New Willamette Valley Baseball League to be Formed Here Friday

WILL BE TOP NOTCH CIRCUIT OF OREGON

By Ralph Curtis

Organization of a brand new Willamette valley baseball league which will be without dispute the banner semi-pro circuit of the state, will be effected at a meeting in Salem Friday evening, February 10.

Instead of being a re-vamped edition of the old Portland City league, this one will start with a clean slate and an entirely new lineup of clubs, although just what teams will be in it aside from Salem, Albany and Eugene, is not yet certain.

In fact, baseball magnates in these three towns are issuing an invitation for any club in the valley to send a representative to this meeting, and there is room for three more of them in the league, so it is probable that a number will be on hand with applications for admittance.

Portland clubs will be considered along with the rest, but the indications are now that none of the teams which were in the City league last year will be members; and neither will those that were in the Portland Valley league.

These two circuits are combining and voluntarily cutting down the class of ball; that is, they will make a rule that only pitchers and catchers may receive pay for playing, and that will virtually make it a league of juvenile players.

Two teams that may possibly be enrolled in the new valley league are the Shell Oil company team of Portland, and a McMinnville club. The latter city is all set to break into the baseball world again and its presence would add to the inter-city rivalry which will be an asset of this new circuit.

Another possibility is that Bend, far away as it is, may be admitted, but the indications are that if it is, it will be for the second half of the season only. Games between Bend and valley teams will hardly be feasible until after the McKenzie pass opens, and the date of that occurrence is problematical, although the highway department has been breaking a way through the snow earlier in the last two years than it did previously.

The plan is, if Bend is admitted, to do so only for a ten weeks' season, which would require the valley clubs to make only one trip each across the mountains, while Bend would make only two or three trips to the valley, playing two games each time it came.

BAMBINO AVERS HE'S ALL RIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—(AP).—Babe Ruth today denied reports that he was overweight and asserted that he would be in better condition at the opening of the spring training than he was last year.

He said he was five pounds lighter now than during the 1927 baseball season and that he had never felt better. Ruth came here for a brief visit with Jack Schaefer, a personal friend.

"I feel as fit as ever," said the bambino, "I tip the old scales at 219 pounds, while last year at this time I was up to 232. During the 1927 playing season my average weight was 224 pounds; still I managed to make 60 home runs."

DOTSON DRAWS WITH McNAMARA

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—(AP).—Bobby Dotson, lightweight from Aberdeen, Wash., and a stable mate of Leo Lomski, gained a draw with Jimmy McNamara of New York in his eight round eastern debut here tonight.

McNamara bounced the westerner around with a jarring left hand during the early rounds but tired when Dotson, a tiny edition of the body-ripping Lomski, found the range with sturdy hooks to the ribs. Dotson weighed 134; McNamara 132½.

MICHIGAN GOLFER WINS OPEN MEET

WILLOW SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB, San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—Al Watrous of Grand Rapids, Mich., holed a 150 yard approach at the final hole here today to win first place in the annual amateur-pro best team match of the Texas open golf tournament with a 65.

Larry Nabholtz of Cleveland and his partner, Dupre Dance of San Antonio were second with a 69 and three teams scored 70s to tie for third.

CALIFORNIA WINS BY SINGLE POINT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Verne Corbin, center, by coaxing the ball through the net on a free throw in the last five seconds of play, gave the Golden Bear basketball team of the University of California a one point margin victory over the University of California at Los Angeles Bruins here tonight. The final count was 35 to 34 in favor of the northerners.

PILE UP VICTORIES GALORE

With a string of 17 victories out of 18 pre-season basketball games and a total of 951 points against 401 for its opponents, the Montana State College aggregation of Bozeman, Mont., is all primed to defend its Rocky Mountain conference championship. The regular players are shown above.

SALEM QUINT LOSES TO SOUTHERN TEAM

MEDFORD, Feb. 3.—(AP).—Medford high school defeated the Salem high school basketball team by a score of 30 to 22 here tonight, after maintaining a lead they had developed in the first quarter. Duffy, Salem star, was kept under heavy guard throughout the game and the superior defense of the Medford team prevented him from scoring until the last few minutes of the game.

The game marked the reopening of athletic relations between the two schools after a suspension of four years.

The score at the end of the half was 9 to 8 in favor of Medford, who set a gruelling pace. In the second half the visitors crumpled and the locals forged ahead and held a safe margin to the end.

Duffy, sensational forward for the Salem squad, was held to one point. License played the best game of the visitors and was high point man. McDonald and Newlin were high point makers for Medford.

But three personal fouls were called during the entire game.

Salem high will play Medford again tonight, and then leave for home. The team vies here against Independence next Tuesday night in a district game.

ARRANGE FOR SKI TOURNEY SUNDAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 3—(AP)—With 26 entrants ready to try their skill at ski jumping, the first annual ski tournament conducted by the Mount Hood Ski club will be held Sunday. Snow hauled in from higher levels in addition to the snow that fell Wednesday has made the tournament hill at Swim an ideal jumping ground, according to Bill Lentz who with Jack Greenwood, Gerald Lymp and Otto Hagen are supervising preparations for the meet.

Interest centers in Hans Otto Giese, 24-year-old Black Forest champion, who will arrive tomorrow by plane. Other favorites are Thor Leaf of Philipstad Ski club of Sweden, former Swedish champion; Charles Woxman of Holmenkollen, Norway; Charles Schafstad, Oslo Ski club, Norway, and C. Thoreson, former Hollenkolen champion.

BASKETBALL SCORES

At Medford: Medford High, 30; Salem High, 22.

At Bozeman: Montana State, 46; Utah, 38.

At Los Angeles: University of California, 35; U. of California at Los Angeles, 34.

At Monmouth: Oregon Normal 39; Linfield 30.

MONTANA STATE WINS

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 3.—(AP).—Montant State college maintained its lead at the head of the western division basketball race in the Rocky Mountain conference by defeating the University of Utah here tonight 46-38.

WINS BY KNOCKOUT

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 3—(AP) One of Sammy Baker's hard rights to the jaw knocked out Gilbert Attell, young San Francisco welterweight, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten round bout here tonight.

WILLAMETTE BASKETEERS

HAROLD HAUK, guard. Born June 29, 1905. Height 5 feet 10½ inches; weight 165 pounds. Sophomore in law. Home town, Peoria, Ill.

Record:

1923-24—Peoria high, substitute, Coach Hake.

1924-25—Peoria high, regular, Coach Hake.

1926-27 — Willamette varsity, Coach Roy S. Keene.

1927-28 — Willamette varsity, Coach Roy S. Keene.

Hauk is the most deceptive passer on the squad, and a brilliant dribbler. When he heads full-speed with the ball into the opposing defense, some member of his team is bound to get a shot. Hauk can shoot handily, too, from beyond the foul line, but the team's practice this year has been to work the ball under the basket. Hauk is probably the best all-around athlete at the university. He is the same chap who played shortstop for the Senators.

EUGENE SCHOOL BEATS PARRISH

Woodrow Wilson wasn't a basketball player.

Dr. Naismith hadn't yet invented the game when Wilson was a boy.

But an eighth grader of Eugene playing for a junior high school named after the illustrious former president demonstrated his ability at the game last night, when he helped his teammates to a 27-25 victory over Parrish junior high school.

This youth of phenomenal shooting ability looped in six pretty goals out of 10 tries in the second half from mid-floor positions, and he had a deceptive dribble which would do credit to a college player. His name is Coghlan.

All the Parrish players were up to their usual performance except Pettit who had plenty of chances to score on cripples but couldn't even come close. Kitchen had an especially good evening. He was everywhere on the floor to stretch the net for seven goals.

Coghlan didn't open up with his long distance shooting until the second half. His team led 11 to 9 at half time.

Summary:

Parrish (25)	FG	FT	PF
Kitchen, f	7	0	0
James, f	0	0	0
Dietz, c	1	2	2
Pettit, g	0	3	3
Seguin, g	0	0	1
Burgess, f	2	0	0
Totals	10	5	6
Woodrow Wilson (27)			
Walpole, f	1	0	0
Kank, f	3	1	1
Bradway, c	0	2	2
Coghlan, g	7	2	1
Branerd, g	0	0	0
Totals	11	5	4

ASHLAND TEACHERS PLAY W. U. TONIGHT

With examinations out of the way, the Willamette university Bearcats will take on Ashland Normal here tonight in a game which is expected to whip them into scoring form for the three tough conference tilts next week against Linfield and Whitman.

Ashland holds a victory over the Japanese team of Waseda university and Monmouth Normal school, and numbers among its players two or three Medford high graduates who starred at the game. Willamette can win easily if the players are in scoring form.

Coach "Spec" Keene said last night that he might start some of the substitutes to see if they could make any progress, before running in his stellar performers.

The game will be preceded at 7:15 by a clash between Woodburn high school and the Willamette freshmen.

After a return tilt at McMinnville against Linfield college Tuesday night, the Bearcats will come back to Salem, pack their grips and set out on a five game tour into Washington and Idaho.

The tough assignment comes next Thursday and Friday at Walla Walla, when they buck up against the Whitman Missionaries. The conference title will be at stake. If Willamette can take one of these games and then topple Puget Sound twice, the 1928 trophy will find its place in the local case, for Whitman plays fewer games than Willamette.

Coach Keene will take not more than eight men on the trip and probably only seven.

WESLEY HOBBS NEW MAIN EVENTER HERE

Will surprises ever cease?

They have been coming thick and fast in the local fight game.

A day after an announcement that Battling Slim would mix here with Bill Illingworth, comes another from Matchmaker Plant that Slim injured his hands against O'Brien in Bellingham last Wednesday and won't be able to appear, and that Wesley Hobbs, of Los Angeles has been substituted.

Hobbs has come north to participate in Joe Levy's middleweight tournament in Portland. He rates as a tough customer in the south, and Levy recommends him as a crowd pleaser. Levy believes that he will make short work of Illingworth.

This latest announcement means that five new faces will be on the card next Wednesday, the two main eventers, Wayne Austin who battles Terry Kileen in the semi-windup, and the two heavyweight boys, Wallace and Wilkerson.

LINFIELD DEFEATED BY NORMAL QUINT

MONMOUTH, Feb. 3.—(Special)—The Oregon normal school tops the Willamette valley basketball conference following a victory over Linfield college on the local basketball court here tonight. The final count stood 39 to 30.

Tonight's game was the first in the conference to be lost by Linfield this season. Monmouth has lost none.

The game was fast and played on even terms throughout.

NEBRASKA-ARMY GRID GAME LOOMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—(AP).—Negotiations for a football game between the Army and Nebraska, to fill West Point's vacant date on this year's slate, have been in progress for some time but it was said authoritatively today that they have not yet been completed. If arranged the game is expected to be played in the east.

Four-in-One Athlete

Vic Wetzel, above, has been elected captain of the track team of the University of Oregon. He is a shot putter, discus thrower, javelin thrower and football player.

OLD OREGON PROF DIES

Dr. Benjamin James Hawthorne Passes at Age of Ninety

EUGENE, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Dr. Benjamin James Hawthorne, 90, former professor of the University of Oregon and other educational institutions in Oregon and the south, died at his home here today. He retired in 1910 as dean emeritus of psychology at the University of Oregon.

Shortly after the Civil war Dr. Hawthorne was head master of a college in Louisiana. He was president of west Tennessee college for a time, leaving in 1873. He was professor of languages at Corvallis college, Oregon, until 1884 and was a member of the University of Oregon staff from that year until he retired in 1910.

HUGHEY JENNINGS GETS FINAL REST

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Hughey Jennings, for nearly 40 years a colorful figure in baseball, was borne to his last resting place today in the bleakness of the snow covered Pocono mountains, in the country which he had learned to love so well during the last two years of his life.

The famous "ee-yah" who was an outstanding character in the national game from 1891 until a nervous breakdown forced him into retirement at the end of the 1925 season, was buried this morning in St. Catherine's cemetery, Moscow, while those who knew him intimately as neighbor and citizen and those who knew him as the firey baseball leader, stood around the graveside paying him final homage.

At St. Peter's cathedral solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. C. A. McHugh, pastor of the Cary-on-the-Mount Roman Catholic church at Mount Pocono, who had been Hughey's counsellor and consoler during the two years of retirement.

NATIONAL BALL SCHEDULE FIXED

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The 1928 national league playing schedule was formally announced by the club owners in session here today, the baseball season to open on April 11 and close on September 30.

The campaign gets under way with Philadelphia at Brooklyn, Boston at New York, Chicago at Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. Last year the season began on April 12 and closed on October 2.

Proposed agreements with minor leagues providing for increased allowances in the drafting of players together with a like clause relating to umpires were withdrawn due to the failure of the minors to ratify these subjects.

The National league had submitted a new scale increasing draft prices on players some time ago which for a class "AA" club faised the maximum from $5,000 to $7,500 per player and so on in proportion to the club rating. As the minors did not take action, the club owners voted to discard the proposals.

Does Not Choose

Pat Crawford, infielder of the Greenville, S. C., Sally league club, who was bought personally by Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants, last season and mentioned as a possible successor to Rogers Hornsby, has declared that he will not report to McGraw this year. During the off season, Crawford coaches and directs the teams of Guilford college and he is shown here as he appeared as coach of the eleven.

Portland Concerns File Petitons In Bankruptcy

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Dr. Charles J. Dean, his two incorporated companies, and Robert S. Parker, chiropractor associated with him, filed petitions in voluntary bankruptcy in the federal district court here today. Dr. Dean's personal petition listed liabilities of $114,762.06, and assets of $1,623.57.

Liability items were: A circuit court judgment held by Gus Emrich, Portland for $8,791.71; a claim of $25,441.85 by Herman A. Behrens, Bremerton, Wash.; a claim of $25,000 by Harry W. Gross of Camas, Wash.; an unexplained $50,000 due Olga Nelson, Chicago, and miscellaneous items.

ANTI-GOVERNMENT RIOTS STIR INDIA

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The native city of Bombay today was in the throes of a "hartal"—a strike organized as a boycott of the royal commission on Indian reforms—following arrival of Sir John Simon and others of the commission.

The colleges closed and a large gathering of students passed resolutions condemning the commission, its members then proceeding to an open air demonstration.

At a labor demonstration effigies of Premier Baldwin, Birkenhead, Simon and Ramsay MacDonald were burned.

Although the "hartal" was effective elsewhere the European quarter was little effected.

Sir John Simon and others of the commission proceeded to Delhi under a heavy guard after they landed.

MADRAS, India, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Police fired on persons staging a demonstration in connection with the arrival of the royal commission on Indian reforms in India today.

One person was killed and five seriously injured.

The trouble arose when the crowd attacked a shop which had remained open despite the Hartal—day of mourning—proclaimed in connection with the arrival of the commission headed by Sir John Simon.

The crowd stoned the shop and broke its windows.

Armed police soon arrived on the scene but the stone throwing continued. Some constables were injured. The shop was closed eventually. Practically all shops and Indian business premises were closed here. Omnibusses and rickshaws are not running.

Former Resident Injured—

Word has been received here that Claude A. Surry, former Salem boy whose uncle, A. H. Wyatt, is now employed at the court house, sustained serious injuries when a train on which he was fireman was wrecked near Lewiston, Idaho. Besides being crushed he suffered burns and was pinned in the cab for several hours before rescued.