

RODGERS SURE OF PRIZE IN MAJORS

Few Recruits as Fortunate as ex-Beaver When Sent to Big League Teams.

M'CREIDIE TO BE THANKED

Sale of Lajoie to Athletics Makes Vacancy on Cleveland Team and Walt Fixes It So Bill Can Get It Without Fight.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT

William K. Rodgers, beer hunter extraordinary and erstwhile member of the Portland Coast champs of 1911, 1912 and 1914, not to mention 1915, when the Beavers were not champs, occupies a unique position in the baseball universe.

Of all the army of the unemployed recruits advancing to the majors this spring Bill is the sole candidate to have his job clinched already.

Charley Lammers fixed it for "Cap" when he sold Larry Lajoie to the Athletics for the price of a pair of glasses. Of course Bill can thank Walter McCreddie, because it was Walt's indorsement that put Bill in right originally.

Few indeed have been the recruits who have had to fight for regular big league jobs.

Bill Speas went to the St. Louis Cardinals a couple of years ago and Higgins didn't even give him one try-out as a regular. Bill was shipped back to Portland and all he did was to hit about .322 in the Coast League that season.

Pink Bodie sat on the White Sox bench for months. One day a friend happened in from San Francisco and induced Combs to give him a trial.

Ivan Olson had to get it out with a God as George Stovall was, he had to chase such men as Schwartz, Carr, Hickman, Lister, Dambert, Bunch and Hohmann but he never got out.

Jack Granite and Leibold and all that crew were fortunate to get the field test, and hence Rodgers ought to consider himself an extremely fortunate person.

club, yesterday telling him that all was well with his two recruits. Neal made a special trip to Astoria to get Reed's name to a contract.

HIGH GUN SCORES RECORDED

Bad Weather Holds Attendance Below Mark.

MORMONS GET YINGLING

CINCINNATI SOUTHPAW AND OUTFIELDER IS BOUGHT.

Blankenship Also Telegraphs That He Has Closed Deal for Purchase of Laroey From Indianapolis.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Cliff Blankenship, manager of the Salt Lake City Coast League team, telegraphed tonight that he had closed deals for the purchase of Earl Yingling, southpaw and pinch-hitter of the Cincinnati Reds, and Louis Laroey, pitcher of the Indianapolis club.

PORTLAND BOYS ACTIVE

DICK GRANT AND ROBERT KROHN SHINE AT STANFORD.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The weather the track enthusiasts are turning out in full force. There are 150 men out for track this year including many veterans.

RIFLE COMPETITION CLOSE

Only Point Separates Three Clubs in Championship Race.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Only a point separates each of the first three clubs in the rifle competition for the Interclub gallery rifle shooting championship of the United States after the first six of the scheduled matches.

ST. HELENS 44. Dental College 12.

CLUB PETE IS ENJOYED

'RUBE' AND EX-FOE NOW IN SAME CLUB

Christy Mathewson Recalls How Lobert Told Marquard He Was "Bushier."

SORROW IS EXPRESSED

McGraw, on First Real Vacation, Is Praised for His Great Optimism in Face of Defeat—Liberality Makes Him Poor.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON, The Giant's Famous Pitcher.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—It's a funny thing that Lobert, who was largely instrumental in giving the Giants, should have finally joined the same club. Lobert shot the words at Marquard which seared into his brain and heart when he pitched the opening game of his big league career.

"I have always been sorry," he declared, "that I was not the one who has shown some great baseball since and certainly has fought his way back."

Lobert is a hard player, but he would never do anything intentionally to hurt anyone. Whatever he tries to do, he but in giving the other fellow every chance. There were some field spots around the Polo Grounds on an early chine ever in 1914.

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"Will you have a drink, John?" invited one of the party. "No," replied McGraw promptly. "I can't afford to drink now. I've got to figure out how I am to win next year."

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I guess he's got a little money. I have heard him make that answer. "Mac" has made big money in baseball—bigger than any other manager or player—but he is extremely liberal.

TWO-MILE WALK RECORD SET

Lincoln and Franklin High Soccer Teams Meet This Afternoon on Multnomah Field in Interscholastic Contest.

SCHEDULE IS STRENUOUS

Coach Jamison and his Jefferson High School basketball team returned from McMinnville, Or., yesterday, after having an 18-10 defeat to the McMinnville High School quintet Saturday night. Bennie Sylvan was the big star for Jefferson High and his opponent, Pearson, was the best for McMinnville.

JEFFERSON BASKET TOSSEBS DEFEAT McMinnville High.

TEAM MEN PERPLEXED

SESSION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CHALLENGE FOR DAVIS CUP.

Australasian Drilling Team to Replace Solder Champions, but Play May Not Be Forced During War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Business of far more than usual importance will be discussed at the annual meeting of the National Lawn Tennis Association in this city Friday.

The supporters of Newport and New York are waging a hot campaign for the privilege of staging the all-comers' tennis tournament which will be played for the annual title play, the Davis cup situation will be carefully considered.

The European war has complicated matters and there is much doubt regarding the propriety of requesting international tennis contests while it is in progress.

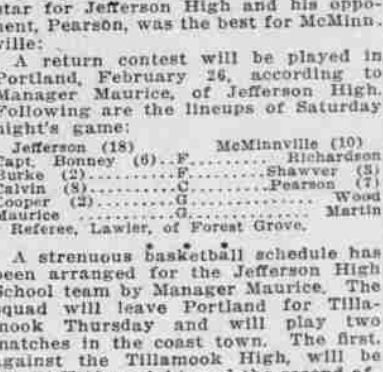
Wood recently won the singles championship at Astoria, defeating Patterson and Ashley Campbell are the doubles champions for 1914.

Toledo, Erie and Youngstown May Be Added to Make 8-Club Circuit.

ST. LOUIS FED TRIP ARRANGED

LIKE th' Irishman sez: "One man's ez good ez another an' a durn sight better." Anyway, one man can't get no better tobacco 'n another ef they both get VELVET.

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Late J. E. Sullivan's Charts Tell Story of Records. TIME SINCE 1888 COVERED

Figures for 100-Yard Dash, Hurdle and Distance Runs Cut and Improvement Made in Nearly All Other Lines, Too.

WEONAS TAKE SOCCER GAME Beavers Are Shut Out in Contest on Columbia University Field.

DENTISTS LOSE AT ST. HELENS Sunset Club Team Beats North Pacific College, 44 to 12.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The Sunset Athletic Club baseball team defeated the North Pacific Dental College team last night 44 to 12.

JOE SWAIN IS KNOCKED OUT Barrieau, Vancouver Welterweight, Wins in 14th at Wallace.

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Frank Barrieau, the Vancouver welterweight, knocked out Joe Swain, the "batling butcher" of Portland, last night in the 11th round of a scheduled 15-round contest.

ICE SKATING AT THE HIPPODROME

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