

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL GAMES ARE POSTPONED

PLACE TO PLAY NOT AVAILABLE

Evangelist Using Armory and Other Floors are Occupied by Teams

The games of the Commercial Basketball League scheduled for tonight have been postponed until next week on account of the inability to secure a floor. The Armory, where the games are usually held, is being used by evangelists, and the gymnasium floor of the Salem high school and Willamette university could not be secured. Both floors are being used every hour of the day. Announcement will be made concerning the contest for next week.

At that time the Central Pharmacy will tangle with the Hausers, and in the second game of the evening Anderson & Brown will vie with the Union Oil team for honors.

The Union Oil has one of the strongest teams in the conference.

McCOY TRIAL NOW STARTED

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history of criminal trials here thronged Judge Charles S. Crall's 11th court room and the hallways of the court house as the ex-prize

fighter stepped from an elevator en route to the court room, escorted by deputy sheriffs.

When he passed the press tables he paused to speak to reporters with whom he has become acquainted since being placed in the county jail last August.

"I am ready for the gong," he said. "All my other fights have proved preliminaries. This is the real final."

When he reached his appointed seat McCoy adjusted a pair of gold rimmed glasses on his nose and began examining documents bearing on his case. The attorneys made motions for a continuance of the trial, which were vigorously opposed by the prosecution and denied by Judge Crall.

Jurors Questioned

Questioning of the prospective jurors during the day consisted of the defense attorneys reminding them that "the burden of proofs rests with the prosecution," while the latter emphasized McCoy's alleged relations with Mrs. Mors, while they lived together as "Mr. and Mrs. N. Shields."

Three women, opposed to the extreme penalty, were excused by the prosecution.

When the accused fighter left the court room he walked firmly and smilingly after kissing his sister, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, "good-night."

WALKER DEFEATS MALONE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—Mickey Walker world welterweight champion, defeated Jock Malone of St. Paul, in a 10 round no-decision boxing contest here tonight, winning nine out of 10 rounds, according to the majority of newspaper men at the ringside.

STORMY SESSION IS EXPECTED AT MEET

Annual Major League Baseball Conference Will Be Lively Affair

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—One of the stormiest winter baseball sessions on record with Commissioner Landis and President Johnson of the American League as the centers of a controversy that has gathered in or over since the world's series and Dolan-O'Connell bribery scandal was in prospect tonight on the eve of the annual major league meetings.

The National League at its session tomorrow is expected to take the first important step by adopting resolutions pledging the senior's circuit unqualified support to Commissioner Landis, endorsing his action in handling the scandal and by inference at least, condemning the attacks made upon the veteran jurist by Johnson.

The American League's annual gathering is slated for Wednesday and there were strong indications that Johnson would face another fire, directed by members of his own organization.

Clark Griffith, president of the Washington club has disclosed that a majority of American League magnates intend to adopt resolutions supporting Landis and criticizing their leader's antagonism to Landis, together with Johnson's failure to attend the world's series.

Gene Tunney Has Better Of 15 Rounds With Smith

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—Gene Tunney of New York, American light heavyweight champion, had all the better of his 15 round no-decision match here tonight with Jeff Smith of Bayonne, N. J.

For the first time in a career extending over 14 years of fighting in nearly every country on the globe, Smith was knocked down when he sank to the canvas in the twelfth round before a wicked left punch to the ribs.

SEWELL DEANE IS WORKING FOR FIGHT

Fine Card Being Arranged for Next Program at Armory December 16

Interest in the next big boxing program at the Armory, December 16, is keen and since the successful card arranged by Matchmaker Plant has been the chief topic of conversation among fight fans.

Sewell Deane is working out nightly for his return match with Charlie Dawson of Eugene. He performs at the Armory at 7:30 o'clock each night and fans are welcome to drop around and see him work. Spike Crossan is working out for his fight with E. Coates of Dallas.

Selection of the referee has not yet been made by Matchmaker Plant, but he guarantees that the next man he puts in the ring will be able to deliver the goods and not repeat the performance of the two who officiated last week. Neither of these were his selection, however, and were taken at a late date before they could be investigated.

Alpha Psi Delta Defeats Phi Kappa Pi; Score 14-11

The Alpha Psi Delta fraternity won a fast contest from the Phi Kappa Pi's in the preliminary game of a double header last night in the inter-fraternity basketball tournament at the Willamette university gym. The score was 14 to 11. In the final contest the Sigma Tau's won handily from Kappa Gamma Rho, 13 to 9. The game was rough and slow.

Lineups for the games were as follows:

Alpha Psi Delta—Schweising and Ellis, forwards; Schreiber, center; Kalaiah and Mickey, guards; Steincipher, sub.

Phi Kappa Pi—DeSart and Winslow, forwards; Beer, center; Haines and Sherwood, guards.

Sigma Tau—White and Carter, forwards; Blatchford, center; Mann and R. Blatchford, guards; Rhodes, sub.

Kappa Gamma Rho—Russell and Fletcher, forwards; Deal, center; Wade and Frowning, guards; Balsiger and McCormick, subs.

TWO SAILORS DIE IN FIRE

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pected to die from burns.

The severely burned officer, Ensign John P. Cromwell, of the USS Maryland, and 16 men suffering from first degree burns have been sent to the naval hospital at San Diego aboard the mine sweeper Brant.

Six other sailors whose injuries are considered not serious are in the sick bay of the USS Tennessee.

The accident, which occurred while the water taxi was in mid-channel, is believed to have been caused by a back fire which later ignited the fuel tank. A sheet of flame poured into the faces of the 20 men nearest the engine room.

A court of inquiry was ordered late today by Admiral S. S. Robinson, commander in chief of the battle fleet.

The La Moynie, one of the finest water taxis on the Pacific coast, was privately owned and had been in service only a week. She was operated by two civilians.

Unusual Picture Plays At Oregon Theater Today

Betty Compson, Adolphe Menjou, Elliott Dexter and Zasu Pitts are just a few of the popular stars who are cast in the De Mille production of Broadway's bright lights and night life, "The Fast Set," which comes to the Oregon theater today.

There are several new and novel features about "The Fast Set," to commend it to the theatergoers as a relief from the monotony of some of the stories of his social life that have been screened, not the least novel of which is the situation wherein a "great lover" saves a family from disruption by

making love to an author's life. The resultant complications are not only illuminating, but afford a series of comedy situations that are most amusing.

The finesse with which his rival plays the game of love spurs the author into fighting with fire, and he invites a girl of the streets as a guest at a dinner party given by his wife to her friends, then takes the advice of the philanthropist as to ways and means of winning back his wife.

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WEATHER PROPHET IS SPEAKER HERE

Edward L. Wells, Meteorologist, Address Chamber of Commerce Forum

Before coming to Salem Monday, Edward L. Wells, meteorologist, in charge of the Portland weather bureau, looked over his stock and then brought of his finest models of days with him. Mr. Wells spoke at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon on "Climate and Its Effect on Business."

"Man has always failed in his efforts to effect weather conditions," Mr. Wells said. "The economic status of individuals depends upon ability and environment, weather and climate being one of the main factors of the latter. There is no human endeavor but what is effected. Agriculture, engineering, commerce, manufacturing, transportation and even the administration of justice often depends upon the testimony of the weather man in settling civil actions, criminal cases and accidents."

Some idea of the problem facing man when he attempts to bring additional moisture was given by the speaker when he said that the condensation of one pound of water requires the same temperature to raise 1000 pounds of water one degree and that in order to precipitate one inch of rain over one square mile of surface, 7000 tons of water was necessary. An average rain would

require 80,000,000 pounds of water changed from the freezing point to the boiling point.

Wind power has been neglected, Mr. Wells said, and enough power is wasted in a space five yards in diameter to supply power sufficient to operate all machines including lights on a 40-acre farm.

In closing Mr. Wells said that the fire problem is one of the greatest presented to his bureau and that in spite of this year being one of the worst on record in regard to climatic conditions, the loss to standing timber was relatively small. Prevention of fires and information relative to conditions is one of the objects of the weather bureau.

Sprayless Cherries Cost Growers a Market

The season of 1923 witnessed the first real car lot business in fresh Bing and Lambert cherries from western Oregon. Half a dozen firms of national reputation bought an amount of cherries to the principal markets of America. Up until almost picking time no market was in sight for these so called "black" cherries. Then almost overnight buyers appeared who bought up fruit at five to six cents a pound. A small growers' pool at Salem, which decided to ship its own fruit and carry the risk of spoilage in transit or of the market breaking, netted between ten and eleven cents, whereas the growers who refused to take this chance and sold for cash, netted from five to six cents.

Due to the successful marketing of the 1924 crop many growers are optimistic regarding the future of the Bing and Lambert. There is, however, one bug in the ointment which will have to be removed before a permanent cherry market can be developed. A means will have to be devised to keep off the market fruit coming from growers who, through ignorance, carelessness or cussedness, will not spray. Either the cherry maggot or cherry worm, as he is often called, must be eliminated from our cherry shipments or our cherries will be eliminated from the markets of the country.

As it is, the great markets of California are closed absolutely against all Oregon cherries except those from Wasco county, and from the Milton Freewater county.

California quarantine regulation number 12, issued July 21, 1924, prohibits all cherry shipments from Oregon, with the above exceptions, and these exceptions have to go through many yards of red tape before they can be admitted into the Golden State.

Other markets will be closed to our fruit as wormy shipments are discovered. Many wormy cherries were shipped out of Salem this summer. Most of these evidently escaped detection or at least escaped newspaper publicity, but are bound to be detected sooner or later with the result that demand will be curtailed.

The particular cars which resulted in the California quarantine were shipped from Salem by a big fruit firm of national importance. Worms were discovered in three cars during loading. The company immediately stopped receiving fruit, but shipped out what was on the floor. California being the nearest market the fruit was rushed there in the hope that the pre-cooling would check the development of the worm long enough to permit the shippers to unload. They were detected, however, and Oregon lost a most important market for fresh cherries.

The parties to blame for the above in deterioration of the material. This mentioned incident are not the firms shipping the wormy cherries, for they are not local people and have no in-

terest in the development of Oregon markets, but instead are the growers who shipped over this wormy fruit into the shipper. These growers have injured their neighbors and themselves far more than they injured the fruit buyer. Public sentiment alone can curb the practice of shipping in unsprayed cherries with cars carrying the carefully sprayed fruit of the honest growers. Public sentiment, properly focused on this type of grower would make him as popular as a leper.

The cherry worm spray is the cheapest spray that is used in orcharding. Only a pint per tree is used, making the cost for materials come to less than a cent a tree. A good sized handful of cherries will sell for enough to pay for the spraying of a tree. Certainly the cost of spraying is no excuse for not spraying in this case.

PERSONALS

Walter Honner, of the Bridge and Beach Manufacturing company of Portland, spent yesterday visiting friends in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacht, who are on a journey through the northwest territory, are stopping in Salem for a few days before they return to their home in western Kansas. They plan to settle here later.



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