

CASHE OR WANTS PLACE AS BEAVER

McCredie Will Not Try to Get
Southpaw Away From
Hogan.

PETERS REPORTED BALKY

Denial That Californian Has Signed
Worries Portland Manager for
Time—All Outfielders Ex-
cept Doane Sign.

BY ROSEBOW PAWETTE.
Reports telegraphed from Salt Lake City are that Roy Castleton, southpaw pitcher for the Vernon Tigers, believes he is a free agent. Los Angeles papers credit him with the statement that he will likely land with the Portland champions.

As a matter of fact, Castleton's chances of signing a Beaver billet are practically nil, and, as Happy Hogan says, he has proof that he sent Castleton his contract by registered letter before February 1, the limit under the rules, the crack pitcher will undoubtedly remain in the Bengals' line, even though Hap's packet was returned undelivered to its progenitor.

"Castleton did write me saying that he was free," said Walter McCredie, last night. "But I answered him, pointing out that another manager cannot dicker with a player who becomes free through any technicality without the permission of the club to which the man formerly belonged."

Mac declared, though, that Hogan obtained Al Carson through a disregard of this rule after he had waived on the return of Carson from the Chicago Nationals. Wait didn't figure that the former Beaver could be gobbled by any other Pacific Coast mogul because of the mutual agreement before referred to.

An organized ball does not permit a club to conduct negotiations with a player while he is the property of another club. Castleton's outlook for a change seems dim and distant.

Another dispatch set the local officials scurrying through files and records. This was a denial from Palo Alto, Cal., that J. D. Peters had signed to play with Portland.

"Peters, who will graduate from the department of law at Stanford this Spring, says that his work here, together with his coaching, is keeping him too busy to consider any advances from league managers," rhapsodized the Palo Alto gossip. "The story that he has signed with the northern club is woven from whole cloth."

President McCredie was puzzled for a moment and wondered if his eyes had deceived him in his perusal of the Santa Clara year-book's chronography. "Oh, I guess not," he said a moment later, smilingly, as he produced Peters' letter and contract. The boy will be on deck.

Peters is built much on the order of Ivan Olson, according to Wait McCredie, only much speedier. He was a Santa Clara 200-yard dash sprinter in his college days, and looked so good that Connie Mack won over a Beaver contract. Mack turned him back to Trenton, in the Tri-State League, and McCredie forthwith put in a draft. The boy played third against Mack's Beavers at San Jose in the Spring training in 1910 and made a great impression.

Portland's outfield rompers are now all in the fold with the exception of Deane. Chase, who was traded to yesterday from Ocean Park, Cal., where the former American League star is wintering. Krueger, Oshbourne, Strait and Fries have all sent in contracts.

Ben Henderson, it develops, did not sign his contract, after all, but did write that he would be in hand at Santa Maria bright and early for Spring training, and ready for a good year. Ben isn't particularly impressed, it appears, with one or two clauses in his agreement, but no trouble is expected.

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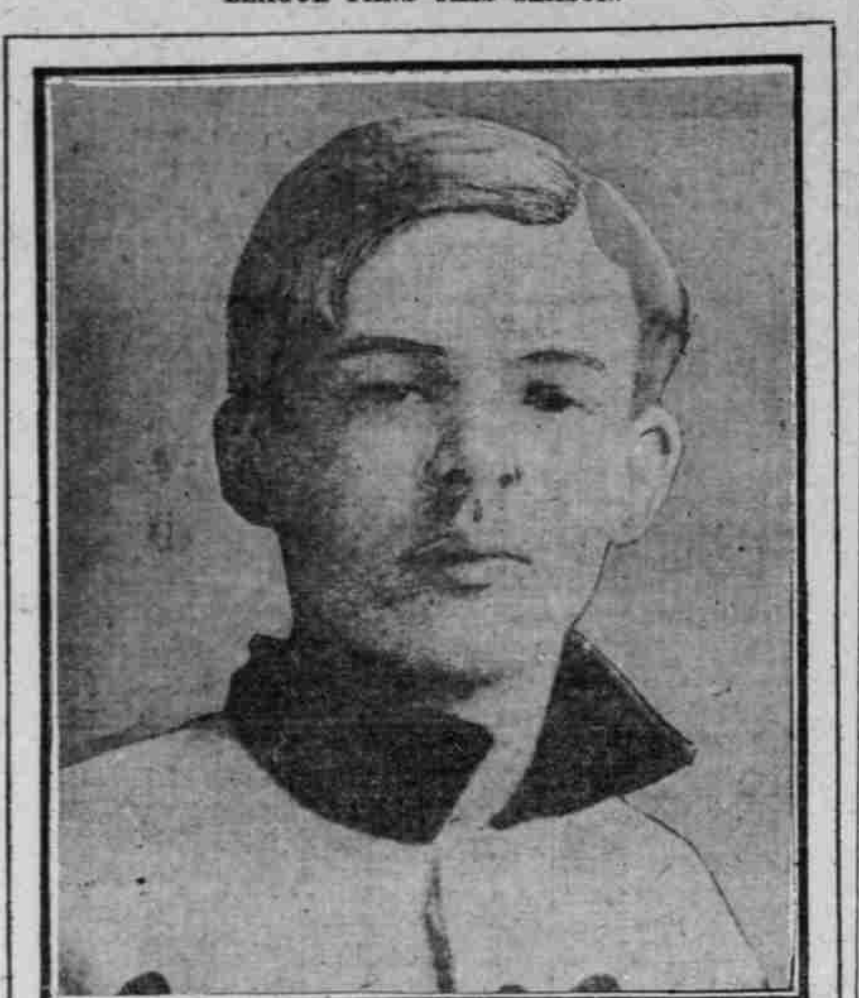
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JESS BAKER LAUDED

Danny Shea Says ex-Indian
Will Lead Coast League.

CATCHER SEEKS BERTH

Old Backstop Star Wants Chance in
Class AA Circuit and Says He
Will Never Play With Dug-
dale Again—Record Good.

Jess Baker, the big southpaw obtained by San Francisco from the Chicago White Sox last week, is destined to become the greatest gunner in the Pacific Coast League, season of 1912, according to Danny Shea, Seattle backstop, who caught Baker's shots when the latter pitched Spokane to the pennant in 1910.

Shea ridicules the talk that Baker does not possess a good curve ball and asserts that the former Tacoma youngster's only drawback lies in his rather mediocre fielding.

"He has everything," declared Shea yesterday, between protestations that he would never again play with Dugdale. "Baker has a fast hop-ball that is a corker; he has a curve that will make his critics sit up and take notice; he has a great slow ball and a good noodle, and what more do you want?"

"I advised Walter McCredie to grab him long before Chicago bought him," wrote that he would be in hand at Santa Maria bright and early for Spring training, and ready for a good year.

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MORRIS HAMMERS BIG JIM STEWART

Brooklyn Heavy Escapes
Knockout by Running Away
for Ten Rounds.

ENTIRE BOUT OKLAHOMAN'S

"White Hope" Cool and Steady and
Blows Show Accuracy—Carl
Cuts Opponent's Face and
Drives Him Into Clinches.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, had the better of every round in a ten-round bout with Jim Stewart, the Brooklyn heavyweight, in Brooklyn tonight.

Although Stewart had been hailed as an even match for Morris, he lasted out the ten rounds only by holding on and running away. Morris did about all the fighting, chasing Stewart about the ring and cornering him in almost every round.

It seemed the general opinion that Stewart would have been knocked out had he stood up and fought.

Morris was cool and steady at all stages and showed greater accuracy than usual. In the sixth round he caught Stewart's lip with a hard punch.

Morris weighed in at 230 pounds and had 28 pounds the better of the Brooklyn man.

LANGFORD OUTPOINTS BARRY

Chicago Heavyweight Stays 20-
Round Limit With Big Black.

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 12.—Sam Langford, the heavyweight American pugilist and heavyweight champion of England, defeated today James Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, on points.

The match was 20 rounds.

TENNIS TEAM RETURNS

AMERICANS MAKE NO EXCUSES
FOR DEFEAT IN AUSTRALIA.

Tourists Who Saw Cup Matches Say
Neither Larned Nor Wright
Was in Form.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—W. A. Larned, Beals C. Wright and Maurice K. McLaughlin, constituting the American tennis team which met defeat in its attempt to lift the Davis international cup, now held by the Australians, arrived from the Antipodes today on the liner Sierra.

"We were defeated by a better team—under the existing conditions," was Champion Larned's reply to an inquiry as to how he accounted for the poor showing of the team.

McLaughlin, however, expressed the keenest disappointment over untoward circumstances which they declared had robbed the Americans at the outset of a reasonable hope of victory.

Larned, they say, had been so crippled with rheumatism from the time of his arrival in New Zealand that neither in practice nor in the matches themselves did he show more than a flash of his true form.

On the day of his defeat by Heath, the young Australian, Larned was in a physical condition of mental distress and limped on the courts.

Wright, too, according to returning tourists, was not up to his game. A few of the best tennis players in the world were called by him to be in such rare form that Captain Larned decided to substitute him for McLaughlin in the singles events.

It was a mistake, they say, following the postponement of the matches because of rain, that the young Californian was easily the star of the American team.

McLaughlin, in his match with Brooks, which he permitted to play by courtesy of the Australians, as a substitute for Larned after a majority of the matches had already been won by the cup holders, gave the Australian running lengthwise through the net.

Larned and Wright will leave for New York on Wednesday.

Y. M. C. A. MEN TRAVEL ON SKI

Enjoyable Journey Made Up Slopes
of Mount Hood.

Filled with enthusiasm for the sport, members of the Y. M. C. A. returned yesterday from their first attempt at skiing on the slopes of Mount Hood, having found the Norwegian pastime easier than they had expected.

As a result, the trip is to become an annual affair, and in order to stimulate interest a club has been formed with E. O. Herring as president, T. M. Dye as vice-president, and P. L. Wilder, treasurer.

Rain fell almost continually on the way up, but they took a snow bath before retiring for the night and enjoyed fine weather next day for practicing jumping and traveling on skis.

As only P. L. Wilder, Dr. David Kerr, L. F. Whitaker, C. B. Corbett, Ed. O. Herring, John J. Burling, J. K. Cole, Harry T. Smith and E. Coleman, guide.

PORTLAND ACADEMY IS VICTOR

Washington High Soccer Eleven Is
Defeated by Single Goal.

Colombia Won. Drs. Lost. Pts.
Colombia 2 1 0 6
Jefferson 1 1 0 2
Lincoln 1 1 0 2
Washington 0 1 0 2

Portland academy came within a goal of Columbia University in the High School Soccer League as a result of their victory over Washington yesterday at Columbus Field by a 2-0 score.

Colombia scored late in the second half. Play was fast with many exciting moments in their territory. At the second time

ments, but the chief fault on both sides lay in lack of direction and sting in the shooting.

In the first half the Academy boys taxed the Washington defense severely, but they found Brown difficult to get past, and Cleverly safe in goal, with the result a blank score sheet at half time. After crossing over Washington came near scoring once, when the ball rebounded off the cross-bar to be cleared with difficulty, but for the greater part of the time play was of asking Wilson sent in a curlier from corner kick and the Academy managed to hold the lead until the final whistle blew. Warren and Coe for the Academy, with Brown, Manary and MacKenzie for Washington stood out prominently. The line-up:

Pos. W. H. S.
Kribbs Clement
Walters Brown
Sanford Troglia
Wills Manary
Coe Hill
Closs Mackenzie
Warren Coe
Henry Smith
Jones Adams
Wilson Murphy
Referee Giffard

KIRKBRIDE DEFEATS FRIEDMAN

High Run in Billiard Tournament Is
13, by Winner.

C. W. Kirkbride, with an average slightly under three, defeated James Friedman in the opening round of the 18.2 ball line billiard tournament at the Acme parlors last night, 150 to 127.

Kirkbride's high run was 13 in the 11th inning, and Friedman's 10, the former going above the 10 mark on five different occasions.

The scores by innings:
Kirkbride—0, 2, 5, 3, 0, 5, 3, 10, 0, 2, 0, 13, 0, 4, 0, 1, 0, 7, 0, 10, 0, 4, 2, 0, 3, 0, 0, 6, 2, 2, 0, 0, 7, 2, 0, 12, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 11, 1, 7, 5, 3, 2—150.
Friedman—1, 0, 1, 0, 5, 1, 1, 1, 0, 3, 5, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 4, 0, 2, 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 9, 0, 5, 2, 0, 1, 3, 3, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 3, 0, 5, 1, 2, 10, 0—127.

Tonight Gorg plays Johnson and Watson plays Williams meets Willets at 8:30 P. M.

BURNS IS OFFERED FIGHT

Los Angeles Promoters Would Pit
Him With Flynn or Langford.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Los Angeles fight promoters are hot on the trail of Tommy Burns with a laudable purpose of adding a generous donation to his already ample bank roll.

Telegram was received tonight offering him a match with either Jim Flynn or Sam Langford. Burns has not replied.

Poggenburg Wins Balk-Line Play.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—J. F. Poggenburg, of the Lieberkrantz Club, defeated Fred Collins, 400 to 310, in playing off the tie for second prize in the amateur National Class A 18.2 ball-line billiard championship today.

Poggenburg's final score was 400 and his high runs 58, 46 and 42. Collins' average was 72-44 and he made runs of 22, 21 and 19. As the result of this victory Poggenburg finished second to M. D. Brown, the new champion, while Collins holds third place and also wins the high average prize. This ends the tournament.

Douglas Is Raquet Champion.

TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., Feb. 12.—J. Gordon Douglas, of New York, defeated Harold F. McCormick, of the University Club, of Chicago, today in the final round for the gold raquet championship of 1912. It is learned tonight Douglas has won the championship and this victory gives him possession of the Clarence Mackay trophy. The Chicago player was beaten in three straight games by scores of 15-5, 15-6, 17-7.

HOLLAND-BERG TONIGHT

SPOKANE MIDDLEWEIGHT FA-
VORITE IN BETTING.

Elimination Contest Will Place One
of Boxers in Line to
Meet Papke.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The first of the middleweight bouts between the two champions in February will be decided tomorrow night in the spacious clubrooms of the Oakland Wheelmen's Club, when Fritz Holland and Otto Berg, the Northwestern claimants to the title left by Stanley Ketchell, meet in a 10-round engagement at 158 pounds.

Both Holland and Berg practically completed their arduous stage of training yesterday, and as each boxer is in prime condition he did but little work today. Berg is a fairly clever boxer, and from his point yesterday it seems that he will give Holland a tough time tomorrow night. It will take a hard man to beat Berg in his present condition of lives up to his Northwestern reputation.

Tim McGrath, who handles Holland, said that the battle is causing him but little worry, as he is sure he has the next middleweight championship under his wing. The Spokane middleweight is in fine shape and expects to win handily from Berg.

The winner in tomorrow night's bout will be in line for a match with the victor in the Klaus-Petrovsky battle or Billy Papke. Most likely the Kawanee boxer will be selected to get to the best of the white middleweights.

Holland has been installed a slight favorite in the betting. The Spokane middleweight is better known to the local fans, Berg being a newcomer. It is reported that several large commissions have been sent from the Northwest to be placed on Berg and Eddie Hanlon will referee the contest. Besides the Berg-Holland contest, Matchmaker Al Moffitt has a good set of preliminaries to dish up to the fans.

St. Paul Shots Best.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Scores of the Inter-Club Indoor Rifle Shooting League matches held last week and made public here today, show St. Paul recorded the highest score, with Tacoma second. The scores: Milwaukee, 884; Adrian, 950; Los Angeles, 947; Dickinson, 961; Helena, 942; Tacoma, 969; Minneapolis, 923; St. Paul, 978. The Blaine and Eddie teams defaulted in their matches, with the Badger and Madison clubs, respectively.

Mayer Beats Billiard Champion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Edouard Pouill, amateur billiard champion of Europe, was defeated in the opening game of the amateur international 18.2 ball-line billiard championship, played here this afternoon, by Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia, by 400 to 221.

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Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis,
Louisville, Indianapolis, Detroit,
Cleveland and Milwaukee
Are in Circuit.

Knockout Brown in Fane Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Knock-
out Brown of New York, and Billy
Galley, of Australia, fought six time
rounds before the American Athletic
Club tonight.

Jack Miller Signs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—President Bar-
ney Dreyfus, of the Pittsburgh Nation-
als, today received Second Baseman
Jack Miller's signed contract.

West Sends for Two Captives.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—
Requisition warrants were granted by
Governor West on the Governor of
Washington today for Dris Alemach-
no, wanted in Portland on charges
of larceny, and John H. Marshall, also
wanted in Portland for passing bogus
checks. The Governor today also re-
mitted a jail sentence of 10 days im-
posed on John C. Henry, convicted of
selling liquor in "dry" territory. Henry
was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and
go to jail. As he is over 70 years of
age, it was asked that the jail sentence
be dropped.

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