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John J. McGraw's Pre-Season Predictions Are Being Borne Out.

By Gayle Talbot Jr.
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

John J. McGraw predicted in the training season that the new ball would have a marked influence on the National league race and made his plans accordingly.

"All I need," the Giants pilot said at San Antonio, "is pitching, and I'll get that with this new ball. It's going to make a big difference. You'll see."

How well McGraw sized up the situation is admirably illustrated in the standing today. Largely because of hurling the Giants are running a powerful second in the National league, a bare half-game behind the St. Louis Cardinals.

Highest Average

McGraw's moundsmen have gone the route in 14 out of 24 games, the highest average in either league. Second in that respect are the Boston Braves, whose pitchers have started and finished 14 out of 25. The Philadelphia Athletics, with 13 complete games out of 24, hold the best record in the American.

Another Giant, Bill Walker, pitched the full nine yesterday in setting the Cardinals down 6 to 3. The crack lefthander allowed only six hits and none of the runs off him was earned. The victory gave the Giants two out of three from the 1930 champions.

Brandt Wins Again

Ed Brandt, the Braves' big southpaw, who could win only four victories out of 41 games in which he participated last year, scored his sixth straight triumph at the expense of the Pittsburgh Pirates, 3 to 1. The lone score off him was the result of a homer by Phillips, the Pirates rookie catcher.

Led by Babe Herman, the Brooklyn Robins enjoyed a field day against the luckless Cincinnati Reds. The score was 14 to 4, and Herman cracked a homer, triple, double and single.

Don Hurst's pinch single off Jakie May drove in the winning run as the Phillies scored twice in the ninth to nose out the Chicago Cubs, 5 to 4. Buzz Arlett hit his seventh homer of the year in the second inning.

Boston Nosed Out

The Chicago White Sox turned the neatest trick of the day in the American league when they rallied for six runs in the ninth round to beat Boston, 9 to 8. Simons, a pinch hitter, drove in the winning runs with a lusty double after two were out.

There was no sign of a let-up on the part of the Athletics as they continued their whirlwind tour of the west. They defeated Cleveland for their tenth straight victory, 10 to 7, taking a firmer hold on first place and sending the Indians down to sixth. Foxx, Simmons and Cochrane each got three hits.

The New York Yankees kept pace by scoring a 20 to 8 victory over the Detroit Tigers and squaring their four-game series. It was a wild one, the Yanks batting around in three innings against four various and assorted Tiger pitchers. Even Mark Koenig, respectacled shortstop, took a turn on the mound before it was over.

FONSECA TO CLEVELAND

CHICAGO, May 19 (AP)—After being disappointed yesterday, White Sox fans today were hopeful of seeing how Lew Fonseca looks in one of Charles A. Comiskey's uniforms.

Fonseca, traded by Cleveland to the White Sox for Willie Kamm, failed to appear yesterday but Kamm reached Cleveland in time to make a pair of hits and field well for the Indians.

HEMSLEY TO RETURN

PITTSBURGH, May 19 (AP)—Everything is forgiven, and Ralston Hemsley, the catcher, is to return to the Pittsburgh Pirates this afternoon in Philadelphia.

Hemsley, suspended by Manager Jewel Ens for failing to report for an important series after a brief leave of absence, received a telegram from his boss last night and he departed immediately for the east.

Baseball Standings

By the Associated Press

COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Hollywood	23	19	.548
Los Angeles	21	18	.538
Portland	21	19	.525
San Francisco	21	20	.512
Missions	21	20	.512
Sacramento	20	21	.488
Oakland	18	21	.462
Seattle	17	24	.415

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	16	7	.696
New York	16	10	.615
Washington	18	12	.600
Detroit	16	15	.516
Chicago	12	15	.444
Cleveland	12	16	.429
Boston	11	16	.407
St. Louis	7	17	.292

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	15	6	.714
New York	16	8	.667
Boston	15	10	.600
Chicago	12	11	.522
Pittsburgh	13	14	.481
Philadelphia	11	15	.423
Brooklyn	11	16	.407
Cincinnati	6	19	.240

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Pacific Coast

San Francisco 3, Sacramento 5. Only game scheduled.

National

At Boston 3, Pittsburgh 1.
At New York 6, St. Louis 3.
At Brooklyn 14, Cincinnati 4.
At Philadelphia 5, Chicago 4.

American

At Chicago 9, Boston 8.
At Detroit 8, New York 20.
At Cleveland 7, Washington 10.
Only games scheduled.

Sacramento To Test Portland In Next Series

By the Associated Press

While the San Francisco Seals and Sacramento Senators were making up for lost time last night, the other coast league teams rested and today all were ready to face different opponents as another week's series started.

The Senators beat the Seals 5 to 3 at Sacramento last night in a game to replace one postponed Wednesday by bad weather. The game developed a mound duel between Freitas of the Senators, and Douglas of the Seals, with Freitas, who struck out nine men, finally winning out. The victory failed to give Sacramento the series, the Seals winning it four games to three.

There were several changes at the end of the last week's series in club standings. Hollywood took six out of seven games from Oakland and jumped from seventh to first place replacing Portland which fell to third. Oakland was pushed from second to seventh place. The Missions won their series yet dropped from a tie for third to a tie for fourth with the Seals. Los Angeles held onto second place while Seattle remains last where it has been since the season started.

Portland To Play Sacs

This week Hollywood will play the Seals at San Francisco, Seattle will be at Oakland, the Missions will travel to Los Angeles and Portland will play at Sacramento.

Yesterday's result:

	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	3	7	1
Sacramento	5	10	1

Douglas and Penebsky; Freitas and Wirts.

Foul Will Not Decide Battle, Cleveland Rules

CLEVELAND, May 19 (AP)—A no-foul rule, with possible reservations, will prevail when Max Schmeling defends his heavyweight championship from "Young" Stribling here July 3.

Announcement that the title would not be decided on a foul was made by the Cleveland boxing commission yesterday. The commission, however, considered amending its decision so that in the event a foul forces the end of the bout, heavy cash penalties might be inflicted.

The contracts of both fighters call for acquiescence to the rules of the commission. "Pa" Stribling, father-manager of the contender, in a letter has favored some sort of a no-foul rule, but Joe Jacobs, manager of the champion, said on his arrival last night that he would "have plenty to say about that later."

Union Seniors Get Sheepskins As Year Closes

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—Members of the 1931 graduating class of Union High made their last appearance as a single unit when they filed upon the stage Friday night to the time of music played by the High school orchestra. After the short program the 24 members of the senior class were presented diplomas by C. L. Cadwell, president of the school board. The program was:

Invocation, Rev. R. C. Lee.
Vocal solo, "Friend o' Mine," Mrs. Edith.
Salutatory, Ronald Crosland.
Valedictory, Dorothy Posey.
Cornet solo, "Gayety Polka," Glase Vaden.
Address to the class, L. Z. Terrall.
Presentation of diplomas, C. L. Cadwell.
Benediction, Rev. R. C. Lee.

Those receiving diplomas were: Dora Crouter, Ronald Crosland, Reynolds Baxter, Barton Conner, Lois Cline, Edith Marie Cheney, Kenneth P. Calvin, Leonard S. Clark, Max L. DeVore, Edna Edvalson, Vivian Jory, Norine Kofford, Oreta Baum, Lowell Hutchinson, Wilfred Leidtke, Dorothy Coral Posey, Glenn Taylor, H. Ray Stratton, Grase Vaden, Irene Wilkinson, Weldon Weaver, Eldora Hutchinson, Royal Wilde and Allen Zaugg.

One of the best amateur productions staged at the High school in recent years was the senior class play, "Rose of El Monte," presented to an appreciative audience that taxed the capacity of the gym. The gay Mexican and cowboy costumes worn by the ushers helped to create an atmosphere of life along the Mexican border. Eldora Hutchinson as the pretty Spanish "Rose of El Monte" and Noreen Kofford the wilful daughter of a New York widow (Lois Cline) seeking a fortune, acted their parts admirably. Welden Weaver as Wong, the Chinese servant of Colonel Dumbarton (Ronald Crosland) and Oreta Baum as the Indian cook furnished most of the laughs for the crowd. Barton Conner and Max DeVore, the desert outlaws, never forsook their villainous ways, in their efforts to defraud the colonel of his money and cattle. Dora Crouter, modest girl of the desert, deserted by her rascally husband furnished the pathos of the story. Glenn Taylor, acting the part of ranch foreman for the colonel and Glase Vaden as Mexican helper divided honors as heroes of the story. Music was furnished between acts by the high school orchestra.

Vivian Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, came over from Boise to attend the senior play and commencement exercises.

W. O. Haggerty returned Thursday from a week's visit in Portland with h ison Emerson and family. Emerson is bookkeepr in the main offices of the Pendleton, Washougal and other woolen mills.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stratton and Carl and Neva drove over from their ranch near Canyon City to attend commencement exercises their son, Ray being one of the graduates. They returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. Gus Levy, of Baker, spent Thursday here with the Levys.

May Shanks returned Saturday evening from a visit in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haggerty and Clifton Baxter came in from Burns Saturday evening to spend Sunday wit htheir home folks, returning home Sunday evening.

BUTLER BUSY IN SALEM ON POLICE PLAN

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and a national network. He was introduced by Governor Meier who called him "a straight thinker, a straighter speaker and a straight shooter."

Butler outlined some of his ideas regarding an ideal police system, and declared such an organization must be kept free of politics or "other corrupt influence."

"Old gimlet eyes" urged Oregonians to stamp out the first signs of racketeering within the state. For, he said, "you cannot have safety without civic cleanliness."

Referring to the charges made by Independence Hall of Oregon, which filed a referendum petition against the police bill, that such a constabulary would be "a reversion to the Cossackism of old Russia," he declared the same charge had been made in Pennsylvania by men and women who now indorse the state police heartily.

He urged thorough training for the consolidated force. "Well trained men are poised and command public respect," he said, "without which no police force can function properly."

PROPERTY TAXES IN OREGON SHOW NO BIG INCREASE

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of 35.95 per cent from $96.82 in 1921 to $63.29 in 1931.

Union county increased from $41.29 to $59 in 1931, a jump of 20.8 per cent. Wallowa increased from $51.48 in 1921 to $64.22 in 1931, or 5.32 per cent. Umatilla county increased 1.12 per cent, or from $59.76 in 1921 to $60.45 in 1931. Baker showed an increase of 3.25 per cent from $43.53 in 1921 to $44.74 in 1931. Except for Baker, Union county's per capita of $59 was the lowest among the four Eastern Oregon counties quoted, and in the state as a whole, it was eleventh from the bottom. In other words, 35 of the 36 counties in the state had a higher per capita tax in 1921 than Union county.

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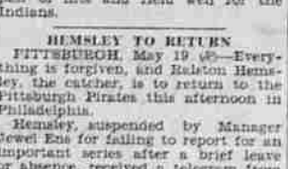

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STANFORD STAR PREFERS BOOKS TO YANKEE POST

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two thousand dollars at 20 is important money but a college education looms bigger still to Don Johnson, varsity pitcher for Stanford university.

So Johnson, still too young to vote, is withholding his signature from the New York Yankee contract offered him by Bill Essick, scout for Joe McCarthy.

Under the terms of Essick's offer Johnson would be paid a bonus of $2000 for signing and receive a monthly salary of around $600 if he made good.

Although he admits that he may change his mind, Johnson thinks he would like to graduate first and then decide regarding his career.

The Hollywood youth, a sophomore, won nine of his ten starts this season, breaking California's long winning streak by pitching the Indians to three straight victories, the first break in six annual California triumphs.

And Always Wrong

A man always is unreasonable when he tries to prove to his wife that he is right.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. J. R. Price

COVE, Ore. (Special)—Among those from the Grande Ronde valley who attended the annual co-operative dairy meeting held at Weiser were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, Ralph Robinson, county tester, Richard Wade, Ernest Kohler, George Baxter and Mrs. Melville. They report a fine social meeting and an excellent program. Admission tickets for 3400 adults and 1700 children were given out and a merry-go-round ride was donated to each child.

Alvin Peterman was taken to Hot Lake Friday for treatment of an injury received Thursday afternoon when he was thrown from his "bug" which was being driven by Jack Paige. Alvin's foot was dislodged from the step and caught under the wheel of the car, and he was dragged some distance causing a deep wound above the ankle.

A fire around the chimney of the home of Jack McBride Friday afternoon was discovered by neighbors in time to prevent much damage. A bucket brigade was soon formed, putting out the blaze with only a few feet of the roof burned away.

A party of 14 high school students went to the top of Mt. Fannie Friday. The groups took different trails to the top, some going by the Twin Buttes and some by the trail up the face of the cliff. About the same number went the Saturday before accompanied by Miss Mae Hileman and Miss Pat Hubbard.

K. J. Stackland, chairman of the school board, presented a prize to the boy and girl in the graduating class of 1931 whose grades were the best. These prizes were books and were presented to Miss Clara Roberts and Harold Blank. Mr. Stackland suggested that this be made a yearly event as he deems the application necessary to make the highest grades worthy of recognition.

Miss Margaret Hubbard, Miss Mae Hileman and Miss Bernice Vis, who have lived in the Borkgren apartments during the school year, left Friday for La Grande and left from there Saturday morning for Eugene.

Archdeacon Sidney W. Creasey, of Pendleton, will be in Cove Wednesday preparing the Ascension buildings for occupancy by the time of the annual Episcopal summer school which opens early in June. He will hold services at the Ascension church next Sunday, May 24.

Mt. Fanny grange presented the Cove public library with six new volumes Friday. They are, "Richards First Lessons in Feed Diet," Bashore's "Sanitation of the Country House," "Prize Essays of American Public Health Association," "Barn Plans and Out Buildings With 375 Illustrations," "Vivians First Principles of Soil Fertility," and "Coburn's Book of Alfalfa." These will be a valuable addition to the two shelves of books in the library which are of interest to farmers and the two shelves dealing with home economics which are of interest to farm women.

Mrs. Minnie McDannel has gone to Vale, Ore., for a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ivers. Mrs. McDannel left Thursday.

The girls of the No. 2 cooking club will give a supper for their parents Thursday evening at Camp Yew Bow. This is one of the projects of the work under the second division. Maxine Towle, who was the first girl to finish all the work of the second division will be the guest of honor.

The eighth graders took their state examinations Thursday and Friday. The seventh graders took the state examination in geography Friday afternoon.

HILGARD PERSONALS

By Wilmerth Weimer
(Observer Correspondent)

HILGARD, Ore. (Special) — A delightful party honoring Mrs. J. B. Weimer was given at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Bova, last Saturday afternoon. The time was spent visiting and sewing. Those present were Mrs. J. F. Bishop, Mrs. Harry Petzold, Mrs. Oscar Brashears, Mrs. John Price, the honor guest and the hostess.

Miss Melba Prade, who has been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Guy Thornbrue, returned to her home in Spokane last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gurney, of Mt. Emily logging camp, visited at Milton-Freewater and Weston Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Lilly, of La Grande, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Salling, for several days recently.

For the last several days a number of bands of sheep have been put on spring range. Smythe brothers, of Arlington, shipped in six large bands; Warner brothers, of Echo trailed one large band through here en route to Wallowa range, and Pat Dougherty, of Pilot Rock, also trailed one large band through to Wallowa.

The O. A. Thornbrue family have moved from Hilgard to Glover for the summer. Mrs. Thornbrue and daughter, Eva, will cook for a crew of men who will work under Mr. Crowley. Mr. Thornbrue will work with the men cutting logs.

Emory Ferguson was called to Weston last week where his wife and small daughter have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Sanford. He received word that his small daughter had had an accident and hurt her arm, but the injury did not prove to be serious.

IMBLER PERSONALS

By Mrs. Ray Wilson

IMBLER (Special)—Two more cases have occurred recently in this community in which careless shooting has resulted in serious loss. Lady Bell, beautiful black horse belonging to Mrs. Henry McGoldrick was found dead in the pasture. The post mortem examination showed she had been shot. The McGoldricks are lovers of fine horses and Lady Bell, all-time favorite of Mrs. McGoldrick has been shown under her direction at many fairs and stock shows where she has always won first in her class. She was to have been shown at the stock show at Union again this year. Mrs. McGoldrick feels the loss very keenly and naturally resents the negligence of the unknown party responsible for the death of her pet.

Oscar Howell also lost a horse under similar circumstances recently. Trespassers with guns who fire promiscously along roadways and across peoples property where there is no opportunity of clear vision to the full extent of the bullet's flight are a menace to human life as well as the dumb animals, local citizens believe, who regret these losses and would like to see the guilty parties apprehended and punished.

The annual junior-senior banquet was held Saturday evening in the domestic science room of the school house. It was prepared and served by the juniors under the direction of their domestic science instructor, Mrs. Erma Gordon. The beautifully decorated tables showed to advantage in the soft illumination of candle lighting.

Leo Munsen acted as toastmaster and also made the address of welcome to the seniors, the faculty and school board after which serving was started of the delicious four-course dinner, during which the following responded to requests from the toastmaster: Jacqueline Berryman, senior class history; Norvan Woodell, senior class will; account of Union county's first school bus, which served for the Imbler school this year, Roberta Brock, a trip to the Gobi desert; Dorman Jackson, main events of the high school days of the seniors; Harold Cole, free advice to every one free of charge.

Frank McKennon, chairman of the school board, and the following faculty members made addresses: Supt. J. W. King, Mrs. Erma Gordon, Miss Vergella Bond, Harry Johnson and Prof. Sweringen.

In addition to the juniors and seniors and those named above there were present Wm. and Melvin Westenskow, Maurice Wels, Audrey Delap, Merl Andrew and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

At the commencement exercises next Wednesday evening Madeline Oliver will be valedictorian and Thea Lloyd salutotarian.

The senior class picnic sponsored by Mrs. Gordon is planned to take place Monday, May 18, at Wallowa Lake.

ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Mary B. Kail
(Observer Correspondent)

ALICEL, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. Frank Stewart and infant son, Vernon Dale, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Frank Gibson last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller and family recently made a business trip to Union.

Mrs. Helen Stranahan, of Portland, recently visited friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, of Union, were weekend guests of Mrs. E. P. Stewart.

The Alicel school baseball team, accompanied by R. A. Ketler and Mrs. Kail, visited the Lower Cove school for a game with them last Friday. The visitors won 40 to 5. This was the second game the two schools have played together this spring with a result of a tie in the first game, played a few weeks ago.

Lorena Stewart and John Friswold took the state eighth grade examinations on Thursday and Friday. Evelyn McKennon and Wren Case wrote on geography. They will receive notice of their grades about the middle of this week. The remainder of the pupils will take their final tests this week and school will close on the 22nd with a picnic at the Cove swimming pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Randall, of La Grande, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Vance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown.

Dr. and Mrs. Masville, of La Grande, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gibson and son, Harry, of Joseph, were guests of relatives in this community last week.

Mrs. Roy Redmond and son, of Imbler, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buchanan last Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Wells recently sold one of her houses to Mr. and Mrs. Yates, of La Grande. The latter expects to move to their new home just as soon as they get some needed repairs finished.

Mrs. Frank Stewart spent several days during the last week at Imbler where she visited her mother, Mrs. McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller and children and Ralph Lyle attended the miniature wedding at the Methodist church in La Grande last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Westenskow, of Imbler, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buchanan.

Mrs. E. P. Stewart and daughters, Minnie and Lorena, visited relatives in Island City last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buchanan entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and Mrs. Joanna Alderman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates, of La Grande, were business visitors in this vicinity several days last week.

R. A. Ketler is cutting wood for Mike Morris, of Lower Cove.

George Hill, who has been visiting for several days at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown, has returned to his home at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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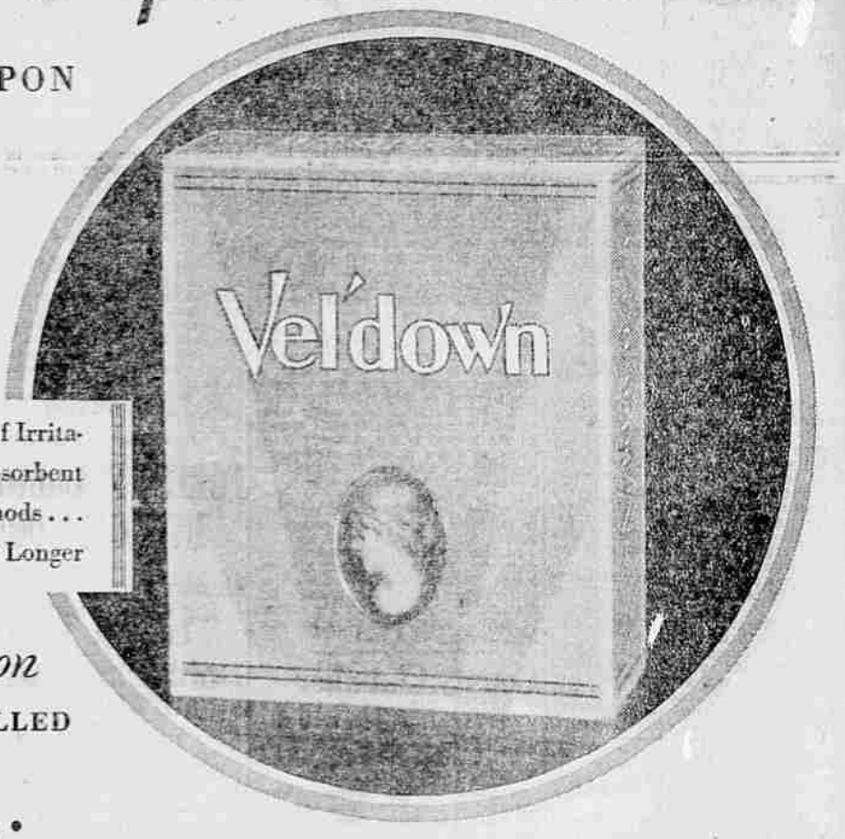

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