SMITH'S STATUS IS **PUZZLING MAGNATE**

Judge McCredie to Ask for Information.

FREE AGENT CLAIM MADE

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 Outfolders Sullivan and Daniels. Smith in a letter to Secretary Farrell, of the national association, claims to be a free agent as the result of the alleged non-receipt of a contract from the New

Orleans or Portland clubs, mailed be-fore March 1. In a letter from A. J. Heinemann, president of the Pelicans, the Southern president of the Pelicans, the Southern association prexy merely advises the good judge not to lose Smith, characterizing him as a sterling heaver but a "peculiar" fellow, Both the local barrister and his nephew know all about "United States" or "Pop Boy," as he is known in the bouth, and what they want to learn is whether or not New Orleans still has him in its possession.

Orleans still has him in its possession. Judge McCredie previously had been advised by President Heinemann that a contract was mailed to Smith by the Pelicans prior to March 1. Portland's contract to Smith was not forwarded until March 3. Smith is in Fort Worth. Texas, having come out of the wilds of ol' Kentucky. Judge McCredie will write once more to the head of the Southern association club in an effort to clear up the subject.

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. The Beaver prexy will check with the railroad company today, figure out the high cost of living and if the figures correspond with Dixie's, he'll get a check pronto. Walker paid his own expenses.

Outfielder Walker and Pitcher George Pennington have asked Judge McCredie to locate apartments for them in Portland. They have heard from the

Portland. They have heard from the Portland delegation at Crockett that apartments and houses are hard to find here. All prospective landlords are urged to give the Portland puagnate the well-known telephone call.

A telegramfrom Frank Navin, Detroit, informs the Portland haseball.

troit, informs the Portland baseball company that First Baseman Leo Dres-sen wishes to play with St. Paul if he has to go to a minor league club. The Portland owners are not particular, although they would like to have Leo, and Judge McCredie telegraphed Prexy Navin last night advising the Tiger boss that Porotland would make no further effort to obtain the veteran.

Loads of mail awaited Judge William Wallace McCredie upon his return from San Francisco waterday. One letter

Judge McCredie spent only a half day night before and all the boys were doat Crockett Friday. It had rained the ing was a little funge hitting.

"No club wanted Paddy Siglin be-eause they could not pay him what he demands and remain within the salary limit," said the Beaver prexy. "It did sot take me two minutes to get waiv-ers on him. The report that Oakland offered him a better salary is ridic-ulous. Cal Ewing told me there was no truth in it."

Judge McCredie says that the coast league schedule will be released within two or three days. Portland remains home three weeks after the opening of the season here Wednesday, April 23, Against Vernon. Seattle will be an opponent during another of the three weeks and then Portland will hit the road, but does not go to the Sound City onits first trip north. onits first trip north.

George S. Shephord has been elected vice-president of the Portland baseball company while Hugh McCredie has been named as secretary. Mr. Shepherd an attorney in the same office with Judge McCredie and previously served

Governor Olcott has been asked to pitch the first ball April 23, opening day. His battery mate will be Mayor

William Shepherd, a sheep and stock buyer and brother of George S. Shep-herd, and George L. Parker, well-known ocal sportsman, have purchased seaso

Sidelights and Satire.

W HO 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 goats. He made a good one out of

Fred Mitchell of the Cubs expects to stick with his club. Martin is a good pitcher if he would take a serious view

That backstopping utensil cost him \$15
-no more and not a cent less. 'And not
so many years ago I used to get it
New York Lightweight Will Meet Shoes are costing the ballplayers 12

TWO STERLING TWIRLERS SURE OF BERTHS WITH BEAVERS.



PITCHERS GEORGE PENNINGTON AND GUY COOPER

paper. His bardest work was in making corrections.

McGraw seems to figure that he will need a lot of managerial aides during the coming flag race. The leader of all the Giants yearns for one more pen-nant, so he can step over to the magnating end with a world's record for

flag winning to his credit.

George Gibson has been hired to coach the pitchers. Captain Mathewson is to serve as assistant manager until such time as McGraw names him

Every veteran player in the coast league this season is predicting that Clint Prough will have a big season with Sacramento.

Pitcher Released by McCredie Dem-

onstrates Ability. ALAMEDA, Cal., March 30 .- (Special.) -A couple of days ago Walter McCre-San Francisco yesterday. One letter came from Arthur Koehler, catcher and first baseman obtained from Detroit. According to the information Koehler Francisco sandlot product, because he gives the judge, he ought to be released thought he was not a real pitcher, but from the army in which he is stationed in California within a couple of days. "My original application for discharge was disapproved but I'm certain I'll be mustered out within 10 days," said Crockett to play Ratto's all-stars, and

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MICHIGAN CITIES ORGANIZED

Minor League, Known as Michigan Ontario, Is Formed.

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

Michigan members of the league will be Flint, Battle Creek, Saginaw and Bay City. The Canadian group is made up of Hamilton, London, Kitchener and Brantford.

It is planned to start the season about May 15 and close on Labor day or the Sunday following: Forfeits have been posted by all clubs as a guarantee to implete the season. Joe S. Jackson of Detroit has been named president of the new circuit and Fred Wilson of Toronto secretary.

STERNAMAN GETS DISCHARGE

University of Illinois Football Head Returns to School.

URBANA, III., March 20 .- E. ("Dutch") Sternaman, star halfback on the 1918 and 1917 University of Illinois football teams and who was elected to captain the 1918 team, has received his

captain the 1918 team, has received his discharge from army service and has returned to school.

Sternaman, whose squirming, dodging runs enabled Coach Zuppke to keep in the running, left school last spring and has been acting as physical director at Camp Furston, Kan. He played on the grant formula the residence in Los Angeles and will wear the colors of the Los Angeles at the running. The property of the greatest swimmers ever developed the greatest swimmers ever developed. Inis one from the south on "Rowdy" and has been acting as physical director at Camp Furston, Kan. He played on the camp football team last fall. His experience and ability are expected to prove big factors in the building up of a backfield for his 1919 machine.

DUNDEE TO MANY.

DUNDEE TO HAVE OPERATION from Chicago.

Mitchell Upon Recovery.

round wheels per pair. Rowdy showed up with a new set of coverings for his pedal extremities. 'Lookiti' his mates shouted. The millionaire—he can afford 'em.'

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 50.—
Johnny Dundee, the New York light-weight, who was stricken with lilness on the eve of his scheduled ten-round contest with Richle Mitchell of Milgrinned back. Just a pair I've salted for the removal of his tonsils. His contaway for a couple of years. Thought the price might shoot up."

Talk about your or the price might shoot up."

MOTOR BOAT CLUB TO INITIATE CLASS

First Ceremony Scheduled for Tuesday Evening.

SECRET SESSION ARRANGED

MORTON DEFEATS YANNIGANS Public Dock and Landing Stage at Foot of Woodward Avenue Is Arranged For.

> The committee of bunk-aneers havng officially completed their bunking, the first initiation ceremony of the Portland Motor Boat club has been se for Tuesday evening, April 8, at 8:15 clock, at the clubhouse.

The ceremon; very naturally, is to e a secret meeting, and club members mustered out within 10 days," said Koehler.

Theletter was mailed March 24, so mathematically speaking, Mr. Koehler should be shoving into Crockett the stars and allowed only one hit, which was made in the uinth inning end of the week for it will take him a couple of days to iravel from his station to Crockett. Koehler declares that I have called on "Kettle" Wirts. Mortion to Crockett. Koehler declares that they returned home with a 1 to 0 defeat tagged to them, because Morton pitched they returned home with a 1 to 0 defeat tagged to them, because Morton pitched they returned home with a 1 to 0 defeat tagged to them, because Morton pitched tagged to the tagged to them, because Morton pitched tagged to them, bea he's in fine fettle and with a couple days of hitting practice will be ready for the opening of the season.

Lon langed 12. The run was made off initiation stunts, and by the time the Mitchell in the fifth inning. Boldt, prospective candidate has finished his another player released by McCredie, examination he will be fitted to navisingled. Osgood sacrificed and Furrier gate anything from a coal scuttle to an singled to right, scoring Boldt. The

singled to right, scoring Boldt. The S000-ton steamer.

Score:

Portland—
Portland—
B H O AE Tobic, m. . . . 2 2 0 0 arrangements for a public dock and coen 3 4 0 2 30 Mongas, . . 1 0 0 3 0 landing stage at the foot of Woodward avenue, at the north end of the Motor avenue, at the north end of the Motor Boat club's moorage, and river sports-men very shortly will be able to load and unload their parties of guests with a minimum of trouble. This public landing has been urged for years by the Motor Boat club, as it is the only public landing place on the east side of the river between Morrison street and Sellwood. Being accessible to the Brooklyn car line, makes it specially

> The overhauling season at the Motor Boat club moorage is on in full blast. The runabout "Rudy" is just off the ways sporting everything from a new oat of paint, inside and out, to a new propellor; and the skipper claims close to 19 miles per. The cruiser Sas Wolf also is being delled up; the cruiser Spear IV soon will be in action; the runabout Peggy III is navigating with a new V-type windshield and various have seen for years.

more disturbing the placid Willamette swimming in the Willamette will be the next thing on the books and it will not be many more moons before the reorts along the river will be open for sorts along the river will be open for business as usual. A number of out-door water events also are scheduled and, all told, there is more activity for Fortland this year, chief among them the National A. A. U. one-mile marathon swim, the winner of which will be sent east to compete in the National A. A. U. 10-mile event in Philadelphia. The one-mile championship.

will be held in the Willamette on August 2.

The next indoor swimming event will be the Pacific Northwest association championships, which are scheduled to take place in the Multnomsh club tank in May or June. The Pacific Northwest association outdoor meet again will be held in Victoria, B. C., the dates for match, the challenger was unable to

the greatest swimmers ever developed in this country and the holder of many records, will compete under the colors of the Illinois Athletic club in future competition, according to word received

St. Louis 2, Kansas City 1. KANSAS CITY, March 30.—The St. City American association team here today, 2 to 1. The score:
R. H. E. R. H. E.
St. Louis. 2 8 3 Kans City: 1 5 0

Bellingham's Total Is 120.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 30 .the price might shoot up."

Talk about your captains of finance!

Sammy Beer. Angel pitcher, could hardly walk early last week. For the past year he has had one of those seff linotype machine jobs on a weekly ulan. Phone Main 7070, A 6025,

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 30.—Bellingham trapshooters, contesting with Seattle in the northwest telegraphic tournament, scored a team to-tal of 120 today. Individual scores were: George Miller, 24; Arnold Rathman, 24; W. P. Anderson, 24; Dr. H. W. Spratley, 24; Jack Converse, 24,

REPRESENTED ABROAD

Star Athletes May Take Part in Games at Paris.

HUMMEL MAY BE ENTRANT

Whether He Wfil 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.

Letters have been coming across the Atlantic from the boys who are waiting their turn to return to the United States and several of the Portland com-States and several of the Portland com-panies have star athletes who are said to be listed for the contests. Among the famous "Winged M" athletes over-seas is Sergeant Walter A. Hummet, who made several national records and was national quarter-mile hurdle cham-pion in 1916, which honor he won at Newark, N. J.

In 1917 he was in the army, and with-but a few weeks' training went cast

in 1917 he was in the army, and with but a few weeks' training went east to compete in the title events of the American Athletic union, taking third in the 440-yard hurdler. At present Hummel is stationed with the 364th flummel is stationed with the 3941 (leld hospital company, 316th sanitary train of the 91st division, and several letters received by the writer from members of his old outfit state that Hummel may be one of the American athletes left in Paris to enter the cham-

Transfer May Be in Store. Fransfer May Be in Store.

Sergeant Hummel is auxious 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. According to letters from Jimmy Vranizan and Leonard I. Kaufman and from Hummel himself, the winged "M" star was sent to Tours, France, to take charge of some of the athletics, and to those who know anything about army "doings" it looks as though a transfer was in store for the

hough a transfer was in store for the hurdler. In a letter received last night Hum-nel stated that, after much maneuvering, he had been returned to his com-pany, much to his happiness, and that he is in line to return to America with his old organization, but stranger things than a transfer at the last moment have happened in the life of a young soldier.

young soldier. T. Morris Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Northwest association, has been in communication with Secre-tary Frederick W. Rubien of the Ama-teur Athletic union for some time. Sec-retary Rubien wanting to know what western, athletes are overseas at pres-

Eastern men interested in the out-come of amateur athletics are rather dubious about the chances of the United States making a big showing in the Paris games because the return of so many troops to this country is weak-ening the American athletic team over there. There is talk of a movement being put on foot to have several stars who have returned to this side sent back to France to battle with the best of them on the track and field in June.

Many Athletes Return. According to Everett C. Brown, pres-ident of the South Shore Country club of Chicago and American commissioner to the Clympic games held in Athens, London and Stockholm, in an article in eastern papers there is hardly a trans-port docked at Atlantic ports that does not bring back athletes of national prominence.

Mr. Brown believes that a strong time to go to France, that is, if trials will be held in various parts of the country, just as they were for Olympic games. The winners could be sent to concentration camp in the east and shipped to France abourd one of the battleships or transports returning for

battleships or transports returning for more soldiers.

Now that the government has taken over the rallroads, Mr. Brown believes that arrangements could be made easily to transport athletes to the eastern seacoast training camp.

Whether any trials will be held in the porthwest remains to be seen and

he northwest remains to be seen and othing will be done until word is re man of the registration committee for the Pacific Northwest association, both with headquarters in the Multnomah

Northwest Men Yet Abroad. In the 316th sanitary train, of which Iummel is a member, there are several northwest luminaries who might be nduced to spend a few weeks in Paris. the boys a run when it came to throw-ing the discus, is top sergeant of the 261st motor ambulance company and Sam Cook, famous as one of the great-"fixin's"; the runabout Eine is runabout-ing, for the first time in two
years; the runabout Neverin is once
in the shot-put event. "Big-Hearted
Sam" always managed to come out on
the was battling with the boys when he was in college at the Uni-versity of Oregon. He also won the championship of the Bist division when

BILLIARD CHAMPION DEFEATED

the wild westerners were stationed at

Alfred de Oro Beats Gus Copulos in 177 Innings.

match, the challenger was unable to overtake De Oro, who led off with an advantage of ten points. De Oro made the high run of the match, a six, and his 1.11 was the high

Kelso Boys Turn Out for Baseball. KELSO, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)
—Owing to the war it has been two
years since Kelso high school put out
a baseball team. With the coming of

good weather last week the boys start-ed unlimbering their arms. They are building a new baseball diamond at the Catlin school on the west side, where they will play their games. Superintendent Peterson will coach the boys. There is good material among the boys, and Keiso will be represented by a strong nine. The boys are also planning for a track team.

WATSON, WHITE WIN MATCH

Extra Nine Holes Necessary to De cide Golf Play.

C. Watson and Andy White

"SOMEWHERE NEAR THE WAR"



HE 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.

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Straight, four up on 45 holes in their foursome match on the Waverley Country club links yesterday afternoon.

The players were tied at 36 holes, all special export restrictions will be killed in action November 4. Burkett and the extra nine were necessary to decide. The contest was an excellent one and productive of some good golf. Rain dampened the ardor of a number of the golfers yesterday, and the Kenny Bartlett, who used to give all large numbers who would have turned out if the spring weather had contin-ued were missing at the Waverley, Portland and Tualatin clubs.

Pocatelol Guarantee Secured.

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 30 .- (Spe ctal.)—By Monday night sufflicent money will be raised to send a committee of five intermountain men, head-ed by J. Robb Brady, son of former United States Senator Brady, to New York City to personally back Pocatel-lo's offer of \$160,000 for the Willard-Dempsey fight. The guarantee money was raised many times over in 16 min-utes Saturday. C. J. Reid, Idaho Falis newspaper man, opened offices Saturday at Pocatello and will direct pub-

Seattle Scores 121.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30 .- Shooting against Bellingham, Seattle trap-shooters scored a team total of 121 to-day in the northwest telegraphic tour-nament, with the following individual scores: Matt Grossman 25, C. L. Tem-24. E. K. Van Vleck 24, R. S. Searle 24, F. Kaynor 24.

Brooklyn 8, New York 6. average. His grand average was .847 against his opponent's .531. Copulos' high run was four. The match went 177 innings. It was refereed by Ora Morningstar. Brooklyn., 8 10 2|New York., 6

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. a Macon, Ga.

Mexican Boom Forecast.

LAREDO, Tex.-American business men have been preparing for a boom in Mexican business since regulations coverning exportation of food and general supplies to Mexico have been mod-ified. Representatives of scores of na-tionally known concerns have passed defeated Rudolph Wilhelm and J. R. through this city recently to arrange

houses in Mexico. Business interests have given up hope of ever seeing him here believe that within three months all special export restrictions will be removed and goods will pass into Mexican ico as freely as before the Mexican wor k gnikalinght tdshrdluctacmfwyp disturbances began, now cover only few commodities.

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. farm is on Sukoil Island, which leased from the government. A fish house holding 16,000 dry fish has been constructed on the farm.

SOLDIER PURSUED BY FATE Missorui Youth Reported Dead in

Two Official Messages. THAYER, Mo .- FaFte has been pursuing Charles L. Burkett, 21 years old, Jackson county, Oregon, within a short of this place, recentlessly since he entime, the office will be discontinued, tered the service of the United States according to advice to Senator Chamarmy at Tulsa, Okla., a year ago, andberlain from the postoffice department.

The embargoes working at the time, in February, 1918 working at the time, in February, 1318. He was first reported lost in the wreck of the troop ship Tuscania, which was sent down by a German mine off the coast of Ireland. Later it was learned that he was among those rescued. Next he was reported missing in action, but he showed up in a German prison camp, from which he

escaped and returned to his command. Now comes the official announcement that he was killed in action. The parents, who have long given him up as lost, and have been turn with emotions by the conflicting re-ports, still have a ray of hope that he is alive. Fate, which seems to have set the seal of doom on his brow, may yet spare his life.

Postoffice May Be Discontinued. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington.—Unless someone comes forward to claim the job of postmaster at Derby,

