

# STAR PITCHERS AT SMALL COST

O'Toole, O'Brien and Alexander Were Once Sold For \$750.

NOW YOU CAN'T BUY 'EM.

Prominent Baseball Man Says Big League Moguls Would Give One Hundred Thousand Cash For Sensational Young Trio.

By TOMMY CLARK.  
Grover Alexander of the Philadelphia Nationals, Marty O'Toole of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Buck O'Brien of the Boston Americans were the three pitching sensations of last season.

Now, what would a big league magnate give for these three? A prominent baseball man was asked. His reply was, "One hundred thousand cash."

Not long ago these three pitchers belonged to one club. This club sold them all, and the total received for the trio was \$750. The difference that



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O'TOOLE AND O'BRIEN, TWO YOUNG PITCHING SENSATIONS.  
Just a few seasons make it \$99,250.

which is a pretty fair rate of interest in valuation.

The case of these three pitchers shows how scouts can go wrong in their judgment and how the best of judges often go astray.

Indianapolis is the club that owned Alexander and O'Toole and O'Brien. W. H. Watkins, who gave Detroit her world championship team, is the owner of the Indianapolis team. Charley Carr, who played in the big leagues at one time for Detroit and who is to manage Kansas City in the association this year, was manager of the Indianapolis club. Both Carr and Watkins looked these three pitchers over thoroughly and passed them up. They brought a draft price which totals \$750.

Other clubs as well as Indianapolis went on these three men. They were wandering around in the bushes for several years before they drew attention from major league clubs. And then, with the exception of O'Toole, they did not develop until they were launched in the major leagues.

Detroit had a chance at all three of them. It had a draft in for Alexander. He cost the Phillies \$500. One other major league club besides Detroit and Fogel's club put in a draft for him. He had been tipped off to Detroit, but careful investigation did not make his out and out purchase appear like a good venture. Just to cover the minor league field through Detroit put in a draft. He went to the Phillies by draft and not another magnate envied Fogel for getting him. Nine months later any of those clubs would have been willing to pay something like \$25,000 for Alexander.

O'Brien, pronounced the best pitcher in the league by Tyrus Cobb, knocked around the minors for several years. Carr had him with his Indianapolis team in Cuba. Frank Navin and Carr talked about O'Brien, but Carr did not see enough in him to advise Detroit to pick him up. The Detroit club also had a scout look O'Brien over when he was pitching down east, but the scout's report did not favor O'Brien.

O'Toole's story is known. Nobody wanted him. They all agreed that he was not fit for major league society. Then suddenly somebody awakened to the fact that he was a great pitcher. Result: Record sale price.

Alexander, O'Toole and O'Brien, these three were a long time coming and were overlooked many times, but when they did arrive a certain major league magnate would willingly give \$100,000 for the three.

### TITUS TO ROW AGAIN.

Twice Champion Single Sculler Now In Training.

Constance C. Titus, twice champion single sculler of the United States and Canada, and William Mehrhoff, the champion in 1910, will re-enter the rowing game this season and have begun training. Both may try to qualify to represent the United States in the sculling events in connection with the Olympic games.

Titus has been in retirement since 1905, when, in the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, he won three championships. Mehrhoff has not competed since he won the single sculling championship at Washington in 1910.

## A Ruffle In Summer Weather

By SARAH I. BURTON.

"Oh, Ned!" exclaimed young Mrs. Watrous, "what did you say that to Mildred Blair for?"

"Say what?"

"That you preferred your own sex to ours; that you had no use for girls and that you had no expectation of ever marrying. In short, you gave her the impression that you are a woman hater."

"I didn't say anything I didn't mean or that I'm ashamed of."

"You have been very unwise. Before you came to visit us I told all the girls what a fine fellow you were, and I expected you to be popular with them."

"I'll have all the more time to spend with you."

"But think of my disappointment at your not being taken up by my friends."

"My dear sister, I am nothing more or less than your brother. You can't unmake me and make me over again. I'm not one to dote upon women. I wasn't born so. I'm very fond of you, as you know, and if I am ever married perhaps I shall be fond of my wife. But in her case I shall expect to take her as I find her, and she will have to take me. Marriage is a great risk that many persons are chary about taking. There are splendid men and women who have such a dread of making that jump in the dark that they die old bachelors and old maids. If your friends don't like me neither you nor I can help it."

"But you don't need to say everything that is in your mind."

"No; I don't. But we are not all born with the same faults. One of mine is occasionally telling the truth."

The day after this dialogue another occurred on the same subject between two other persons. Miss Blair, to whom the objectionable remarks had been made, was sitting on her porch doing fancy work when Miss Edith Towne came along.

"Come up," said Miss Blair.

"I have just a minute to spare, but I will spend that with you. There's a matter about which I wish to speak to you. It's how I shall cut my new summer silk."

Miss Towne came up and seated herself.

"Have you seen Mrs. Watrous' brother?" she asked of Miss Blair.

"Yes, and I don't wish to see him again."

"What's the matter with him?"

"He's a brute."

"How?"

"A woman hater. That's the same thing."

"Indeed! How do you know?"

"He told me so himself."

"That'll make him unpopular, won't it? I'm sorry. His sister was so anxious that we should like him."

"Too bad, isn't it?"

The news spread that Ned Worthington, the only young man who had ever visited the deserted (by the male sex) village of Somerville was destined to be a disappointment to all the girls, each and every, one of whom had looked forward to the possibility of catching him. The young ladies declared that for Mrs. Watrous' sake they would treat him with civility. Since there was no exact definition to the word civil this was unfortunate, because what might mean civil to one might be equivalent to attention or even more than attention to another. However, it was generally understood that so far as the gentleman himself was concerned he was to be made to understand that he was tabooed.

The only trouble with this disposition of the case was that he did not appear to be conscious that he was tabooed. It was summer time, and his principal occupation was sitting in a wicker chair on the piazza with a rug under his feet smoking. And it must be confessed that to the girls who passed he looked very handsome. Besides, he possessed that manly strength tempered by unconsciousness of it, and indolence that is liable to be especially attractive in a man to women.

Mr. Worthington's arrival several of their number seemed to find occasion to be constantly running in to Mrs. Watrous on various errands. Her opinion as to the trimming of a dress was needed, or she must be consulted as to the management of the town library or some united charitable movement. Of course when in Mrs. Watrous' house her brother must be treated not only civilly, but affably. How affably there was no one except the family to bear witness. It was not long before Miss Blair was openly accused of making pretenses for going to Mrs. Watrous' for the express purpose of slipping a noose over the head of the woman hater. Then Miss Blair whispered the same accusation against Miss Towne.

Mr. Worthington finished his visit and sped away without realizing that he had been snubbed. The young ladies who had snubbed him regretted that more drastic measures had not been taken to let him understand how severely he was condemned. Miss Blair deserted the malcontents and spoke so approvingly of the culprit that a suspicion was roused that she had caught him.

But the matter passed over as a summer storm when Mrs. Watrous, a week after her brother's departure, announced that he had been engaged to be married before he had come to visit her. Then the heavens cleared and the weather was calm again.

### PERFECT WISDOM.

Perfect wisdom hath four parts, namely—wisdom, the principle of doing things aright; justice, the principle of doing things equally in public and in private; fortitude, the principle of not flying danger, but meeting it; and temperance, the principle of subduing desires and living moderately.—Plato.

### Sorrow and Happiness.

Sorrow, with his pick, mines the heart. But he is a cunning workman. He deepens the channels whereby happiness may enter and hollows out new chambers for joy to abide in when he is gone.—St. Augustine.

## TAFT TO FIGHT HARD UNTIL CONVENTION

CINCINNATI, May 7.—A strenuous speaking campaign which will last until the Republican national convention meets in Chicago June 18, was announced here by President Taft. The results of the primary elections in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maryland have caused the president to issue a declaration of war to the last day of nomination campaign.

Ohio is designated by the president as the "bloody battleground" for the decisive fight of this campaign, and he will spend the next few days raking over the record of Theodore Roosevelt for points which he may make the targets for attacks during his speeches in this state. Colonel Roosevelt will be in Ohio next week simultaneously with President Taft and the trails of the opposing candidates may cross. Bitter recriminations are expected. President Taft will make fourteen speeches in Ohio tomorrow, the first being at Batavia.

## CHARLES E. BURNS' BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Charles E. Burns, whose birthday was on Monday, was given a surprise. The guests assembled at a nearby home, and soon had possession of the Burns home. The host, after recovering from his shock, was presented with several handsome articles including an Elk's sofa pillow. None of the guests was arrested by Officers Burns, although they had taken possession of his home without his consent. The evening was devoted to cards and music, followed by refreshments.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Burns, Ed Matheny, Mr. Osburn, Miss Genevieve Kelly, Miss Burns, Leslie Burns and Edward Burns.

### Services At Willamette

Dr. Milliken and Rev. E. A. Smith will make a tour of Willamette this afternoon and in the evening there will be a meeting at the church. Music and singing will be provided. Dr. Milliken or Mr. Smith will conduct the service.

## COUNTY DIVISION LOSES 66 TO 59

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persons from the section which would form the proposed county.

"There is a big squabble on," declared the speaker, "and we should not be made a party to it. The Commercial Club should keep its hands off."

Mr. McBain explained that the Live Wire Committee had decided to have the vote, and the Commercial Club

had nothing to do with it. Others agreed with Dr. Beattie, but the motion was finally withdrawn.

After the meeting a delicious luncheon was served by the Oregon City Club.

In calling the meeting to order at 8 o'clock B. T. McBain, President of the Commercial Club, said, "The various parts of our county will please come to order." Mr. McBain outlined the object of the meeting and told what had been accomplished. He said that nothing had been agreed upon at the two previous meetings—one held in this city and one in Estacada. Mr. McBain said that the Oregon City Commercial Club was not in a position to give the consent of the residents of the county to a division. He announced that residents of about twelve districts were in attendance.

J. W. Roots of Boring, said that he did not know of a single person in his precinct who favored a division.

"We think it would be a mistake to make two weak counties out of one strong one," said the speaker. "In fact we think it would almost be suicidal. We can hardly blame the people of Estacada for wanting another county. They expect that city to be the new county seat. That would boom the town."

Noah Stingley, of Eagle Creek, deplored the movement for a division. "We are better off," he said, "than we would be if the county were divided. We have the courthouse and Cascade would have to build a new one in the Eastern section."

The speaker read a petition signed by sixty prominent residents of the Estacada section. The opposite division declaring that it might result in bankruptcy in the new county. They said it would certainly result in serious financial trouble.

Paul Dunn, of Sandy, said he had not heard a resident of the Cascade section speak in favor of division. He believed it would be a serious mistake.

"I am in favor of Clackamas County as she stands first, last and all the time," said W. P. Kirtcham, of Logan.

"The population is not sufficient for two counties. If the river is the cause of any estrangement between the sections one or two bridges should be built. If we had a good thoroughfare it would be much better than dividing the county."

Mr. McCabe, of the Cherryville precinct, said he lived thirty-five miles from Oregon City. He said he had not heard anything about division until he read about it in the Morning Enterprise.

"If they are figuring on separation surely all the Eastern section has not been consulted about it," said the speaker. "The majority of the people oppose it."

"If this question were put to a vote it would be defeated by twenty votes to one," declared Mr. Thomas, of Bull Run. "I have seen the people and I know how they stand."

Others who opposed the plan were Messrs. Younker, of Sandy, and Mr. Moran, of Boring. The latter said the cost of a new county would be too much, and besides a change was not desired. Mr. Telford, of the same place, said the residents of Boring did not want a division. Mr. Donohugh, of Boring, a liveryman, said he had traveled over a large part of the country near Boring and found sentiment largely against it. J. C. Elliott, of Damascus, declared the establishing of a new county would be like going back to homestead conditions.

Mr. Kilgore, of Springwater, said sentiment was evenly divided in his section.

"Many of the men who have examined the figures favor a division," said the speaker. "If the new county advocates can show that taxes will

not be too high the people will favor a change. We do not feel that we are getting a square deal. The office clerk is against us."

W. A. Proctor, of Sandy, said the people he had talked to opposed division. Mr. Kilgore, of Springwater, said division would be desirable. Mr. Eaton, of Sandy, deplored the plan to divide the county. He said that the eastern section had been treated fairly, and, he believed, had received more than its share of the road money.

Others who made speeches, opposing a division were Messrs. Straus, of Cascade, and Bruce, of Sandy.

Claude W. DeVore, President of the Estacada Commercial Club, said there was no dissatisfaction with the manner in which affairs are now conducted. He deplored the intimations made by speakers opposing division that there is dissatisfaction.

"More and better counties will be better for Oregon," said the speaker. "We want a division because we think it would be better for all. There is no certainty that Estacada will be made the county seat. Boring may be named. If Estacada had a selfish desire and intended to be made the county seat the line would not have included Boring. There is no reason why we should wait. The new county will have 6,157 inhabitants and 796 square miles of territory. Its assessable real property will be \$5,500,000 and the personality will be more than \$8,000,000. It has been said that Cascade would be a poor county, but on the contrary it would be one of the wealthiest. It would be the wealthiest from the point of per capita. The per capita wealth would be \$1,000. Our salary list would be \$6,900 a year while in Clackamas County \$20,000 is paid in salaries annually."

"When there is a move made for progression there are always many willing to pull back," said H. Epperson, of Gardiner. "You people have nothing against us because we are progressive. We got the railroad and it made the country. So now figures show county division would be a benefit to us. We went to Boring and were told if we did not give the county seat to that town they would oppose the plan. If you turn us down as Sandy and Boring did you will not be treating us fairly."

E. E. Salling, of Curransville, and Messrs. Folsom, of Springwater, Randolph, of Viola, Hunt, of Upper Gardiner, Gibson, of Barton, favored division. Mr. Gibson, one of the most interesting speakers of the contingent advocating division, said it would be to the interest of both sections.

"We would have two prosperous counties, where we now have one," he said. "The suggestion that the proposed county would be a poor one is based on facts."

George Epperson, of Eagle Creek, said he knew of only one man in his section who opposed county division.

"That man says we have too much government anyway," he declared. "He told me we needed only one public officer—the President of the United States."

J. W. Reed, mayor of Estacada, said the plan proposed would result in a saving to Clackamas County.

M. D. Olds, of Oak Grove, said that if the county would build the roads of the Eastern section a bridge, they would not want to divide the county. He opposed the building of an armory.

L. E. Belfrage, cashier of the Estacada bank said many who opposed division did not understand the question. He pleaded for harmony. The speaker declared that the division of Wasco county had benefited both it and Hood River County, quoting figures to sustain his point.

# STOP! LOOK! Listen?

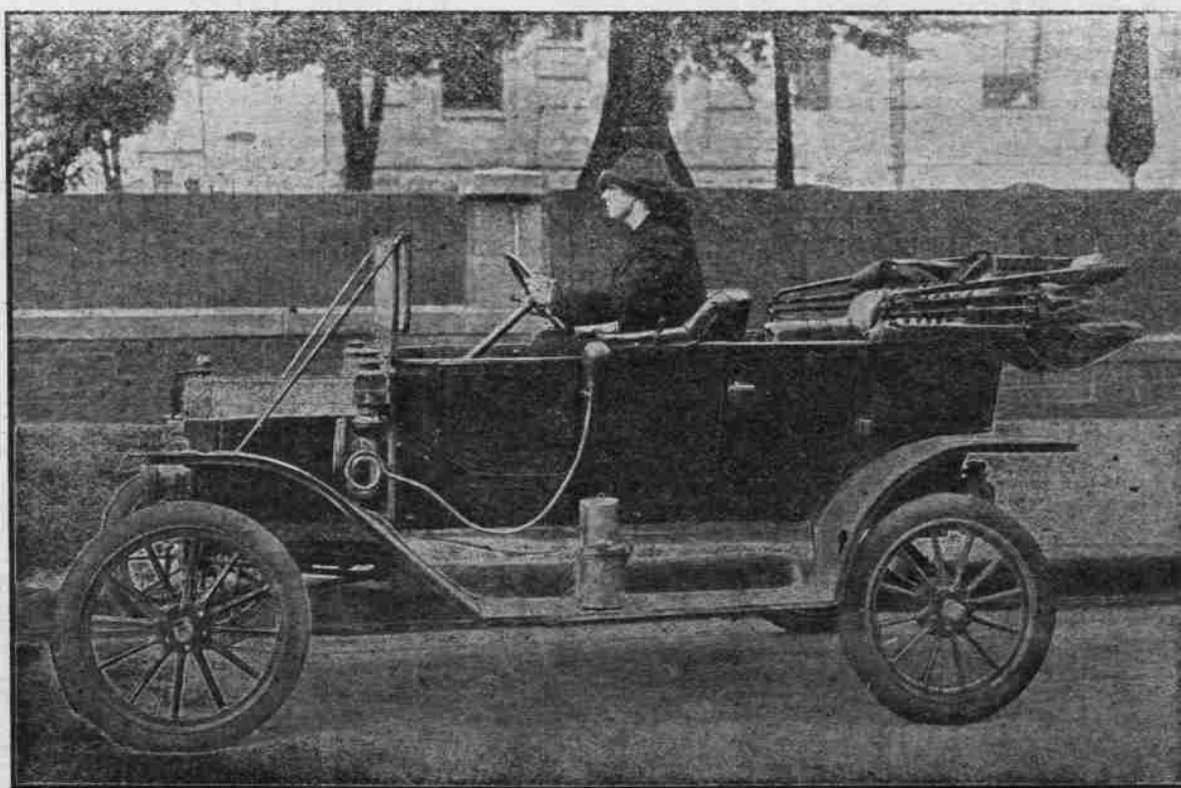
Working for the other fellow and  
Get Busy for Yourself

What can be won with a little  
work a fine prize every 10 days  
**BESIDES THE AUTO**

To what people are saying and  
you will see how popular you are  
**THEN GET IN AND WIN**



Yours for the asking



Don't it look good to you

To stimulate interest in the voting and give each one a chance to profit by their work we will give a prize every ten days. These prizes will not affect the final count in any way as all votes will count on

## THE GRAND AUTOMOBILE

These prizes will be given to the one that hands in the largest number of votes every ten days.

## \$100 In Gold

We will give \$100 to the contestant who makes the second best showing. If you don't think you can win the car get in and win the \$100. Just think; \$100 for a few week's work in the evening or before work.