New York Boxing Commission Rules Against Jess Willard's Proposed Come-Back Bout

Ring Famine In New York Champs Shy

By David J. Walsh

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Although Tex Rickard will not admit it, there is a fistic famine on in New York and the starving, famished $15 a night species of fight fan is fast dying out on account of malnutrition.

For the first several months of the present indoor campaign, exactly one title bout has been held. On that occasion Jack Britton received less than $35,000 for losing his welterweight title to Mickey Walker. Then and there, the rest of the big timers, who had not already rushed to cover, proceeded to do so with unseemly haste. They have found that it is considerably more beneficial to lose one's title outdoors, if at all.

If the transaction is conducted in the broad, open spaces, many merry villagers, even at a nominal sum per head, contribute to the size of the purse. Indoors, at Madison Square Garden, it has become a question of charging $15 as a top price and doing business to a semi-filled audience or playing to a capacity crowd in which no man can count above seven dollars and fifty cents when buying a ticket.

The time was not so long ago when $15 prevailed as the top price at ordinary bouts, such as that between Pepper Martin and Babe Herman. But in the meantime, your Broadway sport had discovered that $15 will buy all manner of necessities from 1500 shoe laces to the privilege of sitting in a supper club for an hour or less.

Only for a champion and a principal contender can such a price be charged now. That is one of the contributing factors in the suspension of Johnny Kilbane. When Kilbane was challenged a blanket of snow lay over Boyle's Thirty Acres and the Polo Grounds, and in consequence, his demand for $100,000 could not be met. It is also the principal reason that Benny Leonard is doing all the talking with his mouth, closed however, when someone mentioned Charlie White and Lew Tendler.

NEW YORK PROMOTERS GIVEN WARNING BY COMMISSION

By Henry L. Farrell

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Summary warning not to try to do business with Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Wilson or Jess Willard has been served on promoters by the New York boxing commission.

The gentlemen in question have such self-assessed valuations that New York is their only field and the bars raised against them here keep them idle.

William Muldoon says that as long as he is head of the commission, the two Johns and Jess will not be allowed to gather any cash in New York because the Johns are posers and Jess is too old.

The chairman of the commission was aroused by the report that Tom O'Rourke had matched Kilbane and Eugene Criqui, the European feather-weight champion, to meet for the world's title next summer at the Polo grounds.

The same kind of reports had it that O'Rourke, formerly a deputy on the commission, had signed Willard and Dempsey for another big card at the home lot of the Giants.

Muldoon dismissed Kilbane and Wilson with the brand of "posers" and declared them to have had too many chances to act as real champions.

"Willard," he added, is far beyond the 38-year age limit and this alone would bar him. But it must also be remembered that Willard is not the same man physically that he was when he was advancing the championship and that he has passed the stage in life where he can get in shape to fight."

With his feet terribly frozen and his hands also in bad condition, James Heelan, 45, was found Wednesday in a barn 11 miles west of Spokane. It is thought both hands and feet will have to be amputated.

Kramer and Wing Ready For Battle

MAYOR GEORGE L. BAKER will make another appearance in the squared circle tonight at the Armory. No, the mayor is not going to don the padded mitts, but he will tell the fistic followers that the proceeds of the smoker will be used to educate the newsboys. The mayor'll tell it in his own style.

After the mayor crawls out of the ring Benny Dotson and Young Tom Ross will slip between the ropes without any trouble and start the evening's entertainment by going four rounds, unless someone stops a hard one on the point of the chin.

The big attraction of tonight's smoker is the bout between Danny Kramer of Los Angeles and Weldon Wing of Portland. This should be a fast bout. Both are in good condition, and, what's more, both are confident of winning the bout, which will entitle them to appear in the finals of the tournament against Joe Gorman on New Year's day.

Kramer expects to show the fans that he possesses a knockout punch tonight. He tried hard to stow Danny Nunes away in his first battle here, but the Sacramento scrapper had his defense pretty well mapped out.

Wing will have a couple of pounds advantage in weight over Kramer, but that's not causing Danny any worry. He's used to going against bigger boys than himself.

George Burns and "Pekin Kid" Herman will do battle in a six-round bout. Herman is a newcomer in these parts, but is a veteran of the ring, having fought for a number of years in the Eastern and Middle Western states.

Jack Griffin and Richie Davis will box six rounds. This should be a slugging bee. Chuck Hellman and Bill Ryan will swap punches over the four-round route.

The newsboys have assisted the Portland commission in the selling of tickets for the smoker in hopes of raising a big fund for their educational work.

Dave Robertston to Manage Richmond

(By United News)

New York, Dec. 21.—When Davey Robertson, the Giants' veteran outfielder, was released to manage the Richmond club of the Virginia league, it was recalled that Robertson first came up to the Giants almost 10 years ago as a southpaw pitcher of great promise. After his tryout he returned to college, and contrary to orders from John McGraw, played a backfield position in a crucial football game for his school. His left shoulder was cracked in the game and Robertson never pitched again, but converted himself onto a reliable big league outfielder. He ranked with George Burns, now of the Reds, as one of the most popular Giant veterans.

Chance to Retain Burke as Assistant

(By United News)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Frank Chance, former pennant copping manager of the Chicago Cubs, who is going to take a risk with the Boston Red Sox next season, signed up Jimmy Burke as assistant manager here Wednesday on his way to the east.

Burke was Hugh Duffy's lieutenant in the old days and Chance wants him in the dugout next season to help cuss the team into the first division. Jack Quinn, who pitched several wins for the Red Sox last season, was also told to come around to the park next spring.

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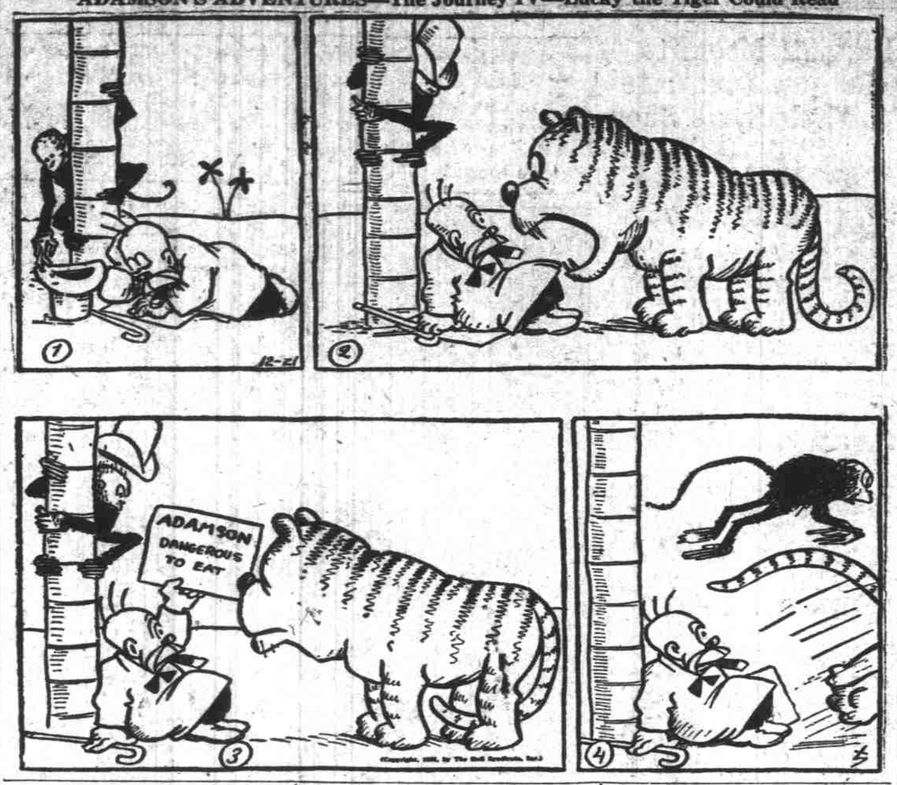

BASKETBALL

WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 21.—La Center high and Woodland high basketball teams played one of the hardest fought games seen in these parts in many seasons when La Center won, 10 to 9, at La Center. At the end of the first half the score stood 3 to 2 in favor of La Center. The locals were handicapped considerably because of the inability of two regulars to play on account of injuries received in the final practice.

Manager Oller of the Portland Independents was forced to postpone the game with the Community Service basketball team billed for Wednesday night and the one with Lincoln high for the following night because of a mixup in dates. He has arranged to take on the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club intermediates next Thursday night in the "Winged M" gymnasium.

Every team in section 1 of the Portland Grammar School Basketball league, with the exception of Terwilliger school, has lost one contest so far during the 1922-23 season. Following are Tuesday's results: Atkinson 21, Davis 13, Terwilliger 19, Chapman 6, Holman 2, Couch 0 (forfeited). In section 2, Williams handed George a 43 to 4 defeat, and Peninsula scored an 18 to 10 victory over Linnton.

The Ramblers of the B'nai B'rith Amateur Athletic club won their second game of the 1922-23 season of the 135-pound Spalding Basketball league when they defeated the Franklin Juniors, 28 to 8, in the B. B. gymnasium, Wednesday night. Sam Jacobson was high-point man with 18 markers, while Seltzer and Matin played a great checking contest which prevented the east side forwards from scoring. Kelly showed best for the losers. The lineups:

Ramblers (28)	Pos.	Franklin Jrs. (8)
Nudelman (8)	F	Hastings
Pomerantz	F	East
Jacobsen (18)	C	(2) Renfror
Seltzer	G	(1) Miller
Matin (Capt.)	G	(4) Kelly
Wieder (2)	Spare	Anderson
Cassel	Spare	
Gold	Spare	Nicholson

Referee—Nate Lakefish.

The Holladay school registered its third straight victory in section 5 of the Portland Grammar School Basketball league Tuesday afternoon, Holladay won from Sunnyside 10 to 7, Rose City school defeated Mt. Tabor 16 to 8, and Hosford registered a 25 to 21 win over Montavilla.

The Ladd & Tilton basketball team is the only undefeated quintet in the Portland Bankers' league. Wednesday night Ladd & Tilton won from the Northwestern National bank, 23 to 13, and the United States National defeated Federal Reserve, 32 to 9. Thomas H. Gawley refereed both contests, which were played in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium. The lineups:

N. W. Nat. (13)	Pos.	L. & T. (23).
Barton (4)	F	(11) Osborne
Williams (8)	F	(6) Palmer
Fisher (4)	C	(4) Mills
Strack (2)	G	(2) Metcalf
Karu	G	Christianson
Gertie	S	Scales
	S	McClane
	S	McCall

T. H. Gawley, referee.

U. S. Nat. (32).	Pos.	Fed. Res. (9).
Clay (2)	F	Howard
Choate (6)	F	(7) Bradford
Weiss (14)	C	Schonie
McCarthy (2)	G	(2) Schwartz
Jacobberger (6)	G	Harris
Osborne	S	Getz
Larson (2)	S	Hayes

T. H. Gawley, referee.

The Peninsula Mohawks walloped Woodstock, 62 to 7, Tuesday night mainly because Harris had his eye on the basket when it came to making field baskets. He scored 20 points. Westergran and Huffsmith were next in line with 14 and 11 points respectively. Runts and Kerrigan scored all of Woodstock's markers.

For games with the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club intermediate basketball team write to Manager Theodore Barton, former Oregon Aggie and Lincoln high athlete, in care of the club. He has several open dates which he would like to fill before the annual Portland public high school league basketball schedule opens.

Coach Henry "Peanuts" Pander will put his South Parkway hoopers through a stiff workout Sunday morning and he wants all his players to report to him not later than 10:15 o'clock. He is arranging a schedule which he wants to open soon after the Christmas holidays.

The Comitus club 135-pounders are more than ever anxious to tangle with the high school teams of Portland as a result of a 23 to 9 victory over Benson Tech. Manager Phil Unkeles can be reached by calling Main 6228.

The Holy Name basketball teams won the double-header staged in the Aquinas high school gymnasium Wednesday night, the Midgets winning from the Irvington Midgets 24 to 10, and the Intermediates handing the Waverleigh club a 58 to 10 setback. Following are the lineups of the Intermediate-Waverleigh contest:

Intermediates (58).		Waverleigh (10)
Sisk (14)	F	(4) Keller
Brennan (2)	F	Kain
Fritzpatrick (8)	C	(2) Ulrich
Murphy (12)	G	Bjorklund
Albers (12)	G	Bernard
Mahoney (4)	S	(4) Riggs
Beaudry (4)	S	(4) Powell
Sheeland (2)	S	Parker

Last year the Amicus club quintet won the junior state championship, and Manager Bud Wright has hopes of duplicating the feat during 1922-23. Amicus will play Sellwood tonight, starting at 8:15 o'clock, in the Brooklyn school gymnasium. Ted Wilson, one of the regulars, who was operated on for appendicitis, will be out of it for at least six weeks, and as a result Henry Blank and Glenn Butler, former B'nai B'rith and Lincoln high stars, have signed up. During 1921-22 Amicus won 25 and lost three games. For games call Bud Wright at East 1255.

Dryad, Wash., Dec. 21.—In a double-header at Doty Tuesday night the Dryad high school girls continued their winning streak by defeating the Doty girls' basketball squad 18 to 10, but the Doty boys were too much for the locals, 14 to 8.

Woodland, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Woodland high school basketball team will open the Cowlitz County league season against the Silver Lake high representatives at Silver Lake Friday night. Next week the locals will go to Battle Ground and Yacolt seeking competition.

The Comitus Intermediates, composed of former Young Men's Athletic club and Jewish Boys' Athletic club stars, would like to secure games with basketball teams averaging between 125 and 130 pounds. Call Manager Sussman at Main 6228.

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Rosarian Candies	885	776	759	2420
Swift & Co.	815	896	853	2464
Dependable Furn. Co.	750	851	914	2515
W. O. W. No. 65	828	848	849	2525
Kelly-Springfield Tires	867	885	903	2655
S. P. & S. R. R.	914	903	778	2495
St. Nicholas Cafeteria	996	905	940	2841

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Office	691	826	745	2262

Walla Walla County Sportsmen Elect

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21.—Members of the Walla Walla County Sportsmen's association, at their annual meeting last night, voted to clear a small lake of vegetable matter near the state fish hatchery here and to gravel its bottom and fill it with trout. The lake is connected with the state fish hatchery, and its improvement will greatly enhance the work of raising trout fry for planting in the streams of the state. The sportsmen also announced their intention of carrying on a campaign against hawks, magpies, crows and sparrows, and of helping the federal authorities rid the county of predatory animals during the next year. Carey M. Rader was chosen president and David Vaught was elected vice president for the ensuing year. Bert Bland, Robert Brumblay, David Vaught, Charles Hooper and C. M. Rader were elected the board of directors.

CHANCE SEEKS YANKEE

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Frank Chance, new manager of the Boston Red Sox, wants McMillan, young Yankee player, for third base, but he said he had nothing to offer the Yanks for him. Chance is on his way back to California to close up some business affairs.

BENTON WAS NOT WANTED

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The New York Yankees did not go after Rube Benton, former Giant pitcher who starred with St. Paul last season because "Ban Johnson said he did not want him in the American league and a National league manager said he wouldn't do us any good," Colonel Huston of the Yanks said.

BOXING

(By United News)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—After long retirement, Kid Williams, former bantamweight champion of the world, will hit the big time again Friday night, fighting Battling Leonard, a Philadelphia bantam, in the semi-final to the Lynch-Smith championship bout. Williams recently came out of his refuge and has been defeating the tough runners-up with regularity and skill. Although Lynch knocked him out after Williams had lost the title to Pete Herman, the Baltimore ex-champion is working for another fight with Joe to get back his title.

(By United News)

New York, Dec. 21.—It pays to be knocked out. Ritchie Mitchell, the Milwaukee lightweight, has been stopped in the only fights he has made in the Garden ring, first, by Benny Leonard, and last week by Charlie White. But he was such a dangerous fighter and so game both times that he is still in demand. Frank Flourney, the matchmaker, will offer Mitchell a fight with Ray Fryell of Homestead, Pa., a tough lightweight, in recognition of the local popularity which Mitchell won by his tremendous battle against White.

(By United News)

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—Jock Malone, St. Paul middleweight, and his manager, Tommy Walsh, have offered $10,000 for a new pair of hands to be screwed on Malone's arms, said hands to be guaranteed not to break, bruise, sprain or otherwise damage anyone but Malone's opponents. The inference, as Walsh said, is that Malone could knock a taxicab through a hotel if his hands didn't hurt him so danged much.

(By United News)

New York, Dec. 21.—Dave Rosenberg didn't much mind when he lost his synthetic middleweight championship to O'Dowd by fouling O'Dowd in their fight Thanksgiving day. But when the boxing commission decided Tuesday that he should not receive the $1700 which was to have been his purse Rosenberg screamed with pain. Therefore, he has retained counsel and will sue the commission for his money, the first fighter to take his case to court.

Medford — Gordon McKay, well-known coast middleweight, is scheduled to meet Battling Ortega in a 10-round main event at the nat smoker Friday night. Ortega is in A-1 shape and has a long string of victories to his credit. Tom Sharkey and Jack Edmonston are down for six rounds. Battling Frick is carded for a go with Danny Commings. The entire card of 26 rounds in all looks better than any program held during the last year. Martin Bowers of Gold Hill is impresario.

No Change Expected In Top Net Rankings

(By United News)

New York, Dec. 21.—Although William T. Tilden has lost most of the middle finger of his right hand, it is taken for granted that the United States Lawn Tennis association will rank him number 1 in the American list for the coming year on the strength of his great work before his misfortune. The rankings are always based on the player's proficiency in the foregoing season. Tilden himself recently said he would be satisfied if he could play well enough to associate with the first 10 in the national rankings next year.

It is expected that little Bill Johnston and Vincent Richards will rank second and third again, but there is likely to be a radical shift in the ratings of the seven other men who make the first 10 for next season.

Rubber Pop Bottle Likely to Be Costly

(By United News)

New York, Dec. 21.—A Christmas tragedy has befallen Uncle Charlie Ebbets, the Flatbush philanthropist, who is on his way to Europe to invest in the American rights to the non-fragile rubber pop bottle.

Uncle Charlie lost the address of the German scientist who invented this humanitarian device and had to wireless his office here at 50 cents a word for the information. The reply, sent collect, was as long as a duke's pedigree, and ran the bill up to $9.

GAMBLING REPORT MADE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Commissioner Landis was considering today the elaborate report on gambling in baseball parks which the American league gathered in two years' investigation with private detectives.

Minors Are Opposed to New H. R. Rule

By John B. Foster,
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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Reformers in baseball are not likely to receive any revrebrating cheers when they start to talk about reforming the home run. Any plan for an altered standard for the home run apparently will have the opposition of the National League, the Philadelphia National League club and perhaps some others of that circuit and it may be frowned on by the league itself.

Mention of a modification of the playing rules in regard to four base swats has set the minors on their ears. They do not want anything of the kind. Not all the minor league clubs are blessed with fine fields and ornate stands and they want home runs to continne to be swatted within their little old parks just as they always have been.

IS STANDARD NOW

There is no real desire to hit the home run between the eyes and put it out of business for all time. Those who believe that a change would be attempted which would do away with home runs have got the wrong impression. The intent is to standardize the homer so that four-sack hits will be more symmetrical. This despite the fact that the home run right now is about the most standardized thing except the gauges of railroad tracks.

The standard for Ruth and the under-Ruths is 235 feet. Any hit that goes 235 feet and at the same time goes over a fence or a barrier is a legal home run. Hence there is no need to standardize what is already standard. Suggestion has been made by advocates of a change that the standard be made 300 feet. Some jump. If 65 feet are to be added to the required distance for a home run, measuring poles will have to be set up in both left and right field at the Polo Grounds, in the right field in the National grouids in Chicago, The Philadelphia National Park, the Cleveland grounds, the Brooklyn field and perhaps in the New York Yankee stadium here.

WOULD HANDICAP MINORS

On most of the big league fields, the left field stand are just a trifle farther than 300 feet away from the plate. Any additions to the stands will come within 300 feet and mileposts for homers would be necessary.

The minor teams would be helplessly handicapped in many cities as the fences in some of their parks are outside the 235 foot limit but within the 300-foot mark. The minors want to be left alone with the same old fences to clear that were cleared when they built their grounds on the present rule basis.

Multnomah 'Babes' To Play Vikings 5

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic club intermediate basketball team will play the Peninsula Vikings in the Winged "M" gymnasium Saturday night. It will be the first clash of the 1922-23 campaign in the club gymnasium and social dancing will follow the engagement.

Manager Ted Barton has some of the best interscholastic players of Portland in the lineup, among them being Gene Duncan, Ed Serr, Johnny Faust, Leo Faust, Pat Hughes, Ed Oliver and Earl Chiles. The Vikings have had several games already and their teamwork has been superb, all of which means that the club "babes" will have to be in rare form to hold their own so early in the campaign. The contest will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

South Is Seeking College Meeting

(Copyright, 1922.)

New York, Dec. 21.—In line with the growing participation of colleges of the South in national intercollegiate sports it was learned today that a very definite project is on foot to induce the National Collegiate Athlete association to hold its 1923 convention in Atlanta. There is every reason why this representative body should accede to the forthcoming request and not a single good reason why it should be denied. It would be a great thing for the South and in the way of consolidating our national system of college sports, results would surely be noteworthy.

Michigan Seeks Good Wrestle rto Help Linemen

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The life of a football player is just one fall after another and now Big Ten coaches are going to add to the curriculum for grid stars by entering them in wrestling classes.

Illinois has taught football to linesmen through Wrestling Coach Paul Prehn for 10 years and now Michigan has hung out a help wanted sign for a good wrestler to help ambitious guards and tackles.

Two Rich Men to Sail Race Across Atlantic for Cup

(By United News.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Two rich men with no more pressing business than drifting on the bosom of the broad Atlantic will sail a race across the big water next June in 40-foot 15-ton boats under the auspices of the Cruising Club of America for a prize cup not designed.

The Duke of Leinster and William W. Nutting, editor of Motor Boating, an American, agreed on the terms of the race after a conference here to reconsider one point of disagreement.

The duke proposed that each boat should carry only one soul. Nutting insisted that under such circumstances the element of bodily fatigue and not yachtsmanship might decide the race. Therefore the duke will select a shipmate and Nutting will take along Casey Baldwin, a Canadian yachtsman.

Both men will immediately set about preparing their craft. Nutting will have his built. The duke will try to buy his boat; but, failing to find a suitable craft, will go to the builders.

The duke's boat will be ketch-rigged, and Nutting's a schooner.

Soccer Teams to Double on Points

Inability to play last Sunday because of the condition of the grounds caused Manager Bill Bragg of Kerns United and Manager Dave Smeaton of the Macleays to agree on playing for four points instead of the customary two in the game billed for the Franklin high school bowl Sunday afternoon. The match will be the final engagement of the regular 1922-23 schedule of the Portland Soccer Football association and will start promptly at 2 o'clock.

Both teams were out on the field last Sunday, but the ground was covered with snow and ice and it was felt it would be better to postpone the affair rather than to take any chances of having any of the athletes injured. The Macleays will have to win to obtain as good as a tie for the title with the Camerons, but the Kerns eleven is anxious to take the Macleays down the line.

Hard Schedule Is Ahead of Mt. Angel

Mount Angel College, St. Benedict, Dec. 21.—Coach Kasberger has a heavy schedule of games for the Mount Angel college quintet this season. Prospect for a winning basketball team have been somewhat brightened by the addition of new men. Several men that were not expected to come out have turned out and the number of freshmen is larger than any year before.

Among those who will undoubtedly be seen in uniform this season are: Henry Kropp, Walter Cranston, John Farley, Francis Meyers, Charles Spear, John Arrighi and Peter Ployhart. Besides these, there are numerous other players who will have chances to show their playing ability.

The varsity hoopers have a hard season ahead. Tentative games have been scheduled as follows with: Oregon Agricultural college freshmen, University of Oregon freshmen, Pacific university, the Columbia club of Astoria, Silverton American Legion, The Dalles American Legion, Chemawa, North Pacific Dental college, Willamette university, Linnfield college.

Millionaires Plan Private Golf Links

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Vincent Astor, GeorgeF. Baker, Marshall Field, John D. Ryan, Harry Payne Whitney, J. P. Morgan and other leaders of the New York financial set, have formed a syndicate and will build a million dollar golf club near Locust Valley, L. A. The course will be built for their game, it was said.

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