VERNON TIGERS HERE TO BATTLE BEAVERS

Bill Essick's Menagerie Has New Faces.

VISITORS' APPETITE KEEN

Easy Series in Seattle Puts Men in Shape for Fight—Mackmen May Spring Surprise.

Pacific Coast League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Vernon	77	52	.597	Sacramento	59	62	.488
Los Angeles	77	52	.597	Oakland	60	69	.466
Salt Lake	67	54	.554	Portland	54	71	.432
San Fran.	64	54	.500	Seattle	45	79	.363

Yesterday's Results.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 4, Salt Lake 2.
At Seattle—Vernon 12, Seattle 2.
No other games—teams traveling.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON.

Vinegar Bill Essick's trained Vernon Tigers will start their final 1919 series at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn streets, commencing at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Battling Bill took charge of the southern aggregation last season, finished on top of the heap and is now tied for the league leadership with Los Angeles. That the Arbuckles will scrap every inch of the way this week is a certainty.

When the invaders beat Lyle Bigbee 12 to 2 at Seattle yesterday it gave them six games out of eight played with Jim Brewster's Rainiers. As Wade Killefer's avaricious Angels took another from Salt Lake to the tune of 4 to 2, the two southern clubs are still deadlocked. Essick is undoubtedly hopeful of gaining a game or two this week for his club figures to whip the Mackmen, while Sacramento is bound to give Johnny Powers' proteges more or less trouble. But nothing can be taken for granted in baseball. "Our boys," if Paddy Siglin gets back into the fray, may upset the dope.

Essick will arrive early this morning with the following players:

Pitchers Hyden Houck, Wheezer Dell, Ross, Art Fromme, Dawson and Finneran; catchers, Devormer and Brooks; Meusel; outfielders, High, Edington, Meusel; outfielders High, Edington, Chadburn and Tommy Long.

Pitchers Ross, Dawson and Finneran. Catcher Devormer and Outfielders High and Long will make their initial appearance before local fandom. Devormer was with the club when it opened the local season but was ill at the time and Cook, now with Sacramento, did the catching all that week. Catcher Brooks and Infielder Fisher will make their 1919 debut as Tigers. The former is a coast league veteran while Fisher used to play with Los Angeles.

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Eddie Herr's Salt Lake Bees continued to look bad on the road. It seems that the only place where they can win consistently is at home. Los Angeles took five out of seven from the Mormons at the Cafeteria City and they will find it hard to get back in the running. It was a crucial series for the Bees and they blew. Prexy Lane's men tackle the Seals at San Francisco this week.

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Del Howard's Oaks should encounter no difficulty in walking all over the dilapitated Rainiers at Seattle in the series which will commence this afternoon. As the Acorns left Portland Sunday night they witnessed the Rainier-Tiger game of yesterday. Portland is the only club Seattle has won over since old man Puget dug the sound.

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If Captain Paddy Siglin gets back in the game today or before the end of the series the Beavers may be able to give Vernon formidable opposition. At the present writing Siglin's .291 batting average is the best among the Beavers and although Wes Kingdon has done nobly Captain Paddy's hitting and field generalship are missed.

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Portland fans will see the greatest young ballplayer in the league when they view Bobby Meusel at third base for the Bengals this afternoon. Meusel hits the ball to all corners of the lot and plays the outfield and infield equally as well. When High came down from the Yankees Essick did not know where to place him for a time.

Zin Beck, who beat Tex Wisterzil out of his job at third base with the Vernon club, had fallen down a bit in his hitting and Meusel was placed on the difficult corner. He has looked even better there than in the outfield and has already been sold to the New York Yanks, where, if he keeps up his present clip, he will be a sensation next spring. Bobby is a younger brother of "Irish" Meusel, now in the big show.

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Outfielder Denny Williams, now with the Paul club of the southern Idaho league, will not report to the Beavers before the close of that circuit's season on September 14. The Paul club is fighting for the pennant and President Larsen has advised Judge W. W. McCredie that he cannot have Williams until it is landed.

Williams is the little Albina boy who has been playing finished semi-professional baseball around here for the past three years. He looks a lot like Johnny Kane, the old Vernon gardener.

LOS ANGELES TAKES SERIES

Salt Lake Shifts Team in Effort to Avert Defeat.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—Los Angeles took the series from Salt Lake by winning today's game, 4 to 2. The local team started by scoring two runs in the first inning. In the second the visitors shook up their aggregation in an effort to stop the Los Angeles players, sending Smith from third to right field, placing Mulligan on third and sending Mulvey to left field. In the eighth Krug was ordered out of the game for throwing his cap in the air when Umpire Eason had called him out. Score:

Salt Lake—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	Los Angeles—	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.
Mag'rt,m	4	0	0	4	0	Kil'fer,m.	4	2	2	2	0
Krug,2..	4	0	1	2	4	Fabrique,s	2	0	1	0	3
S'th,3,r	4	0	1	2	1	Bates,1...	4	0	1	13	0
Sheely,1..	4	1	2	7	1	Craw'f'd,r	4	2	1	2	0
Johnson,s	4	1	3	0	0	Bassler,c.	3	0	2	5	0
Fitzpat,1.	1	0	0	0	0	Kenw'y,2.	4	0	1	0	3
Mulvey,c.	3	0	1	4	0	Sills,1....	4	0	1	3	0
Spencer,c	2	0	0	3	0	Niehoff,3.	4	0	2	0	4
Markle,p.	3	0	0	0	2	Fittery,p.	4	0	0	1	2
Mul'gan,3	3	0	0	0	1						
Byler,r..	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	33	2	6	24	9	Totals	33	4	11	27	12

Salt Lake .....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2
Los Angeles .....2 0 1 1 0 0 0 * *—4

Error, Sheely. Two-base hits, Bassler, Smith, Sheely. Three-base hit, Bates. Sacrifice hits, Fabrique 2. Bases on balls, off Markle 2. Struck out, by Markle 3, by Fittery 3. Runs responsible for, Fittery 1, Markle 3. Double play, Krug to Sheely. Umpires, Eason and Finney.

VERNON SMOTHERS SEATTLE

Arbuckles Jump on Siwashes to Tune of 12 to 2.

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—Vernon's Tigers galloped away with today's game 12 to 2 and thus pushed Seattle farther down in the percentage column. Tiger batters and moundsman Houck never gave the locals any chance to score other than the one tally gained in the second frame. Vernon then retaliated and in the sixth gained four, the seventh one and in the ninth, staged a great batting rally which increased their total by seven runs. Bigbee, Seattle pitcher, was given good support by his team mates but did not seem to be able to hurl anything the Tigers could not hit. Score:

Vernon—	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	Seattle—	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.
Mit'ell,s.	4	0	1	2	6	Wares,2..	4	0	0	6	4
C'db'ne,m	5	1	1	2	0	C'n'h'm,m	4	1	1	4	0
Meusel,2.	5	2	3	0	4	Co'pton,r.	4	0	1	3	0
Borton,1.	3	2	0	11	1	Walsh,...	2	1	0	1	0
High,1...	3	2	1	0	0	Knight,1.	3	0	1	7	0
Fisher,2.	5	1	1	2	1	Sweeney,c	2	0	0	5	0
Ed'gton,r	3	0	0	3	0	Murphy,3.	3	0	0	1	1
Brooks,c.	4	2	2	6	0	French,s.	3	0	1	0	1
Houck,p.	4	1	1	1	1	Bigbee,p.	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	12	10	27	13	Totals	29	2	4	27	6

Vernon .....0 0 0 0 4 1 0 7—12
Seattle .....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2

Errors, Fisher, Bigbee. Struck out, by Bigbee, 4; by Houck, 3. Bases on balls, off Bigbee, 10; off Houck, 3. Two-base hits, Mitchell, Meusel. Three-base hits, Houck, Meusel. Double plays, Fisher to Mitchell to Borton. Sacrifice hits, Knight, Borton, 2; High, Edington, Sweeney. Stolen bases, Meusel, Knight. Passed balls, Brooks, 2. Runs responsible for, Bigbee, 11; Houck, 2. Umpires, Frazy and Fbyle.

RAIN STOPS TIE BATTLE

Cards and Braves Quit Even After 10-Inning Pastime.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—St. Louis and Boston played ten innings through a heavy mist to a one-run tie. The game was stopped by a downpour. A double-header had been scheduled. The game was a tight pitchers' battle after Jacobs succeeded Doak in the St. Louis box in the fourth inning. Score:

First game (called end tenth, rain)—

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis...	1	6	1	Boston.....	1	6	0

Batteries—Doak, Jacobs and Dilhoefer; Rudolph and Gowdy.

Second game postponed; rain.

Pittsburg 3, Philadelphia 2.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Meusel's home run with Blackburne on base, tying the score in the ninth inning, merely delayed Philadelphia's defeat, for in the 13th inning Bigbee drove the ball over the right field fence, winning for Pittsburg. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg...	3	11	1	Phila.....	2	5	1

Batteries—Cooper and Schmidt; Smith and Tragessor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Chicago-New York, both games postponed; rain.

BROOKLYN, Aug. 18.—Brooklyn-Cincinnati game postponed; rain.

BASEBALL SUMMARY

National League Standings.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Cincinnati.	71	34	.676	Pittsburg...	49	53	.480
New York..	62	37	.626	Boston.....	39	57	.406
Chicago....	54	46	.540	St. Louis...	38	60	.388
Brooklyn...	50	53	.485	Philadelphia	37	60	.381

American League Standings.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Chicago....	66	39	.629	St. Louis...	55	48	.534
Detroit.....	60	43	.583	Boston.....	48	53	.466
Cleveland..	58	44	.569	Washington	42	62	.404
New York..	54	47	.535	Philadelphia	28	73	.277

How the Series Ended.

At Portland three games, Oakland four games; at Seattle two games, Vernon six games; at San Francisco two games, Sacramento five games; at Los Angeles five games, Salt Lake two games.

Where the Teams Play This Week.

Vernon at Portland, Oakland at Seattle, Sacramento at Los Angeles, Salt Lake at San Francisco.

Where the Teams Play Next Week.

Los Angeles at Portland, Oakland at San Francisco, Sacramento versus Vernon at Los Angeles, Salt Lake at Seattle.

Beaver Batting Averages.

	AB.	H.	P.C.		AB.	H.	P.C.
Siglin	426	124	.291	Speas	243	57	.223
Wisterzil	390	107	.274	Schaller ...	13	3	.230
Blue	491	133	.270	Penner	89	18	.202
Rader	336	90	.264	Sutherland.	57	11	.192
Farmer	277	73	.264	Schroeder..	16	3	.187
Oldham ..	155	41	.264	Kingdon....	42	7	.166
Cox	377	92	.244	Jones	61	4	.065
Koehler ..	196	48	.244	Iarstad	6	0	.000
Baker	303	73	.241	Dalley	3	0	.000
Maisel	212	51	.240				

O'Dowd May Meet Ratner.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—John Reisler, who is promoting boxing shows at Tulsa, is in New York seeking matches. He has offered Mike O'Dowd and Augie Ratner, both having done their bit on the other side, a purse of $15,000 or 60 per cent of the gross, to box on Labor day. Paddy Mullins, O'Dowd's manager, says he will accept if the Minneapolis promoter who is seeking a Gibbons-O'Dowd bout for that date, doesn't give him the $12,000 guarantee he demands.

Weather Stops Net Men.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The singles tournament, in which several Australian players and R. L. Murray, national champion, are entered, did not open today as scheduled because the turf courts were drenched by a heavy rain.

Miss Gould Missouri Champ.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 18.—Miss Corinne Gould defeated Miss Louise Hammann, Kansas City, by 6-1 and 6-1 in the women's singles finals of the Missouri state tennis tournament here today.

OUIMET, ILL, BATTLES WAY TO SEMI-FINALS

Amateur Barred in 1916 Fights for Title.

RAIN MAKES BIG SCORE

Manion, St. Louis, Herron, Oakmont, and Tewkesbury in Triple Tie With Cards of 158.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 18.—Francis Ouimet of Woodland risked his health today to struggle through the 36-hole qualifying round of the national amateur golf championship at the Oakmont Country club, in order that he would not lose the opportunity he has waited for for more than four years—another chance to win the amateur championship.

Ouimet was barred from amateur golf in 1916 by the officials of the United States Golf association, who ruled that he was a professional because he had entered into the sporting goods business. Later, when he went into service, he was reinstated and this tournament is the first opportunity he has had to regain the title he once held.

The Boston golfer was forced to play in the rain most of the way. A number of times he swayed after hitting his shots, and he was so weak on the final nine holes of the afternoon play that he topped his tee shots at the 13th, 14th and 18th. But he finished the day with a medal score of 166, in a tie for 16th place, with the 32 who will continue tomorrow in the match play rounds.

Ouimet Ordered to Bed.

Ouimet was attended by two physicians after he completed his play and was ordered to bed in the Oakmont clubhouse. Physicians said that he was suffering from poisoned tonsils and that his back was exceedingly lame, indicating that he had caught cold today.

There was a triple tie for the best medal at 158 between James S. Manion, the public links golfer from St. Louis, Davidson Herron of Oakmont, and Paul Tewkesbury of Aronimink. Robert T. Jones Jr. of Atlanta was in fourth place with 159. It required a score of 172 to qualify, eight players taking part in a play-off for two places at that figure.

Rain Is Hard Blow.

The hopes of many golfers were washed away by the hard rain that fell. Among those who failed was Eben M. Byers, a former champion, who could do no better than 186. The real upset occurred when Oswald Kirkby, the New York crack shot, came through in the wet with a card of 175, to find himself outside the fold. Harry Legg of Minneapolis, western amateur champion, was just outside with 173.

The pairings for the first round of match play are such that if Evans beats Armstrong and Ouimet beats Cleary in the first round, the two stars will meet in the second round Wednesday.

Among those who qualified was W. J. Thompson of Canada, 84-82—166.

Pairings, upper half: Jones vs. Manion, Martson vs. Robert Gardner, Newton vs. Knepper, Crookston vs. Long, White vs. Hoffner, Bankhard vs. Peacock, Travers vs. Waldo, Maxwell vs. Fownes.

Lower half: Woolworth vs. Whitney, Thompson vs. Jacoby, Stearns vs. Bockencamp, W. H. Gardner vs. Herron, Anderson vs. Platt, Dean vs. Tewkesbury, Evans vs. Armstrong, Ouimet vs. Cleary.

RAIN DELAYS TEAM PLAY

Longwood Matches in Doubles Go Over Because of Weather.

NEWTON, Mass., Aug. 18. — Rain caused postponement today of the challenge round of the national lawn tennis tournament doubles at the Longwood Cricket club courts.

The match in which Norman E. Brookes and Gerald Patterson, Australians, will meet the present title holders, William T. Tilden II of Philadelphia and Vincent Richards of Yonkers, N. Y., will be played tomorrow if weather permits.

CLANCY CLEAR OUT OF LUCK

Popular Turfman Badly Jinxed by Famed Number "13."

Some race-goers have bad luck and others have worse, but it seems improbable that anyone could be pursued by the jinx as long and as persistently as has William C. Clancy this season. Mr. Clancy is one of the most popular owners and trainers on the turf. He is a thorough horseman and a good loser, and until this season was not superstitious. Although he smiles at his bad luck, this is what the hoodoo did to him since he shipped from Harve de Grace on April 13 in car No. 13 and occupied seat No. 13 on his way to New York:

His colt Minute Man was kicked at the post and knocked out of training; his good colt War Mask spread a hoof and then finished second in a stake record; his real good sprinter, Assume, was kicked at the post and sent to a veterinary for repairs; his Ting-a-Ling was disqualified when it finished second, and six of his horses on which he had wagered to win finished close seconds after either being left at the post or knocked down during the contests.

WHITE SOX TRIM MACKS

ATHLETICS FORCED TO TAKE BEATING, 11 TO 6.

Browns Defeat Red Sox When Russell Weaens — Cleveland Runs Over Yanks.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Chicago hammered Noyes and Kercher hard today and won the second game of the series from Philadelphia. Gandil hit safely four times, including thre doubles and a single, in four times at bat. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Phila.....	6	8	4	Chicago....	11	17	4

Batteries—Noyes, Kirschner and McAvoy; Kerr and Schalk, Lynn.

St. Louis 4, Boston 3.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 18.—St. Louis got after Russell in the first and before he could settle down made three runs on four hits, a base on balls and a hit batsman and won from Boston. The deciding run came in the seventh. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Boston.....	3	8	2	St. Louis....	4	9	1

Batteries — Russell, McGraw, Hoyt and Schang; Gallia and Severeid.

Detroit 4, Washington 3.

DETROIT, Aug. 18.—An eighth-inning rally, aided by a wild pitch and Agnew's error, gave Detroit three runs and a victory over Washington. Menosky hit the ball over the right field wall in the sixth. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Wash'gton..	3	6	2	Detroit.....	4	8	2

Batteries—Shaw and Agnew; Boland and Ainsmith.

Cleveland 2, New York 1.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 18.—Cleveland defeated New York, it being Mays first defeat since he joined New York. He held Cleveland to one hit until the eighth, when a pass to O'Neill, Bagby's sacrifice, Bodie's two-base muff of Graney's fly and Chapman's scratch double gave Cleveland two runs. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
New York..	1	6	2	Cleveland...	2	2	2

Batteries—Mays and Hannah; Bagby and O'Neill.

HIGGINS TO COACH GONZAGA

All-Around Athletic Star to Pilot Alma Mater.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—William "Bill" Higgins, former star all-round athlete of Gonzaga university, has been selected as varsity coach at Gonzaga for the coming football season.

Higgins graduated from Gonzaga university with the class of 1914. He then went to St. Louis to study medicine, finishing his course of studies there last June.

A good deal of material is expected on turn out at Gonzaga at the first call for football practice. Several of the old men are expected back and much new material is expected to enter the school this fall.

SCHALK CATCHES 100TH GAME

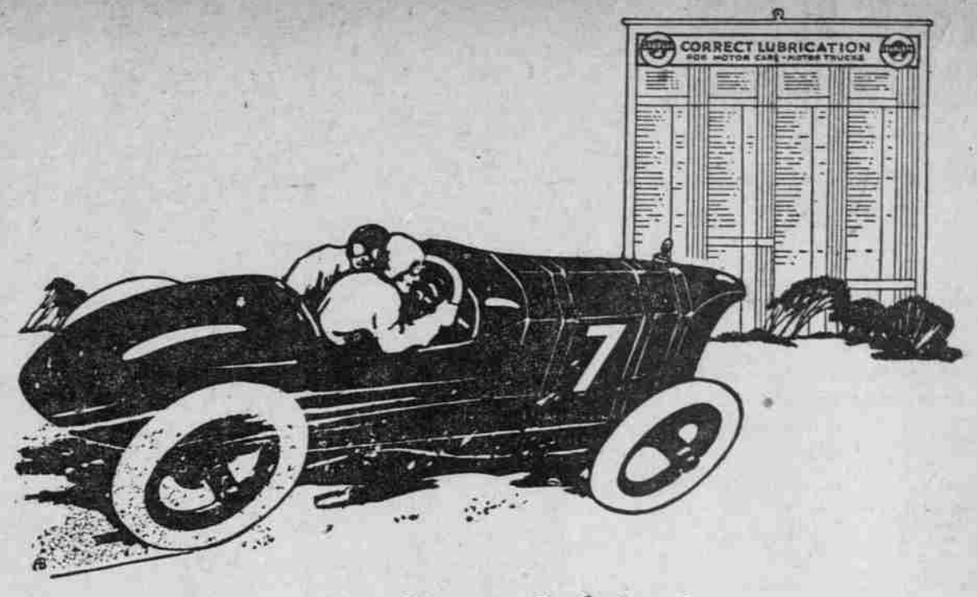
Peppery White Sox Backstop Sets New Mark for Work.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Ray Schalk, catcher for the Chicago American league club, today set a new mark when he went behind the plate in his team's game with Philadelphia.

It was the 100th game he had caught this season and marked the seventh consecutive season that he has accomplished this unusual feat.

Salt Lake Collector Named.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—David C. Dunbar of Salt Lake City, Utah, was nominated collector of internal revenue by President Wilson today.



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RICKARD PLANS ARENA

WILY PROMOTER FAR FROM OUT OF GAME.

"Tex" Schemes to Have Winner of Elimination Contests Face Champ Jack Dempsey.

George Lewis Rickard is far from through as a promoter of big boxing events. After the recent Dempsey-Willard cakewalk there was a lot of printers' ink spilled about Tex's swansong. It seemed that the quiet gambler had passed a remark to the effect that he was tired of getting big league boxers together or something like that and a lot of eastern sport writers took him seriously.

The latest thing which Rickard is fostering is the formation of a sporting club in New York, which will open next February under powerful auspices. One of the events will be an elimination tournament between heavyweight boxers, the winner to meet Jack Dempsey.

When Willie Meehan, the San Francisco heavyweight, passed through here along with Moose Taussig on his way to Seattle Saturday morning he flaunted a telegram from Rickard asking whether or not he would consider entering such a tournament. He had not answered Rickard, being at that time busily employed in thinking the subject over.

Rickard's plan is to get Meehan, Bill Larue, Battling Levinsky, Bob Martin, Dick O'Brien, Captain Bob Roper, Bill Brennan and the rest of the heavyweight field to tangle among themselves until one comes out on top and then to put on a replica of the Toledo affair, although of course Texas is kind enough to hope that the man who tackles Jack the giant killer, will give him a better session than did the big jelly fish from Kansas.

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Frankie Tucker, the lightweight who has been seen in action in this city several times, broke his thumb in the fourth round with Gene Watson at Vernon the other night, but, nevertheless managed to get a draw. The last half of the fourth round he fought with one hand.

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Word comes from London that if Eddie McGoorty defeats Joe Beckett he will hurl a challenge at Jack Dempsey. Eddie has gotten a lot of confidence since he has been winning on the other side. He has been doing so well he seems to have forgotten what Les Darcy did to him.

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Battling Nelson is out again. Now the Battler proposes to get married again and take his bride and his 73-year-old father on a trip around the world. He proposes to visit Europe, then go to Australia, and to return to America by way of San Francisco. A visit here is on the bill-of-fare. The whole trip, according to the Battler, will take over a year to make. To help pay expenses the Battler is going to stage a 20-minute sketch entitled "Battling Nelson Training for a World's Championship." The Battler will be the main actor in the sketch, of course, but he will have help in the form of four negro boys, and, if he gets married, he will also use his wife in the act.

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Speaking of Battling Nelson and his affairs matrimonial, Fay King, the cartoonist, the Battler's ex-wife, has always corresponded with the Battler, notwithstanding that their career as "Mr. and Mrs." was more short than it was sweet.

One day when in San Francisco Fay received a post card. On the reverse side was a photo of the Battler with a girl who's head failed by six inches of reaching the Battler's shoulder.

"You see," wrote the Battler under the photo, "I'm still picking small ones."

Whereupon Fay grabbed a soldier, took him to a photograph gallery, and made him pose with her before the camera.

The picture of Fay and the soldier went to the Battler with the following underneath:

"You see, Bat, I'm still picking fighters."

COAST STARS FAIL IN EAST

Golfers Find Grass Conditions Different on Atlantic Links.

Judging by the experience on eastern links from time to time of Pacific coast stars, one is tempted to reach the conclusion that the different conditions must have a good deal to do with the higher scores. The texture of grass on California courses is not the same as on eastern links, nor is there much resemblance in the greens.

It was probably the putting surfaces as much as anything else that bothered John Black and Adelard Espinoza. When on the coast low scores for this pair are like breaking sticks. It might be added that this line of logic should work both ways, though it does not seem to, for stars from the Atlantic seaboard frequently come to the Pacific coast and play brilliantly.

Aberdeen Card Ready.

ABERDEEN, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Matchmaker Harry Druxman has completed his card for the Moose smoker to be staged here August 29. The main event will be between "Red" Calhoun, Hoquiam fireman, and "Sailor" Maxwell. These boys are heavyweights. The preliminaries will be fought by Dan Sugar, Seattle, and Archie Stoy, Chehalis; Joe Hoff, Portland, and Bernie Dillon, Seattle; and the "Terrible Swede" and "Soldier" Horton, of Aberdeen.

Rianier Giants Lose.

The Hawthorne merchants defeated the Rainier Giants Sunday at Rainier by the score of 5 to 3. The features of the game were the timely hitting of Boitana and Newton and the pitching of Neuenschwander, who struck out 11 men.

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Haw'e Mer.	5	9	2	Rainier Gts.	3	7	4

Big League Gossip.

THE Pittsburg club has purchased Pitcher Jack Wisner from Saginaw of the Michigan-Ontario league.

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The St. Louis Cardinals have sent Tom Kelly, a recruit pitcher, to Waco of the Texas league, as part payment for First Baseman Leslie.

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The Cubs have a new pitcher, who comes from the wilds of southern Illinois. His name is Joe Newkirk and he has been pitching for a "town" team at Norris City. He is 23 years of age, stands six feet and weighs 185 pounds.

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Charley Hollocher is still a great fielding shortstop, but this year you don't hear much about his hitting. Batting averages all around are nearer normal these days since a lot of good pitchers have returned from the war.

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A fire started by a cigarete, thrown with no malicious intent, burned a section of the grandstand at Cardinal field in St. Louis recently. The damage done was not great and there still was enough of the stand left to accommodate the crowds.

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Report comes from Boston that Manager George Stallings offered to trade either Hank Gowdy or Arthur Wilson to Brooklyn for Sherrod Smith, but it doesn't sound reasonable, at least as for Goudy, for Boston fans would hardly stand for it.

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The latest baseball rumor that comes from the busy east involves the sale of the St. Louis Cardinals to James C. McGill of the Indianapolis American association club at the end of the present season. McGill, who is a nephew of the late Pittsburg Phil, has been trying to obtain a major league franchise for several years and it is his plan, the gossips say, to transfer the St. Louis National team to the Hoosier city, which is enjoying a prosperous baseball revival this year. Indianapolis was represented in the National league by a club owned by the late John T. Brush up to 1891, when Brush purchased the Cincinnati club's franchise.

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Hearing that he was only left in the game that he might make a record for continuous service, Fred Luderus set out to show 'em that he was in there because he dellvered the goods. Of late Fred's hitting has been one of the features of the play of the Phillies.

Sidelights and Satire.

Count that ball season deadwood when Ban Johnson doesn't bust through the paper hoop with a "whoop-la."

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Ban just drops in, declares himself and leaves the rest of the league giving a very good imitation of the bandit scene from some Spanish opera.

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Ban has done about everything but order Babe Ruth to cut his swats down to singles.

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Rivalry has sprung up among the life guards of the various bathing resorts on the river. McHale and Roller of the Oaks claim first prize, having the chorus girls as patrons. Boy, page Mr. Windemuth.

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"Cupid is the original trouble shooter." Mildred, the telephone girl.

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Looks like a tough year for Giants, New York and Jess Willard.

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"Man's ability to think is a puzzle to scientists," writes Garret P. Servlss. Also to baseball managers.

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Jack Dempsey has signed a contract calling for $225,000 or 15 weeks' work on the stage, which again proves that it pays to have a college education.

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For the first time since 1882 the Cincinnati board of managers may grab the luxury of canning a pennant manager.

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Czar Ban buzzes that club owners are a lot of fish. Which makes the czar a czardine.

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