrawn and Merchant substituted. Merchant pitched a much better game in the four innings he twirled and succeeded in holding the academy men down to two runs and two hits.

Timely hitting by Cookingham, Henrys and Gray, aided by cool work in the box by little Park Meyers proved too much for the Hill team. Cookingham was especially effective with the stick, getting two two-baggers, each time with men on bases.

HACKENSCHMIDT SAYS A YANKEE TRICK WON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, April 4.—George Hackenschmidt, "the Russian Lion," who lost the wrestling championship of the world to Frank Gotch here last night after two hours on the mat, today attributes his defeat to a "slick Yankee trick."

In an interview given to the press Hackenschmidt declares that the message treatment given Gotch for some time prior to last night was responsible for the result of the match. He says that when Gotch became heated the massage cream issued from his pores and he became so slippery that it was impossible to hold him.

The Russian says he quit because he knew that he did not have a chance to win and he did not want to keep the crowd waiting for the result.

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will be shortened. The fair weather of the past few days has put the track into good shape and time will probably be good.

Albina and Vancouver Mix.

Albina and Vancouver are to be given their first taste of Tri-City league ball this summer and the fans are waiting for the time to make their debut.

On account of the rivalry existing between some of the Vancouver and Albina players, the managers have arranged an anti-season game and the contest will be waged on the Vaughn street grounds tomorrow forenoon. The game will be called promptly at 9 o'clock.

College Swimming Championships.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Princeton, N. J., April 4.—The individual championships of the intercollegiate swimming league take place this evening in the natatorium of Princeton university and promise to be one of the most interesting athletic events of the college year. Among the colleges that will be represented in the meet by their speediest swimmers are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania and College of the City of New York.

Pittsburg Automobile Show.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, April 4.—The second annual show of the Automobile Dealers' association of Pittsburg opened today, to continue through the coming week. Buessene Garden, in which the exhibition is being held, is filled with the latest models of motor cars, including the choicest of the exhibits displayed at this year's shows in New York, Chicago, Boston and other large cities. A large and well filled section is devoted to an elaborate display of automobile sundries and accessories.

Oregon Troutout Today.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 4.—The trout out for places on the track team which is to represent Oregon at the Columbia university indoor meet will take place today. Trainer Hayward has not decided on how many men he will take with him but all who make good showings will probably have a chance to take the trip. All the usual events will take place and none of them

TRI-CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE, SEASON 1908

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| East Portland | April 11 | May 9-10 | May 16-17 (D. H.) | May 16-17 (D. H.) | May 23-24 (D. H.) | April 18-19 | May 23-24 |
| West Portland | April 12 | May 11-12 | June 13-14 (D. H.) | August 1-2 (D. H.) | May 30-31 (D. H.) | July 11-12 | July 11-12 |
| Albina | April 19 | May 23-24 | July 18, Vancouver | September 5 | August 23 (D. H.) | September 7 | August 9 (D. H.) |
| St. Johns | April 26 | August 15 | August 29-30 (D. H.) | April 25-26 (D. H.) | May 9-10 | June 8-7 | May 16-17 (D. H.) |
| Oregon City | April 27 | August 23 (D. H.) | May 30-31 (D. H.) | June 13-14 (D. H.) | May 20-21 (D. H.) | May 23-24 | May 16-17 (D. H.) |
| Vancouver | April 28 (D. H.) | August 9 (D. H.) | September 6 (D. H.) | July 25-26 (D. H.) | August 16 (D. H.) | August 16 (D. H.) | August 16 (D. H.) |
| Salem | April 29 | August 16 | September 13 | August 1-2 (D. H.) | August 23 (D. H.) | September 7 | August 9 (D. H.) |
| Woodburn | April 30 | August 23 (D. H.) | September 6 (D. H.) | August 8-7 | August 23 (D. H.) | September 7 | August 9 (D. H.) |