

# PORTLAND WILL BE NORTHWESTERN

### Franchise Sent Judge McCredie by Robert Blewett, Head of Organization.

## COAST MAGNATES BEATEN

### Beaver Owner Says Sacramento Is Welcome to Franchise, but He Has Control of Players; Graham to Pay No Money.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

Judge William McCredie was officially notified yesterday by Robert Blewett, president of the Northwestern League, that Portland had been awarded a franchise in the Northwestern circuit.

This receiving of the official communication was but one of many exciting incidents which took place at baseball headquarters yesterday. A quiet little tip came over the wires from California that Charles Graham and the bankers and business men interested with him in the movement to obtain the Portland franchise for Sacramento would organize a stock company and go out into the open market and purchase whatever players they needed to start the season. It also was added that they were not compelled to purchase any of the Portland players.

**Switch in Circuit Interests.**

That Charles "Spider" Baum, former Sacramento pitcher and at present the property of the San Francisco baseball club and a brother of Al Baum, president of the Pacific Coast League, had the "inside track" on the manager's job at Sacramento and was practically sure of clinching the award of piloting the Senators over the tempestuous seas, helped round out at baseball headquarters what Judge McCredie termed "the end of a perfect day."

The granting of a franchise to Judge McCredie by the Northwestern League was the main subject of conversation at baseball headquarters. It has been a number of years since the McCredies had the pleasure of clinching the award of piloting the Senators over the tempestuous seas, helped round out at baseball headquarters what Judge McCredie termed "the end of a perfect day."

When Judge McCredie replied to the telegram which President Baum and Cal Ewing recently sent cutting the judge's figures for the Portland players in half and offering to place the money in escrow until such time as the next draft had made its inroads on the players involved in the deal, he let it be known that if the Pacific Coast League directors were bent on ousting Portland the McCredies were perfectly willing for them to do so, and have Douglas served to hasten the arrival of the Northwestern League franchise before the Pacific Coast League magnates officially greased the skids for Portland's slide out of the Pacific Coast League.

**Reply Only Awaited.**

The receipt of President Blewett's letter containing the Portland franchise was all for which the McCredies were waiting. The judge read the handwriting on the wall several weeks ago. His recent trip to Seattle for a conference with "Prexy" Blewett and have Douglas served to hasten the arrival of the Northwestern League franchise.

Sacramento's declaration that it would go out into the open market and purchase whatever players are needed and that it is not compelled to purchase the Portland players caused no particular interest as Judge McCredie was concerned.

**Judge "Beats Them to It."**

"I am not surprised in the least at the statement of the Sacramento people," said Judge McCredie. "I was just a few feet ahead of them in their announcement when I sent Walter McCredie, Wednesday night a letter which contained a triplicate agreement which I requested him to present to the directors of the Pacific Coast League at their meeting in Los Angeles Monday, and asked to have it signed by the league."

"It calls upon the Pacific Coast League to turn over to the Portland baseball club all the players who were on our roster this season, together with all assets belonging to the Portland club except the Portland franchise. They can have the franchise and are free to give it to anyone they desire. It will be a great relief to get away from the bickering and underhand methods of some of the Coast League owners."

**Players to Be Kept.**

"I will keep whatever players I want for the Portland Northwestern League club and put the others in the market. The players will be my own personal property and the Northwestern League franchise awarded Portland also mine. I may be alone in the venture, but if Walter McCredie does not manage some other Coast League club he can have the job of managing the Portland club in the Northwestern League."

The Northwestern League will secure a class A rating and according to the National Association of Minor League laws, the Pacific Coast League will drop from a class AA to class A circuit. Whether or not President Baum and the Coast League owners will be able to hold their class AA rating is a matter of conjecture.

### Centralia Class Flies Play.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—In the first game of a double-header Tuesday night the high school sophomores defeated the freshmen by a score of 29 to 16, while the freshmen girls defeated the juniors by a score of 10 to 14.

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## OATMAN TO RETURN

### Ex-Portland Hockey Septet Leader Accepts Terms.

## TEAM TO GAIN STRENGTH

### Brilliant Player, With Johnson, Tobin, Barbur, Dunderdale and Murray, Will Make Local Team One of Best in League.

The surprising announcement was made yesterday at ice hockey headquarters that Eddie Oatman, captain and star rover of the Portland hockey team during the seasons 1914-1915, had accepted terms with Manager Bryan to play with the Portland septet this season. It was said that Oatman would leave his home at Otterville, Canada, once and planned to reach Portland Sunday.

No more pleasing news to ice hockey fans could be received than Oatman's decision to return to Portland and join the team which he formerly captained.

### Oatman Is Popular.

Oatman was one of the most popular hockey players who ever chased a puck over local ice. Quiet and unassuming, his heart was always in the game, and he was one of the most probable to be named for the 1914-1915 season. Oatman was appointed captain of the 1915 septet. He remained in Canada during 1916 and played a number of military hockey games during that period. The Eastern Canadians made several offers for his services, but Portland refused to part with him.

Now that Oatman has been exempted from service he will cast his lot with the Portland team. Manager Bryan said yesterday, before departing for Vancouver, B. C., that he would in all probability appoint Oatman captain of this season's team.

With the addition of Oatman the prospects of Portland ever had. "Moose" Johnson, Charlie Tobin, Al Barbour, Tommy Dunderdale and Tommy Murray ready to train as soon as Manager Bryan says the word, Portland should be a real contender for championship honors.

### Players Reported Satisfied.

Manager Bryan discussed salaries with all the Portland players who wintered here and with the exception of "Smookey" Harris they are reported to be satisfied with the Portland magnate's offer. Charlie Uksila will be able to step into one of the positions, so Manager Bryan is not worrying in the least if "Smookey" Harris continues a holdout.

### Squirrel Food.

FOUR 1917 athletic captains of Depauw University have enlisted in the Army with the last week. They are: Hurbon P. Boudant, football captain, who joined the chauffeurs' division of the Aviation Corps; Russell Cook, track captain, who enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps last Thursday; Thibert, baseball captain, now in the Army Aviation Corps, and Joe Royce, basketball captain, who joined the Field Artillery.

William Jennings Burns, captain of the Purdue football team, enlisted last Wednesday in the Aviation Corps.

Norman Ross has been transferred from the National Army at American Lake to the aviation school at Berkeley. Norman isn't as pretty as he used to be, having lost several front teeth in a boxing match at the encampment. Norman parried a straight left with his frontal molars.

Pennsylvania has decided to hold its annual track carnival in 1918, despite the inroads made in athletic ranks by the war. The meet, one of the biggest intercollegiate affairs in the country, will be held on the last Saturday in April.

Five Syracuse football stars enlisted in the Aviation Corps last Thursday. They are: "Wild Bill" Flinterwald, Ed Flannery and Matt Brown, of the back field; Eddie Brown, end, and "Chick" Neeghan, quarterback. Jack Malone, halfback, will enter the Army within the next few days.

The Bulletin down at Frisco says that Walter McCredie is scouting around among the players held in reserve by the class A Western League. Walter does not expect the Western League to open again next year, and wants to be right on deck to nab the best players when definite announcement comes that the league will not operate.

## BASKETBALL RULES CHANGED

### Floor Extended Two Feet at Baskets to Help Players.

The joint basketball rules committee, of which Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft is chairman, has made but one major change in the rules for 1917-18, although, as usual, many minor revisions have been included.

The one important modification of the playing code, which is published in the new Spalding Official Basketball Guide, has to do with the court itself. It has been the experience of the committee that a player frequently has been deprived of a well-earned field goal by what might be properly termed the technicality of being out of bounds. His team has worked the ball to their goal by skill, but the end line has touched the line and the goal is not allowed. Often, too, there is a serious question of doubt in the referee's mind as to whether a player is in or out of bounds on a close play under the basket. Accordingly the rules committee has added an extension of the end boundary line, in the form of an arc of a circle, with an expansion of two feet at its greatest width, directly back of the basket. Thus the entire backboard is within bounds and on the floor the player has an additional leeway of two feet.

## 25 PLAYER LIMIT KEPT

### AMERICAN LEAGUE DECIDES TO TAKE SPRING TRAINING TRIP.

### Club Owners Are Opposed to Suggestion of National to Divide World's Series Receipts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Retention of the 25-player limit and continuation of the Spring training trips were decided upon at the closing session of the American League meeting tonight.

The club owners leaped up these points in preparation for a meeting with the National League here tomorrow.

President Johnson's announcement that the \$100,000 fund agreed upon to reimburse backers of Federal League clubs still remained unpaid caused a surprise. He said that the American League was ready to pay its share—\$55,000—at once, but that the entire fund would have to be secured by the club owners of the two leagues tomorrow. It was revealed that Edward Gwinn, who lost heavily in backing the Pittsburgh club, owned the fund, and the balance is to be divided between Harry Sinclair, who financed the Newark club, and the National League of New York, which supported the Brooklyn Federals.

## Camp Considers Oregon Man for All-American Eleven.

### William Steers in List of Possible Quarterbacks.

WILLIAM "BILL" STEERS, of the 1917 Oregon football eleven, is considered by Walter Camp, dean of American football, for quarterback on Camp's mythical all-American eleven.

Steers was easily the star on the Oregon eleven this season, and a number of selections from the following players of the gridiron game predict a wonderful future for the husky lad.

Backs—Guyon, Georgia Tech.; Berry, Pennsylvania; Harley, Ohio State; Strupper, Georgia Tech.; Rodgers, West Virginia.

Quarterbacks—Bell, Pennsylvania; Boynton, Williams; Meahan, Syracuse; Weston, Michigan; Steers, Oregon; Armstrong, Minnesota; Babn, Notre Dame; Simpson, Wisconsin; Stubb, Washington and Jefferson.

Tackles—Duco, Auburn; Henry, Washington and Jefferson; Cobb, Syracuse.

Guard—Sies, Pittsburg; Hauser, Minnesota.

Center—Bally, West Virginia; Robertson, Syracuse.

Ends—Robeson, Rutgers; Miller, Pennsylvania; Weeks, Brown; Tressel, Pittsburg.

## PIPAL TO ASSIST FAST ARMY TEAM

### Oregon Agricultural College Mentor Goes North to Coach Camp Lewis.

## STAY WILL BE BUT WEEK

### Corvallis Instructor Will Give Short Time to Army Team Before Clash With Marines at Coach Stanton's Request.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

In response to an "S. O. S." call sent him by Lieutenant Stanton, coach of the 91st Division football eleven at Camp Lewis, Joseph A. Pipal, head gridiron mentor of the Oregon Aggies, passed through Portland yesterday en route to the Camp Lewis cantonment, where he will remain a few days assisting Lieutenant Stanton in coaching the 91st Divisioners for their scheduled clash with the Marines at Camp Lewis, New Year's day.

Not to be outdone by the Marines' who have engaged Hugo Bezdek, University of Oregon's football expert, Lieutenant Stanton called upon Coach Pipal, who was Lieutenant Stanton's rival for five years in Southern California.

The invitation to Coach Pipal requested his services until the Pasadena game, but the Aggie coach will be able to linger at Camp Lewis more than a week on account of having to coach the Aggie basketball squad.

"Lieutenant Stanton and myself were rivals in Southern California for five years, but we were always the best of friends," said Pipal yesterday. "His telegram requested me to assist him in getting the boys ready for the game with the Marines at Pasadena, New Year's day. On account of basketball's starting at Corvallis I will only be able to stay a few days."

When Howard Ray, last year's captain of the Aggie basketball quintet, left Corvallis, Wednesday, to enlist in the Twentieth United States Engineers, Coach Pipal said yesterday that the plans for the coming season. Coach Pipal made arrangements to have Ray coach the squad which is composed of seven regulars and a letterman in the bunch. Ray's sudden departure left Coach Pipal without a basketball coach.

Coach Pipal said yesterday that the heavy enlistment of athletes from Oregon Agricultural College would not cause athletic officials at Corvallis to ease their work, but would be a means of injecting plenty of enthusiasm into the work out for them.

"As long as we have a squad big enough to furnish us with enough men to enter intercollegiate athletics in each sport we will be represented and we will do the best we can to make a creditable showing with the material we have," said Coach Pipal.

At the annual football dinner given the gridiron warriors at Corvallis the other night, a loving cup was presented to Coach Pipal by the members of the squad in appreciation of his efforts as coach.

When the curtain fell on Yale football for the season of 1917, hope was held out by the Eastern gridiron supporters that another Fall would see formed a varsity eleven to meet other institutions.

Two features of the closing football games of the season caused this hope to spring up. In the first place two strong Yale eleven finished the season in the freshmen and the informal teams, and in the second place, the members of the strong freshmen eleven are all so young that they will not be eligible for the draft before another football season. Some of them, however, will enlist.

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' FIVES - CAPTAIN PLAYS GOOD GAME.

The Milwaukee fight fans have adopted a battling son of Boston as the champion of the world. Eagan came to Milwaukee several months ago to herald and unknown. He was matched with a local boy and Joe put him out with a clean knockout in a few minutes. He said to realize that he could be developed into a good card, the promoters gave him plenty of work and in his first three bouts he showed two of his opponents and had the third one, Eddie Moha, practically out in the tenth round, when the bell rang.

## Lefts and Rights.

Eagan is a fighter, pure and simple, and battles every minute that he is in the ring. Jack Allen will meet Roscoe Taylor and one or two other good bouts will round out the card.

The Beantown boy will get his real chance in a few days, when he clashes with Bryan Downey, the Columbus, O., welterweight, who is managed by Tom Jones, the famous maker of champions. They are scheduled to box 10 rounds in Milwaukee next week.

Jimmy Clabby is now the heavy-weight champion of Australia, according to the latest reports. Clabby won the title from Al Lloyd in a 20-round contest. In a letter to his father in Hammond, Ind., Clabby says that he will return to the United States in March.

Owen Moran, writing to Jimmy Johnston, the New York manager and promoter, from England, says that he is now a constable at a water works in London and that he gets a chance to box once in a while. He adds that he fought a 15-round draw with a young lightweight a few weeks ago and received \$295 for his end. He further states that Johnny Summers and Jim Driscoll, the English fighters, are both at the front.

St. Paul has contributed Billy Miske, Mike Gibbons, Tommy Gibbons, Mike O'Dowd and Kewpie Ertle to the boxing ring in the light of leaders or near leaders in their respective weights. Quite a formidable looking bunch in all.

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Joe Gorman won from "Spider" Webb in Oakland the other night in a four-round bout.

Yale's varsity rivals next fall. The team, they say, is Yale's strongest class combination, with the exception of the class eleven of 1916, captained by Tex Cox, and containing such stars as Philbil, Cooney, Brown and Lilly.

Football officials of the University of Pennsylvania are anxious to include Georgia Tech. in the schedule of games for 1918. It has been said that if arrangements can be made the Southerners probably will take the place of Michigan in the Quakers' schedule.

Discontinuance of football relations between Michigan and Pennsylvania, it is said, is likely because next year the Wolverines will enter Western conference football. The three-year contract between the Ann Arbor authorities and Pennsylvania, ended with the playing of this year's contest.

## O. A. C. Girls to Compete.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Troyotes are being held this week for the first annual athletic meet, which the women of the college will stage Wednesday night, December 19. Rooters' sections, of the various sports, are being organized by the class leaders. All contests will be inter-class. The meet will be open only to women of the Pacific Northwest and to invited women guests of Corvallis.

## RIVERS TO FIGHT HERE

### MEXICAN LIGHTWEIGHT COMING TO PORTLAND.

### In Times Past, Records Show, Southerner Boxed With Four World Champion Mitt Men.

Bobby Evans, manager and matchmaker of the Pacific Athletic Club, received acceptance from Bob Laga, in San Francisco of an offer to have light-weight Joe Rivers, well known light-weight boxer, meet Joe Benjamin here at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse Friday night, December 21. Rivers will be the third country-wide known boxer who has appeared here in late years, the other two being Willie Ritchie, world's ex-light-weight champion and Mike Gibbons.

Joe Benjamin, who has been training several days ago and will be prepared for the Mexican, who has not lost a bout since he entered the light-weight class and has boxed in boxing in the Northwest and California, meeting all comers at his weight.

Rivers is in San Francisco at present and will leave for Portland, accompanied by his manager, Bob Laga, in a few days. Laga wrote that Rivers is in good condition and that five or six days of hard work would put him in trim for a six-round bout with Benjamin.

Joe Rivers has, perhaps, had the most varied career of any light-weight boxer in the country. Starting up in Los Angeles, practically unknown, Rivers rapidly became one of the best cards in the country during the old 20-round days and in his time has fought four world's champions. Twice he fought for the light-weight championship of the world, but never quite reached the goal. He almost won title of champion when he stopped Al Wolgast in the 13th round, July 4, 1912, at Vernon, Cal. Both boys fell to the floor at his right on top, after 13 rounds of fierce mixing. Wolgast and Rivers both declared that they were fouled, but Referee Jack Welsh said he counted Wolgast out. Wolgast rolled off of him. Of course the Joe Rivers of today is not the Joe Rivers who fought Wolgast. They did not have any soft landing from England, and he was one of the kingpins and many a tough 20-round battle helped wear him down, but Rivers is still a good boxer and retains all of his old cleverness and fighting qualities if he does not have the stamina that beats the champions and contenders and over the short distance route such as four or six rounds it is said that he still travels like the Mexican Marvel of old.

Bobby Evans will feature Harry Johnson, one of the cleverest light-weights on the Pacific Coast, and light-weight champion of Canada, in the semi-windup.

Eastern writers say that Yale's freshmen eleven is capable of taking the gridiron in its entirety against



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## BEZDEK TALK RIFE

### Pittsburg Paper Hints Coach May Go to Wash.-Jeff.

Eastern writers had the alumni of West Virginia angling for Bezdek's services. Now comes one Harry Keck, a Pittsburg paper, with a story that the followers of Washington and Jefferson are not satisfied with Sol Metzger and that Bezdek is the man to replace him.

Says Keck: "Hugo Bezdek, manager of the Pittsburg Pirates next season, Hugo Bezdek, coach of the Wash-Jeff football eleven next season. How does that strike you fans?"

"Indications are that this will be the state of affairs. Bezdek has already been appointed manager of the Buccaneers for next season. He has quit his post as coach of the University of Washington and announced his intention of moving East during the winter. Just now he has a temporary job of getting the Mare Island Marines ready for their New Year's day game at Pasadena."

Metzger Slyt Knocked.

"It is reported from Little Washington that the followers of the team there are not altogether satisfied with the showing made by the Wash-Jeff eleven in the season just closed. The run of three successive defeats before the end of the season, when Pitt, West Virginia and Notre Dame scored narrow victories over the red and black, is one of the reasons. The Wash-Jeff fans figure the team's offensive powers should have been more highly developed. The Pitt game was lost by three points, 13 to 10; the West Virginia game by one touchdown, 7 to 6, and the Notre Dame game by a field goal, 3 to 0.

"There has been some free talk lately which indicates that Sol Metzger will not be retained to coach the Washingtonians next fall."

GRAHAM TO GET FRANCHISE

Sacramento to Enter Coast League

Now That No Cash Is Involved.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Charles Graham, one of the sponsors of the movement to have Sacramento included in the circuit of the Pacific Coast Baseball League next year, was authorized today to attend the meeting

of the league directors Monday in Los Angeles and make formal application for a franchise for this city. The action was taken at a meeting of bankers and other business men.

It was announced that a stock company would be formed to finance the organization of the club.

Graham said Sacramento would get the franchise without cost and would not be required to take over any Portland players.

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