

SIGN IN SELECTED TO MANAGE TEAM

Star Infielder of 1917 Beavers Qualified to Fill New Position.

"PADDY" IS OF DRAFT AGE

Bill Rodgers Will Pilot Sacramento Team of Coast League—McCredie Sells Eight Players to Senators' Club for \$3000.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

Announcements came thick and fast at baseball headquarters yesterday. Judge McCredie threw a bombshell into the camp of Portland ball fans when he made the announcement that Paddy Signin would manage the Portland club in the Northwestern League provided Paddy is not drafted by Uncle Sam's league.

Paddy at present is located in his home town, Astoria, Ia. He came to Portland along with Jack Farmer last season from the Pittsburg club in the trade for "Chuck" Ward. Both Signin and Farmer are excellent ballplayers.

Signin, who is a second baseman, held down the third sack because Bill Rodgers, who captained the team, was second sacker. Paddy, however, is one of the greatest second basemen in the country and the only thing which has kept him out of the big show has been his inability to connect often enough with the ball. Signin, who averages annually a batting average of .375 in the big brush he would be a "win."

Judge McCredie issued a statement yesterday along with his announcement of Signin's appointment as manager, as follows: "Paddy Signin will be offered the management of the Beavers, Colts, Mudhens, Rosebuds, Pippins or whatever they may be called. Signin is an educated lad; in fact, he was one of the brightest boys on the club in 1917. He is every inch a gentleman, quick-witted, knows the game as well as anyone of the Beavers, is very popular with the fans, and will have the goodwill of everybody.

Fast Club is Assured. "He can play second base with anyone in the world. He has grit and determination and will never give up until the battle is over. With Paddy as leader Portland will have one of the best and liveliest clubs we ever have had. Every one of them, from batboy up, will be in the limelight for the majors. There will not be a has-been or a dead one on the team. The boys while we regret very much to lose our good boys who are going to Sacramento, the fans may rest easy. Portland will continue to be the greatest minor league city in the world, as our boys in the majors in the future will bear witness."

That Judge McCredie's selection of Signin will meet with the approval of Portland fans is without saying.

As forecast in yesterday's Oregonian, Bill Rodgers will be appointed manager of the Sacramento baseball club and in consideration of the fact that the Senators will receive eight players, namely, Fisher, Borton, Griggs, Pinelli, Willie, Brenton, Gardner and Rodgers, Judge McCredie will be asked to release the promising young catcher, and Lefty James, pitcher. The Judge refused to part with Lee's services, regarding him as one of the greatest prospects the Portland club has had for some time.

In selling this batch of players to Sacramento for Judge McCredie's club he virtually handed the Sacramento moguls about \$7000. He originally asked \$10,000 for 12 Portland players at the special meeting of the Sacramento club. At that session Charlie Graham told Judge McCredie that the price was right and that the Sacramento people were sure to reimburse him for the money he had advanced for the players and wanting to put the money in escrow, Judge McCredie's return telegram to Sacramento manager was to the effect that he was willing to deal with the deal until Bill Rodgers received a telegram asking him to submit terms. McCredie's disposal of the eight players at less than \$400 each is like picking up diamonds in the street for Sacramento. Borton is valued at \$1500, Dewey Wilcox at \$1000, and the other players thrown in Charlie Graham and his outfit are mighty lucky to have the opportunity to deal with a manager of McCredie's caliber.

Salt Lake paid \$15,000 for the Sacramento franchise and players, but when Judge McCredie asked \$10,000 for the players Sacramento suddenly became attacked with frigid feet.

Jack Farmer is the only Beaver player out in the cold, but he will soon be taken care of. If Detroit fails to purchase the speedy outfielder, Farmer will covet in the Salt Lake outfield next season. This much was made known by Judge McCredie yesterday.

Unless we hear something definite from Detroit within the next few weeks Farmer will go to the Salt Lake club," said McCredie. "The Bees lost Tobin, who goes to St. Louis, so they are in need of an outfielder of the caliber of Farmer. I am not prepared to say what kind of a deal will be made for Jack, but if we don't get the kale we will receive some players for our Portland Northwestern League club."

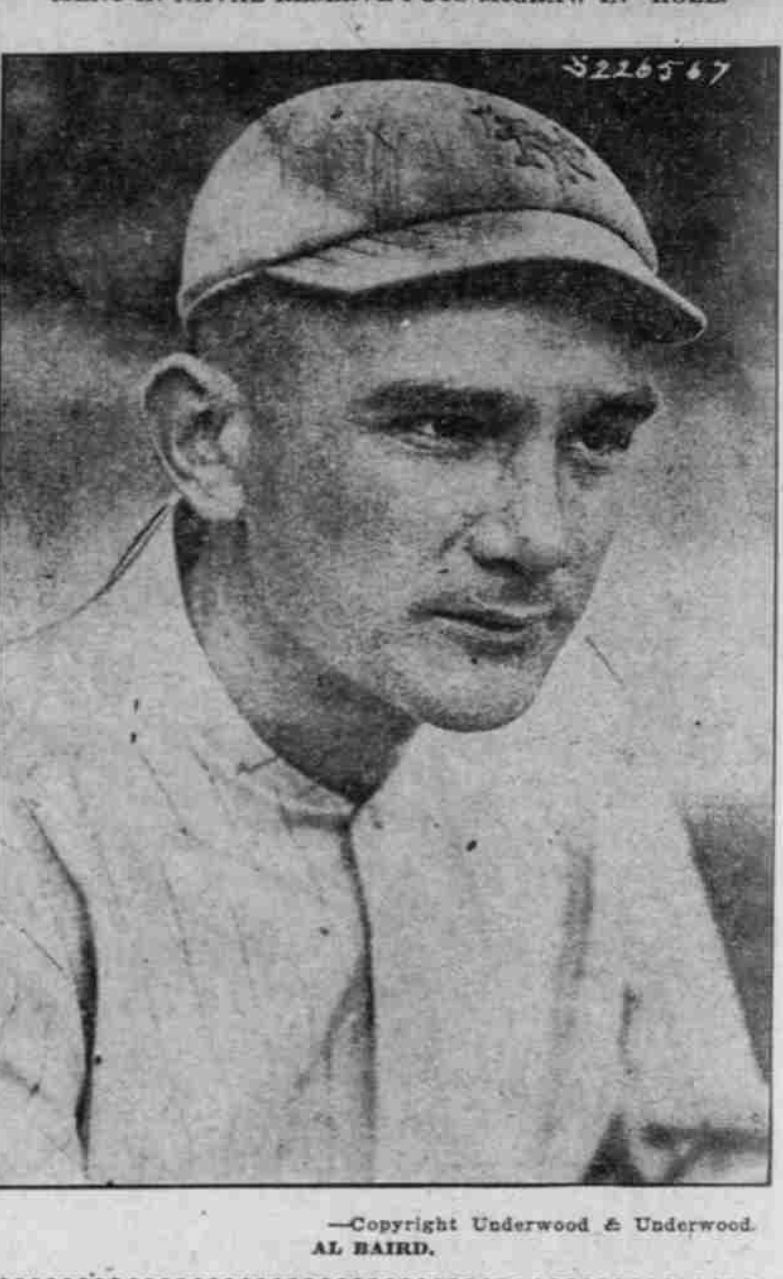
Dams Safe, Says Engineer.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Rumors circulated throughout the valley during the recent flood in the Yakima River that the reclamation dams at the headwaters of the Yakima were unsafe were answered Saturday by R. K. Tiffany, head of the Government work in this district, who said there was not the slightest ground for the report. "Starting properly built and safer than those of other types," he said, "and the storage dams here were built according to the dictates of the best engineering skill."

Farmers Will Get Water.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Regulations of the Reclamation Service against furnishing irrigation water to nonresidents for lands in reclamation projects has been abrogated temporarily as a war measure. R. K. Tiffany, Yakima project manager, said yesterday. Water will be furnished to nonresidents on a rental basis and Mr. Tiffany expects a considerable increase in the cultivated acreage of Yakima projects by reason of the move.

NEW YORK GIANTS' PROMISING INFIELDER, WHOSE ENLISTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE PUTS MCGRAW IN "HOLE."



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BAIRD IS IN SERVICE

Young Southerner Will Be Missed by McGraw.

BASEBALL FUTURE GREAT

Manager of Giants Considers Player Most Promising He Ever Had Under His Wing—Herzog May Be Lost, Too.

Young Al Baird, the New York Giants' promising infielder, who has just enlisted in the naval reserve service, was the player whom Manager McGraw had in view to develop into a regular member of his team during the coming season.

McGraw, in fact, considered Baird as the most promising rookie he ever had under his management.

Baird first was brought to the attention of the Giants' manager when the team played an exhibition game in Baton Rouge, La., with the Louisiana State University nine. Baird was captain of his team and played shortstop.

The New Yorkers, although they had their regular line-up, were forced to play at their best all through the contest and then were fortunate to win by a close and low score. Mathewson pitched part of the game and was obliged to use all of his science to keep in the lead.

The star player of the game was Baird. He excelled in batting, fielding, run-making and base-stealing. His throwing was swift and accurate. He was graceful and easy in fielding his position. He was such a natural ballplayer that his work appealed to McGraw at once and he was asked by the manager if he would like to play with the Giants next season.

At the time following his graduation from college, however, Baird induced his parents to allow him to train with the Giants at Marlin, Tex. The young Southerner reported to McGraw at the Texas training camp last Spring and fully lived up to expectations. He was asked to sign a contract, but again parental objections prevented, but the boy was allowed to travel with the Giants at his own expense and he sent home such glowing reports of his health and experience he was getting that his parents, after the Giants had won the National League pennant, gave their permission to him to sign a 1918 contract.

As there is still some doubt of Herzog remaining with the Giants next season, it follows that Baird's loss is considered more unfortunate than if the second baseman position were not an uncertain proposition. Baird was the most likely and logical candidate to step into Herzog's shoes and could have found them a natural ability counts for anything.

"BASEBALLS USELESS TOYS"

Italian Officials Place Ban on Importation of Sport Articles.

ROME, Jan. 6.—"Baseballs and bats are useless toys," is the dictum pronounced by the Italian customs authorities in placing a ban on the importation of these articles for Americans in Italy. Recently the Americans purchased the few baseballs available here and then ordered more from the United States. There also is a shortage of bats.

Thomas N. Page, the American Minister, has been petitioned to secure an exemption of baseball equipment from the recent law against the importation of all luxuries or unnecessary articles. It is declared the game is necessary to maintain the health of the American.

FANS IN DUESSES WORK-OUT

Crack San Francisco Boxer Gets in Trim for Mill With Trambitas.

LOCAL BOY TRAINS HARD

Lightweight Title of Coast to Be Decided Friday Night—Interest in Mascott-Edwards Go Also Is Keen.

Frankie Farren, the crack San Francisco boxer and leading claimant for the lightweight championship of the Pacific Coast, worked out for the first time before the Portland fight fans at the Columbia Boxing Club yesterday afternoon with Billy Mascott and Muff Bronson. The boxing devotees who were lucky enough to be on hand to see the workout pronounced Farren one of the best boys they have seen in action around these parts in some time and that Alex Trambitas will have his hands full with the fighting Californian.

Farren is a classy boxer and fans can get an idea of how good he is when they glance over his record and see where he outboxed and defeated Charley Tracy and other boys in his class when he was a bantamweight.

Farren and Trambitas will form the main event of the card to be staged by the Golden West Athletic Club at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse Friday night.

Farren went two spirited rounds apiece with Mascott and Bronson and is in good shape already for his six-round battle with Trambitas. This will be the first time the two boys have fought three-minute rounds, but his manager, Dolph Thomas, says that Farren is not even thinking about the six and would just soon go to rounds if he were to win the decision because of his experience and superior hitting power.

Another way in which Billy has it over nearly all his opponents, and especially the bantamweights, is his long reach. Mascott's arms are as long as those of the average lightweight and longer than those of a lot of 135-pounders.

Edwards Is Clever Boxer. Edwards is a clever boy, one cannot get away from that, perhaps the cleverest boxer since the event of Charley Tracy's performance here, and Edwards made a big hit here by his clean-cut victories over Abe Gordon and George Brandon. The boys are weighing in at 115 pounds, so there will not be much weight difference. If Edwards can reach Mascott and at the same time stay away from Billy's wicked left hook, he can cruise right into a chance to win from the Portland battler.

Pete Mitchell is getting ready for the bout of his life with "Young Sam" Langford, and if the crowd does not see a real mill when Pete and Sam tangle they never will see one. To the other boys, it is a thing that they were working for a world's championship contest instead of a six-round bout here Friday night.

Romeo Hagen, not the Romeo that made a name for himself as a headless Seattle middleweight, is another "guy" that will be in the ring to make the going hard for his opponent. Romeo is a former champion of the world, and only recently arrived from St. Paul. Among his various accomplishments Hagen claims to have won an sparring partner of Mike Gibbons for a year.

Hagen Seeks Bout With Sommers. Hagen has been trying to get a match with Al Sommers for some time and the only way he can get a match is to beat a few of the other middleweights that are after Al Hagen has not boxed in a Portland ring for over a year. During that time he has been touring the East, and while there he claims to have been either defeated or knocked out by every middleweight light-heavy weight of prominence in the country.

Among the boys he fought for several rounds are: Harry Greb, Jack Dillon, Joe Herrick, Joe Harrison, Soldier Bartfield, Billy Weeks and "Young" Joe Gans, the battling Brooklyn middleweight. Hagen still thinks that he has enough "pep" left to best all of the Bradleys, Reynolds and Sommers in the world.

Coach Busch Rounds Quietly Rapidly Into Shape—Junior Teams Will Play Preliminary Game.

ARLETA TEAM IS READY

GILBERT STATION HOOPERS TO BE MET TOMORROW NIGHT.

The Arleta basketball team will play the Gilbert station hoopers tomorrow night on the Arleta floor. The Arleta boys made a bad start this season, owing principally to lack of practice, but expect to start climbing soon.

Coach Busch rounds quietly rapidly into shape—junior teams will play preliminary game. The Arleta Juniors are scheduled to battle the N. H. A. C. Tigers on Friday night. The game will be played on the Arleta floor.

Angler Has "Luck," but Arrest Follows Promptly.

When Charlie Gets Hooks 20-Pound Trout He Is Reminded That He Was Minus License.

"WELL, this is real luck," chuckled Charlie Geis, secretary of the Royal Bakery, as he pulled a 20-inch trout out of the Sandy River Saturday.

Whether it was real luck or not is more or less a matter of opinion, for a deputy game warden promptly "pinched" him for fishing without a license.

Complaint against Mr. Geis, who resides at 540 East Twentieth street North, will be filed today.

Verily, the goddess of luck is fickle.

The work of Great Island Ringling Bells, owned by William Ziegler, of New York, was considered the best of the day. The Ziegler entry located three beives of birds and a single within the time limit. The Derby will be finished tomorrow.

INTER-CLUB TOURNEY STARTS

O. Mikkelsen Defeats L. L. Lockhart in First Game, 30 to 20.

The first game of the inter-club three-cushion billiard tournament took place last night at the Commercial Club rooms, when Otto Mikkelsen, of the Multnomah Club, defeated L. L. Lockhart, of the Commercial Club, 30 to 20.

Tonight's play will be at the Elks' Club, and tomorrow night at the Multnomah Club. Four clubs are entered in the tournament, including the Commercial Club, Elks' Club, Transportation Club and Multnomah Club. A trophy valued at \$50 will become the permanent property of the club winning the tournament.

NEW HOCKEY SCHEDULE MADE

All Games in Former Programme After January 15 Canceled.

Owing to the fact that one game inadvertently was left out when the Pacific Coast ice hockey schedule was arranged, all games listed in the former

FAST INFIELDER OF 1917 BEAVERS WHO WILL PILOT PORTLAND TEAM OF NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.



"Paddy" Signin.

The new schedule follows: Friday, January 11—Vancouver at Seattle. Monday, January 14—Portland at Vancouver. Wednesday, January 16—Vancouver at Portland. Friday, January 18—Portland at Seattle. Tuesday, January 22—Seattle at Vancouver. Monday, January 28—Seattle at Vancouver. Wednesday, January 30—Vancouver at Seattle. Friday, February 1—Seattle at Vancouver. Monday, February 4—Seattle at Vancouver. Wednesday, February 6—Portland at Seattle. Friday, February 8—Vancouver at Portland. Monday, February 11—Portland at Vancouver. Wednesday, February 13—Vancouver at Seattle. Friday, February 15—Seattle at Portland. Monday, February 18—Seattle at Vancouver. Wednesday, February 20—Portland at Seattle. Friday, February 22—Vancouver at Portland. Monday, February 25—Portland at Vancouver. Wednesday, February 27—Vancouver at Seattle. Friday, March 1—Seattle at Portland. Monday, March 4—Portland at Vancouver. Wednesday, March 6—Vancouver at Seattle. Friday, March 8—Seattle at Portland.

Baker Again Heads Phillies.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—William F. Baker, of New York, today was re-elected president of the Philadelphia National League baseball club for five years. Fred T. Chandler, Sr., was re-elected vice-president and Samuel M. Clemens secretary. The stockholders of the club unanimously approved the action of President Baker in selling Alexander and Killifer to the Chicago National League club.

McLean Is Champion Skater.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Bobby McLean, of Chicago, defeated Oscar Mathisen, of the Norwegian, tonight, in the final event for the professional international indoor ice skating championship. McLean won the 440-yard dash in 37.3 seconds, and the three-mile race in 9 minutes. McLean captured the national mile event in 1 minute and 19 seconds.

SILVERTON SEEKING GAMES

Manager of Altus Club Wants Series of Contests in Portland.

Manager A. G. Smith, of the Altus club quintet, is in town to arrange a series of games with Portland teams for his club. Manager Smith desires to arrange a schedule of games here so that the Altus players can spend about two weeks in the city. The Silvertown five is exceptionally fast although a high team weighing in the neighborhood of 130 pounds. Managers of local teams who would like games with the Altus five while in on its Portland tour should get in touch with Mr. Smith at the Kamapo Hotel immediately.

Senators May Train at Tampa.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The prospect of a series of exhibition games with the Philadelphia Nationals in Florida and at military training camps during the trip northward in the Senators' tour should give serious consideration to Tampa, Fla., as the Spring training place for the Washington Americans.

Cold Weather Hurts Field Trials.

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., Jan. 7.—The first heat of the Derby in the United States field trials was run here today under adverse circumstances, the weather being cold and birds scarce.

Advertisement for NICOLL The Tailor WM JERREMS' SONS. Text: You'll get just about twice the wear out of your suit—if you have an Extra Pair of Trousers. We keep our best tailors active by including an Extra Pair of Trousers—with your suit order—for the price of your suit alone. SUIT AND EXTRA TROUSERS \$30, \$35, \$40 and up. There's a world of comfort in clothes that really fit you. 108 Third Street Near Washington.

Advertisement for CHANGES HELD SLIM. Text: Varsity Basketball Team is Not Selected Yet. COACH'S ILLNESS IMPEDES. With Absence of Trainer Hayward, Players Fail to Get Regular Practice—Aggies to Be Met January 18 and 19. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—With the first of the season's intercollegiate basketball games but two weeks off and Coach Hayward away from the floor because of sickness, Oregon's loop game chances look far from rosy to the followers of the lemon-yellow. Early in the Fall it was hoped that the early season practice would be followed by a practice following the football season, but an attack of pneumonia, from which he has not yet fully recovered, kept Coach Hayward away from the floor all during December and the Christmas holidays found the team still un-licked. Oregon's first scheduled games are with the Aggies on the home floor, January 18 and 19, and before that time the team must be selected and trained for the small task with less than a dozen working days. In the absence of Coach Hayward the work of developing the team will fall to the lot of Assistant Coach Walker, who also has the freshman five on his hands, and under his direction the boys have been going through light scrimmage and basket-shooting practice daily. From the standpoint of material available, the prospects are slightly more encouraging than when school lectured before the holidays. What the candidates for the team lack in experience they are making up in some degree in the enthusiasm with which they tackle the work. Also, there is some encouragement to be gleaned from the number who are trying out for positions. There are no letter men of previous seasons to draw from, and but one recruit from the freshman quintet of last year, Fowler, who, with Slater, Morrison and Grebe, seeks a forward berth. Rungtun, Comfort and Lind are all making strong bids for the center position, and there is considerable conjecture as to which one of them will wear the varsity stripes. For guards, there is a wealth of material in Steers, Dow Wilson, Gilbert, Heywood, Parsons and Medley. More than 3000 Red Cross nurses are in active service, 2000 abroad, and they are volunteering at the rate of 1000 a month.

Advertisement for Golden West Club. Text: ALL STAR BOXING At 11th-St. Playhouse. January 11. FOUR MAIN EVENTS. Farren vs. Trambitas. Undisputed Best Lightweights of the Pacific Coast. MASCOTT vs. EDWARDS. Bantamweight Championship of Northwest. MITCHIE vs. LANGFORD. Lightweights. HAGEN vs. BRADLEY. Middleweights. One Other Red-hot Bout. Tickets on sale Rich's, Still's. All Ringside Seats Chairs.

Advertisement for HOCKEY HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP SEATTLE VS. PORTLAND. Text: TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 8:30 P. M. SHARP. Reserved Seats \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Tickets now on sale at Spalding's Cor. Broadway and Alder. Phone Marshall 215. ICE SKATING. Open Every Afternoon and Evening (Including Sundays).

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