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### COAST LEAGUE OPENS TOMORROW

Initial Contest Will Be Staged at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake and Sacramento

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—For the first time in the history of the Pacific coast baseball circuit, the initial contest will be for honors on the official opening day of the 1919 season. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Sacramento have been chosen to stage the initial contest which will send the clubs off in their race for the pennant which symbolizes supremacy in the national games in the far west.

According to reports given out by officials of the various clubs, the advance sale of seats indicate a big revival of interest in the sport which, during the war, fell away to such an extent that it was necessary to curtail the season. From Salt Lake City comes the word that virtually every seat in the reserved section at Bonneville Park already has been disposed of. Business men of that city also have declared for a half holiday in order to allow their employees and themselves an opportunity to participate in the special occasions.

In each of the four cities festival programs of a more or less elaborate nature have been prepared including parades, and parades in which bands will figure conspicuously. State, county and city officials have been invited, and accepted, the invitations to take part in the ceremonies.

The initial clashes of the 1919 season are scheduled as:

San Francisco versus Seattle at San Francisco.

Salt Lake City versus Vernon at Salt Lake City.

Portland versus Los Angeles at Los Angeles.

Sacramento versus Oakland at Sacramento.

All of the teams have had a right preliminary training at various California camps in preparation for the season, but it is a difficult matter to make any accurate comparisons as to their relative strengths and playing merits. San Francisco and Sacramento generally are conceded to have strong combinations which should start out with an impressive showing. In the opinion of some of the experts, the Salt Lake City club, while it is well fixed for veterans who are familiar with the game, is lacking in batting strength which will have to be bolstered up before it will make a formidable showing. Tomorrow will be the first time that the Salt Lake City followers of their team will have seen their team in action as the club has been training in California. The Salt Lakers, also will have their first formal introduction to the "big" manager, Edin Moor.

There is considerable buzz about Adolph Schickel, who pitched for the team in 1917, and who was in the mound in the opening game Schickel is one of the "stars" in the league who has stepped out of the army uniform into a baseball uniform. He made a creditable showing at the Pittsburg, California, spring camp in his preliminary workouts.

There is practically a unanimity of opinion that the combination of Portland and Seattle, making an eight team league, will have much to do with making the coming year a new one. The fact that all the Pacific coast states now are represented in the circuit instead of only California, as heretofore, is expected to give the baseball public an increased interest in the affairs of the organization as well as the element of international rivalry which has been introduced. In the past there has been criticism to the effect that, heretofore composed, the Pacific coast league was such in name only.

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### BUSY TIME AT AD. CLUB TODAY

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Ed Coolidge, C. H. Miller, Capt. Smith of the National Army, Dr. R. P. Murphy, Dr. W. D. McMillan, Dr. E. J. McQuinn, A. C. Hamilton and C. D. Eubank. The report of the nominating committee was adopted, thus electing the directors.

Each of the men named is to have charge of a separate department of the work which the club will undertake and will choose his own committee. The directors are to meet tonight at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:45 to complete the organizing by election of a president and other necessary officers, and assign the members to the various committees.

F. L. Meyers also presented a report of a committee on by-laws, by which a vice-president of the club will be appointed in every town in the county. To form a local organization. These clubs will work with the central club but will collect and dispose of their own membership fees. W. Vogel, of Union, spoke at the meeting in support of the club.

Other speakers were Frank H. Manning, assistant director of relief for the American Red Cross; F. H. Spillman, county agent; and F. E. Newell, of the State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Manning addressed the meeting for an expression of opinion regarding the maintenance of the local U. S. employment office and a motion favoring local support of this office for a period of two or three months was passed. Mr. Spillman had a few words to say in regard to the Shorburn sale which will be held in La Grande May 1st, and also extended an invitation to all interested parties to go with him tomorrow on the stock market trip. Mr. Newell's appeal was for support of the Chamber of Commerce membership drive. Union county has been asked for \$1000, he said, toward the support of that organization.

"The Barrier," by Rex Beach at the Star, Saturday and Sunday. 4-8-41

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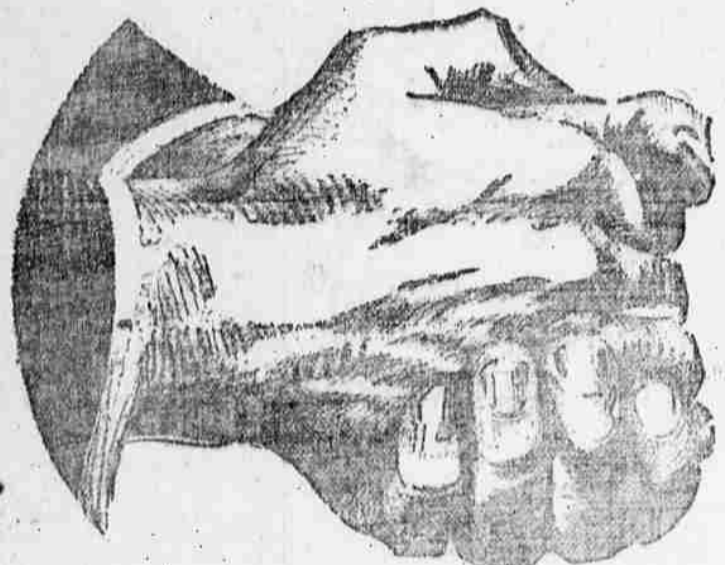
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