CRITICISM ON TENNIS CHANGES ANSWERED

Fundamentals of Actual Play Held Unaffected.

FOOT FAULT IS DISCUSSED

National Association Committee Chairman Declares Report Embodies Recent Instructions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—With the declaration that in presenting a revision of the rules to the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, the rules committee is carrying out the specific instructions of the meeting of 1919, and that these revisions, with few exceptions, tend toward agreement rather than disagreement with the rules of other tennis playing nations, the committee issued yesterday through S. Wallis Merrihew, its chairman, a reply to some recent criticism. Its statement calls attention to the fact (1) that the revisions proposed for the most part relate to changes in wording and in no degree alter the fundamentals of the actual playing of the game, and (2) that the proposed revision of the foot fault rule not only simplifies its present statement, but brings it more closely in harmony with the rule now enforced by the tennis associations of other countries.

Rules Report Considered.

"In considering the report of the rules committee," said Mr. Merrihew, "the point to be held in mind is that this committee in proposing revisions to the present rules is carrying out the definite instructions of the national association as expressed at its last annual meeting. In 1919 the delegates adopted a resolution instructing this committee to revise the laws of lawn tennis, the regulations for management of tournaments and the cases and decisions.

"To obtain the best possible advice a committee was named which included Edward C. Conklin, chairman of the National Tennis Umpires' association, Beals C. Wright and Richard N. Williams II, former champions, who are thoroughly familiar with conditions abroad; Samuel Hardy, who has had 30 years' experience in tennis here and abroad; Watson M. Washburn, who represented the national association in its negotiations with the foreign associations as to joining the international federation; Abraham Bassford Jr., chairman of the ranking committee. This committee is felt to represent in high degree the best judgment of tennis players and officials.

Report Unanimously Approved.

"After three months of deliberation, it presented a report which was unanimously approved at the last meeting of the executive committee and will come up for action at the association's annual meeting on February 6. That report has been generally approved except in three particulars. Some objection has been raised to (1) the foot fault rule, (2) the new scoring system, and (3) the handicapping system, which goes with it.

The only objection to the new foot fault rule was that in its proposed form it might permit a man to serve on the run. Players of the experience of Beals Wright and Dick Williams think this is a doubtful advantage, even in the remote contingency that a man might make use of it. To meet every possible objection, however, a revision of its proposal has been made by the committee, which will absolutely prevent such a running start. The text of the rule as now agreed upon by the committee is:

"The server shall, immediately before commencing to serve, stand with both feet at rest behind the base line and within the limits of the center mark and the side line. Both feet shall be kept behind the base line until the racket strikes the ball.'

Objection Is Explained.

"Such objection as had been raised to the suggested changes has been based largely on the argument that the United States ought not to alter the rules of the game except in conjunction with the other tennis playing nations. In this belief the committee agrees with the president, George T. Adee, and former president, Robert D. Wrenn. It would be a fine thing to have the rules uniform throughout the world. There can be no debate on that point.

"The facts are, however, that the rules are not uniform. The United States, for instance, has a different foot fault rule from that prevailing in the other countries, and the size and weight of the balls varies from the standards prevailing abroad. Not only is this the fact, but it is also true that the difficulties of changing the rules simultaneously are almost insurmountable at present, due to the difficulties of negotiations with countries so widely separated as England and Australia."

STUDENT TEAMS TO MEET

Open Game in Interscholastic League Set for Today.

Jefferson and Commerce will meet in the opening game of the week in the interscholastic league this afternoon on the Y. M. C. A. floor. The blue and gold five should have little trouble in defeating the Bookkeepers, who are the weakest team in the league. Leon Fabre will probably referee the game, although he has not been definitely decided upon by the coaches of the two teams.

Jefferson won its first game of the season against James John, while Commerce has been beaten by Lincoln and Franklin.

Molalla Swamps Hubbard, 72-10.

MOLALLA, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Hubbard high school was swamped by the fast Molalla high school team Thursday evening in a game of basketball. The final score was 72 to 10. Ridings with 21 baskets and Faurie with 9 were high point men for Molalla. Thomas made Hubbard's points. Molalla has not been defeated by a high school this year and is endeavoring to get games with fast teams in the state. Walter R. Taylor was referee.

Canadian Polo Team Defeated.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 1.—The American team defeated the Canadian four in the match polo game at the Coronado Country club today, by 9½ goals to 8. Captain Greer, Jr., of the Far Rockaway club of Long Island, featured and gave several thrilling exhibitions of riding. Major Robertson, army polo1st, scored five goals for the winners.

Higgins Quits Penn State.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Feb. 1.—Robert A. Higgins, ranked as the greatest football end in the game last fall and captain of the Penn State eleven, has left to accept the position of assistant to the recreational officer at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has virtually finished his course in commerce and finance and will be awarded his college degree tomorrow, being one of the 112 members of the special "war class" to be graduated at that time.

PENINSULA WINS IN SOCCER

Mount Scott Team Is Defeated by Score of 2 to 0.

Portland Soccer League Standings.

	W.	L.	Tied.	Pts.
Peninsula	4	0	1	9
Waverleigh	3	0	1	7
Mount Scott	2	2	0	4
Kerns	1	2	0	2
Canadian Veterans	0	2	0	0

Peninsula retained its lead in the soccer league by defeating the Mount Scott team yesterday on the Franklin bowl by a score of 2 to 0. The Mount Scott players put up a good game, but the defense playing of Ted Kuell at goal and Carl Medsted and F. Young, fullbacks for Peninsula, proved to be too much for the Mount Scott kickers.

Waverleigh jumped up another notch in the percentage column by getting a win over the Canadian Veterans on the Reed college grounds by a 7-to-1 score.

It was announced last night that the meeting of the Portland Soccer association which had been called for tonight has been postponed.

POWER BOAT CLUBS UNITE

MIDDLE WEST AND CANADA REPRESENTED ON BOARD.

Purpose Is to Promote Racing, Unify Rules and Authorize Contest Dates.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 1.—Representatives of 150 yachting clubs of the middle west and Canada tonight completed organization of the International Power Boat Union, the purpose of which, it was announced, would be to "promote the sport of powerboat racing, to unify racing rules and authorize dates for the territory it embraces."

Any group of three or more yacht clubs will be admitted to the union and each organization will be represented on the board of governors.

Under the by-laws the rules defining professionalism were amended to allow any driver to compete for cash prizes so long as his livelihood was not derived from power boating.

The principal organizations in the union are the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association; Lake Michigan Yachting association and the Detroit River Yachting association. Canadian and Lake Ontario groups are soon to be formed.

DARTMOUTH CONFIRMS GAME

Team to Start November 20 to Play University of Washington.

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The report of a football game between Dartmouth and the University of Washington was verified here today by Graduate Manager of Athletics Pender. The contest will be staged in Seattle on November 27. The Dartmouth team probably will start on its trip to the coast the day after the Brown game in Boston on November 20.

The announcement of the intersectional game is received with interest as a part of Dartmouth's enlarged programme for next year. Last season's record of the Washington eleven places it in the first division of collegiate football, and the meeting of the two teams probably will rank in interest with the Harvard-Oregon clash of last New Year's day.

Central League to Reorganize.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 1.—Eight Michigan cities and Fort Wayne, Ind., were represented at a meeting here today which decided to reorganize the Central baseball league as a class B organization. The Michigan cities applying for franchises were Muskegon, Ludington, Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Manistee. A franchise will be denied one Michigan city.

Bennett May Coach W. and J.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 1.—The latest applicant for the position of football coach at Washington and Jefferson is Mike Bennett, former Penn star, now coach at Haverford college. Bennett's formal application has been received by Manager Murdoch as well as an indorsement of his aspiration by Charles G. Eckles, former Washington and Jefferson star, now athletic director at Haverford preparatory school.

Game Is Found to Be Tie.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 1.—Through an error in figuring the score in the Chehalis-Montesano basketball game last night it was at first reported that Montesano had won, 20 to 18. On recounting the score, however, Chehalis calculators discovered that the actual score was a 20-to-20 tie and Montesano, when the error was pointed out to them, agreed to play off the tie on a neutral floor.

Centralia Breaks Even.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Centralia high school basketball team broke even on its weekend trip to Willapa Harbor. Friday night the locals lost to South Bend by a score of 19 to 15, after having led their opponents until the last five minutes of play. Saturday night Centralia defeated Raymond by a score of 26 to 16.

Johnson-Flynn Query Answered.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 1.—(To the Sporting Editor.)—Where did Jim Flynn fight Jack Johnson?

SUBSCRIBER.

Jack Johnson met and defeated Jim Flynn twice: the first time was November 22, 1907, in San Francisco, and the second was July 4, 1912, at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Veterans May Not Land This Year.

Larry Cheney, veteran boxman, may not be among those present when the Phillies assemble in the spring. Cheney has been with the Cubs, Robins and Braves and is nearing the end of his major league career. Jack Adams is said to be dissatisfied and may also go to another club.

Rickey Answers Critics.

Branch Rickey, after being criticised for making known the fact that he had declined an offer of $70,000 and four players for Rogers Hornsby, explains why he told about it. He wished to serve notice to all other clubs that it would be useless to bid for the St. Louis star.

Ohio 30, Michigan 18.

ANN ARBOR, Mich, Feb. 1.—Ohio easily defeated Michigan in a western conference basketball game last night, 30 to 18. Although he played guard, "Chick" Harley scored four points for Ohio. It was Michigan's fifth consecutive defeat.

WINGED M TO ENTER WATER POLO TEAM

Hard Training to Precede Championship Clash.

NATIONAL TITLE AT STAKE

Contest Will Be Held in San Francisco Last of April; Talent Revealed at Meet.

Now that the Oregon state championships have been settled, the attention of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club swimmers will turn to water polo. The winged M institution will enter a water polo team in the national championships, which will be held in San Francisco the latter part of April, and for the next two months the Multnomah club pool will be the scene of many a lively water polo scrimmage as the team prepares for the trip south.

The state meet Saturday night brought out the fact that the local club is still able to turn out swimmers of championship caliber, as shown by the performance of Ethel Knowles and Bus Douglas. These two young natators proved to be the feature of the meet, Miss Knowles winning the 50-yard free style for women and carrying off the honors in the 50-yard breast stroke.

Bus Douglas set a new state record in the 200-yard dash when he covered the distance in 2 minutes 31.4 seconds. Douglas also crossed the line at the head of the field in the 50-yard event, although Myron Wilsey gave him a close race.

Happy Kuehn, national junior diving champion, took first place in the men's fancy diving Saturday night. Kuehn's dives were up to championship standard and it was the opinion of the judges at the meet Saturday night that his diving was of even a better standard than when he won the national junior title recently.

"Red" Wilmot, who was diving in his first competitive meet, displayed good form in some of his dives and showed promise, with more practice and training, of becoming a first-rate performer on the springboard.

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The winged M water polo team which will be entered in the national championships will be in for some strong competition, according to word received from the south. Confirmation of the fact that the Illinois Athletic club would compete in the national event has been received in San Francisco from William Bachrach, the coach of the Chicago swimming organization.

The team will be a composite 400-yard relay team, and a water polo seven, both teams to compete in the events scheduled at the Olympic club and Sutro baths. The team will include such great mermen as Norman Ross, Perry MacGillivray, Harry Hebner, Max Mott, Jones, Vosburg and Buddy Wallen.

The I. A. C. team will stop first at Omaha at the new 100-yard swimming pool at Liberty Park, and at Salt Air, Salt Lake. The preliminary water polo games will require about four days, with the final game scheduled for May 1.

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The National Collegiate Athletic association has undertaken to revise the rules which govern record breaking in swimming. All codes devised for the purpose so far fall short of requirements and it is the aim of the collegiate solons to try to bring about the general adoption of fairer and more adequate laws.

The greatest fault to be found with both the international and American systems in use is that they take no account whatever of the advantage obtained by swimmers for pushing off at the turns. The federation simply sets an arbitrary limit of 75 feet on length of pool, while the A. A. U. places the limit at 60 feet, but neither considers the number of turns taken.

Setter Is Trials Winner.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 1.—J. R.'s Boy, black, white and tan setter, owned by Dr. T. E. Clark of Golconda, Ill., yesterday won the free-for-all championship of the National Field Trials club at Calhoun.

Kauff to Manage Boxers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Benny Kauff, the center fielder of the New York Giants, has branched out in another line of athletics, to-wit, prize fighting. Benny's efforts will be as a manager of boxers and he hopes to get together a formidable stable of mitt wielders capable of competing with the best in the various divisions. He has fortified himself by having Jack Fisher, the veteran trainer, for a partner, and the latter will look after the battlers while Benny Kauff is busily engaged trying to win games with his trusty willow for the New York Giants.

Acorns Defeat Silent Five.

In the Portland Basketball league Saturday night the Y. M. C. A. Acorns defeated the Silent Five quintet by the score of 35 to 26 on the Y. M. C. A. floor. The game was hard-fought and fast throughout. Fromme and Bauer registered most of the Silent Five team's points, while Piluso and McMullen starred for the winners.

The lineup:

Acorns (35).		Silent Five (26).
Pierce (6)	F	(14) Fromme
Rockhey (12)	F	(6) Bauer
McMullen (8)	C	(4) Thayer
Bennett	G	Greenwald
Piluso (8)	G	(2) Broay

Referee, Kenneth Irle; scorer, P. W. Lee.

MORE SMOKERS PLANNED

CORVALLIS LEGION POST IS PLEASED WITH SUCCESS.

Prejudice Against Boxing Wanes, Pastor Addresses Fans and Approves of Cards.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The local American Legion post, with Promoter Taylor in charge, plans to stage boxing matches at least every month. If, however, the people show as much interest as they did in the first affair, which was staged last Friday, Taylor hopes that a smoker may be held every other week.

Since the recognition of boxing by the army authorities the prejudice against that art has dwindled considerably in this city. At the last smoker not only several ministers were present, but Rev. Mr. Snyder accepted an invitation to speak. He approved the boxing matches.

Ad Garlock's protege, Kid Rocko, fought Frankie Webb to a slashing six-round draw in the main event. From the first gong until the end the boys kept at it and the exhibition was one of the best ever staged here. The crowd was on its toes throughout the six rounds of the fast milling and when the referee called the bout a draw everyone was well satisfied. The boys weighed 125 pounds, ringside.

In the semi-windup, "Kid" Simpson of Corvallis and Bud Stevens of Tacoma fought another slasing draw. Simpson had the best of the first two rounds, but seemed to tire toward the end and the draw verdict was well received by the crowd. The boys are featherweights.

Manager Wilderman hopes to arrange a return match for his fighter with Stevens before long, and is confident that Simpson will give him a good trimming the next time they meet. As Simpson is carrying a heavy schedule at O. A. C., where he is registered as a student, he was not in the best of condition at this bout. As soon as he gets his school work well in hand he will resume training, as he did when he fought for the old Rose City club of Portland.

Pete Hill of Corvallis and Jack Sloane of Portland, in the opening bout of the evening, fought to a draw. They are welterweights.

Manager Wilderman is negotiating with Promoter H. M. Dickson of Independence to have his boxer on the next card, which will be held some time during the earlier part of the month at Independence.

MASON DEMANDS TOLEDO

PLACE FOR BOUT WITH JIMMY WILDE IS ANNOUNCED.

Ad Thayer, Promoter of World Championship Scrap, to Confer With Hughes Today.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Ad Thayer, promoter of the world championship flyweight bout between Jimmy Wilde, the British title holder, and Frankie Mason, American claimant, will go to Milwaukee tomorrow to confer with Dave Hughes, Wilde's manager, and to complete arrangements for staging the event here some time during the latter part of this month.

George Biemer, Mason's manager, who arrived here tonight, informed Thayer that Mason will meet Wilde in no place other than Toledo.

Biemer also signed Mason's end of the agreement. Mason will come here as soon as the final contracts are signed. Thayer also announced that Wilde will come at once to Toledo to complete his training.

The weight is to be 108 pounds at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the fight.

CALIFORNIA TO HAVE 8 TRAINING CAMPS

Grind for 250-Ball Players Starts in March.

BANNER YEAR PROMISED

Los Angeles and Little Cities Near By to Get Lion's Share of Total Number of Squads.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—California late next month will blossom forth in all its glory. The first week in March will find some 250 athletes unlimbering and preparing for what promises to be another banner year.

As usual, Los Angeles and the little cities surrounding it get the lion's share of the total number of squads doing their conditioning in this state. The Chicago Cubs will work out at Pasadena, Vernon at Washington park, Los Angeles at Lake Elsinore and Vernon, while Portland scrimmages at Ontario.

Further north we have Seattle as the guest of Hanford, San Francisco at Stockton, Salt Lake at Boyes Springs and the Oaks and Yippers at home. Name another state in the union housing as many baseball clubs. It cannot be done. The Bear state reigns supreme as a stamping ground for organizations wishing to start the campaign in good physical condition.

Next spring we'll have another big league club in our midst. The Los Angeles and Vernon managements strived hard to land the St. Louis Browns, Cleveland or Detroit this year, but for various and sundry reasons plans went ker-flooie. But Messrs Powers and Maier did succeed in interesting Phil Ball. Jim Dunn and Frank Navin and one of them will trek west in 1921 just as sure as a stone drops from the hand which lets it go.

Wes Kingdon Graduates.

Wes Kingdon, local boy whom Walter McCredie expects to be the regular Beaver shortstop the coming semester, graduated from Lincoln high school on Thursday. The 18-year-old lad has started the junior college course at Los Angeles high. He has heard that Boss Walter plans to swap George Maisel, Rainland gardener, for Marty Berghammer, St. Paul's second baseman.

Rebel Oakes, who went up from Los Angeles to the St. Louis Cardinals along with Rube Ellis long ago and who is now reported to be very wealthy as a result of speculation in oil, has interested several ball players wintering here who will invest in one of Oakes' projects. A large part of the former Seraph's holdings have been taken over by a big concern and it is in the land which he still holds that the tossers are investing $500 or so apiece. The oil is of the Louisiana variety.

James and Stanage Leave.

Bill James, White Sox, and Oscar Stanage, Detroit, have left Los Angeles for Sacramento. They will hunt ducks near the Capital city. The pair plan on returning within a few days to rest up prior to reporting to their respective training camps. James was much put out this winter because Bill Rodgers hiked to Cincinnati. It is customary for the two Bills to spend a portion of each winter laying in wait for the game bird or running down big game.

Bill Lane, Oakland outfielder, has signed his 1920 contract. Lane was the leading base stealer last season and also well up among the leaders in scoring runs. During the early part of the season he fell down in hitting, but from July on Billy was the most consistent hitter on the Oakland team, getting 91 bingles out of 301 times up.

Art Devlin, who several years ago took a fling at managing the Oaks, is coaching the Fordham basketball team this winter and will be in charge of the baseball candidates when they are called out. Art was a great football and basketball player at Georgetown university before becoming star third sacker for the New York Giants.

Billy Cunningham, Seattle outfielder, will be a cigar merchant next fall. James Brewster, Seattle director and ex-president of the organization, intends to place the consistent-hitting Billy in one of his establishments. Brewster has cigar stores all over the sound city. It looks like the sensational Billy will remain in the Coast league for another year.

Women Freshmen Victors.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The freshman class team was the victor of the women's interclass basketball series, which has been in progress during the last week. In the final game of the series the freshman team defeated the junior women by a score of 15 to 9.

Fans Wonder Where Magee Will Go.

There is much speculation as to where Sherry Magee will land for next season. The opinion prevails among many critics that the veteran will be picked up by a major league club. He drew an unconditional release from the Reds a few days ago.

Browns Sign Third Baseman.

The Thompson purchased a few days ago by the Browns was not Shag Thompson, the outfielder formerly with the Mackmen as reported. The new Brownie is Frank Thompson, a third baseman from Joplin of the Western league.

COLONEL JACK CHINN DIES

NOTED KENTUCKY TURFMAN EXPIRES, AGED 71.

Racing Veteran Gained Fortune as Breeder of Thoroughbreds. Politics Also His Field.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Colonel Jack P. Chinn, famous Kentucky politician, thoroughbred owner, fox hunter and former member of both houses of the Kentucky General Assembly, member of the racing commission, the friend and confidant of Governor William Goebel, who was shot by an assassin 20 years ago yesterday, as Colonel Chinn walked with him toward the capitol building at Frankfort, died suddenly in a local hospital Saturday.

Colonel Chinn was the owner of Leonatus, winner of the Kentucky Derby; Lassack and San Fox, three famous racing stallions which brought him a fortune. He also owned Mary Magowan, Jessie M. and Flora L., famous mares, which he raced successfully.

Chinn was the leader of the movement to lift racing to a higher plane. Governor Beckham made him a member of the commission appointed under the first racing act. He was until lately owner of rich calcite mines, which had a nation-wide patronage. Two of his sons served in the Kentucky assembly, one previous to his father's service and the other afterward. He was 71 years of age. Phil T. Chinn, prominent thoroughbred owner and breeder of New York, is a son, as are George P. Chinn, former warden of the Kentucky penitentiary, and J. Morgan Chinn, prominent in the revenue service in Kentucky.

PENINSULA BEATS GUARD

SCORE OF 29 TO 25 IS REGISTERED IN FAST GAME.

Militiamen Lead at End of First Half, but Are Nosed Out by Aggressive Quintet.

The Multnomah Guard city league team lost to the fast Peninsula team, independent champion contenders, by a 29-to-25 score on Peninsula's home floor Saturday night. The contest was clean and closely contested to the final whistle.

The Guards by superior passing and fast playing led at the end of the first half, 17 to 9, but Peninsula came back in the second half and by aggressive playing scored 20 points while the guardsmen made eight.

Murphy, Quail and Metcalfe showed to the best advantage for the winners, while Cole and Alstock tossed the most baskets for the losers.

Manager Al Bartholemy of the Peninsula team is anxious to send his quintet against the Multnomah Guard regulars. The game probably will be played February 21 on the Washington High floor.

The Multnomah Guard league team plays the Silent Five tonight on the Washington floor and Waverleigh Wednesday night in the Reed college gymnasium. The Guard first team will scrimmage against Lincoln High Wednesday night on the Washington floor.

Peninsula (29).		Mult. Guard (25).
Pfaender (4)	F	(7) Wright
Murphy (10)	F	(6) Alstock
Quail (8)	C	(2) Daniels
Metcalfe (7)	G	(2) Hill
Orphan	G	(8) Cole

Substitutes—Peninsula, Hauser for Orphan; Guards, Harder for Daniels.

Referee, Al Bartholemy; timer, F. W. Whittelsey; scorer, Gurth Cole.

LEAGUE'S BURGLARY UNIT TAKING SHAPE

Only Two More Umpires Are Needed on Coast.

MAL EASON IS WANTED

Ed Finney, "Red" Held and Ralph Frary Are to Be "Interned." New Outfit Good Idea.

Whether tears or joy will greet the announcement that the licensed burglary department of the Pacific Coast league is gradually taking compact form is a matter of conjecture, but the fact remains that President McCarthy has dispensed the information in the south that within a short time he expects to have his corps of umpires complete.

Holmes from the American association, McGraw from the Virginia league and Anderson from the Western league, to date, are the only new arbitrators who will attempt to guess 'em right the coming season.

While McCarthy was in Los Angeles he had a confab with Jimmy Toman and Billy Pfyle, and as a result both of these excellent officials will be on hand when hostilities start.

Bill Guthrie, as capable an umpire as there is in the country, is expected to agree on terms this week and will be in harness the coming season with an added and more colorful collection of "dese" and "dose."

McCarthy is endeavoring to get in touch with Mal Eason with the idea of inducing him to accept a position on the staff.

Ed Finney, "Red" Held and Ralph Frary are going to be "interned," insofar as the Coast league is concerned. Finney has been the league's veteran umpire. Held also served quite a stretch. Frary, at one time, was recognized as one of the best umpires in the business, but during his brief career in the major league he was his own worst enemy.

The umpiring last year in many sports was the worst ever dealt out, and a new outfit should help the game a whole lot. How McCarthy has seen fit to pass up Perle Casey so far is a mystery. Casey got by better on the whole than any of them last season and was not on the job with one foot in the grave like some of those toting around an indicator. It seems that it would be much better policy to sign up Casey and forget about recalling Eason from his cactus ranch in Arizona. Eason and Held proved a "rare" pair in Portland last year and at times strived for honors with Finney and Bedford.

Two more umpires are needed to round out the staff and McCarthy claims that he has two competent officials in view.

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If Lear and McCabe are placed on the market by the Chicago Cubs, as reported, a number of Coast clubs will put in bids for them. McCabe is a third sacker, and Lear can play either the infield or outfield.

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The Oakland team seems strong for the veterans this year, as indicated by the signing of Rolly Zeider and Billy Purtell. Both have been in the game many years, and formerly played on the coast.

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Regardless of men whom Killefer may secure in the east, it is regarded as probable that Karl Crandall will be retained on the Angel pay roll. Crandall's chief value to a club is that of a utility player and pinch-hitter, and as such he adds a lot of reserve strength. He had the worst season of his career last year, but this is believed to have been only a temporary lapse.

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Only a few weeks ago Jack Fournier, the frenzied Frenchman of the Los Angeles club, and Jim Scott, Seals' pitcher, opened an office in Los Angeles to sell oil, and announced to the wide, wide world that they were all through with baseball, unless they could play with Seattle. Just the other day, Red Killefer, manager of the Angels, got a letter from Fournier, stating that when he reported to the Angeles next March he would bring with him a nifty young catcher who would make a distinct hit in the Coast league. That's how much Jacques is thinking about quitting the grand old game. You would have to shackle him and put an Oregon boot on him to keep him out of the game, for he is one baby who really likes to play.

So, instead of losing the hard-hitting first baseman, the Los Angeles club will pick up a likely young catcher, just because Jacques does not forget baseball even in the winter time. Johnny Powers never thought for a minute that Jacques was on the square with his talk of retirement.

Baseball on the Inside.
By Billy Evans.

If you are a great hitter, you become the common enemy of all pitchers. There are in every league pitchers who are given credit for having more brains than others. There is Christy Mathewson, for instance. He was known as the "Old Master" because of his cunning. Batters always claimed no pitcher was easier to hit with the bases empty, or harder to even foul with the bases filled.

In every league it is customary for the so-called brainy pitchers to go to work on the great hitters, to find out if such hitters have a weakness or more than one weakness. Woe to the batter who has a fault at the bat. Pitchers are clannish, and the moment something worth while is discovered about a star batter, it becomes the common property of the league. It has been interesting to me to watch the way pitchers have worked on Babe Ruth the last two years, or since he acquired the reputation of being a hitter to be feared.

Three or four years ago Ruth got little or no consideration from pitchers. He was known as a wild swinger, whose favorite specialty was to strike out. Then "Babe" became famous over night, began to establish records for home run clouts, and became the common enemy of the pitchers.

There is Jim Bagby of the Cleveland club, a brainy pitcher. Jim, with his change of pace, usually makes trouble for Ruth. In a series at Boston Ruth had done things to the Cleveland pitchers. Despite his care in working on Ruth, Babe, after failing four straight times, got hold of one late in the game on Bagby, hit it for three bases, and broke up the game. Stanley Coveleskie had been the victim of a home run clout the day before that had lost him his ball game, and all other Indian pitchers had suffered equally. The Cleveland pitchers had been pitching low and inside to Ruth. After the series it seemed they decided low and outside would have been more profitable. Of course that was the second guess. The Chicago club came from New York that afternoon, and arrived in Boston several hours before the departure of the Cleveland club. Deductions of the Cleveland pitchers were passed on to the Chicago staff. Eddie Cicotte worked the opening contest. Eddie is a close student of the pitching game. He works on every batter. When you make a base hit on Cicotte you earn it. Eddie, after following the advice of Cleveland pitchers, worked low and outside. In the Cleveland series, Ruth had been hitting them a mile to right field. Of course, that was impossible the way Cicotte was pitching. However, in three chances against Cicotte he rattled three doubles off the left-field wall.

Someone told Fred Coumbe once that Ruth couldn't hit a slow floater pitched at about his letters. Last year Coumbe was called on in a pinch to face Ruth with the bases filled. He remembered the slow floater advice, tried one, and got away with it. Ruth's swing just about drove all the air out of the park. He glared defiance at Coumbe for his nerve. The little southpaw came back with another. Ruth was set for it and made a fast one out of the floater. It cleared the right field wall a mile, more or less. Walter Johnson is one of the few pitchers who says he doesn't try to pull any strategy on great hitters. When Ruth or Cobb is up, according to Walter, he simply tries to throw the ball past them—that is, tries to throw it just a bit faster than they swing. They don't hit Walter much, and perhaps he has the right idea, but all pitchers do not have the speed of Johnson.

NEWLAND HAS HIGH GUN

SCORE OF 49 OUT OF 50 REGISTERED AT TRAPS.

C. B. Preston, Frank Templeton and E. B. Morris Tie for Second Honors, With 48.

Nineteen trapshooters were on hand yesterday morning for the regular Sunday practice shoot at the Portland Gun club. Several exceptionally good scores were turned in by the scattergun artists, H. B. Newland, president of the club, being the high gun, breaking 49 out of 50 targets. C. B. Preston, Frank Templeton and E. B. Morris, professionals, tied for second honors, each smashing 48 out of 50 of the blue rocks.

Frank Van Atta and J. B. Troch each connected with 46 of the tar birds. E. V. Adams of Wenatchee, Wash., was a visitor at Everding park yesterday and shot a string of 15 targets, bringing down nine of the 15.

The scores follow:

	15	15	20	
A. A. Schwarz	12	13	20	45
E. W. Gibson	11	12	18	41
C. B. Preston	15	14	19	48
J. R. McCurdy	13	10	19	42
Abner Blair	14	13	18	45
J. E. Reid*	12	13	17	42
W. R. Hagenbush	11	12	15	38
W. C. Block*	10	9	9	28
Dr. W. B. Hare	10	11	15	36
Frank Templeton	15	15	18	48
H. B. Newland	15	15	19	49
Dr. O. W. Elliott	11	13	16	40
F. F. Van Atta	15	14	17	46
F. O. Joy	11	10	10	31
J. B. Troch	14	15	17	46
E. B. Morris*	14	15	19	48
G. J. Mallon	8	10	14	32
M. T. Hill	12	10	12	
E. V. Adams	9			

*Professional.

Dentists Win Fast Game.

North Pacific college basketball team from Portland defeated the McMinnville college team by the score of 28 to 22 Saturday night at McMinnville. A large crowd was present, McMinnville staging some interesting stunts between halves. Lathrop for McMinnville college converted five out of six attempts at fouls. Thompson, for the dentists, played a brilliant game at guard, while McLaughlin, former Ballard high school star, did excellent work. North Pacific college team work was a great improvement over previous games, the boys playing a fast, aggressive game throughout.

N. Pacific (28).		McMinnville (22).
Sweeney (3)	F	(12) Lathrop
McLaughlin (10)	F	Over
Estes (7)	C	(6) M. Coe
Thompson	G	Buler
Butler (8)	G	(2) Dowd

Spare (12) E. Coe

Horseman to Drive Around World.

FAULKTON, S. D., Feb. 1.—The veteran South Dakota horseman, Captain J. H. Wallace of Faulkton, has finally concluded to start on the journey that he has been planning for several years, and that is to drive a team of horses of his own breeding around the world.

He has just closed out his business and will start next spring, probably from St. Paul or Minneapolis, and expects to make the trip in three years.

The captain, who is 75 years old, is still further going to illustrate his vitality and versatility by starting out without a cent in his pocket, believing that the trip will be self-sustaining both as an advertisement for American horses and American horsemen.

Vancouver Wins Eighth Game.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Vancouver, Wash., high school basketball team won its eighth consecutive victory for the season here Friday night, when Hood River high school was defeated by a score of 39 to 19. The local team, while its members played steady as individuals, lacked teamwork. The visitors practiced telling co-operation and some of their pitches to baskets from 35 and 40-foot distances were spectacular.

Newberg Legion Beats Dallas.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The American Legion basketball team of this city defeated the fast Dallas Legion hoopers on the local floor Saturday night, 29 to 17. Superior passing and shooting decided the game.

Stevenson Beats White Salmon.

STEVENSON, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Stevenson high school basketball team defeated the White Salmon high school on the local floor Friday night, 31-20. The girls' team also won, 27-11.

Indians to Train Early.

The Cleveland pitchers and catchers will begin work early. They are slated to report to Manager Speaker at New Orleans on February 27. The other players will report a week later.

Centralia Red Cross Elects.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—At a meeting held last week by the Winlock branch of the Centralia Red Cross chapter the following executive officers were elected for 1920: Mrs. M. Baldwin, Mrs. C. Rockafellow, Mrs. L. Livingstone, Mrs. A. L. Raught, Mrs. G. Rhodes, Mrs. Nesbit, Mrs. M. T. O'Connell, Mrs. S. O. Olstad, Mrs. R. F. Arct, Mrs. Marvin Clark, F. Ness, Carl Laasko, Mrs. F. M. Hancock, Mrs. Ben Frigmore and Miss Anna Sorenson.

Aged Woman Badly Burned.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Bergitte M. Claboe, 27, was seriously burned about the face, head and upper portions of the body when her clothing caught fire as she was preparing a meal at her home here last night. Physicians at the city hospital, to which she was removed, said on account of her advanced age she might not recover from her injuries.

THE ORIGIN OF THAT LITTLE HYMN OF HATE.