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# Today in The Sport World

ALL THAT'S WORTH WHILE  
AND NOTHING THAT ISN'T

## FRANK SMITH DECLINES THE PRESIDENCY

Frank W. Smith will not be president of the City League. The hopes of the City leaguers were dashed yesterday when the cigar store man declined to accept the office, pleading inability to devote sufficient time to the duties of the office.

"I intend to return to California this summer to see the big fight, and with the special train business on my hands, in addition to my business here, it will be impossible for me to accept the office," was the statement made by Smith last night.

So the leaguers are on the lookout for another man, and, according to reports, will have a candidate on hand tomorrow night, when the directors meet to settle the perplexing question.

### SPECIAL TRAIN

Arrangements were completed yesterday afternoon for an O. R. & N. flight special consisting of eight standard sleeping cars, a diner and an observation car. Over 200 men are already reported as signing up for the trip, which is expected to take one week. It is planned to stop for passengers within 50 miles of Spokane and then run as a limited straight through to San Francisco.

## GROFF TAILORS OPEN SEASON

The Groff Tailor's baseball team will open their 1910 season next Sunday, when they will pit their skill against the City Dye Works team at Corbin park.

They have already arranged games with the Varneys, Rathdrum and Clayton. The team will be under the management of Clark Lounsbury, with D. O'Brien captain.

This team thus far has quite a few open dates on its schedule and any amateur team in this or adjoining cities who would like to get a date may do so by dropping a postal card to V. Ross, secretary, care Empire hotel.

Fulton, the crack amateur pitcher of last season, will be the star slabster of the team.

The Spokane Daily and Sunday Press 10 cents per week.

## BARNEY OLDFIELD BREAKS TWO WORLD'S RECORDS



BARNEY OLDFIELD.

Barney Oldfield, the king of the automobile, whose racing face is shown above, broke the world's record for the mile at both flying and standing starts yesterday, negotiating the flying start in 27 and 33-100 seconds, and the standing start in 40 and 52-100 seconds.

This is the fastest time ever made by a human being in a vehicle of any kind. Oldfield used his 200 horsepower Benz car over the Daytona, Fla., course.

Oldfield's time is official, Ralph De Palma, his rival, who was to have entered the affair, acting as representative of the contest board.

An average speed of 131.72 miles per hour is Oldfield's record, against 127.6 miles per hour made by Marriott in a Stanley steamer four years ago. The best previous

gasoline car record was made by Democret at Ormond Beach, Fla., two miles in 58.25 seconds, an average of 123.3 miles per hour.

Five miles in 2 minutes and 30 seconds is the best time ever made by a locomotive. This record was established over the Plant system in March, 1901. Glen Curtiss, the aviator, negotiated a mile on a motorcycle in 46.25 seconds in 1907.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Moon of Pennsylvania claims National Association of Manufacturers used "unfair and pernicious methods of manufacturing public sentiment" against anti-injunction bill.

## MOTOR CYCLE VS. BICYCLE

Complaint is heard on all sides from bicyclists, who are paying taxes each year toward the building and maintenance of cycle paths throughout the city, because of the damage being done to these narrow speedways by motorcyclists, who are inclined to be hogish, and with whom no man on such a light and dependent a craft as a bicycle can very well afford to dispute the right of way. With one of the big motorcycles, weighing 150 pounds or so, tearing along the path at a speed that turns the "peddler" dizzy there is no chance of safety for the latter there.

Many of the paths are in bad repair and the owners of bicycles declare the motorcyclists, with their two wheeled "devil cars," are to blame for it. Bicyclists in Spokane have complained of this same condition in previous seasons, but now, with the number of motorcycles rapidly multiplying, it is declared the damage to bicycle paths has been greatly increased, and the danger to bicyclists, who by no means court a collision with the panting benzine machines, is declared to be becoming grave.

## KETCHEL-KLAUS ON MARCH 24

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PITTSBURG, March 16.—It is expected that Stanley Ketchel will reach here tomorrow from Hot Springs, Ark., as it is reported that he is en route.

Ketchel is to meet Frank Klaus of Pittsburg at Du Quesne Gardens one week from tomorrow.

Ketchel will establish his training quarters at the Oakland Athletic club.

Klaus is training in New Jersey.

## "GO SOME" TO BEAT WHITE SOX

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, March 16.—President Ban Johnson of the American league spent today telling his friends just how the American league players will have to "go some" to keep the Chicago club from grabbing the pennant this season.

President Johnson arrived here yesterday from the Pacific coast, where he won the guest of the Old Roman, Comiskey, who is with the White Sox in California.

## QUEEN CITY BOWLERS LEAD TWO-MEN TEAMS



AL DAIKER, EDDIE WETTERMAN.

By rolling the sensational score of 1231, these Cincinnati boys won the \$500 prize for the two man event in the American Bowling Congress at Detroit. These men made their record on March 6, and won first honors despite the attack of hundreds of teams during the last 10 days of the meet.

## S. A. A. C. ATHLETES OFF FOR PORTLAND AND FINAL SMOKER

"The team which leaves tonight for Portland to clash with the Multnomah A. A. C. boys in the final inter-club meet of the season is in better condition than any team which left Spokane this season," declares Physical Director Cisco Bullivant, "and I expect our men to take at least three events from the Portlanders."

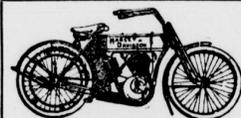
"If I don't beat McCarl I am going to quit the game," declares Red Hughes, the 105 pounder, while O'Rourke, the 115 pounder from Coeur d'Alene, who takes Lyle McCoy's place on the team, is confident that he will wear a Multnomah medal after he meets Cassidy in the squared circle.

The wrestlers, Brechin and Geseck, are conceded one half of the card, for Francke is no match for the lightweight, and Duff, a welterweight, has little chance with Geseck, the local middleweight.

The team, accompanied by Bullivant and Fred Creel, leaves at 8:30 o'clock tonight. The smoker will be staged tomorrow night, the locals to return Saturday or Sunday. Much interest is taken in the

final smokers, as Seattle is running Spokane closely for first honors. Should the Seattleites defeat Vancouver in three of the four bouts, and Spokane only break even with the Portlanders, Seattle and Spokane would be tied for first place.

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## SPORT SPICE

By CASS



### FLYNN-LANGFORD THIS AFTERNOON.

Tonight Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman with the unpronounceable cognomen, will once more take a whirl at "Beggars Sam" Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby," the terror of middleweights.

Who will win? Well, if the fight is not "in," Flynn stands about as much chance against Langford as Ketchel does against Jack Johnson, which is hardly noticeable.

But Langford is due to cop the coin today. He can't afford to lose to Flynn over the Marathon, for a Ketchel-Langford fight (?) is due within a short time, so Sam must take precautions to guard against any reverse that might put a crimp in the gate receipts.

As a matter of fact, it is extremely doubtful if Langford could lose to Flynn over the 45 round route unless he deliberately stepped into a haymaker.

Flynn is a willing worker, goes after his man all the time and doesn't know what defeat is until the wakeup, and then he soon forgets about the sleep producer. But, after all, he is nothing more than a workhorse for the champs.

### AVIATION MEETS GALORE.

Spokane may have three aviation meets within a week, and then again it's a 1000 to 1 shot that only one will be staged. First, a San Franciscan named Auchinclove wired for a reservation on Recreation park for April 1, 2 and 3; then comes the announcement that the four cylinder Curtiss biplane which will be on exhibition at the auto show will be sent through the air during the week following the automobile affair. Lastly comes Nat Reiss, with Charles K. Hamilton and the famous eight cylinder Curtiss car that really flies.

For a town that has never welcomed one of the birds of the air, Spokane is a much sought after burg.

## FIGHT PROMOTERS ON THE WAR PATH

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Jim Griffin, who holds the July city permit, is not going to submit gracefully to the horning in by Jim Coffroth on July 2, and as a consequence there is a rift in the fight trust.

Griffin believes that priority should be recognized and points out that he was the first to select that

date for a big preliminary to the Jeffries-Johnson fight. He also contends that the mere fact that his first essay at getting a match failed did not mean that he had given up the idea of pulling off a battle two days before the Fourth. He resents Coffroth's action in matching Attell and Driscoll to fight at Colma on that date.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Twenty-five Italian detectives will be added to the city police force to work on "Black Hand" cases.

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## 75 APPLICANTS FOR JOBS ON INDIAN SQUAD; BALL GOSSIP

President Joe Cohn of the Spokane Indians has received over 75 applications for positions on the 1910 team since the close of last season. These applications ranged from the local amateur anxious to try out in professional company to the big cast off who is confident that he can star with the minors.

Despite the announcement of the training season line up of the Warriors, applications are still pouring in, almost every mail bringing a letter or two from those who have a particularly virulent attack of the spring baseball fever.

"I have such a strong bunch of

## FIGHT EXTRA!

The Press will get out a pink fight extra this afternoon giving the results of the Jim Flynn-Sam Langford fight at Los Angeles by rounds. The fight is scheduled to start at 3:30 o'clock, the middleweights going over the Marathon route. Watch for The Press Pink for the fight news.

## SCRIBES AS AUTO JUDGES

The four sport editors of the city, J. Newton Colver, George M. Varnell, Ross A. Fawcett and James M. Cassell, have been appointed judges to decide which is the best decorated automobile in the big parade which will open the Spokane Auto show next Monday afternoon.

The judges will view the parade from various points along the route and will station themselves at Monroe and Riverside to cut out the cars which are running close for the silver loving cup so that a closer examination of the decorations may be made before the award.

The parade will start from Madison and Riverside at 4 o'clock. The line of march will be: On Riverside east to Brown, south on Brown to Sprague, west on Sprague to Cedar, south on Cedar to First, east on First to Washington, north on Washington to Main, west on Main to Lincoln, south on Lincoln to Riverside, and west on Riverside to Madison.

tested players that I couldn't afford to take chances with a great many of the promising youngsters this season," the big chief said this morning, "but I have them all in my little book and if they are still ready to talk business next season I will be ready with terms."

### CUT OUT BOXES.

Chief Joe Cohn has decided to forget the box idea for this season. He at first planned to move the diamond five feet farther out and place a five-foot tier of boxes in front of the grandstand, but this will be postponed one year. The 200 extra grandstand seats will be built immediately, with the right field bleachers, another addition to the seating capacity of the park.

### NORDYKE LEAVES EARLY.

Lou Nordyke will leave for Wenatchee on the 25th to prepare for the invasion of the Indians. Lou first opened negotiations with the apple center for Cohn and will be sent ahead to see that everything is in readiness for 12 days' strenuous work as soon as the Tribesmen arrive at the Columbia.

An effort is being made to use Smithson and Bonner, the Indian heavies, in a game against Gonzaga Sunday afternoon, but Cohn states that he won't take any chances with his twirlers and intends to work them up gradually to the point where they can work at full speed without injuring their money-making wings.

## TO PORTLAND BUT NOT TO RETURN

Fred Creel, boxing instructor at the S. A. A. C., leaves Spokane tonight for Portland, not to return until next winter.

Creel will go to Vancouver or San Francisco from Portland immediately following the inter-club boxing and wrestling smoker tomorrow night. Should he double back to Vancouver he will journey to the California fight center within a few weeks, where he expects to sojourn until late summer, when a trip to Alaska is planned.

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