

DOUBLE-CROSS GAME IN TAPPO?

Action of Pacific Coast League In Ball Deal Is Real Enigma.

PORTLAND FANS UP IN AIR

Belief Expressed That J. Cal Ewing Is Either Tossing Salvo to Northwestern Magnates or Has Unrevealed Trick Up Sleeve.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. What kind of a double-cross game is the Pacific Coast League trying to work in Portland and the Northwest is the universal question of the Portland fans relative to the action of the "coasters" in deciding to allow Portland to have a Northwestern team once more, and unconditionally, with the exception that Aberdeen is again taken into the fold by the Class B league.

Many Queries Put by Fans.

Then again, why this sudden interest displayed by San Francisco and California magnates in the welfare of Aberdeen? To the disinterested observer it would appear that J. Cal Ewing and his colleagues have "framed" to put another crimp in McCredie's aspirations for an eight-club, all-coast league. Then Walter McCredie, in his own defense, looks queer, especially in view of the fact that he has frequently, in the past few weeks, expressed himself as absolutely opposed to the idea of a double-cross.

All these various angles have caused fans to guess at what kind of a deal they are really up against. When everything might have been agreeable, the Pacific Coast League interests, as a body blow by voting the Northwestern League out of Portland, and then, after the Northwestern league had been voted out, the Pacific Coast League counters with its related sanction.

Somebody is undoubtedly planning to slip Portland a large-sized monkey lemon in some undecipherable manner. The Pacific Coast League, that is the portion of the league represented by the magnates in California, is evidencing a sudden interest in the fortunes of Aberdeen and the Northwestern League, which cannot be otherwise than for an ulterior motive.

If the Pacific Coast League entertains any idea of advocating and backing up Representative McCredie in his proposition for the forming of an eight-club, all-coast league for 1911, this idea has every chance in the world of being successful, with only four clubs represented in the Northwestern circuit, for it would require only two clubs out of a four-club circuit to accomplish the destruction of any possible Northwestern League barriers to allowing Seattle and Spokane, not to mention a possible willingness of another club, to break the Northwestern League and enter the new circuit.

With six clubs in the Northwestern circuit, the Pacific Coast League would have to deal with five clubs for Portland would not count if the McCredies retained control of the Class B team here, and it is but logical that the action contemplated in a four-club league, providing two clubs were agreeable, than can possibly be accomplished in a six-club league where possibly only two of the five clubs to be consulted are favorable.

Feature of Action Suspicious. This feature of the action of the Pacific Coast League is suspicious to say the least. It would appear that the Coasters are again trying to block McCredie's expansion idea, despite published statements that they were susceptible to the idea of being the case the fans of Portland might possibly be prevailed upon to pass up J. Cal Ewing and his bunch for good and all, for the time seems to have arrived when Portland should be granted freedom from the double-crossing tactics of the California contingent.

The longer one ponders over the sudden change of front of the Pacific Coast League magnates, the more pronounced becomes the opinion that J. Cal Ewing has an ax to grind, and intends to slip over another "quince" to Portland. The nature of this "quince" will be developed in time.

How the Northwestern League will take the offer of the Pacific Coast League will remain unvoiced until enough of the directors can be convinced of the advisability of admitting Portland and Aberdeen into the fold once more.

The writer thinks it is extremely doubtful if the Northwestern league takes such action. That circuit now has four good towns, and each can be expected to make some money this season. Messrs. Dugdale, Cohn, Brown and Schroeder are not likely to vote to expand the circuit to include when only seven or eight weeks of baseball can be had in competition with the Pacific Coast League at that time.

The lesson learned last year will be sufficiently ample to guarantee the magnates of the Northwestern league against voting to invade Portland again unless assured against loss, and also given equal privileges in the matter of games played. Will the Pacific Coast League repeat the season here with the Northwestern League? I guess not. That is about all there is to the matter.

J. Cal Ewing is either tossing salvo to the Northwestern magnates, or he has a trick up his sleeve not exposed yet.

MCCREDIE WILL FIND TEAM Willing to Do What Friends in Northwestern League Want.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—If the Coast League consents, of course, we will put a Northwestern team in Portland, providing the Northwestern people are satisfied, said Representative McCredie tonight, when shown a telegram from Portland announcing the action of the league, and giving its consent to this arrangement.

being promoted by Aberdeen baseball enthusiasts, and this news is well received here. If Everett will maintain a club, the Northwestern League will be glad to take Aberdeen back, for the four-club league, with only two games a day, is looked upon as unlikely to arouse enthusiasm.

SCHOOL BASKETBALL BEGINS

Portland Academy and Lincoln High School will meet this afternoon at the Portland Academy gymnasium for the first interscholastic basketball game of the 1910 season. The game will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Much interest is centered in this game by student fans, as it will show the comparative strength of all the teams in the league, as well as of the teams playing.

On account of the interscholastic rule prohibiting athletes from representing any one of the institutions until he has been in that school at least one term, the star center of the "Copper P. A. team," will not be in today's game. Noland or Feuton will replace him, and the forwards, Cobb and Norrick, are expected to throw enough baskets to make up for Runyan's absence.

The second game of the season will be played Friday afternoon at 7:30, at M. C. A. gym between Allen Preparatory School and Washington High School. The line-ups in today's game are: Portland Academy, Lincoln High School, Cobb, Noland, Feuton, etc.

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According to the new rules framed by the rules committee of the major leagues, wild pitches and passed balls hereafter will be classified as errors. The ruling seems correct, for in both instances a fault is recorded in the work of the pitcher, and such are more easily enumerated as errors.

Vic McLaglen, a young giant—so-called by the Spokane critics—is heyaided as a possible opponent of James J. Jeffries by the scribes of the Falls City. If McLaglen is not better than he is a wrestler, his friends might save him, as well as the public, considerable annoyance by convincing him of his error early.

The "Medicine Man," who contributes breezy sport dope for the Spokane Spokesman-Review, labels the action of the Northwestern League in dropping Aberdeen and Portland as a step backward. The "Medicine Man" takes the correct view of the situation, for his argument that "six clubs are better than four" is founded on common sense. The fans want variety.

Dave Dugdale is chuckling with glee these days, for his two best ball-tossers have signed for the coming season, and he will be the first of the "Turks" to do so. These are Danny Shea, pitcher, and land catcher, and "Pug" Bennett, undoubtedly the best of the champion material in the league.

A large number of Aberdeen sports have telegraphed to the management of the Pacific Coast League for reservations for the Jeffries fight show, which evidently means that they intend to see the big fellow in Portland instead of Seattle or Tacoma. Another evidence of Aberdeen's dissatisfaction with the action of the Northwestern League.

When Louie Long got to Tacoma he explained his failure to stay with Frankie Edwards by asserting that he had been fouled, and added that Referee Jack King gave him the decision. King made an error, and that exhibition he and all the rest of the participants would now be in jail, no decisions are given in Portland. The trouble with Louie is that he was outclassed by a better man, and the big crowd present was witness of that fact.

TWO SCHEDULES—SUBMITTED National League to Decide on Long-Season Plan.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25.—Two schedules, one for a 154-game and another for a 168-game season, will be submitted to the National League in New York next week. The committee in charge has wisely chosen the eve of "groundhog day" as the most appropriate time to bring citizens from their holes, and to make the success of the gathering doubly sure the occasion is to be topped off with a banquet.

A large number of invitations have been sent out to prominent men of the state and it was coincident with the day that many of the residents of this county, who were former residents of this county and who "got their start in old Yamhill," are expected to be scarce this year.

With arrangements made for seating over 3000 fans at the Exposition rink next Friday night, when James J. Jeffries appears in Portland, the Rose City Athletic Club is commencing to make preparations for the event.

Jeffries, Gotch, Berger and the balance of the notable troupe of star performers will reach Portland Friday morning, and Portland, or at least the sporting element of this city, will welcome the big champion with open arms.

LOCAL OPTION IN IDAHO IS UPHOLD

Gem. State Supreme Court Renders Decision as to Law's Validity.

JUDGE BRYAN AFFIRMED

Registration Statutes, Which Also Deal With Liquor Issue, Are Found to Be Constitutional by Decree of Bench.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today handed down its opinion settling all doubts as to the validity of the local option law attacked ever since its passage, by declaring that it is constitutional. This much-mooted question of the operation of its various provisions is gone into by the court in detail, while some sections are taken exception to, the law as a whole is pronounced valid.

The opinion is on the case appealed by Thomas Gilsbury from Carbon County, where a decision was rendered by Judge E. L. Bryan affirming the order of the Board of County Commissioners in calling a special election under the local option law, and in which case the constitutionality of the act was attacked on practically every point involving operation and enforcement of the law.

The court construes the general registration laws of the state in connection with the local option law insofar as they are applicable, and declares that it is entirely within the province of the Legislature to enact a statute, the provisions of which will not become operative until a future date, and to specify upon what conditions or event such statute will become operative.

ELECTION IS PUT TO TEST Mayor Saloonman Would Upset Result in Columbia.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—An echo of the local option election was heard here to-day when John Larson, mayor of Columbia, was brought before Justice Watkins and fined \$50 for disposing of liquor in Oak Point Precinct, contrary to the provisions of the local option law, John A. Collier, attorney for Larson, gave notice of an appeal to the Circuit Court on the ground of the illegality of the election.

The order calling for the local option election in Columbia County last November was signed by James Dart, County Judge, neither of the Commissioners concurring. An injunction was served on the county officers against proceeding with the election, one Magnus Saxon signing the petition for the election. This was tried out before Judge Eakin and the permanent injunction denied.

INLAND FARMERS HAPPY Grain Shows First-Class Development—Noxious Weeds Scarce.

DAYTON, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Farmers of southeastern Washington and Eastern Oregon are elated over the discovery, made since the chinook winds have swept the snow from the fields, that fall-sown grain has not only escaped the ravages of the locust, but is perceptibly injured by the extreme cold weather of the last few weeks. Reports being received from various sections that at least one crop has been done, contradictory to published reports to the contrary.

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M'INNIVILLE CLUB BUSY "Coming-Out" Party to Be Given on Eve of "Groundhog" Day.

M'INNIVILLE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Elaborate preparations are being made for the new year "coming out" party of the rehabilitated McInnville Commercial Club and the Ladies' Civic Improvement Club, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday evening, February 1.

SHOT HITS PEACEMAKER Saloonman Hurt in Row Between "Swamper" and Customer.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—H. L. Moffit, one of the proprietors of the Blue Front Saloon, was shot and seriously wounded this afternoon when trying to quiet a row between the "swamper" of his saloon and Frank Sporan. The two men were fighting when Mr. Moffit struck the customer, telling the swamper to go to bed, and at the same time pushing Sporan away.

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SALEM AFTER QUICKER MAIL. SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—The Salem Board of Trade is circulating a petition among the state offices today for a mail service on the Oregon Electric Railroad between Portland and Salem.

Northwest League Welcomes New Solution of Baseball Problem.

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—It is reported from Aberdeen today that a renewed effort to establish a baseball club in Everett is

Leon Mansur Dead.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Leon Mansur, who for many years was one of the most widely-known lumbermen of this section, died at his home in this city, aged 76, as the result of a paralytic stroke

Storm Destroys Stevenson Flume.

STEVENSON, Wash., Jan. 25.—What was considered only a few hundred feet of this place, last Friday, by the landslide, has developed into a very serious matter,

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