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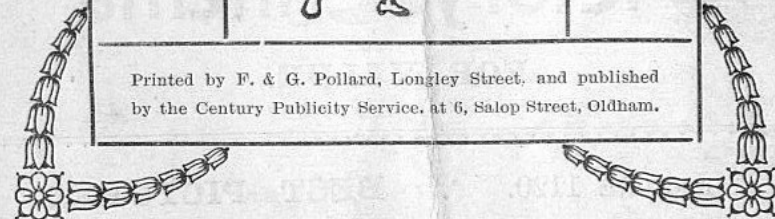
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EDITORIAL.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1921.

Wigan and Barrow.

On the first occasion of our meeting the Wigan and Barrow teams this season, we had the happiness of securing a victory on each deal. Since "The Oldham Referee" made its last appearance the return games with those two teams have taken place, and each ended disastrously for us. We did think that we had a chance against Wigan at Watersheddings; but it was evidently not our day. Something must have gone wrong with Catterall's boots; for whereas a fortnight previously he could kick nine goals out of eleven attempts, he could not manage even one out of almost "umpteens" attempts. We ought to have had that game won at half-time with goals alone. At Barrow we were well beaten by a smarter team on the day's play. Their forward play was really fine; and it was very largely due to

Barrow's superiority in that department that Oldham had to return defeated. Oldham only scored once; but by common consent Billy Hall's effort which resulted in Bates scoring, was about the best piece of work during the whole game.

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A Smart Junior Team.

The Wigan Highfield team, who were the visitors to Watersheddings, made quite a host of friends with their brilliant football. They were beaten, certainly; but they were beaten in such a manner that the defeated could almost claim as much credit as the winners. In the last quarter of the game they

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gave the Oldham line one of the hottest bombardments which we have seen for some time. How they were kept out seemed absolutely wonderful. We should be almost inclined to say that it was more owing to ill luck on Highfield's part, than it was due to Oldham's defence. The Wigan team looked certain scorers on at least half-a-dozen occasions; but just missed. Then when the bombardment was finally beaten off, Oldham went right away to the opposite end, and scored an exceeding lucky try, from which Ferguson added the goal points. Such is the “glorious uncertainty” of the game. The Wigan Highfield team played real good football,

and so long as they play such a game, they will always be assured of a hearty welcome to Watersheddings, win or loose.

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Our Visitors.

Warrington v. Oldham at Watersheddings! What memories such an announcement immediately brings to one's mind! For more years than one cares to remember the visit of the famous “Wirepullers” to Watersheddings, has been one of the tit-bits of the season.



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PAVILION GOSSIP.

Those Wigan Colliers got their own back when they paid us their return visit. When Coles opened the Wigan score, some of them commenced to sing "Keep the home fires burning." There's something like heaping Coles of fire on the heads of your opponents when you're top dog.

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Wonder if some people look upon Oldham as a health resort? A few of the Wiganers remained here until Monday or Tuesday,

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What one the Wigan forward was heard to say when entering the enclosure at Watersheddings. "I'll *Shaw* you how to play wing forward." And he did!

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It must be years since Oldham missed so many chances at goal as they did against Wigan.

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"Birdie" Dixon had a rather nasty accident some short time ago. Whilst following his occupation he had the misfortune

to fall some considerable distance from a scaffold. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he has made excellent progress towards complete recovery, and will probably be about again this week-end. We should hope that the popular "Birdie" will be a bit more "fly" when next on scaffold work.

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It is rumoured that three of the Oldham players have gained over eighty pounds during this last few days. One would think that they were being fed up for New Year; but it aint that way at all. The three players in question have each received a cheque for £82 10s. 0d., which represents their share of the profits of the Australasian tour.

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Good Health! Davies, Wood, and Hilton; good health!

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Wonder if a well known official of the O.F.C. will lead off with the singing of the New Year's Hymn at the Pavilion to-day? We well remember him officiating as "Choirmaster" at the New Year function over twenty years ago.

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Broughton Rangers.....	Away ...	1	3	11	...	0	2	6	...	Won
Leigh "	Home ...	1	2	8	...	2	2	10	...	Lost
Batley	Away ...	0	2	6	...	4	4	20	...	Lost
Dewsbury	Home ...	1	3	11	...	0	1	3	...	Won
Hull	Away ..	1	1	5	...	2	2	10	...	Lost
Leigh (L.C.).....	Home ...	0	0	0	...	0	2	6	...	Lost
Huddersfield	Home ..	1	1	5	...	1	1	5	...	Draw
Wigan	Away ...	3	2	12	...	0	2	6	...	Won
Barrow	Home ...	2	3	13	...	1	1	5	...	Won
Widnes	Away ...	2	1	7	...	1	4	14	...	Lost
Widnes	Home ...	1	1	5	...	2	1	7	...	Lost
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PAVILION GOSSIP.—(Continued from Page 7).

What the Oldham team want
for a New Year's gift is another
good victory!

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Jimmy Parkinson managed
to keep his wedding pretty quiet.
We have it on the authority of
the best man that the affair
passed off Hall right. Did'nt it,
Billy.

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warm candidates for the "A"
team Championship.

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Next Monday the Hull club
will honour us with a visit,
which should prove a very
attractive match, and our
sincere wish is that we may
commence the New Year with
a couple of victories.

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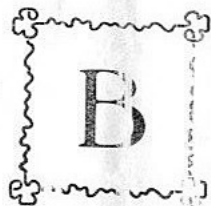
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"FISHERMAN'S INN"—(1) Yes, Oldham have signed on a forward during the week. His name is Fisher and he comes from Millom, Cumberland. (2) You are quite correct. We believe that Millom is stated to be on the sea coast. In fact we have heard that there is a pier at Millom, and that the inhabitants draw it inland each evening, for fear it may be stolen during the night.

"FATHER CHRISTMAS" (and a score others).—The result of the Christmas Prize Draw in connection with the Oldham Cricket Club, was published in the local newspapers on Tuesday, December 21st. We are not aware at the time of writing whether any Football Officials have won any prizes; but when the Secretary was looking over the winning numbers we heard him murmur "That's Swann to me!"

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"CHRISTMAS STOCKING"—Yes, very probably "Father Christmas" will have been round by the time you read these lines. What he will have distributed amongst the Oldham Players we do not know. We did hear that Marlor had received a couple of black eyes; Jimmy Parkinson a wife; Wood, Hilton, and Evan Davies, a fat cheque each; and Catterall, a little black cat for luck!

