

FANS HAVE ENOUGH BASEBALL GOSSIP

Nick Williams, Bitten by Dog, Reported by "Chair Warmers" as Crippled for Life.

AGNEW SENDS IN CONTRACT

"Retired" Pitcher Guarantees Appearance in Colt Uniform—Peters, 1912 Holdout, Agrees to Play with 1913 Beavers.

Nick Williams has been crippled so badly that he will play no more baseball. "Toots" Agnew, who "retired" in October, has sent in a signed contract and a letter guaranteeing his appearance at the Colt training camp.

The foregoing engenderment of news, alarming, probably and somewhat amusing, to the heads of the winter letargies yesterday. A "friend" imported the lamentable particulars of the Williams incident over the telephone.

Nick was still bending over the books down on a waterfront grain dock yesterday afternoon, even though his left arm was encased in bandages. He indulged in a good laugh at the yarn which had been concocted.

Williams was trying to protect the offending terrier from the jaws of Terry McKenna, bulldog, when the ungrateful animal fastened its teeth in Nick's hand.

"Toots" Agnew, along with Bill Bloomfield, announced his retirement from baseball at the close of the 1912 campaign. He was going to stick to his "comeback" in the future.

Peters is the third baseman from Trenton, of the Tri-State League, who refused to report to McCredle last season on account of illness.

William Underwood, of Underwood, Wash., writes to President McCredle that he has no recollection of being asked to make the Portland Colt pennant winners in 1912.

The Astoria baseball people are busy already on a 1913 schedule. Nick Williams has received an offer asking for a game with the Colts before the opening of the Northwestern League season.

Here's a lineup guess of Sacramento for the opening of the season: Pitchers—Arelanes, Drucke, Stroud, Peters, Alberts and Harlan; catcher—Bliss; first base—Miller; second base—O'Rourke; shortstop—Stark; outfielders—Stevan, Kenworthy, Shinn; utility—outfielder—Barnet; utility infielder—Wolverton, Heister.

Al Baum, who released Umpire Wheeler to the other side, says that George is too well known among the ballplayers of the league to make a complete success of umpiring.

The football coach question at the University of Oregon has yet been reached, and the committee having the selection of the staff in charge announces that it will take its time in deliberating over its course.

New names are being mentioned from time to time in the discussion which is in progress among alumni students. "Bill" Frank, who turned out a successful eleven at the University of Kansas the past season, has applied for the position of coach at Oregon.

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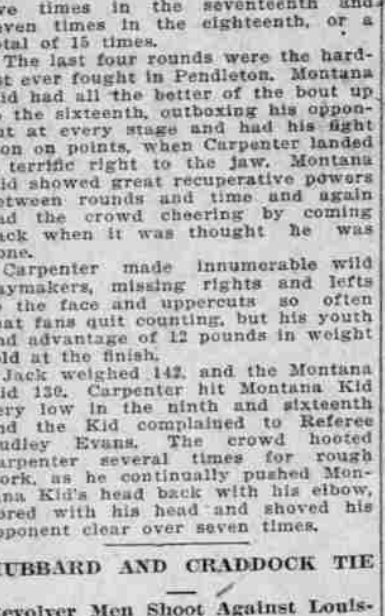
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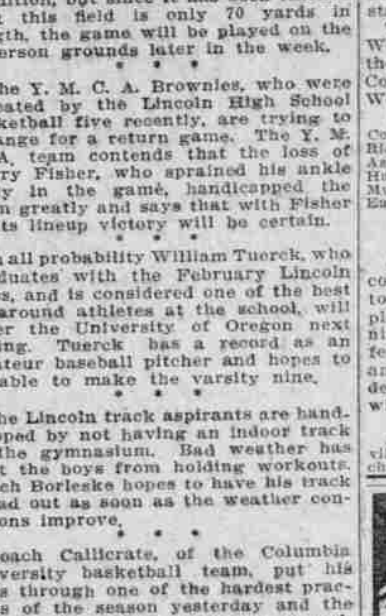
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Portland athletes are to be invited to attend the Pacific Coast indoor track and field championships, scheduled for San Francisco on February 28.

While Portland riflemen are announced contestants at the indoor rifle tournament at Shell Mound, Oakland, on February 9 to 9, as yet no sharpshooters have expressed their intention of competing.

Although the Northwestern horsemen and racing men from Phoenix and Los Angeles have withdrawn from the Pacific Coast Fair and Racing Association, the Californians reorganized, retaining the old name for a league confined to one state.

Sweden, Germany and Finland are preparing to spring a surprise on the American athletes at the 1914 Olympic games at Stockholm, and the United States officials must commence work on their 1916 team at once if they are to carry off the honors once again.

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