M'LOUGHLIN SEEKS JUSTIFY SCHEDULE

In an apparent attempt to justify their right over The Dalles to have played Medford high school a football game which to all intent and purpose was for the state championship despite a statement from Roy Cannon, secretary of the state association, that it was not, officials at McLoughlin union high school have mailed to all high school principals in Oregon marked copies of a souvenir program which quotes in full the six telegrams which passed between principals of the two schools in lining up the game.

The first telegram dispatched from Medford to McLoughlin reads in part as follows:

"Will you consider game with Medford to be played December 3? The Dalles has challenged us, but we prefer game with you as more decisive in deciding championship outside of Portland."

The others deal with selection of officials, setting the guarantee figure, and getting permission from the state association to hold the contest.

As a result of being ignored in this manner, The Dalles has kept up a continual protest. In some manner which will probably never be known a story originated in eastern Oregon to the effect that Medford had challenged The Dalles. The principal at the Columbia river school wired Medford stating that the challenge had not been received but that they would be glad to play the game. The telegram brought a vigorous denial from Medford that a challenge had ever been extended to The Dalles. It seems the challenge was a general one with Tillamook the first choice.

Be that as it may, The Dalles has made itself somewhat ridiculous by pressing its claims in the face of an early season defeat. Few question but that The Dalles has a stronger team than McLoughlin, possibly the strongest team in the state outside of Medford and Grant, but a defeat is a defeat and cannot be erased.

That Medford has every moral and legal right now to claim the state title is indicated in its impressive record this season and the state association rules themselves.

Article seven, section three of the state association rules reads in black face type as follows:

"No contract shall be made for games of football after Thanksgiving day, with the exception of championship games and these only when expressly authorized by the board of control."

The fact that Secretary Cannon issued a press statement to the effect that the game was not one for the championship did not abrogate the rule which is quite plain. Furthermore in his telegram, granting permission for the game to the two schools nothing was said to indicate that it was not for the state title.

The Medford team has disbanded for the season and there will be no more games better to clarify the title situation. But there are few high schools aside from The Dalles which will not concede Medford the mythical honor. Principal Nelson, of Salem high school, said yesterday that the local school would be glad to hail Medford as the rightful title bearer.

While Salem high officials have modestly refrained from mentioning it, there is some doubt that The Dalles had a better team than the local school. Playing on its own field, the Wasco county team scored on Salem high only through a fumble, and its supremacy was by no means established.

It is thought, too, that Bend, while it lost one game, had as good a team as The Dalles. Albany played two games on successive days against these two schools, and made almost as good a showing the second day against The Dalles as it did when fresh, against Bend. Both schools defeated Albany high.

AXE THINS OUT SALEM HI SQUAD

Coach Louis Anderson yesterday wielded the ax on his basketball squad with the result that only 35 men are now on it. Another cut will be made at the end of the week, bringing the squad down to about fifteen or seventeen players.

When a political campaign begins too soon it doesn't end soon enough.—Toledo Blade.

TWIN ATHLETIC LUMINARIES

The Parker twins, of Amherst College, are known throughout New England for their athletic prowess. Louis, left, played end on the varsity eleven and stars on the baseball nine, while Walter shines as a halfback on the eleven and is captain and outfielder of the baseball team.

Pacific Coast Conference Schedule Being Drawn Up

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Representative coaches and graduate managers of the ten universities and colleges comprising the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference, convened here tonight to draw up a 1928 football schedule. It is hoped the schedule will be compiled tomorrow, and it is expected it may be announced tomorrow night.

While coaches and managers met tonight, the gathering was informal although regarded as necessary in furtherance of tomorrow's task. The dates of only a few games had been definitely determined late today.

Stanford will play California in the traditional "big game" on the last Saturday before Thanksgiving, as usual. The date will be Nov. 24, and the place, Berkeley.

Aggie-Oregon Date Set

The University of Oregon, and Oregon State Agricultural college, have agreed on Nov. 17 for their big encounter, to be played at Corvallis.

California and Washington have definitely agreed that their game will be played in Seattle Nov. 10. The following Saturday, Washington will play Stanford at Palo Alto.

Washington State college tonight had tentatively agreed to go to Seattle for the second successive year to play Washington. The date probably will be October 27, giving Washington an open Saturday before meeting California.

The Washington-Oregon game, certain to be played in Portland, was on uncertain footing tonight sa far as the date was concerned.

Turkey Day Game Uncertain

Much depended upon whether Washington schedules a Thanksgiving Day game in Seattle with Southern California. Darwin Meisnest, Washington graduate manager, thought Washington should play a home game on Thanksgiving Day. Jack Benefiel, University of Oregon graduate manager, was holding out for the Thanksgiving date, with Washington in the Multnomah stadium here, but may have to be satisfied with a game on October 13.

The new conference member, University of California at Los Angeles, otherwise known as southern branch of the University of California, counts on only four conference games, as against five for the other teams. Steve Cunningham, graduate manager, and Bill Spaulding, coach, believe four games sufficient for the school's first year in the conference.

Cards On Calling List

One of these games is certain to be with Stanford, probably either Oct. 6 or 13, at Palo Alto. Southern branch seemed also receptive to Oregon's suggestion for a game in Los Angeles, Dec. 3.

Representatives of Gonzaga university, St. Mary's and Santa Clara are also attending the meeting and will schedule as many games as possible with conference teams. Another candidate for early season contests is Captain H. E. Eastwood, representing the west coast army team, from Ninth Corps Army Headquarters, San Francisco. Captain Eastwood is accompanied by Lieutenant F. G. Frazier, coach of the army team.

The meeting of graduate managers and coaches to iron out the schedule and other football, basketball, track and baseball matters, is looked upon merely as a prelude to the opening tomorrow of the actual sessions of the conference, when faculty representatives of each of the ten institutions meet to adjust such questions as eligibility and kindred topics.

ORAL CONTRACT PLAN UNPOPULAR

A reversion to the day when business principles were few, and efficiency in conducting high school athletics was at a minimum is suggested by Principal Leo Smith, of Vale, Oregon, according to an advance bulletin of the Oregon high school athletic association calling the annual meeting in Portland, December 30.

Principal Smith states that he will introduce at the meeting a proposed amendment to the constitution making it possible to schedule athletic contests between schools merely by oral agreement if desired instead of by signed contracts.

It is not expected that the proposal will get far at the meeting for a number of high school principals already have branded it as ridiculous, and Principal Nelson, of Salem high school, stated yesterday that he would flay such a plan, should he be able to attend the meeting.

Many principals believe that if oral agreements for the games are relied upon that the athletic relations between the high schools will rapidly get into a chaotic state. Schools could cancel games on short notice almost at will, evade guarantees, in short do anything they pleased with no chance of conviction for false play.

Under the present contract system, forfeits, division of gate receipts, and other matters, are agreed to in a signed paper binding to the extent of suspension or expulsion from the association of any school which deliberately violates it. This is considered the only safe and efficient manner of conducting high school affairs, and any attempt to tamper with the regulation will meet with immediate rebuff, it is believed.

Whole Town Sold For Third Time, California

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 7 — (AP)—For the third time this year the town of Oak Bar was sold yesterday.

William Hopewell of Redwood City and John Briba of Alameda, Cal., were the purchasers. The price they paid for the town was said to be $6,500.

They declared they intended making a summer resort out of the place.

JUNIOR HIGHS MAY FORM CONFERENCE

A Willamette valley league of junior high schools for the purpose of placing athletics for the younger school boys on a better basis, has been proposed by local school officials. Coach Louis Anderson, of Salem high school, yesterday asked Principal H. F. Durham, of the Parrish junior high school, to dispatch letters to all junior high school principals in the valley asking their opinion of the plan and suggesting a meeting in Salem at an early date to get the organizaton under way.

Two junior high schools in Eugene, two in Albany, two in Salem, and one each in Corvallis, McMinnville and Silverton will be invited to enter the league.

In the past, the juniors high schools have scheduled games in haphazard fashion. Often the little schools have slated games with big tough senior high school teams, playing entirely out of their class to the disadvantage and often out and out injury of the lighter players.

The proposed league is expected to obviate this difficulty and also stimulate interest among the junior high's by providing an opportunity to play schools in their own group for the championship.

Sport Ritticisms by BILL RITT

Our prayers were not in vain. The international chess champion ship battle is over at last.

The Florida collapse is complete. The Giants just announced they won't train there anymore.

Chile plans a chess game using human chessmen. A fellow could hire out as one and get a complete rest.

Gene Tunney ignores charges made by Max "Boo Boo" Hoff. The champ probably thinks his name should be "Pooh Pooh" Hoff.

Phil Scott has forever spoiled the long record of English heavyweights. He was standing up at the end of his last fight.

Sports Done Brown

STILL ROAMING — And find the southwest heads of heels in the discussion of All-American football selections.

George Schepps, well-known Dallas business man and sportsman, who witnessed the big intersectional battle between Notre Dame and Southern California, has expressed the feeling of grid fans in these parts that one or two of the outstanding elevens hereabouts might well match strength with either of the teams mentioned, or any of the other nationally-known teams which have been mentioned as of national championship calibre.

Writing his version of the game between Rockney's men and the Trojans, Schepps says:

"I tried to figure out in my own mind what I had seen in this game that I had not witnessed in the Southwestern conference games (the conference which includes the Texas Aggies, Southern Methodists, and other southwestern teams), and you can believe me when I say I saw nothing in Drury or Flanagan. I saw two good ball carriers, but not any better than Redman, Hume, Gerald Mann or Joel Hunt. I saw no field generalship such as Mann has displayed all year. Of the seven or eight ends who participated in the game, none could come close to equaling the offensive or defensive play of "Rags" Matthews. The only thing that they showed me was two good charging lines and some nice interference; two capable punters in Drury and Dadham. Summing up the whole game, I wish that S. M. U. (Southern Methodist university) could have caught either club on the days that they (S. M. U.) played Missouri or T. C. U. (Texas Christian university), and there is no doubt in my mind that they could have won by two or more touchdowns.

"I f the Aggies (Texas A. & M.) had played California or Notre Dame at Kyle field (home of Texas A. & M.) the day they beat the Mustags (S. M. U.) so badly, the Southwestern conference would have been glorified in the eyes of middle western and eastern football fans forever."

Now, granted that Schepps is an ardent supported of Texas football, his opinions are taken seriously hereabouts, because of his knowledge of the game and his familiarity with the major teams of the country and their general play and standards.

There is a concerted movement on foot in the southwest, as I write, to go out and get for intersectional games—on the Pacific coast and in the south and middle west—in the future, to give the southwestern teams a chance to prove their assertions.

It is unfortunate that neither Hunt nor Mann had a chance to pit their skill against the nationally-known teams this season.

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Word that Eddie Collins, once a member of Connie Mack's $100,000 infield and now a fading veteran, is to become assistant to Connie Mack is of interest to baseball fans all over the country. And the move on Connie's part prompts a query as to what is to become of Kid Gleason.

The kid was named assistant to Mr. McGillicudy a year ago — and turned loose on Connie's team to put some pep and ginger in it.

Gleason did his best. He's a fighter of the old school himself, a master of sarcasm, a keen judge of human nature, and a hard task master when he feels the need of wielding the whip. He failed to get Connie's team into a fighting mood—at least peeved enough to go out and win the pennant. This despite the presence of Cobb, Collins et al for reserve strength.

Now Collins is apparently shifted from the playing ranks to the board of strategy. Is Gleason to remain or will another season find the whitehaired gent in a new post?

Frank Moody, Welsh battler, sang a song in the ring and then won the British middleweight championship. Over here the boys sing the blues after losing a title.