

BERKSHIRE PIG ASSOCIATION FORMED IN MEDFORD WILL SHIP CAR LOAD TO PORTLAND LIVESTOCK SHOW NEXT FALL

Berkshire swine breeders of Josephine and Jackson counties meeting at Medford last Saturday, have organized the "Southern Oregon Berkshire Breeders' association" with Clyde E. Niles, manager of River Banks Farms, largest breeders of Berkshires in Oregon, as president; J. R. McCracken, prominent Farm Bureau leader of Ashland, vice president, and Claude C. Cate, county agricultural agent of Jackson county, secretary-treasurer. The other directors of the new association are Frank L. Holdridge and F. S. Dunkin, Talent; Floyd Charley, Brownsboro; Chas. Owens, Rogue River, and A. Wylberg, Grants Pass.

The object of the association is to promote the interests of Berkshire breeders generally but especially to endorse and support pig club work. County agents and club leaders of the two counties are already at work organizing standard pig clubs under the usual rules and regulations for such clubs and the winner in every Standard Berkshire Pig club is to receive a prize of a registered Berkshire pig at the conclusion of the season's work. Also the winner in every Standard Pig club where mixed breeds are used is to receive a prize of a registered Berkshire pig, providing he wins with a Berkshire.

The outstanding feature of the pig club work, as outlined by the county agents and club leaders of the two counties, which will receive special attention by the Berkshire association is that of the car-load of sixty Berkshire barrows to be fed out by the boys and shown by them collectively at the Pacific International next fall. Arrangements have been completed whereby pig club members can secure the sixty Berkshire barrows of uniform type and breeding, each member receiving four pigs of an average age of eight to ten weeks.

About a week prior to the date of shipment to the Pacific International all the pigs will be assembled at some central point and thrown together for the purpose of getting acquainted and having them settled onto a uniform feeding system before shipment. Here the club members will practice a step in cooperation by choosing two or

three of their number to take care of the pigs during the week's feeding and shipment to Portland, all under the direction, of course, of the county club leaders.

An excellent feature of the club work, whereby members receive instruction and experience in financial matters, is the manner in which the banks foster and encourage the movement by loaning the boys the money necessary to purchase their pigs. The members sign notes at the bank, bearing 6 per cent interest and payable from the proceeds of the sale or increase of the pigs at the close of the season.

Portland stock yards concerns are enthusiastic over the prospect of these car-load entries by the pig clubs and have already guaranteed a premium of from \$200 to \$500 per carlot on club pigs and this premium above the prevailing market price which will be won by the members will be sufficient it is calculated, to pay all the expenses of the club members to the international and still leave them the returns from the sale of their pigs, etc.

This is a new idea in club work and promises to be very popular among the boys as well as among their parents who see in it splendid experiences for their boys as well as early returns for the care and investment in the pigs. Furthermore, the advertising which southern Oregon will derive from the showing of a car load of pure bred Berkshire barrows by pig club members will be of inestimable value to this district. The boys and their pigs will always be in the limelight at the big show; leading newspapers and farm magazines will run feature stories of the achievement with pictures of the boys and their carlot of pigs, and all southern Oregon will profit by the publicity.

The Berkshire breed is one of the oldest of the swine breeds, having originated in Berkshire county, England, and is today the leading breed in that country. The first Berkshire brought to America was imported by John Brentnall in 1835 and throughout their history they have maintained a

uniform high standard as the farmer's ideal hog. Their easy feeding qualities are almost universally recognized while the excellence of their product has won them the laurels in the hottest competition at the big shows of the country for years.

At the recent great Smithfield show in England the Berkshires again won the grand championship over all breeds and crosses. Every year with only five exceptions, Berkshires have won all the first prizes in every class at this great show since 1883. At the Chicago International Livestock Exposition Berkshires have won 34 1/2 per cent of all the grand championships in the classes open to all breeds and crosses during the twenty-one years of this great show.

At the five principal western shows in 1922 Berkshires won grand champion car load and grand champion barrow at the California state fair; grand champion barrow at Oregon state fair; grand champion barrow at the Western Royal Livestock show; and grand champion pen of barrows at the Pacific International. The Berkshires seem especially well adapted to southern Oregon conditions and have a large representation in Josephine and Jackson counties.

Sports

BIG SIX IS BACK IN BASEBALL AS BOSTON LEADER

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Baseball has been given back one of its most popular heroes, the man the back-lot boy emulates, Christy Mathewson, who it was announced, in Boston last night, returns from his battle with tuberculosis to the diamond as president of the Boston National league baseball club, which has been purchased by a New York syndicate.

"Big Six" thus becomes one of the few players who has become a business executive from the ranks. More than that, Matty is one of the few men to emerge as much an idol when he finished his untarnished playing days as at the heyday of his career.

Turning from the success of a decade and a half to take the reins of the Cincinnati club as manager, Mathewson was on the road to established success when he stepped aside to get into the war. He served in France as an officer in the intelligence service.

Matty gained fame as originator of the "fadeaway," the first of the freak curves which others have copied with the aid of emery paper. Only the other day, McGraw, one of the severest critics and strictest disciplinarians in the game, said he didn't believe Matty ever made a mistake on the diamond or off it.

O. A. C. in Triple Tie.
SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—With Idaho, Oregon Agricultural college and Washington in a triple tie for the championship of the northern section of the Pacific coast conference, Husky fans are looking to the games that the first two named will play in Moscow tonight. If Washington can win a contest scheduled here Thursday night with the University of Oregon, tallenders, then the Huskies will be tied with tonight's victors.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—The Portland baseball club got a telegram yesterday from Frank Brazil, the second baseman, accepting terms. That leaves only four regulars not signed. Charley High, Tex Gressett, and Frank O'Rourke, third sacker, purchased from the Boston Red Sox.

SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—Vic Foley of Vancouver, B. C., claimant to the lightweight championship of Canada, knocked out Eddie Baell of the U. S. S. Connecticut in the fourth of six scheduled rounds here last night.

George Burns of Portland got a decision over Owen Roberts of Seattle at the end of six rounds.

SPORT BRIEFS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The date of the international collegiate meet was announced for July 21.

PHILADELPHIA—Pancheo Villa, featherweight champion, knocked

out Kid Wolfe of Philadelphia in the third round of a scheduled eight round bout.

NEW YORK—France entered the Davis cup tennis tournament, the third to challenge the United States.

SAN ANTONIO—Johnny McCoy, Cleveland bantamweight, defeated Babe Asher, A. E. F. bantamweight champion, in ten rounds.

NEW ORLEANS—Johnny Dundee, and Basil Galliano of New Orleans fought to a fifteen round draw.

CHICAGO—Renato Gardini, Boston heavyweight, won a one-fall match from Dick Davis of California.

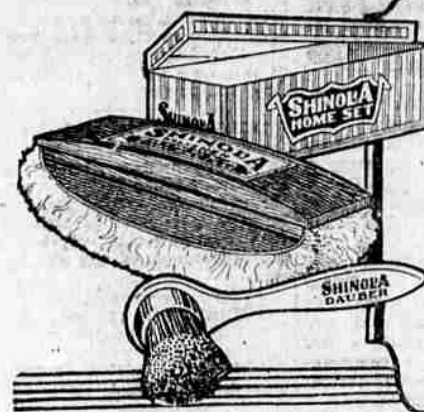
ST. LOUIS—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Jim London in two out of three falls.

The Chicago White Sox have entered the running for players with college educations. The latest addition is Tom Jovick of Gonzaga university of Spokane. Jovick is expected to give Early Sheely, star first baseman, some stiff competition for his position this spring. Jovick is 21 years old, stands five feet, 10 1/2 inches high and weighs 170 pounds. He is a right hander and can hit from both sides of the plate.

Two brothers—Niek and Martin Dumovich—are expected to win permanent berths on the pitching staff of the Chicago Nationals this spring. Both are southpaws. Niek was the star of the Los Angeles club last season, winning 20 games and losing 10.

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