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TRI-CITY TEAMS STILL IN GOING

Directors Meet Next Month to Arrange for Size of League.

The Tri-City leaguers have not left the field by any means, as marked liveliness at headquarters indicates that something will be doing soon. That there will be a change in policy is known, but the number of teams composing the league, schedule of games and new board of managers is yet a matter of mystery.

The annual meeting of the league will occur in February, when the stockholders will determine the board of directors. These in turn will elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Chet Whitemore, an enthusiastic supporter of the Tri-City league, who has held the presiding chair for two years, is mentioned for reelection. Clarence Partlow, another old standby, will likely succeed himself as treasurer. Franchises are now held by Nick Whitehead, Hal Pomeroy, C. A. Partlow, Vancouver baseball club, M. J. Helser and St. Johns baseball club.

The league will likely be pared to four teams. That is, St. Johns, Vancouver, East Portland and West Portland. Should East Portland fail to put a team in the field the franchise will be sold to either Sherwood or Forest Grove or some town near enough to keep the traveling expense down. No salaries will be paid to players. Neither will there be a guarantee of any certain sum. Players will be put on a straight cut of the gate and encouragement given to the young players coming up.

The Tri-City league has been a good preparatory school for the professional player, the graduating class of 1908 having representatives in the three prominent professional leagues of the coast. The semi-professional of today is the major leaguer of tomorrow. The Tri-City gave the amateurs and semi-professionals their first taste of organized ball, with its ups and downs, discipline and training.

Organized in 1907.

The league was organized in 1907 through the efforts of C. A. Partlow, Jack Helser and Harry K. Smith. These three gave the organization its first steps. They later enlisted the services of Nick Whitehead, Archie Parrott and Chet Whitemore.

The original plan was to operate four teams in the city—the North Pacifics or "Brewers," the Portland Trunk company, the Schillers and the Brainard company. But as the time approached for the opening of the season and through the personal efforts of Messrs. Whitemore and Smith, St. Johns, Woodburn, Kelso and Astoria were brought into the organization and a full fledged eight club league was in full swing. The Schiller team became the Frakes. A schedule of 30 games was adopted, 26 being played.

The league was a success, but in 1908 things began to break bad from the start. The circuit was not as strong as in the previous year, although several good towns were on the map. Vancouver and Salem took the place of Kelso and Astoria. The article of ball played was really better than in the preceding season, but the fans did not seem to take kindly to the local organization and the season was cut short by the officials, closing in August.

This season neither Salem nor Woodburn, both of which maintained salaried teams, care to tackle the proposition again. Astoria is out of the question. Kelso lost money with her salaried team of 1907 and would not care to mix again. Hence the supposition that a four team league will be the dope. The youngsters play fast, snappy ball and as they are not forever thinking of the pay envelope, they put their heart into the game and make interesting contests.

The league officials will place their hope in the success of the season on the shoulders of the young player. St. Johns and Vancouver have good ball parks and arrangements are now being made for the use of a ball park in Portland for the two city teams. All now depends upon the result of the meeting of the league stockholders in February.

BRAINARDS BEAT CO. B FOR FIRST TIME

The crack indoor baseball team of Company B, O. N. G., met its Waterloo last evening in the Ringler east side gymnasium, losing a fast 12-inning game to the Brainard Cubs by a score of 8 to 7.

McKenzie and Backus, the opposing twirlers, were in fine form and mowed down the opposing batsmen with ease, each striking out 25 men.

The cubs won the game by some clever hitting and base stealing. The game was the best that has been played in the city this season and had it not been for the "rag chewing" over umpire's decisions would have broken the record for 12 inning contests. The first nine innings were played in 54 minutes, including the delays.

An enthusiastic crowd of fans turned out and was treated to a fast, snappy and scientific exhibition of indoor baseball. Company B has not lost a game for three years and is champion of the O. N. G. league. The Cubs are now in line for the championship of the state.

Next Tuesday evening at the Ringler gym the Helser & Unden machinists will meet the Brainards and try to stop their winning streak. The game will be called at 8:30 o'clock. There are plenty of comfortable seats in the spectators' gallery and no admission is charged.

The Brainard Cub team, which defeated the champion Company B team, is composed of east side players, many of whom have been playing indoor baseball for several years. They are: Barrell, catcher; McKenzie, pitcher; Thyng, first base; Gumm, second base; Wilson, third base; Brinck, right short; Ringler, left short; Cooley, R. F.; Smith, L. F.

McKenzie, Wilson and Thyng were all members of the champion Y. M. C. A. team of five years ago. Cooley is a member of Company F, O. N. G., and is also a crack twirler of the indoor sphere. Smith is a veteran, having played indoor baseball off and on since the game was first introduced. Ringler was also coach and a member of the Y. M. C. A. team. Gumm and Brinck are new at the game, this being their first season.

'GIRLS PLAY GOOD GAME AGAINST BOYS' TEAM

The girls of the People's institute played a creditable basketball game against the boys of the institute on Saturday last. It was the first match for the girls. The game was interesting and exciting and was much enjoyed by the spectators. Score, boys, 15; girls, 4.

Boys.	Girls.
Wilbur Giddings	Amy Burton
Otto Vincent	Nina Miller
Milton Giddings	Lizzie Kastner
Willie Gibson	Freda Johnson
Alpha Bolech	Mattie Blackwell

Change In Spokane Service.

O. R. & N. train 4, known as the "Spokane Flyer," leaves Portland, 7:30 p. m., arriving Spokane 9:30 a. m. Train 3, known as the "Portland Flyer," leaves Spokane, 7:30 p. m., as at present, arriving Portland 9:30 a. m.

MASTERS OF CUE MEET TONIGHT

Sutton and Slosson Play for World's Championship at 18.1 Billiards.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Jan. 26.—George Sutton and George F. Slosson will meet tonight for the world's championship title at 18.1 balkline billiards in the concert hall at Madison Square garden. Sutton is the present holder of the title and emblem, while Slosson, "the student," is the challenger. Both men have been practicing diligently for the match in this city for the last few weeks, and both have been playing in excellent form.

It is barely possible that this match between Sutton and Slosson will be the last big contest at that style of game. The public doesn't care much for the one shot in game because it is too difficult and therefore tedious. Sensational runs are infrequent at 18.1, the cue stars themselves finding it not to their liking.

Sutton, of all the great players, cares least for the 18.1 style. His specialty is nursing, and that of course is made extremely difficult by being allowed only one shot in balk. For that reason Slosson is figured to have a fine chance against the champion in tonight's match. Slosson is noted as a hard player and different execution is what he likes best.

For nearly 40 years Slosson has been one of the leading figures in the billiard world, and if he should beat Sutton in this game he might keep the title, as it is doubtful, as before stated, whether any more big games will be played at this style. Slosson has not made any phenomenal runs in his practice work, but his exhibitions have been uniformly high class and up to his best work of former years.

The 18.1 title has changed hands frequently within the past two or three years, Sutton, the present holder, won it from Jake Schaefer, who shortly before has wrested it from Willie Hoppe, who had brought it back to this country, after defeating the French champion, Maurice Vignaux.

OUCH! WHAT A SLAM "OLD POP" GIVES US

Umpire George Derrick, under contract to the Texas league, who has been spending the winter in Atlanta, thinks pretty well of the Southern association, says the Atlanta Journal.

"Instead of putting the Eastern league and the American association over the Southern," he says, "the Southern should have been put in the AA class. In my judgment, the Southern is ahead of any minor league in the country. So far as the Pacific Coast league is concerned, it cannot compare with this league. It is not now nor has it ever been anything as strong as the Southern association.

"But I guess there was no help for the change, and it had to come. I have seen all of the minors of any importance, and the Southern has the best of it all the way through when it comes to drawing powers, to the management of the league's affairs and to the development of the game generally.

"The American association and the Eastern league know they get very little assistance from the National and the American leagues. That is one reason why they wanted the right to draft from the Southern and Western associations. The best they get from the big leagues is a cast off player once in a while, and occasionally a man is farmed to them. The Southern develops more men than any of the other leagues, and it was to get a whack at these fellows that they contended for the right to draft.

"I think, however, President Kavanaugh handled the case so far as the Southern association is concerned in a most admirable manner. The bolters did not get the best of him and he was fighting against very decided odds. With less intelligent handling on his part there might have been an entirely different story to tell."

FAMOUS CRESCEUS IS A DOWN AND OUTER

Cresceus (2:02¼) started in a race at Moscow, Russia, a few weeks ago, and finished fourth, trotting a mile in 2:16. It is said that he was quite lame. The stallion is now 15 years old. He will go into the stud in Russia next spring to be crossed on native Orloff mares. Among the other American trotting sires in the stud in Russia are Alvin (2:11), Baron Rogers (2:09¼), Blue Hill (2:15¾), Gay Bingen (2:12¾), Pan Michael (2:12), General Forrest (2:08), Caid (2:07¼), and Onward Silver (2:08). The latter horse was recently purchased in Italy by the St. Petersburg Trotting club.

Multnomahans Will Dance.

Members of the Multnomah club and their friends will dance at the Masonic temple tomorrow night, the party being under the auspices of the Ladies' Annex of the club. The affair will be one of the social events of the season. Parsons' orchestra of 15 pieces will furnish the music.

CRACK SKATER

Eddie Holt, the speedy Portland roller skate racer, who will uphold Portland's reputation against outsiders in six days' race at Expo rink.

RED HOT GOSSIP FOR RABID FANS

Lou Castro will ride about Atlanta's thoroughfares on the hurricane deck of an ambulance instead of muffing liners on the Southern district. He was wanted by Austin in the Texas league, but his undertaking business will probably keep him in Atlanta.

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D. W. Truitt, a second baseman who played with Paris in the Eastern Illinois league and later with Terre Haute in the Central league, is visiting in Portland. Truitt was hunting up Manager McCredie this morning in an effort to get a tryout with the Northwestern club.

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Comiskey is casting about for a high class fielder, indicating, according to Chicago papers, that he has given up hope of ever seeing Fielder Jones in uniform again.

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Critics the country over have been claiming that Lajoie is a great ball player, but a poor manager. Yes, Larry is rather bad. So bad that he made a pennant contender out of a team which had no man hitting for .300. Look somewhere else for this inability of the Naps not to cop off a bunting.

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Umpires Billy Clem and Johnny Johnstone, the "bribery twins," have signed contracts to umpire in the National league again during the 1909 season. Contracts have been forwarded to O'Day, Emslie and Rigler, the other veterans of the staff, while Cussack and Truby, the new recruits, also have the official documents by this time.

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If Rev. H. L. Otis fulfills his part of the contract he will don mask and chest pad in the Cotton States Baseball league games the coming summer as umpire. President Merrill has received the parson's application, and, his recommendations being satisfactory, he was immediately appointed to the staff. He lives in Greensboro, Ala., and was a college star at baseball.

MULTNOMAH CLUB TO RAISE FEES FEBRUARY 1

The Multnomah club is sending out notices of the increase in initiation and life membership fees in the organization, which goes into effect February 1. After that date the membership fee will be as follows: Life membership, over 35 years, raised from $100 to $150; life membership under 35 years, raised from $100 to $250; regular senior membership, raised from $25 to $40; intermediate membership, raised from $15 to $20; junior membership, from $7 to $7.50.

The schedule or increase was decided upon at the meeting of the directors in November. The notice is being sent out so that prospective members may take advantage of the present low rate of entrance into the club.

Rural Carriers Appointed.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 26.—The following rural carriers have been appointed for Oregon routes: Elisha Wisher, Carlton; Willard Tupper, Hillsboro.

RILEY LAST OF COAST ARTISTS

O'Connell Has Cleaned Up Every Welterweight of Class Out Here.

Frank Riley, the crack Tacoma wrestler, who meets Eddie O'Connell in the Exposition rink next Thursday night, is expected to reach Portland Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Riley is teaching the young idea how to shoot in Vaughn, a town tributary to Tacoma. Riley would have reached Portland early this week had he been able to fix it up with the directors for a getaway.

Interest in the match is at fever heat. Several Tacoma sports have placed their hard cash on Riley's chances and there is almost as much interest over the match in the sound city as there is in Portland. Over there they deem Riley unbeatable by a man at his own weight. They have won so much coin off their champion that they bid fair to unload a lot of it in the Rose City on his chances against the Multnomah man.

Several of Riley's backers will come down from Tacoma to see the match, according to information received from Tacoma.

The advance sale of seats indicates that one of the largest crowds of the season will be present. This is undoubtedly because Riley and O'Connell are evenly matched in weight and possibly in speed and cleverness. Riley is the only remaining welterweight on the coast of class who has not been dumped by O'Connell. He has been a persistent challenger and O'Connell could not pass him up as an opponent. He was so anxious to get a match with Eddie that he forwarded his $100 forfeit as soon as the articles of agreement were submitted. O'Connell covered the amount with his $250 sidebet and now all that remains is for the two men to wrestle it out on the canvas Thursday night.

Owing to the temperate weather, there will be no shivering in the big Expo building Thursday night. All the seats in the building will be elevated around the platform, so that every spectator may have a chance to see every movement of the wrestlers during the contest. An effort is being made to provide more comfortable arrangements for the fans at each match, which is much appreciated by the spectators.

The preliminary will bring some classy youngsters to the fore. There are several aspiring fellows who would like to show the public what they can do. Kid Parker, who won the handicap match from Fred Abernathy, is not averse to going on. E. N. Davis, who challenged O'Connell to make 138 pounds, would meet Parker if Parker wants any of his game. A new wrestler appeared from the east the other day named Herman Horack. He is from around Chicago and has wrestled a number of classy men in his time, besides having watched and been instructed by Frank Gotch. He weighs 140 pounds and is a husky looking chap.

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Tom Longboat—Nationality, Canadian Indian; age, 20 years; weight, 143 pounds; height, 5 feet 11 inches; stride, 6 feet 6 inches.

Alfred Shrubb—Nationality, English; age, 36 years; weight, 136 pounds; height, 5 feet 7 inches; stride, 5 feet 2 inches.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Jan. 26.—What promises to be the most notable of all the professional races over the Marathon distance, which have been such a prominent feature in metropolitan athletic circles this winter, is slated for Madison Square garden tonight, when Tom Longboat, victor over Dorando and Johnny Hayes, will contest for supremacy with Alfred Shrubb, the noted English long distance runner. The race will be the third of the series of big professional events of the kind to be pulled off in Madison Square garden and will virtually decide the championship. In the first Dorando beat Hayes, winner of the Marathon race in the English Olympic games, and in the second contest Longboat beat Dorando.

Both of the contestants in the race tonight have been training faithfully since the match was made and appear to be in the finest fettle. Both seem equally confident of victory.

Most sporting critics agree that Longboat and Shrubb are probably the greatest long distance runners in the world today. Longboat first came into wide prominence in the United States by winning the famous Marathon race at Boston two years ago in record time. Since then his achievements in America and Europe have made his name familiar on both sides of the Atlantic.

Shrubb has had much more experience than his Canadian rival. Before he landed in America several years ago his feats had won for him the title of champion of England. Soon after he came to America he attracted world wide attention by making a clean sweep in Canada, where long distance racing is one of the leading sports. After he had conquered about all of Canada's ambitious runners, Shrubb tested his speed and endurance against Rifle Ball, a speedy Canadian horse, at a provincial fair at Winnipeg. The runner made a grand effort, but failed to finish first after a great struggle.

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