

Salem, Eugene and Albany to Stand Firm for Valley Baseball League

MAY INVITE FORMER MID-COLUMBIA CLUB

If Portland semi-pro clubs want to play ball with any of the important Willamette valley teams, they will have to take them all into one league.

Salem, Eugene and Albany baseball magnates have entered into an agreement to stand or fall together on this issue, and circumstances seem to be conspiring in their favor.

It just happens that this promise to be a tough year in semi-pro ball throughout the state, with some of the smaller leagues disbanding. One of these is the Mid-Columbia league, the leading towns in which were The Dalles and Bend.

These two overgrown villages are asking to get into any league that includes Eugene and Salem. It is not certain that they will be admitted, but the difficulty has been that Salem, Eugene and Albany are the only cities in the valley that support baseball strongly enough to permit of the class of ball that they have been playing. So for several years past, these cities have competed in leagues largely controlled by Portland interests.

Unluckily, it has never transpired that all three of them could be admitted to the same circuit, a fact that has cut down the interest, because intercity rivalry is the big mainstay that makes semi-pro ball a paying proposition. But with Bend and The Dalles ready to join, this difficulty is largely overcome.

True, Bend and The Dalles are a long way from Salem, but Bend is almost as close to Eugene as Salem is. The expense of the long jump can be overcome, it is believed, by bringing these teams to the valley for two games to each trip, at two of the other cities involved, and thus making the trips less frequent. On two games about schedule, each of the other teams would have to invade Central Oregon but once, something they have been doing each year anyway.

At any rate, Manager Leo Edwards of the Salem Senators, and Billy Reinhardt, head of the ball club at Eugene, shook hands yesterday on the proposition that they stick together on the issue of getting into the same league and "Red" Rupert of Albany has already agreed to the same stand.

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SMITH FLAYED BY DRY ENEMY IN OWN PARTY
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of the 18th amendment would be written boldly upon the face of the constitution.

Mr. McAdoo spoke at a law enforcement meeting at Richmond auditorium to an audience gathered from the borderland of the dry democratic south. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league.

The woman's Christian temperance union and other dry organizations suggested, among other things, that the federal government give financial aid to the states in prohibition enforcement, somewhat after the manner of the federal-aid system by which states now are assisted in road building and other enterprises of national concern. He denied the charge that in enforcement of the amendment the federal government was infringing on the states' rights.

Mr. McAdoo declared it was the object of the organized liquor interests to destroy the prohibition amendment state by state with the hope of bringing the whole country into the category of New York and Maryland.

"This then," he said, "is the issue—shall disobedience to the supreme law of the land, as practiced by New York and Maryland, be permitted to establish a doctrine which, carried to its logical conclusions, means the destruction of constitutional government and the disappearance of those guarantees of life, liberty and property which are essential to the security and well-being of the people and to the continuation of our form of government?"

The issue cannot be evaded. It must be fought to a conclusion in the forthcoming national campaign. The contest between the two great political parties for the control of the presidency and the congress of the United States affords the only national referendum for the decision of great questions of this kind, and we must have the courage and sincerity to present this issue squarely to the people so that their judgment may be rendered in the light of reason and with full knowledge of the facts.

Every time the fans looked at the infield they saw Scott. He was as persistent as a statue and as present as a bill collector.

Scott used to work for Miller Huggins' ball club. But that was before the Yanks became the American League.

Injury to Eye May Keep Dempsey Out for Good

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 1.—(AP).—Tex Rickard today announced that Jack Dempsey had retired from the ring and that Gene Tunney would defend his heavyweight title in June against the winner of the Sharkey-Risko-Heeney, Delaney elimination contest.

Commenting from Los Angeles, Dempsey said: "It's OK with me. I told Rickard that I would not be ready in June. If my injured eye muscle improves, I may fight again or I may not. As things look now, I may never fight again."

Rickard said he based his retirement on word from the former champion that "he thinks it is not advisable to engage in any further contests."

He expressed regret at Dempsey's "passing."

The next title bout, the promoter said, has not yet been awarded to any city but he named Philadelphia, Chicago, London and a designated place in Canada as all in the running.

Billy Gibson, Tunney's manager, had conferred with Rickard during the day and the announcement came shortly after they had finished their discussion. Gibson said he and Tunney "had decided to string along with Rickard who was what seems to be a very plausible method of developing one or more contenders this year."

He expressed disappointment that a definite selection of an opponent was not made today.

Tunney received the announcement with little display of interest.

"My chief concern right now is my golf game," said he.

"All Rickard has to do is to supply the boxers and I will do the boxing."

"Yes, I think so," was Rickard's answer when asked for a flat statement on his belief that he would win.

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SHS TEAM INVADERS SOUTHERN OREGON

Coach Louie Anderson left yesterday morning with eight basketball players for southern Oregon, where a series of games will be played this week-end with Medford and Ashland.

The Medford games will be played tonight and tomorrow night. Ashland will be the opponent Saturday night.

Kafoury, capable substitute guard, was not taken as he has not yet recovered from a knee infection. Those who went were Lyons, Duffy, Siegmund, C. Kelly, R. Kelly, Ecker, Beecher and Perrine.

With Beecher jumping center, the team looks better as a whole than at any time this season. Duffy is in the same old scoring form, but is inclined to play a "star" game by himself, which interferes with proper team work.

This defect in his performance may be corrected with a little more experience with his team mates.

Medford is expected to take both games from the Red and Black, but Salem should have no difficulty in vanquishing Ashland.

PORTLAND CARD SLATED TUESDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—(AP).—Walcott Langford, Chicago negro middleweight will meet Johnny Burns, Oakland slugger in the main event of a smoker in Portland Tuesday night. The match was announced here tonight. Langford battled to a draw with Walter Cleghorn, Seattle middleweight in Seattle last night.

Sports Done Brown
By Norman E. Brown

Dutch Reuther, wandering left-hander, who flirted with fame at various times over a 10-year period in the major leagues, goes to the Pacific coast for the 1928 campaign—or at least to start it.

Reuther drew his unconditional release from the Yankees, and although he was offered a berth by at least one major league club, he preferred to return to the "old men's paradise"—the Pacific coast league. There the warm, sunny days will limber up his ageing arm a bit.

Reuther started his baseball career on the coast—with the Portland club in 1911. Although baseball's who's who lists him as being a member of that outfit for two years, receiving a tryout with the Pirates in 1913, and then belonging to Sacramento and Vancouver, no record of his work is given until that compiled during the 1914 campaign with the latter club. He won 11 and lost 9 games that year.

He moved to Salt Lake, Portland, and then Spokane before receiving a real chance in the majors. He had won 13 and lost 4 games for the Spokes when the Reds took him.

Reuther never soared to dizzy heights as a consistent winning pitcher. He was a steady, reliable arm.

Dempsey's retirement is a permanent thing. Asked what he expected to do about naming an opponent for the September fight, he replied: "That's a thing that will have to take care of itself later. I can't tell a thing about it right now."

He denied that Dempsey had mentioned eye trouble in saying he would not accept a championship fight.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—(AP).—Jack Dempsey said today that he was sure of only one thing regarding his connection with the fight game and that was that he never would lose his academic interest in the prize ring.

On this phase of the hoary discussion as to whether the former heavyweight champion ever again would climb through the ropes as a contender, he had a definite pronouncement to make, to-wit: "Whether I fight again or not, I'll always keep up my connection with the fight game."

Tex Rickard's announcement today at Miami Beach, Fla., that Dempsey was through, did not seem to strike the former boss of the heavyweights as surprising, he said.

"That's fine, so far as I am concerned. It's OK with me. As things look now, I may never fight again. The injury to my eye muscles is not serious but it may keep me out of the ring forever. If it clears up, I'll be willing to fight again."

"I told Rickard that I could not be in shape for any fight in June, so it is all right with me if he has made other arrangements."

The ex-champion also said that it was "all right" with Mrs. Dempsey, Estelle Taylor of the motion pictures, whether he fought or whether he did not.

"She never interferes with my business and I don't interfere with hers," he explained.

His best seasons were those of 1922, when, with the Brooklyn Dodgers, he won 21 and lost 12 games, and in 1925, when he helped pitch the Washington Senators to a pennant by winning 18 and losing 7 games.

He was a member of three world series teams—Cincinnati in 1919, Washington in 1925, and New York in 1926. He was not given a chance to work in the 1925 series with Washington, and the failure of Stanley Harris to use him drew some comment at the time. He won one game for the Reds and lost one for the Yankees.

While Reuther never really reached the pinnacle of fame, he was—when right—a great south paw, with a baffling curve, a great change of pace, and plenty of nerve to use it.

Old Dame Rumor has it now that George Kelly, Cincinnati first baseman, and Catcher Hargrave, may be swapped to the Boston Braves in the next interesting baseball deal.

The Braves mentioned as those most liable to figure in the deal are Pitchers Genewisch and Smith and Andy High, handy man.

The trade stacks up as a possible one, in view of the fact that the passing of Frank Hogan to the Giants in the Hornsby deal left the Boston outfit without a good catcher. Likewise the Braves could use Kelly at first, and were he to regain the hitting form would enjoy the added batting strength.

Bob Smith, the made-over infielder, and Genewisch, have done yeoman service for the Hub team, but have never been able to get far with the tail-end outfit.

Incidentally, such a deal would toss three former Giants of recent years together. Kelly would join Hornsby and Eddie Farrell, the young college infielder McGraw sent to the Braves last summer.

Cincinnati fans are down on Kelly. He was a flop last season. Whether or not he was simply having an off year, was proved because of being shunted out of the big town, or had just slipped, is problematical.

Playing in 1,307 games may be called hard work, but it can't hold a candle to watching 1,307 games.

NEW INCORPORATIONS
The Kiddy Kage company, with headquarters in Portland and capital stock of \$50,000, has been incorporated by Harry T. Nicolai, W. E. Goodwin and George J. Perkins.

Other articles filed in the state corporation department follow: Thrift service and sales company, Portland, \$10,000; Charles V. Delk, Bonabelle Delk and Elwood C. Martin.

Arch Electric company, Portland, \$15,000; Arch W. Traber, John C. Failing and Edgar Freed. Appleton Brothers, Inc., Portland, \$20,000; S. A. Appleton, R. L. Appleton and C. C. Hall.

Western Candy company, Portland, \$30,000; A. Joseph, G. Bonawitz and Charles Cohn.

Western Forest Products company, Portland, \$50,000; E. E. Edmunds, James H. Lynch and T. E. Anderson.

Henry W. Lyons, Inc., Portland, \$10,000; Henry W. Lyons, Charles Moyer and Dow V. Walker.

PETLZER GIVEN PLACE IN EVENT
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP).—After prolonged discussion with officials of the Amateur Athletic union, Dr. Otto Petlzer today was granted permission to run in the Milrose meet at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night upon condition that he enter the \$80 yard run, a fixed feature on the program and not a special event.

At the same time, the foreign relations committee, which conferred with Dr. Petlzer gave tentative approval to his engagement to run in a 1,000 yard race at the Illinois A. C. meet in Chicago on February 10.

Nature is all wet. A seeded tennis player not always blossoms into a champ.

The nag named Justice, winning the big New Orleans race, failed to do just that to the boys who didn't bet on him.

GORDON WILL MEET BAYES HERE 29TH

Willie Gordon, the fighting sail-or, will meet Phil Bayes here, February 29, Matchmaker Plant announced yesterday following several days of dickering with Joe Waterman, Gordon's manager.

The battle was to have taken place here next Wednesday, but a sudden change in dates of the Tacoma card, which set his bout there for February 9, Waterman wired that his pugilist would be unable to make the February 8 date here.

This sudden shift threw the local plans for the February 8 card into a jumble, from which Matchmaker Plant has not yet extricated himself, i. e., a main event has not yet been arranged.

That there will be a fight here next Wednesday however, is certain, Plant declared, and he may be able to announce the main event today.

Whatever it is, it is bound to be shaded by the Gordon-Bayes fight which will attract more attention in the northwest than the Hellman-Bayes mill here two weeks ago. Gordon is a top-notch boxer, a year ago demonstrated to Salem fans, and Bayes always pleases. Bayes is the greatest drawing card Salem ever had in the pugilistic field. Even matched with a dumb bell Bayes draws a good house, but against a top-notch, the gate is always big. Both Bayes and Gordon are boys who believe in giving the fans their money's worth.

Battling Slim may be one of the main-events here February 8, if Plant can find a suitable boy to match him up with.

JENNINGS' FUNERAL WILL BE ON FRIDAY

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 1.—(AP).—The funeral of Hugh A. Jennings, one of the greatest characters that baseball has produced, who died at his home here early today will take place Friday morning with a solemn high mass of requiem in St. Peter's cathedral here. It was announced late today that the funeral will be in St. Catherine's cemetery.

Expressions of regret at the passing of one of the idols of the national pastime were received at the Jennings' home from all parts of the country.

Scranton deeply mourned the passing of one of its foremost citizens and wherever men gathered today the sole topic of conversation was the fact that "Hughy" is dead.

Among those who sent messages of condolence were: John Heydler, president of the national league; Charles E. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox; Frank A. Navin of the Detroit Tigers, the team which Mr. Jennings managed for 14 years; Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators; Mr. and Mrs. Connie Mack, the former part owner and manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

NORMAL LOSES TO CITY QUINT

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Oregon normal school basketball squad lost a fast, rough game to the City of Portland team last night with a final score of 41-35.

Due to the lack of a standard basketball floor at the state normal the game was played in the gym of the Independence high school.

W. Schunk, Monmouth's star center, was off the floor due to a bad arm the result of enforced vaccination during a small-pox scare at the Normal.

The lineup: City of Portland (41) (35) O. N. S. Horsfield (5) F. (9) Cook Goode (2) F. (2) F. Schunk Campbell (15) C. (4) Price Gibson (4) G. (3) Hudson Reimer (11) G. (3) Phillips Elkins (15) S. (15) Becken Simpson (2) S. (2) King Cropper (2) S.

Referee: Gregg, Salem.

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Team-work won for the Parrish lads. Their floor plays were well executed, and the 25 points were all earned, from shots well within the foul line. Kitchner, especially, played a good floor game but was off in shooting. The dependable Pettit scored four baskets. He seemed to save a basket for just the moment when Parrish would lose the lead.

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NORMAL MATMEN DISPLAY ABILITY

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Oregon normal school squad of bone-twisters accompanied by Coach Errol Rees met the three-times state champion wrestlers of Corvallis Saturday night. Normal wrestlers were "Spud" Rowland, who showed a lot of gameness by staying with Scott of Corvallis for 18 minutes and winning a draw.

McElowney of the O. N. S. put up a determined battle for 18 minutes, holding his man to a standstill. Smith was thrown after a stiff tussle, but his opponent conceded him to be the toughest man he had met in two years and predicted with a little more training Smith would be a top-notch in the mat game.

Hite, 142 pounder for the normal, lost his bout at the very last minute. Lehman wrestled the 150 pound state wrestling champion of Oregon and held his own to within the last three minutes.

"Bob" Loucks was thrown by a six feet four inch man only after a great effort.

Due to the lack of experience the boys were outwrestled, but not outgamed. Coach Rees is to be hailed for his efforts and good work with the novices turning out for wrestling at the normal. He has proved himself to be a real coach and is also a wrestler of no little ability, being one of the best O. N. S. C. at Corvallis has produced. He is one of the cleanest athletes and most successful coaches the normal has ever had.

The normal squad will meet these same Corvallis boys within two weeks, when the local mat fans anticipate more decisions in favor of the Monmouth men.

Sport Ritticisms
By BILL RITT

Columbia's victorious crew saved the school from having a bad sport year. That proves water is good for something after all.

Oh, Columbia, the chump of the gridiron. The laugh of the basketball floor.

The scorn of the boys with the midiron. Is king of 'em all at the oar.

The first sign of spring is no longer the robin. It's the headline: "Yanks Sign Last Holdout."

Babe Ruth's popularity can no longer be challenged. The other day he played a saxophone and got away with it.

Believe it or not, the boys say there was nothing fishy about the boxing commission giving Benny Bass the hook.

INDEPENDENCE HI WINS HOOP GAME

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Independence high school won a closely contested basketball game last night from the local squad of the high school with a final score of 22 to 18 in a double header game with the Monmouth girls defeating the Independence girls by a walk away of 61 to 29. The Riley sisters on the Monmouth team showed some of the classiest teamwork yet seen on any girls' team appearing here this season.

In the boys game Monmouth took the lead and ran up eight points in the first five minutes, shooting baskets from all over the floor. It was a nip and tuck game to the last few minutes when Monmouth lost out on fouls. The score at the end of the half stood 18 to 17 in favor of the Monmouth squad.

During the last two minutes of play the referee's specs seemed to be a little dark and he was unable to see a few of the close ones which slowed the game down considerably. The decisions made by the referee were challenged repeatedly by the crowds in the bleachers. Roy Langley was high point man and starred for the local squad. Gouch was going good through the entire game. Bond covered his man well and took the ball away from him time and again with his clever guarding. Burch, Independence forward, was high point man and did some exceptionally fast work in dribbling the ball and shooting some pretty baskets. Harp, Independence center, played a rough hard game, winning several fouls.

The lineup: Independence 22 Monmouth 18 Stapleton (4) F. (10) Langley Burch (9) F. (2) Wilson Harp (5) C. (3) Gough Hirschberger (2) G. (2) Davis Troxel (2) G. (1) Bond Referee: "Ship" Lehman.

WEBFOOT HOOPERS DEFEAT JAPANESE

EUGENE, Feb. 1.—(AP).—The University of Oregon basketball team defeated Waseda university, travelling Japanese quintet from Tokyo, by the overwhelming count of 70 to 20 here tonight. The Waseda hoopers played a fast, clean brand of ball, but did not have plays enough to give the Webfoots much worry.

Although Oregon looked much better in this game than when it suffered its first conference defeat last week, the difference was largely due to the comparative weakness of the opponents. Waseda never threatened, was rushed into a defensive formation in the first minute and remained there throughout most of the contest. The Webfoots gained the tip-off consistently, and though they often lapsed into a ragged passing style of play, their formations were numerous and intricate enough to baffle the scrappy little invaders.

TED THYE PUTS WARNER DOWN

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP).—Ted Thye, Portland light heavyweight wrestler won on straight falls here tonight from Rudy Warner of Omaha, after he had roughed his opponent about the head and overcame his resistance. Thye took the first fall in 32 minutes 3 seconds in a rough and tumble struggle that ended when the Portland man flopped Warner to the mat and fell on him.

The second fall came 2 minutes 15 seconds later with Warner offering little opposition.

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Parrish plays Woodrow Wilson Junior high of Eugene here next Saturday.

Business Men's League Mourns Late Secretary

Resolutions of condolence to be sent to the family of the late George E. McAfee were passed by the Salem Business Men's league, of which Mr. McAfee was secretary, at a special meeting called Wednesday following Mr. McAfee's death. All members of the Business Men's league are asked to attend the funeral.

Otto Hillman was elected secretary pro tem until the executive board fills the vacancy.

RITCHIE DECRIES 'BUNK' IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN
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of the states to settle their home affairs at home."

To mention one instance he continued, "a good many people believe, as I happen to believe, that the great question of prohibition ought to be turned back to the states, so that each state may determine it in accordance with the needs and sanctions of its own people."

GREEN
Coming Friday FEB. 10 Watch for It