

# MACK SCORED FOR RELEASING STARS

**Byron Houck Says Connie Is Using Defeat as Excuse to Reduce Salaries.**

## BENDER LIKELY TO JUMP

**Portland Man Who Drew Similar Release Avers Murphy Was Ousted From Majors by Same Kind of Scheme Last Year.**

There is one individual in the baseball firmament who has very decided ideas on Connie Mack's surprising action in asking waivers upon Chief Bender, Ed Plank and Jack Coombs, his star pitchers. The man with the ideas is Byron Houck, for several years a teammate of these renowned slabsters. Houck drew a similar release from Mack last summer and immediately jumped to the Brooklyn Feds. His uncensored views are an interesting copy.

"I think Connie Mack's treatment of these men is a shame," said Houck yesterday. "He is using the loss of the world's series as a wedge to give these high-salaried stars the hook. I don't think Plank will jump, for he has plenty of money, and I believe he will retire. Bender can pitch for years yet and may jump.

**Murphy Case Cited.**

"After the way Philadelphia railroaded Murphy out of the American League, I know that the magnates can slip over anything they want. Murphy was tremendously popular, but Mack took advantage of his injury to ditch him out, because he was drawing more money than some of the youngsters."

"Incidentally, the true facts of why Mack did not send Murphy out to pinch hit for Plank in that famous world's series game against New York one year ago has never been given out. Mack has been busy making his alibi ever since. But here's the real dope," continued Houck.

"Murphy had already started for the home plate to bat, when Mack called him back and told Plank to bat for himself. He had already decided to ditch Murphy to the minors.

**Mack Feels Murphy Might Win.**

"He knew public sentiment wouldn't permit it should Murphy go to bat and drive out the winning hit in a world's series game. So he called Murphy back and let Plank go in and lose the game."

"Mack's argument that Plank had been hitting badly earlier in the game doesn't carry much weight, because when a pitcher gets one hit in a game he figures he has done his share and seldom draws another."

Houck, who is a former University of Oregon boy, and lives in Portland during the winter months, furnished some interesting gossip on the Athletics and their pennant-winning system.

**Every Ball Tipped Off.**

"The Athletics are great batters because nearly every ball served to the plate is tipped off to them by the coaches," explained Houck.

"Harry Davis, Bender and those old staggers make a habit of tipping their pitchers. They can tell by some little twitch of the fingers or thumb just when the opposing pitcher is about to throw a curve, and a splitter, and so on."

"It is tipped off to the batter by some common remark as 'Bust this one, for a curve, or 'That's the boy, for a fast one."

"I knew every ball Terrace was serving up to us in the world's series," added Houck.

**Matty Has Stuff Covered.**

"Mathewson kept his stuff covered fairly well, but Marquard was a cliché, and we didn't need to know his stuff to beat him. Of course, some twirlers have so much natural stuff that they fool the batter even when they know what is coming up, and I guess that's how Boston licked the Athletics this fall."

Houck signed a three-year contract with the Brooklyn Feds when he jumped to the outlaws late last summer, so is not worrying much about the near future.

**WINGED "M" TO MEET MOOSE**

**Aberdeen Team Will Come Here for Contest Saturday.**

Multnomah Club will send its football warriors against the Moose Lodge eleven of Aberdeen, Wash., on Multnomah field next Saturday afternoon. The Moose Lodge segregation has been going great, as the 61-0 score made against the St. Mary's College eleven last Saturday would indicate.

Several well-known Northwestern College stars are said to be in the Aberdeen lineup and the squad averages better than 175 pounds, according to reports. The Oregon game start the same team that walloped the Washington Athletic Club 33 to 0 last week.

Walter Kack and George Philbrook will not be in the contest, according to reports, but will be out in suits for the University of Oregon game. Thanksgiving. Practice was held under the arc lights last night and the final practice before Saturday's setto will be called by Coach Connell tomorrow on Multnomah field.

The scheme for a new league struck the players favorably, and they backed Johnny almost to a man.

Old Cap. Anson of Chicago turned down all of Ward's propositions, but so complete was the revolt that Pop was left with only one player, Burns, all the rest, including Tender, the present head of the National League, joining the insurgents. On November 4, 1889, the Brotherhood exploded its bomb by announcing the formation of the Players' League, with clubs in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Buffalo.

The first phase of the war of secession was fought out in the courts, which held that the players had a perfect legal right to organize a league of their own. The National League schedule for 1890 conflicted with that of the Players' League and the fans soon grew so disgusted with the war that they left the game flat and both leagues played to almost empty grandstands. The older circuits had the longest purse, and at the end of the season the Players' League had to give up the ghost. Boston won the first and only pennant of the ill-fated Brotherhood circuit. The plan for marketing baseball "from producer to consumer, without the intervention of middlemen," was a dismal failure.

## Sounding the Sport Reveille

**AN Autumn frost is the Hoppe-Innan** man billiard match, or series of matches, according to Eastern newspapers. Mr. Benjamin, who is managing the affair, brought some cricketers to this country a few years ago and made money, so he evolved this Inman challenge as another means of feathering his nest.

Unfortunately, New York long ago outlawed its billiard adolescence. The American public is well able nowadays to differentiate between the real and the show. Hence the New Yorker knew that Hoppe-Innan was a boob at the English style and that Inman couldn't keep warm at American billiards, and with the element of competition eliminated, there remained nothing for which to fork out \$5 for a ringside seat.

**Old Booby Wallace, former manager** of the St. Louis Browns will pass his 40th milestone today. Tommy Leach, another ancient one, will be 37.

As ball players the Boston Braves have it on the New York Giants, but as actors they are about four down and three to play on Mike Donlin, Rube Marquard and Matty Meyers.

For instance, Hank Gowdy and Rudolph made their appearance before the footlights in New York the other day and when they told the introducer they couldn't do "nothing" they made two modest estimates.

Gowdy appeared first and told how he gave the signs to the pitcher to beat the "Athletics"—that's what he called them, "The Athletics." Then the lot was complicated by the entrance of Dick Rudolph. Rudolph began by saying: "Hank has told you all kinds of lies. This was the hit of the show."

Meanwhile Boss Stallings was busy at home hours making \$10,000 in 10 weeks, although he drew only \$12,000 in six months winning the world's baseball championship.

"That second run in the 10th inning against the Athletics was the greatest I've ever seen," related the Miracle Man. "Four men took part in its manufacture. Josh Devore started by striking out and worrying Pitcher Bush."

Starting a rally by striking out puts the Boston manager in Sir John French's clutches. If striking out the worried Bush, we wonder what effect Gowdy's two doubles and his home run had on the Missoula kid's quivering sensibilities.

Christy Mathewson is the only ball player for whom a flower has been named, the "Christy Mathewson chrysanthemum" being the latest addition in floriculture. We know several other whom morning glories could be named appropriately.

## Multnomah Club Notes

Some close matches have been played in the House Club Basketball League since the season opened, October 20. Following is the record of the contests: October 22, Tommy 23, Spamer 27; October 25, Rossman 35, Tierney 16; October 27, Lewis 16, Toomey 18; October 29, Spamer 28, Tierney 5.

A billiard tournament is being arranged.

Tommy Tracey has several new boxer who will appear wearing the club's colors at future meets.

The football squad is doing some real practicing. The boys work under the arc lights Tuesday and Thursday nights and do scrimmage work Sunday mornings.

## JENNINGS TO BE PUNISHED

**Making Public Asking of Waivers on Athletic Stars is Cause.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Americans, is to be disciplined at the American League meeting here beginning Thursday, according to an announcement today by E. B. Johnson, the league president.

Jennings violated one of the prime rules of the league, Johnson asserts, when he made public recently the fact that Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia club, had asked waivers on Plank, Bender and Coombs.

Johnson said today Jennings might be fined, and that the league might decide to withhold such information from the Detroit manager in the future, transacting its business with Frank Navin, owner of the club.

## LAFKE WINS O. A. C. TRIAL RUN

Heavy Track Holds Time to 24:56:1 and Cross-Country Dope Upset.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Ernest Lafke, of Salem, upset the dope in the tryout for the cross-country team to represent O. A. C. in the conference meet to be held here next Saturday afternoon, and romped home in first place, defeating Hobgood, the two-miler, whom fans had hoped to win with ease. The team selected will consist of Lafke, Hobgood and Kiderly.

Lafke covered the four and a half mile course in 24:56:1, which is considered good time, inasmuch as the course is heavy, as result of recent rains. Hobgood, who finished second, made the run in 26:26:2, and Kiderly covered the distance in 26:26:4.

## Marshfield Plays Coquille Tie.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—The Coquille Alumni and Independent football eleven were held to a tie game on the Marshfield gridiron today by the Marshfield High School team. The game was on Marshfield's three-year line once and Marshfield was held for downs on the Coquille line at five yards when time was called.

## Shedds Forfeits to Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—The Junction City High School football team had a game scheduled with the High School of Shedds, Or. Shedds forfeited the game. The team will play Creswell, at Creswell, Saturday.

One of the most popular of the postcard photographs in London is of President Wilson. The stations can hardly supply the demand.

# PARSLOW ASKED TO BOX

**BOUT WITH Groat BEFORE MOHAWK CLUB PLANNED.**

**Gordon and Bloomberg, 105-Pound Boys, Also to Furnish Event at Smoker Friday Night.**

Parslow, of the Multnomah Club, and Harry Groat, manager of the Mohawk Club, event at the Mohawk Club smoker next Friday evening. Tom Ratcliffe, the new manager, is trying to get Parslow's consent to a fight. Parslow already has signed his willingness to go on. The boys will meet at 145 pounds and should give a good exhibition of boxing art. The match is made, Harry Groat is one of the cleverest 145-pounders in Portland. Parslow is fast on his feet and has a punch that carries considerable weight.

Another bout that fans will watch with interest will be the 105-pound affair between Abe Gordon and Sol Bloomberg. Gordon already holds a decision over the Mohawk boy, but both have improved it is said and will strive to settle the question as to which is the better athlete. The preliminary card will be as follows: 105 pounds, Gordon, Western vs. Bloomberg, Mohawk; 125 pounds, Taylor, Western vs. Woodward, Mohawk; 125 pounds, Owens, Armory vs. Conley, Western; 125 pounds, Byers, Multnomah vs. Hansson, Mohawk; 145 pounds, Derbyshire, Western vs. Somers, Mohawk.

Jim Griffin, the prominent San Francisco referee, is in a serious condition in a San Francisco hospital suffering with pneumonia. Griffin has been ill some time, but it was reported his case took a turn for the worse that he was moved to the hospital.

Bob McAllister sprung a surprise in California recently when he announced he would step from retirement, if he were given a match with Harry Hills, the negro heavyweight, who has proven quite a sensation of late. Bob is now a full-fledged heavy. He picked up 15 pounds during his retirement and tips the beams at 183 pounds.

## LINCOLN READY FOR RIVAL

**Washington Eleven to Play Without Phillips in Today's Game.**

Walter Phillips ran into his teammate Tom Gorman, of the Washington High School football team, yesterday with such force that a gash was torn over his eye which required five stitches. As a result Phillips will be out of the annual game against the Lincoln High School on Multnomah Field this afternoon.

The final workouts for both elevens yesterday afternoon gave special attention to signal practice. Coach Earl will have to alter his lineup somewhat since the injury to Phillips. If Casey is able to get into the contest he will either play guard or center. If he plays guard Lapham will be stationed at center, while if the big 175-pound Irishman is put in the center rank, Daly, a new recruit, will be the sentinel.

Coach Borkeske, of the West Siders, has slated E. R. Holt for the bench to start with, and "Big Boy" C. E. Edar will appear as the punter. Murr weighs around 150, and with him in the first eleven the weight of the studs will be switched to the East Siders.

Some of the wisecracks who follow Interscholastic League ball are betting 2 to 1, with the Washingtonians on the long end to win. Others are wagering even money that the East Siders will carry the day by more than 15 points.

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## ISH WILL SELL SEALS

**EWING TURNS OVER ALL STOCK IN CLUB TO PARTNER.**

**Owners in No Hurry to Dispose of Franchise, Is Announcement, and Right Price Must Be Offered.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Frank M. Ish is now handling the sale of the San Francisco club and is looking after the other interests of the club. J. Cal. Ewing, his partner, has turned over all his stock and will let Ish dispose of it or hold it as he sees fit.

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"There are several bona fide offers for the Seals and I will give them careful consideration," Ish says. "If we get the price that we think the franchise is worth we will sell. I can say positively that Tom Stephens is in the field as a purchaser and I know that he means business. So far I have not done business with either Cofroth or Berger. J. Cal Ewing's retirement is simply to give him a much needed rest. He has worked hard and faithfully for baseball and he has been tied down a great deal. Now he will be free to enjoy himself.

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## AMATEUR ATHLETICS

**MANAGER POPICK'S STAR FIRSTBASE-**man, Dave Schneiderman, suffered an injured foot the other day and as a result he is unable to try out for the football squad.

The first practice of the new Western Amateur Athletic Club football team will be held today in the Washington Fourth and Yamhill streets. Some of the stars of the old Frank E. Watkins eleven will make up the new organization. The first game will be played next Sunday.

Another smoker by the Western Amateur Athletic Club will be held in the club rooms November 13. From all accounts it will be even better than the last one that was staged.

For the most part very few players of the Portland Interscholastic League who are not on either the Washington High School or Lincoln High School football squads will be out in suits today. Students from every school of the league will be present at the annual Washington-Lincoln affair on Multnomah Field this afternoon.

## Gridiron Gossip.

**THERE** is a rumor floating about against Idaho has filed a protest against Bernard, crack quarterback on the Washington State College eleven. Bernard played in Missouri last year, but was with a normal school, so it is not plain what basis Coach Griffith has for his claim. Idaho and Washington State meet next Saturday at Pullman and it would be a hard blow to Bender to have Bernard disqualified.

A majority of the Eastern colleges number the football players and the Northwest colleges ought to wake up and do something at their annual meeting this winter. Numbering the players would cost about \$10 a season and would boost the gridiron sport about \$10,000. Nowadays it is impossible for any spectator to recognize a player on the field without some numbering system.

Ed R. Hughes, of the Seattle Times, jocosely remarks that Hap Miller hardly could feel complimented by being compared to "Big Boy" Bertus, the German gun which demolishes fortifications at nine miles away.

"It takes an army corps and two auto trucks to move Big Bertha," says surely Miller is faster than that," says Epling and yet we could have made it Harry Meek.

Hughes by the way, expresses surprise at the disqualification of Mike Hunt, Washington end, for roughing Lutz of the Argles. Hunt also was disqualified at the time, but early in the game the officials adopted a strict policy by disqualifying Anderson of the Argles and Hunt had to go too, 1889—Jake Kiffin and John Schledt fought four-round draw at Toronto.

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## SEATTLE BILL IS VICTORIOUS

**National League Stars Win San Francisco Game by 4 to 2.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Big league baseball drew to Ewing field today one of the largest attendances in its history. The All-National team, defeated the All-Americans, 4 to 2. Left-fielder Carey broke up the game in the fifth frame, scoring James ahead of him with a long home run to right field. Score: R.H.E. R.H.E. All-Nationals 4 10 11 All-Americans 2 8 6 Batteries—James and Killifer; Bush and Henry.

## AUTOS MAKE WOMEN UGLY

**So Says Mrs. Blair, in Advising Exercise and Plain Food.**

"Don't be afraid to walk." "I like automobiles, but automobiles are making women fat and ugly." "Exercise and plain food will make you healthy and beautiful." These are some of the statements made yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Margaret J. Blair in her lecture in the auditorium of the Lincoln High School, where she is giving a series of addresses under the auspices of the Meier & Frank Company.

"Mothers, I beseech you to play golf and tennis, ride horseback, walk, exercise diligently, walk, keep young and be a chum to your daughters," said the speaker.

"Dance every morning round your room. If you think it is wrong to dance, call it exercising, but by all means keep it up. Learn to be graceful in every movement. There is no need for double chins."

Mrs. Blair gave the assembled teachers, students and housewives many valuable hints about how to be beautiful and healthy. She will give her closing lecture this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the same hall. Mrs. Blair will talk to the girls of the Trades School tomorrow morning.

## REV. W. W. HOWARD BACK

**Portland Pastor Renamed Elder of African Zion Methodist Church.**

Rev. W. W. Howard has returned from Hanford, Cal., where he attended the annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion churches of Oregon, California and Washington. Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia presided.

Rev. Mr. Howard was reappointed presiding elder of the Cascade district of the Oregon-Washington conference.

# LEAGUE TO MANAGE MART

**Effort to Be Made to Establish Sale Prices at Albina Market.**

The Albina public market, on Knott street, has been turned over to the newly-organized Albina Commission League, and the league will be in charge today. Mrs. A. R. Zellar, first vice-president, will be in immediate control, with a corps of women as her assistants. Mrs. Zellar will undertake to establish sale prices at the market generally. Too high prices have been charged, it is said.

One committee will work up the consumers' end and another the publicity end by informing consumers of the market and asking them to patronize the market.

The Albina public market was opened March 29 and has been looked after by business men, who have given time and hard work to its upbuilding. These men say they are glad to turn its management over practically to the women, the buyers and consumers of the community, but will continue to help it in every way they can.

## WOMEN TO LEARN ORATORY

**Y. M. C. A. Adds Class to Its Course in Public Speaking.**

To meet the general demand of club-women and others for training in parliamentary practice and platform speaking, the Portland Y. M. C. A. has instituted a women's class in oratory for Wednesday afternoons.

The women will gather for registration in the parlors of the association at 4 o'clock today. Professor William G. Harrington, instructor in public speaking, will have charge of the course. Training in platform addresses, parliamentary drill and book reviews will be featured. It is expected that a large number of club-women will enroll, as many have agreed already to take the instruction.

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