# Portland Boxing Commission Matchmaker Will Resign Position According to Reports

## GRANT TO RETIRE AS GO-MAKER

### Rumors Are Current That Portland Boxing Commission Will Lose Matchmaker.

JACK GRANT, matchmaker of the Portland boxing commission, it is rumored, will tender his resignation after the January 14 smoker.

Since taking over the task of pleasing the Portland fans, Grant has had a hard row to hoe, and it is with regret that it is learned that he contemplates "throwing in the sponge."

He has been more or less handicapped in his matchmaking, but despite this has given the local ring followers some classy cards.

One of the reasons for Grant's resignation, it is said, is that he has been unable to give the fans the bouts he likes, on account of the limited seating capacity of the Heilig theatre, where a majority of the local smokers are held.

None of the commissioners would consent to be quoted on the matter, but it is understood that they, too, have heard the same reports.

There is much speculation among the ring fans as to who will be appointed to succeed Grant. Bobby Evans is mentioned by some as being the logical man for the position.

## Portland Boys Put Up Great Contests

Stanley Willis put up the greatest battle of his career against Mike Pete in Seattle Tuesday night, according to his manager, M. C. Hill, who returned today. "It was a pleasure to see Willis in action in the two-minute rounds," said Hill. "The bout was called a draw, but in my opinion Stanley had a shade. He made such a hit with the Seattle fans that a return match has been offered him, but this was not accepted on account of a match to be held in Tacoma during the latter part of this month.

"Weldon Wing had a shade the better of the contest with Joe Harrahan." In the other bouts, Billy Wright won over Travis Davis, annexing the coast welterweight title.

## Duchess Insisted; Georges Blushes

Paris, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—An intoxicated English duchess was put out of Circe's, the most fashionable cabaret restaurant in Paris, last night, for insisting upon dancing with Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight champion of Europe. Carpentier, who was with his manager and some friends, was greatly embarrassed by the incident and blushed as waiters were leading the woman away. He and his friends departed immediately afterward.

## "Cack" Hubbard Named Captain Of Aggie Team

**Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 7.—Clyde "Cack" Hubbard, all Pacific coast end, was elected captain of the 1920 Oregon Aggie football team at a meeting of the football squad held last night. Hubbard's election was unanimous. He was chosen all-star end by a majority of the sporting writers and football experts. Hubbard's home is in Weiser, Idaho, where he first learned the gridiron game.**

## COAST LEAGUERS IN SCHEDULE ROW ABOUT '20 OPENING

### Tentative Schedule Calls for Opening of Season in Northwest Cities; Prices Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—A row is anticipated today when Pacific Coast league baseball directors settle down to consider a 1920 schedule.

Jack Cook of Salt Lake, Bill Klepper of Seattle and Judge McCredie of Portland are expected to register loud protests. A tentative schedule submitted Monday calls for opening and closing dates in the North.

Cook contends that Salt Lake weather in the spring and fall is more uncertain than that of Portland or Seattle, while the other two maintain it is impossible to stage any games in their towns in the disputed weeks.

The directors voted to increase the price of seats during the 1920 season to 40 cents for the bleachers and 70 cents for the grandstand. These prices include war tax.

President Vleeck of the Chicago Nationals was a visitor at the meeting. He came to the coast to arrange for the opening of the Cubs' training camp at Pasadena and to sign up for exhibition games. Until the date of the opening of the Coast league is decided upon no games with Chicago clubs will be definitely scheduled.

#### Cleveland Gets Big Shoot

New York, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—America's premier trapshooting event, the Grand American handicap tournament, was awarded to Cleveland late yesterday at a meeting of the American Trapshooting association here.

#### Bees Get Indianapolis Player

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—Outfielder Duke Reilly of the local American association club has been sold to the Salt Lake team of the Pacific Coast league.

#### Dubuc Released to Toledo

New York, Jan. 7.—The release of Pitcher Jean Dubuc to the Toledo team of the American association by the New York Americans has been announced.

## Cards Gummed Peccavi Says Bob

"PECCAVI," soliloquized the woodpecker, as he aviated to a telegraph pole and intercepted a message from Benny Leonard and Joe Benjamin to our own Willie Bernstein.

"Peccavi," quoth I.

In other words, I have sinned, to use Mr. Webster's well known translation of the yellowhammer's soliloquy.

Tuesday I blossomed out in green and black in The Journal's sporting extra with the announcement that Frankie Farren, the San Francisco knockout, was scheduled to meet Puggy Morton, the Los Angeles Joe Gans, before the Milwaukie boxing commission Friday night.

This was not and is not as it should be. The Milwaukie card is already jammed and crammed with humdingers, and there is no use borrowing more glory to add to it.

Let the news percolate that Farren and Morton will battle for Jack Grant before the Portland boxing commission on January 14, as a semi-windup to the Alex Trambitas-Johnny McCarthy match following several other set-tos of high class.

## Portland Motorboat Club Smoker Success

From the time the first number on the program took the spotlight at 8:30 o'clock until midnight the old fashioned smoker of the Portland Motorboat club Tuesday night at the club moorings, foot of Woodward avenue, was one "scream and riot" after the other. The rooms were packed to the guard rails, and standing room was at a premium.

C. W. Boost, chairman of the special entertainment committee, and his assistants were highly complimented on the way the entire affair was handled, and it made the younger members sit up and take notice that the "old timers" were just as "young" as they were 10 or 15 years ago. Smokes of all kinds were passed around to the club members and their friends, and besides that 10 gallons of punch were disposed of. As was said before, the smoker was similar to those which made the Portland Motorboat club famous a few years ago.

The only form of business Tuesday night was the announcement that the annual meeting of the organization is set for next Monday night. The nominating committee made the report that W. F. Prier, Fred Peterson, A. A. Hoover, C. W. Boost, George J. Kelly, S. H. Hemphill, George Southwick, William Love, Ray Barkhurst and M. S. Boone had been nominated for directors. Several nominations are expected from the floor at the meeting.

#### A. A. U. Athletic Dates Set

New York, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Dates for a number of A. A. U. championship events have been announced by Fred Rubien, chairman of the A. A. U. committee. The national boxing championships are to be held in Boston April 5 and 6; the wrestling championships in Birmingham, Ala., April 12 and 13; basketball at Atlanta, Ga., the first week in March, and the tug of war in New York March 13.

## COFFROTH OFFER IS ACCEPTED

### Kearns Signs Up for Bout—"Sunny Jim" Agreeable to Shorter Fight.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—James W. Coffroth's offer to Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, of $400,000 for a scheduled 45-round bout at Tia Juana, Mexico, across the line from San Diego, still stands today despite Carpentier's declaration that he will not fight more than 15 rounds when he meets Dempsey for the championship of the world.

Jack Kearns made that announcement here early today after he had heard from Coffroth, who is in San Diego. Fifteen rounds is agreeable to Coffroth.

"We have accepted the offer," said Kearns today, "whether it's 15 rounds or 45."

Kearns said he understood the date of the match and other details had not yet been arranged.

**DIVISION SUGGESTED**

"I suggest that the purse be split $300,000 to the winner and $100,000 to the loser. That ought to be entirely satisfactory to Carpentier.

"It's sure fine news any way you take it," Kearns enthused. "From the very first I have felt that the match should take place in America, where Dempsey won his title.

"Jack is champion and the challenger should come to him. Needless to say every courtesy will be shown Carpentier. When the bell rings it will signal a fair field for both. No matter what the result of the battle is, Georges will return to France feeling that he was given every sporting chance at the world's heavyweight championship."

**MAY TRAIN IN SOUTH**

"Great stuff," was Dempsey's first exclamation when told today that the big match appeared to be "on." "The sooner they fix the date the better I'll like it. I've always said I wanted to be a 'fighting champion' and meant every word of it, believe me.

"Yes, I suppose we'll stay right here up until time to do real training, and maybe even then. I like it here."

### JIM COFFROTH AWAITING CARPENTIER'S CABLE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—"I have received no cable from Descamps, manager of Carpentier, accepting my terms for a championship bout between Jack Dempsey and Carpentier. If one has been sent from Paris it has not yet arrived here in San Diego."

Such was the information given over the long distance telephone by James W. Coffroth, manager of the Tia Juana racetrack, whose offer of $400,000 for a championship bout between the French champion and Dempsey is said to have been accepted by Carpentier.

"However," Coffroth resumed, "I hope such a cable has been sent. The number of rounds they fight makes no difference to me so long as the route is acceptable to the champions and the public. Fifteen ought to be long enough.

"The date for the fight must depend on the time it will take to build a $50,000 stadium at Tia Juana, so far as I am concerned. I would like to have it in a few months. But that's largely up to Dempsey and Carpentier.

"If a cablegram has been sent me by Descamps, I ought to receive it today, and will immediately give it to the public. I am in close communication with Paris at all times."

## SEVEN VETERANS ARE IN W. S. C. HOOP SQUAD THIS YEAR

### Coach Bohler Has Squad of Thirty Players Reporting for Practice.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Jan. 7.—Thirty basketball candidates are reporting daily for the Cougar varsity and the prospects for a winning five at the state college are indeed rosy. Seven lettermen are included in the roster of the eligibles with several youngsters of class reporting nightly for rehearsals. Basketball practice was resumed today following the holiday layoff although little was accomplished previous to the holidays because of the fuel shortage which resulted in the throttling of the heat on Bohler gymnasium.

Captain Eddie Copeland and Bob Moss, veterans of the championship 1917 five, are again back in harness and showing the same finesse of play on the court. Chick Rockey, Pink McIvor, Lloyd Gillis, Burgess and Kotula are the other lettermen who are reporting daily for a berth.

Two non-lettermen, Cisna and Pigg, are revealing some real form and will undoubtedly be admitted to some of the championship contests later in the winter. Pigg is a six foot all around athlete, who is certain to get a good try at the center position, while Cisna shows speed and corralling ability at forward. Others who bear mention are Kreps, Boucher, Roberts, Ratbun, W. L. King, Walt Hanson, Morgan and Fenn.

The opening games will be played on January 23 and 24 on the local court, when the Cougars meet the University of Montana five.

The Freshmen Babes, coached by Carl Dietz, will open the season on January 16, when they meet the North Central high school of Spokane.

## Local Wrestler Is Seeking Contests

John Buckley, welterweight wrestler, who formerly lived in Portland, has returned to the city after an absence of eight years, and after what he regards as a most successful campaign against Eastern cracks.

Buckley comes back with blood in his eye and hurling defiance at any man on the Pacific coast of his weight.

"I weigh 140 pounds, but am willing to give away a few pounds to any man who will wrestle me," said Buckley. "The last time I appeared in Portland was in 1910, when I was an unsuccessful candidate for national amateur champion. I later became professional and have met and thrown the best men in the East at my weight. Buckley's address is 875 Brooklyn street.

## BASKETBALL GAMES

CAPTAIN-COACH BILLY LEWIS and his Multnomah Guards basketball team will go to Goldendale, Wash., to meet the town team of that place next Saturday night. The Washingtonians say they have not been defeated by a Portland quintet in the last 22 years and the Guards are confident that a reversal will be had this week-end. Several new candidates have made their appearance for positions on the Guard squad and Coach Lewis expects to develop a substitute for each regular.

**Y. M. C. A. House League Standings**

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Swastikas | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Secretaries | 5 | 1 | .834 |
| Seniors | 5 | 1 | .834 |
| "Y" Students | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Pirates | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Dormitory No. 1 | 2 | 5 | .287 |
| Y. M. D. | 1 | 6 | .143 |
| Dormitory No. 2 | 0 | 7 | .000 |

The Secretaries registered an overwhelming victory over the Pirates' quintet Tuesday night in the basketball house league of the Young Men's Christian Association. The court stood 80 to 5 at the finish and Walter Fearnley and Kenneth Irle were the big point getters for the winners. Fearnley was good for 32 markers while Irle was credited with 28 by Scorer Tom Gawley. Hood made three points for the Pirates and Ryder threw a field basket. The Swastikas are leading the circuit with six victories and no defeats and their final clash is set for next Tuesday night. The date is January 13 and the "Y" students are confident that they will prove a jinx to the championship aspirations of the Swastikas. Following are the lineups of the games played n the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Tuesday night:

| Pirates (5) | Pos. | (80) Secretaries. |
|---|---|---|
| Ryder (2) | F | (6) Gratton |
| Hood (3) | F | (12) Rockey |
| Swabe | C | (2) Smith |
| O'Conner | G | (28) Irle |
| Reed | G | (32) Fearnley |

Basketball at Reed college will be resumed this afternoon, when several postponed interclass contests are staged. The hoopers were given a month's rest, due to the holidays, but from now on active competition will be had.

The final workout of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club basketball team will be held Thursday night in the Winged "M" gymnasium, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, and then will come a day's rest before the boys will be on their way to Corvallis to meet the Oregon Aggies Saturday. Harry Fischer will referee the practice games among two or three teams picked from the large squad, after which the team to wear the Cardinal and White against the college athletes will be definitely selected.

Two games are listed for the B'nai B'rith building, Thirteenth and Mill streets, tonight, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The preliminary match will be between the B. B. Juniors and either Buckman or Holladay, while the main event is billed for the South Parkway and Silent Five quintets. The matches will be the first of the 1919-1920 season held in the club gymnasium.

The College of Puget Sound of Tacoma, as well as the store team of Piper & Taft of Seattle, would like to match strength against the Multnomah Guards. Manager Simonson of the Portlanders may be induced to take a week's trip with his team, at which time he would be only too glad to tangle with the best Seattle and Tacoma could offer.

The meeting of the directors of the Portland Interscholastic league will be held this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. Ratification or rejection of the 1919-20 basketball schedule, drawn up by the coaches last month, will be the main form of business. The season is billed to open next Monday afternoon.

Manager Al Hartman of the Standifer Shipbuilders would like to arrange some games with Portland quintets. He can be reached by calling him at the Standifer yards, Vancouver, Wash.

## "Big Bill" Edwards Slated for Ball Post

New York, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—That "Big Bill" Edwards, former Princeton star, now collector of internal revenue, would be the National league's nominee for chairman of the national commission, was talk here after John Heydler, league president, had departed to attend the commission meeting in Cincinnati.

Heydler is said to be under orders from the National magnates to refuse to vote for Garry Herrmann, present incumbent. A deadlock may result which will keep the Cincinnati chief in the

## B. LEONARD EXPECTS A HARD BOUT

### Lightweight Champion Not Holding Johnny Dundee Lightly; Denies He Plans to Retire.

By Jack Veiock

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. — (I. N. S.) — Benny Leonard rates Johnny Dundee foremost among challengers for the lightweight champion. He said so today in discussing his scheduled 20-round bout with Dundee at New Haven, January 16.

"I don't expect to lose the championship at New Haven," Leonard said, "but that doesn't mean that I hold Dundee lightly. He is the toughest of all the challengers.

"Many boxing fans think I could have knocked out Dundee in our previous bouts—you know how those stories get around—but it isn't so. I've tried it and ought to know. Naturally I will try again, for I want to win decisively if I can.

"Dundee has had lots of experience. He is cagey, has a peculiar style and a lot of endurance. Furthermore, he has fought 20 rounds many times, while I have never gone that distance.

"The distance isn't worrying me, though," Leonard hastened to say. "You know I feel like any young fellow who is in shape—fine all the time. And I never think of losing. I'm in great condition now. Last Sunday I weighed only 138 pounds. But I never bother about weight. It is a joke."

A report that he is getting ready to retire after a few more fights drew a denial from Benny.

"Nothin' to it," he smiled, "unless I run into someone who forces me to. I like to box. I get a lot of real pleasure out of it and won't think of quitting the ring for a year or two more at least."

Regarding his training at Lakewood, N. J., where he resumed work today after a short visit to New York, the champion said:

"I expect to work pretty hard every day until I go to New Haven. I'm doing a lot of horseback riding and skating at Lakewood in addition to boxing and road work. Skating is great exercise for legs and good for the wind also.

"Tell my friends I'm not worrying about the title. I'll be ready to go 20 rounds if necessary when the time comes."

## Ruth's Salary With Yanks to Be $10,000

New York, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Word that "Babe" Ruth would don a Yankee uniform next season has been received at the club headquarters from Miller Huggins, who has visited the king slugger in California. The Yanks, it is understood, will hold Babe Ruth to the letter of a $10,000 contract he had with the Boston management and which he had declared a "scrap of paper." Ruth's demands for more money were satisfied by bonus arrangements, it was said.

## BOXING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, early today had not received any direct word of reports that Georges Carpentier had accepted Jim Coffroth's offer for a championship bout at Tia Juana. He did not comment on Carpentier's reported desire to split the purse "50-50."

Boston, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Benny Valgar, the French lightweight of New York, easily defeated Dick Michaels of Syracuse in a one-sided 12-round bout here last night.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Matt Brock, Cleveland, was given the newspaper decision over Frankie Brown, New York, in their 10 round battle here last night.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Allie Nack and Sailor Friedman fought a disappointing draw as the main event of the Vernon boxing show last night. It was a very tame affair. Sammy Gordon, Seattle, and Danny Edwards, Oakland negro bantam, furnished the real thriller of the evening. Gordon outpointed Edwards and earned the decision.

## Hayward to Hold Conference With University Head

Eugene, Or., Jan. 7.—"If I leave the university it won't be on account of money matters." That is one of the things Bill Haywood, Oregon's "Grand Old Man," and characterized recently by an Eastern writer as one of the greatest shower bath professors in the United States, said Tuesday. "I have no definite statement to make until I talk with President Campbell," Hayward declared, "but there is one thing I would like to make clear. One Portland paper implied that if I left the University of Oregon I might become associated with Hugo Bezdek. That is not so."

Queried as to whether petty politics at the university had influenced him in any way, Hayward had nothing to say.

It is known that Hayward has had many offers in the past few years and that recent demands of other colleges have been more urgent and the offers have been more highly remunerative.

Plans are under way among university students, officials, and Eugene townspeople to take any steps possible with a view to keeping Hayward here.

## Walter Johnson Is Sought by Yankees

New York, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, remains silent regarding a rumor that Walter Johnson, Washington star and the leading pitcher of the American league, would be the next addition to the New York Yanks. The rumor, fanned about with great gusto, had it that the Senators would be given two infielders, two pitchers and $30,000 for the speed king.

## GOOD CARD IS LINED UP FOR FRIDAY

### Little Giants to Battle in Main Attractions of Milwaukie's Boxing Smoker.

Someone has aptly termed the smoker next Friday night before the Milwaukie boxing commission "the battle between the little giants."

The genius responsible for coining this expressive phrase drove the nail plumb in to the head when he invented it, for the boys billed for the coming entertainment have shown themselves to be miniature Herculeses whenever the opportunity has presented itself.

Frankie Malone, the Oakland crack, by many conceded to be the cleverest and hardest hitter of his weight this side the Rocky Rocks, is expected to reach Portland some time today to finish his training for his 10 round main event with Lieutenant Earl Baird, the Seattle hurricane, who fought Joe Gorman toe to toe for 10 rounds on New Year's afternoon.

**MALONE IS CLASSY**

I saw this Malone lad not many months ago, and I then pronounced him the most ingenious and astute piece of boxing and fighting material I had glimpsed in many a moon. I can't imagine a bout which should afford more excitement and enthusiasm than the one between these featherweights, and I shouldn't be greatly surprised if one of the other of them is given a moonlight promenade along dreamy, flowery paths and musical streams before the ten sessions are ended.

The next bout of the evening, in the words of the Milwaukie boxing commission's celebrated and sweet-toned announcer, will be between Joe Gorman, erstwhile of Oakland, but now voting in Portland, and Harry Pelsinger, a swarthy streak of lightning that darts among the fogs of San Francisco bay.

**GILLUM IS READY**

Al Sommers and Harry Gillum will be the only giants on the bill. They are light heavyweights and are signed up for eight rounds. Both are known to local fans and have reputations for being game fighters who know how to hit and who are willing to swap pokes at all times.

Johnny Boscovitch, much improved over his old form, wil try to wreck the fistic ambition of George Fiddler in the curtain-raiser.

Because of an infected tooth, which has interfered with his training, George Brandon has been withdrawn from the Milwaukie boxing card for Friday night. It is probable that Leo Bell, a boy who made a fine impression on his first professional start several weeks ago, will be substituted to meet Jimmy Duffy.

Harry Pelsinger, accompanied by his manager, Moose Taussig, reached Portland Tuesday night, and reports himself to be in splendid shape. He will put the finishing touches to his training during the next two days.


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