

MCCREDIE TO MEET GRAYS HARBOR MEN

Portland Magnate Goes to Aberdeen to Talk Baseball With Fans of City.

LEAGUE OWNERS TO MEET

Session in Seattle Tomorrow Promises to Bring Up Some Lively Arguments Between Blewett and Brown Over Statements.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON.

William Wallace McCredie, president, treasurer and secretary of the Portland baseball club, left yesterday for Aberdeen, where he will spend the greater portion of today in conference with the Aberdeen business men who are reported being greatly in favor of placing that city in the Pacific Coast International League.

The Aberdeen people, after a conference with President Blewett in Seattle last week, called Judge McCredie up over long-distance telephones and asked the Portland magnate to stop off in the Gray Harbor in his trip to Seattle to attend the Pacific Coast International League meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Just what the desires of Aberdeen have up their sleeve in the way of seeking a franchise is not known, but the gentlemen who conferred with McCredie over the phone stated the Portland magnate if it were possible to locate Billy Sullivan, former Chicago White Sox catcher, who has an apple orchard on the outskirts of Newberg, Sullivan tried to locate Sullivan in Seattle last season, but gave the job up after a couple of months' work.

To someone on the outside looking in, it appears as though the Aberdeen fans might be looking for an "angel" to finance their club, but in these days of uncertainty it looks as if they are up against a tough wall.

McCredie Favors Club. Judge McCredie would like very much to see Aberdeen in the league, but adds that they must come into the fold financially prepared to weather whatever storms loom up on the baseball horizon.

To assist the Grays Harbor fans, Judge McCredie is in favor of the league taking care of the outstanding obligations of the Aberdeen club of a few seasons ago, amounting to something like \$1400, which must be paid before that city can be officially admitted into the ranks of organized baseball.

If the Grays Harbor business men mean business, they will find a friend and adviser in Judge McCredie. If conditions are as good as reported, Aberdeen ought to be able to support a club in the Pacific Coast International League. President Blewett's circuit needs a sixth city to make it a real enterprising organization and the directors of the Pacific Coast International League are anxious to apply for a franchise at tomorrow's meeting.

Hamilton Writes McCredie.

Judge McCredie yesterday received a letter from James A. Hamilton, stadium manager and third baseman of the Muskogee club, who was an applicant to manage the Portland team until Hill Fisher stepped in. Hamilton, a former Central League pilot advised McCredie that he had been signed by Truckee Holmes to manage the Sioux City club in Lewis and Clark, Missouri, that later Holmes had changed his mind and decided to manage the team himself and appointed Hamilton captain. Hamilton, in his letter, asked McCredie to make an effort to land the job of managing the sixth city in the league for 1918.

Hamilton says he has an entire club lined up and can guarantee a winner. He seems confident of his ability to land a franchise in the city, and is anxious to connect with whatever town is given the franchise. McCredie will turn Hamilton's letter over to the Aberdeen business men.

Tomorrow's meeting of the league at Seattle may develop into a pretty little row between President Blewett and Bob Brown, of Vancouver, who are in charge of handling the league's business has not met with the approval of Brown, who is said to be continually firing broadside shots at the league "prexy."

Blewett on Warpath.

Blewett is on the warpath and will demand that Brown lay his cards on the table when they get together tomorrow and make good the statements which have appeared in the Vancouver papers from time to time.

"I am tired of having one of the club owners in the rear of giving out such statements as Bob Brown has been giving out in Vancouver," Blewett reports, "leaving said in Seattle the other day." "I don't see that it either stays or I get out of the league. When a man tells the public of his city that any club owner or two or three club owners are running this league and that his club is in danger of being ousted from the league he is entitled to ensure. Bob Brown knows better than that and I am going to make him prove his assertions or else apologize to me and to the league for the damage he has done it."

The first meeting of the league to come before the league magnates tomorrow will be the personnel of the league. If a sixth city is decided on, it looks like Aberdeen is the one to get the job. Vancouver a last resort. If the magnates vote to go through with four clubs, it will be a battle between Spokane and Vancouver to remain in the circuit.

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HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, WHO SIGNED TO MEET FRED FULTON, YESTERDAY.



JESS WILLARD.

TITLE BOUT SIGNED

Willard - Fulton Match for Championship Closed.

FIGHTERS AGREE ON TERMS

Champion to Get 75 Per Cent of Net Profits—Fulton to Get \$20,000. Number of Rounds to Depend on Where Fight is Staged.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Final articles closing a heavyweight championship match between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, challenger, were signed here today.

Willard, it was revealed in the new set of articles, is to receive 75 per cent of the net profits made by Colonel J. C. Miller, promoter, while Fulton is to receive a flat sum of \$20,000. The Government also stipulates that Miller shall have the right to sell or transfer the bout "to such person or persons as he may see fit."

"If I am successful in selling the match for \$100,000 or more—in fact, any amount—I will have to pay Fulton \$20,000 and give Willard 75 per cent of the balance," Miller explained. "I don't see how I can sell the match if I don't, I shall promote it myself. There's one thing certain—Willard and Fulton will fight some place for the championship the next Fourth of July."

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BARRIEAU'S WORK ADMIRABLE BY FANS

Canadian Draws Crowd to Workout and Shows Spectators Something of Speed.

BOXERS IN TRIM FOR MIX

Both Northern Champion and Jimmy Barrieau Ready for Gong and Believe in Ability to Down Opponent in 6 Rounds of Battle.

"Some battler!" "Just the boy for Marry Farrell!" "Jimmy Darcy sure has a fight on his hands!" "Look at that boy hit!" were some of the exclamations voiced by the crowd of flatie followers who jammed their way into the Rose City Athletic Club gymnasium yesterday afternoon when they were tipped off that Frank Barrieau, middleweight champion of Canada, had decided to put on the gloves for a few rounds and step around the padded bag, and any one of the phrases is not far off from being the truth. The Canadian champ was just going to do a little road work and shadow boxing, but after he had warmed up he kept right on going, and altogether, put in about 15 rounds of gymnasium work and boxing before he got up a good sweat, topping it off with a shower.

Jack Allen, the Fighting Albino Irishman and about the toughest bird in this section, who will meet Mike Pete, the crack Seattle 140-pounder in Aberdeen over the 16-round route next Monday, put the mitts on Barrieau, and for two rounds the fur flew thick and fast. Barrieau hooked, jabbed, slammed and uppeppered the battling Portlander, and Jack didn't weaken for a minute, but kept coming right in for more. When Barrieau got tired of mixing he let Allen paste him the chin, and Jack didn't weaken at that either. In the brief two rounds Frank showed the fight fans who were on hand that he can hit, box and fight, which is about all that can be expected in any man. Barrieau is in the best of condition and is ready to go at his best.

Canadian Is Veteran. The Canadian, whose home is in Vancouver, B. C., has a record of 250 victories and has had 250 battles. He has had only six decisions and one knockout registered against him in all of his 250 battles, and has been in the best men in the country, including Leach Cross twice, Bud Anderson three times, Willie Ritchie twice, Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion of the world; Jack Torres, the Denver champion; Art Magril, Jack Hall, Mick King twice, "Batting" Ortega twice, Dick Wells, Gordon McKay, Harry Miller, Willie Webb, Frankie Jones, "Fighting" Billy Murray and Johnny Tillman.

Barrieau lost to O'Dowd in 15 rounds; won once and lost once to Mick K. "the clever" Australian, who is being hailed as a world champion in Seattle, and has been the only boxer so far to stop Wild Willie Webb, the budding Oakland boy, who held Willie Meahan to a draw recently.

Barrieau lost to Leach Cross in their first battle in Los Angeles and knocked Leach out in 12 rounds at Vancouver, B. C., in their second engagement. Barrieau made 123 pounds for Cross in the Los Angeles battle, and was so heavy that he could hardly stand up. His return bout Frank entered the ring at 142 pounds and stopped the New Yorker. Barrieau knocked out Bud Anderson in three rounds.

"Fighting" Jimmy Darcy, known to the Portland fans as Valley Trambitas, will not be any soft pickings for Barrieau. Darcy has fought Harry Miller, a standstill on three occasions and thinks that he will knock Frank out in six rounds and is sure that he will win the decision. Jimmy Darcy is not a new boy, the fans saw box here some months ago.

Darcy Improved Boxer. He has improved fully 50 per cent and boxes an altogether different style than he formerly did. Since his last appearance here, Darcy has defeated a number of good boys and has gained a world of confidence in his ability. He is in good shape and has been boxing like a champion. His training session Darcy will have several pounds weight advantage over Barrieau and will make the best of it.

Alex Trambitas, who has proved in the past that he is one of the cleverest and most aggressive boxers that ever stepped in a ring here will be out to make up for his earlier loss to Darcy. He will meet George Dolan for the lightweight championship of the Pacific Coast in Seattle tonight and leaves right after the bout for Portland.

The rest of the bouts on the all-star card are: Pete Mitchell vs. Stan Willits, 135 pounds; Joe Swain vs. Pat Hoff, 150 pounds. One more bout may be added to the card today. Manager Merrill is having a lot of difficulty finding two boys to go on the card and left his finger nail file intact. Outside of that they didn't bother Walter very much.

FARRELL MAY MEET ORTEGA. Simpson, Oakland Fighter's Manager, Offered Bout for Protege.

Tommy Simpson, Oakland boxing manager and promoter, who is here handling Frank Barrieau for his bout with Jimmy Darcy at the Elwood Street Playhouse Wednesday night, has been offered a match here for his other middleweight protege, "Batting" Ortega. The promoter that made Sig-

son the offer said that Marry Farrell would have to meet. Simpson is willing to let Ortega meet Farrell any time and they may be seen in a local ring in the near future.

M. L. KLINE BOWLERS RETURN

Local Aggregation Back From Two Weeks' Tour of California.

The M. L. Kline bowling team returned from California Sunday morning after a two weeks' tour of that state, in which they met the best bowling aggregations in the Golden State, and represented Portland at the Pacific Coast International bowling championships at Los Angeles.

The M. L. Kline team finished seventh in the championship tournament. In the doubles Blaney and Rowe took



George Brandon, Portland Bantamweight, Who Will Box in Seattle Tuesday Night.

seventh place, Eldon and Jones eighth place. Eldon placed 18th in the single championship event. Rowe placed sixth in all events, taking his total score.

The crack Portland team took second place at the California state championships in Fresno, running up a score of 2775. The bowling alleys in which the tournament was being staged burned the night after the five-man Portland team, which resulted in a 6-1 team did not get a chance to roll the double and single matches. The team will rest up for several weeks before they depart for the annual Northwest championships in Spokane next month.

BRANDON TO BOX DOLAN

PORTLAND FIGHTER LEAVES FOR SEATTLE FOR BOUT.

Bantamweight in Good Condition and Believes He Can Take Flyweight Title From Californian.

George Brandon, the scrappy little Portland bantamweight, left for Seattle last night, where he is scheduled to meet Frankie Dolan, flyweight champion of the Pacific Coast, tonight. Brandon has been training at the Rose City Club and is in good shape for his battle with the conqueror of Abe Gordon.

Dolan, or Murphy, the name he is now boxing under, is one of the best boys at his weight in the country, and up until he hit an opponent on the chin in Los Angeles, which resulted in the fighter's death, Frankie was regarded as a coming champion in the flyweight class. He fought his first ring bout after a rest of over a year in Seattle the other night, defeating Abe Gordon for the Coast flyweight title. Murphy is a fast, clever boy and Brandon will have to travel at top speed to get any place with the Californian.

Brandon expects to beat Murphy by his aggressiveness and punch, both of which he is endowed with in abundance. If he makes good against Murphy, Brandon wants another crack at Danny Edwards, the Oakland colored flash, who won a decision over him some time ago here. Brandon was sick at the time he fought Edwards and had just left the hospital after an operation. He is feeling fine at present and will have to travel at top speed to get any place with the Californian.

Brandon is also willing to make weight for Abe Gordon if the latter thinks that he can beat him.

THIEVES STEAL BEES' OUTFITS

Salt Lake Players Lose Paraphernalia From Lockers.

Thieves broke into the lockers of the Salt Lake players at Porterville and stole away with gloves, mitts, bats, shoes and other paraphernalia amounting to about \$150.

The players spent most of the following day looking for their equipment but to date nothing has been ascertained of the missing goods.

The thief or thieves paid particular attention to Walter McCredie's locker. On the arrival of Manager Bill Fisher and the rest of the squad.

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The Foundation Company will stage another one of their smokers for employees only within the next few weeks and are hunting for a large building to hold it in so as to accommodate all

GRIGGS FIRST PORTLAND PLAYER AT PENDLETON.

Youngster Has Ability, According to Fans Who Know Him.

THE first Portland player to arrive at the Pendleton training camp is Corbett H. Griggs, catcher and infielder, whose home is at Walla Walla. In a letter received at baseball headquarters yesterday Griggs mentioned that he was on the job and waiting for the arrival of Manager Bill Fisher and the rest of the squad.

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RECRUITS LOOK GOOD

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SANDS CONSIDERED FIND

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INFELDER, WHO REPORTED TO WALTER MCCREDIE FOR TRYOUT, DECLARED TO HAVE BRIGHT FUTURE BY PORTLAND PLAYER-MANAGER.

It did not take Manager Bill Fisher, of the Portland team, long to decide that Infielder Sands was a "find" after Fisher had lapped the youngster at Porterville, according to a letter Judge McCredie received yesterday.

The Portland pilot was favorably impressed with Sands' work and predicts a bright future for the lad who has been awaiting at shortstop for release from the Salt Lake Yankigans during the sojourn of the Bees at Porterville.

Fisher was much enthused over the showing of players Cox, Smith and Morton, who are scheduled for release to the Portland team. It looks as if Walter McCredie intended carrying a number of his excess players until the Pacific Coast League season opened and then release them to Portland, according to Fisher's letter.

The Portland leader is anxious to get started and hopes for good weather at Pendleton, where the Portland team will pitch training camp. Fisher expects to start north for Portland in a few days. It was thought at first he would be here in time to accompany Judge McCredie to the league meeting at Seattle.

Sammy Ferguson, the young outfielder Portland has signed up, evidently intends to bat his way to a job with Judge McCredie's club. The Portland manager was comfortably seated at baseball headquarters yesterday when a porter almost knocked the office door off its hinges with a truckload of bats consigned to Ferguson from a Louisville bat factory.

"Mister Ferguson here!" asked the porter. "Nope, he's scrapping barnacles off ship bottoms at Seattle, but we expect him next week," smiled Judge McCredie.

"What'll I do with these bats?" "Keep 'em in cold storage until he gets here," replied McCredie. Ferguson must expect to murder the ball when he reports at Pendleton, and waits enough of the ash wallpapers to carry him through the four weeks' siege at the Round-up city.

He'll find the fences at Round-up Park are no cinch to kiss, but the M. L. household pellet, but will have no trouble getting his assortment of bats used up. The older players will "break" them in for him.

Unless Judge McCredie hears something definite from the National commission regarding the status of Cliff Lee, outfielder whose services are being contested by Portland, Marshalltown and Cleveland, by the time he reaches here he will have to report at Pendleton, now that Lee has accepted McCredie's salary offer.

The "big three"—Herrman, Tener and Johnson—have been mighty slow in rendering their decision in the Lee matter. The case has been under consideration for many weeks, and there is no logical reason why a decision has not been given by this time.

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Trouble Predicted for American Association. The American Association is scheduled to play 140 instead of 163 games this year, and will begin operations on May 1. Already the wise men are predicting trouble for this organization. They say that players' salaries and overhead charges will swallow the receipts of all the clubs and that the association will surprise the baseball world if it is still alive on July 1.

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BORNTON MAY BE RELEASED

Sacramento Player May Catch for Oakland or Build Ships.

Babe Borton, former Portland first baseman, may be a member of the Oakland team this season; then again Babe Borton may be a shipbuilder. Least of all is the possibility that Babe Borton will stick with Bill Rodgers on the Sacramento team. With Art Griggs sapping the ball on the nose and playing a great first base there seems little chance of Borton's getting the job, according to word from Sacramento.

Borton has been around San Francisco on a visit during the last few days and, although he is not reported as telling any of his secrets, it is said that he has been making a good offer to go to work in one of the Bay City shipyards and play in the Shipbuilder's League. But if Sacramento plans on turning Borton adrift there is a chance of his catching on with Oakland should Rod Allen not perform up to Del Howard's expectations.

Cleveland still After Sheely. The Cleveland club still is trying to secure First Baseman Sheely from the Salt Lake Pacific Coast League club. Sheely is said to be a powerful hitter and a fine normal player, but so far the Salt Lake club has been unwilling to part with him. Manager Fohl, however, has just released Ivan Howard to the Salt Lake club, and as Howard can play the Initial Bag, Cleveland fans believe that Sheely will open the season with the Indians. Fohl, by the way, has a formidable pitching staff at the training camp. It includes Bagby, Stanley Coveleskie, Gouge, Borton, Lambeth, Wilkinson, Enzman and the veteran Robert Groom.

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