

PORTLAND VOTED OUT OF LEAGUE

Ogden or Sacramento Said to Be in Running for Beavers' Place.

RATE QUESTION IS CAUSE

Matter of Dropping Oregon Metropolitan Has Been Debated Pro and Con for Some Time—Judge McCredie Votes for Franchise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Ogden or Sacramento may be found in the circuit, which the Coast League opens its season in 1916.

While the magnates did not discuss the possibility of a new club in the running next year in closing their annual meeting today, they did vote, 5 to 1, to drop Portland unless satisfactory arrangements could be made with the railroad companies in the way of securing rates.

The decision relative to the reorganization of the circuit will be left until a later date, when the railroad officials meet with the Coast League committee handling the business.

The matter of dropping Portland has been debated back and forth for some time, and all the directors were of the opinion that something would have to be done. The attendance at Portland last year fell off to an alarming degree and the expense of transporting the ball players to the Northwest was such a figure that some action was necessary.

Judge Vets Alone. Judge W. W. McCredie naturally voted to save his franchise. The other directors, however, taking in a new city unless a different arrangement than last season could be secured.

If Portland is dropped, as is considered possible, Sacramento and Ogden present themselves as possible candidates for the franchise. The latter located more conveniently than Portland, and likely will secure backing to make their fight. Ogden is only an hour or so ride from Salt Lake and not a great deal more expense would be required.

The only possible argument about taking in Ogden would be the matter of climate, but Salt Lake proved that a season could be played in Utah in the early spring and late fall. Sacramento would fit in the circuit nicely, and perhaps the land of baseball fans a year would stir the capital city fans to action.

Matter up to Railroads. It is up to the railroads now whether or not Portland will be in the circuit next year.

Regarding expanding to eight clubs, as proposed on several occasions, the directors did not even take up the subject, being satisfied to straighten out the present difficulties.

Salt Lake was decided on as the scene of next fall's annual meeting, it is a compliment that the directors of the baby member of the organization that made such a good showing in its first year in the circuit. It also was determined to eliminate the directors from making guarantees of \$1000 a week to the visiting clubs, as the Bees proved that their followers will support the team.

Schedule Possible. The matter of adopting a schedule for 1916 was put over until a meeting to be called by President Baum after the annual meeting. The directors will study over mapping out the series and return here with some data. There was a long session in the morning, when the directors considered the matter of salary and player limits and the like were gone over.

In the afternoon the magnates were in conference, and the directors, after a sporting goods house, who explained the difficulties that presented themselves in furnishing baseballs to the league. The directors were given something to think over.

The magnates made short work of scattering to their respective homes. Johnson, who is in the city, and the Angels, are off for Los Angeles; F. S. Murphy and W. R. O'Connor to Salt Lake; and the McCredies to Portland. Ed Baker and Ham Peterson left for some couple of days. Vacation days are now ahead for the baseball magnates.

W. W. MCCREDIE GIVES VIEWS

Baseball Reached Its Zenith in 1910-1911 and 1912, He Says.

"Baseball reached its crest during the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 all over the country," said W. W. McCredie, shortly before he left for the annual meeting in San Francisco. "At that time we had a lower railroad rate than now prevails and everything was lower. Since then baseball has been waiting, receipts have been curtailed greatly and yet we have the anomaly of an increase in railroad rates.

"We cannot exist, then, unless there is to it, unless the railroad comes through and gives us at least our former rate. Portland might as well quit the league because it costs too much money to bring teams here from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Salt Lake for six games. If it weren't for Sunday games we would have had to drop long ago."

Jack Cook, vice-president of the Oakland club, tipped off some of the inside finances on his last trip to Portland in the fall. According to Cook, the expense of running a Coast League team are approximately \$2700 a week at the minimum, counting rentals, overhead, league payments and president and umpires, players' salaries and railroad and hotel bills.

A team coming to Portland gets 40 per cent of the gate, the remainder being split up among the players. It is to be said, 10 cents on every paid spectator. Last year Portland averaged about 1200 fans to the five weekday games and about 2200 on Sunday, giving the visiting magnates about \$1000 a week, with which to foot a weekly expense of \$2700. Whenever it rains the visitors sometimes received less than that.

Were the Sunday games to be discontinued, in line with the closing law now before the courts, it would kill absolutely Coast League baseball in Portland, railroad rates or no railroad rates.

Of course, a team does not expect to make a much money away from home—its velvet accrues from its larger percentage of the home receipts and its grandstand receipts. The Portland team was so large that the California teams last a word of notice. Portland, likewise, every time it was forced to journey west and pay out large hunk of coin for railroad tickets, berth and dining-car meals.

If the Southern Pacific refuses to hedge, Portland may put a team in the Northwest League.

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OWN SHOTGUN IS FATAL

"Home-Run" Batter Played With Portland 1907 to 1910 at Short and Third Base—Senatorial Hit is Recalled.

Ote Johnson, famous "Home Run" Ote of the Portland Pacific Coast League team of 1907, 1908 and 1909, is dead. Johnson was killed a few days ago while hunting near Binghamton, N. Y., news of the tragedy reaching Portland yesterday in the form of a newspaper clipping. It was received by W. T. Fagle from John F. Harler, a theatrical man who is well known in Portland.

It seems that Johnson, in company with a party of friends, went forth in search of game and while chasing a wounded fox stumbled and fell, both barrels of the shotgun he was carrying discharging into his abdomen. The ballplayer lived but a short time after the accident.

To the older generation of Portland fans Johnson will be remembered for his prowess in poling out long bingles. He was one of the longest hitters that ever were the livery of a Coast League club. Some are prone to argue that he surpassed the performances of Ping Bodie and Harry Heilmann, who are now in the third-year starts of the circuit.

Johnson also had a peculiar throw from third that will be remembered. He had a perfect underhand throw and was a wonder at handling bunts.

McCredie Drafts Johnson. He joined the Beavers in September of 1907 and replaced Joe Fay at shortstop. The McCredies secured him and Tom Hafferty, an outfielder, from the South Atlantic League by draft. At short and also a portion of the next year, when he was transferred to third base. Phil Cooney taking his place at short.

In 1909 he played the full season at third, and looked so good that the New York Americans gobbled him up in the draft at the end of the season. The following year he was drafted by the Boston Braves. Ote did not last the 1910 season out with the Yankees and was turned over to the Rochester club of the old Eastern league. From here no track of his driftlines is found until two years ago, when he joined the Binghamton club, of the interval, however, it is now known that he played for a time with St. Paul. He played short for Elmira, in the New York State League, and captained the team during the past season. He was accorded one of the best all-around players in the league.

Johnson Born in Munroe. Johnson first saw the light of day at Munroe, Ind., in 1882. His first professional baseball engagement was with the Dallas club in the Texas League.

In speaking of Johnson's career with the Portland team, Mr. Fagle recalled an incident, the like of which probably has no equal in the annals of baseball.

It was in the final game of a series with Los Angeles on the local field. Portland was fighting for the pennant and was about to leave on a hard road trip.

With two men down in the last of the ninth inning the score stood seven to four in favor of the visitors. The locals evidently didn't have a chance in the world of even tying up the game. Koenster was on the mound for Los Angeles, and was pitching good ball.

By some hook or crook, however, three Beavers managed to get on. Ote Johnson was the next man to face Koenster. He took two strikes and three balls. The crowd was wild.

Then it happened. Koenster grooved one to Johnson, and the "Terrible Swede," as he was called at that time, connected with it. The ball cleared the right-field fence and the score stood eight to seven in the Portlanders' favor.

The grandstand and bleachers were one mass of wildly excited humanity. The hat was passed by Mr. Fagle, and others, and when the contents were dumped out in the dressing-room, Johnson found himself the richer by \$17.

DIETZ WAITS BERKELEY OFFER

Washington State Coach Intimates Willingness to Accept.

SPokane, Wash., Nov. 15.—William

SEATTLE PLAYERS ASSEMBLE

Ice Hockey Men, Taken in "War" From Toronto, on Way West.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The ice hockey season is almost here. Pete Muldoon, manager of the Metropolitan, the team that will represent Seattle in the coming championship race, announced tonight that practice would begin Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The first league game will be played in Seattle, December 7, when the Victoria club makes its appearance.

Fred McCulloch, who will play goal for the Victoria club, is the first arrival in Seattle. He came down from Regina and will practice at the Seattle arena for several days before crossing the line to Victoria.

Stanley and Rowe, Seattle forwards, are expected to arrive here early this week. Haast, another Seattle player, is now on his way from Michigan.

Four of the Toronto stars recently grabbed by the Seattle management left for Seattle last night.

SEASON IS NEARING END

COLUMBIA AND FRANKLIN PLAY THEIR LAST GAME TODAY.

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DRUGGY DEATH WELL AT ST. LOUIS HEARD

Entry of University Into Pacific Northwest Conference Is Held Assured.

DR. STEWART IS AUTHORITY

Exit of Rugby Is Expected in Favor of American Game—California and Los Angeles Considered for Schedule in 1916.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. That Stanford University will be back playing American football next fall is almost an assured fact, it became known here yesterday.

Dr. E. J. Stewart, who directs athletic matters at the Oregon Agricultural College, is authority for the statement that Stanford already has submitted to other big colleges of the Coast a tentative outline for a new Pacific Coast conference.

This being true, there can be no doubt but that Stanford is quietly preparing to "bury the dead," meaning Rugby, and board the American football bandwagon two years behind Southern California and one year behind California.

Any new conference is organized, the organizing will be done in Portland on December 2 and 3, when the Pacific Northwest Athletic Union will hold its annual session. Formerly the official conference sessions were held every two years, but at the Spokane meeting last fall changes were made.

Thus the college heads will be able to reorganize and revamp their circuit, and move anywhere they see fit. Already Stanford and California and possibly Southern California will have representatives here, so that Stanford's exit from the circuit appears to be ready for the springing.

Whether it will be a "Big Six," "Big Eight" or "Big Nine," remains to be determined. At the present time, Washington, Washington State, Oregon and the Oregon Aggies will be included in the circuit at this end of the coast, and California athletes in California, providing Stanford returns to American football.

Southern California is stronger now than California, as the year Occidental and Pomona both defeated Southern California and Whittier gave the Los Angeles a 17-14 battle.

From this it can be seen that the Pacific Northwest teams in Southern California strong enough for entry into any new Coast circuit; two in Northern California, and at least four in the Pacific Northwest.

Occasionally, Whitman College and the University of Idaho sprout forth with some mighty football, but passes were out on them, and the material from which to expect major league ball every fall. For this reason they may not be included in the new circuit.

California's efforts to lure the famous Washington State coach, "Lone Star" Dietz, to Berkeley next fall, brings to mind that the Oregon Aggies will be fortunate if they are able to keep Coach Stewart another season. According to Detroit newspapers, Coach Stewart was offered the position of head coach at Michigan, Chicago and Boston.

MacKlin, the present Michigan coach, announced his resignation several weeks ago. It is also rumored that California has made Stewart some sort of offer, although its exact nature is not known. A rumor was around with Manager Stroud, of California, at the Seattle game Saturday.

Although we have often pointed out that comparative scores don't amount to a paragon's nest in doping out two rival football teams, yet the fact remains that the crowd and claiming an "undisputed" championship because Washington State ran up only 17 points on Whitman Saturday, while the Bruins scored 14, is a rather 2-2-0 a white back.

With all due respect to Coach Borleske, who will handle the game at Pullman Saturday was played under such extraordinary conditions that it is a wonder the Pullmanites won at all.

From five to six inches of snow, a bitter wind, a howling and a bitter wind were out of the question. Only one or two were even attempted. Fumbles were frequent because of the snow that clung to the ball and the footing was far worse than on a muddy field.

Washington State found it utterly impossible to open up and Whitman players, like wild men to down their husky opponents. For this they deserve great credit. But, when an attempt is made to compare this 17-0 score with the 14-0 score, we may say it is bunk, and likewise bosh.

Perhaps the Seattle folk have over-looked this one. Washington State arrived in Seattle from Idaho defeated Gonzaga 6-2, yet the best Washington could do was a 21-7 victory over Gonzaga. Doesn't look so good on that foot, does it?

Sam Dolan, famous Notre Dame tackle, officiated at the Whitman-Washington State embroglio, and Sam stopped off in Portland Sunday just long enough to say a few kind words about both Dietz and Borleske.

Both deserve great credit for the manner in which he has whipped so green and light a bunch into shape. "It is not a man who will not fight to the last ditch for him, and that, to my mind, is 90 per cent of the game. Coach Dietz impressed me as being a splendid fighter as well as a good sport. He would enjoy seeing his team meet any team, anywhere, at any time."

PULLMAN MAY PLAY IN SOUTH Washington College Bid to Games During Pasadena Festival.

PULLMAN, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Washington State College may meet some Eastern college at Pasadena, Cal., during the Tournament of Roses, if an invitation received here today is accepted. The message follows:

"Are arranging bill of football games between Eastern and Western college teams for New Year's day; as chairman of sports committee, am sure can obtain invitation for Pullman. Occasion offers splendid opportunity to obtain National recognition. Earnestly urge you to come; expense for big squad assured. Quick action felt necessary. Get busy. Consent to come—we will do the rest."

Washington State College faculty has consented if the college selected is recognized throughout the country.



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Coach Borleske Undergoes Operation

Stanley Borleske, coach of the Lincoln High School football squad, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils at St. Vincent's Hospital last Saturday night. Coach Borleske was taken to his home yesterday and is reported to be doing nicely. The Fall playoffs have finished their schedule in the local league this season, but an out-of-town contest has been arranged for Thanksgiving day.

Grangeville Footraces Postponed.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The cross-country run scheduled to take place here Saturday was postponed until next Saturday, because of the inclemency of the weather. The runners for Grangeville will be Long, Gregg and Cabot, while New Perts will be represented by Fogz, Fortin and Mullholland.

ALL STAR SMOKER TONIGHT

5-Big Boxing Events-5 RALPH GRUMAN vs. TOMMY CLARK DANNY O'BRIEN vs. WALTER KNOWLTON MASCOTT vs. M'COOL PARLOW vs. TRAMBITUS BRONSON vs. BROWN Substitute Boxers CLUB MEMBERS IN TRAINING BLAZIER, BODIE, COHEN, WESTON, SENEY, MOSCOW, GILLAND, HANSON Tickets on Sale at Rick's, 6th and Washington Streets.

ICE SKATING PARTY

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL Friday Night, Nov. 19th Special Attraction

PORTLAND HIPPODROME

Big things have been scheduled for the Portland Ice Hippodrome next Friday night. The Jefferson High School June 15, class has issued invitations for an ice skating party. Races for all weights, heights and styles will be featured, and prizes will be given to the winners.

Portland Out of the Coast League

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