

GOOD TEAMS FOR LEAGUE

CRACK NINES WILL STAR ON NORTHWEST DIAMONDS.

Signing of Players is Almost Complete—President Lucas Confident of Lively Season.

In less than a month the members of the Portland baseball team will report for practice, and the old-time fans will be on hand to watch the preliminary work of the season.

W. H. Lucas, president and secretary of the league, has issued the following official bulletin, which contains the names of all men whose contracts have been officially approved:

Portland, March 9.—Official bulletin Pacific Northwest League Contract approved:

With Butte—J. H. Marshall, George Treasdale, Oliver G. Burns, Frank G. Ward.

With Helena—James A. Wiggs, E. Bruyette, John E. Sullivan, Tim E. Keefe, Henry Gehring.

With Portland—D. F. Hupp, Max Miller, Joe Mahaffey, L. W. Mahaffey, Fred Weed, Samuel Vignaux, Jake Deleh, A. N. Anderson, George H. Witbeck.

With Seattle—John A. Kelly, George E. Dalrymple, Matt J. Stanley, H. J. Lally, C. E. McGowan, Ira Harmon, Willie Donnelly, George Stovall, John J. Bodla, Ralph Frary, Jesse Stovall, John Hickey, George Hurlbut, William Hurley, Charles Schwartz, George F. Babbitt.

With Spokane—Richard Glendon, William J. Kelly, Charles Donahue, James McKeivitt, Joseph M. Fay, Charles H. Emsy, Carl E. Wood, John H. Hoots, Henry H. Hoots.

With Tacoma—Jay A. Andrews, Joseph T. McCarthy, James M. St. Vrain, C. R. Carter, Thomas H. Carter.

Mr. Lucas is recovering from an attack of the grippe, but he is able to attend to his duties, and is very sanguine over the baseball prospects of the league.

Everything points to a most successful season, and the public may rest assured that the sport furnished will be of a very high order.

Marshall, who has signed with Butte, played last year, and was very popular with the fans of the team. Treasdale is an old-time player, having done yeoman service with Brooklyn, Baltimore and other Eastern teams.

Ward played with Spokane in the early '90s. He has played also on several Eastern nines. McCloskey has signed several other men, and expects to have his list completed by Friday.

Up at Spokane Jack O'Grim is working like a Trojan, his one object being to land the championship. Each team will float over the grandstand of the local players this year. O'Grim thinks that the gods of war will smile favorably upon him, as they did upon the great David, Vignaux and the other managers.

Dugdale evidently believes that quantity as well as quality is necessary for a winning ball team. He expects to have a large number of players, and expects to "do things" to all comers. Dugdale has some good talent in his ranks, and the strength of Seattle's team must not be underestimated.

Andrews, Tacoma's new manager, is not saying much, but he is going to come into line with the best team Tacoma ever saw, and he may surprise some of his more sanguine rivals. St. Vrain and McCarthy are expert players, and there are others of the same mettle on Tacoma's list.

Manager Vignaux has practically finished the work of signing players, although he has a few more on his list under contract, six of them being crack players of last year.

There will be a meeting of the officers of the Portland baseball club next Friday evening, at which time the contracts for the season and program will be awarded. President Whitmore is authority for the statement that the purchase of the baseball club will not be annulled by youthful peddlers as they were last year.

McCluskey has signed E. L. Bradley, who violated his contract with Denver last year. President Lucas has not approved of the contract.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 9.—Yale oarsmen think they have scored a strong point on Harvard and the other Eastern colleges by getting the tank in the gymnasium and beginning work on the harbor while their rivals are still drugging away at indoor labor.

The Yale rowers have left their dummy shell for the real article fully a week before any other Eastern college. Orders were given by Captain Kamm to leave the tank and begin rowing on the harbor unexpectedly. It had been given out that, owing to the repairs which are in progress on the boat-house, the oarsmen would be kept in the tank longer than usual. An addition is being built on that structure, and till it is completed there is little room for the oarsmen.

They have been ordered down to the boat-house in pairs for the present. Only half a dozen oarsmen report at a time. They are taken in hand by a coach who sits in the stern of the boat and coaches them a short spin down the harbor. It is still impossible to launch eight-oared shells, as the harbor is full of floating ice and the channel is narrow.

The pair-oar practice is more like real rowing than the work in the tank, but it has broken up eight-oared work for a few weeks. The oarsmen rowed a slow stroke in the tank, but they rowed together as a unit. The pair-oar system enabled the coaches to eliminate individual faults more accurately than could be done in any other way.

The coaches still regard the task of picking out a stroke as the most pressing of any at hand. Two candidates out of the six tried seem to have a fair lead. They are Bogue, who rowed No. 4 last year, and Coffin, who has always rowed on the other side of the boat. Coffin seems more easily adapted to setting a top-notch clip and sustaining it than Bogue, but Bogue is a steady and reliable oarsman, and may win the seat.

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