

McCREDIE BEATS COLTS TO BERRY

Ex-Seal Catcher Signs With Beavers While Figuring With Williams.

COST OF PLAYER NOTHING

Own Release Purchased From San Francisco; Portland Squad Off to Visalla for Training Camp Tomorrow—26 on Roster.

BY JAMES H. CASSELL.
While Nick Williams, manager of the Portland Colts, was waiting for telegraphic acceptance of terms from Claude Berry, former San Francisco catcher, Walter McCredie, Beaver manager, was the recipient of a telegram from the Seal veteran which caused the Beaver boss to announce the acquisition of the player and the rounding up of his 1913 receiving staff.

Berry, who has worn a San Francisco uniform for five seasons, secure his release from the Seals this winter. He immediately opened negotiations with half a dozen teams on the Coast, including the Portland Colts, Portland Beavers, Spokane and Vernon.

Monday Williams, with the consent of W. W. McCredie, telegraphed to Berry, offering the salary the catcher received at San Francisco last season. Yesterday Walter McCredie, who had received an application unknown to "Uncle Mac," entered baseball headquarters with the announcement that Berry was to be a 1913 Beaver.

"I had a chance to get Berry for nothing and he's just the man I need to strengthen my staff," said Manager McCredie last night. "I should bat around 240 with the Beavers. I need not worry now about the way Loan and Riordan shape up."

Berry joined San Francisco in 1908 and every year except last figured second in the list of league catchers in number of games played. His batting average fluctuated from .145 last season to .244 in 1909, but he has always been a fair fielding catcher. His record follows:

Year	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SR.	SH.	AV.
1908	167	528	17	23	24		
1909	169	517	61	141	19	20	.244
1910	152	492	36	138	12	20	.277
1911	151	454	44	132	4	18	.292
1912	95	255	17	37	4	12	.144

At 1:30 o'clock tomorrow morning Walter McCredie, five players and two newspapermen leave Portland en route to Visalla, the scene of the Beavers' training in preparation for the 1913 Pacific Coast League season.

Outfielders Doane and Krueger, Catcher Fisher, Second Baseman Rodgers and Pitcher Higginbotham are scheduled to leave with Manager McCredie and Bob Cronin, sporting editor of the Journal and Lou Kennedy, sporting editor of the Telegram. Rodgers may not arrive in Portland in time to accompany the others.

McCredie goes to San Francisco for a day or two but the others will go direct to Visalla. Jimmy (Dogg) Arlett will be in charge until McCredie arrives.

The complete roster of 24 players who will report at Visalla on March 1 or soon thereafter is:

Pitchers—Hagerman, Krapp, West, James, Higginbotham, Carson, Hynes, Krause and Stanley.
Catchers—Fisher, Berry, Loan and Riordan.
Infielders—Rodgers, Lindsay, Derrick, McCormick, Hellman, Marriott and Kores.

Outfielders—Krueger, Chadbourne, Doane, Fitzgerald, Cunningham and Fortier.
Infielder Peters does not report until May 1, while Catcher Betts and Pitcher Wilson, who come to Portland if they fail to stick at Cleveland, will not be available in any event until April.

23 MEN ARE IN SEAL CAMP

Howard Puts Men Through Hard Workout at Boyes Springs.

SEALS' TRAINING CAMP, Boyes Springs, Cal., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Counting the outside talents that does not belong to the San Francisco Club, there are 22 ballplayers housed at Boyes Springs tonight, which, with owner J. Cal. Ewing, who has come along to see that everything is in working order, makes the mystic number "23." Five of the Seals arrived at 7 o'clock tonight from San Francisco and it was discovered that Jimmy ("Dogg") Arlett had arrived in the forenoon.

The roll call shows that there are ten players who are due within the next day or so, with four more on the doubtful list.

Dutch Auer intends remaining here until time to report to Spokane. Those who were on deck had a good hard workout this afternoon. For the time, Howard thinks that one workout a day, and that in the afternoon, will be quite enough.

Arrangements are being made for a trip either to the Farrallones or around the Bay on Monday, March 10, at which time the White Sox will be the guests of honor of the Seals.

HOGAN GETS HIGH, DRY PARK

Rain Prevents Training by Angels and Tigers in California.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Both the Angels and Tigers did little training. The rain flooded both parks and made training impossible. Several of Berry's men played catch in an old barn back of the grandstand for two hours, but none of them donned a suit of war.

Manager Hogan announced late today that he had secured the use of the Boyle Heights Y. M. C. A. grounds and that his men would report there tomorrow. This park is on the highest plot of ground around Los Angeles and the wet weather has not injured it. His full squad, he said, with but one or two exceptions would be out in the morning.

Owing to the fact that Washington Park will be used by the Tigers and the White Sox in their final training series, Captain Dillon, of Los Angeles, has secured the use of Urbina Springs Park, just outside of San Bernardino, for the final weeks training of his squad. The men will have the use of the hot baths, bath houses and other accommodations at the Springs, which is declared to be an ideal training place.

Venice Park, the new home of Hogan's hopes, is fast nearing completion and will be ready for turning over by the contractors March 5.

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TROPHIES ARE DONATED

WASHINGTON HIGH GETS FINE CUPS AND BANNERS.

Presentation of Emblems of Championship in Track and Football Is Made to School.

Before the entire student body of the Washington High School yesterday morning the presentation to the school of the various cups and banners won in the past year took place, as well as the presentation of the official "W" to the football, baseball and track men. The football championship trophy, the Honeyman Hardware Company donated a beautiful silver loving cup to the 1912 football team.

The following is the list of athletes who made the letters in 1912: Baseball—Telford, Manary, Teaves, Hoffman, Baker, A. Miller, Schnell, Powers, Beckett, Ball, Driscoll, Wilson, Jewell, Field and Grebe.
Track and field—Windnagle, Wilson, Nelson, Edwards, Grant, McLaren, Krohn, Johnson, Runquist, Hediges.
Football—Foster, Morrow, Beckett, McLynn, Johnson, Moore, Murphy, Knouff, Bovett, Walker, Baker, Howell, Normandin and Laughton.
Basketball—Foster, Edwards, Krohn, Irle, McLaren, Knouff, Martin and Grebe.

LA GRANDE SEEKING "ANGEL"

Man to Sink \$3000 in Baseball Is Wanted to Make Games Sure.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Wanted, a man to sink about \$3000 in baseball during 1913.

Such is, in brief, the situation over organized baseball in La Grande, the only holdout town in the proposed six-club Western Tri-State League. Boise, Baker, Pendleton, Walla Walla and North Yakima say they are ready to "go" on the enlarged plan, and officers are elected, and all that, but La Grande suddenly developed an antagonistic mood, and after subscribing \$2500, practically withdrew for lack of a manager who would shoulder what other expense might develop. The outcome to the Western Tri-State League is problematical.

La Grande fans are basing their action on the experience of last year, when four faithful ones sustained a loss close to \$3000, in addition to the subscription of some \$2200 made early in the year. There have been removed at least six conditions which made the tremendous financial loss of last year a reality, but the fans feel that one supporter will have too severe a load to carry this year and are slow to name a manager, for the simple reason that nobody wants the job. Promoters from all the other towns will be in La Grande Wednesday night to talk the situation over.

OAKS HAVE BATTING PRACTICE

Trio of Star Pitchers Still in Ranks of Those Demanding More Pay.

LIVERMORE, Cal., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The new arrivals at the Oaks camp were Bert Cox, Howard Gregory,

shortstop Guest and Emery and Wells, the bush infielders. They were all in uniform which increased the squad to 26. Jack Hess arrived tonight. Mize called for the daily workouts, and batting practice practically occupied full attention, although some infield and outfield work was included. The day was bright and warm and the Oaks got in some good hits.

The addition of Coy to the squad was hailed with delight. The clean-up hitter was listed among the hold-outs, but after a short talk with the Oakland management, adjusted all differences.

Christian and Killaly remained firm in their demands for more money and nothing has been heard from Bill Malarker. This trio of pitchers go a long way in making up the trans-bay pitching staff. Outfielder Zacker and First Sacker Tiedeman, also are hold-outs.

ST. JAMES FIVE WINS TITLE

Victory Over Vancouver Athletic Club Gives County Championship.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The St. James Athletic Club has won the football championship of Clark County tonight, defeating the Vancouver Athletic Club 24-18, in a fast and tough contest.

The partisans of the teams crowded the Standard Theater to witness the clash, the cheering being a feature of the match. After the game the players were paraded about town in an auto truck. The St. James boys are now after the crack teams of Portland.

POISON CASE IS PROBED

EVIDENCE AGAINST SUSPECT AS YET IS LIGHT.

Sheriff Word to Try and Ascertain if J. V. Beare Attempted to Kill Earl Family.

No evidence of any great weight has been secured so far by Sheriff Word against J. V. Beare, who is held at the County Jail on suspicion of attempting, with poison, the lives of the family of Mrs. Della Earl, of Montaville, with whom he roomed for years and from whom he separated after a quarrel about the middle of January.

A quantity of powder, similar in appearance to that found on candy and outables in the Earl home, was discovered in Beare's room, 340 Trautman Hotel, and sent to the University of Oregon medical laboratory, Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets, for analysis. No poison was found in it. A quantity of it was fed to a frog without ill effects to the frog.

The candy, sugar and water from the Earl home responded readily to the tests for strychnine. It was reported yesterday that Ruby Earl, aged 15, and little Thompson, her playmate, who ate some of the poisoned candy and were saved by Dr. LeFevre, will suffer no permanent ill effects.

A deputy sheriff will be sent today to question the people living in the vicinity of the Earl home with a view to ascertaining if anyone saw Beare in the neighborhood. The absence of the Earl family from Friday to Monday. Another deputy will be sent on a round of all the drug stores of the city with a picture of Beare, for the purpose of finding out if he purchased poison from any of them.

Calcutta Consul-General Named.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Taft nominated today James A. Smith, of Vermont, to be Consul-General at Calcutta, India.

CAPSULES HOLD CYANIDE

POISON DROPPED BY MAN RESEMBLING DR. HYDE.

Expert in Mental Diseases Says Colonel Swope's Brain Showed No Trace of Apoplexy.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—The finding of capsules containing cyanide, dropped by a man resembling Dr. Hyde, was related to the jury in the Hyde murder case today by Thomas Swope, a nephew of Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

Swope told of leaving the Swope home a short time after Dr. Hyde had gone. He said he saw a man resembling Dr. Hyde and followed him. The man stepped on several objects he

dropped from his hand. When the man had gone, Swope picked up a bit of capsule, which he preserved. He detected an odor on his hands, which he later identified as that of cyanide.

Swope told of a conversation with Dr. Hyde while Colonel Swope was in the midst of a convulsion.

"Dr. Hyde told me it was apoplexy," he testified.

Dr. Andrew Skoag, an expert in nervous and mental diseases, from the University of Kansas, testified he had examined the brain slides of Colonel Swope.

"Did you find any trace of apoplexy?" he was asked.

"No, sir," he replied.

Old-Time Show Folk Meet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The meeting held by the old-time show people here proved a grand success, as it was quite a treat to meet some of the old-timers and there were more than 60 in attendance. Mr. Frank

Kelly, of Goldendale, one of the oldest minstrel men in the state, favored with one of his old-time songs entitled "Mary's Gone With a Coon." He was accompanied by Professor of Music W. A. Wilkes, of Chicago.

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