

PRESIDENT LUCAS IN DARK, HE SAYS

Does Not Know What Standing Portland Has Regarding Northwest Team.

IS JUST BACK FROM EAST

Admits He Expected Offer for Portland Territory Would Be Turned Down Before It Was Made at Memphis Meeting.

William H. Lucas, president of the Northwestern Baseball League, after spending several weeks of his vacation visiting friends and relatives in the Middle West, returned to Portland Monday.

President Lucas left Portland one week after the Northwestern League's season ended. After attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, at Memphis, Tenn., he went to see his old haunts in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Speaking of the baseball situation Mr. Lucas averred he was somewhat in the dark as to the exact status of the matter, for he had not been able to get into communication with either D. E. Dugdale or Congressman McCredle in the past two weeks. A Spokane newspaper man, Joe Chan and Bob Brown, equally ignorant of official information.

Has Confidence in Dugdale. When assured that Dugdale had expressed himself as confident that Portland would be allowed permission to play a Northwestern League team, Mr. Lucas expressed confidence in the word of the Seattle manager. It is possible he will visit San Francisco soon to talk over the situation with President Graham of the Coast and other magnates.

"I am as much as ever over the situation as any one," said Mr. Lucas, yesterday, "though I have every reason to believe that the assurances said to have been given Mr. Dugdale are genuine. I have been spending part of my vacation visiting relatives in the East, and during that time I have had a whisper of matters pertaining to baseball. As to the Northwestern League's waiving claim to Portland, as far as the census is concerned, I do not see what the matter has to do with the situation, for we could not, in any circumstances, include Portland in our territory unless granted the privilege by the Pacific Coast league, something in the waiver line in this respect was absolutely unnecessary.

Offer to Purchase Refused. At Memphis, however, we did offer to purchase the right to Portland territory, but as we expected, we were refused. That matter, however, should not have concerned the California magnates to any great extent, for it was merely an offer and we did not ask the National Association to make any arbitrary ruling in our favor, for such procedure would have been fruitless.

"I hope soon to get into communication with the baseball magnates interested in the situation and may learn something from them. At least I hope to be able to make a report that Portland is again in the Northwestern circuit again.

BUZUKOS POSTS \$100 FORFEIT

Greek Wrestler Anxious for Match With Eddie O'Connell.

Not having received any reply to his challenge to "Strangler" Smith, who is matched to meet Eddie O'Connell in a straight match next Monday night, Peter Buzukos, who believes he has a chance with either of these grapplers, last night posted \$100 with the sport editor of The Oregonian to bind a match with Eddie O'Connell. If the match will weigh in at 140 pounds or less, Buzukos is the Greek wrestler who has appeared in Portland and vicinity on a number of occasions, and who has been camping on the trail of "Strangler" Smith for some time. As Smith, for some reason or other, has seen fit to ignore the challenges of the Greek, Buzukos now challenges O'Connell to a return match for \$100 a side, the match to take place at any time or place O'Connell desires to name. Buzukos believes O'Connell can beat Smith easily, and does not hesitate to say so, as was shown in a published letter from him several days ago.

He asserts that Smith is afraid to meet him again, and in order to demonstrate that he can wrestle he is willing to take on Eddie O'Connell for the sum named. He is emphatic in his contention that he is the equal if not the master of both Smith and O'Connell, and has posted his money to bind a match with O'Connell, whom he looks upon as the best man of the two.

FORBES WILL QUIT COACHING Oregon Hopes to Secure Howard Jones, Head Coach at Yale.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Robert W. Forbes, head coach at the University of Oregon for the past two seasons, will not coach the varsity football squad next year, but the famous Yale system of playing the game, which he has introduced here, will not be dropped. In Forbes' place, it is hoped to secure Howard Jones, present head coach at Yale, through whose good coaching this season Yale's victory over Harvard and winning of the 1909 championship were made possible. Forbes' departure, which is at his own request, is much regretted by the football men and students here, with whom he was very popular. The former Yale star and All-American end in 1907 was handed a contract for next year and asked to sign it, but Forbes declared he is going to quit coaching for good and to enter business for himself, and returned the contract. He has accepted an offer from the Portland Lumber Company, of Portland, and will make that city his home hereafter.

BASKETBALL TEAMS STRONG Multnomah and Columbia to Open Season Tomorrow Evening.

The Multnomah Club basketball team will begin the season by playing a game tomorrow night with the Columbia University team at the M. A. C. gymnasium. The "M" team is thought to be even stronger than it was last year. The line-up, subject to change, follows: Center, Merritt; right forward, Fisher; left guard, Young; left forward, Percy; right guard, Allen. Multnomah will meet the strong Catholic Young Men's Club team has the following fast men in its line-up: Guards, Mullen and Lollock; center, Young; for-

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wards, Dooney and Dodd, substitutes, Clancy and Strack, Jack O'Brien is the coach. The team has recently been fitted out with new uniforms. Frank Lonergan, manager of the Multnomah, is arranging games with several of the college teams, including Idaho, Whitman, Washington and Eugene.

ALL READY FOR SPOKANE PORTLAND BOXERS PREPARED TO LEAVE TOMORROW.

Interclub Boxing and Wrestling Bouts Prove Popular With Local Boys Prepared for Fray.

Entries for the Spokane interclub boxing and wrestling bouts by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, which organization will send a team of boxers and wrestlers to the metropolis of Eastern Washington next Friday night have been announced. Following the policy of sending the practically new men to these preliminary meets Multnomah will delegate the most promising of the youngsters who have shown most skill in recent weeks.

Joe Tunney, a speedy youngster at 140 pounds, will go to Spokane as the winged "M" representative at that weight, while Young Buckman, a promising 125-pound boxer, will go to Spokane to defend the honors in that division. Omar Dranga, Multnomah's champion at that weight is unable to get away to make the Spokane trip, and Buckman was selected in his stead. Buckman is one of the newest pupils of Dan Danziger, who has made remarkable progress with the Multnomah boxers, and the instructor thinks the lad will be able to uphold the honors of the club. Danziger and Wrestling instructor O'Connell will accompany the Multnomah entries to Spokane, all of whom will leave here Thursday for the Falls City.

The grapplers who have been entered at Spokane are E. E. Vinson, the deaf-mute whirlwind, who goes in the main at 150 pounds, while the other grappler will be H. M. Moss, Multnomah's star at 135 pounds.

EBBETTS AGAINST HEYDLER Brooklyn Man Says He Will Vote for Ward for President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Charles H. Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn National League Baseball Club, declared today that at the annual meeting of the National League, in this city on December 14, he would vote for John M. Ward for president, as against John A. Heydler, the present incumbent. Ebbetts says Heydler's decision in disputed cases cost the Brooklyn club two games last season. He asserted, however, that he was willing to vote for Heydler in the event of a tie. Ebbetts also declared himself against "syndicate baseball," and in favor of a season of 168 games next year, beginning April 14 and ending October 16.

ALEN PREPS SCHEDULE GAME Catholic Young Men to Be Antagonists Friday Evening.

The Allen Preparatory School basketball team will play its first game of the season next Friday evening against the Catholic Young Men's Club team at the Catholic Club gymnasium. The Allen boys have been practicing several weeks, and expect to have a strong team. The team will line up as follows: Center, Shaver or Harr; forwards, Compton, Hayes, Burghard (sub); guards, Gerhart, Cook, Ed Smyth (sub). Losing three games and winning two, the Allen team tied for fourth place with Hill Military academy last season in the interscholastic basketball race.

CAMP FAVORS CHANGING RULES Eastern Football Authority Gives Opinion on Present Game.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7.—That there should be a revision of the football rules with a view to minimizing the chances of serious accidents was declared here today by Walter Camp, Yale's graduate coach. "I don't know that I am sufficiently prepared to say just what these changes should be," said Mr. Camp, "but I am collecting such facts as I can that would lead to the knowledge of how to effect the best results."

Chenawa Beats Woodburn. CHEWAWA, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Woodburn basketball team was defeated tonight by a score of 48 to 10. The Indians played an excellent game with good team work. Smoker, Clark and Olsen starred for Chewawa. Twenty-minute halves were played. Officials, Laver and Teabo.

National Re-elects Dovey. BOSTON, Dec. 7.—President Dovey was today re-elected by the Boston National League Club, and John F. Harris, of Pittsburg, was chosen as a director. President Dovey announced he favored John A. Heydler for president of the National League.

Giants' Catcher Goes to Rochester. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The New York American League Club today sold Catcher Walter Blair to the Rochester team of the Eastern League.

Detroit Gets Two Good Men. DETROIT, Dec. 7.—Outfielder McIntyre and Catcher Beckendorf, today signed with the Detroit Club for another season.



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SETTLERS STILL COMING

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