

CATCHER BRENEGAN SOLD TO SPOKANE

President Farr, of Club in Northwestern League, Puts Through Deal Here.

WORKING AGREEMENT MADE Conference Held With Nick Williams Concerning Management of Team, but Terms Not Fixed—Covalleskie May Be Beaver.

BY ROSCOE FAWSETT. F. C. Farr, the round and rosy-cheeked president of the Spokane club, waited in the Northwest yesterday when he was wuffed out just as mysteriously last night for Seattle the Spokane Indians were one status quo catcher to the good.

Farr closed a deal with Portland's Coast club for the outright purchase of big Sam Brenegan, erstwhile Pittsburgh youngster, Brenegan is wintering in Wisconsin. The purchase, doubtless means the release of the veteran Danny Shea. Danny is a free agent, but has been figured as a member of the 1915 team.

The visiting mogul refused to name positively the manager of the Spokane club to succeed Mike Lynch, but it is practically certain to be Nick Williams. Terms Are Discussed. Nick's name has been linked with the job for some time and he and Farr held a consultation yesterday over terms.

"I cannot make any announcement of my plans at this time," said President Farr, "The Northwest League will hold its annual meeting Tuesday at Seattle and I won't know anything about the future until then. One thing is sure, however, I will oppose strongly any plan to cut the league to four clubs. If there is any chance to keep it a six-club circuit I am for it."

"Nothing has been heard from Joshua Kingham, the Victoria owner. Some time ago he said that if war conditions there were not too unfavorable, he would not throw up the sponge. The Ballard team doubtless will go to Everett, with John M. Barnes in charge."

Mr. Farr Meets McCredie. During the afternoon Mr. Farr was closeted with Judge and Walter McCredie for several hours. When they emerged Walter admitted that Portland Spokane would work together this year.

"I have sold Brenegan to Spokane and would like to get Pitcher Covaleskie," said the Portland Coast manager. "I don't know whether Farr can afford to let him go or not. Covaleskie wants to graduate and has several chances."

THE CAMERA WAS ON THE JOB WHEN THE M'CREDIES SOLD BRENEGAN TO SPOKANE.



Left to Right—Walter McCredie, Manager Portland Beavers; F. C. Farr, President Spokane Club; W. W. McCredie, President Beavers—Insert, Nick Williams, Probable 1915 Manager of Spokane Indians.

BOUITS LOSE FAVOR

Sentiment Against No-Decision Matches Growing.

CLEVELAND HAS REMEDY Plan of Submitting Contests to Boxing Commission and to People Tried Successfully—Fan Suggests Stern Rule.

Every day a cry is heard about the falling off of interest in the game due to one-sided matches. There are remedies for defects in the fistie game, such as a trust baseball match, today, the boxing world would adopt them.

In Cleveland every match proposed must be submitted first to the boxing commission, and only after approval of the commission puts the stamp of approval on the affair. This plan is reported as the best fix.

"The plain, unvarnished truth about boxing is that it's a shaky sport, a shaky game, a shaky business," said a pugilist regarded with doubt and suspicion, and its yearly course is full of snarls and scandals, and why? Because boxing has no centralization, no control. They call the national commission and the forces of organized baseball a trust—but if there wasn't such a trust baseball match today, where boxing is, and where baseball was 40 years ago.

SIDELIGHTS AND SATIRE

HERE is positive proof that fame is fleeting. "Who is that man?" asked an old-time baseball writer at the National League meeting in New York recently. "John McGraw," replied the fellow next to him.

The hockey player always has a good alibi for cold feet. Rip Hagerman, erstwhile Portland pitcher, will not play second base for the Philadelphia Athletics next year. We have authority to announce this for Connie Mack. In 61 times at bat for the Naps last year Rip made one base hit for an average of .018. Rip must have picked up in his batting after leaving Portland.

PLAYERS NEED NOT BLUSH

Home Cognomen; Baseball is an Honored and Highly Regarded Occupation—Families Take Pride in Their Ball-Playing Sons, and the Professional is Welcomed Anywhere by Every Body.

"Boxing can become respected when it follows the same track. When boxing places itself under an iron hand, and accepts the tyranny of that hand without a murmur, so long as the tyrant runs things straight and clean, then the game will flourish like a green bay tree, and will be properly respected in all sections."

Baseball Brevities. Charley Magnus, a semi-pro second sacker of Cincinnati, has been grabbed by the White Sox.

Little Rock no longer will be a farm for St. Louis Browns. Reports are in the air that the Cardinals will unload their surplus on the Arkansas capital.

NAMING CHIEF IS TASK

WHO WILL HEAD NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE IS QUESTION. Victor Zednick, Tommy Ivers and Bobby Blewett Possibilities—Everett Almost Sure to Get Team.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.) President Hughes, of the Northwestern Baseball League, expects harmony at the annual meeting Tuesday. John S. Barnes & Co. will represent Everett and it is considered as almost settled that the Ballard franchise will be sought and received.

FEELS GOOD AND BAD

Grantland Rice Declares League Forces Reforms.

EVIL ALSO LAID TO BODY Poor Baseball Played Blamed Upon Newcomer Which Shattered Discipline—Progress Next Year and Later Predicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—No sane person or persons could ever advance the argument that the Feds, even with other stars added, are as strong as the National or American Leagues. Equally, no sane person—if there are any left—could deny the statement that the Feds have done wonderfully well in such short time. They have not only held their feet, contrary to some expert prophecy, but they have kept marching forward.

A year ago at this stage there was no Federal League—merely the essence of airy perestroika pointed in that general direction. It was more a myth than a league. Yet, within less than a year, the new organization has completed a full season and has started for another year by signing three of the greatest pitchers in the American League.

The new league in many ways has accomplished good. It has forced a number of reforms that the two older leagues have never given credit without competition. It has given the Players' Fraternity a big boost and has chopped away much of the arrogance which certain ruling parties of organized baseball carried. In other words, the Feds have divided their share of harm. They have furnished and therefore have lessened general interest. They have attempted to divide good players into three leagues when there are not enough good players for two.

The presence of the Feds last season was responsible for the poor brand of baseball offered all around the land. Too many players took advantage of the new league to break all rules and forego strict training and maintained effort. Unfortunately, not too many ballplayers are blessed with the ordinary sense and intelligence needed to look ahead. The fact that some move to the Feds next year is not to be taken as a sign of weakness. There is no bearing on any action they might take for the present.

Amateur Athletics. COACH SKENE'S Portland Academy Cubs, an 80-pound basketball team, has won its first two starts this year. By a score of 19 to 8 the Cubs triumphed over the Y. M. C. A. Crusaders, and the second contest went 12 to 2 in favor of the Portland Academyites against the Y. M. C. A. Acorns. Hawkins, Henny and Jones were the stars in each contest. Only one more match game is left. Thursday the Portland Academy Cubs will be the 80-pound champions of the city.

STALLINGS HAS 5-YEAR JOB Manager of Boston Braves Signs New Contract, Is Announcement. BOSTON, Dec. 13.—George T. Stallings, who led the Boston Nationals to the championship of the two older major leagues this Fall, will continue to lead the new Boston club for at least five years, according to word received here today.

CARDINALS RETAIN MANAGER Schuyler P. Britton Announces Huguenin Has Signed Contract. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Manager James Huguenin, of the St. Louis Nationals, has signed a contract to continue in that capacity during the 1915 and 1916 seasons.

Perfect Bowling Score Made. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 12.—In a match game last night, Merle Rippe rolled a perfect bowling score and set what is said to be a world's record for three games. His scores were: 309, 219, 219. Total, 857.

Black Diamond Briquets

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The Above Prices at the Coal Bunkers--Cartage to Be Added Pacific Coast Coal Co. 249 Washington St., Between Second and Third. Phones Main 229, A 2293.

Advertisement for Velvet Joe cigarettes. "We never fully appreciate a peaceful home 'till th' neighbors next door or over th' way get 't' fightin'. Jest now 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' hez a kind of a 'Home Sweet Home' sound to it."

BENEFT GAME IS NEAR

POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN MEET AT HIPPODROME TOMORROW. Both Teams Promise Real Exhibitions of Hockey—All Sorts of Novel Stunts to Be Pulled Off.

The firemen's and policemen's hockey teams will clash tomorrow night at the Hippodrome in a game for the benefit of the police band. The game will start at 7:45 o'clock, which will enable those who desire to skate to enjoy a season after the contest.

Negroes to Make Appeal. SUNDAY FORUM NAMES BODY TO DRAFT MESSAGE AS RESULT OF LYCHING. That the people of the United States be less hasty in judging the colored race will be the nature of an appeal to be formulated by local negroes, according to the Sunday Forum, held yesterday in the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, North Broadway and Everett street.

Football Favored in South. FIVE LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS TO PLAY AMERICAN GAME AND THREE RUGBY. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Each city high school will decide for itself whether it will play Rugby or American football next Fall. The principals and vice-principals recently adopted a resolution to that effect.

Policeman Hears Secret. ALLEGED SOLDIER REFUGEE ARRESTED WHEN HE TELLS OF ESCAPE. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—If Nelson Hazeltine, 20 years old, had not met an old acquaintance shortly after his arrival at the King street station yesterday morning, he still would be at liberty instead of languishing in a cell in the City Jail. On his charge of being fugitive from the guardhouse at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Ice Skating at the Hippodrome. ALBANY BASKETBALL GAMES SET. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—To determine the basketball champion-