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INTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE IN PACIFIC COAST AND NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL IN PORTLAND.

**President of Portland Teams** Was First to Use Famous Trick Ball.

FADEAWAY CURVE

M'CREDIE KNOWS

# LOCAL MAN TELLS TALE

Ball Magnate Declares Christy Mathewson Was Not Discoverer of Curve That Has Fooled So Many Clever Batters.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. Christy Mathewson has been given credit for unearthing and fostering the famous "fadeaway" curve and "Big Six" is entitled to all the boosts that have been penned. But, for a' that, the fadeaway is no new pitching parabola. It was discovered and pitched some 30 years ago by none other than our W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland baseball teams.

So there you are: W. W. McCredie the Columbus of the fadeaway; next a schoolteacher, then a lawyer; Superior Court Judge, United States Congress-man and finally president of two base-ball teams in two of the strongest mi-nor leagues in America—the Pacific Coast and the Northwestern circuits. The Partianet mocut symplical a nor-

Coast and the Northwestern circuits. The Portland mogul supplied a por-tion of this information. "Yes, it is true that I pitched file fadeaway curve back as early as 1883." admitted the 240-pound Portland mag-nate, as a former Iowa classmate re-called early Hawkeye state anecdotes at baseball headquarters a day or two ago. "It came about in a peculiar way and may be of interest now. FANS CAN MAKE OR

Started at Cornell.

"I broke in at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, In., in 1879, and remained there for six years. First I played second base and then switched to backstop-ping when our catcher broke his hand. Then the curve ball began to make its Pitcher, Failure in Hostile City,

Then the curve ball began to make its appearance. Finally a fellow came along and I caught him one game. In those days the backstops used only or-dinary infielders' gloves with the fin-gers out, and the new curves almost chopped my hands to pleces. "I began experimenting," continued Mogui McCredle. "Finally I mastered the ordinary 'out' curve and then fol-lowed the 'in' curve. That set me thinking and I reasoned it out that if the balls could be made to curve side-ways they could also be made to curve down and at various other angles. "The 'down' curve or present-day LEFTY LEIFIELD EXCEPTION

"The 'down' curve or present-day 'drop' accrued from that set of experi-ments, and the 'fadeaway'-a cross be-tween an outcurve and a drop, soon fol-Billy Evans Says Many Games Are lowed. Then I was converted into a pitcher and twirled with good success at Cornell for two years.

"I have fanned as many as 25 men in one game while pitching." So much for Mr. McCredie's pitching. In 1885 the future magnate threw his In 1885 the future magnate threw his arm out while playing against one of the big professional teams, and gave up active mound duty. After four years as school superintendent at Parkers-burg. Ia. "Judge" entered the Uni-versity of lowa law school, graduating the following season. He held down first base for the varsity team the sea-son of 1890.

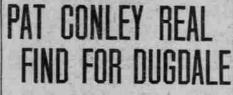
first base for the varsity team the sea-son of 1890. "When I entered Iowa," explained William Wallace McCredie, "I found there another Cornell boy, E. A. Wis-wall, and we became quite chummy, in fact, when we had completed our law course the two of us headed westward and located in a partnership at Astoria, at the solicitation of a friend named McCaustland, now in Seattle, I believe.

which is usually continued throughout the game. Such a reception doesn't seem to bother Bender in the

he remarked thusly: "I can truthfully say that the atti-tude of the fans toward me when pitching has neither helped nor in-jured me. I really believe I am an exception to the ordinary run of fel-lows, and I have often wished that I was differently constituted.

**Detriment** Is Felt

career has been spent in Pittsburg. I have given some excellent exhibitions



**CONFIDENCE PUT IN MARTINI** 

"Perhaps after all it is probably just as well that I was deaf, dumb and blind to what was happening in the grandstand and bleachers. Most of my userser has been sment in Pittshure I Pirates Place Dependence on

the game. Later on he took up inde-pendent hall, finally, landing in the same section where First Baseman West, of the Tacoma team, played. He was a cleanup hitter over there and, judging from reports, got around the bases in good shape. Mr. Dugdale is hoping that Conley will prove to be the man he seeks for right field, a position that was filled well by Charlie Fullerton toward the fag end of last season, after Lester Wilson blew up. Charlie would be all right in the outer garden for the com-Louis bleachers never phased him. His appetite was just as good after a game in which he had made several errors that lost the contest as after a game in which his hitting had been the de-ciding factor. I figured the attitude of the fans in St. Louis was responsible for Grigg's failure to show to better advantage. I felt sure he would pick up just as soon as he hit Cleveland. where the crowds were not likely to critical. Griggs was warmly reright in the outer garden for the com-ing race, but President Dugdale is fig-uring on having him back on the pitching staff. In the old Yesler Way ceived in Cleveland, but his style was ceived in Cleveland, but his style was just the same. Never in his career did he doff his cap to the crowd. He walked to the bench with the same slow stride after driving out a home run as he did after making an error. "Tou're a dub today and a hero tomor-row with the fan." I once heard him tions, horseme Park Fullerton lost a good many games on one hit over the right field fence with a man or men on the bases. In other words, he would pitch eight innings of shutout ball and have the game go against him in one spasm. If the Scattle team made an average number of runs Charlie was fairly safe, remark, "and I don't intend to be either." Griggs and Leifield are the exceptions to the rule, however, as Smith. but often the team did not give him more than the narrowest margin, which attitude of the fan makes or breaks the average athlete. a hit could overcome. (Copyright, 1914, by W. G. Evans.) Dug thinks that on the new field. there the gardeners can roam far and Coast League Gossip Fullerton should be one of the where Function should be one of the star twirlers of the league. It was fig-ured a cinch last Fall that the Coast League would draft both Fullerton and Catcher Cadman. So certain was Dug that Cadman would go up that he drafted Catcher Huhn from Adrian, Mich JIMMY LEWIS, Sacramento outfielder, will be seen in the Northwestern League next season. Harry Wolverton has traded Lewis and a boot consider- Mich. ation said to be \$1500, for Catcher Han-Martial to Get Tryout. Simply because the attitude of the fans show one pitcher who shuddered every time the manager selected him to start a game. The pitcher was game enough, but for various reasons the fans had taken a dislike to him, and the very mention of his name stirred up a bad feeling. Often before the pitcher would be sold to the Venice club of the Coast mention of his name stirred up a bas mention of his name stirred up a bas feeling. Often before the pitcher would throw a ball, bundreds of voices would throw a ball, bundreds of voices would be yelling for the manager to take him out. If he happened to pass a man, and allow a hit, everyone in the ground it seemed was demanding such action on the part of the manager. As a re-sult of this feeling, the pitcher never waked to the rubber in the proper mod or spirit. He was simply waiting for a signal from the bench that would for a signal from the bench that would a marformer for the aftertaken a dislike to him, and the very mention of his name stirred up a bad feeling. 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In one of his stories he tells an interesting tale of the difficulty Hal Chase had breaking into the Coast circuit. In 1903 he re-ported to Happy when Hap was with Sacramento and asked for a recom-mendation to the Senators, but the Solons turned him down cold. Two years later he was with the New York Yanks and heraided as the greatest eventual success. He is a big fellow, has a good arm, covers considerable ground and throws well. Martin Kulliay seems to be the choice for center field, but if both Con-ley and Leo Togneria, a recruit from Arizona, make a good showing, the jobs of Martini and Killilay will be in jeopardy. It is not President Dug-dale's intention to stand pat on any position this year. The newcomers Yanks and heralded as the greatest first baseman in the world. position this year. The newcomers will have every opportunity possible to show whether they are capable of be-A strategy of the strategy of the



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OREGON BOYS BACKWARD

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sured by Co-Operation of Teams

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ter prospect than Jack Hickey, yet Seaton has advanced steadily until he is now one of the leading twitlers in the National League. Tantiehner has a good many things in his favor and his success or failure will depend a good deal on how he gets off the mark. Physically he is all that a big league club requires or has any reason to expect. His speed is as good as the best. Very few in the big show will have anything on him in this respect. He has both a curve and fast ball, but I do not recall that he gave any indications of having developed a good change of pace. His record last season was excellent and would have been better if he had not suffered from overwork at one period.

Boost in Northwest When overwork at one period. College Men to Play Leaguers.

The University of Wasnington base ball team will have an excellent chance to prepare for the regular intercollegi-ate battles to decide the conference championship. The college boys will play at least five games with the Northwestern Leaguers, and in all probability this number will be in-creased to seven. President Dugdale has promised Graduate Manager of Athletics Ralph Horr three battles with the Seattle club, while Joe McGinnity, of Tacoma, and President Wattelet, of Victoria, have each agreed to put Washington on their preliminary sched-ule. Manager Horr has had correspond-ence with Rob Brown, of Vancouver, but there is little chance that the game will be arranged. Clarence Rowland, who will be re-called as the manager of the Aberdeen ball team will have an excellent chance

Decided in Grandstand and Compliments Help Always. Bender Best in Pinch. By BLLY EVANS By BLLY EVANS CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.-(Special.)-How many games are decided in the grandstand? That is perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is an unset of the searce are perinans are desided in the grandstand? That is an unset of the searce are perinans are perinans are perinans are perinans are desided in the perinans are desided in the perinans are desided in the grandstand the manager of the deside are the tas a negle with a battim server



Effects of Worry Over Playing **Position and Directing Game** Is Told by Christy.

FAILURES LAID TO TASK

Horzog Worries Over Oriticism, Is Fighter and Mathewson Predicts Many Unpleasant Experiences as Leader of Reds.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON,

The Giants' Star Pitcher. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.-(Special.)-There is one phase of big league baseball which many fans and ballplayers overlook in their calculations of a man's ability. It is the big strain of the game and this, I believe, is re-sponsible for the failure of so many sponsible for the failure of so many playing managers. For, in the case of a playing manager there is the strain of playing the position and the added one of trying to manage the club and worrying about it when it is losing. And those who know from actual experience tell me that this actual experience tell me that this worrying is some strain all by itself. Chance and Fred Clarke have been the two blg successes of recent years as playing managers. Stahl was auc-cessful for one season, when he won the world's championship for the Bos-ton Red Sox, and I believe he would have put it over again if they had given him time and a chance, but they fired him as soon as the club began to go a little bad the next Summer. It takes a certain delicate compound of temperament for a man to be a success as a player and a Semi-Pro Baseball Receives have even dispositions, but it wore

on every one of them.

Cubs Enough to Worry. Chance showed it by being forced to quit the game actively earlier than he probably would have done if he had been only a player throughout his career. The great strain of leading the Chicago Cubs—a fighting. "crab-bing" crowd, and a hard bunch to manage—was enough to give anyone a chronic headache. The players were manage-was enough to give anyone a chronic headache. The players were always scrapping among themselves, and also always scrapping for them-selves when they were playing the game. The old Cub machine was one of the most peculiar ever put together in the big leagues. It was a team with a great amount of "color." nearly every man having a remarkable per-sonality. It was the clash of these personalities that made the club a hard one to manage, but the Chance

pain. Clarke Affected by Strain



### Returned to Portland,

remained at Astoria only a week or two and then retraced our steps to Portland, and finally, two or three months later, settled at Vancouver,

Oddly enough, both boys later were elevated to the Superior Judgeship. Wiswall became judge in 1892. He was drowned several years later in the orf at Seaside. Attorney McCredie ugged along alone in his law practice surf at Seaside. until 1904, when the voters honored him

with the same ermine worn by his After four years on the bench he was re-elected without opposition in 1908, but resigned in 1909 to go to the United States Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank Cushing.

The term lasted until 1911. In the meantime, back in 1905, to be exact, Lawyer-Judge-Congressman Mc-Credie had become interested in his fa-

vorite pastime, baseball. The year prior to that Walter Mc-Credie, son of W. W.'s eldest brother, had come West to play hall with the Portland team, and with things in a terrible mess here in a baseball sense, the nephew finally induced the uncle to

go halves on the purchase of the Port-land Coast League franchise. Inasmuch as the team had lost \$23,000 in 1903 and nearly as much in 1904, it was a hazardous venture, but both saw the nearbilities of the Network of the was a hazardous venture, but both saw the possibilities of the National frolic on the Coast. Hence the experiment.

The results of that partnership are to well known to need repetition.

Portland has since won four pennants in the nine years, and Mar McCredle has sent enough taler nage enough talent up into the major leagues to produce a world's championship team were the men 'herded togother on one club. Among these stars might be mentioned: Sweeney, Mitchell, Gregg, Steen, Sea-ton, McLean, Kuhn, Olson, Peckin-paugh, Graney, Groom and a host of others

Had Portland been exempt from major league drafts, in other words, had the McCredies been afforded the same opportunity under which Connie Mack and Muggsy McGraw have been laboring, Portland would now boast of a team fully as strong as either of the big league champions. While, by the same token, the Macs would now find themselves enscrolled in history as among the greatest greats of the baseball firmament.

Il firmament. These four Pacific Coast pennants such a dict. adorn the walls of baseball headquar-ters in the Yeon building, and, for fear some one may forget the dates, they

a: 1906, 1910, 1911 and 1913. I ran across an old family Bible a few years ago," said the local magnate, when the subject was broached, and when the subject was broached, and this I found scribbled across the fly

are human, although many fans seem to think otherwise, and there is no getting away from the fact that the oncerted rooting of the home fans in he pinch has its influence On nine ut of every ten recruit pitchers the influence is very marked. That is one reason so many of the youngsters blow up in their early try-outs. Veterans, in spite of their years of experience, which is supposed to take the sting out of the attitude of the fans, feel keenly the effect of adverse criticism or com

BREAK BALLPLAYER

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tators Cheer.

Decided in Grandstand and Com-

Every player will admit that good loyal cheering, when things are break-ing toughest, will spur him on to greater efforts. Severe criticism at such a time, unless the player has a heart of oak, will create a desire on his part to seek the shower bath. That is one reason why college cheering spurs on the varsity men to do their best. Often a college team, apparently beaten, has taken new life because of the encouragement given them by the student body, and attained a glorious victory. A desire to quit and give up the game as lost by the fans helps create a similar desire in the players.

Criticiam Spoils Star Pitcher.

There is no doubt that some players he crowd than others. It would be possible to cite a dozen cases of play ors who failed, dismally in certain cities and were stars in others. Why?

on the field he is usually greated with a round of applause. He thrives on

There are, I believe, a few pitchers who are absolutely indifferent to the attitude of the crowd. They might be classed as great money pitchers, fei-

lows who appear to get at their top speed when pressed hardest, and when most is at stake. Christy Mathewson

in which the harness norses will be the central attraction. The first series of races are scheduled for Calgary, com-throughout the Pacific Northwest is paign to further the game and has re-paign to further the game and has rethroughout the Facilite Northwest is paign to further what C. A. Harrison, of Scattle, has been hammering on for some time, his contention being that there is no neces-sity to wait until half the sunshine Company also

season is over making a start. Tradition, however, is hard to overcome. After the Winter, which is a period of rest or easy jogging in the colder sec en have been in the habit of putting in a long period tuning up It will probably take some time for Mr

Harrison's idea to become firmly root ed, but there is merit in it and it is certain to gain friends and adherents in the long run.

A string of horses from Calgary has made a successful journey across country to Toronto in charge of Trainer Among the racers are Merry Direct, 2:11%, a pacer; Grattan Boy, a green trotter, and Cye 2:22%, a pacer.

A report comes from the East that Dan McEwan, a well-known Canadian trainer, was recently guite seriously injured at London, Ont, when a horse that he was jogging reared and fell back on him. He will be confined at home for some time.



Brinker to Coach Washington Team

After Soccer Games.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10 .- (Special.) -President Dugdale, of the Seattle club of the Northwestern League, announced today that L. J. Edwards, a catcher of McMinnville, Or., had accepted terms from Seattle. Dugdale now has four backstops, Cadman, Wally, Huhn and

Dode Brinker will coach the Univer-sity of Washington baseball team if Vancouver will give him permission Lou Nordyke is out of the running, a he will manage Edmonton in the West-ern Canada League.

The varsity team will take up socce immediately, according to Graduate Manager Horr. He hopes Oregon will do the same, and thinks it possible to play the first annual game this Winter.

baseman of the St. Louis Nationals, must look to me for orders and I must has signed to play with the Baltimore pass upon any contracts they sign; and only a little way from Kling's feet. pass upon any contracts they sign; and if I learn they have signed a player who is under contract, I shall imme-

aseball teams. The Portland branch of the Spalding and he has now become a bench man-The Portland branch of the Spalding Company also will have posters made up for the benefit of the managers. These will be printed on the date that the weekly schedule is made up and sent to the manager of outside teams early enough in the week to advertise his game. Booking and general management of the league will be taken care of by

complaints of any nature can be given Miller Huggins was flirling with the full consideration by the heads. Dis-full consideration by the heads. Dis-fringe of nervous prostration last summer because he is excitable by that have not acted in good faith will nature, and he was losing and his playbe put on a black list, from which they not be removed until such a time as they have proved or given assurance that their offense will not be repeated. Manager Spangler, of the Portland Spalding store, will handle the entries for the time being and all managers for the time being and an managers wishing to become part of the league are requested by him to send in their applications. Some of the managers who have sig-nified their intention of being in the

nified their intention of being in the combine are: Harris Robinson, Con-don, Or.: Charles Barr, Estacada; A. J. Quay, Pleasant Home; E. W. Morrison Fairview; R. C. Baker, Salem; Bidd Bishop, McMinnville; Perle White, Sher wood; Sam Leonard, Sheridan; J. I Biddy Hardy, Beaverton: Joseph Carson, Hood River; Harry Morgan, Astoria; H. R. Edmonds, Tillamook; W. Wengenroth, Woodburn; Joseph Kinzer, Mount An-gel; A. G. Senders, Albany; C. W. May-ger, Hubbard; J. B. Milne, Corvallis;

lan, Winlock, Wash., and A. C. Baker Olympia, Wash.

CONTRACTS TO BE RESPECTED

Federals Not to Sign Men Who Have

Agreed to Play Elsewhere. CHICAGO, Jan. 10 .- Because he is

under contract there is no possibility of Jake Daubert, first baseman of the Brooklyn National League Club, being signed by the Pittsburg club of the Federal League, according to James Gilmore, president of the Federal

League. League, Reports from New York last night stated Daubert had been offered a berth with the Pittsburg club at a salary of \$30,000 for three years. "My statement that no contract play era will be signed by the Federa League stands," said President Gilmore, when told of the Daubert report.

have no objections to my managers go

ferent matter.

Fred Clarke has a more even tem-perament than Chance, but he has no perament than Chance, but the iron-driving methods. Neverthe ceived pledges of co-operation from 27 less, the strain of the game began to The league will be taken care of by James Richardson, Beaver scout and ex-umpire of the Tri-State League. Full reports of all games will be mailed to the league directors so that

ers were sore and the owners were sore, I heard a story recently that applies to the manager of a losing team. It may be an old one, but it has the virtue of being brief. The Inebriate, after gamboling wi Bacchus all night, awoke and saw with monkey sitting on the foot-rail of his bed. It had deserted an organbed. grinder.

"If you are really a monkey," said the man, drawing a bead on the ani-mal with a revolver, "then you are in a heluva fix, and, if you are not a monkey, then I'm in a heluva fix." Any manager who is running a los-ing club and trying to work in the ing club and trying to work in the lineup, too, is in a "heluva fix."

### Criticiam Worries Herzog.

All this discussion was to lead up to the personality of "Charlie" Herzog, who is preparing to manage the Chn-cinnati Reds. Herzog is the sort of player that the strain of the season sel: A. G. Senders, Albany: C. W. May-ger, Hubbard; J. B. Milne, Corvallis; Frank Ballou, St. Heiens: Ralph Hol-nier: Lieutenant A. F. Applin, Fort Ste-vens; Sergeant J. H. Hall, Vancouver Barracks: M. F. Cox, Camas, Wash; Harry Griesen, Woodland, Wash; Guy Spalding, Goldendale, Wash; A. J. Quil-wash and continually to Spalding, Goldendale, Wash; A. J. Quil-wash and the continually to Spalding and the set of t

"Don't pay any attention to what they say, Herzie," "Mac" would advise. "I don't care what they say about you; they can't manage my club for me.

they can't manage my club for me." When he was with the Giants for the first time before going to Boston. Herzog got in a jam with old "Joe" McGinnity, who had made some crack about a play that Herzog had pulled off. The words began to fly thick and fast until fists were substituted for the words and the two had to be torn apart. This, I have always believed, was one reason why McGraw let Herwas one reason why McGraw let Her zog go from the Glants to Bosten.

### Famous Play Weighs.

There is a famous play, which many vill recall, which worried Herzog for long time, although none of the Giants, not even McGraw, over said anything to him about it. This was in the play-off game in 1908, when the Cubs met and defeated the Giants in the one extra battle that was to deof course, everybody was high-

ing after players who are merely held by the reserve clause, but as to sign-ing a contract player, that is a dif-second—things began to look good for the Glants. Herzog was on first base and Kling pulled an old trick. He "All managers of the Federal League

only a little way from Kling's feet. Herzog grabbed the balt and made a break for second, only to be nipped diately refuse to accept such a con-tract. As soon as any manager learns that a player is under contract, he must drop all negotiations with him." by a mile. He fretted over that play for a long time. (Copyright, 1911, by the Wheeler Syndi-cate, Inc.)