

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

Portland Star May Be Banned From Playing

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17, (A. P.)—There was consternation today in the student body at Grant high school, and intense activity rector of hateries for Oregon, land interscholastic football league, because eligibility of William Head, star fullback of the league leading Grant high school team, has been questioned.

An unsubstantiated rumor came to the league's attention that previous to the three years he spent in Arlington, Oregon, high school before coming to Grant this year, he had played on a high school team while still a grammar school student.

May Be Ineligible.

If this should be found true, Charles Fry, principal of Roosevelt and president of the league, said Head would be ruled ineligible.

If he should be ruled ineligible, all the games Grant has won this year would be forfeited to the teams they played, for Head played in each of them.

No Regular Games.

"I talked to Billy Head this morning," said William T. Fletcher, principal of Grant high. "He said that while he was in grammar school at Arlington he played with a team called the 'Tigers,' but that they had no regular games, and he didn't think they had played any high school teams, or what could be considered teams representing any high school."

"We shall get in touch with Arlington at once to learn authoritatively if possible, whether the 'Tigers' did play regularly scheduled games with any opposing high school. If he did not, and his record is clear, he will of course be permitted to continue."

Thanksgiving Day, Grant and Washington, leaders of the interscholastic league, are to meet in Multnomah civic stadium. If Head is eligible, the city championship will be at stake.

THE ORPHEUS

Bob Custer

—in—

"Galloping Thunder"



Connie Mack Bids Ty Cobb Farewell

TY COBB ACTS WISELY IN WRITING FINIS TO HIS BRILLIANT CAREER

Ty Cobb has probably played his last game in the major leagues. I see that he has made an unofficial announcement to that effect. It is in keeping with what he said to me late in September.

Working back of the plate at Philadelphia in a game between the Cleveland Indians and the Athletics, a recurrence of an old knee injury caused me to retire early from the game. I was taken to the quarters of the Philadelphia trainer in the clubhouse for treatment.

A few innings later Ty quit the game to catch an early train for the west in order to make connections at Chicago for a hunting trip he had planned in Wyoming.

Coming into the trainer's first aid station, he shook hands with me and remarked:

"I think today's game was the finish of my big league career. I have had a good season and, if I'm smart, now is the time for me to quit."

Both of us then enjoyed a laugh over a retort that I would always hand Ty when the two of us had some slight differences of opinion. It's the same old chatter that umpires always spill to stars during the heat of a dispute.

Often, when Ty would question my judgement or eyesight, I would laconically reply that

possibly all he said was true but that I expected to be doing business at the same old stand when he was all washed up.

"Looks as if you would outlast me and make good on that sarcasm that you used to slip me as well as the other boys about being up in the big show after the rest of us had taken our final shower," said Ty.

That conversation strengthens my belief in Cobb's statement that he has played his last game as a big leaguer.

It is a rather interesting coincidence that Cobb and I broke into the American league at practically the same time. He played a few months in the fall of 1905; I made my debut in the spring of 1906.

It so happens that Ty Cobb, at the close of the 1927 season, was the only player still in the majors who was a member of the American League when I started.

Cobb has seen hundreds of players come and go in his 22 years. Yet his last season was one of his best. He finished in the first five batties.

It is to be hoped that Cobb is sincere in his decision to retire and I feel that he is. It would be a shame for him to keep on going when not physically fit to do his best, thereby dimming the many remarkable

Upholds Move To Alter Name Of Big School

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17, (A. P.)—The controversy over the question whether the college at Corvallis shall be called "Oregon Agricultural College" or "Oregon State College" is unabated.

The latest contributor to the issue is H. L. Holgate of Portland, a graduate of 1898. He is president of an organization known as the "Oregon State Club of Portland." Its 1500 members being former students of the college.

Mr. Holgate says in a letter to Governor Patterson that as far as he knows there is no move afoot to have the name officially changed, but that there has been a ready public acceptance of the term "Oregon State," when it was proposed to change the name of his club from the "O. A. C. Portland Club" to "Oregon State Club of Portland," he says only two of the 1500 active members voted against it.

"It is not all surprising," he writes, "that those most ardent favoring the change are graduates of the school of agriculture. They thoroughly understand the benumb in the assertion that dropping the word 'Agricultural' from the name of the college is a reflection upon the industry of agriculture. At Oregon State Agricultural is one of 10 or 11 major courses and there is no discrimination of any kind against the agricultural students. In California the agricultural students are not considered ill to associate with the 'highbrows' at Berkeley and are headed into a separate institution at Davis, a sort of scholastic pest house."

Holgate avers that the college never was intended, under the congressional act of 1862, to be strictly, or even primarily, an agricultural institution. It would be as truthful he says, to call it the "college of engineering" or the "college of pharmacy" as to call it an agricultural college.

Let people call it by any nickname they wish, says Mr. Holgate.

At The Orpheus

Bob Custer, famous Western screen star now appearing in "Galloping Thunder" at the Orpheus theatre, is an athlete of some renown, having been a crack football and baseball player when he went to college at the University of Kentucky in his native state.

accomplishments credited to him.

Unquestionably Cobb is the greatest ball player I have ever seen in action covering my career of 25 years. It is reasonably safe to say, without fear of contradiction, that he is the greatest ball player of all time.

You'd Be Surprised

GERALD THOMPSON

RETURNED A KICK-OFF 99 YARDS FOR A TOUCHDOWN...

In football, the forwards never enjoy the spotlight as do the backfield men, simply because the eyes of the spectators are always on the ball carrier.

Despite this, few sensational runs have ever been made without the aid of interference on the part of teammates of the man carrying the ball.

One of the big thrillers of last year in the grid sport was the run of Gerald Thompson of Georgetown, against Lebanon college, for what the record book says was 99 yards. Coach Lou Little of Georgetown tells me that the distance was really about 101 yards. Thompson being back of the line when he caught the ball.

Unquestionably it was one of the most sensational runs of 1926, he said at the close of the race.

Thompson was aided by great interference. Catching the ball on the right side of the gridiron, he dashed toward the middle; from the middle of the field he turned to the right and raced up the right side line. Despite the fact that he was dashing through a broken field, the interference cleared the way, cutting the opponents down right and left.

Thompson's speed was a great help to him. While it isn't generally known, in 1924 he equaled the record of Charley Paddock in his 250-yard dash to New York. Before taking up the grid game, Thompson was a track man. A broken ankle forced his retirement.

BILLY EVANS Says

UNPOPULAR DECISION

The drastic action of the Maryland Jockey Club in barring Earl Sande from riding on any track in that state and seeking to prevent him from getting a mount anywhere, doesn't set very well with the sport-loving public.

So far, the only evidence that has been submitted against Sande pertains to a rough riding. The urge to win was too strong and in trying to put over his mount, he provided a horse that was trying to get by him.

Sande did nothing crooked. He didn't pull his mount, had no connection with sure-fine gamblers. He simply tried too hard to win and in so doing was guilty of foul riding.

Perhaps Sande did foul one of the other jockeys. That is no great crime. However, it should be punished, but not by suspension for life.

If Sande has done something other than give his mount as well as some of the other jockeys a rough time of it, the public should be apprised of the additional facts.

PUBLIC WANTS FACTS

Given a hearing to offer any evidence he had that might cause the Maryland Jockey Club to reverse its decision, the officials of the club turned thumbs down on his plea.

The only statement given out was that Sande's story at the trial differed widely from what he said at the close of the race.

when summoned before the judges.

The public is entitled to a recital of both stories, all the facts in the case. This would give them a chance to pass proper judgment on the dispute between the jockey club and Earl Sande.

Unless the public gets the true facts, it is going to be with Sande and feel that he has gotten a raw deal. This feeling isn't going to help the running game, now in disfavor in many states because too many jockeys do not always try to win, as did Sande.

Earl Sande, premier jockey, deserves a better fate unless he has done more than merely crowd a horse that was trying to overtake his mount.

WILL FIGHT IT OUT

Sande left the conference with the officials of the Maryland Jockey Club in tears. That is easy to understand, for with Sande his reputation for honesty was always paramount.

Earl Sande has "guts." He proved that by his memorable comeback a few years ago, when no one conceded him a chance. Suffering an accident that resulted in eight broken ribs, a leg broken in three places and a fractured collar bone, Sande didn't quit. He returned to the turf to even greater triumphs.

I do not believe Sande is the type to sit idly by and take an unfavorable decision if he feels that he has been unjustly dealt with. The facts in the present ruling certainly makes it seem that way.

It might be a good thing for the turf game if the officials in charge were more alert to other flaws in the sport than merely rough riding in an effort to win.

Oddfellow. One who can't drive an automobile.

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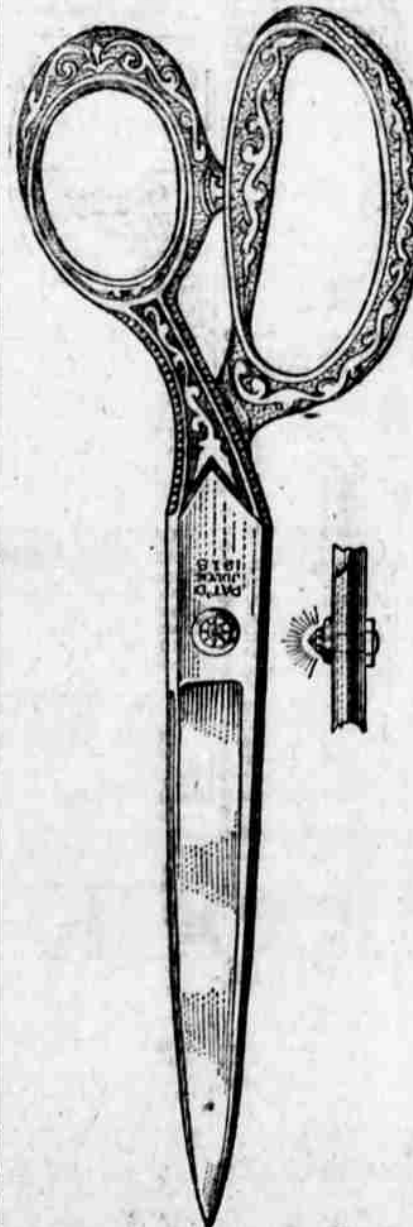
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