

The Willamette Rowing Club

This is the oldest institution in the city, or for that matter in the whole north-west, whose object has been aquatic sports, especially rowing. The Club was organized in 1877. Among its prominent early members were Messrs. James Laidlaw, W. W. Francis, George Good, H. G. McDonald, James S. Reed, George Piper, K. Macleay and other gentlemen who have always been prominent in amateur sporting matters. Until 1889 the Club had always rented quarters with the different boat houses along the river, but last year built for themselves a very commodious and substantial boat house which at present is moored at the foot of Stark Street, near the Ferry Landing. Its position and means of access are the most convenient that can be procured. The house is illuminated by electric lights, has convenient dressing-rooms and bathing facilities, and being the most centrally located, affords what is very desirable in a Club of this kind, accessibility to its benefits and pleasures.

The Club possesses several four oar shells, one of which was built by the famous Salter Bros. of Oxford, England; and another is the lightest and fastest model which Waters Bros. have ever turned out. Also a number of singles and doubles.

Up to the present year the Club has fostered shell rowing, but has found it necessary with its largely increasing membership to add new pleasure boats, and this spring nearly a dozen have been added.

The entrance fees and dues of the Willamette Club are a very small sum in comparison to those usually demanded by Clubs of this character, the entrance fee being \$10.00, and the annual dues \$1.00 per month during the rowing season, and 50c per month during the winter.

Application for membership can be made to any of the Club's officers. The present membership of the Club is about 100, and its working force is greater than it has ever been. The Club aims to hold its regatta about mid-summer, when it offers prizes for its own members and also for outside competition. Several of the Willamette's members are also members of other boating associations in the city, but having cast their lot with the Willamette have maintained their allegiance to the old organization. The charter members of the Club are mostly Englishmen, and the membership has always been composed largely of Britishers and Colonials. The present Captain, Mr. Charles H. Gallien, is a New Zealander, and has had a large experience in amateur racing in that country.

It is rumored that during the coming winter the Club will build for itself a larger house with gymnasium and all possible accessories for a metropolitan boating Club.

The list of members below is the enrollment June 1, 1890.

OFFICERS FOR 1890,

JOHN GILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	President
J. S. DUNBAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice-President
ALBERT WERLEIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	Secretary
F. C. BRADEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
C. H. GALLIEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	Captain
P. J. BANNON	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dep. Captain