SEALS, CHOPPED TO 17 MEN, ARRIVE

San Francisco Squad Finds Its First Wet Weather on Portland Field.

MEN IN FINE CONDITION

Berry's Club Now Going at Top Speed—Team to Be Kept Under Limit Unless Wolverton Finds Promising Youngsters.

Pacific Coast League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
San Fran.	20	13	.571	Salt Lake	14	15	.482
Los Angeles	17	13	.567	Oakland	15	20	.429
Vernon	17	15	.531	Portland	10	15	.400

Yesterday's Results.

At Portland—No game with the Seals, wet grounds.
At San Francisco—Salt Lake 5, Oakland 0.
At Vernon—Vernon 4, Los Angeles 0.

Direct from sunny San Francisco, where it sprinkled a few minutes Sunday for the first time in 45 days, to Portland, where the wettest Spring for a good many years is being endured, Manager Harry Wolverton and his San Francisco ball club arrived here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry accompanied the club. This is the San Francisco magnate's first visit in Portland for seven years.

Yesterday's game was postponed because of the soggy condition of the grounds. Walter McCredie and the Portland team tramped around in the mud for a few minutes and then telephoned to baseball headquarters that there was nothing doing. The bright sunshine of yesterday afternoon dried out the field, and if J. Pluvius is kind there should be a game today. Today will also be ladies' day.

Seal Squad Down to 17 Men.

Pitchers "Red" Oldham, "Poll" Perritt, Couch, "Spider" Baum, "Skeeter" Fanning, Bill Steen and "Curly" Brown, Catchers Louis Sepulveda and Clarence Brooks, First Baseman "Chick" Autrey, Second Baseman Jerry Downs, Third Baseman Jones, Shortstop Jack Coffey, Utility Infielder Les Sheehan and Outfielders "Biff" Schaller, Justin Fitzgerald and "Ping" Bodie comprise the entire Seal squad, and they are all in fine shape.

"You'll note that we are down to 17 men, and that's the way we intend to stay, unless Harry happens to pick up a promising-looking youngster," said President Berry yesterday. "Sheehan can play both the infield and outfield, and as our boys all want to play in all of the games, and we are able to carry seven pitchers among the 17, we figure that we can get by nicely."

Yesterday's postponement was the first one encountered by the San Francisco club this season. The weather has been ideal in San Francisco and Los Angeles since the season opened and the Seals have not played outside of that radius.

Seals Have Fine Baseball Weather.

According to Berry and Wolverton, old Jupiter Pluvius Sunday paid San Francisco a brief visit after an absence, unprecedented at this time of the year, of 45 days. The visit added .07 of an inch to the rainfall record in San Francisco. The month of April and so far this month has been the driest period in the Bay City and thereabouts since 1857. It has rained 4.71 inches in Portland in the last 45 days, the most of this falling since the Beavers came home.

Here is how the Seals have fared in every series since the season started: April 4, San Francisco 4 games, Portland 3 games; April 11, San Francisco 2 games, Vernon 5 games; April 18, San Francisco 4 games, Los Angeles 3 games; April 25, San Francisco 4 games, Salt Lake 3 games; May 2, San Francisco 6 games, Oakland 1 game.

The Seals are now in first place by the scanty margin of .004, due to the Angels' defeat yesterday by Vernon. The Seals have lost but one series since the opening gong rang and that was to Vernon at Los Angeles the second week of the season.

Team Not at Top Speed.

They had just finished playing Portland opening week and the only two pitchers on whom Boss Harry could depend were Couch and Steen. San Francisco was lucky to win the opening series with the Beavers and poor pitching was the reason they did nose out Walt McCredie's crew.

With the exception of the first two weeks, however, the Seals have played consistent ball. The supplanting of Sammy Bohne at shortstop by the veteran Jack Coffey and the rounding into form of the Seal pitching corps is the reason for the club's spurt after the disastrous week with the Tigers.

All the San Francisco pitchers are in fine fettle now and the Beavers will have to hustle or they are likely to get the same dose that the Oaks got last week from Wolverton's men when they lost six out of seven contests. The Seals were scheduled to play six games here, but only five can possibly be played since the postponement of yesterday.

Bill Steen for San Francisco is billed to work against Byron Houck for the Beavers today.

BEES SCORE FIVE IN NINTH

Game Runless for Eight Innings Turns to Slugfest With Oaks.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—In a game that was a pitchers' battle and without runs on either side until the ninth Salt Lake defeated Oakland today, 5 to 0.

The Bees started to hit Prough in the ninth, and with five hits scored five runs. A home run by Orr was one of the contributing factors. Blankenship, the Bee manager, was banished from the ground in the third, after an argument with Umpire Doyle. Score:

Salt Lake—	B	H	O	A	E	Oakland—	B	H	O	A	E
Quinlan,m	4	2	2	0	0	Barbeau,3	4	0	0	6	0
Rath,2	4	1	1	4	0	Zim'm'n,m	3	1	2	0	0
Brief,l	4	1	12	1	0	Middleton,l	4	1	1	0	0
Ryan,l	3	1	2	0	0	Kenw'ly,2	4	1	4	3	0
Shinn,r	3	1	1	0	0	Gardner,r	4	1	1	0	0
Orr,s	4	2	3	7	0	Barry,1	3	0	7	2	0
Hallinan,3	4	2	3	0	1	Elliott,c	4	1	7	2	0
Hannah,c	3	0	2	0	0	Davis,s	2	1	4	2	0
Hughes,p	3	0	0	2	0	Prough,p	2	0	1	1	0
Totals	32	10	27	14	1	Totals	30	6	27	16	0

Salt Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	—5
Hits	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	—10
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Hits	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	—6

Runs, Quinlan, Rath, Ryan, Shinn, Orr. Home run, Orr. Stolen bases, Rath, Ryan, Zimmerman, Gardner, Davis. Sacrifice hit, Prough. Bases on balls, off Hughes 3, off Prough 2. Struck out, by Hughes 2, by Prough 5. Double plays, Rath to Brief to Orr; Barbeau to Kenworthy to Barry; Rath to Orr to Brief. Runs responsible for, Prough 5. Left on bases, Salt Lake 2, Oakland 7. Time, 1:36. Umpires, Doyle and Pipgle.

ANGELS BLANKED BY VERNON

Seraphs Seem to Be Out of Condition on Return From Portland.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—The Los Angeles baseball team was shut out for the first time this season here today by Vernon 4 to 0 in a very ordinary and one-sided exhibition. The Angel players apparently were out of condition after their loitering spell during the rain in Portland. Decanniere and Ryan both were rather wild at times. The score:

Los Angeles—	B	H	O	A	E	Vernon—	B	H	O	A	E
Maggott,m	3	1	5	0	0	Doane,r	4	2	2	0	0
Kane,l	3	0	2	0	0	Gleichm'n,1	3	1	12	0	0
Wolter,r	4	1	1	0	0	Risberg,2	4	1	1	3	0
Koerner,1	4	1	6	0	0	Bates,3	4	1	1	2	0
Gal'oway,3	4	0	1	1	1	Daley,l	3	0	3	0	0
McLarry,2	3	0	2	2	1	Griggs,r	3	0	2	1	0
Fisher,s	3	0	3	1	1	M'Gaf'gn,s	3	1	3	0	0
Boles,c	3	2	4	2	1	Spencer,c	2	1	3	0	0
Ryan,p	0	0	0	1	1	DeCan're,p	2	0	0	1	0
Butler*	0	0	0	0	0						
Brant,p	0	0	0	2	0						
Ellis**	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	28	5	24	9	5	Totals	27	7	27	12	0

* Batted for Ryan in seventh.
** Batted for Brant in ninth.

Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Hits	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	—5
Vernon	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	x	—4
Hits	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	x	—7

Runs, Doane, Bates, Daley 2. Stolen base, Daley. Two-base hit, Risberg. Sacrifice hits, Gleichmann 2, Ryan, McGaffigan, Daley. Struck out, by Ryan 1; DeCanniere, 2; Brant, 2. Bases on balls, off DeCanniere, 7; Ryan, 6; Brant, 3. Runs responsible for, Ryan, 2; 5 hits 4 runs, 21 at bat off Ryan in 6 innings. Charge defeat to Ryan. Double plays, Brant to Fisher to Koerner; Risberg to Gleichmann; DeCanniere to McGaffigan to Gleichmann. Time 1:45. Umpires, Held and Brashear.

RAINIER WINS COUNTY MEET

St. Helens 32 Points Behind Leader, Clatskanie Third.

CLATSKANIE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Rainier High School easily won the annual Columbia County track and field meet held Saturday at Rainier. A slow, muddy track made fast time impossible, and extreme cold helped further to prevent any spectacular performance. Furer, of Rainier; Ellertsen, of Clatskanie, and Perry, of St. Helens, were the individual high-point winners. Following were the results of the different events:

Mile run, Lambersen (R.), Biggs (C.); 50-yard dash, Furer (R.), Ellertsen (C.), McGillvary (C.); high jump, Furer (R.), Neeley (S. H.), Ellertsen (C.) and Perry (S. H.), tied for third; 440-yard dash, Gallagher (R.), Perry (S. H.), McKiel (C.); discus, Perry (S. H.), Atkins (R.), Furer (R.); 100-yard dash, Furer (R.), Perry (S. H.), Graham (C.); pole vault, Furer (R.), Atkins (R.), Zysett (S. H.); shotput, Perry (S. H.), Ellertsen (C.), Furer (R.); broad jump, Furer (R.), Graham (C.), Atkins (R.); javelin, Ellertsen (C.), Furer (R.), Perry (S. H.); relay, won by Rainier, Clatskanie second. Total points, Rainier 54, St. Helens 21½, Clatskanie 20½.

RITCHIE COMES WEST SOON

Ex-Champion to Leave Chicago for Bout Here June 9.

Manager Joe Flanigan, of the Beaver Athletic Club, received word yesterday from Willie Ritchie saying that he would leave Chicago for Portland within a few days. He will arrive here May 26 or 27. Ritchie will box either Al Sommers, Billy Wright, Frank Barrieau or Ralph Gruman on June 9, as a special added attraction of the Portland Rose Festival.

The officials of the Beaver Club have practically decided to let Sommers, the undefeated Portland middleweight, box Ritchie. Sommers has agreed to make 152 pounds for the former lightweight champion, who would be giving away only seven pounds.

What will be perhaps the classiest boxing card ever arranged will back up the top-line attraction, and the club will soon be making out-of-town reservations. The affair will be held at one of the local theaters, the Armory, or one of the Portland athletic clubs.

Pitcher Cole, of Tono, Injured.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Bert Cole, a pitcher secured by Tono from Seattle, spained his ankle Sunday and will be out of the game for two weeks. The coal miners have a strong pitching staff, however, and are in fine shape to work short-handed until Cole recovers. The game to have been played with Doty Sunday was postponed on account of rain.

Baseball Summary.

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS.

National League.	W.	L.	Pc.		W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	10	4	.715	Philadelphia	8	8	.500
Boston	10	5	.667	St. Louis	10	10	.500
Chicago	12	9	.556	Pittsburg	9	13	.409
Cincinnati	11	11	.500	New York	3	13	.188
American League.							
Cleveland	15	8	.652	Boston	11	11	.500
New York	11	9	.550	Chicago	11	13	.458
Washington	11	9	.550	St. Louis	8	11	.421
Detroit	11	11	.500	Philadelphia	7	13	.350
American Association.							
Minneapolis	12	6	.667	Indianapolis	9	9	.500
Louisville	12	6	.667	Kansas City	7	11	.389
Columbus	11	7	.611	Toledo	6	11	.353
St. Paul	9	8	.529	Milwaukee	5	13	.278
Western League.							
Topeka	10	5	.667	Des Moines	7	9	.438
Lincoln	10	6	.625	Sioux City	7	10	.412
Wichita	10	6	.625	Denver	6	10	.375
Omaha	8	7	.533	St. Joseph	5	10	.333
Northwestern League.							
Spokane	7	4	.636	Seattle	6	6	.500
Great Falls	7	5	.583	Vancouver	5	7	.417
Butte	6	5	.545	Tacoma	3	7	.300

Yesterday's Results.

American Association—At Minneapolis 3, Indianapolis 0; at Kansas City 8, Columbus 3; at St. Paul 7, Louisville 3; at Milwaukee 14, Toledo 8.

Northwestern League—Seattle 1, Tacoma 0 (10 innings); Spokane 3, Butte 2; Great Falls 10, Vancouver 1.

Western League—At St. Joseph 4, Wichita 1; at Des Moines 7, Sioux City 5; at Lincoln 2, Omaha 1; Topeka 8, Denver 6.

Where the Teams Play Next Week.

Pacific Coast League—Portland at Salt Lake, Los Angeles at San Francisco, Oakland at Vernon.

Where the Teams Play Today.

Pacific Coast League—San Francisco at Portland, Salt Lake at Oakland, Los Angeles at Vernon.

How the Series Stand.

Pacific Coast League—Salt Lake 1 game, Oakland no game; Vernon 1 game, Los Angeles no games; San Francisco-Portland series has not started as yet.

YESTERDAY'S POSTPONEMENT DID NOT WORRY SEAL BOSS OR OWNER—IT'S SPRINKLED ONCE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 45 DAYS.

Harry Wolverton Henry Berry

GIANTS WIN, 13 TO 5

Matty Only One of Six Effective in Game With Pirates.

CUB RALLY BEATS REDS

Fred Williams' Triple With Bases Full Puts Skids Under Cincinnati in Eighth—Slugfest Starts After Two Are Out.

PITTSBURG, May 9.—The New York Nationals won from Pittsburg by a score of 13 to 5 here today in a game featured by weak pitching. Each side used three pitchers, but Mathewson was the only one effective, allowing one hit in four innings. Burns, Robertson and Doyle starred with the bat. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
New York	13	16	1	Pittsburg	5	8	3

Batteries—Tesreau, Benton, Mathewson and Rariden; Harmon, Jacobs, Hill and Gibson, Schmidt.

Chicago 8, Cincinnati 5.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Fred Williams' triple broke up today's game with Cincinnati and gave the Chicago Nationals an 8-to-5 victory. After two men were out in the eighth inning, Prendergast started the winning rally with a single. Schulte and Flack followed with safe hits, filling the bases. Williams followed with his timely hit, which gave the locals the game. Zimmerman scored Williams with a single, then stole second and third and clinched the game by scoring on Clarke's wild throw to third. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	5	9	3	Chicago	8	16	1

Batteries—Mitchell, Schneider, Schulz and Clark; Seaton, Pierce, Prendergast and Allen.

No other games scheduled in National League.

TIGERS LOSE IN 10TH ON MUFF

Dean Drops Fly Ball and Lets Seattle Score Only Run of Game.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 9.—Seattle defeated Tacoma, 1 to 0, in 10 innings today. With one out in the tenth, Dean dropped Cadman's fly to left field and Eastley sent a long drive to left center, scoring Cadman with the winning run. Dean's muff was the only error in the game. Both Eastley, for Seattle, and Telford, for Tacoma, pitched steady ball. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Tacoma	0	7	1	Seattle	1	5	0

Batteries—Telford and Roberts; Eastley and Cadman.

Spokane 3, Butte 2.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 9.—With the score tied in the ninth, Butte scored again in the tenth, making it 2 to 1 for the visitors, but along came McGinnis with a triple that brought in the tying run and Sheeley then brought home the bacon for the Indians with an opportune single, the final score being 3 to 2. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Butte	2	6	2	Spokane	3	9	2

Batteries—Meikle, Hovey and Hoffman, Altman; Shader and Murray, Sheely.

Great Falls 10, Vancouver 1.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 9.—Kallio held Vancouver to four hits today and Great Falls won, 10 to 1. Salveson was wild and had poor support. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Great Falls	10	5	1	Vancouver	1	4	4

Batteries—Kallio and Haworth, Salveson and Cheek.

RISBERG AND QUINLAN FINED

Coast League Players Not to Be Permitted to Fight in Field.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—From $25 up is to be the cost to Pacific Coast League baseball players this season for losing their tempers and showing it. C. A. ("Swede") Risberg, second baseman for Vernon, and Thomas Quinlan, center fielder for Salt Lake City, each were assessed the $25 minimum today by President Allan T. Baum, of the League, on account of a squabble last Saturday at Los Angeles.

Risberg accused Quinlan of interfering with a play in the eighth inning, and in an ensuing scuffle most of Quinlan's shirt disappeared.

Elma May Play.

ELMA, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Coach Hawley of the Aberdeen football team, has asked that the Elma team give him two games next season. Coach Dunning, of the Elma team, says that he will consider the request before answering.

Umapine Defeats Helix, 12 to 9.

UMAPINE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The fifth baseball game of the season's series of the Central Umatilla County Baseball League was played between the Umapine Braves and Helix teams at Helix yesterday. The score was 12 to 9 in favor of the Umapine Braves.

RED SOX WELCOME TRIS WITH GIFTS

Shriners and Former Teammates Give Fine Presents. Indians Lose, 5 To 1.

ATHLETIC PITCHERS WILD

Thirty Passes Given in Clash With Detroit, Tigers Winning, 16 to 2. White Sox Beat Yanks in Uphill Game — Browns Win.

BOSTON, May 9.—A warm welcome was given Tris Speaker by his old friends here today, but the Red Sox administered a 5-to-1 defeat to the Cleveland Americans. The Shriners presented Speaker with a fez and a jeweled badge. The Boston club's gift was a massive silver loving cup. Speaker scored Cleveland's only run on his terrific drive to the flagpole for three bases and a single by Roth. Leonard pitched good ball for Boston, allowing but three hits. Coveleskie passed Carrigan twice and each time he scored a run. Errors by Cleveland's infielders coupled with hits accounted for Boston's other runs. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	1	3	4	Boston	5	6	0

Batteries—Coveleskie, Mitchell and O'Neill; Leonard and Carrigan.

Detroit 16, Philadelphia 2.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Thirty bases on balls were given in the game in which the Detroit Americans defeated Philadelphia today, 16 to 2. Eighteen of these passes were handed out by the home twirlers, Ray leading with 12, while Cunningham and Boland, of Detroit, each gave six. Detroit hit the ball hard with runners on the bases, Cobb twice making doubles with the bases filled, each hit driving in two teammates. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Detroit	16	11	0	Philadelphia	2	3	5

Batteries—Cunningham, Boland and Stanage, Baker; Nabors, Weaver, Ray and Schang, Murphy.

Chicago 5, New York 4.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Chicago Americans played an uphill game here today and defeated New York by a score of 5 to 4.

With Chicago four runs behind in the fourth inning, Fournier made a home run with two on bases. Jackson's triple and McMullin's single tied the score. Chicago scored the winning run in the fifth. The Yankees knocked Williams out of the box in the fourth inning, but could do nothing with Cicotte. The score:

Chicago—	B	H	O	A	E	New York—	B	H	O	A	E
Felsch	2	0	5	0	1	Gilhooley,r	4	0	5	0	0
J.Collins,l	4	1	0	0	0	Magee,1	3	0	1	0	0
E.Collins,2	3	2	3	3	0	Maisel,m	3	1	0	0	0
Fournier,1	4	1	8	0	0	Baker,3	2	1	0	1	0
Jackson,r	4	1	0	0	0	Gedeon,2	4	1	1	2	1
Weaver,s	3	0	1	1	0	Pipp,1	4	0	10	2	0
McMull'n,3	4	1	2	2	0	Peck'p'gh,s	3	0	4	6	0
Schalk,c	4	0	8	3	1	Alex'der,c	4	1	5	1	0
Will'ms,p	1	0	0	0	0	Cook*	0	0	0	0	0
Cicotte,p	2	0	0	2	1	Caldwell,p	4	2	1	1	0
Totals	31	6	27	11	3	Totals	30	6	27	13	1

*Ran for Alexander in ninth.

Chicago	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	—5
New York	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—4

Runs, Felsch, J. Collins, E. Collins, Fournier, Jackson, Gilhooley, Maisel 2, Baker. Two-base hits, Maisel, E. Collins. Three-base hit, Jackson. Home run, Baker. Sacrifice hit, Weaver. Stolen base, Felsch. Double plays, Pipp to Peckinpaugh to Pipp; E. Collins to Fournier. Bases on balls, off Caldwell 3, off Williams 4, off Cicotte 1. Hits and earned runs, off Williams, 4 hits, 4 runs in 2 2-3 innings; off Cicotte, 2 hits and no runs in 6 1-3 innings; off Caldwell, 5 runs. Struck out, by Caldwell 5, by Williams 2, by Cicotte 5. Umpires, Nallin and Dineen.

St. Louis 10, Washington 5.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The St. Louis Americans easily defeated Washington today, 10 to 5, mainly because of the wildness of Harper and Ayers. Groom and Davenport both were batted out of the box, but Parks finished strong for St. Louis. Score:

St. Louis—	B	H	O	A	E	Washington—	B	H	O	A	E
Shotton,m	4	1	2	1	0	Morgan,2	4	3	2	0	0
Johnst'n,s	1	0	2	5	0	Foster,3	5	1	1	0	1
Miller,2	5	2	3	0	0	Milan	4	2	3	0	0
Sisler,1	5	2	10	0	0	Rondeau,c	3	0	3	0	0
Pratt,2	2	0	5	2	0	Judge,1	5	2	4	0	0
Marsans,l	5	1	4	0	0	Shanks,r	3	0	2	0	0
Deal,3	4	1	1	2	0	Henry,c	4	2	3	4	0
Hartley,c	5	2	3	4	1	McBride,s	4	1	1	2	0
Groom,p	0	0	0	0	0	Harper,p	3	0	1	0	0
Davp'rt,p	1	0	0	0	0	Ayres,p	0	0	0	0	0
Parks,p	2	1	0	1	0	Gallia,p	0	0	0	0	0
Crandall*	1	0	0	0	0	Moeller**	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	9	27	15	1	Totals	33	11	27	6	1

* Batted for Davenport in fifth.
** Batted for Gallia in ninth.

St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	—10
Washington	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—5

Runs, Shotton, Johnson, Miller 2, Sisler 2, Pratt, Marsans, Hartley, Parks, Judge 2, Shanks, Henry, Harper. Two-base hits, Miller, Marsans, Judge, Henry. Three-base hit, Sisler. Stolen bases, Sisler, Milan, Judge 2, Harper, Johnson. Double play, Deal to Sisler. Bases on balls, Harper 7, Groom 1, Davenport 1, Parks 2, Ayres 2. Hits and earned runs, off Groom 3 hits 2 runs in 1 inning (one on base and none out in second), Davenport 5 and 2 in 3, Parks 3 and none in 3, Harper 6 and 5 in 6 (two on base and none out in seventh), Ayres 3 and 4 in 1 (three on base and none out in eighth), Gallia none and none in 2. Struck out, Harper, 8, Davenport 1, Parks 3, Ayres 1. Umpires, Hildebrand and Evans.

Coast League Gossip

PAUL FITTERY, Salt Lake southpaw, in size, shape and delivery is almost a duplicate of Claude Williams. This much is admitted by the average fan. Blankenship goes the A. F. one better, and pronounces Fittery even a better pitcher than Williams. Williams carried the club through the major part of the season last year, but at the finish Fittery was twirling the better ball of the two. In the last month he looked better than the "Little Giant," who is now performing such Herculean feats for the White Sox.

Many games pitched recently by Fittery have been classics. "Fittery has everything that Williams ever had, and on top of this a much better curve ball," declared Blankenship. "In short, he is a better pitcher than Williams." You've simply got to hand it to the Salt Lake Bees when it comes to recognizing them in the rough. The guy who discovered Walter Johnson and "Bullet Joe" Bush was not deceived in Williams and Fittery.

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When Manager Rowdy Elliott, of the Oaks, lured Elwood Martin out of the wilds of Pleasanton, Cal., let it be whispered that young Martin, who was about to blossom forth as a young author, pitched, managed, captained and batted first on a bush club last season.

Martin's prospective contribution to the literature of the present era was to be entitled "How to Pitch, Manage, Captain and Bat First on a Bush Ball Club." The leading author was hard at work grinding out his impressions when Rowdy Elliott flashed an Oak contract upon him.

Martin is undecided yet whether or not to continue with the masterpiece. He is also on the fence regarding "moving-picture rights."

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"Ballplayers now are welcomed at the best hotels," a headline informs us. Is it a wonder? In the olden days most of the hotels operated on the American plan. Now they operate on the European plan. And you know those baseball appetites, Oscar. Can you blame the hotel managers for welcoming the advent of ballplayers in their dining-rooms where service is a la carte?

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Wails of Judge McCredie.

When days are cold and dark and glum,
And baseball fans refuse to come,
Depositing their hard-earned gold,
The game is called because of cold.

If 20,000 fans were there,
Though frigid breezes filled the air,
The game would be postponed, I guess,
O yes! O yes! O yes! O yes!

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Rowdy Elliott is singing the praises of young Martin. "I have caught many a young pitcher," he said the other day, "but in all my life I have never seen a boy with as much stuff on the ball as Martin has showed me. He is a wonder; that's all there is to it."

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The boys of the San Francisco, Cal., Nursery for Homeless Children have accepted an invitation from Jack Cook, of the Oakland team, to attend the ball game next Saturday between the Oaks and Salt Lake. As these boys go to school during the remainder of the week, their baseball will be dished up to them on Saturday.

CASTLE ROCK TRACK MEN WIN

Cowlitz County School Field Meet Brings Two New Records.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Castle Rock won the track and field meet of the Cowlitz County School Athletic Association, which was held in this city Saturday afternoon. Castle Rock scored 70 points, while Woodburn had 22, Kelso 14 and Silver Lake 6 in the high school contests. Woodland was ahead in the grades, with 47 points, Castle Rock 19, Silver Lake 11, Kelso 5, Carrolls 5 and Tucker 3.

Two new county records were made, Laurence Ruth, of Castle Rock High School, throwing the 16-pound shot 42 feet 9 inches, while J. Boogaard, of the Silver Lake School threw it 38 feet 5 inches. The other record was made by Edward Feak, of this city, who ran the mile in 4:39. L. Swart, of Woodland, made the 50-yard dash in 5.4, while E. Blue, of the same place, made it for the high school.

James Lovering, of this place, won the 120-yard high hurdles in 18.3.

In the pole vault Harry Peabody, of this city, won by making a height of 10 feet 4 inches. Seth Leaming, of this city, won the 220-yard dash in 24.3 seconds, with Etters, of the same school, a close second. Edward Feak also won the half mile in 2:22. Woodland grades won the one-half mile relay in 2 2-5 seconds, while Castle Rock High won the one-half mile relay in 1:46.

NELSON OREGON CAPTAIN

VARSITY BASEBALL VETERAN TO LEAD NINE IN 1917.

Team to Lose Cornell and Tuerck by Graduation, but New Material From Freshmen Is Promising.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 9. — (Special.) — Dick Nelson, veteran of three years on the varsity nine, has been chosen to pilot the team through the 1917 season. His election took place last night as the team was returning from its trip to Corvallis, where the last two games of the season were played and lost, ending the season with a percentage of .500.

Dick was the only three-year letter man on the team this year, having played first base for the past three seasons. His wide experience in baseball, both collegiate and in the "bushes," fits him for an ideal leader of next year's varsity squad.

The big first baseman hails from Lafayette. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Oregon loses two of her star ballplayers this year by the graduation route. Bill Tuerck has been varsity pitcher for four years and Anse Cornell, captain the past season, saw four years of service at short and second. But with the left-over material of this year and with what has been showing up well among the freshmen, the possibilities for a winning aggregation next year are particularly bright.

Looking Them Over.

HAS a base runner the right to run back to first base if he has become the occupant of second, or move back to second, if he has acquired possession of third? The rights of the runner in this respect are a much-mooted question, on which many of the authorities of the game fail to agree.

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A number of years ago Harry Davis first brought this play up for discussion. Davis was within his rights in doing what he did. Davis was on first and a fast runner on third. Davis wanted the catcher to make a throw to second so that the fast man on third might have a chance to reach home on the play. On a pitched ball Davis ran to second, but the catcher did not throw the ball, deciding to play it safe. Davis did not touch second; this is a most important point in the play. He went within a foot or so of the bag and then dashed back to first. He repeated this trick several times, each time failing to touch second base. Since he did not touch second, first base still belonged to him, and he had the right to return if he so desired.

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A few years ago Herman Schaefer brought up another phase of this play. A great many believed it was simply a repetition of what Davis did a number of years before, but as a matter of fact Schaefer pulled a distinctly different play. Conditions were the same as in the Davis play, two out, Schaefer on first and a fast man on third, Clyde Milan, I believe. Schaefer ran to second, hoping the catcher would make a play on him, thus giving Milan a chance to beat it home with a much-needed run. The catcher decided to play it safe and take a chance on the batter, consequently did not make the throw to second.

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Schaefer acquired possession of second, and after the pitcher had delivered a ball to the batter, he made a break for first base. Immediately there was all kinds of confusion. The opposing team was up in the air. With Schaefer standing on first, the ball was thrown to the second baseman and that player touched the second sack. The umpire rendered no decision. Then the second baseman threw the ball to the first baseman. At once Schaefer started for second. At about the same time Milan started for the plate. The first baseman on getting the ball made a hurried throw to the plate and received the decision over Milan. The fact that Milan was retired lessened the confusion as to the status of Schaefer. As a matter of fact it is still a matter of doubt.

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Can Schaefer after he has become the occupant of second run back to first? There are those who contend that in doing so he is running contrary to the rules of the game. They point out that if a batter hit a ball and ran toward third instead of first the umpire would call him out for so doing. There are others who believe that Schaefer had the right to take such a chance if he so desired. There are others who believe that he had the right, but the moment he retouched first he should have been declared out, just as a batter who, seeing he is about to be touched out between first and home, retraces his steps toward the plate, to give other runners a chance to advance. Umpires make it a rule to call the runner out the moment he passes back over the plate, for if there was no line of division the runner could have the fielder chase him all over the lot. The play offers many situations and is the cause of many arguments. If all were unanimous that Schaefer in running contrary to the laws and rules of the game was out for so doing, then of course it would be easy.

CLOSE FIELD MEET EXPECTED

La Grande to Send Special Train to Big Games at Baker.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—La Grande supporters of the high school track team are working up a special train to Baker next Saturday, when the annual Eastern Oregon scholastic classic is to be held there. La Grande, Pendleton and Baker are prominently in the race for first honors. Pendleton's stellar performance against Walla Walla last Friday is admittedly proof that the Round-up town has a strong team. Pendleton is practically certain of 25 points, La Grande contends she can muster about that many and Baker likewise is going to get 25 or 26 points, she contends. With scattering point-winners certain to bob up, it is believed the meet will be taken by not more than 30 points, and probably by a margin of one or two points over the nearest competitor.

Last year Pendleton won the meet by one point over La Grande.

Fitzgerald Leads in Three Departments of Game.

San Francisco Outfielder Heads Rungetters, Base-Runners and Three-Base-Hitters of League.

JUSTIN FITZGERALD, one of the popular outfielders of the San Francisco Seals now showing against the Portland Beavers on the Vaughn-street grounds, holds three honors so far in the 1916 season of the Pacific Coast League. He leads the rungetters, base-stealers and