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Yet Harry Wolverton, former Oak and New York American boss, faces the most unusual task ever assigned to a newly-named manager. Wolverton will have under him two deposed managers of the Sacramento Senators, Pat O'Rourke, second baseman, and "Deacon" Van Buren, first baseman.

O'Rourke managed the club in 1911 and the first half of 1912, when his failure to enforce discipline and his stoniness on the playing field, resulted in his summary decapitation. Van Buren then got the job. Van is one of the most likeable fellows in the league, but, as a manager, the veteran was about as button on the tail of a coat.

Consequently the new owner of the Senators grasped at the opportunity to sign Harry Wolverton, a man who, being shipped over a good thing on San Francisco, which could have used Wolverton mightily advantageously.

Whether or not Wolverton is to duplicate his Oakland first division building at Sacramento, time alone will demonstrate, but the lavish manner in which he is adding the Eastern winter yards for talent is making more than one Coast manager sit up and snore at mention of Atkins. At any rate nobody expects any friction between the silver-topped Harry and the erstwhile managerial aspirants, for Wolverton possesses the happy faculty of knowing how to rule with an iron hand yet holding the confidence and respect of his men.

Wolverton will likely pacify O'Rourke by naming him field captain.

With the possible exception of a new third baseman Sacramento's 1913 lineup is practically ready for the call to battle. The Senators lose only Shortstop Orr, who is expected to be shipped late in the year. Inasmuch as Wolverton has signed eight or nine high-class recruits, who are sure to raise the standards of the team, it begins to look as though Sacramento will be quite an important factor in the coming campaign.

Wolverton's present roster is as follows:
Catchers—Jack Bliss, Harry Cheek, "Red" Krieta, Holtzamer.
Pitchers—Al Hodel, Russell, Peters, Alberts, Harden, Williams, Fitzgerald, Stroud, Drucke, Gilligan, Harper, Frink.
First base—Miller.
Second base—Joe O'Rourke.
Shortstop—Dolly Stark.
Third base—Irwin.
Outfielders—Kenworthy, Moran, Van Buren, Swain, Lewis, Shinn.
Utility—Al Hodel.

Jack Bliss, former Cardinal, will greatly bolster the Senators' backstop department. Cheek proved a good little catcher last season but Krieta, purchased from Chicago for \$2500, was one of the bloomers of the season. Any one of the Coast managers would gladly have welcomed Bliss to his camp. With him as first catcher and Cheek as alternate the Sacramento backstop corps will be fully 50 per cent stronger.
Stroud and Irwin are notable pitching additions. Both hail from the International League. Drucke won eight and lost six for Toronto. Dolly Stark, the standard of most Coast pitchers, purchased from Buffalo in the International. He does not appear to be much of a hitter, his record being .255, but is said to be a hard on defense.
The Senators will show the greatest improvement in the outfield where Jimmy Shinn seems to be the only veteran size of a berth. Kenworthy, a .333 hitter from Denver, is expected to be shipped to the Southern League, are the new figures.
With Wolverton at the helm the Senators, in any event, will be the joy of the fans in the city.

Justin Fitzgerald, Portland outfield speed demon, has lost none of his celebrity. The other day in San Francisco he hit college pitcher Tommie Conroy, and San Mateo car two blocks down the street gathering momentum with every twist of the motor. With a hasty goodbye to his friends he took up the road and overhauled the rear platform before it had gone another 200 feet.

Toward the close of the 1912 season the directors of the Los Angeles club presented "Pop" Dillon with a handsome split-second timepiece. Whether or not he had anything to do with the slow-footed Dillon's retirement in 1912, Dr. Gillis has not said. Dillon evidently intends to make use of his present. He has announced that he will hold the watch-athon on all his recalls this spring to see how fast they can go down the path.

GAME LAW REVISION URGED

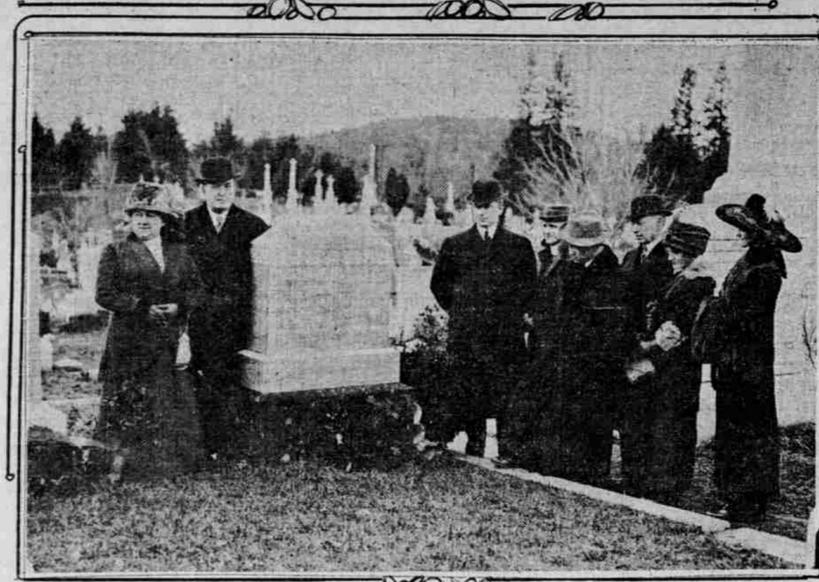
Lane County Sportsmen to Appeal to Legislature for Changes.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special).—Revision of the state's game laws was the theme at the meeting of the Lane County Fish and Game Association last night. Increased protection of predatory animals, a limiting of the bag for a single day's shooting, prohibition of the sale of more game, and the lessening of the non-residents' license taxes were among the recommendations that will be sent to the game committees of the Legislature, and will be urged before the committees by a delegation from the local association. Some of the revisions suggested are:
Bounties—Timber wolf, \$50; cougar, \$25; bobcat, or wildcat, \$5. Wild duck limit placed at 25; sale of ducks either in the market or to individuals to be prohibited; china pheasants, open season, October 1 to November 1, limit to be five in one day or ten in one week, regardless of sex; grouse, open season August 1 to September 1, limit to be five in a day or ten in a week; deer, three for a season, either sex, spotted fawn excepted. The association would also recommend a law prohibiting the use of salmon eggs as bait for trout.

Locke Buys Quaker Team.

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BOULIERS IN DOUBT

Vancouver Blacklist May Be Cause of Trouble.

DENVER MOVE UNPOPULAR

Dominion City's Dislike to Have Prize Money Distributed by A. L. Jenkins Resented—Independent Meet Is Planned.

That Portland bowlers will desert the official 1913 tournament of the Western bowling congress if it is held at Denver in favor of the Vancouver independent meet is the belief expressed by local officials yesterday. Vancouver was awarded the 1912 congress, but received an official "blacklist" a few days ago, when it sought to give the cold shoulder to the Western officials.

"This winter promises to be a critical one for the Western bowling congress," said David Jenkins, proprietor of the largest Portland alley, last night. "The congress has fallen into the habit, within recent years, of advertising large prizes and seldom paying them up in full."

Many May Secede.
"As a result, if Vancouver decides to hold an independent tournament, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the Western bowlers deserting the Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, not to mention smaller cities, enter there instead of at Denver. It costs much more to travel to Colorado than to Vancouver, with not so much certainty of securing the prizes after they are won."

The rock upon which the Western congress appears to be marooned is the status of its secretary, A. L. Jenkins, whose untiring efforts have kept the association together for the past several seasons. The Vancouver Tournament Association refuses absolutely to permit Jenkins to have anything to do with the dispersal of the funds for the 1913 meet, and, naturally, Jenkins doesn't propose to be sidetracked.

Whatever financial raffle Jenkins gets, he secures in the couple of months he devotes to the preparation of the annual tourney. Vancouver doesn't relish the idea of paying Jenkins about \$600 for his time and expenses, and the late President Morley, of Los Angeles, has issued an ultimatum that "Vancouver has forfeited its annual right to the Western bowling tournament."

Result to Be Known Soon.
The Vancouver Tournament Association will meet within a few days to decide upon whether to drop the plans or go ahead with an independent tournament with increased vigor.

Denver appears to be the only city in position to handle the 1913 tournament of the Western congress. Seattle made a big bid for it and San Francisco has promised the 1915 meeting. Spokane entertained the bowlers in 1911 and will not be ready for three or four years more. Los Angeles was the 1912 meet. There has been some talk of Portland getting busy, but it is not thought that local conditions are ripe.

For the whole, it looks like a stormy year for the Western bowling tourney.

WHITE SOX SPECIAL OFFERED

Comiskey Tells McCredie He May Send Men West on Train.

Walter McCredie, of the Portland Coast League Club, has been invited by C. W. Comiskey, of Chicago, to bring his Eastern players to the Coast training camp aboard his palatial "White Sox Special," which leaves Chicago for San Francisco February 20. Inasmuch as this is about one week too early, it is likely that McCredie will bring any of his men on the special.

Lindsay, Derrick, McCormick, Hagerman, James, Krapp, Hynes, Courtney, and other players are expected to be on the special.

Manager McCredie received two telegrams from California cities yesterday, inviting him to bring his players there for spring training. Fresno and Visalia are the enterprising burghs.

HUNT CLUB ELECTION CALLED

Officers and Directors for 1912 Will Be Chosen Saturday.

The annual meeting of the Portland Hunt Club will be held Saturday night at the City and County Medical Hall, Medical building, when nomination and election of officers and directors will take place.

In all likelihood Dr. E. F. Tucker will be re-elected president. The 1912 officers were: Dr. E. F. Tucker, president; Oscar Huber, vice-president; W. S. Walter, secretary; W. E. Prudhomme, treasurer; James Nicol, Samuel Kerr and F. O. Downing, other directors.

The Hunt Club has enjoyed unusual prosperity during the past year, and has a membership of 180 members of the "pink." Saturday's meeting will be called at 8 o'clock.

Amateur Athletics.

The Oregon law department has re-organized its basketball team and chosen J. Dwyer, the former Columbia star, as captain, and W. Gillard, manager. Sixteen men turned out at the first practice Tuesday night. Games have already been arranged with the Oregon Freshmen, Washougal and Camas. The manager would like to hear from Pacific, Willamette and Silverton. Address T. W. Gillard, University of Oregon law department, Central building.

SPORTSMEN OPPOSE MOVE TO SHORTEN TIME FOR HUNTING FOWL.

While the open season for shooting ducks did not close until last night, the final day's quota of shotgun artists at the various ponds and lakes along the Columbia River was a small one. Last Sunday practically wound up the season's activity, the most successful in many years, and not more than a score of hunters unlimbered their guns in quest of the flying duck yesterday.

Sportsmen are commencing to talk of the proposed changes in the game laws regarding ducks as advocated by Game Warden Finley, and to a man they oppose the efforts to cut down the 1913 season to a month as well as the curtailment of the bags. Finley proposes to postpone the opening of the season from September 1 to October 1, and decrease the bag limit from 25 to 20 ducks a week.

"Oregon has more ducks than California and Washington, yet we have a 25-duck limit for a week here and the states on the north and south of us have a 50-duck limit. To reduce this to 25 ducks seems foolish," says J. E. Cullison, president of the Portland Gun Club and one of the most enthusiastic duck hunters of the city. "I don't believe that there is a logical reason for a change in the duck season, or in the bag limit. The birds are numerous and the success of the past season would not form an argument for further encroachment on the hunters."

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