TOPICS IN SPORT.

THE S. A. C.-MULTNOMAH FOOTBALL GAME TOMORROW.

To Be a Battle of Giants, With the Odds in Favor of the Visitors—Nat Carle to Play With the Home Team—The Webfooters to Send Over Their Strongest Men.

Tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock the Seattle Athletic football team will meet Multnomah. It will be a battle of giants, with the odds in favor of Multnomah. If the S. A. C. men succeed in winning it will be the biggest feather ever stuck in their caps.

Every indication points to a desperate struggle for supremacy. On the one hand is the blue diamond team, still smarting under the defeat administered by the plucky university boys. To win this game means the clearing away of all doubt as to the superiority of the blue diamond aggregation over the university, and over any team in the state of Oregon. To lose means humiliation at the hands of a confident and ever-pressing foe, and the loss of prestige gained by former victories. When it is considered that the blue diamond team will go into the struggle with practically the same men it had against the university, it can be seen at a glance that there must be a marvelous change in the kind of game played in order to make a good showing. Every S. A. C. man is asking himself the question over and over again, "Can we win from Multnomah?" It is a hard problem to solve, and if the defeat of the university by Multnomah is considered, and on top of this the wonderful efforts of Multnomah to strengthen are counted in, it must be confessed that a big black cloud hovers over the blue diamond. But, as Phil Kelly says, "There is always a chance to win," and the blue diamond boys mean business.

The S. A. C. team will have one new man in the line and one man that did not play in the university game. The first mentioned is Nat Carle, the Seattle boy who has made such a great record at guard for Stanford University. It is true that he has not had any opportunity to practice with the team, but he is a football player from way back, and will undoubtedly not only strengthen the line on offensive, but also on defensive work. If the defensive play of the blue diamond is not improved there will be sorrow in Seattle tomorrow night. According to report, Multnomah will offset the work of Carle by introducing for the first time to a Seattle crowd the celebrated guard, Flagler. Flagler, who played at West Point and who was against Bert Oliver, Reliance's giant guard, this season, when the Olympic Club team won. It is also reported that Multnomah has induced their other heavy guard, Stevens, to play. He will be against Becket, and as far as strength is compared he will have the best of it. Stevens is a hard, aggressive player. Hall will play center. He is not a new man to Seattle people. It is rumored that Blythe, a great Rugby football player, will be used by Multnomah at tackle to oppose Jim O'Donnell. In the words of one man, "Blythe is a holy terror." He is a large, powerful man and is always on the aggressive.

At quarter Multnomah has two men, McDonnell and Claggett, either of whom is a star. There is also a rumor in the air that Multnomah intends to spring Murphy, Stanwood's phenomenal quarterback. Murphy lives at Salem, so it is hardly probable that Multnomah will go to the extent of running him in against the S. A. C. At fullback Multnomah will play Holcomb, who is reported to be a first-class punter and ground-gainer. Rosenberg, the sprinter, will play one of the halves. It can be seen from this that the Multnomah line will be unusually heavy. In fact, it is believed in the S. A. C. camp that Multnomah intends to put the strongest team she has ever gotten together on the field tomorrow.

The line-up of the S. A. C. will be as follows: Left end, Brinker; left tackle, O'Donnell; left guard, Becket; center, Capt. Balliet; right guard, Carle; right tackle, Robinson or Dunlop; right end, Nettleton; quarterback, Eskridge; left halfback, Kellogg or Abrams; right halfback, Westlake; fullback, Beck; subs, Hergert, Sheafe, Means and Holcomb.

It is reassuring to see Nettleton and Brinker at the ends. They know their positions, and ought to give the team confidence. The halves can be depended upon to play even with Multnomah, and Holcomb will have some work to do if he outkicks Beck.

There seems to be a decided opposition among the players of the S. A. C. team to the proposition of having Lindsay, of the U. of W., referee the game. Lindsay has not put himself forward for the position in any way, shape or manner, and when his name was first mentioned he undoubtedly knew nothing about it. It is probable that Lindsay will absolutely refuse to act as an official when he hears that members of the S. A. C. object to him.

After the game both teams will be present at the Seattle theater at the entertainment given by the Stanford Glee Club, through invitation of Manager Brown.

An effort is being made to raise a crowd to accompany the S. A. C. to Portland for the New Year's game. The larger the crowd the lower the rate on the railroad.

BOTH PUGS DEMURRED.

McKeever and Lavigne Wanted a Full Purse.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The fight for lightweight honors between Kid Lavigne, of Saginaw, and Charles McKeever, of Philadelphia, did not take place tonight at the Marlborough Athletic Club, Long Island City. The club house was only half filled when the preliminary bout began. Neither Lavigne nor McKeever would consent to fight unless the full amount of the purse, which was said to be $2,500, was placed in the hands of a responsible person. McKeever and Lavigne entered the ring, accompanied by Announcer Harvey, who informed those present that for reasons which he could not divulge the two men would not meet tonight. He further stated that all those present would receive checks as they passed out at the door, which would be duly honored by the Greater New York Athletic Club, at Coney Island, on January 1, on which date the managers of that club had promised to pull off the fight. To the surprise of everyone, the crowd went out quietly and there was no disturbance.

GRIM IS CHAMPION SHOT.

Defeats Dr. Carver by a Score of 98 to 96.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Charles H. Grim, of Clear Lake, Ia., is the champion trap shot of America. In the match between Grim and Dr. Carver today, at 100 birds, for $200 a side, and the championship of America, Grim won by a score of 98 to 96.

Williams and Creedon Matched.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Jim Williams, middleweight champion of Utah, has been matched to box Dan Creedon twenty rounds before the Meyers Athletic Club, of Albany, N. Y., January 12. This will be Williams' first appearance in the East. He comes well recommended, having defeated Charley Turner, Jack Stelzner and many others. His only defeat was administered by Tom Sharkey, who gained a decision over him in seven rounds in San Francisco last June.

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The weather was threatening at Oakland; track good. Results:

Five furlongs—P. F. won. Time, 1:02¾.
Six furlongs—Sly won. Time, 1:15¾.
Mile and one-sixteenth—Judge Denny won. Time, 1:49½.
One mile—Lobengula won. Time, 1:42¼.
Mile and one-quarter, hurdle—Three Forks won. Time, 2:22¾.
Five furlongs, selling—Yemen won. Time, 1:02.

Ryan Wins in the Fourth.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Tommy Ryan, ex-welterweight champion of the world, knocked out Billy Payne, of Philadelphia, in the fourth round of a twenty-round contest, which took place tonight before the Empire Athletic Club of this city.

To Match Sharkey and Choynski.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—Parson Davies, who is in the city tonight, announces that he has deposited with Al Smith, of New York, $1,000 for a match between Choynski and Sharkey, for a purse of $5,000, which will be offered by Dan Stuart. The fight, if the terms are agreed to by Sharkey, will be pulled off on the same date and at the same place as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight.

Fitz Leaves for the East.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Bob Fitzsimmons, accompanied by his family, started for New York last night. He will proceed leisurely to New York, where he will sign articles of agreement for his fight with Corbett.

Morris Defeats Frank Purcell.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Fred Morris, Muldoon's cyclone, knocked out Frank Purcell in the second round before the Manhattan Athletic Club Tuesday night.

WRECKED BY PLOTTERS.

National Bank of Illinois Looted in Order to Pave the Way to a Street Car Deal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—W. A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, who has been charged with pulling the wool over the eyes of the directors of the defunct bank, would not talk today when seen at his palatial home in Evanston. Through an intimate friend, however, he made a statement calculated to implicate several directors, as well as two or three men not connected with the bank.

"W. A. Hammond is to be made the scapegoat of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois," said the friend. "Hammond is a broken man today, but is not any more to blame for the amount of money loaned on Calumet securities than are members of the finance committee of the bank and its directors. It was necessary to their purposes for a man connected with the South Chicago City Railway and an officer of one of the best known banks of this city to depreciate the Calumet electric road's stocks, and to this end these two men brought about the wrecking of the Bank of Illinois. Of the bank's funds, $2,435,000 had been loaned on Calumet securities. The plan is to depreciate Calumet stock, and then buy it; then to combine this valuable property, with sixty-three miles of new track, equipment and franchise, with the South Chicago railway, eventually combining with the Chicago City railway, and to make a fortune of millions within five or ten years.

"The truth of the matter is, members of the finance committee and certain directors of the National Bank of Illinois have known the amount of the Calumet loan, and hoped to make individual fortunes on the success of the venture. Four years ago W. V. Jacobs, who started the Calumet road, borrowed $115,000 and paid it up in full. After that the road passed into their hands, and a loan was made on the securities with the full knowledge of the finance committee of the bank and by President Schneider himself. This loan was too large, but it had been supposed to be for a few weeks only, and the bank, finding itself involved, either had to take the loss or go ahead."

Capt. Schneider, the president of the National Bank of Illinois, is 73 years of age and in rather feeble health. When called upon today by a representative of the Associated Press, he said he should have no statement whatever to make, and he seemed quite broken by the calamity which had befallen him. There is no prospect of the banks resuming, and it is by no means certain that it will pay its depositors in full, as first stated.

"Never did I see on the book kept for the purpose of informing the directors of the bank as to who were applicants for loans, the name of the Calumet Electric Railway Company."

This statement was brought about in a conversation with Director Page, of the defunct National Bank of Illinois today, as to how such large loans were made by the bank and ostensibly given with the sanction of the directors. Mr. Page went on to explain how the business of the bank as far as the directors were concerned was conducted. Said he:

"The directors appointed from among themselves what you might term for convenience sake an auditing committee. The plan was to let one director drop out each month, some other taking his place. Each day the committee would meet at the bank, its business being to pass upon the applications for loans. A record of these applications was kept in a book designed for the purpose. In this book was also kept, opposite the name of each applicant, a record of the collateral offered to effect the loan. When the committee was ready for business, Mr. Schneider would come into the room, bringing with him this book, and another book, in which was recorded the daily balance of the would-be borrower, and also a record of how much he had previously borrowed."

"Did the committee never ask to see the actual collateral offered or did it simply take the word of Mr. Schneider or Mr. Hammond that the security was actually in the bank and was what it purported to be in the memorandum books?"

"We had been in business with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Hammond, many of us, for thirty years. To have made such a demand of them would have been a personal insult."

"Were not the suspicions of the committee ever aroused by the large sums loaned to the Calumet Electric?"

Then came the statement referred to:

"Never did I see the name of the Calumet Electric Railway Company appear on this book as an applicant for a loan."

"What have you to say about the published statements regarding Mr. Hammond's connection with the unexplained transactions?"

"They are all true, every one of them."

The Post contains the following account:

"The loan was increased with the full knowledge of members of the finance committee and later on was made known to the directors. Members of the finance committee and officers of the bank were given stock and the purpose of the deal was to sell the roads, and besides paying the bank loan, make a good round sum for the directors.

"There has been a severe contest between the General Electric and South Chicago City railway to secure control of the bonds of the Calumet road and the stocks which go with them, and it was thought that the road could finally be sold for something like $3,000,000 or $4,000,000. It was a brilliant idea for a man connected with the South Chicago City railway to wreck the bank, and the men who had been backing the Calumet through the bank. It has succeeded, and the probabilities are that the Calumet Electric will be sold to the South Chicago City railway man and his friends, the banker who lent his name to the scheme to make a good pot out of the deal for himself.

"The part the banker took in the matter was a safe one. He called the attention of the bank examiner to the fact that Calumet securities had disappeared somewhere, intimating that the National Bank of Illinois had a good share of them and probably had them all. The officers of the bank, finding out that the bank examiner was hot on their trail, began to push the transactions they had on foot for the sale of the securities, and the clearing house became alarmed. Could the matter have been delayed thirty or sixty days, the Calumet Electric securities would not have been found among the bank's assets. The sale would have been effected, possibly at a loss to the bank, but without disturbance to the public or heavy loss to stockholders of the bank.

"But this course would not suit the purpose of persons trying to control the Calumet Electric road. Three years ago E. S. Dreyer alone owed the bank $1,000,000, and for three years Mr. Hammond had been trying to reduce that. It was reduced one-half when the doors of the bank closed, and it was due to Vice President Hammond that this was accomplished. If the securities for the loans of these two men, Dreyer and Welsh, have disappeared, they disappeared Saturday. That point may come out later. One director in the bank, who has been talking a great deal since the condition of the concern became public, took $12,000 out of the bank Saturday afternoon. There was no excuse for falsification of accounts, for the directors knew the amount of the Calumet loan. You can't cover up a $1,000,000 loan in a bank where directors do their duty."

F. S. Dreyer and Robert Berger, of the banking firm of F. S. Dreyer & Co., which collapsed Monday, for whose arrest warrants were issued last night, gave themselves up today. Arrangements had already been made for bonds and the bankers were promptly released. Dryer and Berger are charged with receiving a deposit on Saturday, knowing the bank to be insolvent.

The Illinois Trust & Savings bank withdrew today the sixty days' notice given to depositors Tuesday and paid all who called for their money. There was no run whatever. Some of the other savings banks also withdrew the notice, and the others that gave it will do likewise, as the anxiety among depositors has entirely abated.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—MacPherson & Co., hat manufacturers, assigned today. The estate is large. No statement of liabilities has been prepared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The New York and New Jersey Lumber Company, a West Virginia corporation, today assigned to Harwood R. Pool. The company was incorporated in 1892.

AUBURN, Me., Dec. 23.—The American Banking and Trust Company, of Auburn, closed its doors and made application for a receiver today.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 23.—Peters & Co., grain brokers of this city, have failed, with liabilities of $10,000. They claim the failure is due to the failure of Boone & Co., of Chicago. They also claim that the Chicago house was caught by the failure of the National Bank of Illinois.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Bank of West Superior, capital $50,000, surplus $50,000, suspended operations this morning as a direct result of the failures of the Bank of Minnesota and the Bank of Illinois. The notice of the suspension stated that the cause was the Bank of Minnesota failure, but the Bank of Illinois had weakened it considerably. At the November statement the bank had deposits of $78,947; rediscounts, $1,505; loans and discounts, $18,971; real estate assets, $43,419; bonds and securities, $5,391; cash on hand, $22,259.90. The officials say they expect to resume and pay depositors in full.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 23.—The Parsons-Pelatier Dry Goods Company, one of the largest houses in Sioux City, did not open today. The stock is in the hands of mortgagees who hold claims amounting to $91,538. These include Farwell & Co. and Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago; Farmers' Loan and Trust Company and H. B. Claflin & Co., New York. No figures are given as to assets. The failure is due to general stringency.

Dividends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Lake Shore directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 3 per cent., payable February 1.

The Michigan Central directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 2 per cent.

The New York Central directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

The Canada Southern has declared a semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent. The last previous dividend was 1¼ per cent.

The directors of the United States Rubber Company at a special meeting today declared a dividend of 2 per cent. on the common stock. The only previous dividend on the common stock was 2½ per cent. declared in March, 1895.

The Pennsylvania Coal Company has declared an extra dividend of 5 per cent. on its stock.

Bank Property Attached.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The sheriff today levied two attachments, aggregating $29,261, against the property in this city of the Bank of Minnesota, of St. Paul, which failed yesterday. One attachment for $24,261 was in favor of Henry W. Millag on an assigned claim of the Third National bank of Boston, and the other for $5,000 in favor of Cornelius S. Loder. A deputy sheriff served copies of the attachments on the Chase National and Mechanics' National banks.

Gaelic to Be Revived.

The effort to revive the study of Gaelic in Ireland has led to some amusing incidents. One storekeeper in Tuam advertises his goods in Gaelic, and the students of Trinity college have organized a society for the cultivation of this language. We have Ian Maclaren's authority that it is rich in expletives; so the revival may make swearing in Ireland and Scotland varied and picturesque.

Ex-Congressman George E. Adams, of Chicago, a prominent candidate for the United States senate from Illinois, has announced his withdrawal from the race.

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DEATH IN THE WAVES

BARK JAMAICA WRECKED IN THE GULF OF CAMPECHE.

Twelve Passengers and the Crew Perish—The Captain, Weighted Down With Mexican Dollars, Unable to Reach Shore—Only Three Men and a Boy Escape.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—A terrific storm occurred in the Gulf of Campeche December 11 and 12, and among other casualties reported is the wreck of the bark Jamaica, with twelve passengers and the crew lost. The Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz, and had a valuable cargo and some treasure aboard. She encountered a norther on the night of December 11, but got through until the afternoon of the next day, all the time working westward toward Vera Cruz.

So long as the ship remained in good condition she was sent scudding before the wind toward Vera Cruz, and at one time that port was sighted, but one accident after another occurred to the rigging, finally making it impossible to live in the enormous seas. With almost all the sails blown away, the Jamaica returned and attempted to go back into Campeche, but without success.

On the afternoon of December 12 the rudder became disabled, throwing the vessel at the mercy of the storm. The passengers took to the boats, which were repeatedly swamped. Most of the crew simply put on life preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of these. He strapped 100 Mexican dollars upon him, and, clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sinking, owing to the weight of the metal.

The sight was a terrible one, as one passenger after another sank, the boats proving entirely unmanageable. The crew was all drowned and only three men and a boy escaped of the passengers. The vessel sank soon after she was abandoned. The wreck occurred off the port of Dos Rosas, Tabasco.

THE SOLID PROBABLY LOST.

Fears Entertained for the Safety of the Danish Barkentine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There is reason to fear for the fate of the twelve men comprising the officers and crew of the Danish iron barkentine Solid, 340 tons. On the evening of December 15 the barkentine attracted the attention of those on board the Dutch tank steamer Bremerhaven in latitude 47.56, longitude 41.40, and asked that the Bremerhaven send some bread on board, the supply having fallen short. It was explained that the Solid's boat had been stove and it was therefore impossible to send to the Bremerhaven for the food.

An officer of the tanker, who went on board the Solid with a supply of bread, beef and potatoes, reported that the barkentine was in a bad plight. Her bulwarks were almost gone and the seas washed across her decks continually. Capt. Ystinas, of the Solid, refused to abandon her

Shortly after the Bremerhaven's boat returned to her the weather came on thick and the Solid was lost to sight.

FORGER COMES TO GRIEF.

Young Texan Landed in Jail at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Allen G. Alford, the son of Gen. George F. Alford, of Texas, has been arrested and lodged in the city jail, charged with forgery. Young Alford arrived in this city from San Francisco several days ago and spent money freely.

Yesterday morning he entered the office of Clark & Bryan, real estate dealers, and introduced himself as the son of Gen. Alford, producing credentials which removed all doubt of his identity. Mr. Clark is personally acquainted with the general and gave the young man a warm welcome. Alford announced that he had a draft of deposit and that he was accordingly escorted by Mr. Clark to the First National bank, where he deposited a draft for $1,000, New York exchange, drawn to his order and purporting to have been signed by the cashier of a Philadelphia bank. He drew $100 for current expenses, returned to his hotel and requested the clerk to draw $500 from the bank, handing him checks for the amount. This aroused the suspicion of the bank officials. The answer to a telegram sent to Philadelphia revealed the forgery, and Alford was arrested in the hotel lobby. A search of his effects brought to light numerous drafts, some with the amounts filled in and perforated by machine, as is customary.

Alford is 26 years old and formerly lived in Dallas, Tex.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Allen G. Alford, who is under arrest at Los Angeles, charged with forgery, is also wanted at Spokane, Wash., and in this city to answer to similar charges. While in Spokane he secured about $250 by means of forged drafts, and in this city he cashed one for $800. The method he used was substantially the same employed at Los Angeles. The names of his victims are being zealously guarded, and but little beyond the fact that he operated here can be learned.

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