BEST CONCERT

Professional Matches Seen by 40,000,000 Spectators Last Year.

MILLIONS FOR SALARIES

Develops From Rounders Into Scien tific Contest of Skill Controlled by Trust and Watched by Keen Critics.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON. May 12—(Special Correspondence)—Americans paid \$5,000,000 to see their favorite game played in the professional baseball parks last year. How much more they spent in outlitting and supporting semi-professional, college and amateur phices cannot be estimated. How many afternoons the some of Uncle Sam "knocked off" to take in a game could not be calculated without endangering an ordinary man's arithmetic.

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Professional ball players in the two major leagues were paid \$600,000 in salaries last year, while the fil minor leagues expended about \$2,000,000 in salaries. More than \$6,000,000 people witnessed the game of the major leagues and the total attendance on all kinds of ball games in one season is roughly estimated at \$0,000,000 or half the population of the country, if they should have turned out one day.

Evolution of the Game.

Baseball is the one great American game. It had its origin and its development in the United States, and it has gone through the same series of ups and downs which has characterized the progress of the great American industries of today. Baseball was first a purely amateur game played for the diversion of the players. Speciators were attracted and there was a co-operative organization. The consolidation idea went on, as in all American businesses, and uniform rules came into being. Then came a "trust." After the trust came the "strike" of the players. Then, there were "lockouts" against outlawed players. Then the whole business was put into a merger, which is a consolidation of trusts, and now five men control the sutire professional baseball world. If these things are not enough to give baseball at title to a purely American history, then let it be remembered that Thomas W. Lawson, author of "Frenzied Finance." has written a book about baseball and the question will be settled.

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Tomorrow—Science of Dry Farming. downs which has characterized the prog-

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Mr. Lawson's book was entitled "Kranks" and was published in Boston 19 years ago. It was bound in horsehide of the kind that wraps the "twirled sphere" and was printed on the finest of parchment paper. Mr. Lawson begins with a definition of the word "krank," a ment paper. Mr. Lawson begins a definition of the word "krank," a for which he may be more or less

work for which he may be more or less fitted. He says:

"The krank is a heterogeneous compound of flesh, bone and basebail, mostly hasebail. He came into existence in the early 70x. He came to stay. The krank is purely American. He is found in no other country. The krank has a shell into which he crawls in the month of November. He does not emerge from it until April. While in his shell, his only article of food is stray newspaper articles on 'deals,' During the season from April to November he subsists on air, and waxes strong. His first characteristic is 'knowing it all',' the second, 'telling it stl.'." Times has changed the "krank" to a "fan," but it is a change in name to a "fan," but it is a change in name

First Big Salarled Pitchers.

first time its present status as the "sorbing sport, diversion and study of the American's Summer mind. In that

jumping, can hardly be guessed at.

The game of baseball was evolved some time in the early 40's of the last century "town-ball." A regular code of rules was published in New York as early as 1845. The first newspaper report of a game of baseball appeared in the New York Sun-day Mercury in July, 1853; "The Gotham and Knickerbocker clubs

played a matched game on the grounds of the latter at Hoboken on the 5th Inst. The Knickerbockers won. Gotham. 18 outs, 12 runs; Knickerbockers, 18 outs, 21 runs—Il runs constituting a game."

Contrast this with the pages devoted to the post-season championship games last

Becomes Professional Game.

Just after the Civil War the game began to be played for the amusement of speciators quite as much as for the diversion of the players. In 1867 the Washington Nationals, a team made up of clerks in the departments at the capital. and of which Arthur P. Gorman, after wards Senator from Maryland, was one of the promoters, made the first grand tour of the country to play ball. The trip cost \$3000 and there were no gate receipts, for baseball was still as free as air. The team won nine of the games played, being beaten in Chicago

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Organized as Trust.

The leagues of leagues which came into existence with the beginning of the 20th century now controls practically all of the professional baseball of the country. It has 31 leagues under its management and works in harmony with the two major leagues, the National and the American. No player may go from club to club without permission of this central organtration, which last year recorded 4400 players' contracts. Men are drafted players' contracts. Men are drafted from small leagues to larger ones, or assigned from place to place, at the will of the central body. Thus has baseball reached the spex of the inventive genius reached the spex of the Inventive genius of the American business man, the centrally controlled combination of combinations, in which the "little fellow" no more dares to talk back than does the cog on the wheel attempt to "argify" with the steam engine.

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In every city of any size there are local leagues, modeled after the professional organizations, made up of from four to eight clubs from various business bouses or offices or churches. These

game. The boys play from the time they are 7 years old and the boys' base-ball games are not always to be de-spised. Many enterprising newspapers publish long lists of results of games and "challenges" for other games each day.

Pitcher Becomes King.

The story of the game itself is just as varied. In 1876, the year the United States celebrated the National centennial, Arthur Cummings, of the Old Starnine of Brooklyn pitched a curved ball. There ended the big scores, there ended the reign of the batsman, there ended the excitement of the running feature, which came down from the rounders which was the grandfather of baseball. The pitcher became the king-pin of the The pitcher became the king-pin of the organization and things were left to depend upon him. Then the catcher was made to take advantage of his position to organize a signal service, and he be-came the chief factor in the field of generalship. From that signal service veloped the intricate system of base-

developed the intricate system of base-ball strategy of today.

Baseball is a good thing for boys of all ages, and sometimes for girls, too, for it gives outdoor exercise and outdoor air to player and spectator. The Duke of Wellington boasted that the victory of Waterfoo was won on the cricket fields of England, thus declaring his faith in the exercise. The Duke of Wellington, nor any other soldler in history, has profited more by the science of strategy than has the player-manager of the than has the player-manager of the American baseball team of today. The baseball nine is no longer made up of nine individuals upon whose several de-grees of skill and enthusiasm the result of the play depends. It is a consummate machine, compact and obedient to a field marshal's will. Baseball to the player is no longer a sport or recreation. It is a highly-paid occupation in life, a science in execution and an art in conception.

Spectator an Expert Critic.

The spectator has changed also. He is not the erstwhile loyal partisan of the home club whose patriotism was too lofty to admit defeat. The man in the grand stand and the boy at the knot-hole today are students and critica. Quick to bestow praise when the player of the home team does what is expected. he is even quicker to censure if that player is a whit less than mathematically exact in fulfilling the measure required

Whether all of these changes are for the best or not, whether there is a mix-ture of good or had, and whether they will progress with time—these are prob-lems for each individual "fan." Henry lems for each individual "fan." Henry Chadwick, the octogenarian "Father of Baseball," declared at the beginning of this year, as he has at the beginning of every year for four decades, that the game is better now than it ever has been and will be better further on.

Baseball enthusiasm was never higher in the country than during the six days post-season championship contest between the two Chicago pennant-winning

Tomorrow-Science of Dry Farming.

JUNIOR DAY AT THE UNIVERS-ITY OF OREGON.

Glaring Contrast to Old-Time Scenes of Class Rushes-Co-Eds Serve Dainty Lunch to Toilers.

morning a hundred students assembled on the campus, and, armed with shovels and In the year 1888, when that little book appeared, baseball had reached for the lits present status as the from Deady Hall. The work was rushed from Deady Hall. The work was rushed Sorbing sport, diversion and study of the American's Summer mind. In that year Boston paid Chicago \$10.000 for the release of John G. Ciarkson, the star pitcher of the time, and the days of "millionaire" bail had dawned. To what dizzy heights salaries of ball-players might have soared, had it not been for the combinations which prevent contractiumphing, can hardly be guessed at.

The game of baseball was evolved some

busy co-eds decorated Villard Hall for the junior crations.

At noon the whole student body assembled at the dormitory, where a magnifi-cent dinner was served to the hungry toli-ers. The tables of the reception rooms were piled high with cakes and sand-wiches, which vanished rapidly before the dainty co-eds moved in and out with travs of good things until 1 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken for the Pullman-

Oregon track meet.

The exercises of the day were brought to a close by the junior orations delivered in Villard Hall.

MRS. SECHTEM SAYS FRAUD

Brings Suit Against Former Administrator of Husband's Estate.

A suit to recover property valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was filed by Christina Sechtem, a widow, yes-terday in the Circuit Court. She alleges that Max Smith, a Portland restaurant keeper, while administrator of by the Forest City team of Rockford, Ill., the estate of Louis Sechtem, defrauded for which A. G. Spalding was pitcher. Then came the organization of the Cincinnati Red Stockings, the first professional team, which soon forced recognisation of land in Columbia County and half block on City left her by her husband, who died November 28, 1894. Four hundred acres of land in Columbia County and from the organization of amateur a half block on Glisan street are men-

dered, and the money due paid over to the rightful heirs.

In regard to the suit Mr. Smith said last night that when he was appointed administrator of the estate, the prop-erty was loaded down with debts and the whole estate was appraised for less than the indebtedness. During the bard times the land was sold to pay Smith says that Henry the debts. Wagner, a well-known lawyer, was attorney for the estate, and that nothing tion corrects that injustice. was done without the lawyer's ap

State's Demurrer Sustained.

Attorney-General A. M. Crawford yesterday filed a demurrer in the Federal Court to the complaint in the case of A.

amateur championship races are exciting Scotland, who, he says, gave him power in the extreme to local lovers of the of atterney to prosecute the suit.

GRASPING AT STRAW

Reactionists May Aim at Taft's Election.

MEANING OF BOSSES' MOVE

Cox and Penrose Climb Into Bandwagon in Hope to Kill the Third-Term Movement and Then Get Milder Treatment.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—These are days of strange happenings politically. "Boss" Cox, of Ohio, heretofore a foremost opponent of Secretary Taft, comes out with an announcement that he favors the nomination of the War Secretary as the Repub-lican candidate for President in 1908. He literally surrenders before the fight between the Taft and the Foraker forces had really opened. "Boss" Penrose, of Pennsylvania, a machine politician through and through, comes out with a declaration of most profound friendship for Mr. Roosevelt and favors the renomi-nation of the President. What does it all mean? Why should

What does it all mean? Why should Mr. Cox surrender before there had been a test of strength between the Foraker faction, which he was leading, and the Taft faction, which he was eapposing? He says it is to preserve harmony in the party, but Mr. Cox has never before been anxious for party harmony. In past camanxious for party harmony. In past campaigns he has suffered the party to divide into factions and has seen if go down to defeat, knowing all the time that, if he would surrender to the other faction the would surrender to the other faction the united party could carry the state. Here-tofore Mr. Cox was willing to risk his leadership rather than bow down to what is now known as the Taft faction. Then why this change of heart?

Penrose Tries to Save Hide.

At the time Mr. Penrose came out in a declaration in favor of giving Mr. Roose-veit another term, the Republicans of Pennsylvania looked around to discover his reason for changing front. They fig-ured out that Mr. Penrose had discovered the tremendous popularity of the Presi-dent in Pennsylvania, and feared that. unless he showed signs of friendliness with the National administration, the next Pennsylvania Legislature might send to the Senate some man in sympathy with Roosevelt policies.

Mr. Penrose, educated under Quay, is too old a dog to learn new tricks; he is

not sincere in his avowal of friendship for the President and he is not fooling the general public. It is generally con-ceded that he is merely trying to save his own hide.

his own hide.

The same suspicion is cast upon Mr. Cox in Ohio. There is no apparent reason why he should desert Senator Foraker and declare for Secretary Taft. His past tactics do not bear out his expressed desire to preserve harmony in the Republican party of his state. Why, then, did he declare for Mr. Taft and thereby kill the Foraker Presidential boom?

Corporations Choose Less Evil.

Some are inclined to accept Mr. Cox at his word. But these are in the minority. Others believe that after conference with Mr. Foraker and the interests he repre-sents, Mr. Cox has declared in favor of Mr. Taff in the sole hope of checking the talk of Mr. Roosevelt for a second elective term. Much as the corporations dislike Mr. Taft, they have not the same fear of him that they have of Mr. Rooseveit. If Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected, the railroads and Wall street know exactly what to expect. If Mr. Taft is elected, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, May 17.—
(Special.)—Junior day was appropriately celebrated at Oregon today. Early this propring a hundred state of the would not have the same free rein that they would have if their friend Mr. Foraker was sent to the White Have below the same free rein that they would have if their friend Mr. they would run less risk of rough handling than if Mr. Roosvelt should be granted

an extension of four years. The reactionaries, if they could control the convention of 1908 and thought be could win, would nominate Mr. Fairbanks. Their second choice would be Mr. Foraker. Mr. Fairbanks is first choice because he is more pliable of the two and probably the more popular. Mr. Foraker is in general sympathy with this element, but he has ideas of his own and is seldom tractable. He is more apt to carry out his own views. In case of a conflict of opinlons, not even Wall street or the railway magnates would be able to whip him into line. That is their sole objection to him.

Hope to Soften Taft's Heart.

Eliminating Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Taft is probably the strongest runner now en-tered on the Republican lists. And, bar-ring Mr. Roosevelt, he is more apt to be cominated than any other man. Can it is that the "interests," alarmed at the rowth of Roosevelt sentiment, have grasped at a desperate chance, and de-cided to concentrate their efforts to bring about Mr. Taft's nomination, trusting to the future to soften Mr. Taft's heart, parthe future to sorten ar. That's heart, par-ticularly if they give him material finan-cial support, both before the convention and before the country? Mr. Taft might not be unmindful of favors such as these. If the money power could force his nomi-nation and force his election, would be turn about and ignore it after he became President? An authentic answer to these questions would do much to clear up the Ohio mystery.

There are indications that the "Interests" are finding themselves up against it. They are not in a position to nominate a man of their choice; they are afraid of the foremost candidate among the Demo-crats, and the only thing left is to turn to a Republican who is popular, and trust to luck that he will be less harsh than Mr. Roosevelt has been. Such a man would at least be safe, and that is more than they would expect of Mr. Bryan.

RESPECTS VESTED RIGHTS

Ballinger Modifies Order Suspending Alaska Coal Entries.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 17-Land Commissioner Ballinger today modified his previous order withdrawing coal land in Alaska from entry: Under the modified order persons or corporations who had within one year prior to November 12, 1906, filed valid locations may proceed to make entry and obtain patent, the same privilege being extended to assignees. The original order of withdrawal interfered with many legitimate interests that had initiated rights, though not entries. The modifica-

Land Districts in Alaska.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, May 17 .- The President has signed proclamation defining the boundaries of e Nome and Pairbanks land districts, in Alaska, the former to embrace all of H. Burns against the State of Oregon, in which Burns asks pay for horses and supplies furnished in the Indian Wars of 1865 and 1868. The demurrer is on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction.

The claim is for \$3000, Judge Wolverton the claim is for \$3000, Judge Wolverton and the court has no jurisdiction.

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The recital will begin at 7:16 and will continue until about 10. Make a point to drop in, if only for a few moments. Just follow the crowd to the busy Ellers corner, Washington and Park streets.

ters appointed: Oak Point, Cowlitz County, John W. Taylor, vice H. A. Young, resigned; Winchester, Douglas County, Anna Medloe, vice S. D. Titus, resigned; Winona, Whitman County, L. Walls, vice J. T. Billups, removed.

Barrett to Represent Roosevelt.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, May 17.-Director John Barrett oday notified the President that he would go to Scattle as his personal representative on June 1, when ground is to be broken for the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. He will be in Portland May 36

New National Bank at Burns.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ontegonian News Bottleson, May 17.—The Harney County National Bank, of Burns, Or., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital; C. F. McKinney, president; Leon M. Brown, cashier,

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Frank Verbiska, lots 9, 10, 11 and
12, block 2, Normandale
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and 12, block fil, Piedmont.

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Wm. and Florence W. McMurray to Sherrill W. Bialsdell, west 15 of lot 2 and all of lot 3, block 7, John Irving's First Add.
Lone Fir Cemetery Co. to Nelson I. and Sarah E. Kendall, west 15 of lot 8 excepting 10 feet on south end block "A," maid cemetery
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north 15 feet of lot 4, block 5, R. R.

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L. F. Ryberg to T. S. Faulkner, lots

5 and 6, block 7, Stewart Park

W. H. and Virginia King to R. A.

Johnson, lots 3 and 4, block 1, subdivision St. Johns Heights

Frank M. and Anna S. Warren to W.

H. Ross, lots 5, 6 and 7 and south

5 of lot 4, block 14, Central Albina

Add.

Pacific Realty & Investment Co. 10

Cellina A. Wintermute, lot 19, block

2, Stewart Park

Wm. and Bessie L. Byers to Kath
arine Kelly, lots 7, R. 9, 10, 11 and

12, block 2, Fairview.

Fred L. and Cella Newell to Lydia A.

Parker, lot 15, block 12, Mt. Tabor

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Geo. and Mary F. Boyer to Kathrya F. Motter, lots 2 and 4, Afmelie Place Geo. and Mary F. Boyer to Kathrya Posson, sast 19 of lots 2 and 10, block 1, Fleasant Home Add.
Investment Co. to Elizabeth W. Heine, lots 11 and 12 block 22, Pledmont. John 11 and 12 block 22, Pledmont. Balley, lot 2, block 248, Holladay's Add. 1.650 1.75 Runyard, lot 29, block 5, Scenic Place E. M. Rasmussen to J. J. Chibreau, south 31 1-4 feet of lot 4, block 8, Central Add.

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John and Josephine Biles to John Victor Berg, 28 acres of Secs, 24 and 35, T. I. N. R. 3 E. and part of D. I. C. of John Koger.

Julia Becker et al. to J. A. Ramsdell, lot 8, block 6, Schmeer's Add.

Verze Broz Co. to Jesse Hobson, trustee, 3 acres in S. E. 5, of Sec. 9, T. I. S. R. I. E.

Caroline S. and B. M. Lombard to Frederick and Gertrude P. Herbert, lot I. block 7, Broadway Add.

Bert Nisbet to Mary E. Wicks, lot 3, block 2, Crosser's Add.

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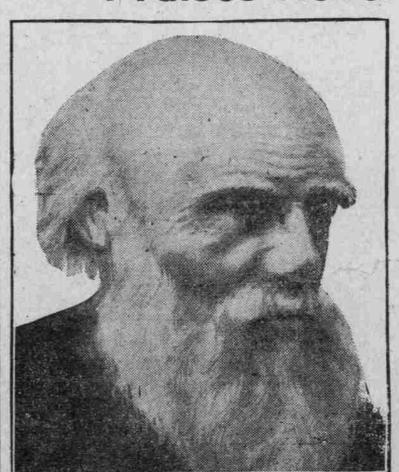
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