

### FEDS HANG UP BAIT TO SIGNED BEAVERS

Outlaws Try to Lure Derrick, West and Doane Away From Portland.

### NONE IS LIKELY TO JUMP

Claude Berry Believed to Be Responsible for Tempting Offers From Pittsburgh — Chadbourne Reports From Kaw Camp.

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SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 23.—(Special.)—Apparently the new Federal League is out to make good its threats of "war to the death" against organized baseball. Not satisfied with having weaned away three unsigned members of Portland's 1913 Coast champions, the Feds have now butted into the preserves of the signed athletes.

Although the boys have sworn each other to secrecy, it became known today that three members of the 1914 flock—Outfielder Walter Doane, First-baseman Derrick and Pitcher Hi West—have received flattering offers from the Pittsburgh club of the outlaw circuit within the past fortnight.

Berry May Be to Blame.

Claude Berry, catcher last year, is with the Pittsburgh Federals and likely the offer was made on his recommendations. The other two deserters are Pitcher Gene Krapp, who Buffalo, and Outfielder Chat Chadbourne, with Kansas City.

While the latest disclosure is somewhat sensational in its tenor, inasmuch as desertions now would practically wreck the 1914 machine, it is hardly likely that any one of the three will jump. West could have taken the leap last winter, when he received several offers, but he declined them.

Derrick Once Tempted.

So far as Derrick is concerned, the Georgian said that baseball was business with him, and had Manager McCredie carried out his threat of sending him over to the Northwest League, he most certainly would have leaped to the outlaws.

Manager McCredie refused to make comment, Walter Doane today received a letter from his old teammate, Chadbourne, now of George Stovall's Kansas City Federals. The Kays are training at Wichita Falls, Tex., and the management seems to have a surplus of bullion, for each of the boys receives one bottle of beer on every workout.

Dutch Krueger, ex-Beaver, is said to be enthusiastic over the offer. The Coast is well represented with the Kays. Brown, of Venice, is one of the catching corps; Stovall is on first; Kenworthy, of Sacramento, on second; Good, of Los Angeles, on third, and Krueger and Chadbourne in the outfield.

### COLTS' SHOWING BAD AT BAIT

Some of Portland Players Fail to Nick Ball for as Much as Foul.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 23.—(Special.)—Sunday's game between Seattle, which was represented by the University of St. Ignace, and the Colts served to show up a number of prospective Colts, especially in the hitting line, as Pitcher Hickey struck out 15 men. Some of the Colts did not get as much as a foul. Williams used 17 men, to give them all a chance.

Battisti and O'Donnell were the hurriers, while Murray and Coleman received their offerings. Allan and Fenton played first, Beams second, Hausman short, Guigni third, and Schnee, Rortcap, Yarrow, Ruggs and Whit played the gardens. The outfielders were entirely helpless, which was partially explained by the presence of a tall oak tree in centerfield which was said to obscure the vision, being in a straight line with the pitcher and catcher. Battisti and O'Donnell pitched good ball, but were a little wild.

Tomorrow the White Sox will invade Santa Rosa with a team reinforced by some of the world's tourists. The memory of last year's defeat will bring the Sox into town with blood in their eyes. Bromley, who is fast getting into shape, and looks fine, will pitch against them. He has a remarkable spitting ball. "Tiny" Leonard is rounding into shape by fractions of an inch. Two days ago he could not button a single button of his shirt. Yesterday, with some assistance, he buttoned one. He was much pleased with his showing.

Indian Battisti was thought to be dumb until yesterday, when he was heard ordering three fried eggs "cooked on both faces" from the waitress. He is being closely watched for further clues.

### DENVER RACE MEET ARRANGED

Mixed Programme Announced for Coming Summer.

DENVER, March 23.—(Special.)—A 15-day mixed harness and racing meeting is to be held from June 15 to July 4 at Overland Park here.

Racing in Colorado is conducted under the control and supervision of the Colorado State Racing Commission, appointed late in 1913 by Governor Elias M. Ammons.

Purses aggregating more than \$16,000 in early closing stake events alone have been hung up. Robert F. Leighton, for the past 18 years prominently connected with successful racing meetings in California and the Northwest in various capacities, has been appointed racing secretary and is already on the job at room 138, Albany Hotel, Denver. It is possible that the Denver Fair and Racing Association will also conduct short mixed meetings at Pueblo, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo., shortly before or just after the Denver meeting. Ed Tribe, for many years associated with Starter Dade, and himself well known for his high-grade work at the barrier, will be the starter in the running races. One of the best-known racing judges in the country will preside.

Sox Take Day of Rest.

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—(Special.)—The Chicago White Sox players took a rest today. Manager Jimmy Callahan decided that it would be better to call off the extra game which was to have been played this afternoon and permit a leave of absence for one day. The Sox will go to Redlands tomorrow for a game with "Cap" Dillon's Angels, and on Wednesday the two teams will play an exhibition game.

Riverside. Thursday the Chicago team will return to Washington Park for another series of four games with Venice, and next Monday start on their return trip to the windy city.

### Venice Team in Condition.

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—(Special.)—"Hap" Hogan shoed his Tigers out to Washington Park early today for batting and fielding practice. The squad was complete as Jack Bliss, the only absentee heretofore, was in a uniform and went through the work.

All of the Venice players appear to be in excellent form. The main thing Manager Hogan is drilling his men in now is inside baseball. Oiling up the infield machinery and otherwise rounding into shape is "Hap's" one aim. Accompanied by every man on the Venice squad, Hogan will leave Los Angeles Sunday night for San Francisco. He wants the team to have two hours practice on the San Francisco lot so they will be able to put up a good game the opening day of the season.

### RECORDS WILL BE COMPILED

Athletic Associations of Coast to Issue Official Figures.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Committees representing the Pacific Northwest Athletic Association, the Athletic Association and the Southern Pacific Athletic Association, the three branches of the Amateur Athletic Union on this day are arranging by correspondence the first official set of Pacific Coast amateur records ever compiled.

This fact was made known here today by the chairman of the records committee of the Pacific Athletic Association, who explained that this had become necessary because of conflicting and inaccurate claims to Coast records. The list will include all intercollegiate, interscholastic and straight amateur records in indoor, outdoor track and field, and swimming events. The list will be kept up annually by a joint committee of the three organizations.

### BAKER TEAM ASSURED

FUNDS SUBSCRIBED TO PUT TRI-STATE CLUB ON FEET.

Debt From Last Year Wiped Out by Few Hours' Soliciting—Location of Training Camp Still in Doubt.

BAKER, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Baker definitely established itself a member of the Western Tri-State League for the 1914 season today, when Roy Ritzer, president of the league, and Clark Nelson came from Pendleton and headed a delegation of Baker fans that within a few hours obtained pledges of funds sufficient for launching the Baker club. There was nothing but a glad greeting for the committee on all sides and the response to the appeal for funds was ready, so that by this evening \$1600 was subscribed. With the debt from last year wiped out and a sufficient sum to start the season, Secretary Dedrick tonight telegraphed to President Clifford, of the Baker club, to make whatever arrangements he saw fit to put the Baker players in training camp. The team will probably train at Eugene or Salem, although President Clifford sees certain financial difficulties which may yet make him decide to bring the squad to Eastern Oregon.

### CAMBRIDGE CREW IS STRONG

English Oarsmen Enter Last Week of Training for Big Race.

LONDON, March 23.—The Oxford and Cambridge crews entered today the last week of training for their annual eight-oared race over the famous four-mile course from Putney to Mortlake, on the Thames. Thus far everything has favored Cambridge for the big event.

### GUNNER INCREASES SPEED IN SPOTLIGHT

Smith Thinks Vaudeville Has Improved His Chances in Fighting Ring.

### "I'M NO BOXER," HE SAYS

"White Hope" Ambitious to Go Into Business but Has Saloon on His Blacklist—Wife Accompanies Actor-Pugilist on Trip.

Gunboat Smith, "white hope," is in Portland this week. On the stage he appears to be a formidable fighter; off the stage he bears little resemblance to the general impression of a pugilist. His act at Pantages consists of a little rope-skipping, some bag-punching and a few rounds with his sparring partner, Jack Hemple. He has no "lines," for which the audience is duly appreciative.

"Gunboat" is not particularly partial to work on the stage. At the same time, he does not contemplate breaking his contracts, as his salary as an actor is not to be scooped at. "I think I have improved my speed since starting this vaudeville tour," says Smith. "Apparently this bit of daily work has done a lot for me. It is the first time I have paid much attention to the detail of getting more speed into my movements and I think I have accomplished considerable."

"However, I do not pose as a boxer. My idea is to win battles, and that I am making a success along that line I believe even those who scoffed at my early efforts must agree."

Gunboat is one of the few fighters who have beaten Sam Langford.

"I pay little attention to what is said about my way of fighting," continued Smith. "I am making the ring my business and while I am in it I am going to make the best of it."

Much has been said about Smith's avoiding some of the present heavies. The Gunner says he has no desire to avoid any that he has not met.

"I see no reason why they expect us to go over the ground twice. An example is the match proposed with Jess Willard. If I fight Willard I have everything to lose and nothing to gain. I licked him once, and I think that ought to settle it. I am not strong for repeating."

"As for the negro heavies, I will have to meet them sometime, and I would like to sail in. Jim Buckley is now in the East. He will meet me in San Francisco, and I think he will have an extensive plan of action named for me. It may include matches with Carpenter."

"The English want us to come over there for a handsome guarantee during Derby week. The offer is tempting and it is not improbable we will cross the Atlantic."

Although Smith is not worrying about matches, it is only a few weeks since he was picked up by Jim Buckley in San Francisco, where the Gunner was fighting for a neat ticket whenever opportunity offered. San Francisco never regarded Smith as a serious contender for heavyweight honors until the Gunner became the fighting sensation of the East.

"I want to go into business," says Smith. "And I will not go into the saloon business."

The Gunner is accompanied by his bride.



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### BANKERS WILL START EARLY

Baseball Season to Open April 7 and End on June 10.

The Portland Bankers' Baseball League will be in the field early this year, the first game being on April 7, when the First National Bank plays the Northwestern National.

after his sojourn in the woods. He has practically recovered, he said, from the effects of the illness which he suffered on the White Sox-Giants world tour.

### DUGDALE APPROVES ABERDEEN

Seattle Northwest Head Wants Harbor Back in League.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—D. E. Dugdale, of Seattle, boss magnate of the Northwestern Baseball League, says he will be glad to welcome Aberdeen and Grays Harbor back to the Northwest League, and declares that he will be one of "Aberdeen's best boosters" if the Harbor succeeds in transferring the Victoria franchise, which is supposed to be on the market now and for which fans on the Harbor and throughout the county are working.

No further word has been received from Victoria, and none is expected until Wattel can get into touch with his partner, now in California.

### Dufus Defeats The Dalles.

DUFUR, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—The 1914 baseball season was ushered in here yesterday with a game with the Kelly avenue team of The Dalles. The Dalles was no match for the local nine and Dufur won the contest by a score of 20 to 5.

### Aberdeen Puts Lid on Boxing.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23.—A ban was put on all boxing matches to-

day by the county authorities, who declare they are simply a cloak for prize-fighting. Tex Vernon was left off with a fine of \$25, but with the understanding he will take part in no more matches here.

### Yakima Releases Two Pitchers.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Manager Ford, of the North Yakima Tri-State team, has released H. F. Fournier and Fred Halford, of his pitching staff. Both are Seattle men. Tom McIntosh, of Wallace, Idaho, outfielder, has been ordered not to report.

### GUNBOAT SMITH, PEER OF THE HEAVYWEIGHTS, WHO APPEARS IN A VAUDEVILLE TURN IN PORTLAND.



FIGHTING POSE AND FIGHTING FACE OF G. B. SMITH AND PORTRAIT OF MRS. SMITH.

### Comiskey Regains Health.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Charles A. Comiskey returned today from Camp Jerome, Wis., in much improved health.

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