M'CREDIE THINKS OAKS CAN'T REPEAT

Mitze Believed to Have Done Little to Strengthen Team, Never Rated High.

HI WEST SIGNS CONTRACT

Big Toledo Pitcher, With Fine Record for Seven Years, Satisfied With Beaver Terms—Makeup of Staff Especially Good.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Up around the northern swing of the Pacific Coast circuit the impression is gaining ground that the Oakland champions of 1912 will not repeat this year. W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland club and a pretty fair prognosticator, does not think the champs will finish above third, while numerous other experts agree with him and express the view that they were "lucky" pennant winners last season.

Walter McCredie, manager of the Beavers and a three-time pennant winner, declares Oakland will sadly miss the services of Bud Sharpe, who managed them to their only pennant in history. He is one of those who are scratching their bald pates quizzically and wondering how the Oaks copped the bunting at all.

"I can't understand it," insists Walter. "In real strength both Vernon and Los Angeles had them shaded. They're still pretty strong, but will sadly miss Bud Sharpe at the first sack. Patterson in the outfield, too, was a better man than Schirm, secured from Buffalo. Further, I don't expect to see Hetling have another year as good as 1912 as long as he is in baseball."

The so-called experts along the sport Rialto figure that the Oak twirlers went away over their heads in 1912. They cite the fact that Malarkey and Killilay were both released by International League teams, only to come out here and burn up the circuit. Parkin is another who is not expected to come through in 1912 fashion.

Manager Mitze will be managing his first ball club and, while the same was true of Sharpe in 1912, Buddy had more experience to back up his movements and, perhaps, a more incisive temperament. One odd feature of the coming campaign is that Mitze will have aligned against him his old boss, Harry Wolverton, at Sacramento. Wolverton has always been sweet on Mitze and tried to get him back at New York with him when Sweeny held out last Spring.

No new pitchers have been tacked to the roster by Mitze since taking the reins. Apparently he is content to start the year with the new man, Schirm, in the outfield. Ness, a New Bedford, B league recruit, for first and another B leaguer, Becker, secured from Portsmouth, for outfield duty.

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Hi West, the ex-Toledo and Cleveland pitcher, returned his signed 1913 contract to Portland yesterday, eminently satisfied with the terms. He is Wintering at Toledo and he and his wife will leave within a few days for Los Angeles.

The big fellow stands six feet in his socks and has been in Cleveland's possession since 1905 and, as he has had several trials in the American League, evidently they rate him almost up to major standards. He is said to be one of the most gentlemanly ballplayers in the business. Hi is 27 years old.

Last year he won nine and lost six at Toledo and, when traded to Nashville for Walker, won seven and lost three, giving him a season's mark of 16 wins and nine defeats.

The complete statistical story of McCredie's 1913 pitching staff makes interesting reading. It shows that he has a pitching corps much more formidable than most fans realize. The figures speak volumes:

	W.	L.	P.C.	S.O.	B.B.	W.P.	H.
Higginbotham	19	12	.613	135	75	12	131
Hagerman	23	18	.561	315	145	12	127
West	16	9	.640	...	...	..	...
James	17	13	.567	122	93	3	91
Krapp	2	5	.286	22	42	..	37
Carson	12	11	.522	98	61	8	93
Stanley	23	7	.767	...	...	..	...
Hynes	19	8	.704	125	42	..	...

The Oakland management is getting a touch of the championship spirit that raised so much trouble between Rapps and the Portland management.

Bert Coy, rightfield southpaw, is a holdout in Los Angeles. He admits that the Oaks raised his salary, but wants more.

The McCredies experienced great difficulty in swinging their athletes into line last year, after two pennants, but the documents are rolling in as freely as bills around the first of the month this Winter.

Mique Fisher, former Tacoma and Sacramento Coast manager, came up from California on the same train with Tom Tracey the other night. The Australian caught him in a reminiscent mood, although ordinarily Mique doesn't like to talk about money.

It is just as easy to touch him for a fiver as it is to calk the seams of an ocean liner with hot butter and a shoemaker's awl.

"I'll never forget the Oriental trip I financed a few years ago," confided the genial Mique, who, if there is anything in a name, should have dropped the "que" portion long ago. "I had Nick Williams, Hildebrand, Jack Bliss and all that bunch of ball stars.

"In one game we played at Canton we had 150,000 people inside, and, as the gateman had been instructed to accept Chinese money, it required the combined efforts of the entire team to tote the money up to the hotel. A special staff of accountants was busy all night totaling it up and in the morning we discovered that we had $46.15."

That's the same game Hildebrand tells about. Hildy tried to make away with 15 cents to buy a beer for a Japanese geisha girl, but found he couldn't carry it. W. W. McCredie is figuring on importing chink money to be used as season passes this year.

Skating Hurdle Record Broken.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 30.—In the international amateur championships skated here today Edmund Horton, of Saranac Lake, set a world's record in the 220-yard hurdle event of 32 4-5 seconds. Robert McLean, of Chicago, retained his title of champion in the mile and two-mile events. A feature of the carnival programme today was an exhibition jump over 12 barrels, a distance of 25 feet, 7 inches, by Edward Lamy, professional champion jumper.

Swiss Riflemen to Compete.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Switzerland will send a rifle team to the international matches at Camp Perry, O., in September, notwithstanding a report to the contrary, according to advices received today by the National Rifle Association of America. Word also has been received that France will send a team. Owing to the fact that Canada's dates for its local matches will conflict with the international contests, that country will not compete for the Palma trophy.

NEW OAKLAND MANAGER WHO WILL HAVE HARD TIME MOLDING CHAMPIONS INTO COAST REPEATERS IN 1913.

HONUS MITZE.

SHERIFF IS ELUDED

Cockfights Staged in Gresham Barn at Early Dawn.

100 SPORTS SEE BATTLES

Policemen Trail Party to City Limits Where Jurisdiction Ends—Vancouver Fowls, Imported From Philippines, Win Money.

With the lid clamped firmly down on boxing, wrestling and other forms of athletic recreation, cock-fighting, a popular sport of several decades ago, was revived by Vancouver and Gresham fans early last Sunday morning, a group of nearly 100 sports "slipping one over" on Sheriff Word and his deputies by staging a series of rooster scraps in a Gresham barn.

Luckily for the plans of the conspirators, Gresham, and not a spot within the Portland city limits, was chosen as the scene of the fowl battles. In the early hours of Sunday morning a policeman ran across one of the big "sight-seeing" automobiles in the southeastern part of the city. Curious to learn why the vehicle was in that section at such an early hour, Mr. Cop approached the machine with the query:

"Where are you going?"

Thirty-five voices answered: "To a basketball game at Gresham."

But two unruly cocks, tired of confinement, "butted" into the conversation with loud remonstrances, carrying on a noisy "talkfest" in an unknown tongue, to the great discomfiture of the "basketball" fans.

Convinced that no basketball game was on the schedule of the 35, two motorcycle police escorted the auto to the city limits, where their jurisdiction ended.

Lanterns, lookouts, much rooting, fierce fighting and heavy betting featured the early-morning performances, with the Vancouverites winning several hundred dollars on champions said to have been imported from the Philippines by soldiers now quartered at Vancouver Barracks.

CALIFF TO JOIN COLTS

EX-BEAVER PITCHER SAYS HIS ARM IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Nick Williams Arranges Exhibition Game With Weonas for April 13, Before Start of Season.

Ernest Califf, who pitched for the Portland Beavers three or four seasons ago, will get a tryout with Nick Williams' Colts next season. Califf will not accompany the boys to Spring training camp, but will work his arm into shape at his home at Oregon City, reporting when the Colts come north for the opening of the campaign.

Califf was a decidedly promising right-hand twirler when he was with McCredie, but became disgruntled and went to Aberdeen. He no sooner landed in the Northwestern League town than he injured his arm and was released. He went to Fresno, of the California Outlaw League, but was unable to pitch and dropped out of league ball.

"Califf tells me that his arm is in good shape now and that he wants a chance to 'come back,'" reports Manager Nick. "He won't go with us to the training camp, but will report here. He was a mighty good pitcher once and is still a young chap, so may make a valuable member of the staff."

Williams has arranged a game with the Weonas for the initial appearance of the 1913 Colts at Vaughn street park on April 13. The squad will stop in Portland for that Sunday and then go to Spokane for the opening of the season.

Jess Garrett, last year's Pendleton manager, will be on the mound for the Weonas in the exhibition game, with a number of Pendleton players in the lineup.

SPECIAL SHOOT TO BE STAGED

Interstate Association of Gun Clubs to Aid Big Meet in Portland.

Although Portland is not to be the scene of the Pacific Coast handicap trap shoot next Summer, the Interstate Association awarding the shoot to Sacramento, a big special shoot, financed by the association, is scheduled for the Kenton traps in July, immediately following the Oregon state championship tourney.

Portland made a better offer for the Coast blue rock feature and several members of the Interstate Association, the body which governs the sectional shoots, promised that this city should have the affair in 1913. A switch in delegates shifted the shoot to Sacramento, but in recognition of Portland's offer the tournament committee voted to help finance a special shoot in this city.

President Cullison and the officers of the Portland Gun Club have made no plans for the July shoot, but it will be open to blue rock enthusiasts from all parts of the country, with big cash prizes. The date will not conflict with the Sacramento shoot, which will mean that many of the scatter-gun cracks will enter both events.

Portland lost the 1913 Pacific Coast handicap because of the $2000 cash guarantee for prizes, according to advices from the East. The offer was the most attractive ever made for a shoot on the Coast, but many members objected to the establishing of such a high-priced precedent, fearing that future meets might suffer in comparison.

LINCOLN ELEVEN BEATEN

JEFFERSON SOCCER TEAM PLAYS SUPERB BALL.

Kenin, Burgard, Kyle and Gibbs Are Stars for East Side Squad, Losers Without Best Player.

Superb team work by the Jefferson High School soccer football team brought an easy 4-to-0 victory over the Lincoln High eleven yesterday afternoon on the Jefferson field. The Jefferson victory places the team at the top of the league, with three points, and the Washington aggregation second, with two points.

The East Side team started off with a rush and after five minutes of play Kenin, Jefferson's inside left forward, shot the ball in front of Lincoln's goal to Gibbs, playing inside right forward, and a quick kick by the latter gave the Jefferson team its first point. Kyle scored the next point with ease and in the last half of the game, when the Lincoln team put up a harder fight, he scored the only goal made in the half. Burgard played a great game for the Jefferson team and he also scored a goal. Goodwin and Russellot, for the defeated team, showed up well. Lincoln played without the services of its star goalkeeper, Pauley. The lineup:

Lincoln.		Jefferson.
Farley	Goal	Curry
Greer	R B	Brosy
Risley	L B	Lassen
Rousellot	R H B	E. F. Young
Young	C H B	De Young
Sterle	L H B	Bailey
Goodwin	O R F	Murphy
Welverton	I R F	Gibbs
Page	C F	Burgard
Linklater	I L F	Kenin
Boehmer	O L F	Kyle

Time of halves, 45 minutes; referee, Billington.

CUBS TO BE PUT ON HONOR

Murphy Says Players Will Not Be Permitted to Drink.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Members of the Chicago National League club will be put on their honor not to drink during the coming season, President Charles W. Murphy said today. This was in explanation of his failure to put a temperance clause in the contracts he sent out after having announced he would follow that course.

"My position regarding drinking is unchanged," he said. "There is no necessity for a drinking clause however. There is none in the Pittsburg contracts, but the rule is enforced."

Now that everybody is doing it, Murphy wrote today to James Thorpe and asked him to join the Chicago National League team.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

George Bonhag.

George V. Bonhag, the star runner, who is popularly known as the "distance king," was born in Boston, January 31, 1882. Bonhag has had a most notable career in athletics since he won his first National championship in the two-mile event in 1904. At present he holds the records from four miles to ten miles, both indoor and outdoor, with the single exception of the indoor mark at ten miles. He was the first member of the American team to finish in the 5000-meter race at Stockholm last Summer. At the Olympic meet in Athens in 1906 he won the 1500-meter walk, after failing to score in the runs. What is probably Bonhag's best record is his 9:15 1-5 for two miles on an indoor track. He also holds the world's record of 8:33 1-5 for 3000 meters. Since he announced his retirement last Fall several leading colleges have sought Bonhag's services as an athletic coach.

BIG MEET OFFERED FOR FESTIVAL WEEK

Pacific Coast Track Games for This Year May Be Held in Portland.

STAR ATHLETES AVAILABLE

Olympic Club Promises to Send Medley of Champions Here if Local Club Will Help Bear Expense of Southerners.

Portland may secure the 1913 Pacific Coast track and field championships of the Amateur Athletic Union this Summer. Peter Gearhardt, the veteran San Francisco sprinter, who dictates the outdoor policies of the Olympic Club, promised last night to bring his entire delegations of stars to Portland during the Rose Festival in June for an all-Coast meet, if the local committees would pay one-half the expenses.

"I know I can secure the co-operation of Los Angeles and other Southern cities," said Mr. Gearhardt at the Portland Hotel last night. "I haven't talked with T. M. Dunne, of the Multnomah Club, yet, having just arrived in Portland, but I am sure he will warmly welcome the suggestion and swing Seattle and other Northern clubs into line.

"If staged between June 9-14, the week of the Rose Festival, on Multnomah Field, with such world-renowned athletes as Ralph Rose, Forrest Smithson, George Horine, Fred Kelly, Martin Hawkins, Walter McClure, Sam Bellah, Snedigar, Beeson, Richards, Jack Nelson, Con Walsh and others in attendance, I'm sure it would draw a huge crowd and be a howling success."

Dunne Favors Big Event.

"The Coast track and field meet proposition certainly looks good to me," said T. Morris Dunne, outdoor athletic chairman of Multnomah Club and secretary of the Pacific Northwest Association.

"The thing for us to do now is to get the Rose Festival management to assist us in bringing the Californians up here for a combination meet of the Pacific Athletic Association and the Pacific Northwest Association. This would make one of the biggest meets in the history of the Coast.

"Of course, if we pledge ourselves to defray half of the expenses of the Olympic Club team we would have to offer the same inducements to the other California athletes. But the meet would be a huge success both from an athletic and financial standpoint, and well worth the expenditure of the transportation money for the Southerners."

Chance Small for College Event.

The San Francisco visitor, who travels through the Northwest for a tailors' trimming house, does not think Portland has much chance to secure the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet, as the University of California and Stanford University do not look kindly upon spending so much money in making the long jaunt up here.

That leaves the Pacific Northwest championships of the Amateur Athletic Union the one big track event on the local programme. This is the meet that Gearhardt proposes to broaden into a Pacific Coast championship event. Astoria played host to the Coast event two years ago.

Walla Walla gets the Northwestern college championships May 31, and, as school lets out in most of the colleges the following week, all these athletes would be eligible for the Pacific Coast championships if held here during Festival week.

The Olympic Club, of San Francisco, will hold the annual indoor championships on February 21 in the Auditorium, and it is possible that the Northwest will be represented by either Windnagle or McClure, the Oregon distance runners, and perhaps both Bellah and Hawkins, of Multnomah, if Bellah recovers from his smallpox attack.

Oregon Man to Be Sent South.

"In Eugene the other day I told Bill Hayward that I would pay the expenses of one of his crack distance runners," said Mr. Gearhardt. "I expect to confer with Mr. Hawkins tomorrow.

"We are trying now to have Forrest Smithson, the former Portland hurdler, reinstated, and, as Kelly, the Olympic champion, of Los Angeles, is coming up, we hope to see this great trio of stars, Kelly, Smithson and Hawkins, in action in the 60 and 75 yard sticks.

"I have written to Alva Richards, the Olympic champion high jumper, of the University of Utah, to enter, as he is in our jurisdiction, and Leland Stanford Scott, former world's champion pole vaulter, may also enter, as he desires to do a come back and again set a world's mark. His record was beaten twice last Summer, first by Gardner and then by Marc Wright. Con Walsh will be entered from Seattle against Donovan in the 56-pound weight for weight."

The Olympic Club team is exceptionally strong this year, boasting the following cracks: Sprints, Nelson, Best, Snedigar, Hardy, Gates; hurdles, Beeson, Morris; high jump, Horine, Beeson; pole, Scott, Miller; discus, Kendricks; weights, Rose, Donovan; distance runs, Vlught and Millard and others. Gearhardt has announced his retirement from the track and will not don the spikes again if Nelson shows up to old form.

FIGHT IS OFFERED COULON

Bantamweight Champion May Meet Winner of Campi-Williams Go.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Tom McCarey, of Los Angeles, has telegraphed Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion of the world, an offer to meet the winner of the Eddie Campi-"Kid" Williams bout, which will be held at Vernon, Cal., February 12. McCarey suggested March 17 as a tentative date for the contest, and said he would present a diamond belt in addition to a purse to the winner.

Coulon has not answered the telegram, but probably will do so tomorrow. He wants to be sure he is in good shape before entering the contest. He has been ill for several weeks. Before meeting the winner Coulon desires to fight three or four of the lesser lights. To Bobby Gresham, who once beat Johnny when both were amateurs, the champion has promised the first short bout.

The champion thinks Williams will defeat Campi. Although Coulon has never fought Campi, he boxed Williams a 10-round draw in New York, and has great respect for the latter's ability.

Amateur Athletics.

"When the Columbia University basketball team meets Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon on the Washington floor I expect the university team to put up a hard fight against my men, and should the Washington team win an easy victory I will be greatly surprised," said Dr. Fenstermacher, of the 1912 champions. "Yesterday I put my men through light signal practice and they are in shape to put up a good game."

Neither team has lost a game. The Washington quintet won its first game against the Portland Academy and the Columbia team defeated the Jefferson five. The ticket sale is large and a big crowd of basketball enthusiasts will be on hand to witness the struggle.

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The Jefferson High basketball team will meet the Y. M. C. A. Dormitory quintet Friday evening on the Y. M. C. A. floor.

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The Portland Academy and Lincoln postponed soccer football game may be played next Monday on the Jefferson field. Manager Goodwin, of the high team, will arrange for an appointment with Coach Mackie, of the academy eleven, for the playing of the game on Monday if possible.

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William Tuerck's Lincoln all-star basketball team defeated Tom Greer's Lincoln basket-tossers, 15 to 12, on the Lincoln floor yesterday morning. Schilt, Goodwin and Tuerck starred for the victors, while Risley and Greer played well for the losers.

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The Columbus Tiger basketball team would like to arrange for games with any local team whose average is about 150 pounds. Games can be arranged by calling up the Columbus Club.

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By a margin of one point the Sunnyside basketball team defeated the All-Stars, 14 to 13, last Wednesday night, on the Sunnyside floor.

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After making final arrangements for a trip through Southern Oregon for his basketball team, Coach Borleske, of the Lincoln squad, overlooked the interscholastic schedule, which calls for a game between the Jefferson and Lincoln quintets for February 7, and the trip will not be made. The Lincoln team was to have left next Monday for Roseburg and return the folowing Saturday.

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The Christian Brothers' gymnasium will be the scene of two fast basketball games tonight. The Columbus Club and the Christian Brothers' first team will play the scheduled City Basketball League game and the Beaverton quintet will play the Christian Brothers' second team. The first game will start at 8 o'clock.

BURRELL TO BE SOLD NORTH

Hogan Announces Probable Dropping of Pitcher Dolly Gray.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Dennis Burrell, who has been holding down third base for the Tigers for the last few seasons, will find a resting place in the Northwestern League, according to Hap Hogan.

"Burrell is willing and even anxious to go to the Northwestern," said Hogan today.

"Both Vancouver and Spokane are after him. I have telegraphed both clubs, asking their terms, and the one that makes the best bid will get him."

Dolly Gray, one of the left-hand pitchers of the Vernon baseball club, probably will be dropped from the Tiger team this year. Gray's worst fault in the eyes of Hogan and other Coast League magnates is that he heaves the ball from his left side instead of the right.

Gray has had a varied career on the mound. He formerly played with the Los Angeles team until he was graduated to the majors and twirled for Washington.

He was obtained by Vernon from Washington and appeared with the Tigers last year, but did not have a good season.

THORPE IS NOT FREE AGENT

Indian Athlete on Reserve List of Fayetteville, N. C., Club.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Managers of baseball teams who have been telegraphing and writing James Thorpe, the Indian athlete, for his terms now may begin all over again.

Thorpe, it was announced today by President Ban Johnson, of the American League, is not a free agent, but is under contract with the Fayetteville, N. C., club. Therefore it will be necessary to negotiate for his release through the owner of that club. Johnson received this information in a telegram from Farrell of the National Association.

Thorpe signed a contract in 1910 with the Rocky Mount, N. C., club at $125 a month. Later he was transferred to Fayetteville and reserved by that club.

Hanlon Knocks Out Delaney.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—George Hanlon, a Centralia boxer, knocked out Frank Delaney before the local "M" Club last night, in the eighth round of what was scheduled to be a ten-round affair. In the fast preliminary, Harry Munson knocked out Young Cole in three rounds.

Windsor Leaves Grand Circuit.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Notice of the withdrawal of the Windsor, Ont., track from the grand circuit was received today by Secretary Kline. The grand circuit will open this year at Cleveland, July 7 to 12, instead of June 30 at Windsor and will be composed of 12 clubs instead of 13.

SPORTING SPARKS

NEW YORK may have a second edition of Johnny Evers on the Giant squad. McGraw has decided to give a trial to a younger brother of the Chicago manager. Young Evers is an infielder, 23 years old, and has played considerable semi-professional ball around Troy, N. Y.

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William "Lefty" James, who pitched one game for Cleveland against St. Louis last Fall, has been released again to the Toledo club. The remaining southpaws are Gregg, Mitchell, Cullop and Wilson.

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Boxing Commissioner O'Neil, of the New York State Commission, is a firm believer in decisions. He says that had New York permitted decisions, Mike Gibbons would likely have extended himself against McGoorty. As it is the fight goes down in the records as a no-decision contest. Decisions prevent stalling and also increase the popularity of boxing with the fans.

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Pacific Coast League fans will see three new umpires this Spring, Phyle, Held and Bush. McCarthy, Finney and either Newhouse or Casey are the holdovers. President Baum was forced to make many switches last Fall, some of those who dropped out being McGreevy, Mertes, Knell and Townsend.

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Walter Nagle, of Los Angeles, had his eye on the Angel first sack to supplant Dillon until Pop went out and bought Dr. Gill from the American Association. Nagle had been playing the infield in the Winter league and had the initial sack nicely subjugated when Gill broke up his hopes. Walter evidently realizes that his pitching days are numbered.

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Jess Garrett has been mentioned as possible coach of the Oregon Agricultural College baseball team, but has received no offer from the Aggies as yet.

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Walter McCredie says Jim Corbett used to get terribly peeved during his first base days in the old Western Association, when the Des Moines infielders threw the ball at him with more than ordinary velocity. "Kid" Mohler played second base and had the then champion pugilist on his neck most of the time. Corbett was paid about 50 per cent of the gate receipts for appearing in uniform, and McCredie says he was a pretty good first baseman.

AN EDUCATED NATION

There Are Very Few Illiterates in the United States.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Eliminating the newly-arrived immigrants and that portion of the negro race still in intellectual darkness, there is scarcely any illiteracy in this country worth mentioning. Even including the above two classes, only 4 per cent of those between 10 and 14 years of age in this country are unable to read or write, a decrease of 3 per cent in ten years.

Of course, these figures do not include a very considerable number of persons of mature age who are unable to read or write, but such are not expected to overcome their deficiencies save in a few scattering instances. The important factor in illiteracy is children of school age. It is the rising generation which must be protected from ignorance.

In most of the states where immigrants settle education is compulsory. Even that spur is not needed, for it is well known that most immigrants are only too glad to allow their children to secure the advantages denied them in their old home. It is this consideration alone which moves many to seek our shores.

In the South conditions are slowly improving, but the increased literacy of the negroes is more through their own efforts than through state aid. In most Southern States an unfair distribution is made of school funds. In some instances taxes collected from negroes are used for white schools. Although this is unjust, although Southern States are laggards in all that pertains to education, the very fact that there are obstacles in the path leads many to surmount them by strong individual efforts. That redounds to the credit of the negroes, even if it is a shame to the Southern commonwealths.

We are becoming more and more an educated Nation. We ought to become much wiser. Doubtless we are, although occasionally there come periods of popular psychological disturbances which excite pessimism. The country is all right, even if it makes occasional blunders.

THRIFT IN EMERALD ISLE

Good Showing for the People of Ireland.

Consul George E. Chamberlain, Cork (Queenstown.)

The report for the first six months of 1912 on banking and railway statistics of Ireland shows that the deposits in joint-stock banks amounted on June 30 last to $281,050,108, the highest amount for June of which there is record, and $8,472,576 in excess of that for the corresponding month in 1911. The amount named is exclusive of $15,499,802 Government and other public accounts in the Bank of Ireland.

There was an increase of $2,326,187 in the estimated amount in the postoffice savings banks in Ireland at the end of June this year as compared with the corresponding period in 1911, the total deposits being $67,955,411 and $65,629,224, respectively. Trustee savings banks balances showed an increase of $204,393. The total amount in the postoffice and trustee savings banks in June, 1912, was $74,603,445, as compared with $72,072,865 in 1911, an increase of $2,530,580. The increase in the six months ended June 30 last is $355,254 over the average increase for the last 20 half-yearly periods.

The average bank note circulation of the six banks of issue of Ireland was $36,980,633, as compared with $36,712,876 for the same period in 1911, an increase of $267,757. There was also an increase of $2,710,640 in deposits and cash balances in the Irish joint-stock banks, as compared with the half year ended December last.

The Irish railway returns show that in 17 weeks the receipts exceeded those for the corresponding weeks for the year 1911, and in nine weeks the receipts fell below those for the corresponding periods, with the result that the total receipts for the 26 weeks amounted to $10,169,728, an increase of $69,576 as compared with the amount received in the first six months of the previous year.

A Lost Dog in the West.

Lippincott's.

While traveling through the West, a man lost a valuable dog, and immediately proceeded to the office of the Hustler's Review in the town where he was stopping. Entering abruptly, he said to the editor: "I've lost a dog. I'd like to have you insert this ad for me:

"Seventy-five dollars' reward for the return of a French bull dog answering to the name of Darwin. Last seen on Turner's Road."

"We're just goin' to press," said the editor, "but we'll manage to hold the edition for your ad."

After returning to the hotel the owner of the dog decided it might be best to add to his advertisement, "No questions asked." He returned to the office to find the place entirely deserted, save for a red-haired youth, who sat gazing intently out of the window.

"Where is everybody?" he asked.

"Gone to hunt th' dawg," replied the lad, without removing his gaze from the distant fields.

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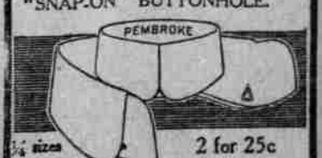

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