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WHITMAN TOSSERS HAVE GOOD CHANCE

Many Veterans Trying Out for Squad Which Goes After Championship.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 10.—The Whitman basketball team will play its first game of the season Tuesday night with the basketball team of the Walla Walla High school in the latter's gymnasium. This will be the first appearance of the varsity and those who are following the team are looking forward with interest to see what the collegians will do in their frist game.

Although the college has been closed for two weeks on account of the holiday vacation, the majority of the basketball men have continued their practice. When classes were resumed Coach Blanchard found his men in better condition than he had expected. Just how the varsity will line up in its first game is as yet unknown. Coach Blanchard probably will not announce his team until just before the game

Captain Alfred Belt of Spokane, one of the most experienced basketball players in the northwest colleges, is very hopeful for the season. He believes that h has enough old men and new men with experience with which to make a good varsity team. Although the varsity has lost Warren Belt and Willard Felthouse from last year's five, there are enough men with basketball experience trying for the team to make the season look exceptionally bright.

Those who are trying for places are: Captain Alfred Belt, ex-Captain Edwin K. Barnes, George Cushman, Lloyd R. Hawley, John Howard Shubert, Samuel Neterer, Joseph Bassett, William Neill, Roy Gilson, Oren Felthouse, H. Crampton, George McCoy and William Woodruff.

From these men the Whitman varsity will undoubtedly be picked, and the collegians who have been following the candidates in practice feel that there is plenty of good material out of which to develop a splendid team. The interclass series of basketball games brought out some good men and these will be used in developing the varsity.

CARE FREE NAP LAJOIE PROMISES A SENSATION

Cleveland fans are very likely to see a very much different Lajoie at second base when the season of 1910 is opened.

Though Larry played high class ball during his career with the Cleveland club as manager, still it cannot be denied that the worries of the managerial position had their effect on his playing.

While the average fan thinks the troubles of the manager are confined to the summer campaign entirely, such is far from being the case. The manager of a big league ball team is almost as busy during the winter as summer, although his efforts in the physical line are not so great.

Each day he must visit the club's office, do a number of little things that demand his attention, and incidentally baseball is the main topic of conversation from the time of his arrival to his departure. No matter how much he would like to shake off the troubles and cares of the position, necessity demands that he give it his constant attention.

During the winter he must discuss possible trades, place his stamp of approval on this or that player, authorize the return of many youngsters to the minor leagues, keep in touch with the other players, fix their salaries and adjust any differences, plan for the spring training trip and also have charge of the work in the south. He must weed out the material and incidentally, take a lot of blame if he lets some promising player get away wtihout a trial.

This winter Larry has been care free. It's questionable if he has given baseball a moment's consideration since the close of the season.

When he reports for the trip south in the spring he won't have a single thing to do but look after second base, and it's a pretty good bet he will cover it as it has never been covered before.

MRS. JIM TAKEN ILL ON FIGHTER'S TOUR

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Mrs. James J. Jeffries, the wife of the retired heavyweight champion, is recovering from a severe illness at the Michael Reese hospital, where she has been for the last week.

Mrs. Jeffries gave way under the strain of the one night stand theatrical tour, on which her husband is the stellar attraction. As a result, she was placed in a hospital while Jeff continued his tour.

Jeffries has shown much evidence of worry over her condition, and he called up several times a day over the long distance to learn of her condition after leaving Chicago.

As soon as Mrs. Jeffries recovers enough to travel, Jeffries will double back to Chicago and take her west with him.

Country Club Team Wins.

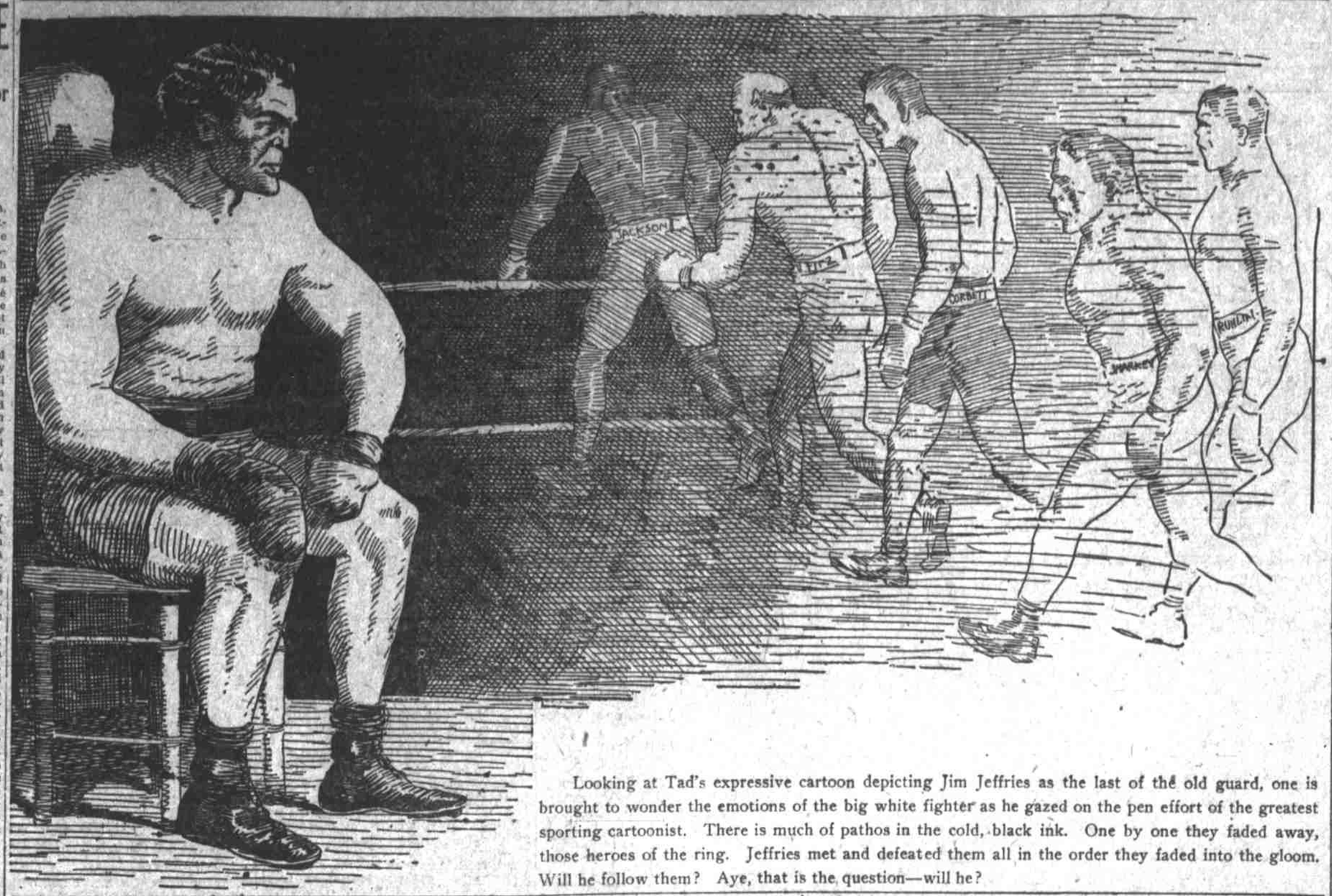
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Scio, Or., Jan. 10.—The "Country club" basketball team of Scio, Or., defeated the Lebanon team by a score of 33 to 8. The game was interesting throughout.

The lineup was as follows:

Scio.		Lebanon.
Gordon Griffin	R. F.	Roy Snodgrass
Wade Cyrus	L. F.	Anges Sturtvant
Elmo Sims	C.	Victor Manweidler
Ardee Powell	R. G.	Verne Arnold
John Sticha	B. G.	Ollie Arnold

JIM JEFFRIES IS THE LAST OF THE OLD GUARD--BY TAD



Looking at Tad's expressive cartoon depicting Jim Jeffries as the last of the old guard, one is brought to wonder the emotions of the big white fighter as he gazed on the pen effort of the greatest sporting cartoonist. There is much of pathos in the cold, black ink. One by one they faded away, those heroes of the ring. Jeffries met and defeated them all in the order they faded into the gloom. Will he follow them? Aye, that is the question—will he?

FIGHTING DIFFERENT FROM CAMP STRENGTH

By C. E. Van Loan.

New York, Jan. 10.—Several Solons of the Queensbury game have been agitating for some real tryouts for Jim Jeffries. They want to bet on him in his coming fight, but they do not want to bet blindly. They want to know whether he is "there."

This isn't a bad idea. A man may train with the strength of a bull and the endurance of a Marathoner, but training isn't fighting. Not by a long chalk. One round of real fighting sometimes takes more "gimp" out of a man than half a day's hard work, in the gymnasium. It's the nervous strain that does it.

When old John L. Sullivan turned up in New Orleans to train for Jim Corbett a bunch of prominent sporting men filled the gymnasium to see him begin training. Old John was fat; there was no getting away from that. But fat as he was, there was one thing which he could always do. He could skip the rope as nimbly as any other big man, and it did not seem to affect his wind.

Matched for Corbett Men.

John performed a few stunts, took hold of the waistband of his trousers and hauled in about a foot of slack, and that was enough for the wise boys. They went out and offered three and four to one that John L. would lick the youthful Corbett. If a Corbett man turned up with any money, they matched for him.

Jimmy Britt never showed more power of endurance than in his training for the Colma fight with Bat Nelson. Britt was also a rope skipper, punched the bag and slugged with his sparring partners for about two hours every afternoon and such a glutton was he for work that he did not take the usual rest of one minute between rounds, but shadow boxed or mauled a heavy bag while the trainers were resting. He seemed to be able to last from morn till sundown and he might have been able, had he played his own game and boxed with Nelson instead of standing up in the sixth round to slug it out then and there.

Reeled to His Corner.

At the end of that terrific three minutes both men were very tired and Britt reeled to his corner, gasping for breath.

"I'm awful tired," he said.

All his weeks of hard work, all his training for stamina and endurance left him weak and shaky after three minutes of real fighting.

I talked with Bat Nelson in September of 1907. That was Bat's bad year—the year when we all thought he was down and out. He had but one fight in 1907 and he lost it. He had rested almost a year since Goldfield and he thought that in Jimmy Britt, whom he had knocked out two years before, he was picking a soft one.

Looked Like End of Bat.

They fought at the end of July, 1907, and Bat, never faster in his life for the first seven rounds of the fight, began to slow up in the eighth and was exhausted at the end of the fifteenth. If Britt had had any semblance of a punch, Nelson would have been knocked out that night. During the last two rounds he could not raise his hands, but reeled about the ring perfectly helpless. Everybody thought it was the end of Nelson. Surely Billy Nolan thought so, for that was the last fight which he handled for the Battler.

I saw Bat two months after that fight and Bat was worried about his physical condition. Of course, he knew all about the beefsteak by that time and he bore down on that toothsome alibi, but toward the close of his talk he tipped his hand.

Hope Was the Mountains.

"I'm going away into the mountains," he said. "I think I can still fight hard fights, and win, but I'm going to make sure. I expect to take one good man with me—a man who may not be the top notch lightweight, but still a hardy, tough fellow who can punch as well as take an awful punching. I will pay that fellow to fight me to a finish somewhere on the quiet. After that fight I'll know whether I'm 'through' or not."

I never found out whether Bat kept to this plan, but I do know that he went away on a long hunting trip shortly afterwards and one year and one day from that date of that conversation Bat Nelson whipped Joe Gans for the second time by the knockout route, and put the cast iron rivets in his claim as the best lightweight alive.

Needs Real Fighting.

Jeff should have some real fights. The provisions of the articles of agreement will prevent him from engaging in public battles, but there is no reason why he should not take on some tough fellows and fight them to a finish in private. He will get nothing of assistance to him in boxing with clever men. What he needs is real fighting. If Stanley Ketchel had trained for his second O'Brien fight by trying to pick up cleverness, O'Brien would have outpointed him because that is O'Brien's game.

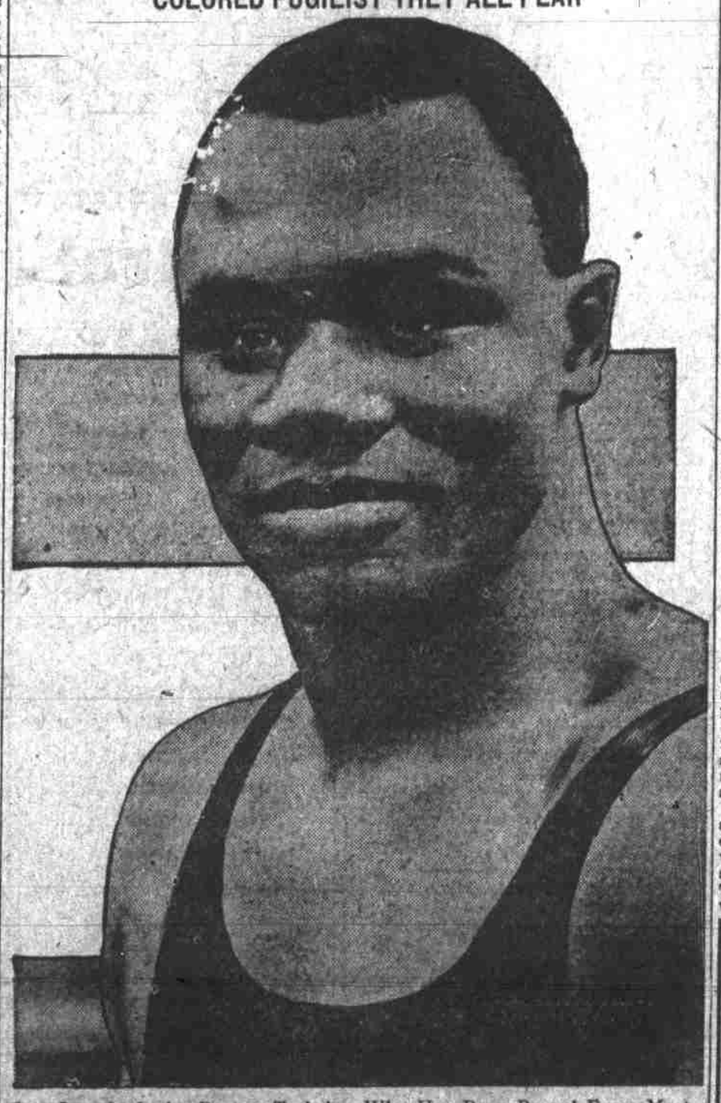
Jeff will probably have the greatest all-star training quarter staff in history and seven or eight good cooks will always scramble the eggs and scorch the soup.

What Jim needs is big tough men who will stand up and try to knock his head off his shoulders. To win this fight he has got to perfect a system of rushing in with both hands and flailing away until he lands one good wallop, just as Stanley Ketchel went after O'Brien.

It isn't going to be brain which will lick Johnson so much as brawn and the wallop.

This year's French golf championship will be held at La Boulie on May 30 and 31. Last June, when the championship was also held at La Boulie, J. H. Taylor beat James Braid by a stroke for the title.

COLORED PUGILIST THEY ALL FEAR



Sam Langford, the Boston Tarbaby, Who Has Been Barred From Meeting a Second Rater in Pittsburg, and Who Will Box Jim Flynn in Los Angeles Instead

OREGON AGGIES TAKEN INTO BIG ASSOCIATION

By Sportsman.

The Intercollegiate association of the United States has had its annual meeting in New York city, and there is little doubt but that the whole country will profit by the work outlined by this most effective organization. It is a unique institution in the athletic and educational world. Without having any definite authority save that of public opinion and the authority that comes from a broad and comprehensive knowledge, this organization started as an ideal some few years ago, has developed into a powerful organization for good.

The more representative institutions from every state and from every section of the United States, have joined the Intercollegiate association with the purpose of lending a helping hand toward the clearer comprehension of athletics and the relation of athletics to academic life. It is a splendid thing for education and a splendid thing for athletics, that these men representing institutions north and south, east and west and with a diversity in local problems to get together and come to some general definite understanding. Nothing could more clearly emphasize the important place that athletics occupies in our collegiate life than the fact that such an organization is justified.

Aggies Only Northwest College.

The only northwest college enrolled as a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic association of the United States is the Oregon Agricultural college, which was voted in as a member at the December meeting.

As was expected, the larger part of the association's time was taken up in discussion and argument relative to the retention, revision or abolition of the American game of football. When it came to a vote a big majority of the committee stood for a retention of the game, but a correction of the faults that cause serious injury and death.

The committee appointed by the Intercollegiate Athletic association will confer with the old rules committee, and in the course of a few days we should get some indication of what the rules are to be like another year.

At present the actions to be taken by the rules committee are as much an enigma as the location of Explorer Cook. They must make radical changes to satisfy those who demand that unnecessary danger be eliminated and enough of the old features that have characterized the old American game must be retained, to satisfy those who fear that football may become namby-pamby and only fit for sissies and molly-coddles.

Matter for Diplomats.

The rules committee has our sympathy, and if they can emerge from the session with a set of rules satisfactory to all they surely should be classed as dipolmats of the first order.

The northwest is waiting patiently for the action of the rules committee and does not seem at all disposed to make any hasty judgment regarding the adoption or rejection of the rules.

Rugby has come in for some little attention in the northwest, largely because of our promximity to California, where Rugby has fought its way to a strong position in the athletic life. There is little question but that Rugby would become a satisfactory substitute for the American game, but there seems to be no disposition to make this substitution among our northwest followers of the old American game, nor are the college executives very much alarmed about football conditions in our section.

Excited Over Barge Race.

The University of Washington is very much excited over the prospect of meeting O. A. C. in a barge race at Lake Washington. They are very fond of their crew at Seattle and are emphasizing this splendid sport under the serious difficulty of not having logical opponents near enough for competition. They have been forced to depend upon Stanford and California for their annual boat race.

O. A. C. has been looking with longing eyes at the Willamette and wondering how long a crew shell would live on its swift and turbulent bosom. The Willamette would be quite satisfactory for rowing in the summer, but in the spring, the appropriate time for the training of crewmen, the winter rains have raised the stream and made it impracticable and dangerous for so flimsy a craft as a crew shell.

There is one possibility, however, and that is the opportunity that might be afforded to ambitious oarsmen to learn the secrets of the great rowing game by getting their experience in barges somewhat similar to the heavier boats used for this purpose by eastern crews when the water is too rough to go out in a shell.

Booming More Sports.

O. A. C. is at the present time booming more sports than any other northwest college. The Beavers have representative teams in the four major sports, football, baseball, basketball and track, and in addition support wrestling, cross-country and tennis teams. They would be glad to add the splendid sport of rowing to the list of activities. It may not be long before the annual barge race between the University of Washington and the Oregon Agricultural college will be one of the big features of our college sport.

The mammoth armory at O. A. C. is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that the middle of the month will find it available for use. While it will be of immense advantage from a military standpoint the chief interest of the student body will be centered upon its availability for athletic purposes. The athletic board is planning a series of interclass contests and will also try to undertake the holding of a big indoor relay carnival some time in March. Such an event should be a splendid feature of our winter sport. A series of races could be run settling the championship in relay running among the various athletic groups in the northwest.

May Race Old Stars.

It is planned to have a conference relay race, a state high school championship relay race, a relay championship for the minor colleges, and in addition several special events. There is some talk of getting Dan Kelly and Forrest Smithson in a match 100-yard race. These old rivals would doubtless like to tackle each other in this event.

Huston of the University of Oregon and Nelson of Washington State college would make another special feature. Hundreds of people would be glad to see these two speed artists in a 100-yard dash. Bergman of O. A. C., the conference champion high and low hurdler, and Hawkins of the University of Oregon would be another pair who could give a hair-raising performance in the 120-yard fly away over the high sticks.

If such a meet materializes, and there is every likelihood that it will, much would be added to the attractiveness of the winter season of sport.

LONG ARRIVES FOR GO WITH EDWARDS

Veteran Lightweight Has Never Boxed in Portland—West Felt Sad.

Although he was born in Portland of parents who crossed the plains from Iowa to the land of promise in 1858, Louie Long, who arrived this morning from Spokane, has never boxed before a local gallery. The tow-headed lightweight, who has been in a hundred battles and never felt the wand of Morpheus, is anxious to make a good showing in the city of his nativity. That he will rock the clever Frankie Edwards to a peaceful slumber he feels certain, when they meet before the members of the Oregon Athletic club in the main event a week from next Thursday night.

Long, who has been a star of the ring for nine years, has met some of the best lightweights in the west. He is now 29 years of age, but he says he never felt better in his life and he is confident that he is as good as the day when he crushed the Mexican Herrera in Anaconda, Mont., in the third round.

Met All the Good Ones.

Outside of Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson, Long met all the good boys on the coast when they were in their prime a few years back. He laid off for four years, but since last September he has engaged in 11 bouts, eight of them going by the "K. O." route and three being called draws, the latter being over the short distance.

In his time he has met such boxers as Herrera, three times, Spider Welch, Kid McFadden, Kid Scaler, Jack Clifford and Jack Cordell. He met the Mexican just before Herrera lost to Battling Nelson and after he had trimmed Kid Broad, Benny Yanger and that class of fighters.

Long is a product of Eddie Smith's class at the old Reliance club in Oakland, and when he starts the Portland fans can expect something in the classy calendar.

West Felt Sorry to Leave.

Jean West, who signed Saturday to box a 10-round exhibition with Danny O'Brien, paid a sad farewell to the Multnomah club. It almost broke Jean's heart to tell the boys around the club with whom he had been associated so long that he had cast his lot with the professionals and would go after the coin from now on. Jean doesn't hesitate to say that he has reached an age when he needs the money more than the glory of wearing a medal on his breast, and it is for that reason that he quit the amateur standard.

West's defeat at the hands of O'Brien in an amateur bout several weeks ago still rankles, and since Danny went professional it left Gene without a chance to turn the tables. This also prompted him in his decision to turn "pro." West will work out with Louie Long. He is in pretty good condition, and will fing 10 rounds an easy route by January 20.

Frankie Edwards has a match in Oakland Wednesday night, and will leave immediately for Portland, getting here Friday, which will give him almost a week to train.

CALENDAR OF SPORT FOR THE WEEK

Monday—Opening of international aviation meet at Los Angeles. Opening of annual midwinter golf tournament at Pinehurst, N. C. Three cushion billiard championship match between Alfred De Oro and Fred Ames begins in New York. Annual tournament of Ohio State Bowling association opens in Youngstown. Johhny Coulon vs. Patsey Brannigan, 10 rounds, at Pittsburg. "Kid" Texas vs. Muggsey Schoals, 10 rounds, at Pueblo, Colo.

Tuesday—Annual meeting of board of stewards of Grand Circuit at Detroit. Annual meeting Three-I baseball league in Chicago. Hugo Kelly vs. Frank Mantell, 12 rounds, at Boston. Battling Hurley vs. Cy Smith, 10 rounds, at Schenectady, N. Y.

Wednesday—Opening of annual show of Minnesota State Poultry association in Minneapolis.

Thursday—Frankie Neil vs. Young Britt, 15 rounds, at Baltimore.

Friday—Opening of Western Interscholastic basketball season.

Saturday—Annual meeting of Western Golf association in Chicago. Opening of annual show of the Automobile Trade association of Philadelphia. Columbia-Pennsylvania dual swimming meet at Philadelphia.

Martin Sheridan of New York, the world's champion all around athlete who totaled 347 points in competitions last year for the Irish-American Athletic club, is planning a tour of the globe, and will compete in various meets. He will open up in San Francisco in July, then visit Ireland, Scotland, England and the whole of Europe that is athletically inclined, including Russia. After that, India, China, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii are down for visits.

PITTSBURG LIMITS LANGFORD TO SIX MEN

Pittsburg, Jan. 10.—There are only six men in the prize fighting who have any chance with Sam Langford, according to the statement of Director of Public Safety Morin, today. These six are Kaufman, Ketchel, Papke, Jeffries, Johnson and O'Brien.

Director Morin made the statement when he refused to issue a permit to a local boxing club for a go between Langford and "Montana Jack" Sullivan. Morin declared that Sullivan's chances with the negro were too slim to allow the holding of a bout in which the two men appeared as principals. He told the club's directors that they would have to put Langford up against one of the six men he had named.

HAS BOSTON MAGNATE BOUGHT SENATORS?

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 10.—Manager Charles Graham of the local Coast league club today refused to comment on the report of a deal he was said to have effected with President John I. Taylor, of the Boston Americans, whereby Taylor is to purchase a controlling interest in the Sacramento club for $12,000.

Taylor, in looking for a California club in which to work out his raw material, was said to have offered to have taken over a controlling interest in the local club, provided a ball park was built nearer to the center of the city. He was reported to have notified Graham that he stood ready to close the deal just as soon as a new park was secured.

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