

McCREDIE EXPECTS CHANGES NEAR '15

Judge Says Fair Year Should Be Greatest in Baseball on Pacific Coast.

WALTER HAS NEW RELATIVE

Los Angeles Times Announces That W. W. Metzger Is Brother-in-Law of Portland Club Manager.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. W. W. McCredie crimsoned a little under the cellar yesterday when he saw himself quoted under a San Francisco date line as saying: "Any time Seattle wants to come into the Coast League it can gain access by the asking."

- 1-The umpires shall wear corsets and shall submit affidavits of properly manicured fingernails before each contest. 2-The ball shall be tinted in water-colors, green for Oregon, orange for Princeton, blue for Yale, etc., etc.

Walter McCredie has been connected with W. W. Metzger for several years, but until yesterday did the Portland manager know that he was related to his business agent.

W. W. Metzger, famous as the brother-in-law of Walter McCredie, is in Los Angeles en route to the East, where he will try to get the Federal situation.

Sidetracking Mexico for a moment, here's one flavored of fried chicken and watermelon from the Portland Advocate (colored): "Outlaw baseball is welcome news to the many good colored ball players throughout the country, for they think they see in the outlawing of colored men to get into the game."

The reserve clause in a ball player's contract is illegal, asserts a Federal League attorney. If the Feds make good that lawyer will lose his job next year.

Ban Johnson says he expects this to be an off year in baseball. Perhaps, but it's a safe bet that, looking over the expert dope next January 1, we will find that the diving year has been the greatest in the history of the sport. It always is.

Henry Berry, of Los Angeles, may solve the problem of first base for 1914 by signing Monte Ezila, late of the New York Giants. At least so says Los Angeles newspaper, but if Monte doesn't perform any better now than when he drew his papers at Oakland a couple of seasons ago, the problem may yet present some idiosyncrasies after the solution.

Monte will be remembered as one of the late lamented California "outlaws." The southpaw grasshopper from the New York Giants, and when the suspensions were Fall of 1911 Monte reverted to the Giants via the same scramble which sent "Red" Kuhn to Chicago and Tommy Sheehan to Brooklyn.

It was announced some weeks ago that Fyfe had been sold to Chattanooga or Birmingham, of the Southern Association, but his letter to Berry seeking a job would seem to indicate to the contrary.

"Ban Johnson Devising Scheme to Abolish the Intentional Pass," reads a New York headline. Another slap at the ticket moochers.

Perle Casey will not umpire in the Federal League in 1914, because the local Elks' lodge refuses to waive.

Brickley May Play Baseball. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 6.—Nineteen battery candidates for the Harvard baseball team reported for training in the gymnasium today.

Aggie Freshies to Play Astoria. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon Agricultural College freshman basketball team tomorrow evening will mix with the team from the Astoria High School in the local gymnasium.

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BIG RACES FALL TO WEST

LOS ANGELES TO STAGE VANDERBILT CUP AND GRAND PRIZE.

Automobile Races Will Be Run Over Famous Santa Monica Track on February 21 and 23.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—For the first time in the history of American automobile racing the Grand Prize and Vanderbilt cup events will be held this year west of the Mississippi River.

Announcement of the conclusion of negotiations for the staging of races in California was made tonight by Leon T. Shettler, vice-president of the Western Automobile Association.

The Automobile Club of America has sanctioned the Grand Prize race for Los Angeles and Mr. Shettler said he had been assured that the American Automobile Association would sanction the Vanderbilt cup event.

Savannah, Milwaukee and the Long Island motor parkway officials did not bid for the races. It is understood the Western Automobile Association was the only organization which sought actively for the privilege of running the events.

CLUB'S SWIMMERS COMPETE

Water Horse Put Out at Running at Multnomah Social Swim.

Throwing his rider, Bill Hbee, the "Hattie K." was last night barred from further participation in the events of the Multnomah Club social swim.

It was not a race but a titling contest in which the horse marines, mounted on wooden barrels attempted to unseat their rider.

Clair Tait, fancy diver, featured the "swat the fly" dive.

The under-water swim was won by Ross; Preble was second and McMurray third.

WOLVES SIGN FOUR "HOPES"

Six Sacramento Players Contract for Season—All Papers Mailed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Six Sacramento Wolves have signed up for the coming season, but among these the only veteran is Jimmy Shinn.

SPORT-NEWS POT POURRI

WHENEVER the subject of war in baseball crops up—which happens frequently these days—one can't help thinking about the case of James Sheekard, ex-Cub.

It was during the dark and gloomy days when the American League was waging its bitter fight with the National League.

He also enjoyed a peculiar disposition. Realizing these facts, Joe did not relish his task, especially when Walker beat him to it by saying very firmly: "There is no doubt of my sticking, Joe, is there?"

Joe's nervousness disappeared. He was almost brave again. "Go to the office and get your pay."

He wondered why Walker did not live up to his reputation and annihilate him. He is still wondering how he escaped, but it seems that Walker had been released so often that he was used to it.

T. S. Andrews' sporting annual record book is out, and The Oregonian acknowledges receipt of a sample copy.

Jim Sheekard jumped on eight separate and distinct occasions. He holds all world's records in this respect.

Meleon, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Venice club, is said to be subject to fits. He was hit in the head when with Chicago a couple of years ago, and seems unable to get out of the way of pitched balls now.

"Red" Held, umpire on the Coast League staff last season, has been holding out hopes for a job in the American League.

Long Larry McLean knocked down his theatrical manager during a brawl in a New York saloon a few nights ago, and attempted to repeat the trick with Cy Seymour, with the result that Cy knocked the tar out of him.

Los Angeles tried to trade off Catcher Arbormer to Seattle, but Dugdale doesn't need him, as he has Cadman, Wally and Huhn.

Charley Herzog says he is going to try and build up the Reds with young material.

Ruby Fitz says it's a case with him of "fight or starve."

The Federal League is accused of using paper money. But some of that is mighty good.

FEDERALS FILE PAPERS

OUTLAW LEAGUE INCORPORATES WITH CAPITAL OF \$250,000.

Otto Knabe Says Cold Cash Induced Him to Sign Contract to Manage Team of New Organization.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Incorporation papers of the Chicago Federal League were filed today.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—"The Baltimore stockholders treated me very liberally and I can't lose," said E. Otto Knabe when he returned today from Baltimore, where he signed a contract to manage the Federal League baseball team there.

Asked if he would sign players of the Philadelphia National League team, Knabe said he could not do so for several years, but asserted he had all the money he needed to get players.

Knabe said the Federal League was a matter of business, Knabe said. "Any other man in organized baseball, I think, if placed in a similar situation, would do as I have done better my financial condition. The Federals offered me far more than organized baseball ever offered, so I took what I considered my best opportunity."

Knabe said the Federal League was a means by which ballplayers could better themselves and said he believed it would be a success.

VANCOUVER SENDS 3 ENTRIES

Atcheson to Box Madden at Interclub Smoker—Wrestlers Named.

Chairman Edgar Frank, of the Multnomah Club boxing committee, yesterday received the names of three entries who will represent the Vancouver Athletic Club in the annual interclub boxing and wrestling tournament in the Multnomah gymnasium the night of January 15.

Whether or not Paul Pederson, Coast 115-pound champion, will be sent to compete against Walter Williams was not said in a letter received last night.

The boxer who will come is Atcheson, the 145-pounder, who will be sent in against Larry Madden.

The wrestlers will be Harry Hatch, at 135 pounds, and George Harrison, at 145 pounds. Hatch will take on Clibborn, one of Eddie O'Connell's pupils, and Harrison will meet Bohofsky.

The local end of the programme still is in the making, but with the Armory smoker off the boards, Edgar Frank is ready to make his selections.

De Oro Wins Second Block. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Alfred De Oro, the title holder, tonight won the second

SCORING RULES MAY CHANGE

"Cincinnati Base Hit" Holding Top Place on Writers' Ballot.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America are voting on a number of changes in the scoring rules, the most important of which is the "Cincinnati base hit."

Ballots are being received by Secretary Wear, who asserted today the "Cincinnati" proposition was leading by a slight margin.

MONMOUTH BEATS DALLAS SECONDS. MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—In the high school gymnasium Saturday night here the local high school five defeated the Dallas High School team by the score of 22 to 19.

CHAPPILLE SIGNS WITH SOX. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The signature of Larry Chappelle to a Chicago American contract was received today.

GAME IS UP TO OVERALL

HOWARD MAILS CONTRACT TO BIG PITCHER TO TAKE OR LEAVE.

It's Sign With Seals or Go to Outlaw Organization for Orvie, Declares Manager of San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Orvie Overall, the Coast League prodigy, had his case summarily settled today by Del Howard, manager of the San Francisco team, when the latter stated that there would be no more dickering, monkeying or anything else as far as the big pitcher was concerned.

"As soon as I reach San Francisco I'll mail Overall a contract, which he can sign or let alone, as he pleases," said Howard, "but Hap Hogan or any other minor league manager has not the slightest chance of using him until I get through."

"If Overall stays in organized baseball it will be with the San Francisco team of the Coast League and nowhere else.

"Of course he can play outlaw ball, but I don't think he has any desire to do so, and I feel sure that if the diamond fever takes hold this Spring he will be playing around the Golden Gate."

THORPE PICKS ALL-STAR TEAM

"Monty" Thinks Present Generation Falls to Recognize Class.

"Monty" Thorpe, a devotee of the warner, just and known to Portland football fans as an old-time gridiron star, has decided that the present generation of all-star football teams are "on the blink," that there is nothing to them and that it remains for him to make the right selection.

Accordingly he has sent his Pacific Coast selection for all time to E. F. Flower Stott, manager of the Multnomah Club eleven.

Among his selections were: Stott, quarterback; Dewey, Walker, center; Sam Dolan, tackle; Gordon Moore, end; Dave Jordan, lineman; Snediger, California star, half, and Mullin, a former Northwest collegiate star, got a place just because "Monty" liked the way he

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