

Medford Congratulates Salem, Renounces Tourney Criticism Story

CHALLENGE YARN CALLED UNFOUNDED

President of Student Body Sends Letter to Salem High Officials

As an aftermath of the state high school basketball tournament comes the following letter from the president of the student body of the Medford high school, referring to an article appearing in a state paper construed as representing the southern school as dissatisfied with the outcome of the event.

March 18, 1926.
"President of Student Body, Salem High School, Salem, Oregon.
Dear Sir:

"A few days ago there appeared in the Morning Oregonian on the Sport Page an article from a Medford correspondent to the effect that Medford high school intended to challenge Salem high school to a post-season game. The tone of this article was to the effect that Medford high school was dissatisfied with the result of the tournament recently held at Salem and was inclined to question Salem's claim to the state championship.

"The Medford high school wishes to disclaim any responsibility for this article or the sentiment expressed in it. This high school believes in good sportsmanship, and has no inclination to question the results of the recent tournament.

"At the request of the Student Council of this high school, I therefore wish to extend the congratulations of Medford high school to the Salem high school and to the team which represented it so effectively.

"Very truly yours,
"CHESTER HUBBARD,
"President of Medford High School Student Body Ass'n."

AMERICAN ATHLETES VICTORS IN ENGLAND

Rhodes Students Make Records in Contests; Oregon Man Triumphs

LONDON, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—American Rhodes scholars now students at Oxford university, scored heavily for their English alma mater in the fifty-eighth annual track meet with Cambridge today, but Cambridge won first place in eight of the eleven events. Two of Oxford's firsts were accounted for by R. L. Hyatt, a former Harvard athlete—the broad jump and pole vault.

The American contingent including also S. Harrison Thomson, formerly of Princeton; R. H. Jack, formerly of Pennsylvania, and M. A. Rosenbraugh formerly of Oregon, also took one second place and four thirds. Hyatt, in the shot put, accounted for one of the third places. Only first places counted in this meet.

Lord David Burghly, England's foremost hurdler, and R. S. Starr, Cambridge distance runner, also won two first places. Hyatt set a new varsity record in the pole vault, clearing 12 feet in an exhibition leap after having won the event at 11 feet 3 inches. The former record 11 feet 6 inches was his own.

PLAY FOR KRAUSE TROPHY ON SUNDAY

Illihee Country Club Announces Non-Winners Tournament Open

The tournament committee of the Illihee Country club announce that the qualifying round of a non-winners handicap tournament will be held over the club course on Sunday, March 21.

Members of the club who have never won a cup or prize in any tournament over the Illihee course or any other course, are eligible to enter.

Al Krause has offered a very handsome trophy to be presented to the winner of this tournament. The tournament committee have decided to require members this year to strictly adhere to tournament rules in order to have their scores considered. Such rules will be posted on the club bulletin board.

Flint Rock—Five miles of county market road will be built on West Birch creek.

Paul Berlenbach Is Battered to Decisive Defeat By Risko

WORLD'S CHAMP IS VICTIM OF SLUGGER

22 Year Old Johnny Risko Nearly Knocks Paul Berlenbach Out in Battle

NEW YORK, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Paul Berlenbach, world's light heavyweight champion, was battered into decisive defeat, nearly knocked out, tonight by Johnny Risko, 22 years old, heavyweight, in a ten round match at Madison Square Garden.

The tenth round saw both gladiators slugging away at close range, neither yielding ground. Risko seemed wobbly after a succession of lefts to the jaw, but grinned and came back with a smashing right that sent Berlenbach staggering back. They were whaling away with both fists at the bell.

Berlenbach took the aggressive in the seventh and began finding the range with his left to the jaw and body. Risko landed with his left but seldom landed cleanly. Three stiff rights to the jaw jarred Berlenbach in the eighth and the champion's knees were sagging as the bell ended a mauling set to. Risko punished Paul about the head and body in the ninth and took the latter's counters with a grin.

A crowd of 16,000 fans whipped to a frenzied pitch of excitement, saw Risko pound his way to a sensational victory which stamped him as an outstanding heavyweight contender while it virtually blasted the hopes Berlenbach entertained of entering the heavyweight division. The young Clevelander displayed a granite jaw which absorbed Berlenbach's heaviest blows without damaging effect, as well as a terrific punch in either hand.

Risko brought the crowd to its feet in a frenzy in the first round by flooring Berlenbach with a savage left to the jaw. The champion took a short count and barely weathered a storm of blows that buffeted him until the end of the round. The bell saved Berlenbach in the second round as he was knocked down by a terrific left again. He absorbed additional punishment in the third, although he managed to retaliate occasionally. Berlenbach rallied in the fourth and traded wallops with Risko in a furious exchange but again the Clevelander had the better of it. Risko's big advantage in weight told. The fifth found both slowing up under the terrific pace.

Risko smiled in the sixth as he took several blows on the chin. The Clevelander was wild and Erlenbach landed frequently though his punches lacked their usual steam.

SHOCKING MURDER ORGY STIRS CALIFORNIA CITY

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wife, Mrs. Matilda Marengo, and their daughter, Mrs. Mary Dutra, and the most prominent victim, Mrs. George McNoble, wife of the former district attorney of San Joaquin county.

Mathews, in detailing the book incident, said that he was told by Goins that his name was on the death register because he had written a story about a court case that went against Goins.

"But I only did my duty as a reporter," Mathews said. "All right, we'll scratch you off." Goins replied, then he drew a pencil through Mathews' name. The names of Captain Smith and Officer McHugh of the Stockton police force were also in the book, Mathews said. He notified Captain Smith. Yesterday after Mrs. McNoble had been slain, Captain Smith telephoned to Mrs. McHugh warning her not to answer her door if the bell rang. Mrs. McNoble was shot down by the madman as she came to the door of her home in response to the bell.

Della Podesta, Goins' sister-in-law, was said to have been marked for death also, as Goins was particularly bitter against her. She handled the finances of the Podesta family. She was away from the Podesta home to pay the annual taxes when Goins entered the place and killed her sisters. The inquest into Goins' death was held today at Placerville, to which point he was taken after having ended a far flung chase by a dozen heavily armed possees by putting a bullet through his brain as his machine tore along the highway. The bullet was extracted from his head by a Placerville physician and the body is now in the Placerville morgue awaiting interment. The coroner's jury held that Goins had committed suicide.

Heavy snowfall in the mountains insures ample irrigation water for 1926.

Federal engineers will consider recommendation for 25-foot Columbia channel.

Hall of Fame



Nominating RENE LA COSTE.

Because he beat the man who beat Bill Tilden;

Because he has shown with, a bow to Mlle. Lenglen, that the female of the species isn't more deadly than the male in French tennis;

Because his victory in the U. S. national indoor tourney gives France the title for the second time in succession;

Because he has won the hearts of New York tennis fans as completely as Bill Tilden himself, and without going on the stage;

Because he is going to be a formidable contender, this summer for Tilden's outdoor crown.

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OPEN HEARING ON RUM LAWS IS RECOMMENDED

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postpone indefinitely consideration of the bill by Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey, for repeal of the Volstead act. This will leave five measures on which the hearings would be held with attention given first to the constitutional amendment proposed by Senator Bruce to change the 18th amendment so that the government would control the manufacture and distribution of intoxicants, with the status quo of local option restored as it existed when the 18th amendment was ratified.

Hearings then would follow for bills for modification of the Volstead act, one of these, by Senator Edwards, proposes to legalize four per cent beer; another by Senator Edge would legalize 2.75 per cent beer and still another by the same senator would legalize beer "not intoxicating in fact."

The fourth would remove the present restriction of prescription whiskey.

The sub-committee decided that the hearings should be confined to the bills themselves without going into the general proposition of whether prohibition has been a success or failure.

Direct information would be sought as to how the pending bills would or would not aid in correcting conditions as they exist with respect to law violations and difficulties in enforcing the Volstead act.

Senator Bruce expects to have one or two Canadian government officials come here to explain the operations of the Canadian law under which the government itself controls liquor distribution.

Senators Edge and Edwards will call law enforcement officers as well as ministers and educators in support of their proposals.

"We will be ready to meet any argument the wets can present at public hearings against prohibition or for beer or light wines," said Mr. Wheeler.

William R. Stayton, chairman of the joint legislative committee comprising representatives of the American Federation of Labor the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the Constitutional Liberty league of Massachusetts and the Moderation league, Inc., announced tonight that his group would meet here to consider a plan for presenting its case against prohibition to the judiciary committee.

FRANC HITS DEPTH

PARIS, March 19.—The French franc tumbled today to depths hitherto unknown, so far as Parisians are concerned, in the history of the third French republic—breaking even the low record of March 1924. After the bourse had closed the franc was quoted at 28.25 to the dollar and 137.20c to the pound sterling.

FOUL GIVES REED ALBANY MAT WIN

Young Edwards Disqualified by Wrestling Commission for Roughing

ALBANY, Ore., March 19.—(Special)—Young Edwards fouled Robin Reed in the second round of their scheduled two hour go at Albany last night and thereby forfeited the match.

Reed had gained the first fall in 49 minutes with a Japanese double arm scissors after one of the most gruelling and dirtiest wrestling matches that has ever been shown at Albany, according to local critics.

After starting the second round with a series of headlocks, Reed began to gain the advantage but lost it when Edwards began to jump up and down on him while Reed was on his hands and knees. Excitement intense prevailed when Edwards reduced Reed to a helpless state by this method. Reed had not used such tactics through the match. Hairpulling, gouging, wrenching and reefing of limbs and muscles were in evidence when Edwards took the initiative.

Several times the referee, Matt Matheny, warned the wrestlers that such rough house tactics must be tabooed and that the man first using the methods would forfeit the match.

The wrestling commission of Albany took a decided stand against such methods and decreed that Portland wrestlers would be set aside because of last night's affair.

The match opened with a sparring for headlocks by Young Edwards who started with too rough methods, with Uncle Billie Edwards coaching upon the sidelines. The fans took objection to this procedure and booed the Portland mat champion of his class.

Johnnie Fisher, former world's welterweight title holder, hurled a challenge to the winner last night. Fisher had the honor of wrestling Jack Reynolds in Chicago during the season of 1920, at the Haymarket theatre.

Fisher declares that he will stay in Albany until he has secured a match with Reed because he feels that if Reed is as good as has been claimed for him he will give the Albany fans one of the best and most exciting wrestling battles that they have ever witnessed.

COUNCIL PROTESTS DUMPING OF WASTE

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the property on the north side. The large sewer is also in danger. The fill is on smooth clay and won't hold.

"No permission has ever been extended by me to Derby for his fill. The channel of the creek has been moved north at least 30 feet since he first started on the fill."

"If any more dirt is allowed to be dumped into the fill, the intense pressure and seepage will sluff off the dirt and make a dam for the stream," declared Rogers.

"The only way I can see to remedy the situation is to install a pipe there to intercept the seepage."

Mr. Derby claims to have the consent of the majority of the councilmen for his fill, according to Mayor Giesy. Among those he named on his side were L. J. Simeral and W. W. Rosebraugh.

Simeral declared he had only said the fill would meet with his approval if proper arrangements were made. Rosebraugh denied offering consent.

As for the Liberty street fill, the only issue is that of location. The dirt from the excavation on Frank Bligh's corner at High and State streets is being dumped about 20 feet from the stream and near Mill street.

Members of the planning commission expressed belief that the dirt should be dumped about 30 or 40 feet farther north. Members of the special bridge committee of the planning commission will meet this morning with the special committee of Liberty street property owners to go over the site and to come to an agreement if possible over the best location for filling.

C. B. McCullough, head of the special commission committee, has in mind two plans for the Liberty street bridge. One would be for a viaduct from Trade to Bellevue streets. The other would call for a trestle from Trade almost to Mill street, and a span from there to Bellevue street.

Dr. B. L. Steeves, head of the Liberty street property owners committee declared that the dirt is being filled in exactly the logical place. Both Street Commissioner Low and City Engineer Rogers asserted that in their opinions the location of the present dumping is the right one.

POLISHING BASEBALL "IVORY"

Anybody Can Catch a Ball, It's What Catcher Does Later That Points Him as Coming Star, Bancroft Tells Brown



Frank Gibson, Brave catcher with several years experience behind him, is shown in the center, explaining to Cronan, of Providence club (training with Braves), left, and Tryon, right, rookie back-stoppers, how facing the big mitt to get the right "choke" in it will help in holding the ball.

By Norman E. Brown (Sports Editor of the Central Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18.—Up to the time they receive the ball in the big mitt most catchers of experience look alike. As one veteran coach put it in the other day: "All he has to do is to catch it."

But their actions from that point on indicate clearly to a big league manager the difference between a finished catcher and a rookie.

The average catcher learns early in his career—at the expense of a busted finger or two—to hold his bare hand doubled up much like a fist until time to clasp it onto the ball as it hits the big mitt. Most catchers develop the knack of reading batters, watching the base runners, etc.

And to draw consideration from big league scouts they must have a good "whip."

But frequently they come up to the big show not knowing how to make the most of this "whip."

I have seen many young catchers, trying out with big league clubs, performing the unnecessary and time-killing act of taking a step forward in the catcher's box in getting a throw away to one of the bases. This second or two of wasted time is the difference between a stolen base and a put-out. It is the difference between the recovery of a base by a base runner and the satisfaction on a catcher's part of seeing him caught flat-footed.

So it is just another of the countless tasks of a big league manager and his aides to correct this and other faults of young receivers before passing final judgment on them.

"But no catcher, no matter how good an arm he may have, can succeed in the major leagues unless he has the mental requirements," says Dave Bancroft, Brave manager.

"It is quite obvious that the catcher must be master of the whole game at all times. He must try to outguess the batter. With men on bases he must know

LATE FIGHT NEWS

SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 19.—(By Associated Press)—George Shade, San Francisco middleweight, knocked out Joe Huff, San Francisco, in the second round of the scheduled 10-round main event here tonight.

Shade, who is a member of the Shade family of fighters, a brother of Billy and Dave, was fighting his first ring battle after retiring two years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Ted Moore, English middleweight, won a technical knockout over Kid Norfolk, negro light heavyweight, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout here tonight when Referee Toby Irwin stopped the fight because of the latter's holding tactics.

EVERETT, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Jack Dill, Everett middleweight, won a 6-round decision over Ted Frayne of Seattle in the main event of a smoker here tonight.

MEETING IS URGED

PENDLETON, Ore., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Hugh I. Sproat, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, sent a telegram to Frank Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association, urging a national meeting of wool growers at Salt Lake City to discuss the wool price situation.

WEEKS IS IMPROVING

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 19.—(AP.)—Former Secretary of War John Weeks, arriving here from a six weeks' vacation in Hawaii today declared that his health has improved to such an extent that he will return to Boston within the next three weeks and take up his business affairs.

St. Helens—Paper mill construction employs 200 men.

Toledo—West Coast Power Co. plans new lighting system for city.

St. Helens—Paper mill construction employs 200 men.

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