

COBB MAY ASK FOR FORTUNE

PRESENT CONTRACT FOR \$27,000.00 EXPIRING.

Detroit Will Have to Sign Him Anew at Advanced Salary of Course.

This is Ty Cobb's last year under the \$27,000 contract which he signed three years ago with the Detroit club. Before the great ball player dons a uniform next season he will have to be signed to a new agreement, and it is needless to say that this will call for decidedly more salary than he is at present drawing.

There is considerable speculation among ball players and baseball men as to the amount Cobb will demand



Photos by American Press Association.

THREE VIEWS OF TY COBB.

In his next contract, but that it will call for a formidable increase is generally conceded. Cobb is just as good a ball player now as he was three years ago. In fact, he is probably better, though being with a losing team handicaps him to a certain extent. But it is not his ability which directly demands an increase, but the fact that Cobb is today the greatest drawing card in baseball. There is no doubt that Cobb as an individual draws something like \$30,000 into the coffers of the Detroit club during a season.

Cobb is mum on the subject, only to say that if he plays next year he will be well paid. While there is nothing authentic about it, it is asserted that he proposes to demand a three year contract which calls for \$50,000, a figure by no means exorbitant when his ability as a player is concerned and his drawing proclivities are taken into consideration.

BOISE SLAMS BEARS ABOUT

IRRIGATORS TAKE YESTERDAY'S GAME, TOO.

League Leaders Receiving an Awful Drubbing in Boise This Week.

Boise, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Something that does the fans along the line heaps of good is the way the Irrigators are trimming the Bears' this week. Smith, the erstwhile Vancouver artist, held Walla Walla down to

LAJOIE KEEPS SAME PAIR OF CRUTCHES FIFTEEN YEARS.

Some persons after recovering from an accident throw away the crutches which they used when crippled. But Nap Lajoie, Cleveland's star infielder, is not one of that kind. Nap has a pair of which he has been the owner for the last fifteen years and which he intends to retain possession of as long as he remains in baseball.

"When you're playing baseball you never know when you are going to have use for the sticks," says Larry. "Bought them when I was a member of the Phillies back in 1898. My friends told me to throw them away, but I thought so long as they did not take up much room I would give them storage. Well, I had to get them out again before I quit the Phillies and four times since I came to Cleveland, and they are not worn out yet. Couple of pretty good pals."

MODERN FIGHTERS SKILLFUL.

So Says Jack Johnson, Who Bears No Bruises After 118 Fights.

No "tin" ears, nor battered face, nor "broken" hands.

Yet Jack Johnson has fought 118 battles in the prize ring. "The modern fighter is not beaten up like the old time gladiator," said the big colored heavyweight in Cincinnati recently. "Look at those hands," and Johnson showed out two big fists. "There isn't a thing the matter with them. My ears don't show a single blow. The modern fighter is more skillful. He learns how to box so as to escape punishment. Speed and skill are his chief characteristics."

Johnson appears in excellent condition. He looks much bigger in ring costume than he does in his street clothes. He is wonderfully built from head to foot, the unusual shape of his head making him appear taller than he really is. Johnson still carries that "golden smile," and his general demeanor is that of an overgrown boy. "Have you heard that Jeffries intends to fight all the 'white hopes' and then challenge you if he is successful?" Johnson was asked.

"I don't think there is anything in it. Jeffries would never have fought me if he hadn't been broke," Johnson answered.

"How about Flynn?"

"He is a strong fellow," said the champion, "but he hasn't had the experience, and he doesn't know how to box."

Johnson weighs 235 pounds, which is about fifteen pounds of excess weight.

PEARE TAKES FIRST GAME

SCROGGIN LOSES 6-0; 6-2, BUT PLAYS GOOD TENNIS.

Dates Set for Nearly All Preliminaries—Second Match Tonight.

Last evening Willie Peare won the first match in the La Grande tournament by defeating Tom J. Scroggin two straight sets, 6-0, 6-2. Peare played fast tennis and he will be something for someone to reckon with in the next round. Scroggin, considering that he has practised hardly at all this year, played a good game and displayed ability to play a fast game if he were in good condition.

Tonight Nelson will play Armstrong at 4:30. Following are the games now scheduled:

Sunday morning, Bragg vs. Newlin, B. M. A. court. All others on Stange court. Theisen vs. Seigrist, 10:30; afternoon, Frees vs. Lottes, 3:30; Monday evening, Curry vs. Ramsey; Tuesday morning, Good vs. Green; 4:30 in afternoon, Berale vs. Squires.

There are two other preliminaries yet to be scheduled: Stange vs. Allen, and Wenzel vs. Kerr. There will be time Sunday, or Monday morning, or any other time that suits the convenience of the players.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe will continue in a repertoire of Shakespeare's plays.

a menial 5 hits while the Irrigators touched Bridger for 13. The game was exciting, splendid fielding marking the contest. The score:

R. H. F. Walla Walla 1 2 1

Boise 2 13 2

Batteries—Bridger and Brown; Johnson; Smith and Taylor.

RAILROADERS FORFEIT GAME

LEAVE FIELD AT END OF SECOND INNING WITHOUT CAUSE.

With a Score of 9-2 Against Them, Quit, Claiming Darkness.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Clerks	7	3	.700
Palmer Mill	6	3	.667
Bankers	3	5	.375
Railroaders	2	7	.222

Last evening the Railroaders left the field at the close of the second inning with a score of 9-2 against them. The game had been loosely played, especially upon the part of the Railroaders and at the end of the second inning they refused to play further. Everything was getting along nicely until when suddenly from the perfectly clear, although rapidly darkening sky, came the half-hearted dispute over finishing the game. On their way to the bench, it seems, Captain Irwin of the Railroaders asked Umpire Harding if it was not getting too dark. Harding says that he said it was getting pretty dark. Irwin claimed that Harding had called the game. The rules of the league state that a game can not be counted unless three innings be played, but when Harding told the teams to play the third inning the Railroaders refused and started for home. Umpire Harding had no other choice than to forfeit the game to the Bankers.

The results of the two innings played are as follows:

BANKERS.		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Colbert, 1b	1	2	1	2	0	0	0
Duncombe, c	2	1	2	2	1	0	0
Squires, ss	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Geddes, p	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Wenzel, lf	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
F. Ralston, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Berry, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, cf	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Grady, 2b	0	1	0	1	2	0	0

13	9	6	6	5	1
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RAILROADERS.		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ralston, 1b	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Irwin, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childers, 2b	1	0	0	1	3	2	0
Beeman, p	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Reynolds, ss	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brown, 3b	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Scranton, lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dugman, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ellsworth, c	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

8	2	3	6	1	4
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SCORE BY INNINGS.

Bankers	3	6	9
Railroaders	0	2	0

SUMMARY.

Earned runs, Railroaders 2, Bankers 2; two base hits, Duncombe (2), Colbert, Squires, Wenzel, Reynolds, Brown; first on balls, off Beeman 1; struck out, by Geddes 1; wild pitch, Beeman; passed balls, Ellsworth 2; first base on errors, Bankers 2, Railroaders 1; hit by pitcher, Grady. Umpire Harding.

PAT FLAHERTY'S RETURN BALL.

"Pat Flaherty's return ball," says Helme Peltz, "kept him in fast company a long time after he had nothing else. He'd shoot one over, and if you missed it the catcher would fairly bullet the ball back to Pat, who would instantly send it across before you regained your balance from the previous swing."

"One time Pat threw one to John Kling. John spun round like a top, and Pat immediately fired in his return ball. Kling was still reeling, and, coming around for the fourth time, his bat met the ball and belted it into the deep field for three bases. That almost broke Pat's heart and really caused him to think about retiring."

Big Crowd at Arcade.

The Arcade was filled to capacity last evening to see the big five reel production of Oliver Twist. Tonight is the last chance to see it. Coming tomorrow: Grand re-opening of vaudeville with Daley and Shewbrook, comedy entertainers. This act comes well recommended and is a scream from start to finish. Prices as usual, 10 cents.

FOOTBALL ENDS SUMMER SLEEP

RUDIMENTS OF GAME KNOWN TO SQUAD.

Couch and Captain Have Already Mastered Important Preliminaries.

With diligent practice and training less than a fortnight away, His Majesty Coach Poe Caylor, Captain Bohnenkamp and Manager Ralston, form a triumvirate of working brains for the early talk on high school football possibilities and prospects. With last year's second team and a substantial nucleus from the regulars of 1911 to work with, these three can see but little difficulty in forecasting a brilliant future. Just who will show up in school this fall is still problematical but if those return who showed such good form last year, there should be but little trouble in store.

Tackling Largely Overcome.

Caylor won't have the serious handicap on his hands this year that was a fact last year, relative to driving the rudiments of tackling into his squad. Last year his material knew about as much—and showed their ignorance—as a mule does about singing "Everybody's Doing It." It took weeks of hard training to get the proper tackling spirit into the bunch but before the Baker game this was mastered, to stay mastered; one never forgets how to tackle once the trick is solved; unless a streak of that stuff the insurance men designate fire traps with creeps into the spine of the tackler.

As for a general knowledge of the game as it was played last year, and will be this year, the squad stands pretty well for the rudiments to perform in last year's game are largely embodied in the 1912 brand.

AWFUL GAME GOES TO BUCKS; THE SCORE WAS 24 TO 0

Pendleton, Aug. 24.—(Special)—It was the worst defeat that any team in the league has suffered that La Grande met yesterday afternoon from the Buckaroos. In eight innings Pendleton scored 24 runs, while the tallenders drew nine straight blanks. Mountain assumed the role of pitcher, and any schoolboy could have done the job as well. Twenty-five hits taken off him, eleven of them being for extra bases, and eight times he issued a free pass to first. His team-mates, discouraged by his weakness, gave him the support that was his due, and as a result, the Bucks swung their bats

MAKING A BASEBALL.

The Winding Process Is Done in Secret in a Locked Room.

In the center of the standard baseball, as used by the professional players, there is a globe of compressed cork covered with rubber. This globe is about an inch in diameter and around it are wound a few layers of coarse twine. It is then sent to the winding room, where machines first wind on thick four ply blue yarn. At frequent intervals the ball is soaked in a cement solution and put aside to dry.

Many different workers have to do with the winding of the ball. Each workman tests it for size and weight before he passes it along. The machines insure tight and even winding and there are different machines for different sizes of yarn. These machines are operated in secret in a locked room. When the ball has been wound to the proper size with blue and white yarn and has been dipped in the solution, it is wound finally with smaller yarn. Thus the firm, rough center is overlaid with finer and finer material until at last it is smooth and perfect, ready for the cover.

The best horsehide obtainable is used for covers. The pieces are cut by hand and dampened and stretched. The ball is put into clamps and the cover sewed on with cotton thread, which has a greater frictional strength than linen or silk. Each ball is sewed by hand and then put into a machine that irons down the seams. The polishing is done by still another machine. Then, after being stamped and wrapped, the ball is ready for market.

A ball weighs five ounces and is nine inches in circumference. In the course of manufacture it is weighed and measured five times.—Harper's Weekly.

Helarich Signs Match.

Baker, Aug. 24.—(Special)—Articles have been signed for a wrestling match in this city on Aug. 30 between Joe Helarich and Henry Ghering of Detroit, Mich. The papers call for a finish match, best two out of three falls. They will wrestle for a percentage of the gate receipts and a side bet.

Gehring has the appearance of being a fast man and the fans are anticipating a good exhibition. The

GUN CONTEST IS ARRANGED

SEPTEMBER NINTH TO BE A BIG DAY LOCALLY.

Local Gun Club Arranges Big Shoot Program for Ante-Fair Date.

Events that will be shot off at the big blue rock tournament here September 9th have been prepared by President Lewis of the La Grande Gun club, and interest is attached to it in three or four counties. The events, the added money and rules of the big meet are appended:

PROGRAM OF EVENTS.
Monday, September 9.

Event 1.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 2.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 3.	20 Singles, \$20 added	Entrance \$2.00
Event 4.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 5.	15 Pair Doubles, \$15 added	Entrance \$3.00
Event 6.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 7.	25 Team Singles, \$25 added	Entrance \$3.00
Event 8.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 9.	20 Singles, \$20 added	Entrance \$2.00
Event 10.	15 Singles, \$15 added	Entrance \$1.50
Event 11.	25 Handicap (Silver Cup)	Entrance \$2.50

THE PRIZES.

First High Average	\$15.00
Second High Average	10.00
Third High Average	5.00

PRESS LEWIS, President

L. RAYBURN, Field Captain

W. M. KIDDLE, Secretary-Treasurer

RULES THAT GOVERN.

All purses divided on percent system. Bird deducted at 3 cents each. Shooting will commence at 9 a. m. Revised interstate rules govern all contests. Contestants will be requested to make entrance for the entire program, and all money for uncontested events will be refunded. Professionals will be permitted to shoot for targets only. All targets will be thrown from a single trap at unknown angles. There will be plenty of ammunition for sale on the grounds. Lunch served on the grounds. Trap open all day Sunday and Monday morning for practice.

local wrestler will have an advantage of 10 pounds in weight, but Gehring expects to overcome this handicap by his quickness.

William Favorsham will head a large company in "Julius Caesar."

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