

CONTRACTS, SIGNED, COME TO NEGOTIATION

Rodgers and Coltrin Satisfied With 1912 Salary—Former May Lead Beavers.

GARRETT MAKES NO MOVE

Colt Pitcher Still Sticks to Story of Retirement—Harkness Will Not Talk Baseball—Mensor Causes Much Trouble.

Contracts for the 1912 season with the Portland clubs of the Pacific Coast and Northwestern Leagues are beginning to reach the offices of the McCredies. On Wednesday the first two were returned, and both were signed by the players to whom they were issued.

William K. Rodgers, the chubby second baseman, who is a candidate for the captaincy of the champions, was the first of the Class AA players to return his contract signed for the coming season, while Bobby Coltrin, equally as chubby, and shortstop of the Northwestern Colts last season, has affixed his signature to the contract submitted to him by Manager Williams.

Bill Rodgers is wintering in the Rogue River country, where he has been hunting and fishing since the close of the season, and intends to start for Santa Maria February 1. He has arranged to participate in a hunt in the Cat Canyon country with Billy Miles, the Santa Maria impresario, who is conducting a mixed himself. Rodgers writes that he is feeling fine and is anxious for the season to open.

While Bill Rodgers has the distinction of being the first of the Beavers to sign up for 1912, Bobby Coltrin is also in line as the first of Nick Wilbur's Colts to sign. He has affixed his signature to the contract submitted to him about a week ago. Coltrin is wintering at San Jose and is anxiously awaiting the call for spring training. He is hoping to start playing that he is right now, for the strenuous exercise of climbing mountains and running down bear trails has put him in great physical condition.

The captaincy of the Champions during the coming season lies between Rodgers and Harkness. Before leaving for California last Sunday, announced that he had not selected any one as field captain, but admitted that it would be either "Roaring Bill" or "Chubby Bill," and one of them will be named when the team reports at the Spring training camp.

Manager Williams is particularly taken with Bobby Coltrin, whom he considers one of his brightest prospects. He was picked up in year. Last season this youngster broke into professional baseball from the sandlots of San Jose and San Francisco, and played a fast game for the Portland Northwestern League. His style and speed at fielding are especially pleasing to the leader of the Colts. President Harkness, the Northwestern League, also recognizes the promise of development shown last season by Coltrin.

The returning of the first two contracts to baseball headquarters, and the fact that both were signed, caused some uneasiness in the McCredie offices. Manager Nick Williams and Hugh McCredie, Jr., secretary of the Portland club, were on hand and both were quite satisfied to see the contracts beginning the return of contracts received.

James Garrett was present at headquarters and had signed his 1912 contract, but refused to say whether or not it was satisfactory. The Little Texan announced his retirement from baseball, but it is no secret that he has not reconsidered the "Adelina Patti"—Hans Wagner stunt.

"Speck" Harkness was also seen fitting around headquarters, but he was too busy puffing away on a sensation in the way of pipes presented him at the moment. He is expected to be piloted in a discussion of how to run an automobile in the snow, to be bothered about baseball. "Speck" has slipped into the office of the club in a buzz cart of late, and that is all he can talk about. So far he has escaped killing himself or any of his courageous friends, or the stuntman whom he has invited to "take a ride" with him, so he is naturally somewhat inflated over his "ability."

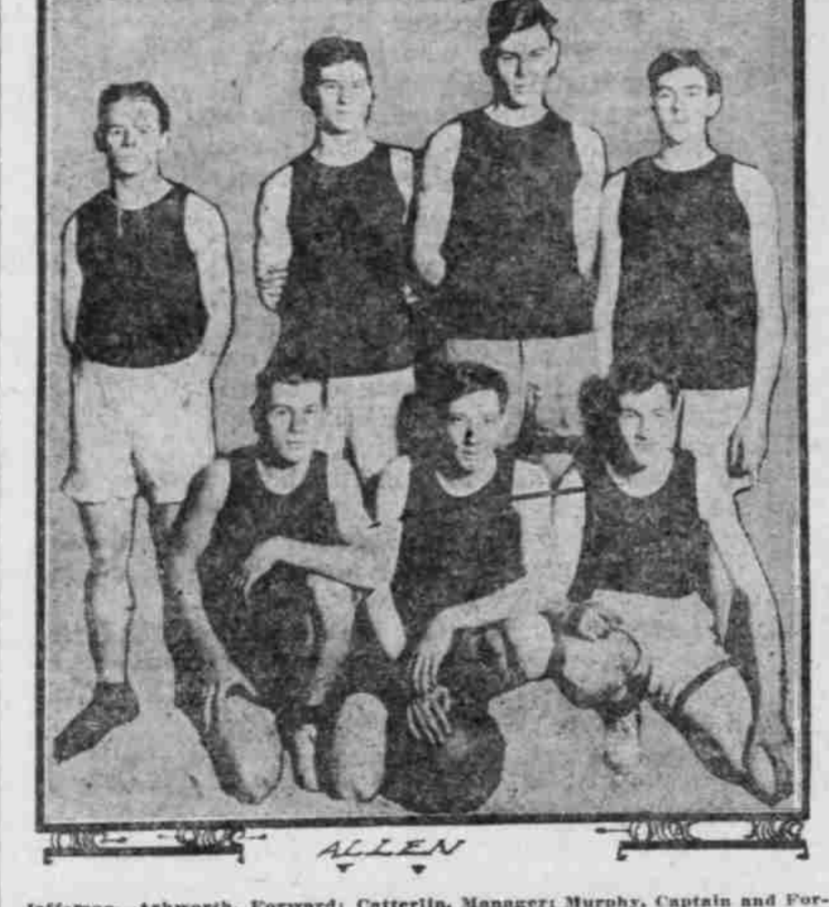
Eddie Mensor is the despair of Manager Williams. The leader of the Colts thinks this speedy little fellow one of the best players in either league, but last season Harkness contracted the habit of "counting his money" at critical periods in several games, and this retrospective attitude of the little fellow cost Manager Nick several games. With this matter bothering him yesterday Manager Williams asked Fielder Jones how he would go about getting Mensor out of this reprehensible habit.

"About the quickest cure I know of for players who are thinking of other things besides the game they are in is to put them on the bench without pay for a while and they quickly come to time," replied the president of the Northwestern League. Jones also paid Mensor a compliment for his speed and ability on the diamond, and said that he ought to be one of the best minor league ball players in the country if he would keep his mind on the game. "A young fellow as fast as Mensor, and who can field and throw, as well as run bases, as he can, ought to be star instead of a mediocre player," said Jones.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL TEAMS WHICH CLASHED IN OPENING GAME OF SEASON YESTERDAY.



JEFFERSON



ALLEN

JEFFERSON IS WINNER

ALLEN PREPARATORY SCHOOL BEATEN, 28 TO 25.

Score Is Tie at End of Second Half So Play Is Continued for Eleven Exciting Minutes.

In the opening game of the interscholastic basketball season Jefferson High yesterday defeated the Allen Preparatory basketball team at the Y. M. C. A., 28 to 25. When the second half was finished the score stood 25 to 25, so both teams kept over this exciting game for eleven minutes before the game was finally settled.

For about five minutes in the last half the two teams rushed each other up and down the floor, but the defensive work of both was so strong that neither was able to throw a deciding basket. Harry Jefferson, Murphy, of Jefferson, and the latter shot the basket, but as the rules are that a game must be won by a two-point margin the play continued. It was kept up until Anderson made a pretty throw 15 feet from the basket.

The first half was almost as close as the finale, the score standing 17 to 15 in favor of Allens. Both teams reflected credit upon Coaches Shookley, of Allens, and Dake, of Jefferson. West, of Jefferson, received a brilliant start of the game, but hardly outshone Clark and Anderson, Hendrickson, Jefferson's new man, was a little nervous when he first stepped on the floor, but after a few minutes he was as enthusiastic about getting back into the game that he had to be carried off the floor.

CARL MORRIS NOT AFRAID

Oklahoma "White Hope" Is Eager to Meet Al Palzer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A rumor has been afloat for several days that Carl Morris is afraid to fight Al Palzer. On the contrary Morris is more than eager for a battle with the Iowa farmer. As an evidence of good faith F. B. Ufer, the backer of Morris, has left \$10,000 in gold with Billy Newman, the manager of Morris, for a bout of either 10 or 20 rounds, the latter distance preferred. Morris is willing to box Palzer anywhere, but asks Tom O'Rourke, the manager of Palzer, for a side bet of either \$18,000 or \$20,000.

White Sox Sign Jim Scott.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Pitcher Jim Scott attached his signature to a new contract at the office of Manager Jimmy

CHEELY WILL HELP

Multnomah Club Strengthened by New Boxer.

ATHLETE'S RECORD IS GOOD

Newcomer in 158-Pound Class and Is Former Halfback With Team of Washington State—Spokane Meet Arranged.

Multnomah Club's athletic colony received a notable addition this week in the person of Ned Cheely, 154-pound boxer, who has to his credit a four-round draw with Tommy Burns' protégé, Jack Lester. Cheely, who is a former Washington State College halfback star and a graduate from the Pullman School, had his first workout with Instructor Tommy Tracey on Tuesday at the club, and for a time the padded hassocks pummeled the air in great style.

"Cheely will be a substantial boost to the boxing department, for we lacked a good middleweight middleweight," declared Instructor Tracey. "He expects to make Portland his home, later on launching out as a veterinarian, for that is his profession. His home was formerly in Spokane."

Cheely in Mexico for Time. Cheely passed last year employed by the Mexican government, but returned to do post graduate work at Washington State College this fall. He had a dispute with Graduate Manager Jones, however, and shifted over to the Montana State College. Hal Bueck, Lange, of the Montana State eleven, was killed in the first game of the season with the School of Mines, and football was abolished for the year. A brother of Martin Pratt, Multnomah football manager, held down center for the Butte team.

Multnomah's new middleweight is something of a "white hope" wrecker himself, for he has clippings showing where he demolished the fantastic dreams of Jack Burch, Roseman's pride, in one round a month ago, immediately accepting a ringside challenge from Jack Blumenthal, champion of the Yellowstone Park soldiers, with whom he boxed four rounds to a draw. The soldier outweighed him 15 pounds.

Programme Nearly Completed. The 158-pound boxing class is not contained in the list of events for the Portland-Spokane smelter at Spokane on January 15, so Cheely will be taken along. The programme as arranged by Cisco Bullivant, Spokane director, is as follows: Orton (135), Spokane, vs. Trainer (135), Portland. Gesek (158), Spokane, vs. Daviscount (125), Portland. McKevitt (125), Spokane, vs. Douglas (125), Spokane. Stack (115), Spokane, vs. Ellington (115), Spokane. Spokan (149), Spokane, vs. Dale (149), Spokane. McKevitt (125), Spokane, vs. Douglas (125), Spokane. Spokan (115), Spokane, vs. Bain (115), Spokane. Christoferson (130), Spokane, vs. opponent not named. Reager (148), Spokane, vs. Portland. Spencer (125), Spokane, vs. Somerville.

If the wrestling events are put tonight as scheduled Spokane fans will see two former clubmates, Gesek and Daviscourt, pitted against each other. At the same time, however, Gesek defeated Daviscourt on points, winning both the middle and heavyweight titles, but Daviscourt, who has since won the Tom Tracy award, has since won his two wrestling representatives for the Spokane meet, but Somerville undoubtedly will go in the 125-pound class. Edgar Frank, chairman of the boxing committee, has announced that the date of the Portland-Spokane tournament scheduled for February 23 in the Portland gymnasium, will be postponed to some time early in March. The Multnomah home will hardly be ready for staging the interclub event on February 23.

WHITE CROWS LEAD BOWLERS

Derbies Drop Into Second Place in Big Four League.

White Crows ... Won. Lost. P.C. McCoy ... 12 10 548 Jarrett ... 11 11 500 Excelsior ... 10 12 487

Besides the White Crows recaptured the lead in the Big Four Bowling League Tuesday night by taking a game from the Derbies, the totals being 2516 to 2467. The Excelsiors went down into the second basement of the affair by dropping a game to the Jarrets, 2737 to 2884.

Some of the rolling was good, a number of men on all the teams making scores of more than 200.

Portland bowlers who will go to Los Angeles for the Western bowling congress on February 14-25 will have some good prize to roll for as a total prize of over \$8000 has been scraped up. Secretary A. L. Jenkins says this is the largest amount ever put up by the association.

The highest prize is for the five-man team event, \$2000. This looks most alluring to Portland rollers and some are even now spending the easy money which they think is theirs. Several high records have been made recently, both in the singles and in the team contests and the local men have some reason to feel confident of getting in on the money.

Shortly after joining the team in 1905 Mike broke his ankle sliding into second base, and had to retire from the game for several months. He did not play first base any more, but because of his batting ability he was switched to the outfield and more than made good. In 1906 he was one of the leading batmen of the league and his timely singles helped Portland land the first pennant this city attained in the Pacific Coast League.

At the end of that season Mitchell was drafted by the Cincinnati club, which had already purchased Larry McLean and Bill Esick, and since joining that club in 1907, Mitchell has been one of the stars of the National League.

LEST WE FORGET

What Former Portland Players Are Now Doing. No. 69—Mike Mitchell.

IN the season of 1904 Mike Mitchell attracted the attention of the Chicago National League club when he was playing with the Springfield club of the Central League, when he led the organization in batting, and Frank Chance, of the Cubs, decided to try him out.

In the Spring of 1905 the Chicago Cubs trained on the Pacific Coast, and at that time they hooked up with the Portland Beavers at the Bakerfield training camp and were defeated by McCredie's braves with Win French clinching. With the Chicago club was Mike Mitchell and Walter McCredie decided he needed a chap resembling this awkward appearing youngster to play first base for Portland. Negotiations were commenced with the Chicago club and Mitchell's services were purchased outright by Portland.

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SOCCER SCHEDULE SET BACK

North Bank and O.-W. R. & N. Teams to Clash Tomorrow.

Owing to heavy grounds, several soccer matches were postponed last week, among them the high school game between Portland Academy and Washington. In the Oregon League the schedule has been put back a week, so that the game between North Bank and the O.-W. R. & N. will be played tomorrow, at Columbus Field, at 2:45. While Mount Scott will play the Independents Sunday morning on the former's ground. No games can be brought off in the Portland League till January 21, as the Columbus Field is engaged till that date, but the grammar school games should all be in full swing again next week.

Athletic Club Organized. FALLS CITY, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A new athletic club was organized at a meeting held last night in Toller's Hall. The new club proposes to establish a team in each of the several lines of athletic work.

Brief Sporting Notes. Danny Shea, Seattle catcher, doggedly asserts that he will not wear a uniform for Dugdale in 1912. Dan's outelder who was turned over as the third man promised for Wolverson. Ables and Wilkerson were the other two.

Bud Sharpe, the new Oakland manager, will arrive on the Coast on February 5. The Oaks have secured Justin Fitzgerald, former Santa Clara outfielder, who was turned over as the third man promised for Wolverson. Ables and Wilkerson were the other two.

Forrest Smithson will compete tonight at a big indoor meet being staged by the Olympic Club, at San Francisco. Smithson is the holder of the colors of the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

In their "strength" match of the season at Salt Lake on Wednesday night, Zybako, the Pole, won from Jess Westergaard in straight falls, 1 hour and 2 minutes and 7 minutes.

Portland fans are immensely pleased with the appointment of Perle Casey as a Pacific Coast League umpire. So far, Casey's appointments include the three old heads, McGreevy, Hildebrand and Finney, and Mertes and Casey. One more appointment will be made.

Frank and Adolph Glah, Spokane wrestlers, who have appeared many times in Portland, are the heirs to a \$20,000 estate left by their father in Chicago. One of the boys participated in the National championships at the Hellig last Winter in the feather class.

William Demetrel, the Greek grappler, will attempt to throw four men in 75 minutes at Dreamland rink, San Francisco on January 18. His opponents are Giovanni Imbino, Italian, 130 pounds; John Lurik, Russian, 200 pounds; A. Rauler, French, 194 pounds; Fritz Kock, German, 145 pounds.

Grand Circuit racing underwent important changes at the annual session. Frank and Adolph Glah, Spokane wrestlers, who have appeared many times in Portland, are the heirs to a \$20,000 estate left by their father in Chicago. One of the boys participated in the National championships at the Hellig last Winter in the feather class.

A Santa Barbara dispatch says that Ben Hunt has signed his contract with Philadelphia at a salary of \$500 a month. He will actually draw down probably not to exceed \$300 but the home folks must be thoroughly impressed.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

THE Portland Academy basketball team has been strengthened by Ben and Burgard, both of this year's football team. If Ben can football, he ought to be a valuable addition. Burgard also made a record at football this year and should make the indoor team. Practice is held daily at the academy gymnasium and it is hoped to have the aggregation in shape to meet the high schools in a short time.

Allen, which met defeat at the hands of Jefferson High yesterday, is the Oregon academy scheduled, the first being with Portland Academy January 16. The other two are Lincoln High, January 18, and Columbia University, January 24.

Multnomah Club and Columbus will meet in a smoker to be held at the Oregon Hall on January 24. This is getting to be an annual event between the two, but has formerly been held at one of the clubhouses. Washington's event has not been picked as yet, but will be decided upon in another week or so.

The gymnasium apparatus at the Jefferson High has arrived and been set up. This is the first public school play in this city to be so arranged. Wash, the High and Lincoln will both have athletic departments, the one at Washington being in construction now, as a separate building.

Financial Habits of Spouse Told Court by Wife

Mrs. Minnie D. Jones Presents Original Document. WHEN Mrs. Minnie D. Jones, 52 East Ash street, was served with garnishment in a suit against her husband, she had to hire an attorney to put in sufficiently strong language her other funds in the hands of a financier. The resulting document, filed in the Constable's office yesterday, was the delight of all who read it.

Walter E. Jones, of the Dennis-Jones Hardware Lumber Company, with office in the Lumbermen's building, was used by J. R. Turner on a note for \$100.00. The attorneys instructed that any funds in the hands of Mrs. Jones should be garnished, and a deputy Constable served papers on her.

The return was made yesterday through an attorney. The document is drawn in regular legal form and says: "I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your polite garnishment and kind request for a statement as to any credits and especially certain moneys in my bank belonging to the said defendant, who happens to be my beloved husband.

"I am very sorry indeed to report to you that I am not the owner of any present or future funds of and up to the present I have not been able to keep any money belonging to my husband to exceed a period of 18 minutes. The fact of the matter is, I have trouble enough to keep my own money from his possession. I might further add that if my beloved husband has any money, he very adroitly conceals the same from me.

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SHOOT DATES NEAR Professional Trap Men to Begin Tourney Monday. Mount Angel to Play Dallas. MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The hardest game of the season will be played by the Mount Angel College five here Friday evening when they meet the fast Dallas quintet. In a previous contest played two years ago the Angels were beaten by a 53-to-12 score, but this time they expect to make the count a little closer. The lineup will be: Furney, center; Boynton and Kennedy, forwards; Ledwidge and Flick, forwards.

EDUCATION IS AIMED AT Five Teams Will Represent Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and San Francisco—Sport Will Be Promoted. Beginning at Astland, Or., Monday, January 15, the five teams of professional trap shooters who are to compete in the American game, throughout the Northwest will engage in the opening round of the contest for the American Sportsmen's Association trophy.

Chemawa Indians Beaten. MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Poor basket shooting lost the game for the Chemawa Indian School here last evening and the Mount Angel College quintet were victorious by the score of 24 to 15. The Angels were far superior in basket passing, but the redmen were better in passing. Kennedy and Ledwidge were the stars for the victors, while Powers performed well for the visitors.

Brinker Signs With Phillies. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—The Philadelphia Nationals today received a signed contract from Outfielder W. H. Brinker, of the Vancouver club of the Northwest League. He is one of the five candidates for the position of right fielder on the Philadelphia team.

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