

McCredie's Squad Shows Fine Form

With Opening of Training Season, Boys in Unusual Good Trim.

CASEY AND PERRINE FAST

Portland Team, Manager Nor Fans Apparently Feel Loss of Olson for Infield Will Be in Capable Hands This Season.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 7.—(Special.)—McCredie's 1916 squad of ball-players are working out in grand form at present, and whenever the tall manager picks up a San Francisco paper containing the glowing accounts of what the Seals are doing, he merely smiles and says "keep your eye on Portland."

Every day brings to light new and favorable signs in many of the players. Some of the boys have been late in arriving because of washouts and railway wrecks, but despite the disadvantages of losing several days' practice, they are showing up well.

Rapps, who is figured as the regular first baseman, has not reported; nor has Netzel, who is figured as the regular third baseman, or for one of the outfield positions, in the event that Smith keeps up his present gait.

McCredie expects some of the delayed bunch in on the late train tonight, but as he has been expecting them for two days without result, he will not be greatly surprised if they do not show.

Casey and Perrine Fast

Perle Casey and "Nig" Perrine comprise the speediest pair McCredie has ever had around the keystone sack. Casey is playing up to his old Tacoma form, much to the satisfaction of McCredie and the balance of the team, for he is looked upon as the guide of the entire team. His leg, which has hitherto bothered him in the Spring, seems strong and well this season, and he has not had to call on the services of Cornell at all, being the only player in camp who has not undergone strenuous rubbing and treatment at the hands of the trainer.

Another thing about Casey is that he and Jose Garrett are the only members of the squad who have not complained of sore and stiff muscles, and yet the two have worked harder than any of the others. Manager McCredie is working better this Spring than last; at least this is the version of the players who were with him at San Luis Obispo last Spring. Mac attributes it to the Santa Maria climate, which is as warm as mid-summer up North. The other afternoon the thermometer registered 83 degrees, and indications are that it will continue hot, though the "oldest inhabitant" calmly asserts that heavy weather is due, and adds that it means nice balmy afternoons.

With Casey and Perrine around the mid-station, and Netzel showing to form at third base, McCredie is not the least bit anxious to have Ivan Olson report. Last Friday Mac received Olson's signed contract, but the document contained several provisions written in which Mac refuses to consider, and he asserts that he will not bother to send for Olson or to send him another contract.

McCredie Not Worrying

"I don't care whether he reports or not," said McCredie. "If he does he will do so by paying his own way. I want here, for I shall not send him a ticket. I cannot figure where he has a chance to beat out Perrine, who is several times over a better hitter, and Olson cannot hope to displace Casey. Netzel looks good at third, so Ollie will have to 'smoke up' if he does report. I don't care for any players on my team who are 'starry' notions. I don't want any of these. They don't do a club any good, and I think I have an evenly-balanced club without Olson, and I am sure an win just as many games as though he were one of the team."

After McCredie announced that he would carry 20 players the first month of the season, considerable speculation is being indulged in among the regular players as to who the nine pitchers will be. The other members of the team of 20 will practically be the following: Catchers, Fisher, Armbruster and Murray; infielders, Casey, Perrine, Hays, Netzel and Ort, and outfielders, McCredie, Ryan and Spear.

Jesse Garrett, Howard Guyn, Charley Hartman and Kratzberg are practically certain in the pitching department, while Tom Seaton is not to be overlooked, and Phil Leslie, though wild as a March hare, stands an excellent chance of being one of the regulars.

Billy Steen and Krapp are showing form, while Ryan, Buddy's brother, who has imbibed the baseball bug, shows plenty of speed and curves, though he lacks a knowledge of the game necessary to a successful twirler in the Pacific Coast League Company. Manager McCredie proposes to get Ryan a berth in the State League if he persists in his desire to pitch baseball, and the season thus secured may bring about his development into a star twirler.

Kratzberg Most Promising

Kratzberg, however, is the most promising of the new twirlers. He is a big fellow, and has speed to burn. Gus Fisher says he has \$10,000 arm, and is not lacking in the gray matter, which goes toward making a successful "slab artist."

McCredie says he will have to shorten this player's name to Kratz, for it is too much of a jaw-twister to handle around promiscuously on a baseball club, and the Los Angeles boy does not object to the shortening.

All of the players are on edge for the White Sox game, scheduled to be played Monday, March 14. The fans of this place are likewise interested in the coming contests with the big leaguers, and a large delegation will go with the team to San Luis Obispo on the following Tuesday, when Portland meets Countryside's bunch in the second game. The third game with the White Sox has been transferred from Salinas to Watsonville, because the owner of the ball park at the latter place became angered at some political aspersions tossed his way and tore down the fences and stands.

TWO PORTLAND PLAYERS TRAINING AT SANTA MARIA.



"DUTCH" ARMBURSTER JOHN G. "NIG" PERRINE

the last few days to importune the tall manager to show there.

Fandom at Random

SANTA MARIA, March 7.—(Special.)—"Nig" Perrine is the dandy of the Portland squad, "Wall" McCredie started flanking a different suit each day, but Perrine has beaten him out by appearing in three different "trigs" in one day.

Howard Guyn has two nicknames. Some of the gang call him "Nell," while Jesse Garrett, his roommate, has sprung a new one, "Goody." Jesse says Howard is mixing with the best people in town, as he sings and plays a piano, which often helps some.

Phil Leslie is a tall, slim, quiet chap, who does not assert himself to any extent, except when playing what or solo, and at these two card games he can hold his own with any of the bunch.

Doc Cornell is the life of the camp, for he pulls more comedy on the different players than any one else. Perrine has "Doc's" goat, however, and he is noticed to subside whenever the speedy shortstop cuts into the kidding game.

One of the principal joshes of a training game, and a somewhat time-worn one at that, is still pulled "here." It consists of sending the young pitchers to the manager for the "key to the pitcher's box." Dan Ryan came near biting, but Buddy "wisad" him before he took a chance.

Kratzberg has a most deceptive show ball, and this was what first attracted McCredie to him. Mac was batting against the youngster the other morning and Armbruster, who was catching, bit the manager a new necktie that the "kid" would fan him out. McCredie took the bait, and Buster is wearing a new tie. McCredie says he will buy neckties for the whole bunch if the other young pitchers do the same thing.

Joe Smith is a fielding sensation, but as a hitter he is woefully weak, at least he has shown no signs of being a hitter to date. At third base, though, he has a lot of players who have held that position for Portland, look like they were tied.

"Pretzel" Netzel, who is one of the bunch delayed at Ogden, is still too stiff and sore to show to advantage. He says this place differs greatly in climate from the better hitter, and there are lots of other different places besides.

Last Saturday night the Santa Maria fans gave a grand ball in honor of the Portland baseball club, and all of the players attended. The affair was a huge success and dancing was indulged until a late hour. The Santa Maria string orchestra dispensed music, and the players voted it one of the best they had ever heard.

TWO GAMES WILL BE PLAYED

Wind-up of Multnomah Club Basketball Season is Tonight.

Multnomah Club's basketball season will end tonight with a double-header in the club gymnasium, when the first team will meet the University of Washington five and the intermediate team will go against the Christian Brothers' College team in a preliminary contest.

There has been a decided increase in the interest in basketball at the club during the past few weeks. In previous years practically no one except the five making up the team has kept in basketball training through the winter, and, though the team for several years has been a championship aggregation, it was always left to the old squad to take up the burden each successive season, because no first-class recruits had been nursed along. This winter, however, enough men for two teams have practiced constantly, and there has been no difficulty in getting up practice matches among the club members.

With every game played at the club during the season the attendance has picked up. The crowd two weeks ago, when Multnomah nosed out its victory over Idaho, was the largest of the season.

The reputation of the U. of W. five promises a hard game tonight, for while Manager Loneragan's team has been beaten only once in two years, and that on an under-sized foreign floor, the Seattleites have a fine record also, having taken 11 out of 14 contests up to the time they started on the present trip.

The presence of Morris, who has recovered from his sprained ankle, makes the personnel of the team the same that has played during the whole season.

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RAILROAD BILL KNIFED

EXTENSION OF OTHER LINES BY BIG HOLDERS CUT.

House Committee Makes Drastic Changes in Administration Measure, Tat's Favorite.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today made a drastic change in the Administration railroad bill, striking out the provision under which a carrier that owns 50 per cent of the stock of another line may extend its holdings. This is one of the provisions inserted in the bill at the request of Attorney-General Wickersham.

Other changes were ordered, bearing on the question of whether one line shall be permitted to exercise control over another line. The provision to allow a railroad now leasing another line for 20 years or more to renew that lease, or to acquire the revisionary ownership of the lesser company, was eliminated. An amendment was made prohibiting a director of one line from becoming a director of the competing line.

Another amendment had been inserted in the Administration bill by the Senate committee to broaden the scope of competition so as to make it still more difficult for one road to own stock or exercise control of a competing line. This was adopted by the House committee. The provision exempting street, suburban or interurban electric lines from the prohibition against a railroad having an interest in a competing line was also stricken out.

Next to the creation of the court of commerce feature and the inclusion of water transportation companies in the scope of the bill, the action today constituted the most important step in the committee's remodeling of the measure.

In its original state the bill was the principal feature of President Tat's legislative programme. An effort was made to report the bill without amendment, as was done in the Senate. The expected sharp discussion on the ownership clause occupied today's session. The provision to permit this exemption was characterized by its opponents as inequitable and unfair, as it legalized conditions of railroad and railroad capital.

Some of the Democratic members take the position that it would even validate a Harriman merger of the Southern and Union Pacific railroads, but Republican lawyers on the committee insisted that the section would not affect any combination of companies without subjecting them to prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Representative Steyens, of Minnesota, an "insurgent" Republican, objected to this provision and it was stricken out on his motion.

Carefully preserving the principles so clearly enunciated in the Republican platform of 1908, this is the way the majority of the Senate committee of the Interstate Commerce, which made its report today on the Administration railroad bill, interprets the provision to permit common carriers to enter into traffic agreements. The report is signed by Senators Elkins, Cullom, Aldrich, Keam, Crane and Nixon and will be printed with the minority report submitted a few days ago by Senators Clapp and Cummins, and with the individual report of Senator Newlands.

Approval of the court of commerce feature is given prominence, although comment upon other provisions is far more interesting. For instance, the report says that the effect of the traffic agreement provision is to relieve carriers from the prohibition of the anti-trust act, while preserving unimpaired the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission over all such agreements. It is declared that the provision is in exact compliance with the declarations in the Republican platform.

COLLEGE PLAYS BRISK GAME

Mount Angel Scores 12 Points to Washington's 18 in Basketball.

MOUNT ANGEL, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—In an exciting game of basketball the University of Washington defeated the college team Saturday night by a score of 18 to 12.

Washington started off with a foul by Suss, and Mount Angel followed up with a basket by Burns. It was not long before Mount Angel had piled up a score of 10 against their opponents' 3, but there the luck changed.

A feature of the game was the dribbling of Burns in conjunction with his excellent team work with Melchior. Time after time he would get the ball and dribble it toward the goal, his opponents the while appearing entirely helpless. Washington tried the trick once, but with poor success. The lineup:

Washington Position Mt. Angel
Tupper.....F.....Burns
Suss.....F.....Carson
Hoyt.....G.....Melchior
Rabel.....G.....M. Melchior
Keebler.....G.....J. Melchior
Timekeeper—Clemenson, Umpire—Ledwidge, Referee—DeMartini.

WASHINGTON WINS HARD FIGHT

Rough Game of Basketball Brings Defeat to Willamette.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—In a hard-fought contest here tonight the University of Washington basketball team five defeated the Willamette five, 25 to 24.

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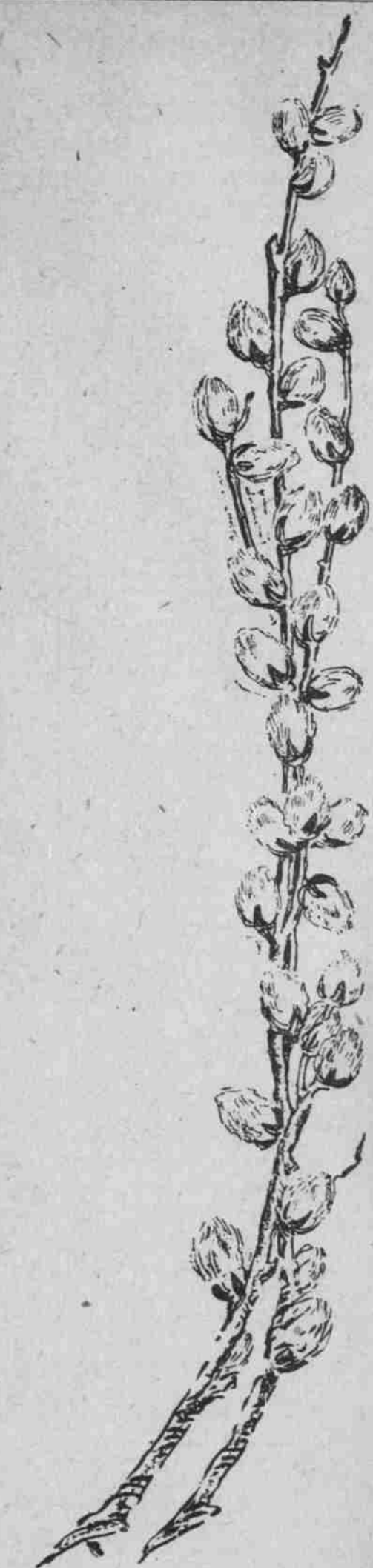
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CONTRACTS ARE MADE KNOWN

President Lynch, of National League, Makes Announcements.

NEW YORK, March 7.—President Lynch of the National League, announced the following contracts and releases tonight:

Contracts—With Boston—Fred Lake.

With Brooklyn—William Bergen, William A. Burch, Jr., Jake Daubert, A. C. Downey, S. S. Fletcher, John E. Hummel, T. J. Jordan, Elmer E. Knietzer, Thomas McMillan, G. N. Rucker, W. D. Scanlon and Fred W. Ulrich.

With Chicago—James P. Archer, Mordac Brown, Clyde Geist, Fred Kroh, Tony Smith and G. F. Willis.

With Cincinnati—Fred L. Beebe, Roy Castleton, Arthur Fromme and Frank Roth.

With New York—W. S. Collins, J. J. Murray, A. L. Raymond, J. B. Seymour, W. T. Temple, Jake Welmer and Edward Williams.

With Philadelphia—L. H. Horen, Louis Straub, Jr., Frank Sparks.

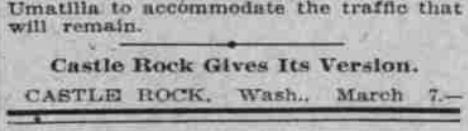
With Pittsburgh—E. J. Abbaticchio, Charles E. Adams, Chester M. Brandon, Edward Bridges, Robert Byrne, Harry R. Cannitz, Ralph Cutting, Willis Humphreys, Thomas W. Leach, Nicholas Moore, John E. Miller, Eugene Moore, Pat F. O'Connor, Charles Philippe, William D. Powell, Bird S. Sharpe, George Gibson (1916-17), C. L. Webb, J. Owen Wilson.

Releases, by Cincinnati to New York National League, William A. Torrey.

By Pittsburgh to St. Louis National League, V. G. Willis.

CASTLE ROCK GIVES ITS VERSION.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., March 7.—



(Special.)—The basketball team which had previously been defeated every time it met the Castle Rock High School team. The Castle Rock girls' team won the girls' championship of the county, and threw several field baskets.

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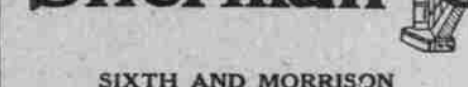


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VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7.—

(Special.)—A typewriting contest will