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CHANCES FOR THE TEAMS

Portland's Outlook Not the Brightest, Seattle's Future Seems Rosy, San Francisco Looks Well on Paper, Oakland Stronger.

When Jim McDonald, "Bull" Perrine and Phil Knell shout "Play Ball!" at San Francisco, Fresno and Los Angeles this afternoon, the fourth year of the Pacific afternoon, the fourth year of the Pacific Coast League will have begun. Heretofore the league has not been a great success financially. At the end of each of the past seasons none of the clubs comprising the circuit has come out with any beasts of a balance on the right side of the ledger, but some of the magnates anticipate a more profitable season in 1908 than in the past, probably on account of the general cut in salaries of players on the part of every club. The current epipart of every club. The current epidemic in salary reduction is not only prevalent on the Coast, but every league in the country is cutting salaries and the country is citating asserted the reby experiencing more or less trouble in lining up the players, many of whom have embraced the flattering offers of the Fennsylvania outlaw league and jumped their contracts or reserve claims in the minor leagues affiliated with the National

Standing of Teams

Last year the year was divided into two seasons, the first of which was won by the Tacoma club, and the second went to the Los Angeles team, which won the championship in the post-season series by detecting Tacoma in five out of six games played. The standing of the teams in the series

of 1905 was: FIRST HALF.

Won.	Lost.	187
Tacoma	45	.3
San Francisco	49	.5
Los Angeles	52	. 75
Portland47	54	-4
Seattle	56	4
Oakland	63	.4
SECOND HALF.		
Won,	Desc.	82
Los Angeles	42	44
San Francisco	53	1.48

545 509 471 456 409 Los Angeles, the winner of last season's Los Angeles, the winner of last season's championship, is having almost as much trouble getting its players in line as the Portland club, for down in the city of angels. Ross Cravath, Baum and Hall are among the players still holding out for more of Moriey's coln, which trouble is being experienced by most of the other-clubs in the league.

Portland's Prospects Not Bright.

Portland starts the season with prospects that are not of the brightest. At the close of the past season Manager McCredic consummated a trade with Morley of Los Angeles, in which Atz and Schlaffy of the local team were given to the Los Angeles club in exchange for Tim Flood, Jud Smith and Roy Toren. The trade was scarcely a bona fide affair, for the reason that it was not to hold good in case any of the players traded figured in a draft, which occurred in the case of case any or the players traded figured in a draft, which occurred in the case of Larry Schlafty, who was called by the Washington Americans. President Bert interfered and issued an edict whereby the trade was made to stand as engineered last Full, with the result Jake Atz, the best little shortstop on the Coast, was awarded to Morley, while Portland was to receive the three Los Angeles men. Had everything turned out as arranged by the trade, Portland would have fared quite well, but recent events have caused gloom to spread among the

Flood Turns Outlaw.

Tim Flood, after accepting terms, advance money and transportation from the local club, suddenly changes his mind and decides to hurdle to the outlaw league, and McCredie is left without a second baseman. Now it is slieged that Jud Smith bas joined the recalcitrants and says he will not play bail at all this sea-son, which describe leaves the Portland infield very much resembling a sieve. Just how McCredie will fill in these two important positions at this late data is not stated, but if he does it will necessitate some pretty tall hustling on his part to secure men of satisfactory caliber to take

Garvin yesterday afternoon by Judge Mc-Credle. The head of the local club and the pitcher got together and the lanky twirler attached his signature to a Port-land contract for 1996. Garvin's escapade of the other day was found to have been of the other day was found to have been greatly exaggerated, and the charge against him at Vancouver was dismissed vesterday morning and in the afternoon he came into the fold. The big fellow is unquestionably one of the best pitchors who ever performed in the Coast League, and the fact that he will again wear the colors of the local team is joy-ful news to the fans. He will not join the wear the colors of the local team is joy-ful news to the fans. He will not join the team in the south, but will probably do his preliminary work as coach of the Sa-High School team and report to Man-McCredie when the locals open at home, May 9.

Scattle in Good Shape.

a ne San Francisco club, which finished second in both halves of last season, has a fairly strong team on paper, for the only apparent weak spot on that team is at first base, for which position several young players are being tried out, and in the event that they do not make good. The San Francisco club, which finished

With Seattle everything is rosy, for Russ Hall's aggregation is intact. Hall has secured a young player named Burnet to play second base, and the lad is touted an a second Mohier, and the Seattle fans will not regret the loss of both the "Kid" wilsconsin Retains Football.

Oakland Is Stronger.

Oakland seemingly has a stronger team than last year, for "Pop" Van Haltren has secured some well-known players to fill out his team. J. J. Hackett, the new first baseman, is said to be a fine fielder and strong batter, as is Cox, the new out and strong batter, as is Cox, the new outfielder of the Commuters. Ham Iberg has
not yet come to terms with Van Haltren,
for the slow-hall artist insists on a larger
salary than the Oakland magnates seem
willing to pay him, and in this respect he
has a partner in Emerson, the crack young
twirler who was with Mike Fisher last
season and was secured by Oakland in
trade for "Smilling" Schmidt.

Fresno has the weakest team of the
bunch, according to present rating, for

bunch, according to present rating, for Mike Fisher has replaced the positions formerly occupied by such stars as Nor-dyke, Keefe, Graham, Sheehan and Emer-

tyke, Keefe, Graham, Sheehan and Emer-tion with bush talent.

In a short time the fans will be enabled Porty pills in a vigit only one pill a doss.

to size up the comparative atrength of the different teams, for the first games will be played between Portland and Presno at Fresno, Scattle and San Francisco at San Francisco, and Cakkand and Los Angeles at Los Angeles this afternoon, and the series between the clubs mentioned will continue until Sunday week. From report received from the Portlanders down south. Win French seems likely to be the twirler called upon to open the season. He pitched the opening game against Los Angeles last year and won, and it is to be hoped that he will do as well this year. well this year.

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The fans will cluster around the scoreboards this afternoon, as they were wont
to do during the course of the past season, for the opening games usually have
more of a charm to the baseball enthusiast than any of the following events.

BOXING TOURNAMENT ENDS

Olympic Club Contestants Sweep the

MECHANICS PAVILION, San Francisco, April &-The National Amateur Chamionship Boxing Tournament, which has been under way at the Mechanics' Pavilion for three successive nights, under the auspices of the Olympic Club, was concluded this evening, when the semi-finals and finals of the various classes were de cided. Seven bouts of the highest order were pulled off, and seldom has such enthusiasm been witnessed at a local ring-side as that displayed during the progress

of these events.

The attendance tonight was the largest of the meeting. A majority of the contests were so evenly matched that it was necessary to order an extra round to de-termine the winner. The most remarkable feature in connection with the tournament

was the fact that the Olympic Club. of this city, swept the gattre card. There was a wide difference of opinion over the result of the 1%-pound championship class, as the contest was so evenly fought that an extra round was looked

H. L. McKinnon, of the Boston A. C., who was regarded as an almost sure win-ner in the welterweight class, was unfort-unate in that he broke his arm in the semi-final, and could not compete in the final, which went to S. W. McDonald, of the Olympic Club. Following is a list of the names of the

winners in the respective classes: 165-pound (bantam) class—Jimmy Car-roll, Olympic Club.

U5-pound class (featherweight)-Harry Baker, Olympic Club.

Baker, Olympic Club.

125-pound class (special)—William Leonard, Olympic Club.

135-pound class (lightweight)—Lew Powell, Olympic Club.

145-pound class (welterweight)—W. McDonald, Olympic Club.

155-pound class (middleweight)—Henry

158-pound class (middleweight)-Henry Piencke, Olympic Club.

188-pound class (light heavyweight)—
"Tad" Riordan, Olympic Club.

Heavyweight class—Walter Schulken,
Olympic Club.

STANFORD TO MEET CALIFORNIA

Palo Alto Nine the Stronger in the

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6 .- (Special.) On Stanford's campus tomorrow after-noon the University of California and Stanford baseball teams will meet in the firs; intercollegiate game of the season. For the past seven years the University of California has triumphed over its rival on the diamond, but this year the state university men are weak in the pitcher's

box, and the outcome is in doubt.
On the Stanford nine are three Portland boys-Stott, Chalmers and Fenton. The team is made up as follows: Sales, pitcher: Stott, catcher: Presley, first base; Bell, second base: Sampson, shortstop; Penton, third base; Chalmers, left field; Owen, center field; Dudley, right field. The Berkeley team is as follows: Schaeffer, catcher; West, Reinhardt, New-man or Butler, pitcher; Graham or Myers, first base; Gillis, second base; Causley, shortstop; Gunn, third base; Jordan, left field; Sweezy and Miller, center field; Heister or Reid, right field.

WALCOTT MATCHED WITH GANS

Will Fight for Welterweight Championship April 27.

BOSTON, April 6.—William A. Pittle, on behalf of Joe Walcott, telegraphed to Morris Levy, of San Francisco, today, accepting a match with Joe Gans for says they have shown classy practice and he is confident they will deliver the

THE DAY'S HORSERACES.

At Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.-It was announced today that, commencing first Tuesday, seven races will be given at Oak-land daily until the close of the season. Results:

the positions of second and third on his team by the time the season is well ad-team by the time the season is well ad-one mile and one-quarter Epicure won. John W. Davney second, Phaon third; time

ray of brightness has been injected the local situation by the signing of the local situation by Judge Mcdie. The head of the local club and ond. Pronts third; time, 1:43. One mile and 50 sards. Hive Eyes wee

At Washington.

WASHINGTON, April & - Weather, cloudy; track, fast. Results; Six and one-half furious, Columbia course-Pater won, Race King second, Peter Paul Pour and one-half furlongs, old course-Orphan Lad woo, Jal Alai second, Alegra third; time, 0.57.

third; time, 0.5; Six and one-half furiongs. Columbia course—Judge White won, Grand Duchess second, Society Bud third; time, 1.24.2.6. Five furiongs—Arieta won, Donna second, Welbourne third; time, 1.50. Six and one-half furlongs. Columbia cours

- Mettle won, Hanover Hornpipe second, Zany third; time, 1:26 5-5.

Signed by Gray's Harbor.

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Seattle everything is rosy, for Russ

HOQUIAM, Wash. April 6.—(Special.)—

Manager Brown of the Gray's Harbor team, has signed the following pennant-chasters: Tonnelson, of Chicago: Campbell Law. O. Bottleger. D. Bottleger. Baker. Hiatt. Quick, Nearing, Wilkins and Yazell. All played in the Southwest League plant season and are among the best. Prac-

MADISON, Wis., April 6.—Pootball will be played at Whoonsin next Pall, but the intercollegiste games with Michigan, Chicago and Minnesota will be cut out of the schedule. For six hours last hight the faculty of the university argued the question. The firm attitude argued the question. The firm attitude the students had taken in the matter won favor, and the mattery was in favor of restations. majority was in favor of retaining the

Will Play Baseball.

The Brainerd Maroons and the Ste-phens' Addition toams have arranged to play a game of basehall at the Vaughn-street grounds this afternoon. Both teams are made up of the best amateur talent in the city and should put up an interesting exhib

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Portland Balltossers Open the Season at Fresno.

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FRESNO, Cal., April 6.—(Special.)— Manager McCredie and his Portland balltossers arrived here last night from Stockton in time for a day's practice on the Fresno diamond before the opening of the season. McCredic has another bunch of giants and he is confident that they will walk away with the pennant this season by reason of their hard-hitting ability. While he is trying-out a number of youngsters he

The season here tomorrow will open with a flourish. An automobile parade is to precede the game. There will be an oration at the ball grounds by Judge Frank H. Short, and the Rev. Duncarr Wallace, who at one time was a pro-fessional slab artist, will pitch the first ball. French or Jones will pitch for Portland and Fitzgerald for Fresno.

A holiday has been declared for the afternoon.

Portland Against Columbia.

opens its season this afternoon with a game between Portland Academy and Columbia University. These two teams are about the strongest in the league and are quite evenly matched, and a clean, fast game is anticipated. Two weeks ago Portland Academy was defeated in a practice game on the University campus, the score being \$ to 5. But it relight have been otherwise had Beed, Portland's regular pitcher, been in the game. In view of the fact that the two teams are the most prominent contestants for the league championship, today's game will be witnessed with great enthusiasm by those interested in amateur sport. Reed will be in the box for Portland Academy and Looney who held Mulmomah down to ode lone hit last Saturday, will do the twirling for Columbia. The line-up for the game follows:

Columbia Uni. Position.

Yale Wins Wrestling Honors. NEW YORK. April &-Yale's wrestlers NEW YORK. April 6.—I are a wrestlers won the intercollegiate wrestling championship in the Columbia University gymasium tonight by defeating the teams of Columbia. Princeton and Pennsylvania. The final score was: Tale, 7; Columbia, 5; Pennsylvania, 5; Princeton, 4.

Wins Ten-Mile Walk by a Yard. STRACUSE, N. V. April 6—In a ten-mile international walking match here to-night, Williard A. Hougland, of Auburn, N. Y., champion of the world, defeated Tom Stater, champion of Canada, by a yard in 1.2.59.

LAFE PENCE'S APPLICATION

Wants to Build Electric Line or Linnton Road.

St. Helens road from Portland to Lim-ton for an electric railroad line appeared before the County Court yesterday, to-gether with his attorney, C. M. Idleman. Mr. Pence stated that he was prepared to proceed mild the buildles of the line

at once, and that he had ample capital behind him. He agreed to keep that portion of the St. Helens road on which he asks a franchise in good condition during the life of the franchise, and to furnish the county with gravel and crushed rock for the purpose. The County Court is also to have the privilege of fixing the rate of fare, which would probably mean a 5-cent fare to Linnton. The road is to be equipped with cars of the most improved design. The court has as yet taken no action in the matter, and will consider the proposition in the near future and render a decision.

Chinese Merchants Arriving From Orient Admit the Fact.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.-(Special.)-The boycott on American goods in the Orient is practically broken. Returning tourists and business men, and even the Chinese who arrived today on the big liner America Maru, state that American goods are in as great demand in China as they ever were. Chan Kileung, a silk merchant from the district where the

trouble started, said: The boycott is broken. In Canton there are at least 30 Chinese firms handling American goods, and they are finding many hypers. American products are out them.

The last traces of the boycott were to be seen in Shanghai, but when the America Maru sailed it had about disappeared.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mra. W. R. Kerr, of Spokene, will arrive today to remain over Sunday and address the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Centenary M. E. Church Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fechhelmer, who have been touring the Southern States and resorts for the past four montas, have returned and have taken apart-ments at the Hill Hotel for the Spring season. Mr. and Mrs. Fechheimer vis-ited Southern Californis, Artsona: Mexico and New Mexico, and have had delightful Winter.

The Water Chutes Company, Robert Wakefield and A. C. U. Berry yesterday filed an answer to the suit of Edward C. Boyce, in the State Circuit Court. Mr. Boyce furnished the plans for the chutes which were constructed at the Oaks by Mr. Wakefield, who is a contractor. Mr. Boyce, in his complaint for damages, al-Boyce, in his complaint for damages, alleges that Wakefield, Berry and the Water Chutes Company used copies of his plans for the chutes erected at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The defendants, in

they had their own engineer on the work, used entirely different original and im-proved plans, and that the plans of Boyce were not suitable nor adapted for the butes built at the Exposition. Berry also says he had no interest in the but and should not be sued. Will Instruct Judges and Clerks.

County Clerk Fields has arranged to hold meetings of the judges and clerks of election to instruct them in their sev-eral duties. The judges and clerks for the West Side precincts have been re-quested to meet at the Courthouse Tues-day night part and those for the East day night next, and those for the East Side precincis, Wednesday night follow-ing. With a view of informing the memsers of the election board concerning their several duties, mock election will be held The meetings will take place in the court-room of department No. 1, State Circult

Outing in the Woods.

The Nature Study Club of the Y. W. C. A. will make a trip to the woods this afterneon for the purpose of bird study, under the leadership of Miss Gertrude Metcalfe. All members who are interested in these outlings are requested to meet at the association headquarters, Sixth and Oak streets, at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon

Carter-Hays Wedding.

Miss Frances Hays, of 750 Everett street, and Frank B. Carter, of Chicago, were quietly married at the Hotel Glendora by the Rev. John E. H. Simpson, yesterday afternoon. The engagement has been couple for some months, but the marriage ses as a surprise at this time. Mr and Mrs. Carter will reside in Chicago

Albany Twirler Joins Portland High The Portland High School baseball team

The Fortland high School baseball team has been strengthened by the addition of a crack young twirler from Albany. The new man is Irvin R. Schultz, who will join the local interscholastic league team in the near future.

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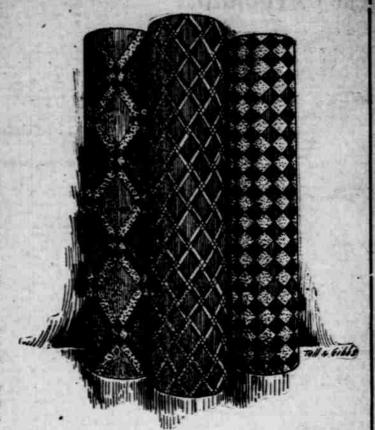
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