

McCREDIE TESTING OUT NEW PLAYERS

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MATHES MAKING GOOD

Butte Man Shows Up Well Wherever Placed and Is Liked for Uplift Job—Team Attends Church.

BY BOBSON FAWCETT. SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 11.—(Special.)—Elimination in the theory of equations is said to be the operation of getting rid of a common quantity. Walter McCredie, the Portland manager, who anticipates doing the elimination act for the benefit of the other Coast managers next fall, has several compounds capable of further analysis and from appearance the simplification has set in.

The big compound as much as said today that Pitchers Hirsch, Osborne and Doane will go to Nick Williams' team. Hirsch is to give away to Steiger, a more experienced man, who has a second baseman's throw. He is a very apt student. I showed him the quick back-hand snap to the second bag for a double, and he caught on lightning.

Mathes makes like a sweet player," said the manager, after this afternoon's batting and fielding. "He has a second baseman's throw. He is a very apt student. I showed him the quick back-hand snap to the second bag for a double, and he caught on lightning."

Today Kibbie was kept at third base, Cetrin and Bancroft being given possession of the short patch, where they roused around as Joe Tinker, Coach Station, the Butte importation, is evidently trying hard to fit in somewhere.

He switched around with astonishing versatility, as every pitcher has had on the team with credit to himself. Mathes, being from the City of St. Louis, was quick no doubt, to perceive that a pitcher for the Coast squad lay in the utility job, and he is after it strong. Mathes looks like a catcher.

Chicago Strait shows enough to replace one of the regulars, Chadbourne, Krueger or Doane, in the outfield, he too, will go to Nick Williams' North-western team, as far as known, he is not a candidate for the utility job, Stratt is still missing from the break-fast table, as are Pitchers Kestner, Gilligan and Vasey, and Chadbourne and Catcher Howley, who, it is rumored, are practicing at Chadbourne's winter quarters at Ocean Park, Laguna, but arrived last night, was not out in suit today.

Squad Works Two Shifts. The squad works from 10 to 11 o'clock mornings and from 1 to 2 in the afternoon. Lefty Steiger was another of the versatile men today, for he was digging them out of the dust around first base, over six weeks, and assumed himself chiding flies in the outfield. Steiger held down the first bag for St. Paul on numerous occasions in 1910 and 1911, and is said to be quite a real Chase himself.

The veterans, Lindsay, Rodgers, Krueger, Rapps and La Longe, are all taking things very easy. Lindsay is still pretty stiff from his muscular manhandling, but held down third this afternoon for a while in finished style. Krueger is after everything in the garden, like a hawk, over a duck pond. The pitchers, too, are working slowly. Henderson, Harkness, Temple, Steiger, Hirsch and Byrd warming up the bats in turn.

Speck was slightly perturbed yesterday at a story in a Cleveland newspaper stating that he was to return to the Naps within the next six weeks. Papa Harkness' son carries around in his carpet-bag a black cat good luck sign which bears on the back an inscription from a Portland fair one, and this may account for Speck's anxiety concerning the cat. Harkness' boyhood days were spent at Elipino, a town only a mile away from Santa Maria, so he is very much at home here.

Players Go to Church. Last night most of the boys attended the Methodist church, whereupon the pastor took occasion to do a little "finger-biting" at the cigar-smoker and the beer-drinker. Mac is figuring on signing him.

The theaters and automobile rides through the country furnish the amusement features. Manager McCredie today announced his batting order for the opening game as follows:

Chadbourne, Rodgers, Lindsay, Doane, Krueger, Rapps, in field, catcher and pitcher. This will give the left-handed batters right off the umpire's "play ball."

MARDLETTES WIN SLUGGEST

Mahlerites Defeated, 12 to 2, Catcher Milford Injured.

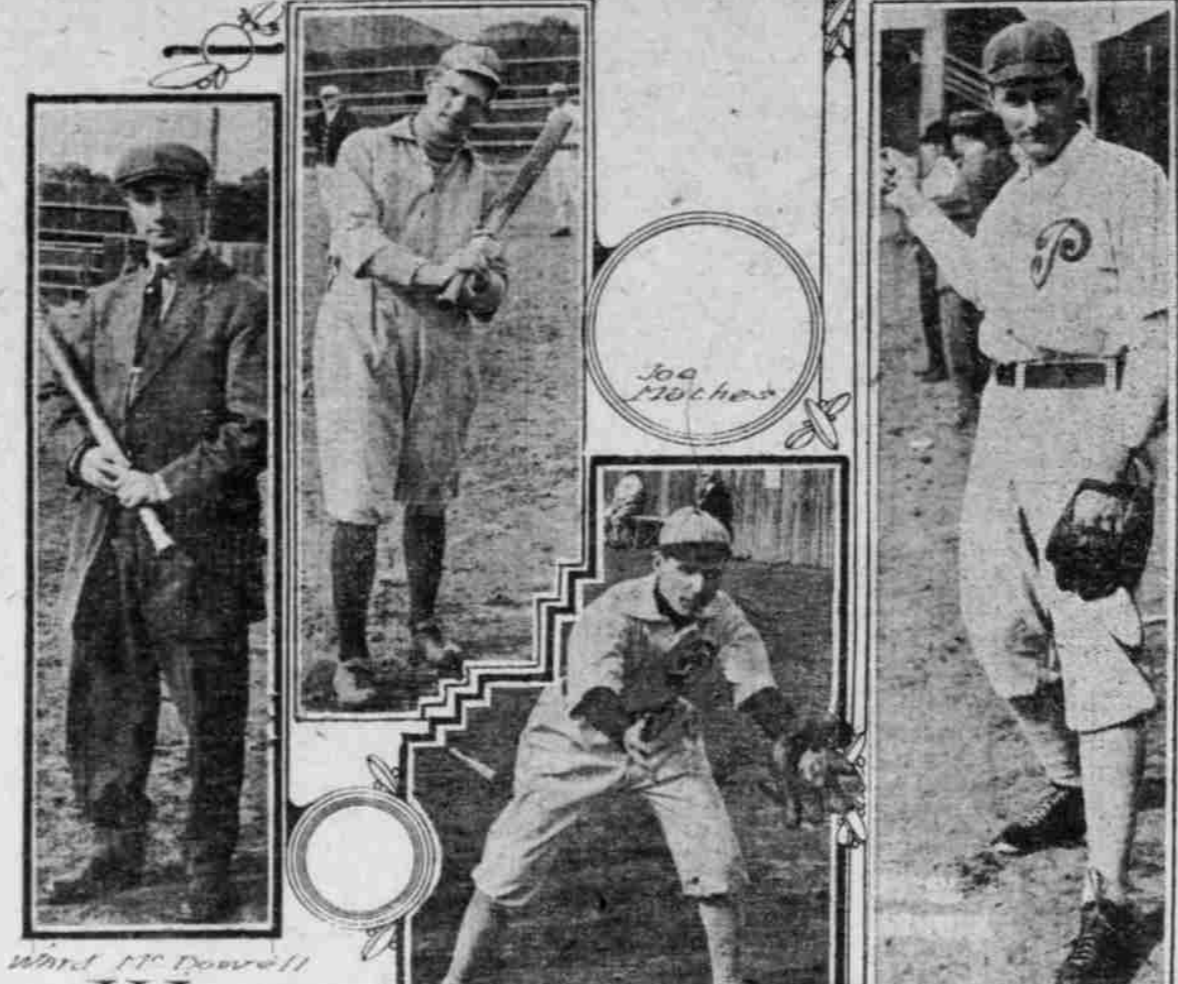
PASO ROBLES, HOT SPRINGS, Cal., March 11.—(Special.)—If the Seals collectively can do as much to the Coast as the Mardlettes did to the Mahlerites this afternoon, there will be no joy in Oakland or four other towns that might be mentioned. It happened that one of the good old-fashioned slugs, in which the winners hit the sphere all around the lot as well as out of it, the final score assuming the proportions of 12 to 2, the wild run being the sole property of Mardlette power. Perhaps the cold wind and lack of sunshine had something to do with the catastrophe that Mardlette's sanguineous with, but the fact is out that Mardlette's two pitchers, Jess Baker and Willard Meikle, were the only ones who showed any form. Both runs were tallied off by the first five innings, Meikle escaping without damage.

The first injury of the training season came this afternoon and it is a real injury. Charlie Milford, the catcher drafted from the Southeastern League, was the victim. In the sixth inning, just after he relieved Henry behind the bat, the Southern boy caught a nasty one on his right hand that split his thumb open to the joint.

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BALL TRUST "HIT"

Congressional Investigation Is Demanded by Gallagher.

RESOLUTION BEFORE HOUSE

Illinois Representative Declares That Combination Is the Most Audacious in the Country.

Players Enslaved, Charge.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A Congressional investigation of the "baseball trust, the most audacious and autocratic trust in the country," was proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Gallagher, of Illinois today.

The measure would create a special committee of seven Representatives to inquire of the Department of Justice "what steps have been taken against the baseball trust, as against other illegal combinations," to subpoena witnesses and employ assistance. It accuses the baseball trust "of presuming to control" the baseball games, its officials announcing daily through a press the dictates of a governing board; how competition is stifled, territory and games prescribed, and prices fixed which millions must pay to witness the sport, how men are enslaved and forced to accept salaries and terms or be forever barred from playing."

HERMANN TERMS IT JOKE

National Head Says Baseball Trust Is Impossible.

CINCINNATI, March 11.—Representative Gallagher's resolution for an investigation of the so-called baseball trust, characterized as a joke today by August Hermann, president of the National Baseball Commission. "I don't know what he means," said Hermann, "unless it is a joke. There is no baseball trust and from the nature of the game, there never can be. The commission does not fix prices, deflection of players or change in different cities. There can be an investigation at any time without any objection from the National commission."

LENCH INVITES INVESTIGATION

National League President Says Trust Doesn't Exist.

NEW YORK, March 11.—"So far as the National League of Baseball Clubs is concerned, we invite an investigation," said Thomas J. Lench, president of the league today. "There is absolutely nothingavoring of a trust in our league. We do not in any manner stifle or attempt to deflection of players. Not only do some players receive more money than a Congressman, but more than the average business man earns."

COLLEGE TEAM IS SHUT OUT

Ben-Berry Pickers Win at Los Angeles, 3 to 0.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 11.—(Special.)—The game today between the Ben-Berry Pickers and the Santa Clara College boys was snappy. Santa Clara was handed a string of goose eggs, the score being 3 to 0.

JOHNSON DENIES CHARGE

Players' Wages Held to Exceed Those of Congressmen.

CHICAGO, March 11.—When informed of the Gallagher resolution, President B. B. Johnson of the American League, said: "We should be glad to have an investigation. There is no baseball trust and competition is not stifled. Anyone who desires is welcome to get in the game."

PORTLAND IS BASEBALL OASIS

Southern Players Ambitious to Come to Team of Champions.

SANTA MARIA, Cal., March 11.—(Special.)—Portland is the oasis on the Southern League's desert. This epigram may sound rather opaque to the casual reader, but in the denatured diction of Walter Doane, the meaning is clear—every Southern League ballplayer looks forward eagerly to the time when he hopes to get a call to the Pacific Coast.

Doane comes from the New Orleans team, from whence sprang Bill Lindsay, the star infielder.

"Every man on that New Orleans club wants to come to Portland," said Doane, who takes Buddy Ryan's place in the local outfield. "Everybody envied me. The Southern League plays too far below the Mason and Dixon line to suit a ballplayer and the heat in intense. I've stood in the New Orleans outfield up to my shoulders in tropical water, when the fumes from the oil which they sprinkle over the field nearly choked me to sleep. Sometimes the very air seemed to turn black before my eyes."

Bill Lindsay corroborates Doane's views. New Orleans, it will be recalled, demanded Lindsay's return last winter and McCredie gave his sanction to a trade for Third Baseman Manuach, of the Pelicans. Lindsay, however, refused flat-footed to go back to the Southern circuit.

Evidently the Southern leaguers are not the only ones who desire to play with the Coast champions, for Speck Harkness received a card from Catcher Grover Land, of Cleveland, from Franchfort, Ky., last evening, saying that he wished McCredie would offer the Napp a two-bit cigar for him as he believed they would accept the offer. Lindsay tickled a Cleveland tinker under the chin with his knuckles last season and got in bad with Somers. He finished with St. Paul.

ATHLETICS PICKED BY FIELDER JOES

White Sox ex-Manager Says Mack's Men Will Win American League Flag.

1911 VETERANS ALL BACK

President of Northwestern League Believes Philadelphia Team Is in Best Position to Land at Top of Column.

Fielder Jones, president of the Northwestern Baseball League, retired from the propeh club yesterday and re-entered the ranks of the prognosticators a few minutes later. Having successfully "doped" out the winners of the world's series last fall, the Cub-White Sox duel at Chicago and the Vernon-Portland series, which decided the 1911 ownership of the Pacific Coast pennant, Jones intended to retire on his laurels. However, he could not resist the temptation invited by the well-known strength of the Philadelphia Athletics, and so he picked Mack's squad to win the American League flag this coming season.

"It's a hard proposition for a man to figure winners before the first ball of the season has been tossed," declared the ex-manager of the world's champion White Sox, "but the Athletics seem to be the one best bet in the major leagues this season. Mack has his 1911 team intact, there is no reason to believe that his pitchers will fall him, and the team certainly is the one whom the American leaguers must beat for the pennant."

"I would not attempt to pick winners in either the American or National leagues under ordinary circumstances, for a man must know the players in order to judge results. But this is an exceptional case, with the Athletics leading high above the other teams in the league."

Claude Berry, Sea backstop, picks Jess Baker, ex-Spokane southpaw, who drew a salary from the Chicago White Sox last season, to prove the twirling tendency of youngsters on the Coast. Baker has speed galore, according to the training camp records, while his "fob" ball is another valuable offering in his repertoire.

Now they say that something is the matter with Paul Strand's arm. Strand is the San Francisco southpaw who found his way to the Coast via the Spokane to Boston route. Early last season Joe Cohn sold the 17-year-old speeder to Boston, taking \$2500 in cash and promise of a similar amount, if he had made good higher up. He developed an ailment which did not mend during the latter part of the season, and was turned over to San Francisco. Abe Kemp, of the San Francisco Bulletin, writes that Strand pitches like he has a kink in his arm.

Jack Tigue, ex-manager of the Seattle team, "gets his" every day or two from the Puget Sound sport writers. Ed Hughes, in commenting on the prevalence of youngsters on the Coast, writes: "Jack Tigue did not want to be bothered with them, and the consequence was that he shipped good kids to the Puget light league and held onto just dead ones as Davidson and Coesh, who were absolutely outclassed." Hughes is trying to impress upon Dugdale and Manager Barry the necessity of working in new talent.

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MURPHY REFUSES TO FAKE

Eastern Man Declares Attell Asked Him to "Quit."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The Call today prints an account of a proposal for a "fake" knockout, said to have been made by Abe Attell to Tom Murphy before Saturday's fight. Murphy and his manager, James Buckley, are declared to have admitted that they were approached by Attell. Attell was so severely punished in the fight that he could scarcely speak yesterday, but he denied the accusation and said he knew of no understanding regarding the fight and had made no proposal to Murphy or his manager.

According to Buckley, as is quoted in the Call, the first suggestion as to "fixing" the fight was made by Attell February 24, when he arrived in San Francisco.

Spokane already has named two weights for the April 19 smoker here. Claco Bullivant, of the Falls City organization, has decided to fight without men, one boxer and one wrestler, for the Spokane nominations. The wrestler probably will be Frank Glabe, the lad who appeared in the Amateur Athletic Union's championship tournament here last Spring.

Edgar Frank, chairman of the indoor athletics committee, left yesterday for a six weeks' business trip to the East. T. Morris Dunno, has been named to act in his place.

OARSMEN ARE OUT IN FORCE

Portland Men Preparing for Meet With Vancouver, B. C.

Active preparation for the regatta between the Portland Rowing Club and the Vancouver, B. C., rowing organization, has decided to start Sunday by the aprants for the team that will represent Portland in the North. Although the practice was held without men, the members, men for five crews were on the water and worked under the direction of Captain Arthur Allen the greater part of the morning.

He is very well pleased with the strong material already at hand and thinks that with the proper amount of training the Northerners can be defeated. A good supply of new timber for the junior crews also is at hand, and although many have not been rowing much in shells, they have the required built and, after becoming accustomed to the tippy craft, they will make good material for the places vacated by the older men.

Hansen, Chickering, Stone, Allen, Gamble, Newell, Meyers, Winsor and Kelley are some of the old men who turn out. Next Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, the first general meeting of the year will be held.

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Francisco from Los Angeles, after his defeat by Johnny Kibane, when he lost the championship. He was not told positively that no agreement would be made.

With the question still undecided, it is alleged, Attell approached Buckley again just before the two men went into the ring at Colma. Buckley was called from Murphy's dressing-room by Attell and asked if the Harlem boy was ready to play the "part Attell wished to assign to him. Buckley says that even then he did not give a definite answer and that at no time had Attell received a definite reply.

RICH RACING PURSES OFFERED

Coeur d'Alene Meet Prizes to Horsemen Will Total \$125,000.

Headed by the \$5000 Coeur d'Alene Derby, the Coeur d'Alene Fair and Racing Association announces a programme of ten big stakes, ranging from \$1200 to \$5000, for the 55-day meeting at Alan, Idaho, commencing April 27.

Secretary Frank W. Smith, of the association, who was 1911 president of the Western Bowling Congress, says that the purses, never less than \$2000 daily, will aggregate \$125,000. Guy Bedwell, one of the biggest horsemen of the country, will campaign a string of horses at the Idaho track, while many Easterners are expected to invade the Northwest, lured by the huge purse offerings.

FORMER CHAMPION IN LEAD

Larry Sutton Hangs Up Bowling Score of 679.

CHICAGO, March 11.—With a score of 679, Larry Sutton, of Rochester, N. Y., an ex-National champion, shot into the lead of the National events of the American Bowling Congress tournament today.

Sutton won the A. B. C. grand championship at Pittsburg three years ago, when he defeated Fred Bugerman, of Sioux City, Ia., in a play-off to break a 511 tie.

Sutton today eclipsed the record of William Elwert, the ex-Toledo ball player, who has been leading the event.

Trainer Murphy Takes Charge. PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—Mike

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