

# SPORTS OF THE DAY

## BEAVER BELLS TO JINGLE IN FRONT

Portland Team Sweetest Hitting Aggregation Ever Collected on Coast.

## TOO MANY COOKS PLAY HAVOC WITH TEAM

Double Orders of Manager McCredie and Field Captain Casey Confuse Men and Cause Them to Play for Themselves.

By Will J. Slattery. San Francisco, May 2.—The baseball pennant race is fast transforming itself into a sort of free-for-all affair with any team in the league eligible to jump into the lead. The way the Seals and the Angels have been switching the cut for leading the brigade has kept the fans figuring which is the better nine. The Oaks and the Beavers, though a few pegs down the line, are fighting all the time, and either of them has a chance to break in with the headlines within the next couple of weeks.

The wise students of the game in and about this city are of the opinion that Portland will be there with every bell jingling in another month's passage. After they conclude their present set-to with the Seals here the Beavers will have a long stay on the home grounds, where they open up on Tuesday afternoon with the Seals. Naturally, the team will play 100 per cent better ball as soon as it is situated among its own people.

As the days roll by the Beavers have demonstrated that they are as sweet-hitting an aggregation of tossers as any manager ever got under his wing in the Pacific Coast league. Give them an opening against any pitcher and they are going to come near breaking up the game. Invariably, when one man hits, the rest of the gang falls into line, and they all wallop the ball for a fare-ye-well.

McCredie can only teach the boys the knack of holding their lead, once they attain it. Portland is going to wade into the first division, and in big time that. Up to the present time, however, all the Beavers seem to think about is getting a few runs for themselves and then letting things slide in the field. Invariably the opposing teams come from behind and slowly but surely cut down the Portland generally.

The Montana whirlwind is but 20 years old, and if he manages to get away with Sullivan it will not surprise his friends if he gets on with Tommy Burns for the heavyweight championship of the world ere the year is out. This may seem ridiculous on the face of it, but Jim Corbett who is a very shrewd fight promoter, is already figuring on his chances of getting the men in his Mission street ring within the next few months.

Naturally, the great heavyweight card is the one chosen by the fans, and the chance of their coming together are very remote at the present time. No matter what Burns says, everybody knows that he will not fight with Sullivan. He will fight with Johnson, as away down in his heart he believes that the chocolate-drop dollar is scheduled to come off on the night of May 24 under the auspices of Jack Gleason's club.

The Boer is a card. He honestly believes in the prize offered by J. D. Hoyt for the prizefighter who will give the public a grand and wonderful attraction, though the public at large looks upon him as a joke. He is a fighter of the first rank, and the whole town is a-roping over his funny fellow. Built like a hammerhead, downy eyebrows, and a nose that runs along the road and works out in the open to the amusement of hundreds of people daily.

It looks as though Battling Nelson and Gans will come together before very long, and the chances are that they will meet in the Coliseum for a grand and exciting mixup. The promoter wants to get the match for the afternoon of Decoration day. Managers Wilson, Britt and Ben Selig are still handing out a great line of talk and pulling off jawing-matches nightly. However, each realizes that there is a big bundle of money in sight, so they are not likely to overlook it when the time comes.

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## QUINTET OF PRIZE WINNERS IN PORTLAND BENCH SHOW



MRS. T. B. PAPER'S ST. BERNARD "NERO"



A. H. HAYES JR. BULLDOG "ST. QUEENIE"



MISS MYRTLE LEWIS' AIREDALE "BRUCE"



V. A. KUHN'S ENGLISH SETTER "MALLOWBEAN"



J. E. CULLISON'S IRISH WATER SPANIEL "BATTLES"

name his own price and go to most any team in the out-of-town league. Claude Berry, the local catcher, also has a fat standing offer to join the Santa Cruz team. Croil expects to land a couple more Coast leaguers this coming week.

Interest in the pugilistic colony now centers in the coming Ketchel-Jack Sullivan fight at the Mission street arena next Saturday afternoon. The men are carded to go 35 rounds at 155 pounds at 10 o'clock in the morning. The fight does not prove to be one of the greatest whirlwind affairs in the history of the local ring, then something is wrong.

Everybody is talking about the event. Already hundreds of sailors and officers of the fleet have sent in their orders for tickets, and indications promise a record-breaking house at the open-air fight pavilion.

From indications Ketchel is going to be a favorite. Though he is really fighting a man outside of his class, he is such a wonderfully tough, hard-hitting fellow that those who have seen him fight are willing to take a ride on him to clean the Boston twin. The fight will prove a heavy betting affair, and it will not be at all surprising if \$100,000 changes hands at its outcome.

Already the poolrooms are full of money, though the odds will surely favor Ketchel within the next couple of days.

## BEST DOG IS BULL FROM BAY CITY

Watkin's Willamette Starlight Best Canine of Opposite Sex.

A. H. Hayes Jr. of San Francisco had the best dog in the Portland Kennel club show, his bulldog Endcliffe Advance securing the president's cup offered for the best dog in the show and the oil painting of the prize winner offered by L. F. Thibault.

## SHAVING DOWN HILL AT WEST OF MULTNOMAH FIELD.



Within two or three weeks the dirt work connected with the improvement of Multnomah field will be entirely out of the way. The picture shows the men and teams carrying dirt from the hill to the field proper, which is being raised three feet. Work on the track will be commenced some time this week. The improvement is being made at a cost of \$18,000.

## GOES SOUTH FOR HARNESS HORSES

Northwest Offers \$90,000 in Purses for Fair Stakes.

May 4, 17 and authorized dates during the summer the Canadian Pacific will sell round trip excursion tickets to eastern points at very low rates. Tickets good for stopovers, long time limit, diverse routes. Apply at local office, 142 Third street, for full particulars.

More Good Market Days. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., May 2.—This was another successful market day. Several thousand dollars' worth of farm stuff, horses and other livestock was sold. The streets were lined with farmers and buyers. Athena also had a successful market day. Nearly \$5,000 worth of stuff was sold there.

## BAT NELSON ESSAYS TO SOOTHE M'FARLAND

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## Challenge to Ball Teams.

The University Park baseball club would like to meet any amateur team in or about Portland, especially at Albany, Canby, Oregon City, Roseburg, Salem and Newburg. Any one wanting a game can phone to Ralph Mitchell, Woodlawn 1164, or write to B. L. Gorton, Bott University Park, Portland, Oregon.

## Commercial Teams Meet.

The Ben Selling baseball team goes up against the Lipman-Wolfe aggregation this morning at 9 o'clock at the ball grounds on East Thirteenth and Davis streets. The game promises to be warmly contested as the teams are about evenly matched.

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