SPORTS OF THE DAY

IS SMITHSON OR KERRIGAN FIRST?

WHICH SHOULD GET CREDIT?

Have Forrest Smithson's athletic performances been greater than those of Bert Kerrigan?

This is a question that has arisen in the last few days, and not a few members of the "Winged M," among them Edgar Frank, believe that Kerrigan is entitled to just as much consideration as Smithson when it comes to accounting what each has done.

Kerrigan represented America in the high jump at Athens in 1906, and Smithson is on his way to New York to represent America in the high hurdles at London next month.

In arguing that Kerrigan was a greater athlete than Smithson is, Frank maintains that his consistency deserves marked mention. Kerrigan was great as a high jumper, and Smithson is great as a hurdler.

In 1896 Kerrigan established a coast record of 6 feet 2 inches, and nine years later, during the national championship games incident to the Lewis and Clark fair, he leaped over 6 feet 1¼ inches. No one can deny that this performance was remarkable. An athlete who can set a high mark and then nearly equal it nine years later, has achieved something few have ever accomplished, especially in an event that calls for the physical skill of the high jump. Kerrigan's mark is said to have been the highest set during 1905, and since he won the national championship of course was entitled to represent his country abroad.

Another argument made by Mr. Frank is the fact that Kerrigan was not only an athletic performer, but also a promoter. He was a great football player, and a good physical instructor. Mr. Frank thinks his records, and especially that of his high jump, are of national importance.

Kerrigan Was Injured.

Kerrigan's record at the Athens meet is well known. The Portland boy was injured in the accident on the steamer Barbarossa, which carried the Americans across the Atlantic, and he was off his true form. That he got as good as a tie for third place was surprising. Frank was with him in New York just before he left. Bert weighed 135 pounds when he left Portland. A cold gripped him in New York, and he was reduced five pounds, and that combined with the accident left him weighing 119 pounds when he jumped with Con Leahy of Ireland, Goetzeny of Hungary and T. H. Diakidis of Greece in the finals. He tied with the Greek for third place at 5 feet 7⅛ inches. Leahy won at 5 feet 9⅝ inches. Before Kerrigan left Portland he was doing 5:10 in practice at the club.

Of course Kerrigan was a victim of unfortunate circumstances, but whether his performance is of the national importance of those of Smithson is problematical. Kerrigan's best mark in the high jump is 3⅝ inches lower than that established as a world's record by Mike Sweeney in New York September 21, 1895. It is 3⅝ inches under that of the Englishman, G. W. Rowden, made August 6, 1890. James E. Sullivan of the Amateur Athletic union says Kerrigan was a grand performer in the high jump possessing the requisite amount of nerve.

Startles New York.

Now let us glance into Smithson's records. Smithson has a specialty as well as Kerrigan. Kerrigan's fame never extended beyond the coast except as a high jumper. Smithson is known in New York, where he startled the east, both as a sprinter and hurdler. Repeatedly he has won first place in the 100 yard sprint events in the New York indoor games, and is certainly entitled to some consideration for this showing. But it is as a hurdler that Smithson shines. He has proved time and again that he is one of the best timber toppers that ever donned spikes. Smithson is a performer, not a promoter of athletics. When one is judging the athletic ability of a man he judges him from his physical record in an athletic event.

Smithon has been striving for several years to attain his present position as a member of the American team. He has nearly as good a local track record as Kerrigan, and his fame in the east outshines Kerrigan greatly. Had Kerrigan lived in the east he also might have become famous nationally; he might have become the champion.

Kerrigan never held a world's record of any kind on the track. Smithson holds no less than three, and before July has passed will probably hold another. Since he has become a hurdler his performances have been as consistent as any athlete's ever was. He has repeatedly beaten the crack men beyond the Alleghanies, and some with comfortable handicaps allowed them. He has beaten Shaw, the Dartmouth man, who is probably his greatest rival, more than once. This fact alone gives him confidence for the crucial moment in the London stadium.

Smithson holds the 40 yard low hurdle record which he captured at Notre Dame, Ind., March 16, 1907, in 5 seconds. He also holds the 40 yard high hurdle record set the same day over 3½ foot hurdles in 5 2-5 seconds. Last winter in Trenton, New Jersey, he covered the 60 yard indoor hurdles in 8 seconds flat, breaking the world's record by an eighth of a second.

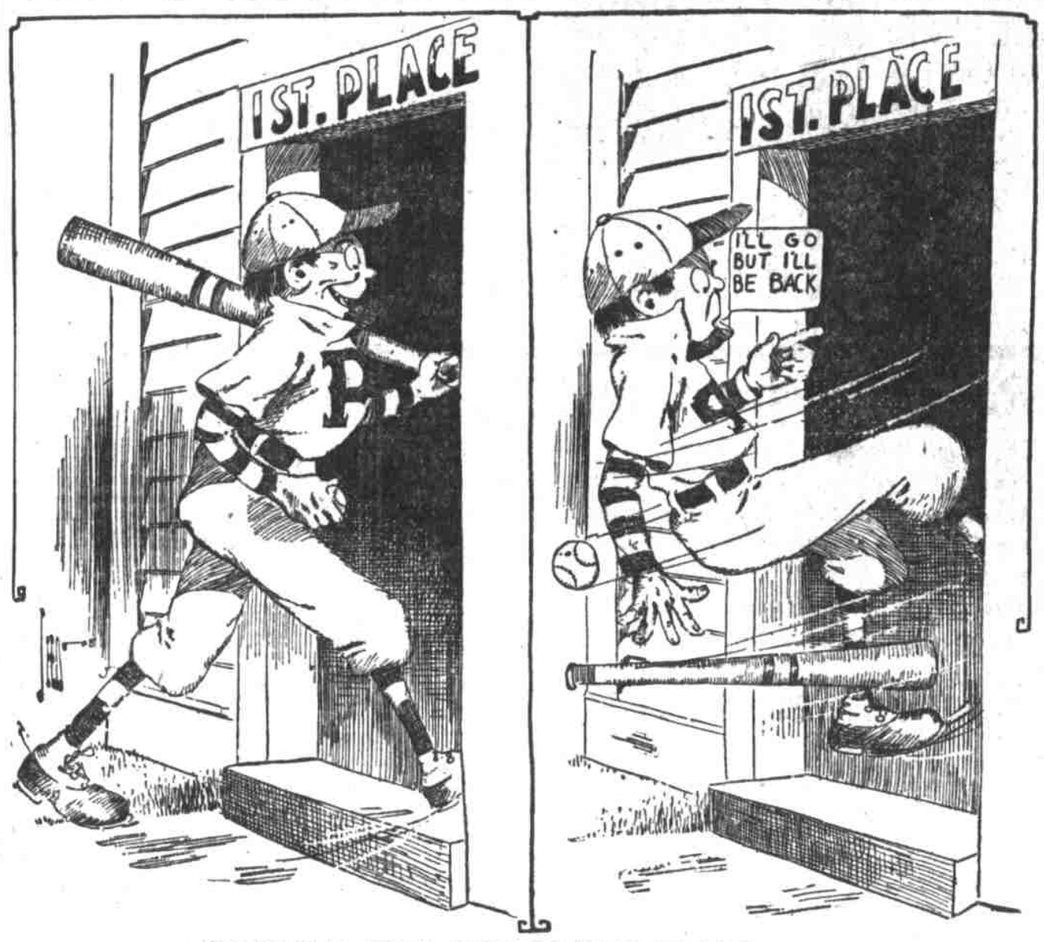
Ties World Record.

Several weeks ago at Forest Grove in an exhibition run Smithson covered the 120 yard hurdles in 15 1-5 seconds, tying the long standing world's record of A. C. Kranzlein established in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 12, 1900. A few days later at Portland on a track which was killing to a hurdler, Smithson covered the course in 15 2-5 seconds. There was a sharp turn almost at right angle at the finish of the last hurdle that caused Smithson to come to almost a complete check before he proceeded to the finishing line. Six watches caught the time in 15 2-5 seconds.

While no effort is made to discredit the Kerrigan jumping record, it might be said that the field was not so large or classy in proportion as that Smithson met at Jamestown in his event.

Kerrigan, until he left last year to take charge of athletics at the Reliance club in Oakland, had long been a valuable member of the Multnomah club in various ways. In that respect he was of much more worth than the man the club has sent to London.

But everybody is interested in the discussion. What do you think?



We Butted In, Turned Around and Butted Out Again.

OREGON BOYS IN TRACK WINNERS

Dan Kelly Wins Jump and Gilbert Takes Vault at Pittsburg.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Pa., June 20.—Thirty thousand people assembled on Schenley oval this afternoon to witness the athletic carnival given under the auspices of the Pittsburg Press, and which was participated in by some of the most famous athletes of the country. Among those who participated in the events were Hillman and Dearborn of the New York Athletic club, O'Connell and Sheppard, of the Irish-American Athletic club, Dan Kelly, "the Oregon whirlwind," Romsey, Garrells and Huff, of the Chicago Athletic association and others famous in this country, many of whom will go abroad to participate in the international events.

No records were broken today, but some of the athletes made excellent showings. The following is the summary of the important events:

110 metres, (120.2 yards), hurdles, Olympic—Garrells, Chicago A. A., first; Howe, Yale, second; Sayers, Indiana normal, third. Time, 15 2-5 seconds.

440-yard dash, open—Won by Ross, Carnegie Technical school; Smith, Cornell, second; Rothwell, unattached, third. Time, 51 seconds.

Half mile, open—Won by Bates, Technical school; Warner, W. U. P. second; Wylie, Carnegie Technical school, third. Time, 2:04 3-5.

Olympic, 800-meter run—Sheppard, Irish-American A. C., first; Riley, Irish-American A. C., second; Ramsey, Chicago A. A., third. Time, 2:01 2-5.

Olympic, 400-meter dash—Won by Hillman, N. Y. A. C.; A. C. Taylor, Irish-American A. C., second; Byrey, unattached, third. Time :50 1-5.

Shot put, Olympic—Won by Garrells, Chicago A. A.; Dearborn, N. Y. A. C. second; Woodling, New Brighton Y. M. C. A., third. Distance, 42 feet 10 inches.

Pole vault—Won by Gilbert, Yale; Pickels, U. of P., second; Moore, Princeton, third. Height, 12 feet 6⅛ inches.

Broad jump, Olympic—Won by Kelly, Irish-American A. C.; Grimes, Pittsburg Lyceum, second; Wilson, U. of P., third. Distance, 21 feet 11 inches.

Mile relay, (schools and athletic teams)—Won by Carnegie Technical school; Pittsburg Lyceum, second. Time 3:45 1-5.

This Date in Sport Annals.

1873 — National Rifle association opened its range at Creedmoor, L. I.

1877—Jack Munroe, pugilist, born in Chester, Pa.

1887—Ramsey, pitcher of the Louisville club, struck out 17 of the Cleveland club in nine innings.

1892—At Tacoma: Cross of the Tacoma club, shut out the Portlands with one scratch hit.

1897—At Syracuse: Tommy Ryan knocked out Tom Williams in second round.

1905—At Chester, Pa.: Harry Lewis and Young Erne went 10 rounds to a draw.

1907—At Chicago: Jefferson J. Blanks of Tennessee, won the Grand American handicap target shoot.

WINNERS IN FIRST PLAY FOR TROPHIES

Before a large crowd of enthusiastics the first day's play for the Ladd trophy in the tennis singles and the Mulnomah club trophies in the doubles was pulled off on the club field yesterday. Following is the result:

Dole beat Mersereau, 6-4, 4-6, 9-7.
McMillan beat Barnard, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5.
Katz beat Humphreys, 7-5, 7-5.
McAlpin beat De Schneinitz, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Brewer beat Sutton, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.
Andrews beat Plummer, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Sargent beat Frohman, by default.
Dunn beat Kerrigan, 6-3, 6-4.

In the doubles Rohr and De Schneinitz beat Humphreys and Plummer, 6-1, 2-6 and 6-8.

GOSSIP OF TRI-CITY LEAGUERS

Deserting Players Cause the Managers to Hustle for Talent.

Tri-City league games scheduled for today:
East Portland vs. St. Johns, at Vaughn street.
West Portland vs. Oregon City, at Oregon City.
Albina at Woodburn.
Salem at Vancouver.

Umpires assigned for today:
Giles at Vaughn street.
Jack Rankin at Oregon City.
Ed Rankin at Vancouver.
Prevost at Woodburn.

As a sequel to the action of the league directors in not allowing C. A. Partlow to transfer his franchise to Forest Grove, Partlow finds himself unable to play his games upon the Oregon City diamond, owing to non-support and desertion of his players. Last Sunday the East Portlands were forced to fill the date upon the Oregon City grounds and found the diamond in awful condition, being really unsafe to play upon. Also a team which was uniformed in street apparel was sent upon the field. Over half of the players were not signed up, and to can the climax the attendance did not reach 100 paid admissions. The league umpire should have refused to allow the game to be put on.

The game today between West Side and Oregon City will probably be postponed on account of these same conditions, the West Side team refusing to play upon the diamond until it is fixed up. It is unfortunate that the fans at Oregon City will not support the team, and it is useless for Mr. Partlow to continue in the league as a franchise holder unless he can secure grounds and support. The league directors should have used a little foresight and figured the natural result of their action. On the other hand, Forest Grove had a larger gate last Sunday than any game in the league for the sme day.

"Willie" Burnside, the youthful "ump," who recently resigned from the Tri-City staff, is playing first base on one of the Coos Bay league teams. "Chet" Thomas, the hard-hitting East Portlander, is catching for the same team.

Some of the jumpers from the Tri-City are making phenomenal averages with the willow in the Inland Empire league. The same men had a hard time of it batting around the .200 mark in the Tri-City. Why is it? Wof?

"Beanstalk" Marshall seems to be pitching better ball in the Pacific Coast league than he did for the "Blue Birds" at Woodburn. The Tri-City boys who faced him did not seem to have such a hard time swiping hits.

Manager Eulrich of the Albina team has secured the signature of a good, fast outfielder, lately from the Minnesota State league. His name is Webster, and he hits like a Wagner.

The West Side team is stronger now than at any other time this season. Robideaux, an ex-Western association player, who lately signed up, fills a gap around second bag, and is hitting strong. Day at third keeps up his wonderful stride and the outfield, Johnson, Hinkle and Rich Parrott, is as good as any in the league.

With the season about half gone it looks very much as if the Woodburn "Blue Birds" had a cinch on the pennant. Unless they have a little bad luck and lose a couple of games the rag is theirs. They have played their full schedule and their nearest competitor, the West Side team, is behind the schedule four games, with little chance of making them up. The greatest scramble is among the teams in the second division, all trying to get into the first division before the flag falls. There will be some great old scraps among these teams during the balance of the season.

The action of the league officials in postponing Saturday's game between Oregon City and East Portland on account of the charity game at Multnomah field commends itself to the fans. Doubtless the league lost a considerable sum by calling the game off, but as it was for sweet charity it will doubtless come back full fold before the season closes.

Manager Pomeroy has lost another of his players. "Bub" Gardner, the elongated twirler, has skipped to the Coos Bay league and the East Side manager is now looking around for another slab artist to fill the departed blacksmith's shoes.

"Dicky" Holmes, the 16-year-old kid, who is alternating with Bowen on the Woodburn pitcher's staff, has made good. Two games won by him and no losses isn't so bad. The kid will be a factor in the pennant race the balance of the season.

Alex Oliver, the "hard-hitting kid," has broken into the game again and is wearing an Apostle uniform. Alex is a valuable addition to the St. Johns team.

Manager Partlow of the Oregon City team is certainly a great hustler after baseball talent. He is suddenly faced with the fact that he has no team, and inside of four hours he gathers together another bunch of youngsters and slams them into the game and they make a good showing at that. He now has a team made up of some of the best semi-pros in the city. They are Hagenicht, Robinson and Craig, pitchers; Locke, Duvall, Telford and Craig, infield; Shaw, catcher, and Hamilton, Taylor and McFarlane in the outfield.

"Old War Hoss" Arch Parrott seems to have lost his batting eye, the hits are few and far between now.

Official standing of the Tri-City league team to date:

	GP.	W.	L.	PC.
Woodburn	17	14	3	.824
West Portland	13	10	3	.769
Salem	17	9	8	.529
Vancouver	16	8	8	.500
Oregon City	15	7	8	.455
East Portland	15	6	9	.400
St. Johns	15	6	9	.400
Albina	6	2	4	.333

YACHT TERRIER WINS FIRST RACE OF SERIES

With a good stiff wind which shifted from the northeast to northwest and back again four yachts of the Oregon Yacht club tried for victory yesterday afternoon on the Willamette. The race was the first of a series of three and the Terrior captured the first heat for the C. A. Nelson cup. The Dancin' Sal was second. The Fore 'n'aft and the Synamox also sailed.

ENTRE NOUS IS WINNER IN FIRST

Meadows Track Inaugurates Racing Season With a Large Attendance.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle June 20.—The Meadows meet of 1908, 73 days of racing, opened this afternoon and both from the standpoint of attendance and the character of racing the day proved satisfactory to the management of the King County Fair association, under whose auspices the meeting is held. Weather conditions were none too favorable, for while the sun shone brightly at times, a high wind swept the course and it was chilly enough for women's wraps.

Eight thousand people witnessed the running of the six events. Starter Dwyer sent the fields away in good alignment, though in several of the races he had some exceptionally bad post performers.

Nat Reiss, a Seattle owner, took the honors of the day, winning not only the principal event, that of the opening handicap, with his speedy mare, Entre Nous, but the fifth as well with Miss Officious.

Sugarmaid, owned by J. J. Ferguson, ruled favorite in the opening handicap, but she made a miserable showing.

Summary:

First race, five and a half furlongs—Belle Kinney (Rettig), 9 to 1, won; Aunt Polly (A. Walsh), second; Hidden Hand (Buxton), third. Time, 1:07⅘.

Second race, four and a half furlongs—Righteasy (A. Walsh), 1 to 3, won; Horace H. (W. Kelly), second; Anderson (Gaugel), third. Time, 0:54.

Third race, one and one sixteenth miles—Cadichon (C. Sullivan), 9 to 5, won; Lotus Eater (Gaugel), second; Brookleaf (A. Walsh), third. Time, 1:45½.

Fourth race, six furlongs, the opening handicap—Entre Nous (W. Kelly), 10 to 1, won; Security (A. Walsh), second; Lord of the Forest (Mentry), third. Time, 1.12⅘.

Fifth race, one mile and 70 yards—Miss Officious (W. Kelly), 4 to 1, won; High Gun (D. Boland), second; Black Mate (W. Riley), third. Time, 1:44¼.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—First Peep (Archibald), 15 to 1, won; Pal (A. Hardis), second; Cargantu (Lycurgus), third. Time, 1:26¾.

Sheepshead Race Results.

First race, six and a half furlongs—Timber (Dugan), 8 to 5, won; Saracinisca (Musgrave), second; Farwest (Lee), third. Time, 1:20 2-5.

Second race, the introductory steeplechase, about two miles—Bayonet (McKinney), 4 to 1, won; Thistledale (Huppe), second; Mr. Martin (Reider), third. Time, 4:05 2-5.

Third race, futurity course: Mediant (McCarthy), 5 to 1, won; High Range (J. Low), second; Casque (Notter), third. Time, 1:00 3-5.

Fourth race, mile and a quarter, the Tidal stakes—Colin (Notter), 1 to 5, won; Dorante (J. Lee), second; Stamina (E. Dugan), third. Time, 2:04.

Fifth race, mile and three sixteenths—Brother Jonathan (G. Burns), 30 to 1, won; Flavigny (Delaby), second; Sea Wolf (E. Dugan), third. Time, 2:01 3-5.

Sixth race, one mile—The Wrestler (Notter), 5 to 1, won; Rockstone (Garner), second; Tom Dolan (H. Smith), third. Time, 1:39 3-5.

Latonia Race Results.

First race, five furlongs—J. H. Reed, won; Admonish, second; Lillian Ray, third. Time, 1:00 4-5.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Direct, won; Zemphroni, second; Transform, third. Time, 1:07 4-5.

Third race, six furlongs—Geneva won; Swanson, second; Tamara, third. Time, 1:13 3-5.

Fourth race, six furlongs, Brewers' handicap—Berwick, won; coupled with Ellen A. Dale, second; Dainty Dame, third. Time, 1:12 4-5.

Fifth race, one mile—Sir Huron, won; Kercheval, second; W. T. Overton, third. Time, 1:38.

Sixth race, mile and an eighth—Miss Lida, won; Honsignor, second; Beau Brummel, third. Time, 1:52.

Alco Team at Brownsville.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., June 20.—The baseball team of the Alco club of this city was defeated yesterday at Brownsville. The game was one of the attractions for the last day of the picnic of the pioneers. The score was 6 to 1 in favor of the opponents. The Brownsville team was composed of the best of the fast Oregon Agricultural college teams, with other outside men of the valley. A return game will be played in this city during the Fourth of July festivities.

BASEBALL FIGHT STARTS IN SOUTH

Coast and California Leagues Will War Bitterly Until One Falls.

STATE CLUBS FILLED WITH FAMOUS STARS

Former Big Leaguers Make Circuit Teem With Classy Acts—Beavers Popular With Neighboring Fans—Easterners Coming Out for Mill.

By Will J. Slattery.

San Francisco, June 20.—The magnates of the Pacific Coast league have started out on a campaign against the California State league that promises to develop into the most strenuous contest of its kind that organized baseball has ever known on the Pacific coast. The powers on both sides declare that they are ready to fight till one or the other falls. Both claim that the battle is for principal first and money afterward and that no end of coin will be spent to aid their causes.

The taking of Whalen from the Sacramento club was the bombshell that started the rest of the fireworks going. At first it looked as though Whalen was delivered to San Francisco without question, but as the days rolled by and the player failed to make his appearance on the local field, the fans began to have their doubts. One day Whalen would be in this city with a statement that he was ready to go to work for Long. The next he would report at Sacramento and hand Manager Graham a fine line of talk. There seems to be a chance for either side to get Jimmy yet, but nobody seems to know who is going to grab off the juicy plum.

• • •

Realizing that the others are in the going and that there is a chance for him to also do some good, Manager McCredie of the Beavers has come out and declared that he will try to land a couple of live pitchers from the outlaw league. Mac needs slabsters awful bad right now and if he can get them from the outlaws he will not only be aiding his own team, but doing the entire league a good turn by helping in its war against the powerful brush organization.

McCredie has his eyes on Slats Nelson, the big southpaw of the Alameda team, who shut out the Oaklands the other day without a hit or a run or a base on balls, incidentally fanning an even dozen of them. McCredie thinks so well of Nelson that he has already offered him a fat looking salary to jump, but the big southpaw is holding out for another boost in the envelope.

There is still a remote chance that McCredie will also get his hooks on Ben Henderson once again, though a little doubt still exists in the minds of the other baseball managers as to this. Henderson evidently is growing tired of the brush and wants to get back into organized ball. He asked a friend of his the other day to intercede for him and try to get him reinstated, so that he can go either to Portland or to Boston. McCredie said some time ago that he would never take Henderson back in the fold, but he may have changed his mind since, for the reason that he is up against it so badly for slabsters.

• • •

The casual fans may not realize it, but the California state league is made up partially of ex-National and American leaguers and Coast leaguers good enough for the big brush. They are playing rattling good ball there now and the leaders in the flag race could hold their own with any minor league team in the country without exception.

Take the Stockton nine for instance. Behind the bat there is Keg Hackett, the former Oakland backstop and one of the best catchers the Coast league ever knew. He is so good that Boston is breaking its neck to secure his reinstatement. In their box are Henderson and Dr. Moskiman, the manager, both of whom belong to big league teams. On first is Marty Murphy, who made good in the Coast league several times. Danny Shay, the former New York Giant infielder, is playing second, and Bill Moriarity, the ex-Seal shortstop, wanted by the Cleveland Americans, is doing the honors at short.

On the Fresno team are Charles Baum, drafted by the Philadelphia Nationals, old Roscoe Miller, the former Seattle and San Francisco pitcher, Cliff Blankenship, who jumped Washington, Ed Kennedy, who left McCredie, Frank Esola, the former Seal, and Bull Croll, the ex-Seattle and San Francisco left

(Continued on Page Three)

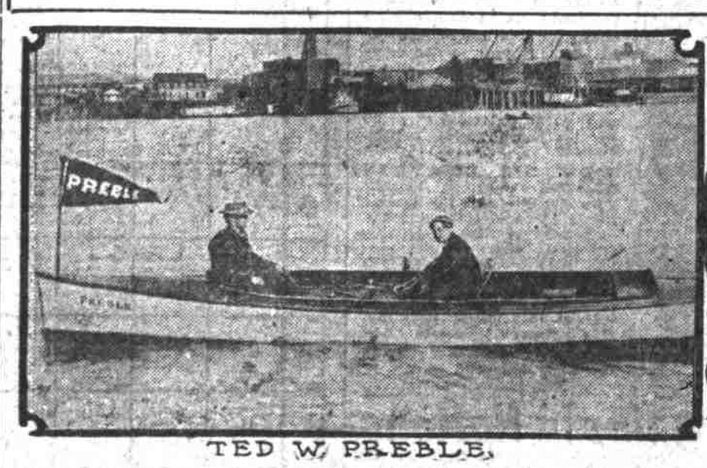
TEAM PRESENTED WITH CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANT

At the annual commencement exercises of Columbia university the other day the Columbian Alumni association presented the champion basketball squad with a large pennant emblematic of the past season's victories. Fred Martin, secretary of the association, made the presentation speech.

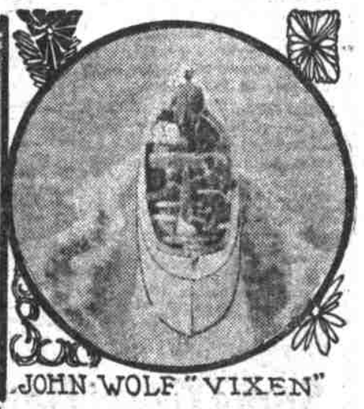
The varsity team lost no game in the Interscholastic league. In addition to this record it defeated the Independence Athletic club for the first time that that club had been beaten in two years. It also defeated the East Side Athletic club and broke even with Vancouver High school.

Reading from right to left the players are: Top row—G. Dooley, H. Coulliard, R. McDonald; second row—Frank Lonergan, coach; D. Walker, J. Campbell, E. Dooley, T. Quinn, M. Ennis and B. Gleason.

FASTEST MOTOR BOAT ON COAST RACES TODAY



TED W. PREBLE.



JOHN WOLF "VIXEN"

Johnny Wolf has become a member of the Willamette Motor Boat club, and has entered his two flyers, the Vixen and The Wolf in the races on the river this afternoon. Wolf has long been the kingpin of the local motor boatists, and he intends to continue that prestige.

Wolf has entered the Vixen, which heretofore has been the fastest boat in local waters, in the handicap race for the Jaeger trophy, and has an excellent chance of winning the prize. Up to a week ago announcement that the Vixen would enter would have caused a mild flurry. But this is lost sight of in view of the entrance of the newly launched The Wolf, which is without doubt the fastest boat of its kind on the Pacific coast.

The Wolf will start from the scratch and is a strong favorite for the cash prize offered by the motor boat organization. Those who have seen The Wolf in action say that it can travel in the neighborhood of 30 miles an hour. If it does this, only a breakdown in the machinery will prevent it from carrying off the honors. If it can cover 30 miles in 60 minutes it has nothing to fear from any motor boat in Portland unless it be the one Mr. Rasch has stored at the Beeman-Woodward-Spalding house.

Rasch had not entered his craft up to last night, and the battle royal that was anticipated is necessarily postponed. However, these speeders will undoubtedly come together July 4 for the $500 cup which will be offered the winner of the scratch race on that date.

The parade preceding the races today will start promptly at 2 o'clock, and will be strung out from the clubhouse at the foot of Ellsworth street to the Morrison street bridge. The first race is pulled off at 2:30 o'clock, and the classes will be sent away as soon as one race is finished. Spectators can see the tests to best advantage from the bluff overlooking the clubhouse at the foot of Ellsworth street.