

### FIRST GAME WEDNESDAY

#### GOVERNOR AND MAYOR WILL WELCOME THE BROWNS.

O'Connell Will Umpire to Fans' Content-Spectators of First Game Will Be Keen Critics.

With the aid of a few railroad experts, Ben Ely finally reached the conclusion that it would be impossible for the Browns to reach Portland in time to open the season today, as per the schedule. This was not all that he accomplished. Yesterday he got busy and if the weather man will be good, Governor George E. Chamberlain and Mayor George H. Williams will be among the attractions at the Vaughn-street grounds on Wednesday afternoon. There will be a street parade in case the team arrives in time. A San Francisco paper, under date of April 15, stated that President Bert has selected Umpire Jack O'Connell to officiate in the North. O'Connell is well-known in the North and he will be a welcome visitor to the fans. According to the stories which have floated this way from the South, Portland fans are not a bit anxious to have Houston come to this neck of the woods. Ben Ely has stated that Houston has broken it off into the Browns on several occasions and that on account of a couple of close decisions in which the Browns got the worst of it, they got off badly at Fresno.

While the fans have been grumbling at the Browns for being in the cellar, everybody will be glad to see their return and to give them a loyal welcome. It will be a critical crowd, however, that will journey out to the games, critics willing to forgive if the team takes a brace, but who will howl their heads off in case the Browns continue losing. There has been a disposition on the part of some of the fans to cuss the management and to lay all the blame on Fred Ely. Just critics know that Ely has been doing his best, and while they feel sore over the games which have been lost, they know that no ball team on earth can win games when almost every player is suffering from a big slump in his batting. Taking the games all through, there is only one which really could be called "rotten," and was a 9 to 0 affair. The others for the most part were all tight fits, in which luck counted against the local team.

If the team gets out and plays good ball and shows by its performances that it is out to win games, all past performances will be forgotten and the fans here do not clamor for a pennant-winning team; they would be content if the team was in the first division.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.			
	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Boston	1	1	.500
Cleveland	1	1	.500
Chicago	0	2	.000
Detroit	0	2	.000
New York	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	2	.000
Washington	0	2	.000

**Boston 5, Washington 0.**  
BOSTON, April 18.—The champions inaugurated their home season today by easily defeating Washington. Tannehill was easily master at all stages of the game, holding the visitors to two hits and giving only two passes. Attendance, 24,700. Score: B H E Boston.....2 0 0 1 2 0 0 0—5 3 0 Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 1 Batteries—Tannehill and Farrell; Wilson and Kittidge.

**Philadelphia 7, New York 1.**  
NEW YORK, April 18.—The New York Americans experienced their third straight defeat of the season today, the Philadelphia Athletics winning. Chesbro pitched for the locals, but was hit opportunistly. Attendance, 2300. Score: B H E Philadelphia.....7 1 1 1 Philadelphia.....1 2 2 2 Batteries—Chesbro and McGuire; Bender and Schreck.

**Chicago 9, Detroit 2.**  
CHICAGO, April 18.—Flaherty was in great form today, holding the visitors to a brace of runs and two hits, all being scored in the first inning. Chicago, on the other hand, hit Mullin freely and bunched their hits to advantage. Attendance, 1200. Score: B H E Chicago.....9 14 2 Detroit.....2 2 3 Batteries—Flaherty and Sullivan; Mullin and Buelow.

**Cleveland 10, St. Louis 4.**  
ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Cleveland had little difficulty in finding the ball today and defeated the St. Louis Americans rather easily. Wright was forced to retire in the fourth inning in favor of Morgan after ten hits, including a grand slam. Doubts had been made of his delivery. Attendance, 1600. Score: B H E Cleveland.....10 13 13 1 Batteries—Wright, Morgan and Suggen; Bernhard and Abbott.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
**Standing of the Clubs.**  
New York..... 4 2 1 1.000  
St. Louis..... 4 2 2 .500  
Cincinnati..... 3 2 2 .500  
Pittsburg..... 2 2 3 .400  
Chicago..... 2 3 2 .400  
Philadelphia..... 1 3 2 .300  
Brooklyn..... 1 3 2 .300

**New York 7, Philadelphia 6.**  
PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—After making a brilliant stop, Hulswitt in the ninth inning today threw wild to first. Two hits followed the error, resulting in two runs for New York, which gave the visitors the game. Mathewson and Mitchell were hit freely, and both were retired in the eighth inning. Attendance, 2200. Score: B H E Philadelphia.....6 10 13 1 Batteries—Mathewson, McGinnity and Warner. Umpires—Moran and Zimmer.

**Chicago 7, St. Louis 6.**  
ST. LOUIS, April 18.—St. Louis lost to Chicago today in the opening game of the series in a ninth-inning finish. The game was slow. Attendance, 2000. Score: B H E Chicago.....7 11 4 Batteries—Corbett and Byers; Briggs and Chance. Umpire—O'Day.

**Pittsburg 6, Cincinnati 5.**  
CINCINNATI, April 18.—For a time in the game today the Cincinnati looked safe. Then the Pittsburgs turned loose a succession of hits and tied the score. Later a triple that Doulin misjudged, with a single at either end, gave the Pittsburgs enough to win. Attendance, 2000. Score: B H E Cincinnati.....5 9 13 2 Batteries—Suthoff and Peitz; Pfeister and Smith. Umpire—Johnstone.

**Boston American Club Is Sold.**  
BOSTON, April 18.—The Boston American League baseball club was sold today to John L. Taylor, of this city, a son of Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe.

**Baseball Game Today.**  
Today's baseball game between Hill Mi-

lary Academy and Bishop Scott Academy on Multnomah field is the first game of the interscholastic series. As both teams have been training hard and are equally confident it promises to be an interesting contest.

**President of Southwest League.**  
HOQUIAM, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—Colonel Fox, of Aberdeen, was elected president of the Southwest Washington League today to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John P. Fink, of Olympia. The choice was unanimous and the teams feel they have a good man for the position. Everything is settled now, and the season looks promising for a prosperous year for the league.

**TALENT OVERLOOKS WINNER.**  
Oakland, Quoted at 40 to 1, Easily Takes Last Race at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Ebony upset calculations at Oakland today by winning the last race at odds of 40 to 1. Owing to his recent poor showing and the presence of McBride in the saddle, the colt was overlooked. After Planeur tired, Ebony took the lead and won as he pleased by five lengths from Oro Viva. Planeur was third. Northwest, the favorite, was never prominent.

Threatening weather prevailed and the track was a trifle slow, owing to the rain during the morning. Three of the first choices came home in front. Results: First race, five furlongs, selling—Suburban Queen won, Dora I second, Hotent third. Time, 1:02. Second race, futurity course, selling—Oscar Teale won, Ben Lash second, Judge Voorhees third. Time, 1:11. Third race, four furlongs, selling—Bob Ragon won, Bill Short second, Frelita third. Time, 1:09. Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling—Isabelle won, Virgie D'Or second, Glenrice third. Time, 1:20. Fifth race, futurity, selling—St. Winifrede won, Titus II second, Yellowstone third. Time, 1:11. Sixth race, one mile and fifty yards, selling—Ebony won, Oro Viva second, Planeur third. Time, 1:45.

**At Memphis.**  
MEMPHIS, April 18.—Montgomery Park summary:

First race, four and a half furlongs, selling—King's Trophy won, Fox Hunting second, Gleeman third. Time, 1:25. Second race, six furlongs—Colonial Girl won, Mde second, Baywood third. Time, 1:34. Third race, mile and one sixteenth—McGee won, Witful second, Judge third. Time, 1:49. Fourth race, Memphis stake, five furlongs—Lady Ellison won, Vidalla second, John Smulski third. Time, 1:08. Fifth race, six furlongs, selling—Australias won, Benson Hurst second, Texman third. Time, 1:37. Sixth race, one mile, selling—Federal won, Volta second, Easy Trade third. Time, 1:44.

**At St. Louis.**  
ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Fair Grounds summary:

First race, four furlongs—Platoon won, Costiga second, Joe Kelly third. Time, 1:26. Second race, five and a half furlongs, selling—Floral Wreath won, Scepter second, Budweiser third. Time, 1:54. Third race, six furlongs, purse—Martius won, Palm Reader second, Harmakis third. Time, 1:24. Fourth race, mile and seventy yards, handicap—Deutschland won, Vestery second, Fatalist third. Time, 1:44. Fifth race, one mile—Irish Jewel won, Duet second, Semper Vivax third. Time, 1:42. Sixth race, one mile and one sixteenth, selling—Leeking won, Sango second, Strader third. Time, 1:36.

**At Aqueduct.**  
NEW YORK, April 18.—Aqueduct summary:

First race, six furlongs, selling—Nepturn won, Belle of Belvedere second, Wealth of Ivy third. Time, 1:16 3/4. Second race, four furlongs—Brook Wip won, Chrysois second, Peggy third. Time, 1:12 1/2. Third race, selling, seven furlongs—Silver Days won, Belle of Milford second, Cincinnati third. Time, 1:23. Fourth race, the Arverne stakes, seven furlongs—Spring won, Graziallo second, Jaquin third. Time, 1:28 1/2. Fifth race, selling, four furlongs—Traumatic won, Home Sired second, Bert Oera third. Time, :48. Sixth race, handicap, six furlongs—San Nicholas won, Sals second, All Gold third. Time, 1:33 1/4.

**Carlton Not the Best Shot.**  
PORTLAND, Or., April 18.—(To the Sporting Editor.)—In your account of the Sunday shoot, a match between myself and Mr. Cullison was reported. As a matter of fact my match was with Dick Carlton, who claims to be the best trap shot on the Pacific Coast, but who isn't. He used his own gun, and shot the best he knew how. I defeated him, and can do again. It was not Mr. Cullison, as stated in the paper.

**Winners in Billiard Tournament.**  
The billiard tournament between members of the Multnomah and Commercial Clubs at the Commercial Clubrooms last evening resulted in the following winners: H. P. Goering, M. A. C., won 2, lost 0; averages, 2.2 and 1.8. B. H. Trumbull, C. C., won 1, lost 1; averages, 2.5 and 2.0. E. B. De Vos, C. C., won 1, lost 1; averages, 2.0 and 2.8. R. M. Montgomery, M. A. C., won 0, lost 2; averages, 2.0 and 1.6.

**Armstrong Knocks Out Johnson.**  
HAVERHILL, Mass., April 18.—Bob Armstrong, of Denver, knocked out Walter Johnson, of Philadelphia, in the second round of what was scheduled to be a 15-round bout before the Haverhill Athletic Club tonight.

**Yanger-Mowatt Fight a Draw.**  
CHICAGO, April 18.—Benny Yanger and Tommy Mowatt, both of Chicago, fought six rounds tonight, the decision of the referee being a draw. The fight was a whirlwind throughout.

**Queenan-Clifford Fight a Draw.**  
SALT LAKE CITY, April 18.—For the third time in their fist career Jack Clifford, of Salt Lake, and Perry Queenan,

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of Seattle, fought 20 rounds to a draw tonight. Both men fought cautiously, and with the exception of the third and the last three rounds the fight was rather slow. Queenan dropped Clifford in the third with a straight left to the chin, and sent him to his corner in rather bad shape. In the 17th, a right swing found Queenan's jaw, and he in turn went groggy for a moment. Queenan finished without a mark, while Clifford had a bad eye and some badly pounded ribs.

**Hanlon Beats Callahan.**  
PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Eddie Hanlon, of California, had the better of a six-round bout tonight with Tim Callahan, of this city, at the Lenox Athletic Club. The fight was a fast one.

**RULES FOR THE HILL MEN.**  
New Jersey Judge Holds Plan to Dissolve the Merger Equitable.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The hearing in the suit against the Northern Securities Company, asking a restraining order against the company's Northern Pacific holdings of Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroad stocks, was begun in Jersey City today. E. T. Nichols, secretary and treasurer of the Northern Securities, filed an affidavit very similar to the one filed in Minnesota's court.

Counsel for Minn. demanded the production of the books, to which the counsel for the Northern Securities Company objected, but the argument was protracted.

At the conclusion of the arguments Vice-Chancellor Berger dismissed the application of the Continental Securities Company for an injunction against the meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Securities Company on April 21. The Vice-Chancellor stated there was no question of the right of the Northern Securities Company to reduce its capital stock, which action was conceded to be legitimate; that no proof had been presented that the proposed method of distribution of the stocks would be an injury to the complainants; that the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court did not order any distribution of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern stocks, or describe any method for their distribution, but that the decree simply prevented the Northern Securities Company from getting any benefit from the holding of these stocks; that the stocks of these railroads are actual assets of the Northern Securities Company and may therefore be distributed to stockholders, as, in the opinion of the court, their sale in the market would be a tremendous injury to the public welfare; and that the method adopted, and heretofore announced, for such stock distribution is perfectly fair. He said he would have to sustain the contention of the Northern Securities Company, and he further remarked that any interference on the part of the court was unwarranted and would work a hardship on the stockholders of the company.

**Minnesota Decision Next Week.**  
ST. PAUL, April 18.—No decision was handed down by the United States Circuit Court in the motion of E. H. Harriman and W. S. Pierce for leave to intervene in the settlement of the Northern Securities Company's case. Judge Sanborn said to the Associated Press that the decision would be given on or before Thursday, April 21. The decision is in course of preparation.

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