

# GLASSY CATCHERS BRING BIG SUMS

### Next to Pitchers, They Are Most in Demand.

## RAY SCHALK COST FORTUNE.

Former Milwaukee Backstop Is Sixth Player Whose Release Has Brought Price in Five Figures—He Has Made Good Since Joining Chicago Team.

Next to pitchers, their battery partners, catchers, now seem to be bringing about the highest price on the open baseball market.

One of them, Ray Schalk, recently brought \$10,000, that sum having been paid by the Chicago Americans to the Milwaukee club of the American association.

Schalk thus becomes the second backstop to be purchased at a price running into the five figures. His only predecessor backstop to cost that much was Mike Kelly, who was sold by Chicago to Boston for \$10,000 in the same trade that took Mike Kelly to the Hub two and a half decades ago, but it must be remembered that Mike Kelly was the Ty Cobb of his day, a universal genius who could play any position, was a great hitter and base runner and the best drawing card in baseball.

Boston didn't gamble in buying Kelly. The Chicago Americans did undergo a certain risk in adding to their team at such a cost a minor leaguer who has yet to prove his right to membership in the fastest company.

Schalk thus becomes the sixth ball player whose release has cost into the five figures, the other five being O'Toole, Marquard, "Lefty" Russell, Clarkson and Kelly.

For Catcher Kelly, O'Toole's backstopping partner, Pittsburgh paid \$6,000, which up to that time was the highest purchase price for a minor league catcher.

Schalk has now been playing with the White Sox for several weeks, and it is the general opinion of those who have studied his work that he is going to make good.

Schalk is twenty years old. He was born at Harvel, Ill., of German parents, but his home is in Litchfield, same state. He has been playing baseball for about three years and began last season with the Taylorville, Ill., club in the Illinois and Missouri league.

In July a year ago a scout in the employ of the Milwaukee American Association club saw the young man catch several games and then recommended his purchase. The Milwaukee club bought him for \$1,000 and he caught in about thirty games before the season closed.

When the 1912 campaign opened Hugh Duffy, the Milwaukee manager, decided to make Schalk his regular catcher. The youngster quickly surprised the critics with his wonderful catching and throwing and as he improved steadily the major league scouts flocked to Milwaukee to look him over.

## RARIDEN GREAT BLOCKER.

Boston Catcher Best in Game at Preventing Players in Reaching Plate. There is not a backstop in the National league who has it on Bill Rariden of the Boston Braves when it



Photo by American Press Association.

CATCHER RARIDEN OF BOSTON NATIONALS comes to blocking players at the plate. It takes nerve to do it, too, more nerve than it does at the second sack, but that is where Rariden shines. "He's an earnest, hardworking young fellow, and the more games he is allowed to catch the better he likes it.

**Great French Hurdler Coming.** Jean Anderson, the greatest hurdler high jumper and all round athlete in France, is getting ready to come to this country and enter the University of California. He is expected in December.

**Deceiving the Evil Spirit.** The blacks in Australia have a very curious way of burying their dead. The grave is so constructed that the "evil spirit," coming to claim a body, shall find it without a tenant.

It is dug very wide and deep, and one side is excavated so as to form a shelf on which the corpse reposes in a sitting posture with hands clasped about knees. A boomerang is always placed within easy reach of the dead one's hand, and a sheet of bark is always arranged most carefully between the shelf and the grave. After the grave has been filled in a mound of sticks is raised over it to protect the body from wild animals.—Philadelphia North American.

**Same Thing.** Sandy MacWhistle was fond of a drop of whisky—indeed, he owned that sometimes he did take more than was good for him. On the occasion, however, which led to his appearance at the police court he had not felt so bad as to justify admission of the offense. "I was nã drunk!" he protested indignantly. "I had a wee dram certainly; intoxicated ye might say. But drunk—decidedly not!" "Oh, in that case," said the magistrate, "certainly there is a difference. For being drunk I should inflict a fine of 10 shillings. Giving due consideration to your explanation, I will make it half a sovereign!"

**Quite Right.** A good story is being told of a reply given by a Scotch student to a question set in an examination paper. "If twenty men reap a field in eight hours," ran the question, "how long will it take fifteen men to reap the same field?" The student thought long and carefully before setting down the answer, and when he handed in his paper this is what the examiner read: "The field, having already been reaped by the twenty men, could not be reaped a second time by the fifteen."

**The Prim Dutch Girl.** The etiquette of Holland is exceedingly strict in all classes. The young girl is most carefully chaperoned, and she never goes anywhere, even to church, unless accompanied by her parents, some male relative or other equally trusted attendant. At a dance the parents sit round the walls sipping their coffee or wine, and the young men must make the best of their chances in the opportunities afforded by the dance, for when it pleases the guardians to depart there is no help for it, the girls must go too. An unmarried girl always takes the right arm of her escort, while the matron takes the left, perhaps because it is nearer the heart.

**THE BRIGHT SIDE.**  
There's a bad side, 'tis the sad side—  
Never mind it.  
There's a bright side, 'tis the right side—  
Try to find it.  
Pessimism's but a screen  
Thrust the light and you between,  
But the sun shines bright, I ween,  
Just behind it.

## BANKERS SHOWN THROUGH BIG MILL

About 150 representative bankers of Oregon were guests of Oregon City Saturday. Paper manufacturing in all its branches was explained to the members of the Portland chapter of the American Institute of Banking at the second of a series of trips to this city. The plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company was visited. The Crown-Columbia Company plant, the oldest on the coast, was to have been visited, but the bankers decided to inspect it at another time. H. West president and Sam P. Mullin chairman of the entertainment committee of the American Institute of Banking, were in charge of the visitors. The visitors were shown through the mill by Theodore Osmond, secretary and George Pusey, superintendent.

## SCHOOLS TO HAVE RECORD ATTENDANCE

The Oregon City schools will open tomorrow with probably the largest attendance in the history of the city. Superintendent of Schools Toose announced that everything was in readiness for the opening. Improvements have been made in all the school buildings and the addition of two rooms to the Barclay school through the use of what was formerly the gymnasium will make it unnecessary to teach any of the grammar grades in the high school. Mr. Toose and several of the teachers have been busy in arranging for the classifications, and the usual school work will be started at once.

## PORTLAND AT MERCY OF LOS ANGELES MEN

PORTLAND, Sept. 21, (Special)—Los Angeles played rings around Portland today the score being 10 2. Harkness and Gregg were hammered hard. Gregg replaced Harkness in the sixth.

## SONG RECITAL TO BE GIVEN BY OSCAR WOODFIN

Announcements are out for a song recital to be given by Oscar Lawrence Woodfin at the Congregational church Monday evening, September 30. The program will consist of songs in English, German and Italian. Miss Louise Huntley will be the pianist. Mr. Woodfin has an exceptionally good voice and this will be his first appearance before an Oregon City audience in song recital. He has appeared several times in piano recitals which have been most successful and enjoyable affairs.

**Know Herself.**  
He (on the phone)—Is that you darling?  
She—Yes; who is that?

**Knitting in Bed.** According to a Berlin nerve specialist, knitting in bed is an excellent antidote for tired nerves.

**Murder in Ancient Persia.** Among the ancient Persians murder was not punishable for the first offense.

**Big Ben's Accuracy.** The daily average variation of the clock on the English house of parliament is 0.97 of a second.

**Keen Caddies.** Golf caddies have wonderful sight; hence the term "links eyed."—New York Tribune.

**Poorly Paid Workers.** By women ironers in France 6 cents an hour is considered good pay. The minimum is 3 cents.

**Certainly.** Customer—How do you sell eggs? Smart Grover—In their shells.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Musical score for piano and voice. Includes lyrics: "Let's all go down the Strand... Oh! what a hap-py...".