

# PASADENA MAY GET VERNON FRANCHISE

### W. W. McCredie Favors Shift and Playing of Games in Los Angeles.

## ADVANTAGES POINTED OUT

Portland Magnate Says Change to Other City Would Add Prestige to Coast League—Baum to Eliminate One Umpire.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.  
W. W. McCredie, of Portland, is one Pacific Coast League magnate who favors strongly the transfer of the Vernon franchise to Pasadena. He has led this agitation for several years and it is not improbable that some such action will follow in the wake of the charges filed at the league by Ed Maier, ex-owner of the Tigers, and still the owner of the ball park at Vernon. Judge McCredie's plan is to award the team to Pasadena, but play all the games in Los Angeles, eliminating the Sunday morning game completely. "The only game that is played at Vernon now is the Sunday morning affair," said Judge McCredie yesterday. "All other Vernon games are played in the Los Angeles park. This Sunday morning game at Vernon does not pay and it could be eliminated to good advantage."

"Pasadena is a very conservative town and no Sunday games are allowed in the city. For this reason I favor cutting the schedule to six games per series in Los Angeles. This would put Pasadena on a par with Portland and Salt Lake." The Portland owner is in favor of retaining the Sunday morning game at Oakland. Whenever either San Francisco or Oakland play around the bay the teams cross over every Sunday morning to the Oakland park and large crowds pack the park. Last year as high as 10,000 and 12,000 fans arose in the early morning on some Sundays for this weekly attraction. "Vernon means nothing at all," explained Judge McCredie, continuing his line of argument. "It is a small suburb on the outskirts of Los Angeles where the Los Angeles people skylark at night. Pasadena, on the other hand, is a city with a National reputation and it would strengthen the prestige of the Pacific Coast League to substitute Pasadena for Vernon, although it would be a representation in name only."

Dennis Wille, Portland outfielder, is an obstreperous little Southerner, but just the same Dennis doesn't intend to lose out on the Honolulu trip for the sake of a minor matter like a strike or walkout.

The McCredies received a letter from Outfielder Wille yesterday from Los Angeles saying he was glad of the opportunity to make the training trip to Honolulu.

Kenneth Williams, another outfielder, also wrote from Grants Pass announcing that he would be in Portland February 10 with his portmanteau packed for the sea voyage.

Another Kenneth—Penner—the new pitcher secured from Cleveland, sent in his signed contract. This document gives Portland two catchers, Fisher and O'Brien; pitchers, Penner, Bibbee, Helfrich, Insider Stumpf and two outfielders, Williams and Wille, already signed and out of the pale of any strike order from Dave Fuld.

In a pinch, Bill Pankle could play first base; Walker Campbell, second; Senator S. B. Huston, short, and Ed Worlein in the outfield, so as things shape up Portland should be able to place a team in the field in April—strike or no strike.

As usual, quite a flock of California youngsters will be given tryouts in Northwestern League camps this Spring. Nick Williams is whispering in Antioch and the blonde Spokane manager announced that Oakland the other day that he had signed Bobby Smale, former Tech high outfielder, and young Bloomfield, a harbor twirler and brother of Bill Bloomfield. The youngster has been tossing them up for St. Mary's, Bill Leonard, of the Seattle club, will give the "pogies" to two young outfielders, Joe Devine and Clarke Boldt. These boys are playing with a bush all-star outfit around the bay.

Through the clouds that hover ominously over baseball one little ray of light shines through to warm the hearts of fandom. President Baum is to fire an umpire. Al Joy, of the San Francisco Examiner, thinks the victim will be Jack Doyle. Besides Doyle are Ed Finney, Red Held, Bill Guthrie, Billy Phyle and Kitty Brahear.

## WHITE SOX SQUAD NAMED

Formidable Array of Talent to Go to Spring Training Camp.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(Special).—Barling the owner will refuse to sign because of the fight between the Players' Fraternity and magnates the following pastimers will accompany manager Clarence Rowland when the White Sox leave for their training camp:

Pitchers—Joseph D. Bez, Cicotte, D. C. Danforth, Urban Faber, Bruno Haas, Elwood "Speed" Martin, E. A. Ruesch, James Scott, Claude Williams and M. G. Wolfgang.

Catchers—W. T. Gray, Joe Jenkins, John W. Lapp, Byrd Lynn, Walter Mayer and Ray Schalk.

Infielders—John C. "Jack" Ness, F. M. Henry, Robert Haskrook, Theodore Jordan, Ed T. "Eddie" Collins, Charles "Swede" Risberg, George Weaver, Bruce Hartford, Z. A. "Zeb" Terry, Fred McMullen and H. Von Kohn.

Outfielders—Joe Jackson, John Collins, Jacques Fournier, Harry Leebold, Edward Murphy, Oscar Felsch and Ross "Red" Eldred.

Coach—William Gleason

## FRAT PLAYERS MAY BE BARRED

Head of Montreal Club Expects Support From League Directors.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 24.—A move to bar all members of the Baseball Players' Fraternity from the Montreal baseball club will be taken at the special meeting of the International League, to be held next month, it was announced today by President Lichtenheim, of the Montreal club. If that league sanctions his course he said he would ask all his players to abandon the fraternity or else offer them such contracts as to force them out of baseball.

## ANGELS HARD FOR PIERCEY

Records Show 1916 Pennant Winner Was Almost Unbeatable to Him.

In the 1915 and 1916 experience of Piercey as a Coast League pitcher with Vernon in 1915, and with Salt Lake in 1916, Los Angeles proved an almost unbeatable foe while Oakland proved

the easiest picking that any league pitcher has had in the last two years. In the two seasons Piercey won only three and lost 11 games against Los Angeles. Against Oakland, on the other hand, Piercey won 11 and lost only two, coming through the 1916 season with a clean slate of seven wins and no defeats against the Oaks. In the two years Piercey won seven and lost five against Portland, and won six and lost seven against San Francisco. In 1915, while with Vernon, Piercey won five and lost only one against Salt Lake, and in 1916, while with Salt Lake, Piercey won four and lost three against Vernon.

Piercey's record against each club for the last two years follows: 1915—Vs. Los Angeles, won two, lost five; vs. Oakland, won four, lost two; vs. Portland, won four, lost one; vs. Salt Lake, won five, lost one; vs. San Francisco, won one, lost five. 1916—Vs. Los Angeles, Piercey won one, lost six; vs. Oakland, won seven, lost none; vs. Portland, won three, lost four; vs. San Francisco, won five, lost two; vs. Vernon, won four, lost three.

## TWO NEW MARKS SET

70-YARD HURDLES AND MILE AND HALF RACE RECORDS GO.

Robert Simpson Covers Low Sticks in 8 1-5 Seconds, Defeating J. J. Eller, Holder of Title.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Two American records were broken here today in the games of the Milrose Indoor Athletic Club. In the one and one-half invitation scratch race, Joe W. Ray, running under the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club, of Chicago, established a mark of 6 minutes and 45 seconds, and in the 70-yard low hurdles scratch event Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri, cut a fifth of a second from the American record of 8 2-5 seconds, held jointly by J. J. and Robert Eller since 1910 and 1911. In this race Simpson was closely pressed by J. J. Eller, George H. Goulding, of Canada, world's champion, was unable to overcome a handicap of 30 seconds in the two-mile walk, finishing fully 100 yards behind Richard Kemmer, New York Athletic Club, the winner. Ted Meredith, of the Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, led from start to finish in the special 600-yard run, winning by two yards from Joe Higgins, of New York. Dave Caldwell, of Boston, was a close third. Jo Loomis, of Chicago, after winning his trial heat of the 70-yard dash in 7 3-5 seconds, won the final by going one-fifth of a second faster.

Summary: Two-mile walk handicap—Won by R. P. Bemer, New York Athletic Club, 30 seconds; J. P. Pearson, New York Athletic Club, 35 seconds; second, George H. Goulding, Toronto, Canada, scratch, third, Time, 1:07:2-5. Inter-city match, one-mile relay—Won by Milrose Athletic Association, New York; Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, second, Time, 5:37:1-0.

One and one-half-mile invitation race (scratch)—Won by Joe W. Ray, Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago; John W. Overton, Yale, second; Michael A. Deveney, Milrose Athletic Association, third, Time, 6:45, making a new American record for the distance. Seventy-yard dash (scratch)—Won by J. G. Loomis, Chicago Athletic Association; Alvin T. Meyer, Irish American Athletic Club, New York, second; Brook Brewer, Maryland State College, third, Time, 7:2-5 seconds.

600-yard run (scratch)—Won by James E. ("Ted") Meredith, Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia; Joseph P. Higgins, Irish American Athletic Club, second; Dave S. Caldwell, Boston Athletic Association, third, Time, 1:14:3-0.

70-yard low hurdles (scratch)—Won by Robert Simpson, University of Missouri; John J. Eller, Irish American Athletic Club, New York, second; J. G. Loomis, Chicago Athletic Association, third, Time, 8:1-0, seconds, establishing a new American record. Former record, 8 3-5 seconds, held jointly by J. J. and Robert Eller made in Madison Square Garden, 1910 and 1911.

## TENNESSEE GETS BOOST

COACH BENDER CALLS SOUTHERN FOOTBALL SUPERIOR.

Former Charges at Whitman to Meet His Present Team in Contest at New York Next Season.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Jan. 24.—(Special).—John Bender, erstwhile coach of the crimson and gray football and baseball teams, is desirous of meeting his former charges in no less a city than New York, according to a letter received from him a few days ago by Graduate Manager W. C. Kraegel. Bender, in his epistle, modestly declared that football as played in the South, particularly at the University of Tennessee, where he is now coaching, is somewhat superior to the Northwestern gridiron play and wants to prove his statement by clinching a game with the State College footballers for next Christmas afternoon on the Polo Grounds.

Athletic Director Bohler stated that he is dickering with an Eastern team of repute, hoping to arrange a battle in an Eastern city some time after the close of the coming season. He refused to state the name of the institution which is offering the contract, but asserted that the game was altogether probable. He said that Bender's team might be met on the same trip, in some Southern metropolis.

## Chicago Basketball Team Comes.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special).—Athletic Director Fred Bohler announces the scheduling of two court battles with the crack Crescents of Chicago for February 13 and 19 in Bohler gymnasium. The Eastern aggregation has been submitting all opposition men on its Western invasion. It is composed of the Windy City's best basketballers, being an independent five touring the West and meeting the best club and college quintets. Gonzaga University and University of Idaho will also play the Crescents, according to the statement of Doc Bohler.

## State Fair Racing Schedule Set.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special).—Secretary Frank Meredith yesterday announced the racing schedule for the 1917 State Fair. Purse offered will aggregate \$5000 for ten events, 2:15 and free-for-all trots and 2:08 and free-for-all paces, listed at today to be a world's bowling record. No money will be offered for runners except for Indian relay and straight-away races.

## 15 Yanks Ordered to Report.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Fifteen pitchers have been ordered to report on Monday, February 26, at the training camp of the New York American League club at Macon, Ga. The other players on the squad have been ordered to report on March 5.

## New World's Bowling Record Made.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—What was said today to be a world's bowling record was made last night by the five-men team of the Windy City League of Chicago with a team game of 1280 and a league club at Macon, Ga. The other players on the squad have been ordered to report on March 5.

# MINOR LEAGUES HIT BY FRAT'S DEMANDS

### Small Clubs Unable to Pay Traveling Expenses to Training Camps.

## JUDGE M'CREIDIE TALKS

Head of Portland Club Says Coast League Will Not Be Affected, as Most of Clubs Provide Transportation for All Recruits.

One of the demands of the Baseball Players' Fraternity in the threatened clash with the magnates and players is that the minor leagues should pay players' traveling expenses to training camps when reporting for Spring practice. Judge William Wallace McCredie, president of the Portland baseball club, in discussing the situation, had a few words to say about this one demand that will interest the fans, especially as it comes from a man who is one of the best baseball heads in all America. "Most of the Coast League clubs do pay this expense now," said the jurist. "We have always done so, and, in fact, I don't know of a Coast club that does not. Most of the clubs are lower than class B and are supported by some good 'angels'."

"Take the Western Tri-State League during its existence, composed of clubs in Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Why, if it had not been for Roy Hinger of Pendleton, Jay Van Buren of La Grande, and several other wealthy lovers of baseball in the vicinity, the league would never have finished a season. They all lost money being good sports. Suppose they were forced to pay players' fares from some point in the East in addition to this, it would be merely working a hardship on fellows who dig down in their own pockets to keep the sport alive."

"Leagues as big as the Northwestern, class B, have found it difficult to get by. How can they stand to pay players' railroad fares? Nonsense," concluded the ex-Washington Representative.

Fans were wondering yesterday just how Harry Peltinger, of San Francisco, obtained enough margin over "Muff" Bronson at Seattle some six weeks ago to get a decision. Bronson clearly demonstrated at the Rose City Athletic Club Tuesday night that he was the Seal Rocks City lad's master. From accounts of the battle at Seattle one was led to believe that Peltinger was a boy on the order of Jimmy Duffy, who took Weldon Wing down the line. But he just boxed like most other good fast boys and was beaten at his own game.

Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri, world's champion high hurdler, is in New York, where he will enter in several meets.

Percy D. Haughton again is to coach the Harvard football team, it has been announced at Boston.

Henry Berry's new plans for his San Francisco ball park—the very latest ones that have been adopted—call for a grandstand seating capacity of 5700, with additional bleacher seats that will furnish room for 14,000 fans. If desired, it will be possible to increase the bleacher accommodations by 2000, but it is not expected that this will be done at the present time.

There was a time in friend fan's memory when the dear people were with the ballplayer and against the club owner. The player was considered an Uncle Tom and the owner was a Simon Legree.

But nowadays a friend fan, arising in the morning, sits down to his mash and milk (if he is lucky enough to have the price) and reads the paper as follows: "PUNKINDORF STATION, Jan. 24.—Luke McGlook, star outpaw of the Pink Sox, is heartily in favor of the baseball strike. He is right. "It is a shame the way they treat us players," he said. "They want to cut me down to 2000 bucks, and I won four games for them last season on the training trip."

The fan, having stalled off the landlord for another day, says: "Whaddya mean, Uncle Tom? Whaddya mean, Simon Legree?"

## Federation Considers Application.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Consideration of the application of the Baseball Players' Fraternity for a union charter was begun by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today. The council's decision may not be announced until the conclusion of its meeting Friday.

## Sports of All Sorts.

ALFRED R. COBB, of Waltham, Mass., has been elected captain of the Syracuse University football team for 1917. He succeeds Joseph De Moe, one of the eight players declared ineligible for violating eligibility rules. Cobb has played tackle for two years.

The faculty committee of the University of Pennsylvania has approved a petition signed by more than 500 students and ratified by the Athletic Association asking for an ice hockey team at the university.

J. B. Finch is informed that no game of basketball is played with a basket in the center of the floor, nor is there one played on roller skates.

George C. Cane, of Philadelphia, intercollegiate tennis champion, has resigned as captain of the Harvard tennis team and announced that he will leave the university after the mid-year examinations and enter the American Ambulance Field Service in France. He played left tackle on the football team last year.

At the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, held at the Astor Hotel, New York, the next year's tournament was assigned to the links of the Oakmont Country Club, of Pittsburgh, while the 1917 tournament will be at the care of Bras Burn Country Club, of West Newton, Mass.

King Brady, trainer of the Chicago National League baseball club last season, is to be retained to nurse the aches and bruises of club players during the 1917 campaign.

It has been learned that Coach Chester L. Brewer, of the University of Missouri, and graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is considering favorably an offer to again take charge of athletics at Michigan Agricultural College, succeeding Frank Sommer, who resigned at the close of the football season.

South Dakota's football schedule, so far as arranged, includes games with Minnesota either September 29 or October 6; North Dakota, either October 13 or 20; Notre Dame, October 27; Michigan Aggies, November 3, and Morning-side College, Thanksgiving day.

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A bill calculated to keep Memorial day sacred by the abolition of such sports as baseball and horse racing has been introduced in the North Dakota House of Representatives.

ings were pitched for them to settle disputes with fellow-workers. For "hanging it on" his opponent in 16 rounds, Darcy received his first purse of 15 shillings, or \$4, but Moe had to batter one Henry Prenton on 16 different occasions to collect the "stupendous" wage of \$150.

Ex-Football Player Dies. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—Wallace D. Hard, captain of the Washington University football team in 1913, died today. He had suffered from diabetes almost continuously since he graduated in 1914.

Prominent Pittsburg Man Dies. PITTSBURG, Jan. 21.—Robert S. Orr, vice-president and general manager of the Duquesne Light Company, and one of the best-known electrical engineers in the country, died here today after a brief illness resulting from a cold.