

SPORT PAGE

"Jeffries is going to fight me just as he fought Sharkey, Corbet and Fitzsimmons. He will rely on his strength and that left uppercut to the body."---Jack Johnson

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S. A. A. C. FIVE DISBANDS; BOXERS FOR PULLMAN DATE

With the cancellation of the S. A. A. C. W. S. C. game scheduled for Pullman on the 8th, basket ball loses its standing as an interclub sport at the S. A. A. C. and the proposed city basket ball league given the blow which negative, decides the city association scheme. Manager Al Melin of the club quietly decided several days ago to disband the remnant of his organization, so cancelled the Pullman date, the only one open of the season. The clubmen expected to cut a wide swath in the basket ball field this season, planning a tour of the coast, as well as games with inland teams from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. From the beginning it was almost impossible to get the men out to practice. Then the business men and handball players complained of the time taken for basket ball, and, lastly, after it was decided to play no more games at home, but stick to the road. Belt quit the game and Mann and Rogers left the city, leaving the five in a disorganized state. Rather than attempt to gather a team this late in the season and attempt to whip it into pennant winning shape, it was decided to drop the game for the remainder of this season.

MAY SEND BOXERS

Physical Director Cisco Pullman stated yesterday that three boxers and one wrestler may be sent to Pullman Saturday night to take the place of the basket ball five. The club has a large squad of boxers fighting at all weights and the W. S. C. officials have been requested to name weights and compete with the clubmen in the ring instead of the basket ball court.

NATIONAL'S STAR HEAVY IS AUTHOR

Christy Mathewson, the famous Big Six of the New York Giants, the father of the fadeaway, is an author. Matty has written a baseball story for boys of all ages, to be the first of a series of Matty books. The first story will be issued by the publisher in February. Matty is not going to do all the scribe work—he has W. W. Audick, a sporting writer, to assist him in the labor—but the ideas are those of the Giant. After remarking that he hopes the official scorers won't mark up too many errors against him, Matty hands out the following announcement in his new position: "I don't claim to be a Shakespeare in the Literary League, but I believe I've got something to say to the boys that may interest them. I haven't hit on a name yet for this baseball story, and if any of the fans, old or young, think they have a jappy title I'll be mighty glad to hear from them at the office of my publishers, Suite 608, 437 Fifth avenue. I think a good way to select a title would be to take the one the majority of fans favor."



UMPIRE FLYNN AFTER A JOB IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Jack Flynn, the alleged indicator man who officiated on Northwestern league diamonds for eight weeks last season, two of them falling to the lot of Spokane, has applied for a berth in the American association. "Eh! What? Sure, be, that's the dope."

Flynn was the original "scream" up here in the Northwest last year. Barring his blindness and inability to cover plays, he was a good umpire. His voice was excellent. It is understood that the Coaster magnates are boosting Flynn strong for the upward journey. Of course, considering the class of indicator men who evorated the California diamonds last season, Flynn was a jewel. His voice probably penetrated the San Francisco fog, a fact which would naturally commend itself to San Franciscans.

When an umpire is a dub the ball players certainly take advantage of him, and Flynn proved to be one of the "E-Z-Marks." In a hotly contested game at Tacoma, Lynch hit one to the infield and was tossed out to Kippert, who held down the initial sack. Flynn sauntered over toward the cushion, watched Kip poke Mike in the slats with the pellet, and then enunciated, "Safe!"

"What's that you say?" yelled Kippert. "Safe," replied His Nibs. "Call time," the captain-first sacker implored. "Why?" "I want to get a drink."

CHANGES CAMP IS STRONG FOR

Walter Camp advocates the following football rule changes for 1910: Let no player on the attack or defense line up outside two lines running parallel to the side lines, each of these lines being five yards from the ball, thus making the scrimmage line 10 yards in width. Backfield men on the attack and defense also must keep within these lines until the ball is put in play. If it is desired to increase the power of the attack, let one man line up a specific distance, to be determined outside this space. Make the distance to be gained 15 yards in four downs up to the 25 yard line. Then make it 10 yards in four downs up to the 15 yard line, and then five yards in four downs thereafter. Remove the five yard restriction for a quarterback run. Forbid the forward pass crossing the line of scrimmage, but let anyone get the ball on a forward pass after it strikes the ground. If it is desired still further to favor the attack, double distance might be given for any run that crosses the line of scrimmage more than 10 yards out from center.

HOLLAND AFTER MAURICE THOMPSON

In case Fritz Holland does not come to terms with "Tug" Wilson or Louis Orsle for the fight scheduled for February 14 at the S. A. A. C. the "Flying Dutchman" is desirous of meeting Maurice Thompson, the well known welterweight. The Butte man would prove even a better drawing card than either Orsle or Wilson, and would probably set up a better fight against Holland.

Thompson won from Kid Parke and Charlie Neary a couple of years ago at the local club and has been forging to the front since that time, deserting the lightweight class in favor of the 145 pound division. Thompson's last fight was against Pete Sullivan at Oakland, the men fighting to a six round draw. WOULD TAKE HOLLAND TO WALLACE

An effort is being made to match Holland and Tucker at Wallace for a February date. Promoter Johnson of Wallace wires that they will put up a \$1000 purse for the go.

Holland has stated repeatedly that he will fight only for the S. A. A. C. or leave the club to fight only with the sanction of the directors, and if Tucker meets the local welterweight he will probably fight in Spokane.

quandry. He knew not what to do. The first man hit a liner to deep short and if Abby had tried for the rubber on this attempt he might have made it, but he was warned before hand by Fred Clarke, who was on the third base coaching line, not to make a break for home on any infield hit. What kept the Yiddisher from an attempt to make the pan on the first hit no one knows. On the second hit, which was a bouncer to Tom Jones, Abstein tore for the rubber. The rest is all history. The Pirates have six first sackers on its list—Abstein, Dobbins, Tareyton, Patterson, Flynn and Bud Sharpe.

PALOUSE GIANT MAY FIGHT HERE

Vic McLaglin, the Palouse Giant, who is anxious to mix things with Jim Jeffries, should the Undefeated One in action at the S. A. A. C. on February 14, the night of the big smoker. Jack Lester, one of Creel's proteges, is anxious to clash with McLaglin and is confident that he can put the quietus to the aspirations of the Palouse lad McLaglin. McLaglin has been communicated with in regard to the Lester bout, and as he is anxious to get a start, his appearance here at the February smoker is practically assured. Vic McLaglin weighs 195 pounds, while Lester will fight at about 180.

BILL HARRIS A NEW MIDDLEWEIGHT

Boxing Instructor Fred Creel of the S. A. A. C. has added another middleweight to his staff, Bill Harris, a husky Spokane lad with a good wallop, being the latest addition to the fight corps. Harris has mixed in four or five amateur battles in the east and with a little more science added to his experience and wallop should prove a winner for the club.

Wolves reported in Ohio. Tut, tut, nothing but office seekers.

The New York Sample Store Corner Sprague and Lincoln "The House of Bargains" The biggest and best sample store in Spokane. You save one-third to one-half.

SPORT SPICE BY CASS

AND STILL THEY COME.

Add Walla Walla and North Yakima to Butte, Helena, Bellingham and Everett and you have a sextet of cities who are clamoring for admission into the Northwestern league. Each town has coin, baseball men and arguments galore to present to the Northwestern directors, and a hot fight is expected when the moguls get together to award the sixth franchise. Those misguided Californians, and Oregonians, too, who imagined that the league would fall to pieces with the withdrawal of Portland will have a stroke when they witness the spectacle of half a dozen live northwestern towns fighting for the franchise cast aside by the Portlanders.

LOOKS LIKE BELLINGHAM.

The sixth club in the Northwestern circuit for 1910 will probably be Bellingham. A league meeting will be held within a few days and this question decided.

Bellingham's geographical position makes her the logical choice for the location of the sixth club, and with a good baseball population should add much strength to the Northwestern league. Midway between Seattle and Vancouver, the Sound City affords an ideal location for the new club. On Sunday, when the Vancouverites put the ban on the national game, Bellingham will be the scene of the week-end contests, giving the fans of that city more Sunday ball than any town in the circuit.

Unless a radical change takes place within the next day or two an aggregation of ball tossers will be seen on the Recreation park diamond next spring with "Bellingham" decorating their regalia.

PITY THE POOR PITCHER.

The baseball pitcher is a badly mistreated individual. Clever persons are continually advancing schemes to increase batting, but you never hear of anyone advocating a move to assist the pitching average.

The latest stunt introduced to aid the man at the plate is an octagonal bat. F. A. Ware of New York applying for a patent on the new pitcher's nightmare.

The object of the new bat is two-fold. First, it is calculated to assist the batter in hitting a ball with more precision and "placing it," an art which has died out in recent years. The other object, which is given first place in his list of arguments by the patentee, is that foul balls will take a more perpendicular direction, enabling the catcher to put out the batter and saving the spheres from the "over the grandstand" route.

INDOOR MEET AT HIGH SCHOOL

A big indoor inter-class athletic meet is scheduled at the South Central high school for January 12, the meet to consist of eight events: running high jump, standing high jump, three standing broad jumps, running broad jump, 22 yard potato race, relay race, three-legged race, sack race and shotgun. Points will be scored as follows: First place, 5; second place, 3; third place, 2; fourth place, 1.

It must be admitted that the prospect for eggnog in Texas is gloomy. In half the counties the eggs cannot be bought, and in the other half the nog part is unobtainable.—Galveston News.

Advertisement for The Whitehouse clothing store. Text includes: 'See the Window Display', 'Offers You Choice of Their Entire Stock--Some Six Hundred--of Men's Fashionable Suits and Overcoats for \$16.65', 'Suits and Overcoats That Sold Up to \$32.50. Blues and Blacks Are Included.', 'Your unlimited choice of any Suit or Overcoat. Positively no deviation from The Whitehouse Policy---not a single Suit or Overcoat will be carried into the coming season. That's why such reductions are made when the coldest weather of the whole year is staring you in the face. Better Get Yours Now.', 'Cravenettes and Muto Overcoats are included in this great sale. Every fashionable tint and color, blues and blacks also. Your unrestricted choice of any Suit or Overcoat in \$16.65', 'The Whitehouse NONE SENT C. O. D. OR ON APPROVAL'.

