



GANS AND NELSON BEST FIGHT CARD

Old Master Shying at Forty-Five Round Battle With the Dane.

EVERY TEAM IN LEAGUE FEARS BEAVER STICK

Fletcher Benny Henderson Wants to Come Back to Beaver Camp but President Ewing Refuses to Allow Him to Return.

By Will J. Slatery.

San Francisco, May 23.—Joe Gans and Battling Nelson are doing their usual annual stalling acts preparatory to coming together in the ring for the second time. If the real contest proves to be as strenuous as the windy one that is now being waged between the black and the Dane and their respective managers, flanked by the members of the local fight trust and Jim Coffroth, the Mission street arena man, it should prove a hot one. It was the same old story of stalling fight talk and the rival scrappers are tearing around at an awful gait and posting forecasts for the purpose of showing each other up, but this is about as far as they have progressed.

Coffroth is doing the best he can to get the rival lightweights in the ring on the fourth of July. Like every other promoter in the country, he realizes that this is the best time in all the world outside of Burns and Johnson, and there does not appear to be the remotest chance of getting a better pair for a long time at least. Should Coffroth stage the Gans-Nelson fight—and it is as good as an even money bet that he will—then it sure will be a great attraction, for the why promoter is willing to spend the money and advertise it all over the city. It is a stupendous ring attraction that this city has known since the recent disaster. The old master does not want to meet Nelson in a 45-round contest if there is a possible chance for him to get the Dane in the ring in a 20-round mix-up. Gans knows that he can take Nelson in a 20-round bout on points, but when it comes to a 45-round battle, Gans has his doubts. He went to Goldfield nearly two years ago and although he won the honors on a foul Joe has such a strenuous time of it that he will not get the performance if he sees a chance to get the coin any other way.

Gans is rather dissatisfied with the boxing game as it exists in this city at the present time. Naturally, Joe is broke. He always is when he comes all the way from old Baltimore to fight in this city for a fight. He was pulled into believing that there was a ton of money in it for him and he went away with a hell for the talk. But what was the result? An ordinary \$7,000 house. Or, though he was supposed to be a champion, he never entered the ring again unless he is given a substantial guarantee and a bonus.

Nelson still firmly believes that he can win the title. He is given plenty of time in which to turn the trick. But knows that he has not got a chance against the old master. The other day the Dane said that he can win in the short route and that Gans is not the man he used to be, but at the same time he has the feeling away down deep in his heart that he will need plenty of time if he expects to get the large end of the purse against the negro.

It is strange to compare the financial methods of the two lightweights stars. Nelson is something like \$10,000 to the good, most of his coin being invested in real estate in and around Chicago. Gans on the other hand is clean, barring his hotel property in Baltimore, which it is said is heavily encumbered and also has proved to be a bad investment. Only the other day the Dane saw a chance to buy a swell vineyard in the Livermore valley, about 25 miles from Oakland and one of the most beautiful and fertile spots in all California. Nelson jumped at the chance and purchased the 180-acre cultivated tract for \$15,000. Three weeks ago he secured the land he was offered \$20,000 for it by a big wine making syndicate. The Dane, however, realizes that the ranch will double in value within the next couple of years and he intends to hold on to it.

What does Gans do with his money? He gives it away to the birds. After his famous fight with Britt here last September, he went to Los Angeles and yielded up another \$10,000 by stalling George Meemie for 20 rounds. He is credited with having left California with \$140,000 and \$50,000 strong. Eight months later he comes back clean, incidentally disposing for a quarter of its cost his magnificent \$5,000 Matheron touring car which he purchased in Los Angeles before departing for Baltimore.

Joe fast and unless condition change wonderfully within the next few years he will die in the poorhouse just like the greatest little fighter the world has ever known, George Dixon, did a couple of months ago.

A week before the Unholz fight, Gans

out his peerless diamond stickpin in seek for \$500. This piece of jewelry is one of the handiwork of its kind ever seen in this city and is worth \$2,000. Joe needed the money to pay the ponies across the bay. They got that \$500 and the \$1,500 which Joe received for his end of the purse—on condition that he would pay \$2,000 more to the black boy managed to nick his friends for. If this sort of thing keeps up Joe will have to begin fighting all corners in order to keep out of the almshouse. It is a lucky thing for him that our modern laws do not allow the imprisonment of men who are unable to pay their debts.

Stanley Ketchel, the Montana cyclone, is getting ready for his meeting with Billy Papke at Milwaukee, on the evening of June 4. Ketchel left for the beer city last week and is a bit worried because he fears that he will not have time enough to get into the best possible shape for the coming encounter. Ketchel has been working hard and is growing rapidly. He finds it extremely difficult to take off weight, and as he has to make 155 pounds for Papke he will be compelled to show a lot of speed.

If Ketchel does not put up a better fight against Papke than he did against Sullivan, he is no cinch but he will win his match in the limited 10 rounds. Ketchel was very wild and ineffective against Sullivan. He had the "T" shaped jaw and the seventh round, but he was unable to steady himself and bring over the sleeping punch till the twelfth and even then he did not score a clean knockout, for Sullivan refused to get up when he realized that he had gotten his.

Ketchel is a lad of wonderful confidence and for this reason he has been very reckless in betting on himself and, incidentally, extremely lucky in bringing home the money. He and Andrew Lager bet about \$3,000 against Sullivan and took whatever odds they could land. From 10 to 1 to 10. It was the same old story. Ketchel fought Joe Thomas and Mike Twin Sullivan. This time Ketchel and his manager will bet a big chunk of the money on Ketchel to beat Papke. Both men are free with their money when it comes to betting and they will show the people around Milwaukee something. Papke has been a consistent performer around his home town and it is likely he will rule a big part of the money. Ketchel is the latter gets away with the glory he will come out of Milwaukee with an awful bundle of bills and if he is beaten his roll will have an awful nick in it.

The baseball outlook grows brighter as the days roll by and everything points to a successful season. It is known that the Pacific Coast league has ever known. The wonderfully close race has just local interest at high points. The last night of the game hitting have been pulling tremendous crowds both in this city and Oakland, while the fans who are here are just about to see their team to come home once again.

San Francisco is showing its "lass" once more after that slugging and now in the league he fears is Portland. Strange to say they are all afraid of the "T" shaped jaw and the seventh round. The northern brigade has "taken" up so many games in and around this city during the season that they have inspired all the others with a wholesome fear.

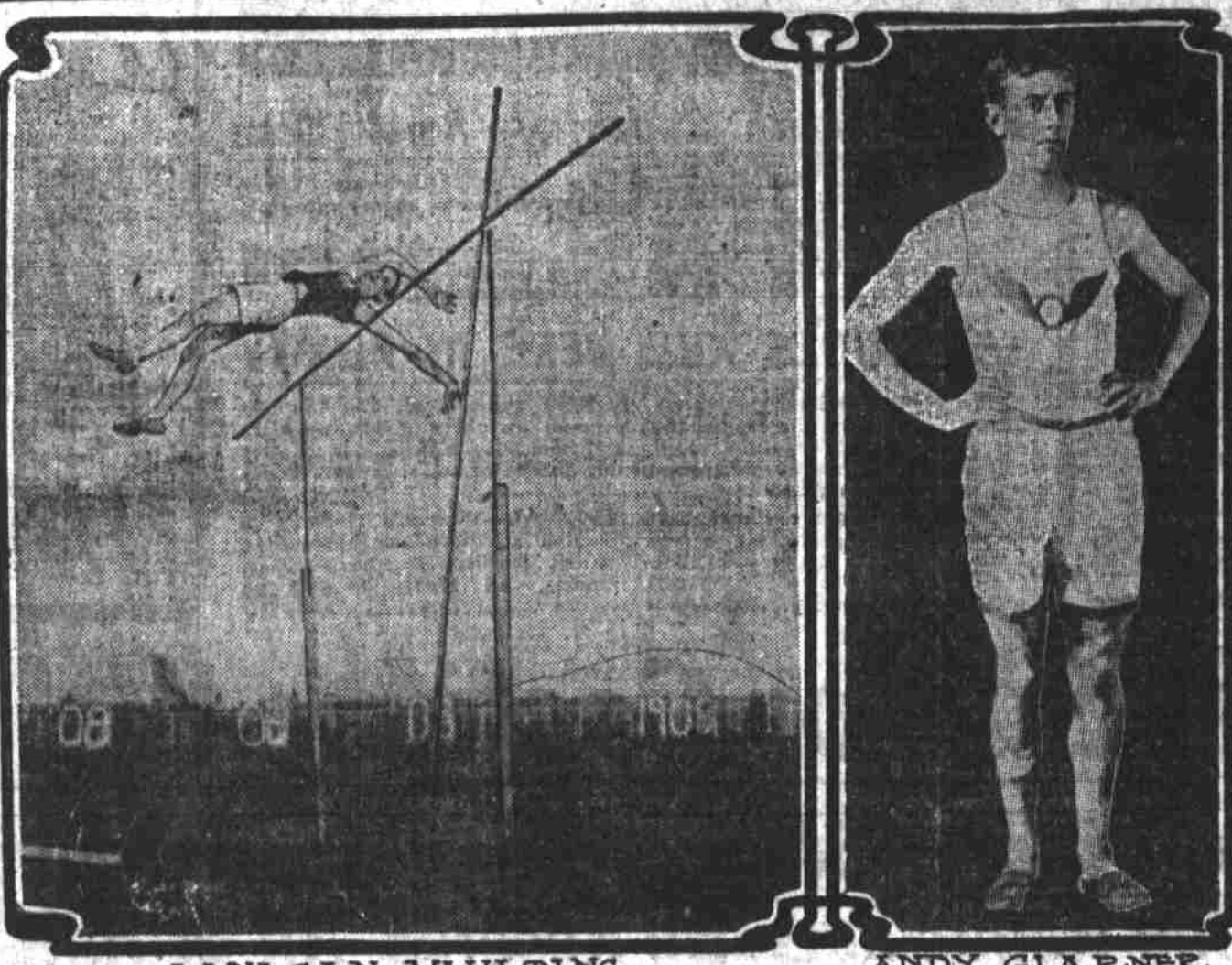
The Portland "friends" of Jimmy Byrnes, the big catcher who did some great work for the team near the close of last season, will be painfully shocked to learn that he is being sent to Sacramento during a game with Stockton last Sunday. After Moore had made what the boys believed to be a good throw at the plate, Jimmy grabbed a bucket of water and gave Moore a nice dousing. Not content with that, he threw a bucket of water over the pitcher's head and seemed to be in a fair way to brain the indicator man when several players interfered. It is likely that Jimmy will be ruled out of the state league for keeps on account of his show of temper. While he was in the coast league, Byrnes was a very gentlemanly player and was never put out of a game.

Ben Henderson, the pitcher who helped Portland win the pennant two years ago and then jumped to the Stockton club of the outlaw league, is getting tired of the game in the outlaw league and wants to get back into the fold. After Scout Fred Lake of the Boston Americans failed to secure the consent of President Ewing of the coast league to sign the outlaw for the club city team Henderson appealed to friends in this city and asked them to use their good offices to have him reinstated so that he can return to Portland again. But Ewing has refused flat-footed to go to the bat for Henderson. He says that he will make an example out of every one of the jumpers and that neither Henderson nor any of the others will ever get back into organized baseball provided he has anything to say about it.

The committee which the Oakland Baseball association appointed to select a name for the Oakland baseball club had decided on the "Athenians" after several weeks of deliberating on the various titles sent in by those who took part in the spirited competition. The committee may be laboring under the impression that it is springing a live one but it is not. The Oakland club was known as the Athenians 10 years ago in the old California league and if the committee wants to go back even further it will find that Charles Dreyden, the noted sporting writer now in Chicago, christened the Oaklanders as the Athenians 20 years ago, when the Haight street grounds were the scene of so many memorable diamond battles.

Junior Paper Chase.
The fourth paper chase of the Junior High school was held yesterday. Don Tarpley, Alexander Lintibue and Leo Baruh finishing first. Jay Corfey was the first rider to come in but was disqualified for an unfair start. John Douglas and Richard Carney, the horses, laid a six mile course averaging six two-foot jumps out on the Barnes road.

THESE RECORD-HOLDERS TO COME



LANAGAN VAULTING. ANDY GLARNER.

Whether the Olympic club can duplicate its victory of last year in the Pacific northwest athletic championships June 6 with a team of five men is a question bothering the athletes of Oregon just now. The Olympic club will send to Portland a quintet of the best performers on the coast. They will be Ralph Rose in the weight, Andrew Glarner in the distance run, Fred Lanagan in the mile, Albert Munn in the jumps and weights, and Pete Gerhardt in the sprints.

Two of the Olympic club team hold world records—Rose in the shotput and Glarner in the 100-yard run. Andy Glarner is a versatile athlete. The fleet fellow took up running when he was 17 years of age at the University of Paris, France. He was born in Paris in 1883.

One of his great achievements was winning the all-round championship of France in 1901. He finished his education at Westgate college, England, where he also won renown in soccer football and other college activities. He arrived in the United States in 1902, taking up his home in California. Joining the Olympic club he at once became a prominent athletic figure. In 1905 he ran second to the great Lightbody in the mile. In the two following years Andy was a winner. Nothing could approach him. He made records in the 440 and 880-yard distances, hanging in 1:20, 800 and 1,000-yard indoor records.

Last summer Andy went east and the running he did has practically equalled his to a place on the American team that invades England in July.

Melvin Shepherd, the great eastern runner, barely nosed him at Jameson and Montreal, and was the only man who ever did the trick in the half mile. Just to let the northwest athletes know what Andy can really do, here are some of the speedy fellow's records: He reeled off the century in 10 3-8 seconds, the quarter in 49 4-8, the 500 yards in 1:13 4-8, the half in 1:55 4-8, the mile in 4:29, and the two miles in 9:50. Nobody in the northwest has ever approached any of these records outside the 100-yard dash.

Fred Lanagan, the Stanford star, has done 12 feet 4 inches in the pole-vault, and he is a pretty fast man in the sprints up to the quarter. Lanagan is a good high-jumper, and will probably take some points in this event. The picture shows the Olympic vaulting over 12 feet in practice.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS MAY WIELD RACQUETS

May Sutton and Hazel Hotchkiss Will Probably Come—Playing Rules.

Efforts are being made to get Miss May Sutton, the world's tennis champion, and Miss Hazel Hotchkiss of California, who captured several events in the northwest last summer, to play in Portland during the Irvington club state tennis tournament from July 14 to and including July 18.

The club yesterday issued its rules covering the events, which are as follows:
Gentlemen's open singles—Winner will meet J. C. Tyler in the challenge round for the championship of the state of Oregon and the Flske challenge cup. This cup has to be won three times to become the permanent property of the winner and has been won as follows: 1899, W. A. Bethel; 1900, W. A. Goss; 1901, A. T. Goward; 1902, W. A. Bethel; 1903, L. R. Freeman; 1904, B. B. Powell; 1905, G. H. Busch; 1906, W. A. Goss; 1907, J. Tyler.
Gentlemen's open doubles—For cups offered by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. These cups must be won three times to become the permanent property of the winning team.
Ladies' and gentlemen's open mixed doubles—For the championship of the state of Oregon.
Ladies' open singles—For the John C. Alsworth cup. This cup must be won three times to become the permanent property of the winner.
Ladies' doubles—For the championship of the state of Oregon.
Consolations—Open to players beaten in the first match in gentlemen's singles, and first match in ladies' singles. Two out of three sets will be played in all matches except the semi-finals, finals and challenge matches of gentlemen's singles and doubles, where three out of five sets will be played.
Balls authorized by the United States National Lawn Tennis association will be furnished by the committee for all matches.
The entrance fee shall be \$1 for each event. All entries accompanied by the fee must be received by the chairman of the tournament committee or sent to room 33 Hamilton building, 131 Third street before midnight, Saturday, July 11, 1908.

Rules of the United States Lawn Tennis association will be observed. The foot fault rule will be strictly enforced. Competitors will play on such courts and at such times as the committee may appoint. Competitors not appearing at the appointed time may be defaulted by the committee. Play will begin at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. each day. J. F. Ewing will act as referee.
The tournament committee is D. S. Bellinger, E. A. Cawston, W. A. Goss, A. B. McAlpin, Irving Rohr, W. E. Scott, James Shives, Brandt Wickersham, Richard Wilder, W. F. Woodward, F. H. V. Andrews, chairman.
There may be plenty of room at the top, but high altitudes make most of us dizzy.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Pacific Coast League.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
San Francisco	24	20	545
Portland	19	18	514
Los Angeles	19	18	509
Oakland	18	23	439

National League.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	13	8	693
Pittsburg	13	12	520
Cincinnati	15	13	526
Philadelphia	15	13	519
Boston	15	16	484
New York	14	16	483
St. Louis	13	19	407
Brooklyn	12	18	400

American League.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	18	10	643
Cleveland	17	12	586
Philadelphia	18	14	562
Chicago	14	14	500
Detroit	14	14	500
St. Louis	15	16	484
Washington	11	18	379
Boston	11	20	355

White Steamer is Carrying Artists
Big Car Loaded to Guards With Photographic Material Tours Oregon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Prineville, Or., May 23.—Herman T. Bolman and William Finley, who are touring this part of Oregon, collecting photographs and data of the animal and bird life, arrived here Wednesday evening from Shaniko, just a week after starting from Portland. They are making the trip in a White touring car especially equipped for their work. They are provided with a number of cameras and are prepared to photograph running animals and birds that can be posed at close range. They will expose more than 1,000 dry plates and will cover a range of subjects from landscape to every variety of bird life. Because of heavy roads they were not able to load the 70 gallons of gasoline they wished to take from The Dalles and are filling the tanks here preparatory to the 150-mile run into Burns. Several cases of plates were shipped to Burns from The Dalles as they wished to reduce their load in every possible manner.
The trip from The Dalles to this place was made by traveling at irregular intervals, stops being made wherever the naturalists saw fit to study bird and animal life.
A stop was made at Hay Creek and photographs of the world famous stock and buildings were secured. From this place the course of the White Steamer will be to Burns and the southern part of Harney county. After some time has been spent there they will perhaps come back here and some time may be spent in this vicinity if fit subjects are found. They are gathering notes that will be used in articles to Outdoor Life, Outing, Sunset and Pacific Monthly.
I. O. O. F. Hall at Centralia.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Centralia, Wash., May 23.—The Odd Fellows of this city have let a contract to H. C. Davis, a local contractor, for the erection of their new hall, which is to be of pressed brick and will cost about \$12,000. The work will be begun at once.

GOSSIP OF TRI-CITY LEAGUERS

Games Scheduled for Today Will Bring Evenly-Balanced Teams Together.

Tri-City league games scheduled for today:
West Portland at Woodburn.
Albina at Oregon City.
East Portland at St. Johns.
Vancouver at Salem.
Empires assigned for today:
Prevost at Woodburn.
Bankin at Oregon City.
Cheyna at Salem.
Sainpills at St. Johns.

Considerable interest is manifested in the game today between the West Portland "Milliners" and the Woodburn "Blue Birds." These two teams are occupying first and second rounds of the percentage ladder. Woodburn has always been pretty easy for the Westsiders, but Manager Kennedy, the "Blue Bird" manager, declares that he is all ancient history now and that the "Milliners" will return to their stamping grounds around Schiller's corner sadder but wiser for their brush with their old time enemies.
Marshall, the big slabster, will be up against Nick Whitford, a bunch, and otherwise the "Blue Birds" will be as strong as they have been at any time this season. The "Milliners" are taking no chances and will journey to Woodburn armed to the teeth with baseball strategy and horseshoes. Howard will probably be sent to the mountain against the blue clad warriors and is mixing mighty strong drops to use in the conflict. "Whichever way it goes both teams will realize that there is a hot game on.

The "Cherry Pickers" will have the "Pioneers" for today, this being the first engagement in which the Vancouver team will appear before a Salem audience. Both teams are putting up a fight and it is expected that the side which will land winner of the series.
Out at the St. Johns Athletic park today, Empire Sainpills will play in what promises to be the fastest game of the season. The "Apostles" will have the east side "Commuters" as their opponents. These two teams are pretty evenly matched in strength and use similar tactics in getting on. St. Johns will have Kessler, Lee and Clay, the men in the game and the Commuters will put forth their strongest combination in its present lineup. The game will probably run into extra innings.

The rejuvenated Albina "Tourists" will try to make a fall out of the Oregon City "Papermakers" today at Canemah park, and thereby break the spell which has held Albina in the percentage column. An entire new corps of faces will grace the Albina uniform and among them will be some clever breakers. From the ranks of professional rank, Melie, the big Washburn, Broughton, or McCarthy, will be sent to the mound for Albina and Robinson or Habernicht for the "Papermakers."
Rodney Huribart, the speedy lad who wears east side uniform, has had a peculiar experience this season. He has pitched three games for the Triple T outfit and lost them all by very close margins after two extra innings in each instance. At that he has pitched fine ball, keeping his hits well under control. But for some reason just at the critical time his teammates have made a fluke or a foolie and the other fellow has tucked and gone home. Two of his games went 11 innings each and the other should have gone but seven whereas nine were necessary.

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Captain Ray Kennedy of the east side T T aggregation believes he has discovered a phenom in young Crosby, who is twirling in the independent ranks. Kennedy knows a ball player when he sees one and declares the youngster possesses beautiful curves and has a wicked in-shoot. Confidence will make the kid a regular if he wishes to join the league.
Jack Heiler secured a valuable acquisition in infielder Orist. He comes from the Northern league and is lighting feet on his feet, covers all the territory to be desired, is a wielder of the willow, daring on the bases and understands inside baseball. The Vancouver enthusiasts think they have a "candy kid" as an infielder. Happy Jack Heiler is desirous of having a classy bunch and ere long will be tender for the pennant as leaguers are being given attention and a number of applications have been received.
Robinson, of the Oregon City "Papermakers," is a beautiful raise ball in his repertoire of mystic offerings. Tommy bids fair to be one of the leading slabsters in the Tri-City circuit. He twirled for the Brewers last season.
Some of the Tri-City leaguers are pretty good at stealing bases, as the official scores show. Moore, Gardner, Burko, Johnson, Houston, Schmeer, Newell, Nace and Orist each have three.

EASTERN DRIVER PRAISES COURSE

James Van Matre Says Portland Has Best in the United States.

"They can praise their Vanderbilt and Bryancraft course to their hearts' content, but let me tell you that Portland has in the new Western cup course the greatest bit of cross-country racing ground in the United States."
This was the statement made by James W. Van Matre, the dare-devil driver of the Studebaker Auto company, who will be at the wheel of one of the Studebaker stock cars in the Rose Festival races. Van Matre knows whereof he speaks for he has been over all the demonstrating courses in the country and knows every crook and turn in them. Van is the fellow who taught Jack Hugs, Malcolm Smith and Johnny Percival to lather. Woodburn has always been pretty easy for the Westsiders, but Manager Kennedy, the "Blue Bird" manager, declares that he is all ancient history now and that the "Milliners" will return to their stamping grounds around Schiller's corner sadder but wiser for their brush with their old time enemies.

Mr. Van Matre took a party over the course yesterday in one of the Studebaker demonstrating courses and found that the road had dried out considerably as a result of the warm sun rays. The hard, oiled track proved too much for Van and he couldn't resist sending the lever out to the last clutch on some of the smooth stretches.
"The course is a grand one," continued Van Matre. "If the day is fair and the track hard and dry some exceptional time should be made. In fact it looks much like a new record might be established for that distance. There is but one bad hill, just this side of Gresham, and it can be taken in a single gear. There is another hard climb upon leaving the Section Line road, that will probably give trouble to some of the drivers. I look to see the time for the mile run in the pretty badly crippled unless great care is taken of them."
A great spur could be made down this same place if that hazardous "B" turn was not near its base. This is one of the dangerous parts of the course and by breaking it down it can be taken capitably. There is another hard climb upon leaving the Section Line road, that will probably give trouble to some of the drivers. I look to see the time for the mile run in the pretty badly crippled unless great care is taken of them.

"These are really the only hard portions of the road to make. The others are grand for speed. From the tavern to Montavilla there is as straight a stretch of country as one could wish for. A major portion of this is down grade and a high section of the road maintained for five or six miles of this distance.
Of course only the center of the road is or will be oiled, the crude material being spread over a 15-foot surface. This will probably be a great opportunity of passing cars in distress as the road on either side is fairly level." The nearest point in the course, a right angle turn, was almost a line road and a cross road is a mile from Montavilla. At this place the portable grandstand was probably placed and from this point oil has been sprayed on the surface as far as Edel Brau. Nearly half of the track on the Section Line road has been oiled and it will be fully sprinkled early this week. Two big sprinkling wagons have been pressed into service by the city and with their work by the rains of last week.

RAIN INTERFERED WITH INLAND EMPIRE TEAMS
La Grande, Or., May 23.—Rain has interfered considerably with the practice of the teams composing the Inland Empire league, Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton and Walla Walla. Especially in La Grande, the first game between La Grande and Baker City, Thursday, at nearly half of the track on the Section Line road has been oiled and it will be fully sprinkled early this week. Two big sprinkling wagons have been pressed into service by the city and with their work by the rains of last week.

WATCH THESE WHITE-CAPPED BEAVERS AND SEE THEM CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE PERCENTAGE COLUMN

Danzig, McCreddie, Kinsella, Groom, Whalen, Raftery, Johnson, Pinnance, Madden, Casey, Garrett, Ryan, Pernoll, Cooney, Bassy.