

# News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

## ATHLETICS WILL FLOURISH IN "GYM"

New Y. M. C. A. Structure Provides Home for Amateurism in Sport.

## THE EQUIPMENT IS COMPLETE.

The Will Support Everything That's Healthy in Sporting World—Almost Finished.

Tonight the new Y. M. C. A. building at the corner of State and First South streets is thrown open for a house warming to the friends of the Y. M. C. A. who have given support to the movement which resulted in its being built. The building itself will not be ready for occupancy for a month or more, but it is now nearly enough finished to allow a description of its principal features and the class of work it will attempt to accomplish.

Now that the baseball world is airing its big scandal, the lesson from which is that crooked sport kills itself and wrestling is pronounced a dead sport because of the incentive for crooked work in it is too great—and California is attempting to legislate all boxing contests out of the state, because of the malodorous reputation from fixed fights and "Native Son" decisions, the completion of a big home for amateur athletics in Salt Lake is a signal event. This, because it will be a home for the spirit in sport which refuses to tolerate the lust of gain, as an end of athletic exercise. But two such centers of love for athletic as the inventor loves his science, unselfishly, remain in America, and they are the University and the co-operatively built gymnasium in the city. Their attitude is that of a school for the brain, so the athletic field and the gymnasium are training places for the brain that's in a man.

Till recently school overlooked the development of brain, but now in Salt Lake one may have discussed the desirability of an athletic director in the public schools, and the cry for a "gym" at the University is about the loudest thing heard in the Legislature.

"What this place is meant to be," said Secretary Cox of the Y. M. C. A., yesterday, "is a gathering place for the people. It was built by them, and it is for them. And whatever fees there are are to protect it to their uses." Then he showed his interviewer through a building meant to conserve the feeble purposes of a home, the main portion is taken up in an auditorium for debate meets, and the like, and a big gymnasium for every sort of helpful athletic.

WHAT THE GYM WILL DO. Over everything at the new Y. M. C. A. home there is to be a spirit of Christian helpfulness, but hardly in play—especially that sort of play that is not rugged. The big building has its offices downstairs, its gymnasium on the second floor, and its auditorium on the third. The main portion is taken up in an auditorium for debate meets, and the like, and a big gymnasium for every sort of helpful athletic.

The "gym" is the thing, and it is what makes the building so valuable to the city. A swimming pool 60 feet long suggests the alabaster of the Dan, and when to that is added a whirlpool with an eight-foot depth of water to drop into, and a runway of 20 feet in length, the luxurious wrinkles are furnished the proposition. Attached to it is an annex, where numerous hot baths, for after exercise bathing, a Turkish bath-room, a hot water tub bath, and three big locker rooms, one for each class of members, the small boys, the bigger boys and the business men.

EXERCISE FOR EVERYBODY. The big gymnasium, room itself, above the swimming pool, is a thing to delight the lover of any kind of exercise. On the walls are to be 20 feet of chest weights, with the floor itself filled with vaulting bars, low and high, a couple of horses, suspended horizontally, bars, flying and traveling rings, and in fact most sorts of a complete of the gymnasium world. Even the rowing machine, as it is known, while the handball court is done in four brick walls, securing a uniform rebound for the ball wherever it may land.

BUILDING FIREPROOF. There is little wood to be encountered in going over the building. It is mostly steel, more steel, and cement. A running track, suspended from the ceiling is the best thing of that nature in the country, for it embraces features learned from the mistakes of older ones. The suspension girders are inclined to allow one runner to easily pass the man ahead of him, with the proper

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## THE CHAMPION RUNNER.



John J. Joyce is the ten mile champion runner of America. He has twice captured the championship for this distance in the meets of the Amateur Athletic Association. His victories both have been most decisive.

speed. The floor is built with a layer of felt matting to give the rebound of the best turf, and the track ought to furnish fast records and good results. A statement of R. T. Butner as to the organized work in the "gym" is to the effect that every month will see some competition between rival leagues and clubs organized in most of the churches, if not in the schools in the city. For affairs in the "gym" the running track may be covered with bleachers, from which a splendid view of what is going on may be had. The swimming pool suggests distance, and fancy swimming, diving games, life saving lessons, and water polo.

The handball court will make the game possible in the city under the best conditions in which it is played. The "gym" floor means basketball games, pole-vaulting, high jumping, shot-putting and mat work. One interesting feature is the careful plan for taking care of anyone who may fall or injure himself in any way, and for measuring a man before he is allowed on the floor. The machine used is an expensive one, and provides for the taking of a chart that is an exercise prescription to the holder.

"How does the building here compare with other Y. M. C. A. headquarters— isn't it running ahead of the average a little?" was asked by the interviewer on leaving the building. "O, no, it's only a sign of the times, that's all," said Mr. Butner. "The Y. M. C. A. is composed of young men, and they sense quickly the needs of the coming generation. There are 14 buildings about as good as this going up right now under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. in different parts of the world."

## BOISE BASEBALL LINEUP.

Team Organization is Under Way for Coming Season.

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## BRUTALITY OF FOOTBALL GAME.

President Harper of Chicago Disagrees With Harvard's President.

## PRaises CHICAGO COACH

People Behind the Game Think It Is Uplifting, Not Brutalizing—No Accidents Here.

A large flow of editorial comment has been started over America by a recent declaration of President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university that football is brutal, and most Salt Lake editors have added their word to that of the Harvard president. Yet it doesn't go with the rosters to the game, who point out that to measure football by the accidents that occur is like trying to estimate the value of matches by listing the buildings burned down through dropping them.

Utah played a season through this year with hardly a man off the field a day for lack of sin to get out. A serious injury was not heard of on the field. Yet the game it put up was of the most dashing and cyclonic variety, far faster than anything seen in the west in years, and out of a class with anything played, even on the coast in point of speed. The man who attempted anyone of the thing complained of by the Harvard president wouldn't have lasted a minute on Maddock's squad, or remained in a game after he was discovered by the referee. He would have been as much out of caste with his fellow players as with the doctors who knock the sport.

An interesting movement in football circles that stands out in contrast to the action of President Eliot, is the tribute paid to Coach Staggs, by President Harper of Chicago, university. In this statement, too, the ethics of football figure, and an estimate of them is given that the backers of the sport recognize as true to what they are standing for.

Coach Staggs of Chicago ranks with Walter Camp and Yost of Michigan as the leaders of American football thought. Michigan's coach hasn't quite the standing of Staggs because of the constant claim that he imports players, and pays men with records to come there. Wisconsin papers are just now loud in this protest, but Utah men of records and ability are in many directions, and one full of significance.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Staggs when he was at the height of his student athletic career at Yale. For three years he was a star in many classes. An attachment was formed between us which, so far as I am concerned, has grown closer every year since that time. I remember distinctly the interviews in which we discussed the question of his coming to Chicago, and taking charge of the department of physical culture and athletics. It was evident he had certain ideas of athletic work and of athletic education, and that to Chicago was dependent wholly upon his having every opportunity to work out these ideas. He came; he was given the opportunity he desired, and as a result it is not too much to say that his coming to Chicago has been altogether transformed.

I do not mean to say there would have been no change in these 12 or 15 years in western college athletics if Mr. Staggs had not come to Chicago. This, of course, would be absurd. But I do mean to say Mr. Staggs has contributed to this transformation more than all other agencies combined. His intense personality, his incorruptible spirit, his indefatigable effort, his broad mind, and his absolute fairness of mind and honesty of heart have exerted an influence on the western university and college athletics that has been felt far and wide and produced results of which we may all reasonably be proud. I am myself of the opinion that progress has been made in these dozen years, and if this is true, no one will fail to ascribe at least a large portion of the credit for this to Mr. Staggs.

In the reforms that still require to be worked out, he will be one of the leaders. When the football season shall have been shortened and the game on Thanksgiving day abandoned; when it has been agreed that no man shall be accepted as a candidate for an intercollegiate team who has not been a member of the college or the university for at least one scholastic year; when the well meant but pernicious influence of the alumni in certain quarters of the gate fees, with all the deteriorating and demoralizing influence connected with this professional policy—when these reforms have come about the world will begin to appreciate some of the ideals toward which many, and among these Mr. Staggs, have been working. I am

confident that it is the universal wish on the part of college and university men that Mr. Staggs may see these and many other reforms carried into effect. Knowing as I do that athletic sport is one of the most important agencies in contributing to the ethical uplifting of young men in college, and realizing, as I do, the splendid work in this direction which Mr. Staggs has accomplished, I rejoice (1) that he has lived, (2) that, being such a man, he has given his life to college athletics, and (3) that the field of his work has been Chicago and the University of Chicago.

WILLIAM R. HARPER, University of Chicago.

Football East and West.

"The main difference between Western and Eastern football," says Charles Butler of Michigan in the Illustrated Sporting News, grows out of the relative importance attached to the development of the offensive as contrasted to the defensive game. In the east the defense receives the first consideration and has the most attention. In the west more prominence is given to the offensive. It is true that these distinctions are not so marked as they were a few years ago, but they still hold in a lesser degree. Anyone who carefully observes the scores of all the leading college teams will note that in the contests between the strong western teams, which score generally scores, while in the east the victor usually shuts out his opponent. Why is this?

The reason for this difference is not difficult to find. It is due to the fact that the systems of coaching are different. At Yale, Princeton, Harvard and Pennsylvania, they have what is called the graduated system of coaching. It is partly progression and partly selection. At the western universities the one man system obtains, and it is purely professional, though the coach is sometimes a graduate.

It happens that under the single coach system the players are not so highly developed in the fine points of the game, in the little tricks of hand and foot, which go so far to make the finished player, as they are under the graduated system, which is only grounded in the rudimentary principles of the game. It is in these respects I believe the Western players are inferior to the eastern, when the latter high schools coached by leaders of graduates, who are working together.

CROOKED SPORT IN CANADA.

American Skaters Don't Talk Kindly of Treatment Over the Border.

Amateurs in the sport field, who regard the progress of muscular development and the contest for supremacy in brawn as worthy of consideration on the same grounds that mental development and contests for brain supremacy are, do not take kindly to the money making element, and especially to the crooked streaks that show out now and then. It was in this spirit that the supporters of organized baseball decreed the death of Pitcher Taylor, and now comes a sport-kick from Canada that probably means the freezing through a social chill, of interest in the skating on this continent.

The statements of the men who were in the contests at Montreal are given in an exchange as follows:

Phil Kourney, of New York Athletic club team, who was thrown in the three-mile event, had to be carried to the train, as his leg is laid open and the knee badly bruised.

W. R. Haywood, of Brooklyn skater, says he was thrown twice in the shorter events and deliberately in each instance.

E. A. Taylor, another New York skater, says the treatment of the skaters is a "piece of work." "We were victims of some of the dirtiest work I've ever known of in amateur competitions, and the fact that more Americans did not get places in the event is due to the concentrated efforts of the Canadian skaters to blank them."

THE POCATELLO MANNER.

Function of the Chief of Police at a Boxing Bout as Seen by an Oregonian.

Portland, Oregonian.—One of Portland's athletic enthusiasts has just returned from the Middle West with an account of one of the most extraordinary boxing contests that was ever held. It occurred at Pocatello, Idaho, some days since. Through making a train the Portland man was forced to remain in that burg over night. His grief was entirely dispelled when he heard that two county Superintendents and Kid Somebody else, were scheduled to appear that evening at the Pocatello Opera House to grill each other for and during a period of 29 rounds.

The pair were middleweights and they started in the first round with a ferocity that promised results. This whirlwind kind of work kept up until the fifth round, when the sparring began after a stiff jab, he lay down as if he had gone his limit and the referee began to reel off the vital count of ten. The referee counted seven and the prostrate man was writhing about on the floor as if trying to recover himself when something happened. This something was the chief of police, who, with a sidekick, stepped in his stockpiles. As he sprang into the ring the fight fans thought the battle was ended. Several started in disgust for the door.

But chief Ford's intentions had been mistaken. He was not going to do such a commonplace thing as stop the mill. What he did was to seize the quailing Spider by the nape of the neck and drive him to his feet.

"Fight, you little snipe, fight, or I'll give you just 90 days on the rockpile."

And the Spider did fight. He fought with all the best there was in him, and he got the decision over the Kid in the tenth round on a knockout.

BUTTE NOT BUBBLING.

No Enthusiasm in Smelter City for Outlaw Ball.

Butte is not in raptures over the baseball season, especially a season under outlaw ball. A poll of the city business men by a writer for an exchange has failed to locate a single man who is really a fan of the league ball and any kind of ball. Two years ago there were many of them, but now, according to the writer they have dwindled away, as the town grows wise to "bakes" that are nullified by the league. Butte looked like an "easy" town. Continuing the article says:

It must be remembered the sport game is dead in the city. Put on the best there is, the fight promoters know they cannot arouse the spontaneous enthusiasm nor get the support of two years or a year ago. There is little bowling and no basket ball this winter. Curling went punk last fall. Football and bicycle racing dropped out years ago and track athletics and indoor contests never did gain a footing. Butte people are taking a more serious view of things. They are not allowing their money as they used to, every one has noticed. It has got to be a good game before they shell out the hard dollars.

With this in mind, what is the league attitude toward the present contestants in the baseball war warring over this territory? The moneyed man in Butte has not spoken yet. Nor a dollar has been advanced for the league or the outlaw league. Whichever side wins with the national board tonight, to the victor is little more than a hatful of air, not even warm. Two things are es-

sential to successful ball in Butte, good backing to put a team in the field and a barrel of money and it must be raised without the help of the street railway company, which, through Mr. Wharton, has been the largest contributor in the past.

Now comes the question as to Butte's attitude toward outlaw baseball. By a little study it can be shown that has been the plan of the Pacific National league directors all along. Mr. Wharton's natural respect for law and order settles him against it, and Mr. Lane does not favor it. But it may be if a good article of the game is put on, and it is said this is possible by signing contract jumpers from other leagues; the fans will stand for it.

Everything goes to show the P. N. people do not expect to gain the sanction of the national board, despite the fact that they have framed up a strong case in support of their contention that they are entitled to the protection for which they paid, and despite the fact that they have gone to the great expense of sending C. W. Williams of Spokane to New York city to present their evidence to the national board at its meeting tonight. The Pacific National league directors have a strong case; they are unquestionably in the right. They did not ask protection for 1905, and it can be shown that Lucas did some sharp dealing to gain his bid and the sanction for his proposed Northwest league. He put the franchises of Butte, Spokane and Salt Lake "on the bum," in the parlance of the street, and threw down the managers of these clubs by having their players—all of more or less value—sent free, thus causing each a considerable loss.

WHAT IS LUCAS DOING?

Creating a Great Deal of Talk and That's About All.

There is a rather peculiar dispatch printed in the Portland paper regarding W. H. Lucas' intentions in the Pacific National Northwest, Great Northern, Northern League, and Some-One-Tell-Us-What-League-It-Is. Here is the story under a Vancouver headline:

"W. H. Lucas has returned to the other side of the line after explaining to baseball enthusiasts in Vancouver and Victoria the scheme for a new league embracing British Columbia, B. C. and Helena and the British Columbia towns. He sought out business men here and submitted a proposition for the raising of \$1,000 by means of subscriptions so that a team can be entered from here, \$100 to be deducted with the manager's advance of good faith, and to be returned at the end of the season, providing the club has been successful in obtaining the \$250 to go towards meeting the initial expenses entailed in engaging a manager and umpires and superintendents of organization."

"To insure the British Columbia teams being treated properly in the matter of gate receipts, he agrees that the grandstand and gate receipts for each scheduled match shall be equally divided between the manager of the club and the manager of the other club, 50 per cent towards a reserve fund to defray incidental expenses in connection with the game. Lucas claims that in this way the larger cities will help out the smaller ones, thus putting all on a level basis as far as finances are concerned."

In order there shall be no conflict between the leagues, he proposes that the associations in the Canadian cities, Mr. Lucas says there will be no Sunday games. Phil Kourney, of New York Athletic club team, who was thrown in the three-mile event, had to be carried to the train, as his leg is laid open and the knee badly bruised.

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Function of the Chief of Police at a Boxing Bout as Seen by an Oregonian.

Portland, Oregonian.—One of Portland's athletic enthusiasts has just returned from the Middle West with an account of one of the most extraordinary boxing contests that was ever held. It occurred at Pocatello, Idaho, some days since. Through making a train the Portland man was forced to remain in that burg over night. His grief was entirely dispelled when he heard that two county Superintendents and Kid Somebody else, were scheduled to appear that evening at the Pocatello Opera House to grill each other for and during a period of 29 rounds.

The pair were middleweights and they started in the first round with a ferocity that promised results. This whirlwind kind of work kept up until the fifth round, when the sparring began after a stiff jab, he lay down as if he had gone his limit and the referee began to reel off the vital count of ten. The referee counted seven and the prostrate man was writhing about on the floor as if trying to recover himself when something happened. This something was the chief of police, who, with a sidekick, stepped in his stockpiles. As he sprang into the ring the fight fans thought the battle was ended. Several started in disgust for the door.