

RODGERS BELIEVES MCCREDIE IS BEST

Billy First Beaver to Reach Portland's Training Town, Santa Maria.

B. RYAN WILL BE MISSED

Star Second Baseman Pays Tribute to Chief's Ability to Pick New Men—Player's Injured Ankle Is Well Again.

SANTA MARIA, Cal., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The advance guard of McCredie's Beaver band appeared this morning in the person of Billy Rodgers, the star second baseman of the Beaver aggregation. He was accompanied by his young wife, the two having just concluded a five weeks' hunting sojourn in the hills of Oregon. He looks to be in fine shape. He said that his ankle, broken last year, is almost completely recovered.

Speaking on McCredie's chances for the Coast League pennant this season, Rodgers expressed himself as confident that Portland would win the pennant. He said that he had no doubt that McCredie has a good nucleus of last year's champions to build from, though he admitted that the loss of Billy Ryan would be felt.

Rodgers thinks McCredie the superior of other Coast League managers when it comes to picking up new men. Speaking on this point, he said that the manager who has the best casting lines for 200 hitters, "Mac" was satisfied with lower figures, provided the man showed ability in other lines. He goes after the run-getters, the men who can hit some, field some, run bases and are not afflicted with ivory domes, said Billy. "I like an aggressive player," said Rodgers, and his wife have taken housekeeping apartments and will remain "on the job," awaiting arrival of the main body. He promises a great thing for Santa Maria, and believes a hit in the mascot theory, inasmuch as Portland has won the pennant every year since the Beavers have trained in the little oil city.

NEW MEXICO NOT WILLING

Governor of New State Declares Big Fight Can't Be Staged There.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 8.—Jack Curley, promoter of the Johnson-Flynn battle, will encounter official opposition to the proposed fight in New Mexico, according to a statement made tonight by Governor William McDonald. Curley will arrive in Albuquerque this morning to confer with local promoters who have offered a large purse for the fight.

Governor McDonald admits that he has no serious objections to "properly conducted boxing bouts," but adds: "If I can stop it, I will not permit a contest between a white man and a negro."

The Governor recognizes that as a state New Mexico has no legal means of preventing ring battles and declares that when the State Legislature convenes March 11 he will submit a special message, urging the enactment of an anti-prizefight law. However, as no law can become effective until 90 days after its passage, any such measure probably would not become effective until after the date of the proposed Johnson-Flynn fight.

SEALS SECURE JESS BAKER

Danny Long Gets ex-Spokane Pitcher From Chicago Americans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Jess Baker, a left-handed pitcher, who went to the Chicago Americans from the Spokane club of the Northwestern League, was signed today by Manager Long, of the San Francisco club. Long said that he expected to secure another pitcher from the Chicago Americans, and that Charles A. Risberg, 17 years old, with a phenomenal record as a semi-professional pitcher, is to be tried out by Manager "Happy" Hogan of the Vernon team.

New and old pitchers of the San Francisco baseball club are while he coached this year by William Reidy, former American Leaguer. Reidy's appointment was announced here today. His business is to find out how much the young pitchers have and to teach the old hands, renowned for fast balls, how to pitch slow ones. It was in pitching a special slow ball that Reidy achieved eminence.

BURNS EAGER TO MEET JACK

Heavyweight Pugilist Is Back From Australia With Ambitions.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Tommy Burns, the heavyweight pugilist, returned from Australia last night and announced that he is anxious to fight Jack Johnson. Burns said he is in good condition and weighs 190 pounds, and can enter the ring at 150.

Promoter McIntosh promised me that I could have a match with either Johnson or McVey," said Burns. "I will have no trouble getting back to old form and am going after that heavyweight title again."

SOCCER MATCH TO BE SUNDAY

Nationals and All-Stars to Play Regardless of Weather.

At a meeting of the officers of the Portland Association Football League it was decided to play the exhibition game between the Nationals and All-Stars next Sunday on the Columbus field at 2:45, whatever the weather conditions on that day, as further delay will only postpone the international match.

The Nationals will hold a smoker tomorrow in the "Musicians' Hall" at 4 o'clock, when a goodly crowd of soccer enthusiasts is expected to be present. Several entertaining features are planned.

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BOBBY COLTRIN.

COLTRIN MAY PLAY

McCredie Thinks Him Most Likely of Shortstops.

IMPROVEMENT LOOKED FOR

Youngster's Record Last Season Better Than Peckinpaugh, Who Had Longer Experience—Fielding His Greatest Asset.

Don't be surprised to see saved-off Bobby Coltrin coveting at shortstop for the champion Beavers next April 16, Mr. Portland baseball fan.

The phenom of Nick Williams' 1911 Portland Northwestern team has a sponsor in Walter McCredie, boss of the Coasters, who freely expresses the belief that Coltrin will prove a better man than Peckinpaugh.

Manager McCredie's reasons are these: That Coltrin will bat just as consistently as Peckinpaugh.

That Coltrin fielded .939 in 185 games in the Northwestern League, while Peck fielded only .924 in 192 games.

Mistakes May Be Rectified. That the winter's rest will give the youngster an opportunity to pore over some of his mistakes in 1911 and make him much more valuable in 1912.

And, finally, that with but one-half year's seasoning Coltrin is a better prospect than Peckinpaugh was last year. "A shortstop doesn't need to be a batting bulwark of a winning team," declared Manager McCredie, emphatically, backing up his views. "But he does have to be a wonderfully clever fielder, for in my judgment the shortstop has the hardest position on the ball club."

This Coltrin is a human kangaroo on his feet, and with Rodgers alongside at the second station he will show even faster than when aligned with Peck. "He is a fast runner, and he looks better now than Peck did last Spring. Nobody thought much of Peck then. Cleveland wrote that they didn't expect much of him."

One Season Means Much. "You can never tell what one season will do for a young recruit," added Mac. "That's why I'm so enthusiastic about Coltrin. It's a fact that he has improved his batting, but even if he doesn't his overall improvement should land the California lad a regular berth."

Coltrin is a fast runner, and was signed up by Nick Williams in mid-season last year, being drafted by Cleveland and turned back to the Portland Coast team. He is clerking in a cigar store at Sacramento.

His fielding average last season compares with Peck's as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Games, P.O., E. P.C. Peck: 192, 409, 658, 88, 924. Coltrin: 185, 407, 658, 88, 924.

Coltrin stole only 11 bases, against 35 for Peckinpaugh in double the number of affairs, but Rodgers at second, and Lindsay at third, Bancroft and Coltrin are the leading shortstop aspirants, but should neither of these prove strong enough Mac can shift Lindsay in at short and place Peters or Kibbe at third. Peters, however, does not report until late, so Lindsay will probably start the season with either Coltrin, Bancroft or Mathes at short.

JESS STOVALL MUFFS BALL

Three Cross Pan and Oxnard Club Investigating—Betting Heavy.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Officials of the Oxnard ball club are investigating conditions surrounding last Sunday's game, when the locals lost and considerable money changed hands.

Tom Seaton, Portland player, who goes to the majors this year, was in the box for Oxnard, while Jess Stovall was in the field. With the bases full of "enemies," Stovall dropped a fly and three crossed the pan. Home fans and backers are sore.

Pitcher "Dolly" Gray arrived in Los Angeles today. He says that the deal whereby he goes to the Rochester club will start practicing Monday. It will be informal. A number of players are desirous of getting into mid-season form by the time the season opens.

"Happy" Hogan, Clarence "Speed" McDonnell, Johnny Kane, Brashear, Patterson and others who are wintering in Los Angeles, will make their appearance at the bat.

TITLE CLAIMED BY SULLIVAN

Twin Offers to Take on Any "White Hopes" in Country.

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"Cy" Young Signs for 22d Year.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Denton T. ("Cy") Young sent to the Boston Nationals today his signed contract for his 22d year in major league baseball. He is the oldest pitcher in point of years and service in major league baseball.

A MATEUR ATHLETICS

IN THE second round of the Bankers' Basketball League the Hibernal Bankers defeated the Security Savings & Trust Company, 51-17. The losers of the game had no showing at any time, the winners outclassing them in both style and weight. Chester Hughes was the star of the game, making about all of the points for the winners.

All the Portland High School basketball teams will meet Oregon University for 15 minutes each at the Portland Academy gymnasium. The University men will be handicapped to a certain extent because the games are now being played under the Amateur Athletic Union rules, which differ somewhat from the collegiate rules.

The junior classes of the Y. M. C. A. will be seen in a gymnastic exhibition on February 22 and will go through all the customary class drills. A number of athletic games somewhat out of the ordinary will be brought in, and apparatus work will finish the athletic treat.

The Y. M. C. A. Spartans and the North Pacific Dental College basketball team in the City Basketball League, meet tonight at the Y. M. C. A. as the first part of a double-header, the second game being between Allen Francis and McMinnville High School. The North Pacific team recently met the Jefferson High School, but the game ended because of fighting.

ESSAY PRIZES OFFERED

School Children Eligible to Compete in Contest.

As an incentive to school children throughout the state, the Oregon Society of Sons of the American Revolution has offered six cash prizes amounting to \$100 for the best six essays on the Revolutionary War, under the following conditions:

One prize of \$25, one of \$15 and one of \$10 will be awarded for the best three essays written by the pupils of the state high schools on one of the following subjects: "Treaty of Alliance With France," "Influence of the English City in the History of the American Revolution," "Alexander Hamilton," "Captures of Ticonderoga and Crown Point," and "George Rogers Clark and the Conquest of the Western Frontier."

The essays are limited to 3000 words each, must be written on one side of the paper, and must be accompanied by a certificate from the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work.

The essays should be signed and forwarded to John K. Kollock, chairman of committee, 313 Corbett building, Portland, and should reach their destination not later than March 15.

AIMS OF SCHOOL SHOWN

President Foster Lectures at Y. M. C. A. on Reed College.

President Foster, of Reed College, lectured to an audience at the Y. M. C. A. last night on the aims of the future, such as designers had planned to make it. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides showing views, actual and prospective, of the institution of learning, and also views of the building and landscape designs at other institutions of learning in America and in England.

President Foster first showed by means of relief maps how Reed College would occupy a central position in the Northwest and he also showed how the field was vast for the support of such a college.

Besides the material side of the college he told of its educational features. As a college of liberal arts, an sciences, he said, it would be the foundation for the highest kind of professional education, and although non-sectarian, it would be none the less religious.

The building plan of the college, as outlined by President Foster, was a comprehensive one. Every detail had been worked out, he said, before the foundation was laid. "If we had considered only the next five years," he said, "we might have had these buildings, but we are working ahead, and considered the needs of the century." Buildings would be erected, he said, in accordance with the architectural scheme as their need became necessary, and in this way a distinctive traditional and historical atmosphere would grow around each of them.

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DETECTIVE WORK GOOD. FEW CRIMINALS ELUDE BATY'S FORCE IN JANUARY. Bad Check Men and Persons Accused of Murder Are Brought to Justice Swiftly. Bad check men and persons accused of murders met with bad luck in February. A report of Chief of Detectives Baty, filed with the Board of Police Commissioners last night, shows that more than half the crimes committed in the City of Portland in the 31 days of January were cleared up by the detective force. Baty, who is one of the best in the United States, as compared with the records of the principal cities of the country, reported that the active cases of bad-check making, forgery, misrepresentation and other means of getting money on false pretenses, reported to the police department in the month of January, were cleared up. Where the parties defrauded were willing to prosecute, convictions were made. The biggest success in this branch was the arrest of Dale Taylor, who was convicted of putting out bad checks for the past seven years, the size of the checks rapidly growing from \$3 to \$25 and more. Detectives Taft and Epps made the arrest, and Taylor was sentenced to 360 days in jail.

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