NINE IS STILL IN IT

Portland Players All Right, Says Manager Vigneux.

MONTANA ALTITUDE TOO HIGH

Amateur Umpire Responsible to a Large Extent for Hard Luck of Webfooters—Lucas' Action Regarded as Singular.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games.

Butte, 23; Tacoma, 12.
Helena, 8; Spokane, 2.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Seattle	24	16	.600
Butte	24	17	.585
Portland	19	18	.514
Helena	18	21	.462
Spokane	18	23	.439
Tacoma	16	24	.400

SEATTLE, June 24.—Manager Samuel Vigneux and the members of the Portland team arrived in Seattle today from their disastrous trip to Montana. While the clever little catcher is naturally disappointed at losing 10 straight games on the trip, he nor his men are in any way discouraged, and believe they are due to take a brace right now, and will begin on Seattle for a series of five games tomorrow afternoon.

"There is nothing in the world the matter with the Portland team," said the genial little captain tonight. "We are playing just as good ball as we ever did. In my opinion, the team is stronger this year than last. We were affected by the altitude in Butte, and I was out of the game for three days, due to my suspension by President Lucas before we left on the trip. Van Buren had to come in from center field to catch, and he has not been behind the bat for five years. You can see how our team was broken up. We fought hard for every game in Butte, but, crippled as we were, we could not win.

"When we went to Helena we were acclimated somewhat, and all the men were in position, and I thought surely we would take a brace, but there again we ran into a local amateur umpire. It is impossible to describe how little that man knew about the rules of the game. To give you an illustration, there was a man on first, and the batter was hit by a ball batted by himself. The batter was out, naturally, but that umpire allowed the man on first to go to second. A boy of 12 knows that a runner cannot advance on a play of that kind. I protested the decision and was fined $5, and was afterward notified that President Lucas had added another $10 to it.

"I wrote to President Lucas that night making a formal protest of the game. I sent it by registered letter, addressed to him at Butte, and have a receipt for it. Now he says he has not yet received my protest. President Lucas, for some reason best known to himself, studiously avoided the Portland team during the whole trip. He did not see a single game we played in Montana, nor did any of our men so much as catch sight of him.

"There are a good many little things that look peculiar to me. I know that Umpire Colgan was ordered to umpire the series between the Helena and Portland teams, but the order was changed later, and we caught this amateur named Fisk. I do not think it is treating the public right to fine players for the incompetence of the umpires. The public support the game by putting up good money to see two teams play. They don't want to see a one-man game; they want to see 18 men playing to win. Yet when a player makes a protest on a decision that the rules plainly state is wrong, the player is fined, and when he catches three fines he is out for five days.

"Now, after our experience with one amateur umpire, who has no conception of the playing rules, we come to Seattle to find there is no regular umpire assigned here. You notice that no amateurs are forced upon Butte, don't you? I don't want to be understood as saying one word in criticism of President Lucas, but I do think it strange that he could not come to Helena, if only for one game, to see how his amateur umpire was getting along. I am pretty sure that if Mr. Lucas had been on the ground some of us would have seen him, for we were all looking for him.

"I see Mr. Lucas said this morning in a local newspaper that I was fined for using unprintable language, not for protesting a decision. I deny that I used improper language to the umpire, during a game. I have been playing ball a good many years, but I have never yet been fined for that.

"It is due to the public that we have competent men to umpire the games, and if Mr. Lucas will attend to that part of it, I will guarantee him that he will have no trouble with the Portland team. We are out after the pennant, and all we ask is a fair deal and no favors. Everybody knows that Mullane was incompetent, yet to protect him in his many mistakes, the president put me out of the game for five days, just before we went to Butte, and broke up our winning combination. We can't get a glimpse of the president to state our side of the case. He should not put us off his visiting list entirely, for we are still a member of the league.

"The talk of my quitting the team and the league is silly. No man can say I am a quitter. I have no intention of making any change, but would like to pilot my team to victory if I am given a chance to play in this league. Give us competent umpires and you will find Portland fighting it out with the winner at the finish."

Portland will open tomorrow with either Joe Mahaffey or Engle in the box, with the lively little Sammy behind the plate. This series should be the best played in Seattle this season, as both teams are made up of fast, snappy players, rather than heavy men whose sole accomplishment is to sling the bat. Vigneux and his men have a wholesome respect for the prowess of the Seattle team, and they are going to fight hard for every game. Either Stowall or Harmon will pitch for Seattle.

Andy Anderson, the old Seattle favorite, and the crack second baseman of the Portland team, will act as captain during this series. Manager Vigneux does not care to run any more chances of being put out of the game, as when he is gone his team is badly broken up. He feels and says that he has been mistreated, but he does not care to say whether it is by accident or design. He says Cunningham fined him $5 once for telling Hupp, one of the Portland players, to stand up straight at the plate. The little manager says he has appointed Anderson captain because he believes if he winked at an umpire now he would be fined, and three fines means a suspension for five days.

SPOKANE FARES AS PORTLAND.

Sensational Batting by Shaffer and Sullivan.

HELENA, Mont., June 24.—Helena won her sixth straight victory today, taking the opening game with Spokane. Corcoran, Grim's new recruit from Wisconsin, was effective for several innings, but was touched up lively toward the last. Thompson was steady, and, with the exception of the eighth inning, kept the visitors' hits well scattered. The feature was the sensational batting of Shaffer, who dropped two long ones over the fence in succession and was showered with money by the spectators as he scored each home run. His three-bager in the eighth, had it been properly placed, would have netted him another home run. Sullivan's batting was also sensational, he getting a three-bagger, a double and two singles out of four times up. Attendance, 500. Score:

SPOKANE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Howells, l. f.	5	0	0	0	0	0
McLaughlin, c. f.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Reitz, 2b	3	1	1	0	3	0
Elsey, 1b	4	1	3	11	1	1
McKevitt, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Frary, c	4	0	0	7	1	0
Mullane, 3b	4	0	2	1	3	1
Kelly, s. s.	2	0	0	3	2	1
Corcoran, p	4	0	1	1	2	0
Totals	36	2	8	24	12	3

HELENA.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Shaffer, 1b	5	2	3	7	0	1
Peeples, 2b	4	1	1	3	4	0
Flannery, c. f.	4	1	2	0	0	1
Hannivan, l. f.	4	0	0	4	0	0
Sullivan, c	4	1	4	11	0	0
Partridge, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Schmeer, s. s.	4	0	0	0	0	1
McGilligan, 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0
Thompson, p	3	2	0	1	2	0
Totals	35	8	12	27	6	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Spokane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—2
Helena	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	2	*	—8

SUMMARY.

Two-base hits—Mullane, Sullivan.
Three-base hits—Sullivan, Peeples, Shaffer, McLaughlin, Elsey.
Home runs—Shaffer, 2.
Stolen bases—Elsey, Flannery.
Double plays—Corcoran to Elsey to Frary; Peeples to Shaffer.
Left on bases—Spokane, 8; Helena, 6.
Bases on balls—Off Thompson, 3; off Corcoran, 2.
Struck out—By Thompson, 10; by Corcoran, 5.
Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.
Umpire—Colgan.
Attendance—500.

BUTTE DOWNS TACOMA.

A Slugging Match From Start to Finish.

BUTTE, Mont., June 24.—Butte won from the Tacoma Tigers in a slugging match today by a score of 23 to 12. Both pitchers were hit almost at will. Costly errors by Tacoma swelled the number of runs for Butte. "Lefty" Houtz for Butte made a number of home runs. The game was lost and won half a dozen times by both clubs.

BUTTE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Kane, c. f.	6	4	4	3	0	0
Houtz, l. f.	6	5	4	2	0	0
Ward, 2b	5	2	3	0	2	0
Marshall, 3b	6	1	3	0	3	0
Treadway, r. f.	6	2	2	2	0	1
McIntyre, s. s.	6	3	3	3	5	1
Zearfoss, c	4	2	0	4	0	1
McDonough, 1b	6	1	3	12	1	0
Roach, p	5	2	1	1	1	1
Totals	48	23	22	27	13	4

TACOMA.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Letcher, c. f.	5	1	2	1	0	1
Hutchinson, 1b	5	3	4	11	2	0
Andrews, 3b	4	2	1	2	5	3
Murdock, l. f.	5	2	3	0	0	0
Smith, s. s.	5	2	2	3	1	2
Fisher, 2b	5	1	0	5	3	0
Swindells, c	5	1	1	3	1	0
Starkells, r. f.	5	0	0	2	0	0
McCarthy, p	1	0	0	0	1	1
White, p	4	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	44	12	14	27	12	8

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Butte	2	1	0	0	10	0	2	1	7	—23
Tacoma	2	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	0	—12

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Butte, 10; Tacoma, 5.
Two-base hits—Ward, McIntyre, Hutchinson, Smith.
Home runs—Houtz, Murdock.
Stolen bases—Murdock, Ward (2).
Double play—Andrews to Hutchinson.
Bases on balls—By McCarthy, 2; by White, 5; by Roach, 1.
Struck out—By McCarthy, 1; Roach, 4.
Left on bases—Butte, 3; Tacoma, 6.
Wild pitch—McCarthy.
Time of game—Two hours.
Umpire—Cunningham.
Attendance—300.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

National League.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Pittsburg	40	11	.784
Chicago	31	23	.574
Brooklyn	31	24	.564
Boston	24	25	.490
Cincinnati	22	30	.427
Philadelphia	23	32	.418
St. Louis	20	32	.385
New York	21	34	.382

American League.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Chicago	32	18	.640
Boston	30	24	.556
Philadelphia	25	24	.519
St. Louis	25	24	.510
Baltimore	25	28	.472
Washington	24	30	.444
Detroit	23	29	.442
Cleveland	24	31	.436

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Baltimore Makes a Triple Play and Wins the Game.

BALTIMORE, June 24.—The feature of today's Baltimore-Philadelphia game was a triple play, made possible by a marvelous fly catch by Selbach in the seventh. Plank was wild, and timely hits enabled the Baltimore team to bat out the winning runs. Attendance, 2768. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Baltimore	6	4	2	Philadelphia	4	10	1

Batteries—Gowell and Bresnahan; Plank and Schreck.

Washington Bats Out a Victory.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Washington took kindly to Winters' delivery and batted out a victory from Boston today. Adkins, who relieved Winters after the fifth inning, allowed the home team only two hits. Attendance, 2800. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Washington	7	13	2	Boston	6	9	2

Batteries—Orth and Clark; Winters, Adkins and Criger.

Chicago Bunches Hits on Detroit.

DETROIT, June 24.—Chicago bunched four of the seven hits in the fourth and fifth innings, and, aided by two stolen bases, an error, a sacrifice hit and a hit batsman, scored four runs. Attendance, 1800. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Detroit	2	8	5	Chicago	5	7	1

Batteries—Miller, Buelow and McGuire; Callahan and McFarland.

A Snap for Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, June 24.—Cleveland won easily from St. Louis, not a St. Louis player reaching first base until the seventh inning. Lajoie's home run with the bases filled was a feature. Sudhoff hurt his hand in attempting to stop a liner, and retired. Attendance, 2800. The score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Cleveland	12	13	0	St. Louis	4	8	0

Batteries—Bernhard and Bemis; Sudhoff, Harper and Donahue.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburg Wins Easily on Chicago's Errors.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Errors by the patched-up local nine gave Pittsburg nearly all their runs and an easy victory today. Attendance, 1100. Score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Chicago	3	9	3	Pittsburg	7	12	2

Batteries—Lundgren and Kahoe; Tannehill and Smith. Umpire—O'Day.

St. Louis Pulls Out a Victory.

ST. LOUIS, June 24.—St. Louis won a close game from Cincinnati today. Yerkes, though tiring at the end, held off the visiting team long enough to win. Attendance, 1300. Score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
St. Louis	4	8	2	Cincinnati	3	11	2

Batteries—Yerkes and Ryan; Philipps and Bergen. Umpires—Brown and Powers.

Brooklyn's Pitcher Does Good Work.

NEW YORK, June 24.—Brooklyn again defeated New York today. Hughes, who pitched for Brooklyn, only allowed the local team five hits. Attendance, 3200. Score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Brooklyn	8	10	1	New York	1	5	2

Batteries—Hughes and Ahearn; Sparks and Bowerman. Umpire—Emslie.

Philadelphia Defeats Boston.

BOSTON, June 24.—The Philadelphias shifted their batting order today, and the change operated with telling effect, as the visitors seemed to have no trouble in connecting with Eason's curves. Attendance, 2200. Score:

	R	H	E		R	H	E
Boston	1	4	1	Philadelphia	6	11	1

Batteries—Eason, Hale and Kittredge; White and Dooin. Umpire—Cantillon.

Western League Scores.

At St. Joseph—Denver, 6; St. Joseph, 5.
At Milwaukee—Des Moines, 5; Milwaukee, 12.
At Peoria—Peoria, 1; Omaha, 1; 13 innings; called on account of darkness.

HARVARD DEFEATS YALE.

Old Eli Suffers a Loss in Commencement Game.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.—Before 10,000 spectators Harvard defeated Yale this afternoon in their commencement baseball game. The defeat greatly dampened the enthusiasm, which, before the game began, was as picturesque in expression as ever. Many of the classes that returned for reunion marched around the diamond, headed by brass bands. The class of 1896 made a novel appearance as they were led by men on horseback, carrying fishpole lances, with Yale pennants flying at the tops. Four Scotch bagpipers were also with the class. The triennial class were garbed as sailors and carried huge pompoms of paper on long stems. The cheering was at times deafening, but died down as Yale heroes sank after the fifth inning. There was a desperate rally of enthusiasm toward the close of the game, when Yale graduates and students, dying hard, gave their team a final support and encouragement, hoping to make a strong finish. But Clarkson's cleverness was too much for the Yale batsmen. The score:

									R	H	E
Yale	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	—4	9	3
Harvard	1	0	3	0	0	3	2	1	—10	13	2

Batteries—Garver, McKelvey and Winslow; Clarkson and Minus.

TO HOLD ANNUAL SHOOT.

Northwest Sportsmen Are Flocking to Portland.

The 18th annual shooting tournament of the Sportsmen's Association of the Northwest will be held in Portland the last three days of this week. Over $4500 worth of prizes will be contested for by about 100 members of the association, representing nearly all the principal towns of the Northwest.

The association was organized 18 years ago, for the purpose of furthering the interest in trap-shooting in the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and British Columbia, and there are now over 3000 active members, many of whom expect to be present during the tournament.

Among the members already in the city are: W. A. Robertson, W. A. Staver and E. E. Drake, all from San Francisco; Fred McBroom, from Spokane; Dr. H. M. France, Dr. Plummer, Pete Holohan and J. K. Sears, from Idaho; W. A. Hillis, from Montana; J. E. Enyart, from Medford, and E. C. Garrett, from Seattle.

More members are arriving by every train, and many are practicing daily at the Irvington racetrack, where the shoot will be held. Thus far 10 squads have been entered, as follows: Portland, 3; Seattle, 2; Wallace, Ogden, Tacoma, Spokane and Pendleton, 1 each. Secretary Winters yesterday said there would be several more entries today and tomorrow. The squads will be in uniform, and there will be no little rivalry to see which will be the most striking. The pump-gun squad, representing the Multnomah Club, will be uniformed in the club colors, scarlet and white; the Drake-Remington squad, from San Francisco, will have green caps and sweaters, while word has been received from Spokane that that squad has something very handsome in the knickerbocker and colored stocking line. There will be a street parade Thursday morning, in which the club will be accompanied by a Chinese band and negro minstrel organization. The trophies are on exhibition in Honeyman Hardware Company's window.

BOXERS READY TO GO.

Hegarty and De Coursey Are in Good Trim for Contest.

Everything is in readiness for the big contest at the Exposition building. Hegarty and De Coursey are now anxiously waiting for the time to step into the ring to arrive. Both have an over-abundance of confidence, and promise their respective backers to land the coin. Hegarty took a 10-mile spin on the road yesterday morning and then enjoyed a good rub.

De Coursey is doing very little work now, as he does not increase in weight as rapidly as his opponent.

"I am in condition to put up the best contest of my life," he said, yesterday. "Had I been in my present condition when I boxed Joe Bernstein, there would have been no draw, and I would now be matched with Young Corbett for the world's championship instead of him. I will beat this Australian in about 12 rounds, sure."

Try-Out at the Rowing Club.

There was an exciting race at the Portland Rowing Club last evening, when one of the "kid" crews, composed of Burckhardt, bow; Adams, No. 2; Montgomery, No. 3, and George Luders, stroke, beat out a crew of senior oarsmen by a half-length over a mile and a half straightaway course. The senior crew was composed of Morton, bow; Joe Stiles, No. 2; Monroe, No. 3, and Peterson, stroke. Captain Luder's crew is now anxious for a try-out with the old-time senior crew made up of Luders, bow; Durham, No. 2; Hart, No. 3, and Stowell, stroke. This latter crew is to represent the Portland Rowing Club in California in the Fourth of July celebration at Oakland.

Dover-Heligoland Race.

ISLAND OF HELIGOLAND, June 24.—The Leander, owned by Rupert Guiness, arrived here at 8:50 P. M., yesterday, so that both of the yawls, the Vol Au Vent, owned by John Dempsey, and the Leander, which started from Dover, England, at noon, June 21, in the race to this island for the German Emperor's cup, beat the new English schooner yacht, Cicely, owned by Cecil Quentin, designed to challenge Emperor William's American-built schooner yacht, Meteor. The Cicely was the first yacht in the race to reach Heligoland, but she was beaten on time allowance. She allowed the Vol Au Vent 5½ hours, and the Leander 3¼ hours.

Winners at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., June 24.—Results:

One mile—Lacalma won, Ned Dennis second, Romany third; time, 1:43.

Five and a half furlongs—Ben Ledi won, Castine second, Blanche Sheppard third; time, 1:08¾.

Six furlongs—Parizade won, Porous second, Budd Wade third; time, 1:15¼.

One mile—Hagerdon won, Wolhurst second, Rio Shannon third; time, 1:40.

Five and a half furlongs—Jerid won, Devereux second, John Boggs third; time, 1:08¼.

Mile and 50 yards—Fridolin won, Nellie Forest second, La Borgia third; time, 1:47.

German Torpedo-Boat Sunk.

KIEL, June 24.—Torpedo-boat No. 42, of the German Navy, was run down and sunk today by a British steamer at the mouth of the Elbe. The commander of the torpedo-boat and three of her crew are missing.

WHOLE BLOCK GOES UP

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of uneasy ghosts moving out of a graveyard at midnight.

All the while the fire, fed by quantities of hay stored over the transfer company's stables, was climbing higher and higher. It now surrounded the three-story lodging-house on the corner, threw sparks across the street that kept the department busy, lighted every telegraph pole till it became a blazing column, and drove the crowd back farther and farther with the fearful heat and the sparks that fell like hail for blocks around. Spreading from the stables, it leaped to the roof of the bakery and lodging-house building, and soon the entire block was a solid mass of flames, which made a spectacle which will not soon be forgotten.

By this time the stables had been burned almost to the ground, although a forest of charred studding still glowed where they once stood, and great areas of flame kept the firemen from approaching too closely. The buildings across the streets now being practically secure, attention was devoted to the large frame on the corner of Park and Glisan, which sheltered the lodging-house, a second-hand store and the bakery. Three or four firemen carried a hose up the stairs, and were fighting the fire manfully, when suddenly a shout went up from the crowd, and part of the crest of the wall come tumbling down. The firemen withdrew. Then section after section of the wall came crashing to the street, and finally one big sheet of burning timber, weighing tons, dropped with a roar, burying the hose beneath a pile of ruins and missing Assistant Chief Laudenklos, who was directing operations at that end of the fire, by about two feet. The falling mass caught as it came down the network of wires that run along the street, and they fell athwart the trolley wire and to the car track, giving forth a flash of blue light that heightened the terror and alarm of those who witnessed the spectacle. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and in a little while the firemen managed to extricate the hose and get it again in play on the building. After that the flames were combated at a safer distance, and the walls fell in small pieces, doing little damage.

The crowd was but little smaller than that which witnessed the East Side fire Saturday night. Every street was densely packed with people, and the policemen had great difficulty in keeping the rash sightseers out of the way of the apparatus and from beneath the heavily loaded electric light and trolley wires.

Residents for blocks around were frightened by the extent of the blaze, and nearly every approaching street was clogged with trunks and furniture that had been hastily dragged out doors, while scantily dressed women and men with coats and trousers over nightshirts were everywhere to be seen in the crowd.

The work of the fire department was excellent. Chief Campbell, in slightly better voice than he was Saturday night, was at the front all the time, and was ably assisted by Laudenklos, who conducted operations at the west end of the fire. But for the intelligent use of the streams, the freight sheds would have gone, as well as many other near-by buildings, and as the fire was in the center of a thickly built up district, the loss resulting from a spread would have reached many more thousands of dollars.

At 1 o'clock the fire was fully under control, and but little remained of the block but a mass of glowing and smoldering coals. Fortunately there was no loss of life, although there were many narrow escapes, and two men were injured, one by the flames and another by falling under a fire engine.

THE LOSSES.

Estimates as Furnished by Sufferers by the Fire.

The Wakeman & Morse Transfer Company, which occupied the building on the east side of the block, sustained the heaviest loss, their damage amounting to about $15,000, of which only about $7000 was covered by insurance. Mr. Wakeman was seen after the fire was under control, and said:

"It is the loss in our business that will cripple us the most. I cannot say as yet how much the damage was, as I do not know how many horses and trucks were saved. There were 50 horses in the barn, and I only know of 23 that were saved. I think all of the trucks were burned. Fifteen thousand dollars will no more than cover the loss. I am not sure as to the insurance, but think it was $6000 or $7000."

The building was owned by the City & Suburban Railway Company, and was valued at about $5000, including the contents that belonged to the line department of the railway, consisting of wire, supplies and other material. The company's loss was half covered by insurance, making the net loss about $2500.

The R. H. Esty estate owns the west half of the block burned. The property is estimated at a valuation of $26,000, the buildings being worth probably $5000 of this sum. The loss is fully covered by insurance. A. King Wilson, who has charge of the property, is out of the city.

The buildings fronting on Glisan street were occupied by a bakery, a junk shop and a lodging-house.

The Northwest Baking Company's factory was owned by Thomas Spillman, who purchased the plant recently from the Oregon German Baking Company, of which Theodore Liebe was the head. Mr. Spillman estimates his loss at $2000. He is insured in the sum of $1500.

The blacksmith shop of Louthit & Malarkey, which was located on the southeast corner of Park and Hoyt streets, was completely destroyed. Only two anvils and a saddle horse were saved from the flames. Mr. Louthit said last night that he could not estimate his loss, but it is placed at $500.

East on Hoyt street was the blacksmith and machinery shop of Kuhle Bros. They recently purchased a large quantity of machinery, and a friend of theirs says their loss will reach $3000. They employed about eight or nine men. So far as known, they were not insured.

The freight warehouse of the Northern Pacific took fire several times, and streams were kept playing on it until all danger was passed. The damage by fire did not amount to much. Water damaged the office fixtures and stationery, but the loss will not exceed $200, and is fully insured.

On Park street, between Glisan and Hoyt, T. D. Condon had a stable where he kept his 'bus horses and his racers. At 10:45 o'clock the driver called for the 'bus, and John Kearney, who had charge of the horses, helped him to hitch up. When the 'bus was taken out, Kearney returned to his room and dropped off to sleep. Ten minutes later he was awakened by the smoke. He arose immediately and made an effort to save Zombro C., a trotter sired by the great Zombro, and who was expected to make a 2:20 record this year. Flames were then dropping in the stall, and Kearney could do nothing with the horse. He then tried to save Annie J., a pacer with a record of 2:16½, and her colt by Zombro, but the flames were spreading and he had to run out of the building in order to save his own life. Besides Annie J. and her colt, and Zombro C., Maymont, a promising racer, and a green pacer which was recently brought from Tillamook were burned.

The fixtures and furniture of the Park lodging-house belonged to Mrs. Minnie Haskins. They were put in but a short while ago at a cost of $2000. The insurance on them was $1000.

The miscellaneous losses were many, and will probably reach $1000. At the blacksmith shop were several trucks belonging to various transfer companies, waiting for repairs. One belonging to the Holman Transfer Company, according to the estimate of Mr. S. Herman, who is manager of the company, was damaged to the extent of $100. Others were as badly damaged. A Chinese laundry and several other losses are not included in the general estimate.

FIVE RACING HORSES BURNED.

Thomas Condon Places His Loss at $3000.

Thomas Condon, of the New Grand Central Hotel, reports the loss of five splendid horses and other property, valued at $3000. Condon is a well-known horseman, and for some time has stabled his animals in a barn adjacent to the Chinese laundry where the fire originated. The horses owned by Condon and burned to death in the fire were: Annie J., pacer, and colt; Maymont C., a 3-year-old trotter; Zombro C., a 5-year-old trotter. Annie J.'s record is 2:16, while Maymont C. and Zombro were animals of exceptional promise. In addition to his horses, Mr. Condon lost his hotel 'bus, three carts, two buggies and five sets of harness. When seen at midnight Mr. Condon said:

"While $3000 expresses my loss in round numbers, I wouldn't have parted with those fine animals for double the amount."

Mr. Condon, who is a most humane horseman, was deeply affected over the loss of his favorite racers.

TERROR IN LODGING-HOUSE.

Policeman Bailey Arouses Sleepers and Warns Them of Danger.

At the Park lodging-house many lost all of their belongings and barely escaped with their lives.

Policeman George H. Bailey, immediately after turning in the alarm, rushed into the lodging-house and aroused the inmates. He had some difficulty in getting a few from their rooms, and there were some who rushed out in their night clothes, leaving everything behind them. There were 44 rooms in the lodging-house, and about 60 people escaped after the fire broke out.

"The house was filled with smoke and the fire had already broken through the rear of the lodging-house," said Policeman Bailey, "when I entered. I went around to every room, and feel confident no one was missed. As I awakened them suddenly out of their sleep, they were dazed, and some became panic-stricken and I had to fairly drag them out."

Mrs. Haskins discovered the fire early. She saved nothing of her own, however, but spent her time helping to get her roomers safely out of the building.

"Some of them saved their clothes," said she, "but many lost everything they had. I saved nothing but what I have on my back."

Two young men who rushed into the building found a man asleep and could not awaken him, so they started to drag him bodily from the house. This soon awakened him, and as he did not know of the fire, he thought he was being foully dealt with. He showed fight, but the men fortunately were able to handle him and he was rushed down the stairs in safety.

TWO MEN INJURED.

John Burns and Ed Smith Suffer at the Fire.

John J. Burns, who was employed by the Wakeman & Morse Transfer Company, narrowly escaped being burned to death in the blaze, and to save his life he had to jump 15 feet from a window surrounded by smoke and flame. He lived in two furnished rooms over the stable, and was awakened by the smoke. Flames surged around the window, and it was his only chance, so he leaped through and landed on the sidewalk, his hands, arms, face and neck being badly burned. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it was stated that he may recover. It is thought that his eyesight will be preserved. He will lose $500 on his furniture.

Edward Smith, about 19 years old, and formerly of the Thirty-fourth Regiment, United States Infantry, narrowly escaped being seriously injured when he was knocked down by the wheels of a hose wagon on Glisan street. He was picked up in a battered condition, and was examined by County Physician McKay, and conveyed to his home, 81 North Tenth street. It is thought that he will recover in a short time.

SCENES AT THE FIRE.

Alarm Is Widespread—Crowds on Every Side.

From the time the alarm was turned in until the fire was well under control the greatest excitement prevailed in the immediate neighborhood. The north side of Glisan street from Sixth to Seventh was blockaded with furniture which the tenants of houses, apprehending a conflagration, had removed and were awaiting the arrival of express wagons to carry off. Beds, bureaus and mattresses were piled in a mass, and the owners guarded them with a jealous eye. Two or three men stood at each pile and they had pickets posted at each corner to warn them when it would be necessary to carry off the goods.

The west side of Seventh street from Glisan to Flanders was in the same blockaded condition. Families were sitting on their mattresses and watched the progress of the flames, but they were ever on the alert for a spark which might cause any damage. At one place a muscular colored man stood guard over the property of three of four families, and he divided his attention between the fire and the people who were constantly surging by. All persons who looked as if they would not be adverse to stealing a bedstead or two were collared by him as soon as they appeared on the spot and were given summary orders to take to the street. As the orders were invariably accompanied by a lift in the direction indicated the colored man's mandate was generally obeyed without murmur.

On Park street, between Glisan and Flanders, the congestion was just as great, but it was not necessary to maintain such a strict guard over the furniture. There the crowd was densest and a number of policemen had been stationed in different places to see that no one crossed the lines and interfered with the firemen. As there was always one or more officers near the furniture the belongings of the different families had ample protection.

Several times during the fire there were cries that the walls were falling and that live wires were on the ground. Each time the alarms sent the crowds surging back to Flanders, and the men had to protect their wives and children from the crush. Some furniture was trampled upon, but was not damaged to any appreciable extent.

All the furniture remained on the street until the fire was fully under control, and then it was carried back to the different houses.

The horses belonging to Wakeman & Morse were rescued with some difficulty. Officers Hoare, Bailey and Gibson took out quite a number, and citizens who were near by took out more. The horses were led up to the plaza blocks, where they grazed quietly until the flames burst out in the buildings on the west and they had to be led away.

In the roof and under the eaves of the Southern Pacific's freight warehouse about a score of pigeons made their nests. The heat became so intense that all were driven away except one which fell down on Hoyt street half roasted to death. A wing of the bird had been burned and it was unable to fly. A boy picked it up and carried it away.

The danger from live electric light wires threatened to be as great as at the fire in East Portland Saturday night, but the firemen watched the line poles closely and put out every blaze that appeared. The wires were very numerous and closely strung, so that if they once began to fall, they would have made trouble. The crowd passed as near to the fire as the policemen would permit, and every time a stream of water was turned on a burning pole there would be a scampering for cover. Many a new Summer hat was drenched with dirty water.

The policemen maintained an effective line around the fire to keep the crowd back, and thus kept the space clear for the firemen to work. Some of the women who seemed to be among the leaders of society in that part of town tried to get inside the lines, but were promptly driven back.

The fire proved to be a greater attraction than the big blaze of Saturday night, for thousands of people thronged the police lines and some, regardless of personal safety or comfort, ran up and down within a few feet of the burning buildings. Women were among the great offenders, and some whose attire showed that they had evidently come from a party, did not hesitate to rush under the streams which the firemen were playing on the Northern Pacific freight house. A drainage pipe which fell from the house narrowly missed one woman and her escort, but others followed in their wake and they did not seem to mind the danger. The park blocks and the streets near by were thronged with men, women and children, and a majority of them stayed until the flames were almost extinguished.

On Seventh street the women, as well as the men, attempted to pass the police lines, and when they were ordered back not a few of them passed the burning buildings and went down to Hoyt street, where they could get a rear view of the flames. Some made the circuit of the block, and the heat had no apparent terror for or effect on them, although the firemen in their water-soaked clothes suffered from it.

When the fire had reached the front of the buildings on Glisan street, a falling timber broke a gas pipe, and the gas poured forth in a large jet. The first accumulation of gas caught fire with a small explosion, but after that the gas burned steadily until it was turned off. Many fears were expressed while the gas was burning that a stream of water might put out the fire and then when the accumulated gas ignited again there would be an explosion.

The Northern Pacific freight depot was several times on fire from the heat of the burning buildings across the street, but the constant use of a small hose and an occasional dash of water from the fire hose prevented any more serious damage than a scorching of the cornice and the injury from the water.

When the fire broke out the freight depot was in charge of Night Chief D. M. Swan and a force of assistants. They hurriedly gathered up their records of current business and removed them to a place of safety. Then the lawn hose was fastened to a hydrant and the front of the building was thoroughly drenched inside. The use of the small hose in throwing water on the sides of the building also afforded great assistance.

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Races at Sheepshead Bay.

NEW YORK, June 24.—Sheepshead Bay results:

For fillies, 2-year-olds, five furlongs—Gold Money won, Ada Nay second, Birch Broom third; time, 1:00 3-5.

Handicap hurdle, mile and three-quarters, over seven hurdles on turf—Topmast won, Big Gun second, Philma Paxton third; time, 3:22.

For 2-year-olds, 5½ furlongs, selling—Soothsayer won, Dramatist second, Right and True third; time, 1:07 3-5.

Sheepshead Bay handicap, one mile—Kamara won, Ten Candles second, Morningside third; time, 1:38 2-5.

Races at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 24.—Fair grounds results:

Four and a half furlongs—Ed Ball won, Easy Trade second, Tribes third; time, 0:56.

Six furlongs—Okla won, Byrne of Roscoe second, Taby Tosa third; time, 1:14¾.

Steeplechase, about 1½ miles—Sheerwood won, Pat My Boy second, Porphyogen third; time, 2:57½.

Mile and 70 yards—Prosper La Gai won, Omdurman second, Joe Devighty third; time, 1:45¼.

Races at Washington Park.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Washington Park results:

Mile and 70 yards—Lindenella won, Rasselas second, Tammany Chief third; time, 1:45 3-5.

Two-year-olds, five furlongs—Au Revoir won, Goodman second, Diamente third; time, 1:01 2-5.

Handicap, one mile—Articulate won, Alard second, Jim Clark third; time, 1:40.

Six furlongs—Headwater won, Ed Austin second, Jack Rattin third; time, 1:14.

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