KIRCHER IS SLATED TO SUCCEED MORAN

Atlanta Outfielder Agrees to Terms and Trade for Roy Is On, Says McCredie.

AKANA ABOUT ELIMINATED

Hawaiian Not to Be Considered for Place on Portland Team Unless He Pays His Own Way to Spring Training Camp.

Erase Roy Moran's name from the roster of the Portland Coast champions. George Kircher, Atlanta outfielder, agreed to terms with Portland yesterday and the trade of Moran for Kircher is on. At least, Walter McCredie received a telegram from the Atlanta management yesterday afternoon to that effect.

"Kircher has been holding out for more money, but I guess he has come to terms," explained Mac.

Kircher hit .277 last season and swiped 34 bags and Walt McCredie thinks he is even better than Moran, for whom he traded Buddy Ryan to Salt Lake City early in the year.

Portland's outfield now shapes up with Lober and Speas in left, Kircher in center and Doane in right. The Hawaiian, Akana, will not be considered unless he pays his own expenses to the Spring camp at Fresno.

Reed, one of the youngsters secured from the Phillies in the Bancroft transaction, will also be available as an outfield possibility. Reed is said to be too sloppy in the infield and Walt has a hunch that Reed will develop into a sterling gardener.

Portland's team is now thought to be complete, except for a couple of bush catchers, who will be taken to camp to help Fisher and Murray in the preliminaries. Derrick's sale to St. Louis appears to be off. The Portland roster, as it stands, is as follows:

Catchers—Fisher, Murray and Widner.

Pitchers—Higginbotham, Krause, Rieger, Evans, Martinoni, Lush, Coveleskie, Leonard, Barnes, Bishop and Callahan.

First base—Derrick.

Second base—Davis, Murphy, Naughton.

Shortstop—Reed, Coltrin and Hall.

Third base—Stumpf.

Outfield—Speas, Lober, Doane and Kircher.

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If the Salt Lake fans thought they were pulling something original when they voted to hitch the appellation, "Bees," on to their ball club, they were sadly mistaken. The Northwest League club at Victoria has been toting that suggestive title around for a couple of seasons and all the time acting the part of an innocent housefly.

The Pacific Coast and Northwest leagues now have three monackers in common: Portland and Vancouver Beavers, Venice and Tacoma Tigers and Salt Lake and Victoria Bees.

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Gus Fisher is preparing for another .355 batting average. Gus took his choice of a large consignment of bats received by a local sporting-goods house yesterday and when he finished his hand-grubbing he had 16 hunks of hickory charged up against the Portland ball club.

Fisher uses the "Bill Rodgers" model.

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Wolverton had a chance the other day to send his Texas League outfielder, Rudy Baerwald, to a Northwest League club, but he decided to look him over in Spring camp. A San Francisco newspaper speaks of Baerwald as 25 years old. You'd have to poke a horse-pistol in a Butte man's map to make him swallow that estimate. Baerwald played outfield for Russ Hall's Butte Northwest League club in 1907 under the name of Bell and he had his name on safety razor testimonials for several years prior to that.

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San Francisco may use Leard at third and Downs at second if young Bob Jones does not come up to expectations. Manager Wolverton opined as much the other day to San Francisco writers. With Hellmann on first, Downs on second, Corhan at short and Leard at third, the Seals wouldn't look so bad, even if Jones did fizzle out.

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"Dutch" Kores doesn't like Portland. To a Milwaukee newspaperman Kores got this off his chest:

"Rottenest town I ever played in. Fans don't even support a winning team. I'm glad I am out of that hole and I don't want ever to go back."

Kores backed up his interview by sending insulting valentines to Walter McCredie and several other Portland baseball folk. Mac threw his "valentine" in the waste-basket and laughed.

"I guess 'Dutch' is sore because I said he would have a tough time breaking in against Hans Lobert," said Mac. "Well, I hope he makes good, but I don't think he will. Kores is a good slugger, but that lets him out. He missed more signs from base-runners than any ballplayer I ever had under my wing."

"Dutch" lives at Milwaukee, Wis., and reports to the New York Giants this Spring.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY LOSES

McMinnville Wins 34-23 and 27-4 in Double-Header.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Pacific University lost her first game of the season in a fast contest with McMinnville College here in a double-header Saturday night. The second team game resulted in a 27-to-4 score and the first team game was 34 to 23. The teamwork and speed of the visiting team were too much for the Pacific University five.

The first half ended with the Baptists only four points in the lead. The second half was unusually fast and a number of sensational field baskets were thrown by the Mac men. For the Pacific University five, A. Ireland and Wilcox threw most of the baskets, while Lucas at guard played a star game. Irish for McMinnville led their scoring.

The lineup was as follows:

Pacific University.		McMinnville College.
Wilcox	F	Irish
A. Ireland	F	Black
Robinson	C	Simpson
Waugeman, Brace	G	J. Ireland
Bean	G	Lucas

Referee—Jamison, of Jefferson High School, Portland.

PHILOMATH WINS, 42 TO 16

Rose City Club Team of O. A. C. Loses in Fast Game.

PHILOMATH, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Rose City Club basketball team of Oregon Agricultural College was defeated by Philomath College here Friday 42 to 16. The game was fast from the start.

The Philomath College second team played the Philomath High School five Saturday night on the college floor, and were defeated 30 to 13. Woods played forward for the high school and practically won the game. The Barracks team of Corvallis defeated Philomath College 21 to 14.

FRESHMEN PLANNING ON TRIP

Washington Committee Busy Preparing to Send Crew South.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, February 16.—(Special.)—Charles R. Fleishman, of Portland, a freshman at the University of Washington, has been appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for sending a freshman crew to California next month.

Coach "Conny" says that the freshmen can go if they show enough spirit and the possible candidates are busy on plans of finance.

With Fleishman are Raymond Bell and Richard McAdams. All three are prominent candidates for the freshman crew and have practically earned their seats in the boat that goes south.

Battleground Defeats La Center.

LA CENTER, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—In their first game the La Center High School was beaten by the Battleground High School 21-9. H. Borst starred for La Center, while Strodd and Anderson showed up well for Battleground. A return game will be played at Battleground February 27. The lineup follows:

Battle Ground.		La Center.
Little	F	H. Borst
Anderson	F	Headley
Strodd	C	Shelhart
McCarty	G	Meaney
Wilson	G	Beasley

Referee, C. Hughes; umpire, Professor Lash.

TRI-STATE FANS FAIL

CHANCE TO REORGANIZE LEAGUE PASSES WITHOUT ACTION.

Clubs Fail to Deposit Necessary Fees Before Time Limit Expires—Baker Men Plan Semi-Pro Circuit.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—There will be no Western Tri-State League this year. All chance of reorganization of the circuit ended when the clubs failed to put up the necessary money as a fee to Secretary Farrell, of the National body, by last night, the end of the time limit for such action under the rules of organized baseball.

Baker fans were busy until the last, and had ready the necessary $100 and communicated by long distance telephone and telegraph with the other cities, Walla Walla, North Yakima and Pendleton, trying to spur them to act.

It was learned, however, that North Yakima and Walla Walla still were hopelessly entangled from the 1914 season, North Yakima not having paid all the baseball players and Walla Walla owing hotel bills and other accounts.

Baker fans were disappointed by the failure to reorganize, and think it was due chiefly to the lack of a leader. Roy Rittner, president of the league, is at the State Legislature at Salem, and took no action toward reorganizing the league.

There is talk of organizing a league consisting of Baker, La Grande, Haines and Huntington with semi-professional or amateur players. Another plan is to limit the league to Baker County, substituting Sumpter for La Grande.

CITY LEAGUE SESSION CALLED

Vice-President and Secretary to Be Elected at Gathering.

President M. R. Whitehead, of the Portland Baseball League, has called a meeting of the officials for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The meeting is to elect a vice-president and secretary, to take the places of the two who lost their position when the by-laws of the league, making it a rule to elect officials, the president excepted, from among the league directors, were accepted. Those on the board eligible for the position are: George Grayson, Clyde Rupert and Claude Schmeer. William Heales already holds the office of treasurer.

It is also likely that the players' contracts will be distributed to the team managers at the meeting.

SALT LAKE DROPS VAN BUREN

Veteran Outfielder Unconditionally Released by Blankenship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Deacon Van Buren, for years a standby around the circuit, was unconditionally released yesterday by Cliff Blankenship, of the Salt Lake team.

"HOME RUN" BAKER DECIDES TO RETIRE FROM BASEBALL.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—"Home Run" Baker, star third baseman of the Philadelphia American League baseball team, has decided to retire from the diamond and will not appear with the team next season, according to an announcement made here tonight by Manager Connie Mack at a dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association.

Baker last year signed a three-year contract with the Athletics. Mack stated that the third baseman is not dissatisfied with the terms of this contract, but wants to devote his time to his farm in Maryland. Baker is less than 29 years old and has been a member of the Athletics since 1908. He was the hero of both the 1911 and 1913 world's series with the New York Giants. In 1911 he knocked home runs in two games at critical periods, and in 1913 put the ball over the fence in the opening contest.

Blankenship explains that he has so much outfield material that he was forced to cut down and concluded that a chance would be given Van Buren to find a berth for himself.

Blankenship has made plans for a number of Spring training games. On February 28 Salt Lake is slated to take on the the White Sox at San Jose. On March 20 and 21 Indianapolis is billed at San Jose. On March 23 and 24 Salt Lake and Indianapolis will play at Sacramento, the two teams moving on to Reno for a contest March 25. There also will be games at San Jose with the Santa Clara and Stanford universities, so Blankenship expects to keep his team busy.

FEDS TO START SEASON EARLY

Gilmore Announces New League Will Make First Bid to Fans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Before leaving here tonight for Pinehurst, N. C., to join President R. B. Ward, of the Brooklyn Federals, President Gilmore, of the Federal League, announced that his league would try to get an early advantage over the National and American Leagues this year by opening the Federal League season several days before the other major league openings.

It was declared on authority today that the Federal League has abandoned its intention to enter New York City this season and that there would be no transfer of franchise other than that of Kansas City to Newark.

WASHINGTON HIGH DEFEATS COLUMBIA

Sensational Playing Results in School's Sixth Victory in Annual Contest.

OVERTIME PLAY REQUIRED

Battle Won by 30 to 27 Most Exciting in Years in Interscholastic League—Winning Basket Is Thrown by Lapham.

Interscholastic Basketball Standings.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Jefferson	3	0	1000	Columbia	1	1	.500
Lincoln	2	0	1000	Franklin	0	3	.000
Washington	2	1	.667	Port. Acad.	0	4	.000
Hill	1	1	.500				

The most sensational and exciting basketball game played in the Portland Interscholastic League in several seasons took place in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium yesterday afternoon. After three minutes' overtime, Washington High School was declared the winner over Columbia University by 30 to 27.

Two minutes before the regular time was up the high school was leading by five points, when Captain Schmitt, of the collegians, brought the crowd to its feet by tieing the count at 27 all. Coach Fenstermacher and Coach Callicrate held a consultation with Referee Mackie and it was decided that the first team to make two points would be declared the winner.

Soon after the overtime started Referee Mackie called a foul on Larson for charging and Fearnley threw the foul. After the tossup both sides had several chances to score, but it rested with Stanley Lapham to register the winning field basket.

This makes the sixth season that a Columbia University basketball team has lost the annual battle to Coach Fenstermacher's proteges.

Coach Callicrate made three changes in his lineup during the second period. The high school lineup remained intact. The score stood 12 to 9 at the end of the first half. The lineups follow:

Washington (30)		Columbia (27)
Tourtellotte	F	Williams
Fearnley	F	Capt. Schmitt
Lapham	C	F. Jacobberger
Roth	G	Bloch
Capt. Gorman	G	C. Murphy

Official—Charles Mackie, referee; A. H. Burton, of Washington High, and J. H. Bach, of Columbia University, timekeepers; Victor Johnson, of Washington, and Gene Murphy, of Columbia, scorers.

Substitutions—Larson for Williams, McEntee for Bloch. Waltz for Jacobberger.

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The Washington High School soccer team will meet the Jefferson High School eleven on Multnomah field this afternoon. The contest was scheduled for some time ago, but the field was not in good condition and the managers agreed to hold it this afternoon. It will start at 3:15 o'clock.

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Coach "Scotty" Duncan, of the Portland Academy soccer squad, has asked Captain Tannensee, of the Lincoln aggregation, to postpone the game slated for Friday afternoon. Two star players on the Academy eleven will have to play basketball on that date. The game may be played tomorrow afternoon or next Monday.

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Captain Josef Lillard, of the Lincoln High School basketball squad, is rapidly getting a reputation as a basket shooter, although he plays a guard position. Lillard will be one of the mainstays in the match against Washington High next week. The game will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

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The battle for the cellar championship of the 1915 Portland Interscholastic League will be waged Friday afternoon between the Portland Academy and the Franklin High School. It will be the first time the two institutions have ever met, as Franklin High School was admitted to the league only recently.

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Jefferson High and Franklin High still have a postponed basketball game to play. Manager Maurice has not been able to get in touch with the directors of the Franklin team and it is not known when the game will be played.

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The 115-pound Peninsula Park basketball team defeated the United Brethren five, 17 to 14, last night. Thayer starred for the Peninsula boys.

ANTI-SHACK LAW FOUGHT

CONSTITUTIONALITY CHALLENGED IN SUIT AGAINST ENFORCEMENT.

College Endowment Association Says That Condemned Building Is Not 40 Per Cent Deteriorated.

An injunction against the enforcement of the city's anti-shack ordinance is sought by the College Endowment Association in a suit filed yesterday in County Clerk Coffey's office. Frank S. Grant, former city attorney, who filed the suit, seeks to have the ordinance declared unconstitutional.

Specifically the suit is brought to enjoin the city from enforcing the ordinance against a frame building at 240 Second street owned by the College Endowment Association. The building was condemned some time ago and ordered torn down. The owners appealed to the Council but the condemnation was upheld.

The ordinance provides that a building may be condemned when it has depreciated more than 40 per cent.

Under the provisions of the charter, it is pointed out, the City Council alone has the power to order the removal of dangerous buildings, and then only when they become actually dangerous to passersby.

Affidavits attached to the complaint are by A. H. Maegly, general manager of the College Endowment Association; John P. Bennes, an architect, and J. O. Tremblay, a contractor. Each declares that the association's building at Second and Main streets has not depreciated 40 per cent, as required under the ordinance before an order of removal can be made.

AGGIE CAPTAIN GOING HOME

Brewer Billie in City on Way to Astoria to Stay Till Fall.

Brewer Billie, captain-elect of the 1915 football squad of the Oregon Agricultural College, is in Portland on his way to his home at Astoria. Billie left Corvallis Monday and will journey to Astoria sometime this morning.

He completed the Fall semester at the college last week, and he will not return until the call is made for the training of the 1915 eleven. A tempting offer has been made to him from the fish metropolis, and he hopes to remain there until next September. "Darkhorse" Newman so far is the only other member of last season's squad who failed to return to college this Spring.

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OREGON 29; IDAHO 19

Gem State Quintet Meets Defeat at Eugene.

BIGBEE BRILLIANT STAR

Bezdek's Find Proves to Be Best Basketball Player Varsity Has Had, While Morton Comes to Front—Battle Long Close.

Northwest Basketball Standing.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Wash. State	5	0	1000	Whitman	4	2	.200
U. of Wash.	5	1	.833	Oregon	1	5	.166
Idaho	4	4	.500	Or. Aggies	0	5	.000

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Hugo Bezdek's University of Oregon contingent of basket tossers took their first step in a "come back" campaign when they roughed things all over the varsity floor with Pink Griffith's five of Gem Staters tonight and emerged winners.

Score: Oregon 29, Idaho 19.

Tonight's battle was the hardest exhibition of basketball ever witnessed on the Oregon gymnasium and it was not until the last five minutes of play, when the Idaho squad had weakened, that the issue of the contest was definitely decided. There was not a minute that the 400 spectators were without their money's worth in excitement.

Bigbee Best Yet Seen.

In "Skeeter" Bigbee, Hugo Bezdek has unearthed a forward who has surpassed any basketball player seen on the local floor in years. This 145-pound midget scored seven field goals and converted three fouls for a total of 17 points. Each field goal that the diminutive athlete annexed was of the "hair-raising" type, and there was no time that he added to the score sheet by an easy basket.

Morton at center, Oregon freshman from Estacada, made good in his home appearance in a lemon-yellow uniform and finished with four baskets to his credit. He looks like a fixture in the center position.

Keane and Gray, of Idaho, stood forth as the best products of that state; the former tossing three goals from the field, while the latter rung the gong seven times out of ten attempts from the foul line and scored twice from the field.

Hostilities were opened with Keane, of Idaho, after a pretty dribble, tossing a basket from the floor. "Skeeter" Bigbee split "50-50" with him when he came back with a two-time count from the 10-yard zone. A double foul evened matters to 3 all.

Game Wavers to End.

Morton put Oregon in the lead when he added a basket of the one-hand variety. From this time on the game seesawed, "Skeeter" Bigbee and Keane, of the opposing quintet, balancing the results by sensational baskets.

The end of the first period showed both teams tied and even on the scoreboard. In this time Gray, of Idaho, converted seven baskets of the free-throw variety.

Idaho commenced the second half with a rush and drew first blood when Gray scored after Morton's foul. "Skeeter" Bigbee followed this with another basket. Idaho again took the lead when Jardine dribbled from under the Oregon basket and circled his own net for two points. "Skeeter" came back with another; Si Wheeler followed him, while from another scrimmage Morton emerged with an easy goal. This put the game on ice for Oregon.

The lineup:

Oregon.	Pos.	Idaho.
C. Bigbee 17	F	Keane 6
Wheeler 4	F	Jardine 2
Morton 8	C	Martinson
Boylen	G	Gray 11
Lyle Bigbee	G	Kennison

Referee, Dean Walker.

AGGIES TO MEET IDAHO TODAY

Corvallis Team Prepares for Invasion of Conference Squad.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The University of Idaho basketball five will lock horns with the local shooters tomorrow night in the first conference game to be played on the Oregon Agricultural College floor this season. A large crowd is indicated by the enthusiasm being shown. The Aggies, with a percentage of zero, will come back strong against the invading hosts from Moscow and attempt to straighten matters up.

Dr. Stewart has in mind three combinations of players, any one of which may be started tomorrow night. The first of these is Blagg, center; Dewey and Johns, guards; King and Selberts, forwards. The second is the same, with the exception of Ray or Phillips as a substitute for Johns; the third is the same as the first, with Mix playing center instead of Blagg.

FISHING BILL SATISFIES

SPORTSMEN APPROVE PASSAGE OF AMENDED GILL ACT.

H. B. Van Duzer and Others Say Mouth of Clackamas Should Be Net Deadline, but Accept Compromise.

"I think that the passing of the amended Gill bill, setting the suspension bridge below the falls at Oregon City as the 'deadline' for net fishermen was a satisfactory compromise," said President H. B. Van Duzer, of the Oregon Sportsmen's League, yesterday. "It will prove a great benefit for the present at least," he continued.

"In the past the commercial fishermen went up near the falls with their nets and cleaned out the resting places in a short time. If this had continued much longer, much harm would have been done to the fishing industry in the Willamette. Although, of course, there are many resting places on the other side of the bridge, and I feel that the 'deadline' should have been set at the mouth of the Clackamas, I feel that the sportsmen have won a victory."

Dr. E. C. McFarland, secretary of the Multnomah Anglers' League, said that although he would have much rather seen the "deadline" set at the mouth of the Clackamas, he felt that a great deal of good would be accomplished as it is. He said that had the present system been allowed to continue much longer not enough salmon would get up the river to give the hatcheries sufficient spawn for restocking the streams.

The sportsmen have maintained for years that allowing the net fishermen to drag the rest holes below the falls would put an end to fishing, both for commercial and sport purposes.

SEALS DROP PITCHER HALL

Unconditional Release Is Mailed Youngster by Wolverton.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—An unconditional release was mailed last night to Hall, the husky young pitcher on the Seal roster.

Manager Wolverton tried to place the youngster in the Northwestern League to acquire some needed experience but he was not successful. He was further confronted with the problem of reducing his number of players.

PAYNE TO RUN AGAIN

Oregon's Star Distance Man to Return This Week.

GREAT RACE PREDICTED

Hayward, Happy Because He Has Ample Material for All Events, Says Fans Will Get Treat When "Mose" Meets Hobgood.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—"Mose" Payne will return to college. This word was brought to the Oregon campus this morning, when Glenn Dudley, injured member of the Oregon basketball squad, returned after visiting at his home at Athena. Payne, who lives in the same town, told the elongated varsity center that he would be in Eugene the latter part of the week, thereby dispelling doubts about his re-entering Oregon after his withdrawal early in the Fall.

This afternoon Bill Hayward wore a broad smile. The veteran coach has ample material in all events and with the return of his star distance man, he figures the varsity regiment is sufficiently "covered" in all races.

Great Race Predicted.

While talking to his men the other day Bill said:

"If Payne returns to college this Spring followers of track athletics in the Northwest are going to see the greatest two-mile races ever run in this section when Hopgood, the Aggies' star, and Payne meet. They are evenly matched and it is a toss up as to who will win."

Incidentally, if the little Athena athlete should emerge a winner over the Aggies' best bet, an ambition which has been nursed since their last race, when "Hobby" won, will be realized.

"Payne's one ambition is to beat Stewart's star," said Hayward.

Payne Not to Be Overworked.

With Huggins, Langley and possibly Nelson, who may be shifted from the 880-yard to the longer distance, Coach Hayward will be enabled to confine Payne to the two-mile race and in this manner strengthen him for the more severe test. Last year Payne was burdened with both "long-winded" runs and as the events were usually close together, he was weakened for one while winning the other. As it now looks, he should be at his best in the lone race.

Kinks in the muscles, sore joints, "buck shins" and "charley horses" are fast disappearing under the pre-season workouts and the weeks are not many until regular races will be run under the training shed and over the cross-country courses.

MANY FAVOR MAKING PARKS

21 Petitions for Municipal Ball Diamonds Being Circulated.

Much interest is being displayed in the agitation for municipal baseball diamonds for the youth of Portland. Twenty-one petitions, which are to be presented to the city officials, are being circulated and it is expected by those in charge to have 1500 signatures by the end of the week.

James O. Convill, superintendent of the city bureau of parks and playgrounds, says that he has at least ten places in view that could be converted into diamonds, if enough public sentiment was expressed in favor of the movement.

Several improvement and booster clubs are going to take up the matter with the city officials. Each club is anxious to have one of the diamonds located in the part of the city which it represents.

Mr. Convill said that should the diamonds be established it would be necessary to prepare regulations to prevent rowdyism, which, he says, has been displayed at some of the public parks after hotly contested games. This, however, he thinks, could be eliminated by having the care of the diamonds placed in the hands of a governing body of well-known men. It would be the duty of this board to regulate the schedules of the various leagues desiring to use the municipal diamonds and to issue permits.

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