AMERICAN BREAKS WITH FRATERNITY

No Changes Offered for Playing Rules for Next Season.

AGREEMENT IS ABROGATED

Schedule Is Drafted for Usual 154 Games With Start April 11 and Close October 4 — Only Three Conflicts Are Noted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Relations with the Baseball Players' Fraternity were severed by the American League at its schedule meeting here today when similar action taken by the National League yesterday was indorsed by the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The Players' Fraternity has repeatedly violated the letter and spirit of an agreement entered into with them on January 6, 1914; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, that all relations with said fraternity be and the same hereby are terminated."

Rules Not Changed.

The playing schedule for the coming season was adopted, the action of the National commission in reference to the requests of the National Association of Minor Leagues was approved and, while the playing rules were discussed, no changes were recommended.

Indorsing the assertion that baseball should do its part in a movement looking toward the country's protection, the league adopted a resolution suggesting that the players have an opportunity to become civilian soldiers.

The National commission, also meeting here today, approved the action taken by the National and American leagues abrogating the "Cincinnati agreement" with the Players' Fraternity. Several requests made by the National Association of Minor Baseball Leagues were granted by the commission, but the principal one, which was to eliminate the draft from class AA and A clubs, was denied.

Three Pitchers Sign.

Three pitchers signed contracts for 1917 today. They were Bob Shawkey, with the New York Americans; Harry Harper, with the Washington club, and Dick Rudolph, with the Boston Nationals.

The 17th season of the American League will open April 11.

The 1917 chart calls for the usual 154 games and three trips around the circuit, the season closing October 4, with Washington at Boston. The other six clubs are scheduled to end hostilities on October 1 with Chicago at New York, St. Louis at Boston, Detroit at Philadelphia and Cleveland at Washington. It may be possible, however, to advance the three games which Boston has scheduled for the tail end of the season.

There are only three conflicting dates with the National League. All are on Sunday, in Chicago. They are June 24 and September 9 and 16.

PULLMAN DEFEATS MONTANA

Washington State's Team Work Too Much for Opposing Five's Power.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Montana University's basketball team tonight lost to the fast Washington State five, 33 to 22. The contest was listless. Montana started strongly, her superior weight and size offsetting for a time the team work of the staters. Copeland guarded well and 'aptain Bohler led in the scoring for Washington State College, although the latter showed poor form on foul shooting. Sanderson and Newman starred for the Bruins.

The lineup:

Montana.		W. S. C.
Newman	F	Price
Johnson	F	Moss
McQuarrie	C	Bohler
Sanderson	G	Copeland
Jones	G	Sorenson
Sailor	Spare	Glover-King

TOE HOLD CAUSE OF ARREST

Wrestler Accused of Wilfully Maiming Opponent in Match.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 15.—Owen Daley, of Axtell, Neb., former lightweight wrestling champion, was arrested today on a charge of willfully maiming Milton Harnden, of this city, to whom he forfeited the wrestling championship in a match here last night.

Daley is accused of injuring his opponent by twisting his foot with a "toe hold." He was arraigned today and went to jail rather than post a $1000 bond required by the court.

Kenworthy Demands More Coin.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 15.—Bill Kenworthy, the infielder drafted from Oakland by the St. Louis Americans, has returned his contract to Fielder Jones, unsigned, and will join the hold-out colony until he gets more money. Kenworthy is wintering here.

OPEN GOLF PLAY SHORTENED

Whole Field to Compete for Two Days and 64 on Final 36 Holes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The conditions of play for the open championship as recommended by the executive committee of the United States Golf Association have been adopted by the Professional Golfers' Association of America and are as follows:

First day—The whole field to play 18 holes medal play. Second day—The same. Third day—Sixty-four best scores and ties 36 holes medal play, the winner to be the one making the lowest score for the 72 holes played.

This will shorten the tournament by one day and eliminate the old condition of splitting the field and playing two days' qualifying rounds. The dates of the open championship are July 11 to 13, inclusive, and it will be played at the Brae-Burn Country Club, Massachusetts.

DEAL FOR WADE KILLEFER OFF

Louisville Sends Players to Columbus Instead of to Angels.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 15.—The deal to trade Wade Killefer, utility player of the Louisville American Association baseball club, for Arthur Butler, shortstop of the Los Angeles club, was called off today in a telegram Frank Chance, manager of the Angels, received from the Louisville club management.

The telegram announced Killefer had been traded to Columbus, of the American Association League. Chance said he would endeavor to make a deal with Columbus for Killefer, who said he would "quit baseball before he would return to the East and play another season."

WALT MILLER'S NOSE BROKEN

Wrestler Fails to Throw Berg in 15 Minutes and Loses $50.

Walter Miller, world's middleweight wrestling champion, broke his nose in his 15-minute match with John Berg, light-heavyweight, at the Lyric Theater Wednesday night. Miller is meeting all comers and agreeing to throw them in 15 minutes or forfeit $50. Berg stayed. Miller's week's engagement will end tomorrow night, after which he will have his nose re-set.

It is not likely that the injury will interfere with his coming match with Chris Gesek at Spokane, which is scheduled within a few days. The champion, who is meeting all comers every afternoon and evening, will wrestle Ad Garlock, a welterweight, who is the wrestling instructor at the Young Men's Christian Association, at 9 o'clock tonight.

CHECKER CHAMPION TO PLAY

Newel W. Banks to Give Blindfold and Simultaneous Game Tests.

Newel W. Banks, world's champion checker player, will arrive in Portland Monday, according to word received yesterday by E. H. Bryant, chess and checker editor of The Oregonian. Mr. Banks will give an exhibition of simultaneous and blindfold playing at both chess and checkers next Tuesday night under the auspices of the Portland Chess and Checker Club in the Elks' building.

Mr. Banks' performances have been such as to herald him as the greatest player the world has ever known. To defray some of the expense, boards have been placed at $1 each exhibition.

COAST SCOUTS AFTER BUSHER

Frank Oeschger, Collegian, Twirls 2-Hit Game and Fans 17.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 15.—Several Coast League scouts today are on the trail of Frank Oeschger, St. Mary's College pitcher, who yesterday outpitched his brother, Joe, member of the Philadelphia Nationals. The latter hurled for an independent club, fanned ten and was touched for four hits. Joe's kid brother allowed but two hits, fanned 17, and struck out his brother, Joe, the first time up.

LeDue Runs 154 With Cue.

Roy LeDue, claimant to the Pacific Coast billiard championship, last night defeated Fred Edwards, of San Francisco, in a match game at the White House billiard parlors, 150 to 11. In the last of the three innings LeDue made a sensational run of 154. LeDue is meeting all comers.

Bike Riders Behind Record.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Seven teams of the 10 contesting in the six-day bicycle race have traveled 1663 miles and seven laps, with Piercy-Smith and Lawrence-Carman one lap behind and Ohrt-Grimm two laps behind. The riders have been going 95 hours, the record for which is 1884 miles and two laps.

Sommers and Burns Draw.

ECHO, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Al Sommers boxed a draw with Farmer Burns here tonight. Sommers seemed to have an advantage over the conqueror of the Idaho Bear Cat, Billy George and Joe Bouck. Referee Thompson's draw decision was not pleasing to Sommer's backers.

Nebraska Quintet Defeated.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Feb. 15.—The Nebraska University basketball five met its second defeat at the hands of the Kansas State Agricultural College team here tonight, 37 to 10, in a Missouri Valley conference game.

England's paper box trade employs 30,000 workers.

Walter MILLER WILL WRESTLE Ad GARLOCK
AT LYRIC THEATRE TONIGHT
Forfeits $50 if he fails to throw him in 15 minutes. Extra added attraction. No advance in prices.

ORPHANED CANARIES PLAY HERE TONIGHT

Spokane Hockey Team Will Make Final Appearance on Portland Ice.

UNCLE SAMS CONFIDENT

Locals Must Win Tonight to Have Chance to Escape Cellar--Transfer of Franchise to Tacoma Regarded as Possible.

Pacific Coast Ice Hockey Standings.

	W.	L.	Pc.	—Goals— For.	Ag.
Seattle	13	7	.650	103	66
Vancouver, B. C.	11	8	.579	107	107
Spokane	8	11	.421	76	107
Portland	7	13	.350	92	98

Next Games.

Tonight—Spokane at Portland, 8:30 P. M.
Tomorrow—Seattle at Vancouver, B. C.
Tuesday—Vancouver at Portland.
Tuesday—Spokane at Seattle.

Lester Patrick's Spokane Canaries will arrive early this morning to take their final fling of the season at the Portland Uncle Sams in the Ice Palace at 8:30 o'clock tonight. The visitors from now on will be homeless, as the Spokane management announced that no more games would be played in Spokane the remainder of the year.

With the Orphans comes Ran McDonald, a former Portlander, who is one of the star forwards on the Inland Empire squad. He was with the Uncle Sams the first year ice hockey was played here, but last year he was with Lester Patrick's Victorians. He was transferred to Spokane along with the other Victoria representatives at the beginning of the present campaign.

Ran McDonald.

So far the visitors have been able to hang the Indian sign on The Oregonians six out of seven starts. Captain "Moose" Johnson, of the Uncle Sams, is confident that his aggregation will not finish at the bottom of the heap and he must win tonight to avert this.

George Irvine will be the referee and James Seaborn the judge of play.

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George Fowler, the Spokane goalie, has been receiving some wonderful lacings the last two times, losing to Vancouver, 8 to 12 and 1 to 8. When he is "on" he is a hard man to get through. Bob Genge and Manager Lester Patrick will be present tonight to defend him.

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After tonight's game with Spokane two more games will be played in Portland. Next Tuesday night the Vancouver Millionaires, who are fast trying to overtake the league-leading Seattle Mets, will be in Portland for their final appearance here and then on March 2, two weeks from today, the curtain will be rolled down all over the circuit with Portland meeting Seattle here and Spokane playing at Vancouver, B. C.

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President Frank A. Patrick was right when he said there was going to be a big shake-up in the league before another campaign was scheduled.

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The action of the Spokane management in placing the home games elsewhere did not cause much surprise here as the Portland puckchasers had said sometime ago that the crowds did not number on an average more than 700 or 800. One or two of the contests were witnessed by less than half that many, they say. William F. Scott, of the Portland club, says that about 250 were there the time before the last appearance of the Uncle Sams. The rink is built in an out-of-the-way place and it is hard for the Spokane populace to get out there. It is rumored that the franchise may be taken to Victoria or New Westminster, B. C., or maybe Tacoma may be included in the league in the 1917-18 season.

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The Portlanders took their final workout yesterday afternoon in the Ice Palace and retired ready for the game tonight.

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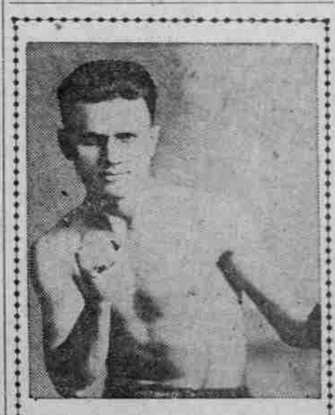
L. A. Spangler, president of the Portland Amateur Hockey Association, is in receipt of several inquiries asking for games with the Portland amateur champions some time next month. The schedule of the league is such that it does not end until March 26 and if any post-season contests are to be staged with out-of-town aggregations the local season will have to be shortened a few weeks. Vancouver, B. C., is the last one to ask for games at Vancouver for the Portland amateurs.



Eddie Brewster Pinkman, Who Will Arrive Here This Morning to Prepare for Bout With "Muff" Bronson February 23.

LEAGUE TO MEET MARCH 3

Northwestern Session to Be Held at Spokane to Frame Schedule.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Magnates of the Northwestern League will meet in Spokane Saturday afternoon, March 3, to frame the 1917 playing schedule, according to announcement made today by Robert L. Blewett, president of the league. The session will be held in the Davenport Hotel.

Besides the playing schedule, the magnates will have before them the draft of a new constitution and by-laws prepared by President Blewett. Blewett has been working for some time on a new constitution better fitted to the present needs of the league, and now has the document completed. The league president declared that no radical changes in the constitution have been made, but that the new document provides a more workable set of laws for the league.

WASHINGTON IS VICTOR

JAMES JOHN IS DEFEATED AT BASKETBALL.

Jeffs and Benson and Lincoln and Franklin to Tangle Today.

Interscholastic Basketball Standings.

	W.	L.	P.C.	—Points— For.	Agst.
Columbia University	5	0	1000	159	61
Jefferson High	5	0	1000	152	72
Washington High	4	2	.667	209	112
Benson Tech	3	2	.600	108	134
Lincoln High	2	2	.500	98	71
Commerce High	2	4	.333	119	165
Franklin High	1	3	.250	90	89
James John High	1	4	.200	96	124
Hill Military Academy	0	6	.000	39	200

Yesterday's Results.

Washington High, 37; James John High, 11.

Today's Games.

Franklin versus Lincoln.
Benson Tech, versus Jefferson.
Both games at Washington High gymnasium.

Led by Captain "Lanky Bob" Snodgrass, the Washington High School basketball team walked on the James John High aggregation, 37 to 11, in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium yesterday afternoon. The Washington captain was the big star of the game, with his 22 points, and although he had opportunity to break the 1917 individual scoring record of the Portland Interscholastic League, he let it go by "feeding" his teammates in the last half.

He scored five field baskets and converted five fouls for a total of 15 points, and in the last 20 minutes he took but three field baskets and converted one foul. Referee A. M. Grilley handled the game in grand style and kept the players well in hand without having to call a large number of fouls.

Coach Strong, of the James John contingent, made several changes in his lineup, but to no avail. Coach Fenstermacher, of the Washingtonians, put in Graves for Secord soon after the first half opened. Locke Webster played in place of Carl "Mob" Mauts, who will be out of the game for the remainder of the year.

The summary follows:

Washington (37).		James John (11).
Loder (9)	F	Meyer, Schroeder
Secord (4)	F	(2) Jower
Snodgrass (22)	C	Dunsmore, Toole
Beckwith	G	(2) Capt. Wrinkle
Webster (4)	G	R. Smith
Graves (2)	Sp	Wulf

Referee, A. M. Grilley.

Two games are slated for this afternoon and both will be played in the Washington High gymnasium with the first to start promptly at 3:15 o'clock. Jefferson High and Benson Tech will tangle today, having postponed their match the early part of the week. Lincoln High and Franklin High will play their regularly scheduled basketball contest today.

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The B'nai B'rith first basketball team has established a Portland scoring record for the 1917 season so far. The Hoopers registered 109 points, while the Sellwood Community House first basket tossers made eight. The second B. B. aggregation won from the second Sellwood string 31 to 11. Both games were played in the B. B. gymnasium Wednesday night.

Manager Abe Popick, of the George Washington Camp "Wows," is trying to arrange games for his contingent. Manager Cohn, of the B'nai B'rith, has hopes of landing a match with the "Wows" next Wednesday night in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium.

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Coaach Everett May and his Oregon Aggies will arrive from Seattle tomorrow morning and after remaining here for less than an hour they will depart for Berkeley, Cal., where they take on the University of California quintet Monday and Tuesday nights of next week. The Aggies will play Stanford University at Palo Alto before returning to their homes in Corvallis. They play the University of Washington the last game of the two-match series at Seattle tonight.

CHAMP TO BOX HERE

Pinkman to Defend Coast Lightweight Title.

BRONSON TO MEET INVADER

Real Battle Is in Store for February 23—Seattle Mixer Is Known as Best-Dressed Man in Kingdom.

Eddie Brewster Pinkman, Seattle 133-pounder, who meets "Muff" Bronson at the Rose City Athletic Club February 23, is scheduled to arrive in Portland this morning, along with Bernie Dillon, a crack flyweight, who will appear against some local boy on the same card.

Pinkman won the Coast lightweight title from Frankie Sullivan at Seattle Wednesday night. The title was claimed by Sullivan by virtue of his win over Chet Neff, of Seattle, at the Rose City Athletic Club February 1. The decision was given to Sullivan as a result of Neff's hitting low.

If "Muff" Bronson retains his title in his bout at Seattle tonight with Lloyd Madden, the Pinkman-Bronson bout will determine the Northwest lightweight championship, as well as the Coast.

The Pinkman-Bronson tilt ought to be a "bear." No one can stall with this fellow Pinkman. He mixes things always. He also promises to knock the folks here for a goal with his dress, ideas and ways. His folks are wealthy people in the Sound City and besides being a boxer, Eddie is a bank clerk, cigar merchant and a politician.

Pinkman is known all along the Coast as being the best-dressed boxer in the world. He invaded Los Angeles some few months ago under the name of Eddie Brewster, where he boxed several sensational matches.

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Walter Miller, world's middleweight wrestling champion, yesterday received a letter from the Vancouver, Wash, Lodge No. 823, B. P. O. Elks, thanking him for the wrestling exhibition which he gave at their clubrooms last Friday night. The letter was written by Louis H. James, chairman of the smoker committee, and in it he calls Miller "the world's champion good fellow."

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In a letter to his friend Don Thompson here, Tommy Burns, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, says that he is contemplating a come-back. He will box Willie Meehan of San Francisco in Seattle around March 6. Burns is now in Butte.

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Elaborate posters gotten out by Promoter Frank Schulz of San Francisco announcing the Joe Stecher-Ad Santel wrestling match next Thursday night reached Portland yesterday.

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Jimmy Clabby is said to be winning on the Sydney races. There are few, however, who can go all the way to Australia to play the ponies.

PINKMAN WILL TRAIN HERE

Seattle Crack Boxer to Come to Portland to Prepare for Bout.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Eddie Pinkman, the local lightweight, who came into his own by beating Frankie Sullivan in one of the best goes in the history of the local game Wednesday, embarked for Portland tonight to train for his bout with Muff Bronson, the Northwest lightweight champion. Pinkman, better known in the south as Eddie Brewster, as a result of a victorious invasion some time ago, tackles the Portland crack a week from tomorrow night in the Rose City, and Seattle friends of the chatty lightweight look for him to beat Bronson if he fights like he did against Sullivan.

"I'm going to beat your champion before the six rounds are up," Pinkman told Bronson's manager, Flanigan, today before leaving for the south. "I'll knock him out with my good right hand."

Seattle fans are waiting the outcome of the title battle here tomorrow night, when Lloyd Madden boxes a return go with Bronson for the Northwest title. Madden's friends think he will beat the Portland wonder and a great go is looked for. Ray Campbell, Eddie Miller and Frankie Sullivan, as well as Huelat, a Portland boy, are on the programme which is being given by the Seattle Athletic Club at a big downtown theater.

Oak Bushers Called Early.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 15.—Manager Del Howard, of the Oakland baseball club, today issued a call for all youngsters signed by the Oaks to report here February 22 for a week of grading out. Fifteen players will work out behind closed gates and under the eye of the Oak manager. Those who show the best form will be taken to Boyes Springs.

Fix That Rod!
Put it in good shape now, for the season is not far off. Our repair shop is equipped to do good work at reasonable rates.
Backus & Morris
273 Morrison St., near Fourth.

OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1917.

	AT CHICAGO.	AT ST. LOUIS.	AT DETROIT.	AT CLEVELAND.	AT WASHINGTON.	AT PHILAD'LPHIA.	AT NEW YORK.	AT BOSTON.	ABROAD.
Chicago		April 11, 12, 13, 14. May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. September 4, 5.	April 15, 16, 17, 18. July 3, (4), (4), 5, 6. September 14, 15.	May 2, 3, 4. June 29, 30, July 1, 2. August 12, 13, 14, 15.	June 6, 7, 8, 9. August 8, 9, 10, 11. September 25, 26, 27.	June 1, 2, 4, 5. August 3, 4, 6, 7. September 18, 19, 20.	June 11, 12, 13, 14. July 25, 26, 27, 28. Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1.	June 15, 16, (18), (18). July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2. September 21, 22, 24.	June 18 at Boston. July 4 at Detroit.
St. Louis	April 19, 20, 21, 22. May 29, (30) (30). Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1. September 16.		April 24, 25, 26, 27. June 21, 22, 23, 24. August 12, 13, 14.	April 28, 29, 30, May 1. June 25, 26, 27, 28. September 2, (3), (3)	June 1, 2, 4, 5. August 3, 4, 6, 7. September 18, 19, 20.	June 6, 7, 8, 9. August 8, 9, 10, 11. September 25, 26, 27.	June 15, 16, 18, 19. July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2. September 21, 22, 24.	June 11, 12, 13, 14. July 25, 26, 27, 28. Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1.	Decoration day at Chicago. Labor day, Cleveland.
Detroit	April 28, 29, 30, May 1. June 25, 26, 27, 28. Sept. 2 (3), (3).	May 2, 3, 4. June 29, 30, July 1, 2. September 6, 7, 8, 9.		April 19, 20, 21, 22. May 29, (30), (30). Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1.	June 15, 16, 18, 19. July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2. September 21, 22, 24.	June 11, 12, 13, 14. July 25, 26, 27, 28. Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1.	May 31, June 1, 2, 4, 5. August 3, 4, 6, 7. September 25, 26.	June 6, 7, 8, 9. August 8, 9, 10, 11. September 18, 19, 20.	Decoration day at Cleveland. Labor day, Chicago.
Cleveland	April 24, 25, 26, 27. June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. September 8, 9.	April 15, 16, 17, 18. July 3, (4), (4), 5, 6. September 14, 15.	April 11, 12, 13, 14. May 5, 6, 7, 8. Sept. 11, 12; Sept. 16.		June 11, 12, 13, 14. July 25, 26, 27, 28. Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1.	June 15, 16, 18. July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2. Sept. 21, 22, 22, 24.	June 6, 7, 8, 9. August 8, 9, 10, 11. September 18, 19, 20.	May 31, June 1, 2, 4, 5 August 3, 4, 6, 7. September 25, 26.	July 4 at St. Louis.
Washington	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. July 15, 16, 17, 18. August 23, 25.	May 18, 19, 20, 21. July 19, 20, 21, 22. August 20, 21, 22.	May 14, 15, 16, 17. July 7, 8, 9, 10. August 17, 18, 19.	May 10, 11, 12, 13. July 11, 12, 13, 14. August 26, 27, 28.		April 11, 12, 13, 14. June 28, 29, 30, J'ly 2. Sept. (3), (3), 4.	April 16, 17, 18, 19. July 3, (4), (4), 5. Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1.	April 25, 26, 27, 28. June 23, 25, 26, 27. October 2, 3, 4.	July 4 at New York. Labor day at Philadelphia.
Philadelphia	May 14, 15, 16, 17. July 7, 8, 9, 10. August 17, 18, 19.	May 10, 11, 12, 13. July 11, 12, 13, 14. August 26, 27, 28.	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. July 15, 16, 17, 18. August 23, 25.	May 18, 19, 20, 21. July 19, 20, 21, 22. August 20, 21, 22.	April 20, 21, 23, 24. June 20, 21, 22. Sept. 13, 14, 15, 17.		April 25, 26, 27, 28. June 23, 25, 26, 27. October 2, 3, 4.	April 30, May 1, 2, 3. July 3, (4), (4), 5. Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1.	July 4 at Boston.
New York	May 10, 11, 12, 13. July 11, 12, 13, 14. August 26, 27, 28.	May 14, 15, 16, 17. July 7, 8, 9, 10. August 17, 18, 19.	May 18, 19, 20, 21. July 19, 20, 21, 22. August 20, 21, 22.	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. July 15, 16, 17, 18. August 23, 25.	April 30, May 1, 2, 3. August 13, 14, 15. September 5, 6, 7, 8.	May 4, 5, 7, 8. May 28, 29, (30), (30) September 10, 11, 12.		April 20, 21, 23, 24. June 28, 29, 30, July 2. September (3), (3), 4.	Decoration day at Philadelphia. Labor day at Boston.
Boston	May 18, 19, 20, 21. July 19, 20, 21, 22. August 20, 21, 22.	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. July 15, 16, 17, 18. August 23, 25.	May 10, 11, 12, 13. July 11, 12, 13, 14. August 26, 27, 28.	May 14, 15, 16, 17. July 7, 8, 9, 10. August 17, 18, 19.	May 4, 5, 7, 8, 9. May 29, (30), (30). September 10, 11, 12.	April 16, 17, 18, 19. August 13, 14, 15. September 5, 6, 7, 8.	April 11, 12, 13, 14. June 20, 21, 22. Sept. 13, 14, 15, 17.		Decoration day at Washington.
At Home	13 Saturdays; 14 Sundays; Decoration day; Labor day; conflicting dates, June 24, Sept. 9, Sept. 16.	Thirteen Saturdays. Twelve Sundays. July 4th.	Twelve Saturdays. Thirteen Sundays. July 4th.	Twelve Saturdays. Thirteen Sundays. Decoration day. Labor day.	Twelve Saturdays. Decoration day.	Twelve Saturdays. Decoration day. Labor day.	Thirteen Saturdays. July 4th.	Thirteen Saturdays. June 18th. July 4th. Labor day.	

After April 1st the price of the Gordon hat will be $3.50.

The manufacturers of the Gordon hat are determined to maintain its perfect quality, believing those familiar with the Gordon hat would prefer to pay more rather than to get a poorer hat.

New Spring Styles of Gordon Hats now on display for $3.00

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HATTERS & FURNISHERS
286 Washington Street

STAR'S DAYS OVER

Great Larry Lajoie Finally Ends Career With Majors.

NO PLAYER MORE NOTABLE

Twenty-One Years' Service in Big Leagues Never Marred by 'Boner.' Ambition to Play in World Series Never Achieved.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Larry Lajoie is trekking the long, long trail that leads to baseball oblivion—after 21 years of stardom.

Never again will the big league parks echo with the crack of his powerful bat against the whirling horsehide; never again will he electrify by his uncanny feats of fielding. His day is done; his star has set; Larry Lajoie has passed beyond the big horizon—never to return.

The passing of the wonderful Frenchman must come to us all as a sudden realization that time is flitting—and that we are growing old. Somehow or other, Lajoie seemed to belong to our youth, perhaps because it was so long, long ago that he became a glorious part of the National game. Others came and went over the sweep of 21 years, but Lajoie remained. And, while he was with us it seemed that we still were young—that the stream of life was not flowing on to its end. But now Lajoie is gone and all of us come to know that we are 21 years older than the day when first he amazed major league baseball by his skill.

The Frenchman stood alone as a fielder over the span of two decades. Big, heavy, almost awkward in his street appearance, he was the poetry of motion on a ball field. No more graceful athlete ever tore the turf with his spikes. Some sixth sense enabled him through all the years of his big league life to move just far enough and just fast enough to spear drives that would have zipped away for hits from any other second baseman. Lajoie was the synonym of coolness on a ballfield, he never seemed nervous, never in a hurry; never flustered, always calm, steady, rhythmic—a human machine.

Lajoie never was heralded as a brainy player—but whoever saw him make a "boner"? For more than two decades he mingled in the fiercest duelling of the baseball diamonds; fought in 3000 battles—and more—yet never once did he make a mental error that brought defeat to his club. And that's a little more than can be said of Johnny Evers, of Eddie Collins, of Joe Tinker, of Ty Cobb and all the others who are billed as men of brains.

Many men—and more—claimed the "discovery" of Lajoie. Just who it was that "tipped" him to the big leagues seems to be almost as much of a mystery as the identity of the author of "Casey at the Bat." But no matter! Lajoie found his way into the majors back in 1896 and has written his name in indelible letters in baseball's history; has left an enduring impress upon the memory of fandom.

The Frenchman was born in Woonsocket, R. I. When he was 15 or so he got a job as a hack driver. At odd moments he played amateur baseball. At 19 a semi-pro team in Fall River, Mass., lured him from his "cab sir!" seat. The following Spring, 1896, found him a member of the Fall River League club. In 80 games he clubbed for a .429 mark—and then the Phillies grabbed him.

Lajoie played as a first baseman in 33 games for the Phillies in the fag-end of 1896 and faced the big league offerings for .328. That won him a regular job in 1897, during which season he alternated at first and in the outfield. Incidentally, he clubbed for .363 in 126 combats—and became batting sensation. The next year he was converted into a second baseman—perhaps the most remarkable, all-round keystoner of all time.

Lajoie jumped the Phillies during the war of 1902 and joined the Cleveland club. His advent helped make the American League. The Frenchman was one of the stars of the game in that particular era—perhaps the most brilliant of them all. And when he cast his lot with the new organization fandom, lukewarm toward Ban Johnson's circuit up to that time, decided that the American League really was going to amount to something. Year after year Lajoie drew thousands through the turnstiles.

The Frenchman had two ambitions; one was to become a big league manager; the other to play in a world series. The first he realized; the second never came true. Lajoie piloted the Cleveland club for four seasons. In 1908 it seemed almost a certainty that he would carry his team through to the goal of every pennant fighting machine. But on the last day of the year the Naps lost to the Brownies—and the pennant went to the Tigers by the narrow margin of a half game.

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