

SMITH'S STATUS PUZZLING MAGNATE

Judge McCredie to Ask for Information.

FREE AGENT CLAIM MADE

Player Says Contract Not Mailed Before March 1; Two Beavers Want Apartments.

Judge William Wallace McCredie, president of the Portland baseball club, is doubly confused over the status of Clarence O. Smith, pitcher obtained from New Orleans in exchange for outfielders...

TWO STERLING TWIRLERS SURE OF BERTHS WITH BEAVERS.



PITCHERS GEORGE PENNINGTON AND GUY COOPER.

Outfielder C. F. Walker wrote Judge McCredie advising him that his expenses from Rocky Mount, N. C. to Crockett amounted to \$142 and stamped the old "please remit" sign at the bottom of the love letter...

ALAMEDA, Cal., March 30.—(Special.)—A couple of days ago Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland team, released pitcher Harry Morton...

MORTON DEFEATS YANNIGANS Pitcher Released by McCredie Demonstrates Ability.

DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—Four Michigan cities going to try minor league baseball again this year, forming half of a new circuit to be known as the Michigan-Ontario league.

MICHIGAN CITIES ORGANIZED Minor League, Known as Michigan-Ontario, Is Formed.

STERNAMAN GETS DISCHARGE University of Illinois Football Head Returns to School.

DUDEE TO HAVE OPERATION New York-Lightweight Will Meet Mitchell Upon Recovery.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 30.—Johnny Dundee, the New York lightweight, who was stricken with illness on the eve of his scheduled ten-round contest with Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee...

ST. LOUIS 2, KANSAS CITY 1. KANSAS CITY, March 30.—The St. Louis Nationals defeated the Kansas City American association team here today, 2 to 1.

BELLINGHAM'S TOTAL IS 120. BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 30.—Bellingham trapshooters, contesting with Seattle in the northwest tournament, scored a team total of 120 today.

WATSON, WHITE WIN MATCH Extra Nine Holes Necessary to Decide Golf Play.

STERNAMAN MAY BE REPRESENTED ABROAD

Star Athletes May Take Part in Games at Paris.

HUMMEL MAY BE ENTRANT

Hurdler Is in France, but Details of Whether He Will Take Part in Contests Are Not Known.

BY EARL R. GOODWIN. While nothing definite has been learned, there is a great possibility that the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club will be represented at the athletic games of the American expeditionary forces in Paris next June.

TRANSFER MAY BE IN STORE. Sergeant Hummel is anxious to get back home to his old haunts in Portland, for he says that he has had enough of Europe for one long stretch, anyway.

SECRET SESSION ARRANGED Public Dock and Landing Stage at Foot of Woodward Avenue Is Arranged For.

THE committee of bunk-mancers having officially completed their bunking, the first initiation ceremony of the Portland Motor Boat club has been set for Tuesday evening, April 8, at 8:15 o'clock, at the clubhouse.

THE overhauling season at the Motor Boat club moorage is on in full blast. The runabout "Elise" is just off the ways sporting everything from a new coat of paint, inside and out, to a new propeller...

WESTERN MEN YET ABROAD. In the 21st sanitary train, of which Hummel is a member, there are several northwest luminaries who might be induced to spend a few weeks in Paris, Kenny Bartlett, who used to give all the boys a run when it came to throwing a V-type windmill and various other sports...

BILLIARD CHAMPION DEFEATED Alfred de Oro Beats Gus Copulos in 177 Innings.

DETROIT, March 30.—Alfred de Oro, three-cushion billiard champion, easily defeated Gus Copulos, Michigan champion, in the final block of their title match last night, 50 to 38, and took the series by score of 150 to 34.

SEATTLE SCORES 121. SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—Shooting against Bellingham, Seattle trapshooters scored a team total of 121 today in the northwest telegraphic tournament, with the following individual scores: Matt Grossman 28, C. L. Templeton 24, E. K. Van Vleck 24, R. S. Searle 24, F. Kaynor 24.

BROOKLYN 8, NEW YORK 6. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 30.—The Brooklyn National league team defeated the New York Americans here yesterday, 8 to 6. Score: R. H. E. Batteries—Grimes, Pfeffer, Cadore and Krueger; Quinn, Brady, Schneider and Hannah, Ruel.

DETROIT SIGNS EARL GOLDING. DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—Earl Golding, a left-handed pitcher who played semi-professional baseball in eastern Ohio before entering the army, has been added to the staff of the Detroit American league club and will be given a trial with the squad at Macon, Ga.

MEXICAN BOOM FORECAST. LAREDO, Tex.—American business men have been preparing for a boom in Mexican business since regulations governing exportation of food and general supplies to Mexico have been modified. Representatives of scores of nationally known concerns have passed through this city, recently to arrange for branch houses or distributing warehouses in Mexico.

POSTOFFICE MAY BE DISCONTINUED. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington.—Unless someone comes forward to claim the job of postmaster at Derby, Jackson county, Oregon, within a short time, the office will be discontinued, according to advices to Senator Chamberlain from the postoffice department.

FOX FARM IS SUCCESSFUL. ANCHORAGE, Alaska.—(By mail.)—After two years' operations, starting with eight pairs of blue and two pairs of black foxes, Claude Green of Petersburg now has between 250 and 275 blue and 17 black foxes on his fox farm in the Tongass national forest. The farm is on Sukoil island, which he leased from the government. A fish house holding 15,000 dry fish has been constructed on the farm.

SOLDIER PURSUED BY FATE. Missouri Youth Reported Dead in Two Official Messages.

"SOMEWHERE NEAR THE WAR"

THE OREGONIAN has assembled and published in book form—under the title "Somewhere Near the War"—the twenty-six letters from Edgar B. Piper, written from Great Britain and the war zone in October and November, 1918. The requests that the series be issued in a single volume have come from many sources; and the result is a well-printed book of 150 pages, printed on Antique book paper in large type, with wide margins and adequate illustrations.

There is no material change in the text of the original letters as published in The Oregonian. But they have been rearranged and fully annotated.

The nominal price of 50 cents has been fixed. Postage will be additional. The book may be obtained at the business office of The Oregonian or it may be ordered by mail.

Table with 4 columns: Zone, Price, Zone, Price. 1st zone 5c, 5th zone 8c, 2d zone 5c, 6th zone 9c, 3d zone 6c, 7th zone 11c, 4th zone 7c, 8th zone 12c.

Sealed Anywhere, 33c.

POCATELLO GUARANTEE SECURED. POCATELLO, Idaho, March 30.—(Special.)—By Monday night, sufficient money will be raised to send a committee of five intermountain men, headed by J. Robb Brady, son of former United States Senator Brady, to New York City to personally back Pocatello's offer of \$150,000 for the Willard Dempsey fight. The guarantee money was raised many times over in 14 minutes Saturday. C. J. Reid, Idaho Falls newspaper man, opened offices Saturday at Pocatello and will direct publicity.

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VENUS PENCILS advertisement with logo and text: 'The dependable uniformity of VENUS Pencils, in every pencil of every degree, make them indispensable for exact work.'

Sidelights and Satire.

WHO ever heard of a pitcher, whose arm was ever sore enough to hold up his salary. Fred Fulton is to buy a farm. That's better than trying to buy his way into form. Fred should make good at raising geese. He made a good one out of himself. Fred Mitchell of the Cubs expects to stick with his club. Martin is a good pitcher if he would take a serious view of the pitching problem. This one from the south on "Rowdy" Elliott: "The high cost of living has hit baseball. Rowdy Elliott, for instance, mourns every time he hears the thud of the ball in his new catching mitt. That backstopping utensil cost him \$15—no more and not a cent less. 'And not so many years ago I used to get it for \$4,' he mourns. 'Shoes are costing the ballplayers 12 round wheels per pair. Rowdy showed up with a new set of coverings for his pedal extremities. Look! his mates shouted. The millionaire—he can afford 'em. 'Hub-uh' the famous Rowdy one grinned back. 'Just a pair I've snatched away for a couple of years. Thought the price might shoot up.' Talk about your captains of finance! Sammy Beer, Angel pitcher, could hardly walk early last week. For the first year he has had one of those soft flint-type machine jobs on a weekly...