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NEW GRANDSTAND

IS BADLY NEEDED

Inadequate to Demands

Made Upon It.

STRUCTURES ARE FLIMSY

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909.



Harry Scharnweber, the crack short-stop of the Springfield., Ill., club for the past three seasons, has been purchased by the Vancouver club of Naughn-Street Baseball Park the Northwestern League. "Scnarnie," as he is called for short, is slated to fill the shoes vacated by "Phenom" Mundorff, who was drafted by San Francisco.

offers after having been a player much in demand several years ago.

Ehort Lease Held on Grounds From Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Reason for Temporary Arrangement.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. The arrival of the New Year, the departure of football, and the prospect of a most successful baseball senson, brings

to mind the fact that the fans of Portland for eight years have put up with a makeshift grandstand and seating accommodations whenever they have pat-ronized the contests on the diamond. The dations now in evidence at the Twenty-fourth and Vaughn-street park are absolutely inadequate, both from the point of comfort as well as convenience.

point of conflot as well as convented to satisfy the wants of the fans who throng the enclosure at the games. In order to properly summarize the sit-uation, a short history of the baseball park will be necessary. In the year 1991, when baseball was again taken up and promoted in Porcined after a lange of when baseball was again taken up and promoted in Portland, after a lapse of several years, the present site of the park was leased and a grandstand and bleachers thrown up inside of three weeks' time. The original structure was of the cheapest construction, and while built strong enough to survive one sea-ble item of eveness was and down non, the item of expenses was cut down to the lowest possible figure because base built in Portland at that time was looked upon as a mete experiment. In previous years, enterprises of the same kind had been started and had falled before the season was completed. On this account the promoters did not care to erect an in promotion and therefore contented allure ahead, and therefore contented hemselves with erecting a stand and leachers which probably did not represent an outlay of more than \$3000.

Additions Only Temporary.

The following year, after baseball had proved so successful the opening season, some additions were made, but these, like the original structure, were filmsy, and made only and made only to meet the requirements of the times. When the Pacific Const League was organized the stands and bleachers were not rebuilt, but simply reinforced with stronger limbers than for-merty upheld the structures. Additional bleachers have been added from time I time, and at present the grounds are enable of senting between 5000 and 6000 persons, and crowds as great as 3000 and 5000 have been squeezed into the enclosure, and try as they may, the base hall promoters now in control cannot ac commodate the larger crowds in a man

The baseball park is owned by the per-sons who pay to see the games. The baseball park is owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Com-pany, which concern leases the grounds from year to year to the McCtodles, and is is understood that this lease can be understood that this lease can terminated at any time providing that a year's notice is given.

Short Lease an Obstacle.

With such a short lease, the McCredies say they cannot afford to undertake the obligation of building a commodious baseball park capable of seating at least 10,000 persons, which is the present requirement of Portland, and as the city grows each year, the baseball attendance will cor-



reapondingly increase. The railway com-pany is said to want the ball grounds for the side of a carbara, which will be re-quired soom, and for that reason refuses to extend the lease for any greater length

Judge McCredie stated last Summer that if he were to secure a ten-years' leave on the present site he would erect a \$30,000 plant on the grounds. If such should come to pass it would mean that Portland would have the finest baseball grounds in the West, but as it is almost the new to comprese the constructoo lats now to commence the construc-ion of steel-framed stands and bleachers it seems quite likely that Portland will be compelled to put up with the same old, dusty, dirty and woefully small acns for at least another year.

ROWLAND TO BE MANAGER

Dubuque Man Secured to Handle Aberdeen's Team.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 3.-(Special.)-President MacFarlane of the Aberdeen Basehall Association announces the en-gagement of C. H. Rowland as manager of the Black Cats for the season of 1909. Rowland has been for three years with the Dubuque team of the Three-I League, and comes recommended by no less a magnate than Comisky of the Chicago White Sox. Rowland has been instructed to engage five men whom he has recom-mended. Rowland will be here January and will get his team together and them to Lewiston, Idaho, for work. President MacFarlane take the mys of Rowland

"I have faith in this man's ability, and from the letters received from various sources, I think we have been very fortunate in securing his services."

COLUMBIAS BEAT O. R. &. N.

On Wet and Sticky Grounds Succeed

in Making 4-to-0 Score.

Columbias and O. R. & N. played their schedule game of association football on the baseball grounds Saturday afternoon. The field was wet and the men deserved cradit for sticking to a trying game un-der the worst of conditions. The O. R. & N. men showed more ginger and greater improvement than in any game since they first tried soccer, last Fall. Many times they got dangerously near the Columbias' goal, but steady playing by Dr. Short, captain of the Columbias, saved a score. Challis, J. K. Mackie and Alex Young were other Coumbias who did cinverly. Kendail, Karr and Hughes were best on the O. R. & N. The score was 4 to 0 in the Columbias' favor. Hutchin-The field was wat and the men deserved 4 to 0 in the Columbias' favor. Hutchin-son, of the O. R. & N., was referee.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

CIELDER JONES says that if he owned a big league baseball club

at the halt, for McRune is the King-pin" in Seattle, but Schreeder evi-dently had his own views of the "state". and quietly told Michael Angelo that he mighth take the whole Seattle club S. Joaselyn, Fred Jacobs, C. C. Colt

classification and higher rating than other minor clubs which they charge with at-tempting to run their affairs. It is possible that the Chicago ticket

scalping charges may be reopened. The application of Mannger Kelly for the en-forcement of his contract with the Boston National League team will probably be presented and numerous applications for reinstatement will occupy the attention of the computation of the con Among other matters to be considered

the reinstatement of James Sebring, Doo Reisling and Joe Ward, formerly of the Brooklyn team, but now with the Tri-State League; the reinstatement of mem-bers of the Washington team who played against ineligible teams in Chicago last Pail; the drafting of a schedule by the National League Commission and the closing of the prospective trades involv-ing the Cincinneti, Brooklyn and Boston

CHINESE BEAT JAPANESE

Yellows and Browns Put Up Good Exhibition of American, Game

With Score of 10 to 0.

OAHLAND, Cal., Jan. 3 .- in an exciting and unique football contest, the first to have been held in the history of the game between the Japanese and Chinese, the Imperials, a picked Ce-lestial eleven and all native sons, de-feated the Fujis this morning at Freeman Park by the score of 10 to 0. The Japanese were completely out-generaled and outplayed, though outweighing their opponents by 10 pounds. The Chinese made their two touch-downs in the first 10 minutes of play,

the first on a cross buck and the other on a straight line rush. The oddness of the affair created a stir in sportdom. Both teams showed an intimate acquaintance with the American game and put up a good exhibition, considering the sloppy con-dition of the gridiron. The signals were in English. Many Chinese girls and boys were on hand and took a keen delight in the contest.

'GLAD HAND' CLUB FORMED

Business Men's Committee Will

Welcome Newcomers.

A newcomers' committee, with "The Glad Hand" for its slogan, has been appointed by President Hodson, of the he would give anywhere up to \$35,000 for Walter Johnson, the young Idaho lad who is pitching for the Washing-ton American League club.

Lynch thought Schreeder would bite at the balt, for McKune is the "king-at the balt, for McKune is the "king-but Schreeder evi-C. C. Craig was named chairman of C. C. Craig was named chairman of

Corbett is now 42 years old, but it must be said of him that he appears to be in perfect physical condition. Since the night of August 14, 1903, when Jeffries knocked him out in 10 rounds, Corbett has had on a boxing glove but once. "But I've always kept up my exercise," said Corbett, to an Associated Press rep-resentative today, "and physically I know I am in better condition than Jeffries or any of the others outside of these young fellows who wouldn't have a chance on llows who wouldn't have a chance

"Honestly, though, I did not mean to earth anyway with John. "Honestly, though, I did not mean to start this talk of my going up against Johnson. I simply feel badly to see a colored man champion, and I told a bunch of friends one evening how I felt and that I didn't know of any man who had a batter channes with Johnson than mya better chance with Johnson than my-self, unless it should be Jeffries. I don't want to be put in the position of ap-parently issuing a challenge to fight Johnson. I don't intend to do anything of the kind. I talked too much because I felt so badly over the Australian fight. "But if the Australian peenle should "But if the Australian people should happen to like the idea and give me six months in which to train, why. I'll go into the game again and I think I could

make good and get that championship back." Corbett has done nothing toward can celling his theatrical engagements and will not unless some action is taken at the other end. He said, however, that he intended to do some active training at the Denver Athletic Club next week and so far as possible would condition himself while on the road for the rest of the seasor Corbett said his weight had not changed

ch in several years and that he could bably enter the ring weighing about 185 pounds stripped.

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Taken all in all this years Devils Auction" is folly up to the standard of the past, and is much better in some points. The fun in the show this year is cleaner than ever before, a point that should bring many children to enjoy its wondrous scenes juminated changing tableaux. scenes and 11-



to the days of Maggie Mitchell, Charlotte Thompson and Clara Morris in their prime, and they go to see the good old play of their youth with an extra hand-kerchief or two tucked away handly. "Jane Eyre" without a "weep" seems "Jane Eyre" without a weep seems like a farce-comedy without a smile; but that is the manner in which Charlotte Bronte's story is told by the Rowland & Clifford Company at the Star this week. The pathelic and lump-raising lines are slurred over and the intoxicated serving-girl, the perplexed butler, the young "leftenant" with the marvelous haugh, the mournful cure and the fun-

loving Adele are given full swing. Miss Dorothy Turner has a fine con

tion of the requirements of the title role and carries out this conception with con-siderable evidence of talent. If she had the old adaptation and more opportunity the old adaptation and more opportunity to bring out the star part, she doubless would be equal to the task. She is a tall, graceful woman, and the same may be said of Dorothy Kenyon and Ethel Bayonne. Lois Meredith, in the char-acter of Grace, the housemaid with an uncontrollable thirst for gift is some-

acter of Grace, the housemaid with an uncontrollable thirst for gin, is some-thing new in "Jans Eyre," but while, as a rule, the portrayal of a bibulous woman is far from pleasing. Miss Mere-dith does well to keep the character from the disgusting stage. Marion Zimmer-man is an acceptable Adele, and with her lover, Lieutenant Ingram, played by Pat Garin, capers through the acts to the amusement of the audience. Edwin Scribner is sufficiently dignified as Lord Rochester, and E. B. Bonner is capital as the hypocritical rector.

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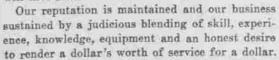
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