

SPORTING SECTION

MERRILL HAS A BASEBALL TEAM

UNDER LEADERSHIP OF GUY MERRILL, PILL TOSSERS OF THAT CITY ARE GOING OUT FOR COUNTY HONORS

MERRILL, April 25.—Merrill has a baseball team.

This is not unusual in this city, either, but this year Merrill will be represented by an aggregation at least ten knots swifter than any other ever representing the town on the diamond. All the players are determined to win the county championship.

Guy Merrill has been selected as manager. Blodgett and Nye will be the principal battery, but the exact personnel of the rest of the team has not been definitely settled.

The first game will be played a week from Sunday with Cale Oliver's Specials from Klamath Falls. It is possible that a series of games may be arranged between these two teams.

It seems to be generally conceded that the Yale team this season will demonstrate Old Eli's right to the college baseball championship as clearly as the Crimson eleven demonstrated Harvard's supremacy on the gridiron last fall. The New York sporting writers, without exception, declared that in the exhibition game Yale played here against the Giants, the college infield and in fact the entire team displayed a remarkable knowledge of inside baseball. The team work was unusual for a college nine. The infield rose splendidly to several sensational occasions, and Gile pitched so well that the scouts have been closely watching his work ever since.

McGraw, according to the headlines, will retain Jim Thorpe. Of course he will. And that's no big surprise. Even if it takes Thorpe years to show where he belongs, he will probably be given the best chance a young man ever had to break in. McGraw is too much of a believer in publicity not to work it for all it's worth. Then if Thorpe does turn out to be only an average player, McGraw will get 100 per cent out of his investment.

If Ban Johnson carries through that scheme of his for making the games shorter and snappier, it will make a big hit with the fans, and a bigger hit with the patient or otherwise ones who wait supper at home. Johnson's plan is to have a new ball thrown in every time a batter knocks a foul, thus saving the minutes consumed in the catcher chasing the wide ones that don't go over the grand stand. Johnson suggests that two boys in uniform be employed to retrieve all such fouls. There will be no trouble getting and keeping such help. And no club will have to pay more than a million a minute for the work.

"Fighting Jack" Elle a Hurdler



Policeman Jack Eller, winner of championship brackets as a hurdler in more than thirty races, is expected to be one of the stars in track athletics this season. He will run as usual under the colors of the Irish American Athletic Club of New York.

Once when chasing a crook through the streets of the East Side of New York, where his beat is, Eller was almost on his prey and about to make the capture when a tendon in his left leg gave way. Instead of giving up the chase, Eller hopped along on his right foot and went fast enough that way to make up the remaining distance and grab his quarry by a flying tackle from behind.

Willie Ritchie has something more to worry about. Joe Rivers is the cause of it. The Mexican's work against Leach Cross entitles him to highest respect, and no small consideration as the logical next opponent for the champion. Ritchie is good, but he will do well to be very careful in preparing himself for Rivers.

Up at South Bethlehem, Pa., they have chosen a captain of the Lehigh wrestling team. His name is Frank Gotch, a 140-pounder from Baltimore. There must be something in a name after all.

Eller is a fighter, too, as the members of a certain gang of car barn thugs on his beat can testify. The hurdling cop had a habit of making these fellows "move along," and they had it in for him. One dark night Eller found the gang looking for trouble and bent on putting him where he would bother them no more. Eller believes in the tactics adopted by the Japs in their recent disturbance with Russia, so he sailed into the gang with his nightstick, hitting every head that showed. He had the satisfaction of helping pack four of his tormentors into the patrol wagon, and subsequently one of the gang spent four weeks in the hospital.

GALED SIGNS A NEW CATCHER

BURKE, WHO WILL PLAY WITH THE SPECIALS SUNDAY, IS AN OLD HEAD FROM THE CANADIAN LEAGUE

The latest addition to the forces composing Oliver's Specials is Billy Burke, a gigantic ball tosser from the Canadian League. Manager Oliver has secured him to do a share of the backstopping for his team.

Burke is immense in size, and his work behind the bat is said to be remarkable. He is also a heavy stick.

The staid old English sporting journals are saying that the turning down of the first challenge by Sir Thomas Lipton was the "most unmanly act in the history of yacht racing." Those are harsh words, Stranger, and unwise, withal, for it conveys the impression that the stings of many former victories of Yankee sailors is still rankling. It is refreshing, however, to know that Sir Thomas, grand sportsman that he is, does not cherish any such opinions.

Another bit of bad sportsmanship being shown by the Brits these days is the cry of "the world against Cambridge," which is being raised because so many honors which recently have come to Cambridge have been by American or Colonial Rhodes scholars. There are more Rhodes scholars on the Cambridge team this year than ever before.

It remains to be seen whether the proposed rule regarding the suspension of players for profane and vicious language "without the formality of a hearing" is a good one. If it is a flagrant case of cussing, the rule is good. But otherwise it gives the umpire too much power, for on the umpire's word alone a player could be ruled out with no possibility of a come-back. The rule is along the lines of making the greatest of games cleaner, but as suggested, it makes no provision for human frailty on the part of the umpire.

Featherweight Champ and Rival



JOHNNY KILBANE

Johnny Kilbane will take a chance on losing his title as featherweight champion of the United States when he steps into the ring with Johnny Dundee at Venice, Calif., tomorrow evening. Dundee gave him a hard battle when they fought in New York, and it is the opinion of most persons that Kilbane can whip him. But Dundee has a lot of followers in New York who will put some money on him.

Within a short time Kilbane will step from the featherweight to the lightweight class, for even now he is trying to get on a match with Joe Rivers, the fast and hard-hitting little Mexican. While Kilbane's fights in New York were disappointing, he showed enough to prove that he is of championship calibre, and the best judges of fighting have every confidence in him.



JOHNNY DUNDEE

Luther McCarty, the White Champion, and Frank Moran, are to Box Soon



Luther McCarty, created a "white" Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, in champion by Bill McCarney, agreed to pick another lemon in New York, just after picking one in Philadelphia. Before McCarty went into the ring with

WEED GAME IS COMING LATER

INSTEAD OF JOURNEYING SUNDAY, OLIVER'S SPECIALS WILL CROSS BATS WITH THE KADEE PLAYERS

Cale Oliver and his Specials will not go to Weed Sunday. Advices from the sawmill town are to the effect that the local team wishes the game postponed. It will be played later in the season.

Instead, Oliver's team will meet Frank Guilford's Klamath Development aggregation at Modoc Park. This game will be played Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2:30.

The Kadees have not forgotten the trouncing slipped to them last Sunday by the Kales, and they have strengthened the lineup with the purpose of evening up matters.

NEW TEAM GETS KADEES' ANGORA

THE NEW KLAMATH FALLS NINE STEPS ON REAL ESTATE MEN TO THE TUNE OF THIRTEEN TO SIX

The Klamath Development company's baseball team was administered another defeat Sunday when the Klamath Falls team, composed mainly of members of Oliver's Specials, slipped them a 13-to-6 defeat. With the exception of a three-sack drive by Hurn the game was colorless, the condition of the diamond snappy playing an impossibility.

The Klamath Falls team had the following lineup:

Shive, pitcher; Thresher, catcher; Dale, first base; Hayden, second base; Ambrose, third base; Mesner, shortstop; Maxwell, left field; Noel, center field; Hilton, right field.

For the Klamath Development company the forces were scattered like this:

George, pitcher; Rinz, catcher; O'Connell, first base; Voye, second base; Hurn, third base; French, shortstop; Leavitt, left field; Guilford, center field; Hughes, right field.

SALINAS RODEO FOLKS AFTER KLAMATH BRONCHES

In addition to appearing at the Los Angeles Rodeo and at the Dallas, Texas, Wild West Show, the trio of premier bucking horses owned by the local Elks lodge may also be headliners at the big Salinas Rodeo. Already the directors of this organization have made inquiries as to the possibilities of getting the horses for their next show.

While in Salinas, D. M. McLemore of this city met Rudolph Spreckels, race horse enthusiast, and other directors of the Salinas Rodeo. When they discovered that McLemore was a member of the local Elks Lodge they immediately began to make investigation as to the possibilities of getting the local horses for their show.

"Spreckels and other directors were judges at the Los Angeles show," said Mr. McLemore, "and they say that the three Klamath county horses, Square Deal, White Pelican and Cheyenne, were without doubt the hardest horses to ride at the show, excepting only the world's champion, Cyclone, which is also a native of Klamath county.

The Salinas men are very anxious to have the trio at their next Rodeo, together with any other buckers that may be developed here in the meantime."

NEW DISTRICT NOT CREATED

Gale and Shasta View districts are not to be divided in order to make a third school district.

This was decided at a session of the district boundary board late Saturday afternoon, when taxpayers and school officials of the two districts appeared and made a vigorous protest against the petition made by persons living between the two school houses.

The representatives of the two districts held that the territory, if taken off their present limitations, would badly cripple both districts.

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