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WALTER JOHNSON CREATES BASEBALL SENSATION OF YEAR BY FLOPPING BACK TO ORGANIZED LEAGUE RANKS

FAMOUS PITCHER IS INDUCED TO RETURN TO HIS FIRST LOVE

Speed Marvel Says Option in His Contract Is Binding, According to Authorities.

WEEGHMAN IS AFTER HIM

Chicago Owner of Outlaw League Says Contract Signed With Feds Will Keep Big Swede Out.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Walter Johnson today flopped back to organized baseball from the Federals, according to a statement signed by Johnson and given out here by Manager Clark Griffith of the Washington club.

Johnson's signed statement follows: "After a conference with Manager Griffith and legal authorities, I am convinced that the option in my contract with the Washington club was binding and I am going to return to the Washington club and fulfill my agreement and at the terms offered by the club. WALTER JOHNSON."

Johnson in his new contract receives $12,500 a season, which is the same as he collected in 1914.

Griffith told Johnson that his contract with the Chifeds was not binding and that if he deserted organized baseball he never would be allowed to come back into the major organizations. Washington is reported to have an agreement with Johnson for his services the coming season.

Johnson left late this afternoon, supposedly for his home at Coffeyville, Kas. According to Griffith, Johnson signed for three years.

Manager Tinker of the Chicago Federals three weeks ago journeyed to Coffeyville and signed the star pitcher of the American league for three years for $17,500 a season. Six thousand dollars advance money was also paid, which Griffith said Johnson would return to Weeghman's club.

WHOLE FED RESOURCES BEHIND WEEGHMAN IN HOLDING W. JOHNSON

Chicago, Dec. 19.—President Charles Weeghman of the Chicago Federals admitted tonight that he had received word that Walter Johnson, prize hurler of the Washington Senators, has jumped back to organized baseball, after signing a contract with the Chicago Federals.

"I am trying to get in communication with Johnson now," said Weeghman. "I won't believe the story until I hear from him."

"Johnson's signed contract is in my safe," said Weeghman. "It calls for $17,500 a year, and I paid him $6000 in advance on his next season's salary. It was not a bonus, but an out and out advance. If it is true that Johnson has jumped, you can rest assured that we will carry the case to the highest court in the land. Johnson will play with us or he will not play baseball."

President Gilmore of the Federal league was equally emphatic.

"I don't believe Johnson is that kind of a fellow," said Gilmore, "but if it is true you can take it from me that the whole resources of the Federal league will be behind Weeghman. We consulted the best legal advice in the country before signing him, and we are not going to lose him."

Later in the evening Gilmore called up some of his baseball associates in Kansas City and after a telephone conversation was apparently convinced of the truth of the report.

"Regardless of the technicalities that Johnson and the Washington club apparently have availed themselves of, the baseball fans of the country will not stand for a trick like that," said Gilmore, with considerable heat.

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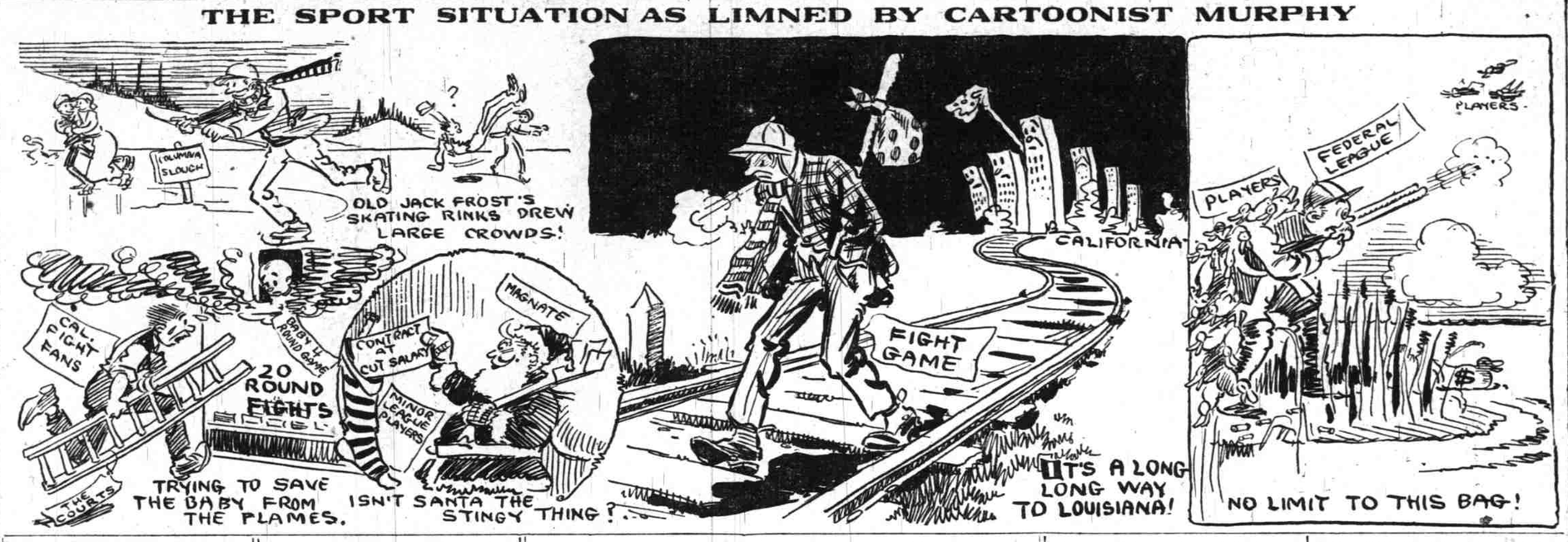

AS THE CROW FLIES

By R. A. C.

THE OLD WORLD'S WISE.

Man sighs,
Love-light lies;
Woman's eyes;
Ring he buys;
Preacher ties;
Doctor flies,
Baby cries.

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Just See Where He Lived.

(Fossil Journal.)

Marshal Dave Woodfin threw a Frenchman into the city skookum house yesterday, for being drunk and disorderly. The Gaul, who has a homestead in Dry Hollow, was celebrating the return of the French government to Paris, and slightly overdid it.

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OUR IDEA OF SOMETHING EASY.

Being a great ball player simply because you happen to look like Eddie Collins in a uniform.

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The worst knock the Federals ever got was when Ivan Olson concluded to stick with Cincinnati.

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Leslie Mann is posing for the moving pictures in "Elevating a Husband."

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It's a long lane that has no ash-can, I'm told,
And it's always the fair that belong to the bold;
Truth crushed to earth can't come back any more,
And there's many a slip between the bar and the door.
—Radio.

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So long as these ball players don't have to talk right out they can get away with a lot of the pose stuff.

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Muggsy McGraw has signed a new pitcher named Press. If he is a wine press he ought to get a lot of help from Harry McLean.

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Many a man billed for an after dinner speech has become suddenly afflicted with tonsilitis.

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War Is Nearing End.

Count Von Bernstorff has been caught singing "Tipperary." Also he was seen eating Russian caviar and drinking French wine. Turkish coffee was also swallowed, but Brussels sprouts and English roast beef were given the go-by.

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A young Portland boxer, Monpier,
Is a regular terror, Monsier.
He cuts and he jabs,
He sidesteps and stabs,
And swings a hard right to one's ier.

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High Life in Jail.

"Sing Sing prisoners dine, then attend show," says a New York Tribune headline.

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Old man Pneumonia has got a crust, I think,
To pick on Johnny Evers, that lively little gink
Who put McGillicuddy and his gang upon the blink.

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QUICK, WATSON, THE NEEDLE

Joe Day admits that he is a better detective than Sherlock Holmes.

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A RIDDLE.

Why do they call these boxing shows "smokers" when they don't allow you to smoke?

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Grandma Sarah Todd, who died at Walla Walla at the age of 104, was an inveterate tobacco user. How the seductive weed does shorten the span of life.

WOULD HAVE BOYS ROW

The Sheepshead Bay (N. Y.) Rowing club is about to start a movement to interest Brooklyn school boys in rowing. It is hoped to develop eights to compete in an annual race to be rowed on the Harlem river. The Schuylkill navy of Philadelphia started a similar plan last summer and also plan to develop crews for the Olympic regatta.

$400 Purses at Toronto.

Toronto will give $400 purses for its ice meeting in which prominent light harness horses will race beginning December 24 and closing January 8.

P. MULDOON ASSERTS ROSEBUDS' SHOWING VERY SATISFACTORY

The Professional Ice Hockey Team Played Good Game in B. C. Rinks.

Manager Pete Muldoon and his hockey players returned yesterday afternoon from their first road trip, which resulted in one victory and one defeat. The Rosebuds trimmed the Victoria seven Tuesday night, 8 to 4, but lost to the Vancouver Millionaires Friday night by the score of 6 to 3, after getting a two goal lead in the first period.

The local puck chasers will be seen in action against the Victoria team next Saturday night. Muldoon figures Victoria is going to make a strong fight for the title again this season, despite the fact that it has lost two games.

The local players will practice every afternoon this week.

Muldoon said : "I am well satisfied with the showing of the players in their first games away from home. At Victoria we outplayed Lester Patrick's team easily and I thought sure we would even up the score with the Millionaires after getting two goals in the first period of Friday night's game, but luck went against us.

"Seaborn, the defense player, who joined us in Victoria, has been released and in his place I have signed Connie Benson, a member of the Winnipeg team. Benson is a stocky defense player and was in the Boundary league last year. Vancouver will carry Seaborn for the remainder of the season."

Muldoon also handed a couple of bouquets to Cook, the big defense player, and McKay, the classy center of the Vancouver team. These two players and Cyclone Taylor form the backbone of the Millionaires.

Portland has the leading goal scorer of the league in Harris, the wing player, who was secured from Vancouver in a trade for Mallen. Harris has scored five goals.

Playing against the orders of his physician the Portland cover point went into Tuesday night's game with a fractured jawbone, a huge football helmet being used to protect him from further injury, while underneath he wore a bandage to prevent any jarring. Few, if any of the spectators, were aware of Johnson's condition and the remarkable game that he played is one of the greatest instances of nerve that has ever been displayed in Canadian hockey, says the Victoria Times. Johnson sustained the injury at practice last Thursday in Portland, but the matter was kept dark for a few days. He has been ordered to rest by his medical advisers, but states that he will keep on playing, his brilliant defense work being a big factor of Portland's victory last night.

So satisfactorily did they handle the game here on Friday night between the Rosebuds and the local septette, that Mickey Ion and Tommy Phillips will probably take charge of all the games in the Coast league series this season. With the exception of one or two little miscues on off-sides these officials did splendid work. The new rule allowing off-side plays in center ice makes it difficult for a referee to get away from calling one or two bad ones in the course of a game.

By the way, the new rule, which was introduced by the Patricks last season, allowing an off-side play in center ice, speeds up the game wonderfully. The Portland players are taking full advantage of it as was shown in their game in the Capital City on Tuesday night. They played the best combination of any team in the league so far, as the Victoria critics say, and it was this rule that helped them to do it.

"The Coast league has agreed to accept an eastern arbitrator for the Smith-MacDonald trade and they will insist that a western hockey enthusiast give the final decision in the Ronan case," was the statement of Frank Patrick, president of the P. C. H. A., with regard to the controversy between the leading profesional "hockey organizations." "James Smith, of Montreal, will look into the Smith-MacDonald trade on December 19 at Montreal and as this case vitally concerns the Coast league, we feel that we are entitled to a westerner to give the final decision on the Ronan case."

There is little fear of the Coast league backing down on the Ronan deal for he is needed at Portland. The N. H. A. through President Quinn, have notified the Coast league. President Patrick states that the Coast league did not receive any money for either Prodgers or MacDonald until they had reported to Quebec and Ontario. He therefore takes this as a precedent and says that the Coast league will pay for Ronan when he reports to the P. C. H. A. team. Ronan has asked for a higher contract from the Coast league, but the latter officials are determined that this player shall be suspended if he does not report before the end of this month to the Portland club.

With regard to the Smith-MacDonald trade, Frank Patrick says that 'his blocked the P. C. H. A. draft on the Quebec club and he will push this case to the utmost as the Coast league would very much like to secure the services of Smith. The latter led the N. H. A. in scoring for two seasons in a row and would be a valuable drawing card for this circuit.

Michigan university has organized a rifle club with 88 members.

IN THE LOOKING-GLASS

BY R. A. CRONIN.

VARIOUS BIG SHOW LEADERS ARE COMPARED

The Indianapolis team, winners of the championship of the Federal league, was the best hitting aggregation of players in the major circuits. The Hoosiers, although they played in one less game than Connie Mack's collection of sluggers, batted 12 points better than the American league champions. The average of the Indianapolis team was .284, according to the official averages. The Brooklyn Dodgers, the best hitting team in the National league, batted .269.

The official averages of the three higher leagues show that the twirlers of the American league were the most effective during the season. Leonard, the big twirler of the Boston Red Sox, topped the twirlers of the three leagues with the average of 1.01 runs per game.

Seven pitchers of the American league allowed less than two runs per game during the season and six Federal leaguers followed suit. Only three National league twirlers allowed less than two runs per game.

The Philadelphia Athletics, the leading fielding team of the American league, and the Pittsburg Pirates, the best fielders in the National league, topped the Buffalo team, the fielding leaders of the Federal league, by a margin of 5 and 4 points, respectively.

Tyrus Cobb, of the Detroit Tigers, was the top notch hitter with the percentage of .368. Benny Kauff, of the champion Indianapolis team, batted .366 and Jake Daubert, Brooklyn's hard hitting first sacker, hit for an average of .329.

The leaders in the various departments of the game, according to the official averages, are as follows:

Team Batting.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	P.C.
Indianapolis (F)	157	5184	762	1471	229	89	32	223	287	.284
Philadelphia (A)	158	5123	749	1392	165	80	28	217	229	.272
Brooklyn (N)	154	5152	622	1386	172	90	31	190	173	.269

Team Fielding.

Teams—	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	P.C.
Philadelphia (A)	158	4213	1937	213	125	.967
Pittsburg (N)	158	4211	2035	223	[illegible]	.966
Buffalo (F)	155	4155	2036	243	107	.962

Individual Batting.

Players, Team, League—	AB.	H.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	P.C.
Cobb, Detroit (A)	97	345	69	127	22	11	2	6	35	.368
Kauff, Indianapolis (F)	154	574	118	210	45	12	8	16	75	.366
Daubert, Brooklyn (N)	126	474	89	156	17	7	6	33	25	.329

Leading Pitchers.

Players, Team, League—	G.	IP.	ABO.	HO.	E.R.	O.	BB.	SO.	A.E.R.
Leonard, Boston (A)	35	221 2-3	778	140	25		60	174	1.01
Ford, Buffalo (F)	35	249	889	188	43		41	126	1.56
Doak, St. Louis (N)	36	256	1016	193	49		87	118	1.72

As an instance of the way money has been tossed around by the Federals, "Stonewall" Jackson, who jumped the Seattle club for the Chicago club of the outlaw circuit, is cited. He was signed to a two-year contract without the 10-day clause, which makes it mandatory upon Chicago to pay him in full for another year. Last year Jackson took part in only 17 games and batted .040 in 25 times up. That lone bingle doubtless cost the Federal league $2000.

Charley Comiskey is said to have paid out $125,000 for baseball stars in the past few years. A good many of these dollars have gone in what may be termed crazy purchases, as, for instance, Larry Chappell for $18,000, and Russell Blackburne for $11,000. He only paid $8000 for Ray Schalk, the best young catcher in the American league. The $50,000 he gave for Eddie Collins is the best money Comiskey has spent in many a day.

Amateur boxing has reached high tide in Portland. The last show of the Western Athletic club Friday night was one of the best that has been staged in recent years. If the amateurs continue to put up such good bouts and the clubs continue to handle their smokers so effectively, there will probably be little cry for the professionals.

Henry Berry, the old Los Angeles and new San Francisco proprietor, is due for a big surprise if the entries to do business with the Cleveland Naps. Henry is figuring that he will terminate his alliance with the Washington club and form one with Charley Somers, basing his action upon the rumored breaking off of relations between Cleveland and Portland after several years of close friendship. Walter M'Credie and Charley Somers are just as friendly now as before, and their pact is just as strong as it ever was. If Cleveland sends any players out to the coast, they will come to Portland. Berry probably got the idea that the Naps and Beavers were not working together because Bancroft was sent to the Philadelphia Nationals instead of Cleveland. Cleveland did not consider Bancroft after learning his exorbitant salary demands, and that was the reason he was sent to the Phillies.

AMATEUR TOURNEYS ATTRACT ATTENTION OF LOCAL SCRAPPERS

The Panama-Pacific and Far Western Championships to Get Big Entry.

With four championship tournaments scheduled for the spring months, Portland's amateur boxers face the busiest season in the history of the local simon-pure mitt game. The most important of the championships is the Panama-Pacific exposition meet in San Francisco May 5 to 8. Hundreds of boxers from all sections of the United States will be entered.

The Far Western tournament, which will also be held in San Francisco, will bring together the best mitt wielders of the Rocky Mountain, Intermountain, Pacific, Southern Pacific and Pacific Northwest associations of the Amateur Athletic union. This tournament will be staged April 14 and 15.

The Pacific Northwest association championship events which will be held under the auspices of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club on March 18 and 19, will be the biggest tournament held in the northwest. Athletes representing the Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Spokane, Multnomah, Western and Armory clubs will contest for honors in this meet.

The proposed city championship tournament will be the greatest ever staged between the representatives of the local clubs. Frank Harmer, chairman of the boxing and wrestling committee of the Multnomah club, has not definitely decided upon the date of the events, but it is likely that they will be held before the P. N. A. meet.

The last inter-club smoker of the Multnomah club this season is scheduled for March 5, and as the P. N. A. championships will be held on March 18 and 19, it is likely that the tourney will be held on March 11 and 12 or March 25 and 26.

Portland has at present more amateur boxers of championship calibre than any other town on the Pacific coast and will undoubtedly make a great showing in the two meets to be held in San Francisco during the fair next year.

The followers of the game are beginning to get interested in the coming events and are especially anxious to get a chance to witness the events of the city championship tournament. The card of the Western Amateur Athletic club staged last Friday night proved to be one of the best smokers held in Portland in a number of seasons, but it would form only a part of the big city championship affair.

Manager Harmar will definitely announce the date of the city tournament after the first of the year. The boxers are taking a great deal of interest in the city meet and practically every amateur will enter.

On account of the danger of injuries, it is likely that the Multnomah club will request every boxer to undergo a physical examination.

Willamette Stars to Bowl Locals Today

The first intercity bowling tournament of the season will be held at the Oregon alleys, 86½ Broadway, this afternoon, when the Rainbows of Eugene bowl a picked team from Portland.

The Rainbows are the leaders of the Wrlamette valley bowling league. Kruse, Meyers, Harry Meek and two others will roll against the visitors. The game will start at 2:30 o'clock.

NOMINATORS ARE NAMED

Commodore W. H. Gray of the Portland Motor Boat club announced yesterday that he had named George Kendall, Ray Jamison and J. S. Smith as the club's nominating committee. Under the amendments adopted at a recent special meeting of the club members, the nominating committee will select two or more members for each place on the board of trustees. The committee will report about a week before the election, which will be held on January 11.

Lehigh Builds Board Track.

Lehigh university at South Bethlehem, Pa., has built a circular board track outdoors where the athletes will train this winter. This method is expected to develop sprinters and runners for the spring events.

Salt Lake Ready to Take Over Senator Team of Coasters

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 19.—The Salt Lake baseball fans are ready to take over the franchise of the Sacramento team of the Pacific Coast league. The money is in sight and it is expected that the transfer will be made tomorrow when President Allen T. Baum, of the Pacific Coast league, and Henry Berry, owner of the San Francisco team, arrive here.

Cardinal Beats Y. M. C. A.

The Lincoln high school basketball quintet beat the Young Men's Christian Association five last night on the Y. M. C. A. floor by the score of 32 to 21. Ceaser was the Cardinal's best point maker. Schildknecht was put out of the game for roughness.

Harvester's Get For Sale.

C. K. G. Billings will sell the produce of The Harvester, 2.01, in the spring of their yearling form at auction in New York. The first lot will be offered next March.

M'LOUGHLIN RANKED FIRST IN TENNIS IN THESE UNITED STATES

Third Time in Short Career That Famous Californian Has Held Coveted Position

RULE OF RATING BROKEN

The Committee Can't Conscientiously Award Premier Honors to Williams, National Champion.

New York, Dec. 19.—Maurice McLoughlin, of California, today was officially placed at the top of the national tennis list for the season of 1914. It is the third consecutive time in his brief career that the famous player has held that position. The ranking committee announced that they believe the object of the rating is to name the players in the relative order of their skill irrespective of what titles and championships they may have won and that is why they favored McLoughlin.

McLoughlin, by taking the place of number one on the national list ahead of Richard N. Williams II, is the first American in 35 years of tennis in this country who has broken the rule of fating the holder of the players, failed to find any decision which arbitrarily awarded the most honored position to the national champion. Their finding in this respect smashed one of the flimsy traditions of the courts, but it smoothes the way for merit and other committees in years to come.

The committee recommends that provision for the rule for the future be made as to rating the national champion and considering Davis cup matches and results.

As the ranking stands, the players from the Pacific coast lead in all divisions. McLoughlin heads the singles. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy stand at the top of the doubles list, while Miss Mary Browne, the unbeatable California girl, who holds the national title, tops the woman's ranking. Mrs. Barger Wallach, Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy and Mrs. B. F. Briggs worked out the woman's ranking.

McLoughlin, Williams and Karl Behr, in the order named, the trio of the Davis cup team, lead the men's singles list. Robert Lindley Murray, the youngster who in the first season bowled over the veterans, takes the place of number four anead of

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ON THE ALLEYS

The race in the City league is growing tighter every week, the two top teams changing places with the bottom teams. The Rainiers have signed E. Webster of Seattle and seem to have secured a strong man, as his score of 634 this week indicates. He tops the City league but Kruse is still the real leader for 33 games.

City league standing December 18 is as follows:

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.	Total Pins	Av.
J. E. Kelly's	33	17	16	.515	30522	925
Brunn's Rainier Pale	33	17	16	.515	30390	921
Oregon Alleys	33	16	17	.485	30072	911
M. L. Kline	33	16	17	.485	30347	914

High individual records: High single game—J. H. Heffron, 277. High three game series—Robert Franklin, 681.

High team records: High single game—M. L. Kline, 1051. High three games—M. L. Kline, 3028.

The individual averages:

G.	Name—	Ave.	G.	Name—	Ave.
3	Webster	211	30	Lockhart	185
33	Kruse	200	33	Slater	184
33	Meyers	194	33	Hanson	184
33	Franklin	190	15	Shachtmeyer	183
21	Knauss	190	33	Raymond	182
33	Kelly	189	21	Abell	180
33	Blaney	188	18	Rowe	175
30	Houser	188	30	Kalk	175
18	Meek	186	30	Christian	175
24	Wood	186	30	Perry	173
33	Heffron	185	33	Kneese	171

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