

WEST LEAGUE MEETING TODAY

Big Task Awaits Moguls of Blewett's Circuit at Seattle Conference.

JUDGE M'CREDDIE ON JOB

Owner of Portland Club Says Any Schedule Agreed Upon Will Suit Him—Number of Teams Is Unknown Quantity.

Judge McCreddie, owner of the Portland club, last night boarded a train bound for Seattle, where he will attend the meeting of the Northwestern League directors today.

The Portland mogul had nothing to say regarding what might transpire today in the Sound City. He has not been in communication with any of the league directors, but before he left last night he said that any schedule the managers agreed upon would be satisfactory to him.

It is not likely that the Northwestern League officials will be able to meet at their business today. The matter of making out a schedule which will meet with the approval of all the directors is quite a task. However, the boys will play ball when they get together today, and ought to decide on the player and salary limit, length of season, etc., before the opening and holiday days.

The personnel of the circuit will be one of the biggest problems the directors will have to discuss. The probable makeup of the league, if they decide on six clubs, will be Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Butte and Great Falls. It is not likely that the circuit will consist of only four clubs until the conclusion of the war. In that event the league most likely will include Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and either Spokane or Vancouver.

Walter McCredie was frozen in at St. Louis during the cold weather, and contented himself with sitting down at a writing table, where he has had a dozen or more letters to the boys "at home." McCredie's letters have the outward appearance of being interesting, but in reality they are nothing but tell tales about a baldheaded reporter who is "somewhere in the United States" and who has been writing yesterday contained no news regarding any players he might have signed for the Portland team. Judge McCreddie has forgotten to sign his name to any of the letters.

STORMY GATHERING FORECAST Question of Deciding on Number of Clubs Is Big Issue. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The launching of the Northwestern League is the man-sized task confronting the men who direct the baseball affairs of the Northwest tomorrow, when the annual meeting of the circuit will open in this city.

The future of the game here rests upon the action of the club owners, and baseball followers will be waiting for the result of the meeting. The old organization will be re-constructed into a wartime circuit, and President Brewster expects every director to be on hand to take part in the important session.

Realizing the conditions justify the making over of the league, yet believing that the game has as big a place to fill as ever before, President Blewett is looking forward to the coming season in an optimistic light. The Seattle head knows that there are a lot of wrinkles to be smoothed out and a lot of matters to be decided upon in tomorrow's session, but he is firm in his belief that the Northwestern League will enjoy a successful season in 1918.

FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE AND COAST LEAGUE CATCHER NOW IN UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE.



ORTEGA'S IN CITY

California Battler Here to Box Al Sommers.

J. DUFFY ALSO COMES

Mexican Is Rated Fastest Middleweight on Coast—San Francisco "Shadow" to Meet Frankie Tucker.

The local fight colony was increased yesterday with the arrival from California of Battling Ortega, the sensational San Francisco middleweight scrapper, who will meet Al Sommers at the Eleventh-street Playhouse next Wednesday night.

Ortega is a chunky lad, built along the same lines as Valley Trambitas, who he now fights under the name of "Jimmy Darcy." In other words, if you were to cover the faces of both boys you would be unable to say who was who, so nearly alike are the boys in appearance.

Tommy Simpson, who is piloting Battling Ortega along the coast, will not arrive in Portland until next Tuesday night. In Simpson, who promoted a boxing bout at Emeryville, Cal., last night, will leave Oakland today for Boise, Idaho, where he will meet Frank Barrieau in his bout next Monday night in the Idaho capital. Simpson will arrive in Portland the day before the Ortega-Sommers battle.

Ortega undoubtedly is the best of the middleweights in California and if he were to meet Al Sommers before the end of the sixth round he will have cleaned up on all the Pacific Coast middleweights and will either have to stop or beat them. The "light-heavies" or go East for some of the Atlantic Coast middleweights.

Jimmy Duffy, the "shadow," as he is advertised himself to Portland fans, with the word spelled out on his fighting trunks, is apt to encounter some tough sledding when he pits his abilities against Frankie Tucker in the semi-windup.

When Promoter Flanagan signed Billy Mascott and Wynona Wing to a battle last night, one of the prize bouts of the season. Mascott's recent fight with Danny Edwards, in which he shaded the colored lad, although he gave a complete account of himself, indicates that Billy has regained his form and will be a hard man to beat. Wing has not been seen in a local ring for a couple of months, during which time he has been taking a rest. When these two lads meet next Wednesday night there is bound to be some real fighting.

Flanagan has not announced the remainder of his programme.

ALEXANDER GETS SURPRISE

Nationals' Star Pitcher Expected Deferred Classification.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Grover Alexander, the pitcher for whom the Chicago Nationals paid \$50,000 with his battery mate, Catcher Killifer, told President Weeghman, of the Chicago club, over the telephone from Omaha, Neb., today, that he was surprised to be placed in Class One of the selective draft.

The former Philadelphia star, who is unmarried, said he was asked to be placed in a deferred classification on the ground he was the support of his aged mother and a brother, but that his request was denied.

BIG TRACK MEETS IN DOUBT

War May Cause Universities to Close Earlier Than Usual.

Chances for Michigan's track team taking part in any Eastern meet this year are not considered bright. It would not be surprising, according to university authorities, if no big meets were held in the East.

DE BAKER IN CITY ON SUNDAY THROUGH

Former Catcher Now Member of U. S. Navy and Is Stationed at Bremerton.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK GOOD

"Garbs" Will Have Strong Team if Sailing Orders Do Not Upset Plans—Many Big Leaguers Among Enlisted Men.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON. Del Baker, former Detroit and San Francisco "peppery" catcher, attired in one of Uncle Sam's navy blue uniforms, looking spick and span, apparently just having brushed his face against a safety razor blade, paraded Portland's main boulevards yesterday, shortly after his arrival from the Bremerton Navy-yard on a ten days' leave of absence.

Baker, whose home is at Sherwood, a few miles from Portland, had some urgent business to attend to in connection with his farm and managed to secure a furlough from his commanding officer. Del enlisted about a month ago and has gained 15 pounds since he has been eating with a knife and fork at the expense of Uncle Sammy. Baker says the Navy is a regular place and advises any young fellow about to enlist that the service is becoming "garb" (marine expression for sailor).

Baseball Material Promising. There is a wealth of promising baseball material at Bremerton, according to Baker, who has designs on a fast aggregation to represent the Navy-yard next season. Baker, who is a major league catcher in every sense of the word, played with San Francisco last season. He was recalled by Detroit and was to have received another trial under the "big tent." According to Hughie Jennings, manager of Detroit, the only thing which has kept Baker from being a regular backstop was his inability to stand the hot weather. As far as receiving, pegging and braking, Baker was all to the "bravy." He always could pick the old ball in a pinch.

Baker has a brother named Glen at Bowling Green, Ohio, who is in the Portland club in 1918, but who lacked the necessary experience to get by in the Pacific Coast League. He will play with the Bremerton team.

Big Leaguer in Camp. Beside the Baker brothers, there is a big league twirler in camp who answers to the moniker of Paul Sirand, a pitcher who had been with the Boston Red Sox grabbed onto him. Paul's weakness was his wildness, but now that he is a member of Uncle Sam's legions he has automatized everything from soup to nuts, and incidentally baseball will be included in the daily menu at Bremerton.

Bremerton is a nice place. The beauty of it all is that the boys like what they are doing. The Navy is what I term a "big leaguer" in every sense of the word. Every man at the yard, in the short time I have been there, has been able to answer the question: "How did you like it?" He recorded such wonderful treatment.

Jimmy Burke, the Portland swimming instructor, who served the Navy for several months ago, I think has been ordered to Philadelphia. He is some swimmer and one of the most popular men at Bremerton.

First Big Natatorium Authorized Will Be Built at Great Lakes Training Station at Cost of \$100,000. Uncle Sam has provided baseball grounds, football fields and gymnasiums where the boys can play basketball, box, wrestle and perform and enjoy any other branch of athletics. This has made a wonderful hit with the enlisted men, but not content with furnishing all these wonderful conveniences for the men, the Government is going to install swimming tanks in the different cantonments.

The first center to receive such attention is the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, where four swimming tanks, in addition to the natatorium in the main station, will be constructed at a cost of \$100,000, according to an official report on appropriations authorized by the Government. This insures the jacksies in the outlying camps of tank facilities, of which a majority of them have been deprived. Work will start immediately.

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COLUMBIA CLUB ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING BATTLE ORTEGA (California's Most Sensational Miller) vs. AL SOMMERS (Eride of the Northwest.) JIMMY DUFFY vs. FRANKIE TUCKER WELDON WING vs. BILLY MASCOTT Two Other Rattling Foes. 11th St. Playhouse Wed. Jan. 23 Prices \$1-\$1.50-\$2 Seats Now on Sale at Rich's and Stillier's Cigar Stores.

Patrick is confident that the addition of Foyston to the team will mean that the Mets will win the championship again. Foyston was one of the most valuable players in the league last season and will play up a big hole in the Mets' forward line.

The St. Francis Live Wires added another game to their string of victories when they took the strong Silvertown Athletic Club into camp Tuesday night in the Christian Brothers gymnasium to the tune of 31 to 9. The game was played and at the end of the first half the score stood 13 to 7 in favor of the Live Wires. They held Silvertown to two fouls, while they ran their score up to 31 in the second half.

Pittman and Carson showed up well for the Silvertown quintet, while Flynn and Jacobberger were the shining lights for the Live Wires. The Live Wires will go to Silvertown for a return game at an early date, probably next Saturday.

The Arleta Club first team failed to make their appearance for the game they had scheduled with the Peninsula Park Vikings in the preliminary game. The Vikings walloped a pickup bunch to the score of 30 to 4.

The lineup: Live Wires: (1) Flynn, (2) Pittman, (3) Carson, (4) Carson, (5) Carson, (6) Carson, (7) Carson, (8) Carson, (9) Carson, (10) Carson.

With the Northwestern League meeting scheduled for today at Seattle the fans are due for some live news.

Big Bill James, of Detroit, is having a wonderful time in Portland. Bill is trying to beat out some kind of a puzzling delivery to serve the German batters as soon as Uncle Sam drafts him into the United States League. A fast one from James, right down the alleyway with a lot of stuff on it would serve as a beautiful "bean" ball.

Tub Spencer is going to college again. Yes, the pudgy backstop will preside over the tutoring of Santa Clara's baseball team in the Spring.

No, we haven't heard a word from Bill Hayward at Eugene for some time. When he returns to Eugene, Oregon, P. D. gets a cramp in the hand, it sticks with him for months at a time.

Interscholastic basketball will be on for keeps next Tuesday, and then the Portland fight promoters will encounter a little opposition. "Get another referee."

Jepp Willard is still minus one of Uncle Sam's uniforms. The big heavy-weight who exploded so much about "fighting" for Uncle Sam will succumb to public opinion in a short time.

Walter McCredie was caught in the blizzards while touring the East and was forced to mix with a radiator most of the time he was in the East. Yes, Portland is a pretty good place after all.

Peninsula Park Midgets are in a Hard-Fought Game. The Peninsula Park Midgets basketball team won from the Holiday Midgets, 11 to 5, in a close and hard-fought game at the Peninsula Park gymnasium Tuesday night.

Stuart Wins From Reed. J. Stuart won from Ray Reed last night in the three-cushion billiard tournament held at the Bowler & Caldwell parlors. It was a close and exciting game. Stuart won out in 86 innings. Reed's high run was 4, while Stuart ran 3.

Knabe to Coach Cubs. CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Otto Knabe, a veteran National League star, has been appointed coach and assistant manager of the Chicago Nationals, Charles H. Weeghman, president of the club, announced today.

Star of Seattle Team Last Season to Be Big Help to Patrick. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Seattle team's hockey title chances went skyward tonight, when it was learned that Frank Foster, last year's captain of the world's champions, had left for Seattle.

Manager Lester Patrick received the following telegram from the star of last season's club: "Leaving tonight for Seattle. Will arrive Sunday. Am in good condition."

Individual Hockey Scores. U.S. G. A. P. T. Taylor, Vancouver, 4 4 1 7. Roberts, Seattle, 4 3 1 4. Dunderdale, Portland, 4 3 1 4. Wilson, Seattle, 4 2 2 4. Wilson, Seattle, 4 2 2 4. McDonald, Vancouver, 4 1 3 3. Oatman, Portland, 4 3 0 3. Edgely, Vancouver, 4 1 2 4. Patrick, Seattle, 3 0 2 2. Edgely, Vancouver, 4 1 2 4. Riley, Seattle, 4 1 1 2. Riley, Seattle, 4 1 1 2. Giffis, Vancouver, 4 1 1 1. Stanley, Vancouver, 4 0 1 1.

Squirrel Food. With the Northwestern League meeting scheduled for today at Seattle the fans are due for some live news.

Checking Is Feature. When the referee blew his whistle for the overtime session a clout of fog enveloped the boys in the far corner of the rink, but it soon passed out of existence.

The fans were treated to some great checking on the part of both teams, and spills were numerous, but the players managed to hold their temper. Dunderdale was the only player to draw a penalty and was sent to the bench in the second period for three minutes.

Tommy Murray was presented with a bouquet of flowers by some fair admirer.

A collection by soldiers, sailors and marines for the Knights of Columbus war camp fund netted \$222.62.

The lineup: Vancouver. Position. Portland. Lehman, G. P. Murray, G. P. McDonald, C. P. Johnson, G. P. Taylor, G. P. Dunderdale, G. P. Wilson, G. P. Edgely, G. P. Riley, G. P. Patrick, G. P. Stanley, G. P.

Neighborhood House Beats Y. M. C. A. Titans, 30 to 10. In one of the fastest and hardest games of the season Manager Dave Schneiderman's crack Neighborhood House Athletic Club Tigers defeated the Y. M. C. A. Titans in a game of basketball Monday night, 30 to 10. The game was played on the N. H. A. C. floor.

Edgely was high man for the winners. He registered 12 points for his team. Wedder, of the Neighborhood House team, was the star of the contest. He had to have played the baskets and did much to hold down the Titans' score.

The lineup: Titans (10). Edgely (12), Wedder (12), F. (12), H. (12), S. (12), R. (12), M. (12), K. (12), J. (12), B. (12).

Peninsula Septet Gathers 27 and Losers 4 Points. The Peninsula Park Vikings defeated the Albina Reds, 27 to 4, on the Christian Brothers floor Tuesday night. The Vikings quit when they played the Arleta basketball team, but they failed to show up and disappointed a large crowd.

Ererguson, the Viking center, was the star of the game, making 15 of the 27 points chalked up by his team.

The Peninsula Park Vikings will play the Christian Brothers second team at the Park gymnasium Saturday night.

The lineup of Tuesday's game: Vikings (27). Albina Reds (4). Palmer (2), Dewar (2), Stuer (2), F. (2), G. (2), H. (2), I. (2), J. (2), K. (2), L. (2), M. (2), N. (2), O. (2), P. (2), Q. (2), R. (2), S. (2), T. (2), U. (2), V. (2), W. (2), X. (2), Y. (2), Z. (2).

Redmond and Bend to Clash. BEND, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The basketball season will open here Friday night with a game between the Bend and the Redmond high school teams. Last year's teams from the same schools each won a game in the season and the majority of the old players are still in school a real match is looked for on Friday.

Arthur Norcott is captain of the Bend team, which has been coached by F. S. Francis, of the high school faculty.

Lefts and Rights. Joe Lynch, the New York bantamweight, is being touted by several New York critics as the next heavyweight champion. He will meet Dick Loadman in Baltimore on January 23.

Dave Holland, well-known sporting man of Atlantic City, N. J., who built the Aqueduct race track and was stakeholder in the Johnson-Jeffries fight, died last week.

K. O. Brown, the Chicago middleweight, is now in the Army and is stationed at the Presidio, California. Brown is training daily and may make his four-round debut in San Francisco or Oakland in the near future.

Sammy Harris, who developed "Kid" Williams and made him bantamweight champion of the world, has found another likely-looking bantam in "Baltimore" Dundee, a pocket edition of the