SPORTS OF THE DAY

ANXIOUS FANS CALLING FOR O'CONNELL

Portland wrestling fans are hungering to see Eddie O'Connell, the welterweight champion of the world, in action again and they will be gratified the first week in April. By that time it will have been a month since the popular champion downed an opponent. Already the fans are howling to see him start again, but it loks as if they will be disappointed this month. However, their expectancy will be rewarded with the greatest wrestling match ever pulled off on the coast, when the Multnomah instructor finally hooks up with Eugene Tremblay, who deprived George Bothner of the lightweight championship of the world and the diamond belt, symbolic of the great honor.

Tremblay is the greatest little man that ever stepped on canvas, without a doubt. He has had some trouble making the lightweight limit, but his will not be in effect when he meets O'Connell. When Tremblay wrestled a four hour and 15 minute draw with Herman Billeter in Cleveland several weeks ago he was forced to take off so much weight that he was weakened. He weighed only about 126 pounds on that date after striving for several hours to reduce flesh. Without having to think of the weight question Tremblay will tip the beam somewhere about 142 pounds. That seems to be O'Connell's natural weight and the two may be expected to put up such a battle as has never been seen in America.

Never Got Together.

Strange as it may seem O'Connell and Tremblay never came together in the east, although both were traveling up and down the Atlantic slope meeting all comers. Once O'Connell started for Montreal from New York under the management of the famous Harvey Parker, to try and get a match with Tremblay, but the latter had already signed up for a theatrical tour and did not have time to meet the Yale graduate. The matter has been hanging fire ever since. O'Connell was then a legitimate lightweight, but he has taken on flesh since coming to Portland and could probably not reduce as much as the little Canadian champion.

Tremblay is built on the lines of Con Albright, but is way along faster than the Rochester grappler. He is said to be just as strong as Albright, but possesses more mat knowledge and a greater amount of speed than Con. When the two come together it is expected there will be a dazzling display of speed and science. And, furthermore, there will be that old question of who was supreme beyond the Alleghenies to settle.

It was thought for awhile that War Eagle would be here to wrestle O'Connell March 25, but the clever redskin could not be located after challenging the local man, and it was decided to call the match off after vainly awaiting an answer from him. War Eagle would have been a strong opponent for O'Connell. He weighs about 151 pounds and is said to be very fast on his feet. His knowledge of the game probably is not so comprehensive, but it is thought that he will give the Multnomah tutor a hard battle for his title.

Fascinated With Sport.

By the way it seems strange what a fascination for the game has fastened on the Portland fans. It amounts almost to infatuation. When Eddie O'Connell came here six months ago and said that he would have the Portland fans daffy over wrestling, he was put down as a fit patient for the only and original Dr. Dippy.

Then the mediocre fellows like Strangler Smith were drawing houses of from 75 to 200 people. What a change there has been! True, O'Connell's first match, the one in which he defeated Dick Hart, was a poor drawing card, but his sidebet was sufficient to recompense him.

Then came the night when he hung the Indian sign on Strangler Smith, and the house was packed. And it has been so ever since. Eddie is a popular champion and there is no getting around that fact, no siree.

Of course, there is always a bunch of near wrestlers hanging around on the ragged edge, waiting for something to break, so that they can crush in. But being used to the high class article, the sports refuse to fall for the "ham and" layout. The bloomer of Tuesday night is ample proof of this fact.

Fans Watching Gotch.

Owing to the interest that has been aroused locally in the wrestling game, the fans are watching the movements of Champion Frank Gotch with unconcealed admiration. Frank, who recently returned from Europe after trying unsuccessfully to get a return match with George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, whom he deprived of the title in Chicago last year, has two important matches for the next month.

March 25 in Kansas City Gotch has a match with Raoul de Rouen, the man eating Frenchman. De Rouen is certainly a great wrestler, but his rough tactics have not won him many admirers.

The police of Chicago refused to allow him to go on in any more matches in that city on account of his brutality. Slamming a man's head down on the mat at full force and chewing his ears off are some of the playful stunts of the untamed savage from the Rhone.

Gotch is some rougher himself, and the frogeater will get his fill when he meets Frank on the canvas. Kansans are predicting the hardest struggle ever pulled off in that fair city and it is safe to predict that there will be about 15,000 people out to see the grapplers twist and shove each other around the mat.

Greatest Match of All.

However, the greatest match of the year is scheduled for April 14, when Gotch meets Youssif Mahmout the Turkish wrestler in Chicago. Mahmout has defeated de Rouen, although one of the falls was secured through a foul by the Frenchman. Mahmout is a gentle wrestler compared with de Rouen, but he is undoubtedly the greatest Turkish exponent of the game to come to American soil since the days of Hall Adall.

Gotch is quite as much of a hero in his line as Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the prize ring. Every time he enters a town he has a large crowd following at his heels. A funny thing happened in Chicago the other day. Gotch sauntered down one of the main thoroughfares of the Windy City, with the usual bunch of hero worshippers along. Coming up the street was Jack Johnson, the new negro champion. The pair met and shook hands, complimented each other. Jackson also had a bunch of marvel-making fans in his wake. Pretty soon the crowd grew until it blocked traffic, and the police reserves had to be called out to clear a passage. That was an example of the hold this sport has on the people.

Dr. Roller Going East.

By the way, it is whispered that Gotch will soon make his appearance among us. He will not come as a wrestler seeking a match, but as an actor man. Gotch has quite a vaudeville reputation, and will come to Portland, it is understood, on one of the circuits. He has a pleasing little skit that he presented at the London showhouses during the winter, and by reports from across the pond he made a big hit.

Dr. R. F. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, has eschewed the fighting game for the present, and has resumed the wrestling, in which he was only defeated last year by Gotch, the kingpin of them all.

Roller is scheduled to meet Hjalmer Lundin, the Swedish heavyweight champion, in Seattle March 26. He expects to leave Seattle for the east immediately after that match, being signed to meet Westergaard in Des Moines, Iowa, April 5. He will then go on into Chicago and be at the matside at the Gotch-Mahmout bout.

He plans to be absent for several months, during which time he will meet Fred Beell, Charley Olsen, Americans, Fred Pardello, Mahmout, de Rouen, Dan McLeod, Tom Jenkins and other high class men.

M'CREDIE MAY TAKE STARS ABROAD

(Special Correspondence.)

San Luis Obispo, Cal., March 20.—If Portland wins the Pacific Coast league pennant this season and really there seems no reason whatever why the Beavers should not be on the top, Manager Walter McCredie will make arrangements to take his team on an Australian tour and he has already opened negotiations to this effect.

The touring bug is in Mac's bonnet for keeps and off the field he talks of little but the grand time and great success he and the team will have in the antipodes. Ever since Mike Fisher returned from the orient Mac has been itching to start something. It is possible that after playing a series of games in Hawaii both in coming and going to Australia, he will swing up to Japan and the Philippines. Mac is sure strong for the ocean trip.

Depends on Local Coin.

Of course this all depends on whether the McCredies land the pennant and make a big bunch of coin with their two Portland clubs. It is hardly likely that Mac would attempt such a trip unless there was plenty of money to keep from being stranded in the Never, Never Land.

Mac said today that he would take all the stars of his 1909 team and would probably add to them some of the former stars who appeared in Portland uniforms. This would include the famous Joe Tinker, George Stovall, Babe Danzig, Tommy Madden, Mike Mitchell, Larry McLean, Pat Donahue and others.

The Beavers made the wisest move ever in taking Roger Cornell from the San Francisco Seals, for Cornell is a trainer among trainers. He has all the men in the pink of condition and they are the fastest bunch around a diamond ever seen on the coast.

Signal practice and daily games are being played and the men can pick up anything on sight. The diamond is excellent for training purposes, being a little soft, but the men will be in form for the hard skinned diamonds in Los Angeles when the season opens Tuesday, March 30. Judging by the work done this afternoon there will be nothing to it but Portland.

Graney will start the pitching against Los Angeles. He gained a great reputation there last season, but he is even better than ever. His trip to the orient with Reach's All Americans seems to have done him great good and he's the best trained pitcher on the coast today.

Armbruster First Catcher.

Armbruster will take the lead of the catchers for the commencement game of the season and he is now showing up in good shape.

Catcher Murray, who has been expected daily from the east, left Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday morning and is now crossing the continent to join McCredie here and get a few days' practice before going to Los Angeles.

Outfielder Ryan is causing McCredie a few sore moments these days. Ryan came as far as Oakland and wired McCredie for his advance money to come to San Luis Obispo. The money was sent to the general delivery at San Francisco, but it appears Ryan did not have the common ordinary horse sense to go and ask for it, so he returned to Denver.

McCredie telegraphed to Ryan this afternoon telling him to report at once and sending the necessary transportation and wherewithal for his trip. So Ryan is expected to arrive Tuesday or Wednesday.

Garibaldi, who has been playing center field will leave on Ryan's arrival for Medford, to complete his training with Paul Casey's team of the Northwest League.

Ort, the utility man, is by far the best man for that position that has ever played on the coast. He is a baseball player from the start to the finish and covers any station with perfect ease and grace. He is a most valuable find for McCredie and is also good at the bat, while Olsen, the short stop, is now in fine shape and picks up everything coming his way. He was a little rocky at first but is now in form and will be a great acquisition.

Breen will succeed Casey at second and will do so with credit to himself and the Portland club, while Kennedy at first and Captain Ote Johnson at third, will complete a solid infield, all of whom are good at the stick.

There is nothing fresh about Jimmie Shinn's case but with the arrival of Ryan and Murray McCredie will feel confident of wining the pennant this season.

The Beavers will leave San Luis Obispo, at the end of next week, to play a couple of games in Southern California and get acclimated to Los Angeles.

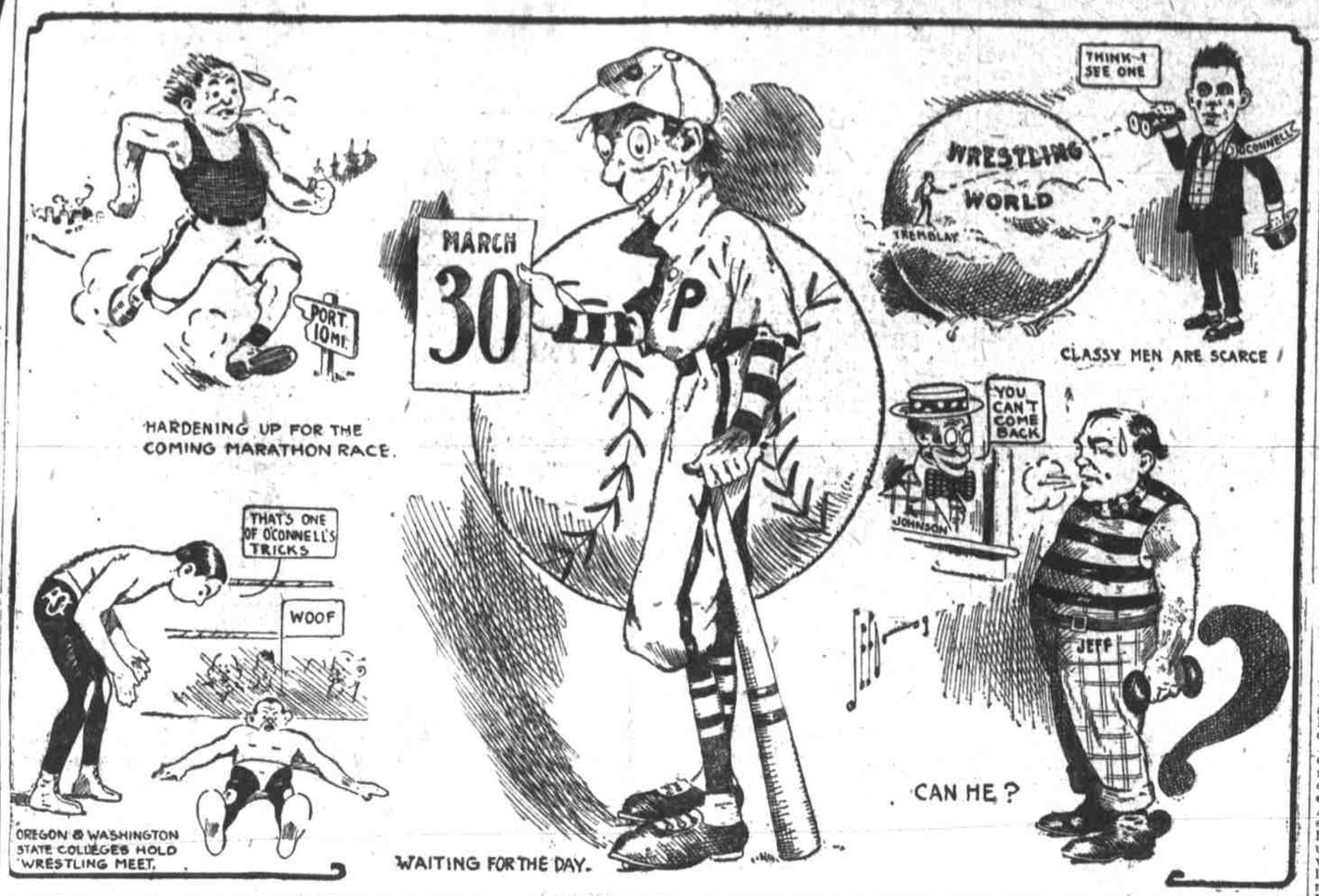
WILL BERG'S ANKLE ADMIT OF WRESTLING?

Considerable surprise was expressed when it was learned yesterday that an effort was being made in earnest to match John Berg and Dr. Roller for a bout here April 2. Berg has been laid up with a lame ankle for two weeks, and when he was in Portland on a brief visit the other day could hardly walk on the wounded member. Just what sort of a chance Berg and his wounded ankle will have with a man like Roller is problematical. The match will probably be held in Baker's theatre.

Furniture Company's Team.

J. G. Mack & Co.'s fast baseball team has organized for the season, with such fast players as Joe Fay, Burns, Fortiner, Brown, Reed, LaFollette, Summerville, Niles, Murray, Lewis, Howard, Larry Gardiner, Towles and Hoy. Any fast out of town teams desiring games communicate with the manager, G. C. Behrman, care J. G. Mack & Co., Portland, Or.

SOME IMPRESSION OF CARTOONIST SEED



IRVINGTON CLUB GETS CONVERTS

Residents See Success of Reorganization of Popular Tennis Resort.

At a largely attended meeting of the reorganization committee of the old Irvington Tennis club, which will hereafter be known as the Irvington club, held last Wednesday night at the clubhouse, a report was submitted which indicates that the reorganization is already an assured success. It was shown that the committee now has in hand signed subscriptions for $7200 and the unconditional promise of $2100 additional, making the total of $9300 in sight.

A large number of Irvington residents, many of whom were never members of the old club, have subscribed for life memberships at $100 each. It is confidently believed by the committee that this life membership now numbering 80 can be doubled within the next 60 days. The plan of the committee contemplates considerable enlargement of the old club building, the purchase of eight additional lots to be added to the grounds, the laying out and improving of the children's playgrounds, this work to be done at once, and considerable improvement in the tennis courts. A new groundskeeper has already been employed by the tennis committee and players are assured of good courts with the return of summer.

A large number of homeseekers were induced to buy in the Irvington district by reason of the fact that the old Tennis club was to be reorganized and greatly improved, under the name of the Irvington club. It was the fact of this reorganization that made the Irvington district attractive to many of these recent lot purchasers. Plans to reconstruct the clubhouse are now being considered.

One feature that has encouraged the committee is the fact that so many of the residents in the immediate vicinity are taking a great interest in the reorganization and are assisting it in a substantial financial way.

The new franchise of the Broadway streetcar will bring cars directly by the clubhouse, making the tennis courts easily accessible from all parts of the city. It is now the plan of the reorganization committee to wind the matter up within the next 60 days. At a meeting to be held next Wednesday night further reports of progress will be made.

HARVARD'S BASEBALL TEAM LOOKING GOOD

New York, March 20.—The college baseball season soon will be on and there is every indication that the season will show play at least up to the average on the part of the big college teams.

All of the Big Six have strong teams, and it is the best impression that the championship will be closely contested.

The Harvard university baseball squad is progressing nicely. There is every reason to believe that the 1909 team will be one of the strongest that has represented the crimson in some years. Under the tutelage of Christy Mathewson, of the New York Giants, the pitching department is now one of the strongest features at the Cambridge institution. It was hoped that last year's veteran infield could be kept intact, but this plan has been upset by the withdrawal from college of H. McCall. He returned to Harvard after the midyear examinations and practiced with the team for a while. He was offered a good position, however and accepted it. He was to have been graduated next June. There are a number of good candidates out for second base, where he played.

TRI-CITY DIRECTORS DECIDE ON PLAYING

Wednesday evening the directors of the Tri-City Baseball league will meet to decide whether or not they shall continue playing on an organized basis this season. The league faces a crisis more formidable than any it has ever faced before and it seems doubtful whether they will continue playing.

The organization will not completely dissolve, however, as they are expecting to see an eight club league next year and think that they will be able to resume their schedule again next season. The semi-professional ball players will await the decision with interest.

AMONG FIGHTERS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

DID JOE GANS FAKE?--JOHNSON UNPOPULAR

By Jeff Thompson.

New York, March 20.—Hugh McIntosh is here and he means business. His prime object is to make a match between Jeffries and Johnson for the heavyweight championship, and for this he is willing to put up $50,000 of real cash. Incidentally Mr. McIntosh expects to pay at least part of his expenses by disposing of the moving picture films of the Johnson-Burns fight for the United States.

Mr. McIntosh agrees with Jeffries on the proposition that there should be no fight unless the big boilermaker can get himself in first class trim. The Australian has a high opinion of the Texas darkey. He says: "There is no man in the world, in my opinion, who can beat the negro unless he is in the best physical trim."

This is altogether probable. I have never been for strong for the dinge, but the manner in which he disposed of Burns indicates that he will not do to fool with.

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There has been much criticism of Jeffries because he will not say whether or not he will fight the big negro. Jeffries is wise. He says: "If I fight Johnson I will whip him." The only reason why Jeffries comes out of his five years' retirement is that the title is held by a negro. Jeff is past the age when a prizefighter is in his prime. Many experts are doubtful if a man of Jeffries' temperament and age can train on after he has been out of training for so long.

It would be under the circumstances, foolish for Jeffries to take any definite action unless he is practically certain he can go in the ring perfectly fit to fight. He is going to work now to find out and when he has found out we will all know what he intends to do. No one has any doubt of the result if Jeffries in fighting trim mixes it with Johnson. The negro simply will not be in it.

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Either Joe Gans is all in or he faked the fight with Jabez White. The Englishman made a pitiable spectacle of himself in the recent fight here. As a matter of fact, Gans had him out at least twice, and if he had been his old self would have had the Englishman beaten beyond the aid of complaisant ring officials in the second round. Battling Nelson saw the fight, and it was understood he ntended taking on the winner. After the fight, however, the Battler said sadly: "Nothing doing. Either of those guys would be so easy the public wouldn't stand for it."

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Word comes by way of England that another pair of ancient warriors are to hook up in New York before long. They are Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett. Each of these former champions claims to have come back and to be able to put up a good fight. We'll see.

Britt, by the way, is not at all satisfied with the decision against him in his last go with Summers. All the Americans who saw the fight are of the opinion that Jimmy was up against an open and shut proposition.

While awaiting results of the Corbett fight Britt has issued another challenge to Summers, depositing $500 as evidence of good faith. Britt says: "Summers and myself have each one victory to our credit, and I hope Summers will show the same eagerness to afford me a return match as I showed in affording him one, and trust English papers which urged me to refight Summers will now urge him. I'm not satisfied I was beaten, after seeing the fight pictures. I'm even less satisfied with the decision. I want another chance at Summers, 20 rounds for the biggest purse. I'm convinced I'll wipe out my defeat."

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I like the looks of this young fellow Ketchel. He looks the fighter, and if he can withstand the temptations of Broadway I miss my guess if he does not give the biggest of them an argument for the championship. I have watched him in practice. He has a punch like the kick of a mule, is one of the speediest fighters I have ever seen, and unless appearances deceive, he has courage to spare. He is young yet, and when he gets his growth at a fighting weight of something like 160 or better he will be a mighty dangerous man.

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Billy Delaney has brought Al Kaufman in our midst with the avowed purpose of forcing Jeffries to fight. Delaney and Kaufman should ponder the story of the eagle and woodpecker. The story goes that an eagle, perched on the limb of a tree in which the woodpecker resented the intrusion and abused the eagle scandalous, daring him to fight and denouncing him as a coward. A little later the woodpecker tumbled into his nest, bloody and gasping. "Well," he finally stammered out, "I saved my life, but my tail feathers are gone forever."

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Packey McFarland is to fight Leach Cross at the Fairmount club on March 23. McFarland is in fine condition. He declares that he can make 133 pounds without any trouble, and that he is willing to make a match with anyone at that weight. The battle with Cross will be at 135 pounds at 3 o'clock.

"I don't care to make 133 for every fight, although I can do it if necessary," said Packey. "The 135 pounds for the Cross bout suits me exactly. I don't weigh a pound more today than I did two years ago, despite what you hear people say about my getting heavier all the time."

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Jack Johnson, according to advices from the west, has a finely developed case of "big head," and is making himself queerly objectionable.

Joe Gans and George Dixon never presumed on their championships. In consequence they gained friends wherever they appeared. Johnson seems to be of an entirely different stripe. Those who applauded his victory are already wishing that Burns had won that famous Sydney fight. Now they are hoping for the appearance of a good, big white man of any nationality to teach Jack Johnson his place.

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Jim Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, did not sail for Paris as he intended. He changed his mind as soon as he learned that Al Kaufman had arrived here for bouts. Barry has asked for a return battle with Kaufman, but Delaney gives him no encouragement, stating that he intends to match Kaufman with men that he has not beaten.

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Friends of the late George Siler, referee and sporting writer, who died last summer, have decided to start a fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over his grave in Mount Olivet cemetery.

John Heritz, with whom the idea originated, has headed the subscription list with a donation of $100, and it is expected his initiative will be followed by many who wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Siler.

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Jack Mason has challenged Johnny Summers to fight Young Otto at the National Sporting club of London. Otto should surely beat Summers, and then the English hopes of another lightweight champion will have gone a-glimmering. Since Summers was given the decision over Britt the former's stock has gone up with a bound. They think now that Johnny is the real champion and that Battling Nelson must fight him for the title.

Summers in a real finish fight would have about as much show with Nelson as a snowball in Davy Jones' locker.

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Sam Berger is more than anxious about the 10 round game here. Sam wants to know what they draw, what kind of fighting they like, and all about it. You can just about tax big Sam for a fuss the minute he feels he is in any sort of shape. Sam would be a bear in 10 rounds. In the fight with Kaufman at San Francisco he made a brilliant showing against Delaney's fine big cub in the early rounds, and it wasn't until Sam blew up that Al was able to find his jaw with a knockout punch.

SEVEN BROTHERS PLAY FOOTBALL FOR $1000

Two teams of brothers, each numbering seven, are matched to play a Rugby football game this Easterdide at Carmarthen, South Wales. The seven brothers Williams, of Haverfordwest, who are all fine "rugger" players and athletes, issued a challenge to any other seven brothers in the United Kingdom to play a game of Rugby football for $1000 and the championship.

The challenge was accepted by six families of brothers—four from Wales and two from England, but none from Ireland or Scotland. The first challengers, who will meet the Williams brothers on the football field, are the seven Randall brothers, of Llanelly.

The Williams brothers, whose ages range from 23 to 43 are the sons of a former police superintendent. They claim that in walking, boxing and billiards they could challenge any other seven brothers in the world. Several of them are also exceptionally good on the running track.

FAST STRINGS TO TRAIN HERE

Portland May Become Livestock and Fancy Stock Breeding Center.

Portland, the center of the livestock and fancy stockbreeding industries of the coast. Such was the aim of the Portland Fair and Livestock association when it was first formed. Today it looks as if, with only a bare two years' work, the hopes of the association will be realized and the city of Portland will be the mecca for all the lovers of fancy stock of any kind.

The coming summer will tell, however. Now only the expectations of the directors and the inquiries of the horsemen of the country can be used as evidence. By the end of September the report of the officers in charge of the work here will have been submitted and undoubtedly will show that the aim of the club has been attained.

It will be but a short time before horses begin arriving for conditioning at the big track east of the city. The first of them will probably be the stable owned by J. A. Richardson of Denver. He has only just purchased a high class string of horses from Illinois and will send them here to be trained on the local track. J. B. Stetson, the famous trainer, will have charge of them. Richardson is but one of the many who will work his horses here this summer.

Two $5000 purses, to be offered by the management of the Salem fair, with two more of $2500, offered by the local management and any number of purses of $500 and over will attract a large number of horsemen and as many as 30 starters are already in sight for some of the races. Several large strings of horses are coming from Canadian points. They will race over that circuit till the close of the season at Winnipeg and will then come directly west to the opening of the northwest circuit.

The new jogging track will be finished soon and training will be started at once. The track is built of sandy soil so common east of the city and will be of especial value during the wet weather when the main track is too slippery for use.

MESSENGER TEACHES PRESIDENT GOLF GAME

Washington, March 20.—Elmer Loving, who was not, as has been printed, Mr. Taft's caddy at Hot Springs, but a young semi-professional who showed the president-elect a lot about golf, has returned to Hot Springs. And he is not, as has been printed, going to be educated at the president's expense.

Young Loving was employed by Mr. Taft as a messenger, and he continued in that capacity until recently. He will stop at Charlottsville, Va., on his way home to visit relatives, and on that fact as a foundation some one built the story that he was to be educated at the University of Virginia at the expense of Mr. Taft.

Elmer, who is only 19 years old, is ambitious. He found that the duties of messenger were much like those of office boy. To a young man who has beaten professionals at golf, making every course he tackled in less than bogey, office boy worked did not appeal. He resigned his place, telling Secretary Carpenter he was going home to study and would return to take a civil service examination so that he might have something higher than the only place that could be offered him at present.

BUTCHERS ORGANIZE TEAM FOR SEASON

A meeting of the employes of the Union Meat company, Fourth and Gilsan streets, was held recently for the purpose of organizing a baseball team.

E. E. Peterson, the genial salesman of the wholesale market department, was unanimously elected manager of the team, and he is now arranging for a complete lineup, which he expects to announce at an early date.

The Union Meat company employes are very proud of their record as baseball players, having played 20 games last season, winning all but five. It is predicted that they will have a very much stronger lineup this year than at any time during the past, and they are open to meet all comers. Requests for dates should be addressed to Manager E. E. Peterson, care the Union Meat company, Portland, Or. From present indications, it behooves aspirants to make their dates early.

THE BIG RACE HAS CLASSY ENTRIES

Marathon racing will be the feature sport of the week, and it is expected that a monster crowd will turn out at the Oriental building at the fair grounds next Friday night to see the tireless runners reel off mile after mile around the 11-lap track. They will be sent away about 8:30 o'clock by Mayor Harry Lane and the running will continue for nearly three hours. It will be the greatest endurance race ever pulled off in Oregon, as well as being composed of the classiest field ever assembled under one roof on the coast.

Marathon running is now the craze all over America, just as it is in Europe. At some of the big races among the eastern professionals as many as 10,000 people have turned out to see the sport, which generally was between two runners. Locally the race will be entered by from 10 to 15 runners, making the struggle to be first at the finish all the more interesting.

Revived in 1896.

After hundreds of years of inactivity, the Greek games were revived in 1896, when an international committee invited all the nations of the globe to send athletes to Athens, the historic capital of ancient Greece, home of the Olympics. Athletics were then at a high stage of development in America, and the young men from this side, most of whom were collegians, brought home a well earned victory. Since then the Americans have won first honors at every renewal. Their work at London last year astonished the world. Several unbeatable records in popular opinion were shattered by the American athletes, among whom were our own Forrest Smithson, Al Gilbert and Dan Kelley.

The earliest mention of the Olympic games in history was in 900 B. C., and there was a monster revival of the sports in 776 B. C. At that time running races only were recognized, but later such sports as boxing, wrestling and javelin-throwing were added. Emperor Theodosius judged the games to be un-Christianlike in 393 A. D., and ordered them abolished. Before the crusher was put on them by Emperor Theodosius, the games were held on the plain of Ellis in western Peloponesus. At the revival the great stadium was restored to its former splendor and Grecian royalty was patron of the games.

To Commemorate Battle.

The Marathon race was founded in '96 in commemoration of that great day in 490 B. C., when the brave little band of Athenians drove back the swarming host of Persians at the battle of Marathon, and saved the capital, ancient Hellas, from destruction and the race from slavery and possible extinction. It was one of the turning points in the onward march of civilization.

When it was seen that the Persians were beaten off, a young Greek soldier volunteered to carry the glad tidings to the capital. He ran all the way from the field of Marathon to Athens and just as he reached the city he fell dead shouting "Athens is saved."

The modern revivalists measured the distance from the monument marking the field of Marathon to Athens and found the distance to be 26 miles and 385 yards. That is now the established distance.

The first modern Marathon was won by a Greek, Loues Spiridon, a peasant lad of Maroussi, who finished far ahead of his competitors from other countries along the ancient route as nearly as it could be approximated. He was hailed as no athlete of modern times has ever been hailed. They crowned him with wild olive and his countrymen idolized him. But times have changed in the decade and not since has a Greek won the classic event of the age.

Some Record Holders.

Some of the record holders at Marathon distances follow: Malcolm Maloney, (amateur), 2 hours 36 minutes 26 1-5 seconds, New York; Dorando (defeated Hayes), 2 hours 45 minutes 5 2-5 seconds, New York; Longboat (defeated Dorando), 2 hours 46 minutes 25 2-5 seconds, New York; Hayes (amateur, defeated Dorando), 2 hours 55 minutes 18 seconds, London; Longboat (defeated Schrubb), 2 hours 53 minutes 40 2-5 seconds, New York; William Joyner (amateur), 2 hours 55 minutes 18 1-5 seconds, San Francisco.

Of course no accurate record time can be kept for the distance for the reason that the courses vary. It is only in the indoor races that records can be made. Here the distance and route is always the same. Out of doors one has to take into consideration the hills and valley and level stretches. This makes it impossible to establish an outdoor record.

A review of the entries in the Marathon will prove of considerable interest to the fans.

A. R. Dorris, the crack Multnomah Marathon runner, will probably attract more interest locally than any other runner with the possible exception of Fred Walby of the Y. M. C. A. Dorris recently ran two miles in 10 minutes and 34 seconds, which shows that he is rapidly rounding into shape for the long grind on the 26th. The two mile mark established by Dorris is not near the record by any means, but is very good in view of the fact that he had just finished running 22 miles around the Multnomah field.

Dorris has been suffering for some time with a badly bruised knee. It has been slow in healing, but it is hoped that it will be in good shape before the big race. Club members are banking on Dorris to win, and he realizes that this race will mean much to him and is therefore determined to do his best. Dorris is also fast in the shorter distances, as his record proves. He has a mark of 4:28 1-5 for the mile against time, which was made three weeks after the P. N. A. meet last August. He has done five miles in 29 minutes flat and 15 miles in one hour and 39 minutes. All of these were against time.

Harvey Donaldson, the clever little Seattle runner, will make a strong bid for the silver cup. Donaldson led the Seattle Marathon into the twenty-fourth mile, but was compelled to give up the race on account of cramps in his legs. He was granted a special medal for the excellent showing against the other runners.

Walter Spangler is another Seattle man who will run in the race. Spangler finished well up in the Seattle Marathon and was always a dangerous contender.

Fred Walby of the Portland Y. M. C. A., was a famous distance runner of Norway before coming to Portland. He made several records at the Marathon distance over there and the association men are banking on his winning the coming event. He finished second in the Seattle Marathon.

C. G. "Soldier" Olsen, who has always been a winner in the military meets where he was entered, is coming down from Fort Casey to enter the race.

Will R. Chandler of Vancouver, winner of the Seattle Marathon and a com-

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