

LEAGUE TO BLOCK MCCRIDGE'S PLAN

Baseball Law Invoked to Prevent Sale of Players to Highest Bidders.

LUCAS PROTESTS BY WIRE

Magnates Do Not Propose to Lose Good Players of Portland Club. Assert That Men Revert When Franchise Lapses.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—The Northwest League will block McCredie's efforts to dispose of his players in the Portland club. President Lucas telegraphed today to the National board, giving his version of the situation and explaining the sales. The Portland club has several good players, and the Northwest magnates do not propose that he shall be permitted to let them go.

Lucas expressed surprise when he was told that "Nephew" Walter would try to dispose of these men to any club that would pay his price. McCredie had told Lucas, so Lucas says, that he was willing to turn the players over to the Northwest League. Lucas quotes the ruling of the National board that the players belong with the franchise, and that when the franchise reverts to the league the players went with it.

There promises to be a lively contest on this point, though it is not believed here that Walter will attempt to evade the baseball law when it confronts him squarely.

Lucas left Seattle last night for Vancouver, B. C., in company with Bob Brown, the retiring Spokane manager, who will take the management and a three-fifths interest in the Vancouver club.

SYNDICATE BASEBALL BARRED

Herrmann Issues Warning at National Commission Meeting.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—A declaration against "syndicate baseball" in the report of Augustus Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, was the feature of the annual meeting here today. Herrmann in his annual report warned club owners against permitting syndicate baseball and urged that stern measures be taken to suppress it if attempted.

Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, was the guest of honor at the dinner given tonight by Chairman Herrmann and President Johnson of the American League.

William Murray's statement of his claim against the Philadelphia National League club was not made public. He says that he has a contract calling for his services as manager until after the season of '11, but that the new management refuses to carry out the agreement. The commission decided that the case does not belong to its jurisdiction and referred it to the board of directors of the National League.

Another finding declared that players of the California State League, the "outlaw" organization which recently subscribed to the National agreement, must make personal application for restoration to good standing. This ruling followed a hearing by the "outlaw" club, "Happy" Smith, of the Oakland club, was awarded to the Chicago National.

Augustus Herrmann was re-elected chairman and John E. Bruce secretary.

BROWN GETS VANCOUVER TEAM

Late Spokane Baseball Manager Acquires Interest for \$8000.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 5.—R. P. Brown, late manager and part owner of the Spokane baseball team, has acquired for \$8000 a three-fifths interest in the Vancouver baseball franchise and will arrive here tomorrow morning to close the deal, according to a telegram received from him today.

Charles Johnson, former owner of the franchise, will retain a two-fifths interest in the team until the spring, when the same will be turned over to Brown. Brown is understood to have several good players on his string.

Satisfaction is expressed here over Brown's coming, as he is regarded as a good man and will have every encouragement in his efforts for a strong team. He asserts that he already has several good men in view.

Brown will complete the formalities necessary to transfer and his new contract on his present trip and will return to Spokane to close his affairs there. He has business interests in Spokane, to which he will retain, but will make his home in Vancouver.

LONG AND EDWARDS DUE SOON

Young Pugilists, Who Box Here, Will Arrive Early Next Week.

Louis Long and Frankie Edwards, who are to meet in an exhibition boxing match before the Oregon Athletic Club on January 18 or 19, are expected to arrive in Portland early next week. Edwards will probably arrange for the use of Tommy Tracey's gym, where he worked out for his match with Danny O'Brien, while Long may secure the gymnasium of the Police Department Athletic Club.

Danny O'Brien, the young Portland erstwhile amateur, probably will be matched for an exhibition with "Bud" Anderson, for Bobby Evans will be unable to appear because of an injury sustained while skating the other night. The disability of Evans has resulted in the Oregon Athletic Club making an effort to secure Anderson to meet O'Brien instead. Anderson has not yet given his consent to appear with his ex-amateur adversary. It is believed that he will agree to terms in a day or so.

The Oregon Athletic Club is figuring on staging a third bout the same night, and it is quite possible that "New" Whitman, the clever East Side boy, will figure in this bout, though another lad of his weight has not yet been secured to meet him. Several ladies are in the organized date of the bouts and the entire programme will be announced shortly.

BALLETPLAYERS SEEK ENTRANCE

Cuban Players Want to Get Into National Agreement Deal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Cuban balletplayers are clamoring for admission to the myrtle circuit controlled by the National Agreement. Furthermore, the athletes now pasturing in the tropical Havana are going to make a fight for the smiles of the powers that be in the organized game. Henry O'Day, better known as "Hank," the well-known umpire, is back

from Cuba with the tidings to this effect: "Baseball has gone up in wonderful style in the last few years at Havana," said O'Day, narrating his experiences while with the All-Stars on their recent tour of Morro Castle. "They have some good players there and the interest never lags."

"You know there are hundreds of Americans in Havana and the way those Cuban teams beat the clubs from the States is a caution. The diamonds, however, in Havana, are rough and this has a lot to do with many defeats chalked up against the tourists."

ALLEN PREPS WIN CONTEST

Albina Athletics and First Multnomahs Also Basketball Victors.

The Allen Preparatory School basketball team defeated the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian Church team in a rough contest at Ringler's gymnasium Tuesday night, and the whole Allen team excelled in team work. Harrison was the star of the Hawthornes.

In a fast game with the Albina Athletic Club, at the Multnomahs' bridge, the Portland Academy basketball team was defeated Tuesday evening 21 to 19. The score stood 13 to 13 at the end of the first half and 19 to 19 at the end of the second half. Five extra minutes were consumed in playing off the tie and Nelson, Albina's left forward, threw the winning basket.

The Portland Academy basketball team was overwhelmed by the First Multnomah Club team Tuesday night in the Multnomah gym, by the score of 48 to 15. The stars of the game were Cobb and Norris for the Academics, and Young for the club.

SPRY RULES AGAINST FIGHT

Utah Governor Declares Attitude Toward Jeffries-Johnson Contest.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 5.—"It isn't possible for that fight to take place here and come within the law. I will uphold the law if it becomes necessary."

With these words Governor William Spry, at his recent visit to the city, declared his official attitude toward the Jeffries-Johnson championship contest, and disposed of the plan of the promoter, "Tex" Rickard, to stage the fight in Salt Lake City.

BONUS OFFERED FOR PENNANT

Farrell Willing to Pay for Leading Place in League Standing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Bonuses on a sliding scale have been offered by Frank Farrell, owner of the New York American League Club, to Manager George Stallings of the Red Sox, who is leading the club in the first division. Farrell has promised Stallings \$2500 if he captures the league pennant; \$2000 for second place, \$1500 for third honors and \$1000 for fourth position.

Cincinnati Grounds May Expand.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—President Herrmann said yesterday that he is considering the purchase of the Cincinnati grounds upon which League Park is now located, and a portion of the property back of the grandstand, the club would build a new grandstand, a set of bleachers, and widen and lengthen the field next year. He is now conducting negotiations with the owners, and says he thinks the improvements can be perfected. The new plans will increase the grandstand's capacity 5000 and the bleachers 3000.

Americans, Reduce Roster.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The New York American League club today cut its roster almost to the legal limit of 25 players by releasing Second Baseman Wanner and Outfielders Channal and Reid to the Memphis team, of the Southern League.

Langford and Sullivan Sign.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Sam Langford, negro middleweight/boxer of Boston, and Montana Jack Sullivan have signed articles to the Memphis team, of the Southern League.

FRANCHISE IS STOPPED

Restraining Order Blocks Move of Grays Harbor Company.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—The Board of County Commissioners yesterday were served with a restraining order enjoining them from issuing the franchise to the Grays Harbor Interurban Company which was applied for and granted at the December meeting.

The order is the result of an action commenced in Superior Court by A. D. Devonshire, who, in the complaint, says that the franchise "would be a gift of public property worth \$50,000."

Judge Ben Sheels, in the order, cited the Commissioners and Eldridge Wheeler, et al, to appear in court January 10 and show cause why they should not be restrained, pending the final determination of this action, from granting the franchise in favor of said Eldridge Wheeler, et al. The latter are cited to show cause why they should not be restrained from accepting or attempting to receive such franchise.

HOQUIAM Y. M. C. A. ELECTS

Annual Report Shows Successful Year's Work.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last night five directors were elected to serve the year: M. H. Williams, D. A. Mackenzie and Peter Granstrom are old members of the board, and Nels Nelson and Dr. G. J. Hartley, new members.

The report for the year showed successful work. One hundred and sixty-six members were reported. The seven gymnasium classes have an enrollment of 200. Three classes are conducted in the night school.

The year's expenses were \$4835, of which \$1680 was met by subscriptions.

SUICIDE OR MISHAP, WHICH?

Wealthy Tacoma Man Falls to Death, Wife Only Witness.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—John H. McDonald, a wealthy retired merchant, fell from the East Side bridge last night, and his body was found in the water. He was about 50 years old. He had been walking with his wife and died almost instantly. The fall was about 50 feet. Mrs. McDonald, the only witness to the accident, was hysterical and unable to say anything other than that her husband slipped on the frosty planks and fell. Finger prints on the frosted bridge rail have led the coroner to think that McDonald deliberately climbed over the rail and jumped.

Linn County Pays 65 Bounties.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Linn County has paid bounties on 65 animals since the state bounty law passed by the last Legislature went into effect. Bounties have been paid on 42 wildcats, 14 cougars, four gray wolves and four coyotes.

RUFGY NOT SAFE, SAY HARBAR SAYS

Oregon's Trainer Would Drop Football Rather Than Take Up Game.

MISQUOTED, HE DECLARES

University Faculty Sent Hayward to Vancouver to Investigate Rugby.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—"If it were up to my personal vote to decide between our present college football and the Rugby game, I would cast it to abolish football altogether before voting for Rugby."

Thus tersely Trainer "Bill" Hayward summed up his impressions of English Rugby gained after witnessing three games between the University of California and Vancouver, B. C., teams at Vancouver, where he was sent during the Christmas holidays by President Campbell and the University of Oregon faculty to investigate the merits of the English sport that has been suggested as a substitute for the strenuous American game, on his return here today.

Hayward, who is widely known not only on this Coast, but throughout the country, for his phenomenal success in developing and training college athletes, was sent to Vancouver after President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford, had written to the Oregon president urging him to follow the lead of the California colleges in substituting Rugby for the American game.

Rugby Far More Dangerous.

"If for no other reason, I would vote against Rugby for the sake of the safety of the players, for whose physical condition I would be responsible as trainer," said Hayward further. "After the most careful investigation I can say that I consider Rugby far more dangerous than our own game. The chances of injury are greater and there are too many opportunities for rough and 'dirty' playing. If it were adopted generally by the American colleges, the list of serious injuries would be twice as heavy. The only reason these seem to be fewer injuries under Rugby now is that the number of those who play it in this country is so small compared to the many engaged in the American game."

Hayward declared flatly that he was misquoted by the Vancouver correspondents in the story sent out that in responding to a toast at a banquet to the football players he said Rugby was a superior game and that he would recommend its adoption at Oregon.

"What I really did say," said Hayward, "was that I had come to make a comparison between our game and Rugby, and that if the rules committee did not make satisfactory changes in the rules there was some talk of going to Rugby. I said that I liked the game in spots, and that it had some good features, particularly the passing of the ball, which was pretty good and might be introduced to advantage in our own game. But I certainly did not say I would recommend the adoption of Rugby at Oregon."

Player's Skull Fractured.

"With the exception of the clever passing and the accuracy of much of the kicking, Rugby is inferior to our game in every way. Far from being safer, the likelihood of injury is much greater and the playing is rougher, the very nature of the game making it so. In the second game Sawyer, a player of Vancouver, was kicked in the head and his skull fractured. He was unconscious from Wednesday afternoon until 10 o'clock next morning, and had to have an operation performed. He was hurt in stopping a 'dribbling' rush—a play in which one player is kicking the ball down the field along the ground, the only way to stop which is to run in front of the men kicking and fall on the ball, regardless of the danger of just such an injury from a misdirected boot. In another game, Calton, the California captain, had his hand broken in an open-field tackle. Besides these there were minor injuries in all the games."

Enforce Rules, Hayward's Advice.

"If Rugby is ever generally adopted in the United States it will only be a steppingstone back to the old five-year game, because the more the play is opened up my experience as a trainer has been that there will be more injuries. Instead of trying to open up the game by revising the rules the present rules were enforced by good officials who would rigidly cut out the 'rough stuff.' In two years there would be few injuries under the American game. Football always was and will remain a certain rough, but my observation has been that it is of real and great value to young college men, physically and morally."

This is not Hayward's first experience with Rugby, as he was at the University of California when it was adopted there four years ago. He was asked a question that the old game will continue to be played here next year. Hayward's report, however, may have a far-reaching effect in influencing the decision of other Northwest colleges, notably Whitman and Willamette Universities, where Rugby has been seriously considered by the respective faculties.

Chehalis Pioneer Dies.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—Thomas J. Purcell, who died January 2 at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Aberdeen, came to Montesano 31 years ago from California and took up a homestead in the Wynoochee Valley, where he had lived ever since. He was a bachelor, 73 years old. He leaves one brother and three sisters.

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\$34.00 Home Desk, in fumed oak, for..... \$19.50
\$47.00 Bookcase in fumed oak, for..... \$37.50
\$13 round Library Table in fumed oak, for..... \$10.25
\$45.00 Bookcase in fumed oak, for..... \$23.50
\$44.50 China Cabinet, in golden oak, with glass shelves, for..... \$29.25
\$116.00 large Buffet, in very finest quartered golden oak, for..... \$45.50

\$48.00 China Cabinet in quartered golden oak, a corner style, for..... \$27.50
\$42 Sideboard in quartered golden oak, \$34.00
\$60.00 large China Cabinet, in golden oak, with bent-glass door and ends, for..... \$37.50
\$32.00 round pedestal Dining Table in golden oak, 8 ft. extension, for..... \$21.75
\$22.00 round top, pedestal base Dining Table, in golden oak, 8 ft. extension, for..... \$12.75
\$60.00 round top, pedestal base Dining Table, of very finest quartered golden oak, for..... \$47.25
\$49.75 Buffet, in quartered golden oak, dull finish, for..... \$36.50

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\$8.75 Tapestry Portieres, at pair..... \$3.00
\$7.50 Damask Portieres, at pair..... \$3.75
\$8.00 Tapestry Portieres, at pair..... \$4.00
\$8.50 Damask Portieres, at pair..... \$4.25
\$15.00 silk-bordered Portieres, at pair..... \$5.00
\$10.00 Tapestry Portieres, at pair..... \$5.00
\$12.50 Damask Portieres, at pair..... \$6.00
\$13.50 Damask Portieres, at pair..... \$6.75

\$18.00 Damask Portieres, at pair..... \$9.00
\$26.00 Art Crash Portieres, at pair..... \$10.00
\$25.00 Tapestry Portieres, at pair..... \$10.00
\$75.00 single Silk Velour Portieres, at..... \$10.00
\$35 Art Crash Portieres, emb'd., pair..... \$15.00
\$25.00 German Velour Portieres, pair..... \$15.00
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\$55.00 Silk Damask Portieres, embroidered, at pair..... \$25.00

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COURT WORK GROWS

Supreme Judges Handle More Cases Each Year.

230 APPEALS IN YEAR 1909

Forty-seven Opinions Is Average Handed Down Past Year by Each Jurist—Results Are Compared With Those in Other States.

SALTEM, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—During the year 1909 230 appeals were filed in the Supreme Court of Oregon. The total number of cases disposed of by the court on written opinion was 187, leaving 43 more filed than were disposed of during the year. The total number of opinions written during the year amounted to 235, 177 of which were opinions on the merits of the cases and 58 opinions disposing of motions of various kinds. This makes an average of 47 opinions to each justice.

The West Publishing Company, of St. Paul, a recognized authority in matters pertaining to the legal profession, in a recent article in its publication, Docket, takes the position that most of the delays in the determination of cases of which so much complaint has been heard in the past year or two arise from the overworked condition of the courts of last resort rather than from any delinquency of the trial courts.

Work in Oregon Increases.

Included in the article is a table giving the number of cases in which opinions were written during 1909, together with the number of judges composing the court and the average number of opinions written by each of the judges during the year. It will be seen that the average for Oregon has increased from 46 in 1906 to 47 in 1909. The table in some respects is not an adequate basis for comparison of the work done in the various states, for the reason that there is much variation in different states in the methods of the courts. In some of the appellate courts

Alabama.....	5	1004	111	New Mexico.....	5	56	4
Arizona.....	2	121	44	New York.....	9	214	21
Arkansas.....	3	627	75	North Carolina.....	5	264	72
California.....	11	492	44	North Dakota.....	1	121	40
Colorado.....	6	293	59	Ohio.....	6	72	12
Connecticut.....	7	276	54	Oregon.....	5	468	20
Delaware.....	1	109	17	Pennsylvania.....	7	496	56
Florida.....	4	89	11	Rhode Island.....	2	134	2
Georgia.....	3	127	37	South Carolina.....	4	355	89
Idaho.....	2	414	30	South Dakota.....	1	121	2
Illinois.....	8	375	72	Tennessee.....	5	69	14
Indiana.....	9	482	47	Texas.....	24	1738	75
Iowa.....	6	357	119	Utah.....	2	74	
Kentucky.....	2	1047	31	Vermont.....	5	88	18
Louisiana.....	4	187	49	Virginia.....	12	112	2
Maine.....	3	90	46	Washington.....	9	503	56
Maryland.....	3	104	12	West Virginia.....	3	181	26
Massachusetts.....	7	414	32	Wisconsin.....	6	285	2
Michigan.....	4	375	18	Wyoming.....	3	25	12
Minnesota.....	5	482	57				
Mississippi.....	2	109	25				
Missouri.....	12	1047					
Montana.....	3	90					
Nebraska.....	9	414					
Nevada.....	2	60					
New Hampshire.....	5	311					
New Jersey.....	12	577					
New Mexico.....	5	56					
New York.....	9	214					
North Carolina.....	5	264					
North Dakota.....	1	121					
Ohio.....	6	72					
Oregon.....	5	468					
Pennsylvania.....	7	496					
Rhode Island.....	2	134					
South Carolina.....	4	355					
South Dakota.....	1	121					
Tennessee.....	5	69					
Texas.....	24	1738					
Utah.....	2	74					
Vermont.....	5	88					
Virginia.....	12	112					
Washington.....	9	503					
West Virginia.....	3	181					
Wisconsin.....	6	285					
Wyoming.....	3	25					

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