

# THE AND GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Rev. J. W. Brougner Writes of the National Game. Career of Atz, Portland's Popular Shortstop.

## MINISTER AS CRITIC

### Rev. J. W. Brougner Praises National Game.

### SEES ONLY TWO EVILS

#### Gambling, He Says, Should Not Be Allowed to Ruin Sport—Sunday Desecration Is a Bad Feature.

Rev. J. Whitecomb Brougner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Portland, attended the Labor day baseball game, and at the request of The Oregonian has written his impressions of the National game.

Baseball is the great American game. It is pre-eminently the most popular out-of-door sport in the United States. I have always enjoyed the game. While in college, I had the honor of being captain of the team and occupied the pitcher's box. Since entering the ministry I have played on several occasions, and have never lost my interest in the sport. The rush of work connected with a large pastorate prevents a regular attendance upon the professional games very often. On Labor day, however, I was privileged to witness the game between the Oakland and Portland teams. Van Halteren, the captain of the Oakland Club, was well known to me in my college days. He was considered a great ball player at that time. He does not seem to have lost any of his cunning, either at the present time. His brother Charles was in the same club with me. A visit with the present captain of the Oakland team only whetted my appetite for the game that followed. It made me feel like getting into the game myself, for a little recreation. The Oakland boys, however, did not play championship ball. The pitcher had an "off day." The third baseman did not seem to be able to stop anything that came his way, and the fielders made several very bad fumbles. When Portland came off victorious, 5 to 0. On the whole, however, the game was a good one and a clean one. It was free from roughness and the "pitching" of "fans" only added amusement to the occasion.

### Saw No Open Gambling.

I believe in clean sport. It is unfortunate when our popular games become associated with certain evils that tend to degrade them. We need, however, clearly to distinguish between the amusements and the evils. There was no gambling, and I was inclined to condemn certain popular sports because of the evils closely associated with them. But now I believe it to be the duty of Christian men to restrain some things that are for the good of humanity, that the devil has almost, if not altogether, laid hold of to use for himself.

One of the evils associated with baseball, as well as other sports, is gambling. So far as I saw, there was no gambling at the game on Labor day. There might have been a good deal of it going on privately, but that was not publicly. Whenever gambling becomes an essential part of amusement, then the gambling must be outlawed or Christian people must give up the amusement. I believe, however, in eliminating the gambling and keeping the sport for the higher development of our boys and young men.

The desecration of the Lord's day is another evil that has become connected with some of our National sports. Ball players should have an opportunity to keep one day in seven for the development of their spiritual life. It is accomplishing a real good for humanity that is used to destroy the sanctity of the Lord's day. I know a number of professional ball players in the East and in the South who refuse absolutely to play on Sunday. They have a right to one day of rest as well as any other workman. Six days without rest and play, but the Lord's day shall be kept holy "unto the Lord thy God." Turn Sunday into a day of sport and revelry and the world must suffer for it. A man cannot see a desecrated Sunday with a weakened mind and a demoralized soul.

### Good Outweighs Evil.

There are other evils associated with professional sports in places where they are not eliminated. The good outweighs the evil. We can afford to give up the evil and keep the good. Young men ought to enter into clean games without hesitation. It is good for them physically. Of course, some men are not physically fitted for some games. Let a young man consult a good physician and then find some out-of-door sport fitted to his needs. In the great struggle of life a young man will need the very best possible physical development. One of the frequent comments in putting baseball has this special character, and the young men who are going to meet and solve the problems of the 20th century must be well equipped physically. I do not believe in putting athletics in the first place, but parents are unwise who keep their boys out of popular sports, especially if they are watched and wisely regulated.

### Again, Baseball and Popular Sports

are good for young men mentally. Most games bring into play the reasoning faculties and require alertness of mind and quickness of judgment. A baseball pitcher must use his head as well as his hands. In fact, success upon the ball field depends just as much, if not more, upon the intellectual alertness of the men as upon their physical endurance. The quickness with which decisions must be made is a discipline that will prove valuable in every walk of life. Indecision is the paralysis of usefulness. The men who succeed today in every avenue of life are men of good judgment, trained to make prompt decisions. Baseball has this special characteristic, that it requires quickness and accuracy in vision and judgment. Every faculty must be trained to respond to the will. Many a boy who has not known what discipline was at home has learned it on the ball field.

### Sports Teach Self-Control.

Because of this discipline baseball and other popular sports that are clean are good for boys and young men morally. They teach self-control. To play the best game, a young man must control his temper, his tongue, his appetite, his passions. He cannot "boogie" and indulge in other well-known vices. He must be the absolute master of himself. In all ages athletes have been trained to exercise self-control. The gladiators were taught to exercise the greatest self-control, even when dying. They ate food to make the blood thick so as not to die quickly. A noted writer says, "In a Roman game the boys, from the time of their birth, were held to a domestic discipline which well prepared them for a military discipline. They conquered the world in manhood because as children they were disciplined at home." Athletics are intended for discipline and training. Games that require team-play cultivate self-restraint, obedience, alertness of mind and moral decision. A good baseball team ought to be a school of character. The game, well-played, should be a school of discipline. As another has said, "It is intended to beat the meanness out of a boy," to create a spirit of rigid discipline in his life, to knit his body into tight habits of hard work, and to train the will to accept any task and do it with a whole soul."



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A young man who goes into popular sports with high ideals will keep both himself and the sports clean. He will put down the things that degrade and the things that are for the pleasure and the good he can get out of it. Whenever a game is played simply to win, whether it is deserved or not, the standard of true sport has been lowered. "Sport is spoiled when victory and not excellence is made the end and dominating principle." The best man or the best team should win and deserves to win. With proper ideals, therefore, popular sports are a blessing and not a curse.

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## CHARACTERISTIC VIEWS OF SHORTSTOP ATZ, OF THE PORTLAND TEAM, ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST POPULAR PLAYERS IN THE LEAGUE

1902, he was played at short, second and third bases, and had the enviable distinction of leading the league in each of those positions, and batted for an average of .350. In the season of 1903-04 he batted .33 and .375, respectively, and again held the premier place in the fielding averages at his position. During the four years that he played in the Southern League he missed only one game, and that was due to an accident. Since joining the Portland club he has been out of but few games, which was due to having been struck on the nose by a swiftly-batted ball, which accident happened during the latter part of the first half of the season. The little fellow is delighted with Portland and the Coast, and states that he will be back here again next year, "if the management wants him." As to the previous he modestly throws in, "well, we'll leave it to the fans as to whether he is good enough for Portland or not. Reckon the verdict in his favor would be an overwhelming one, and we can confidently hope to see him in uniform again next season. Atz says that he intends to pay a visit to New Orleans at the close of the present season, for he has many friends in the Southern city whom he wishes to visit, and incidentally tell a few of his fellow-ballplayers who winter in that locality, of the material advantages of playing on the Coast.

### Uncle Henry Harris is out with another

tale of having sold Jimmy Whalen to a big league organization, and this time Hank says it is on the square. Last year he successfully covered up the "Whalen" when the drafting period approached, by a false sale of the pitcher to the Chicago National League club, and this year it looks very much as though the Seal magazine has again worked the sale gag on the would-be drafters from the major organizations.

## OUT OF THE TRANCE

### Giants Seem to Have Awakened From Their Sleep.

### ARE PLAYING GOOD BALL

### After the Disastrous Week With Los Angeles, Portland Takes Most of the Games From San Francisco's Team.

"The disabled Miners are rounding into form, but the team is still in a crippled condition. Vanderhill, late out of the hospital, had just been back in the game a week when he split a finger. While Beerwald was laid up from the Southern Hotel in St. Louis the other night. The proprietor of the back line which the Giants patronized sent himself beside Taylor and opened up a fine line of baseball talk. Mike Denton and some of the other players did some rapid signaling, and "Dummy" Taylor pretended to listen intently. At intervals he would nod and smile. Finally the other man began quizzing Taylor, but of course met with no response. After putting a few pointed questions he got very red in the face, turned away and went into the hotel. "Some ball players are so connected that they think it a waste of breath to talk to other people," he said, as he passed the other players. "You ask them civil questions and they give you a short answer or none at all." The next day somebody explained things, and the old gentleman bought the cigars.

### The record made by the Portland team

during the past week has been exceedingly gratifying to the fans, for McCredie's men certainly came out of the trance that had enveloped them during the series with Los Angeles, and played glittering ball. The addition of Bill Sweeney to that infield has had a great deal to do with the increased interest in the game displayed by the locals, for that worthy by his gingerly tactics has imbued some of that spirit into the rest of the team, and a noticeable increase in liveliness is in evidence among the local nine.

### It is particularly unfortunate that the

team should lose the services of Virgil Garvin at this time, for the lengthy trip from the Coast to the East, and the club, could always be depended upon to win a majority of his games. He seemed to have certain clues in the league, and whenever he went on the slab, and should the home guard get a run or two to the good right off the reel it was certain for the visitors. In spite of the fact that the two mainstays, Garvin and McLean, were out of the game at the same time, the locals played brilliant ball and deserved all the praise that was thrown their way during the week. It is hoped they will keep up the good work when they hit the road.

## PERCY F. MEGARGEL IS MAKING TRANSCONTINENTAL RUN IN AN AUTOMOBILE



TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIS CAR, IN WHICH HE IS SPEEDING TO PORTLAND.

## LONG AND JOURNEY

### Percy F. Megargel Well on His Way Here.

### CROSS-CONTINENT RUN

### He Should Be Near Cheyenne, Wyo., Today, and Expects to Reach Portland Towards Last of the Month.

Percy F. Megargel, athlete, cyclist, magazine writer and automobile enthusiast, is now well on his way to this city on his second tour of the continent this Summer. According to his schedule, he should be somewhere in the neighborhood of Cheyenne, Wyo., today; so it may readily be seen that he has traveled a considerable portion of the distance between the metropolis and the World's Fair City. He expects to arrive in Portland about the latter part of the present month, but, owing to the poor conditions of the Western roads, his arrival may be somewhat delayed.

Megargel's car, which is known as the "Reo Mountaineer" is making this tour of the continent for a purpose, and that is nothing more nor less than a double transcontinental tour of discovery, sent out by the American Motor League, in order to learn more of the roads connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific, the height of the various mountain ranges necessary to cross, the extent of the vast sand areas that comprise the Great Basin and Great American deserts, the facilities for securing gasoline along the line, the depth of the various streams that have to be forded, and the hundred and one other little bits of information of similar import to the automobilist who contemplates a cross-country tour. Transcontinental tours have been made before, but this is the first excursion that is to make continuous journey by retracing the starting point, for Megargel will remain in Portland about three or four days, after which he will start on the return trip, going via the southern route, down the coast to San Francisco, which is said to be the first time this 900-mile journey has been attempted in this manner. This is also said to be an impossible journey for an automobile, but Megargel intends to find a route.

### Well Equipped for Trip.

Megargel is accompanied by David Fassett, one of the most skilled mechanics of the Reo factory, and they have been equipped with everything in the implement line necessary to secure the required measurements. They will furnish the Motor League with maps of the different routes, streams, bridges and mountain passes that are on their route, conditions and facilities for securing oil, with the exception of a baby Panama sleep at night, and has been fitted with appliances for the measuring of speed, distances, altitude, etc.

### The tourists are undertaking the run

with the expectation of arriving at Philadelphia on the return trip some time next June. Magargel recently participated in the "Old Scout" tour, and was "Old Scout" from New York to Portland in competition with "Old Scout."

### The only other autostars who have made

transcontinental trips are Dwight Huse, Tom Fitch and Whitman. Recent advices from Megargel and Fassett state that they are finding the roads in muddy condition, but are keeping surprisingly close to the schedule time, and are enjoying the trip immensely.

### Schedule and Route.

Their schedule and route follow: New York City, Tuesday, August 13; West Thirty-eighth street, August 15; Albany, Ten Eyck Hotel, August 20; Syracuse, Yates Hotel, August 21; Buffalo, Brooks Hotel, August 22; Erie, Pa. Reed House, August 23; Cleveland, Hollenden Hotel, August 24; South Bend, Oliver Hotel, August 25; Chicago, Reo Car Company, 1223 Michigan avenue, August 26, 27, 28; Mandana, general delivery, August 29; Davenport, Ia., general delivery, August 30; Des Moines, Ia., care I. R. Campbell, Reo agent, August 31; Omaha, Neb., Murray Hotel, September 1; Columbus, Mo., care Union Pacific agent, September 2; Grand Island, Neb., Palmer House, September 3; Kearney, Neb., Union Pacific agent, September 4; North Platte, Neb., Union Pacific agent, September 5; Cheyenne, Wyo., Inter-Ocean Hotel, September 6; Laramie, Wyo., Thornburg Hotel, September 7; Rawlins, Wyo., Ferris Hotel, September 8; Rock Springs, Wyo., Union Pacific agent, September 9; Green River, Wyo., Union Pacific Hotel, September 10; Soda Springs, Idaho, Williams Hotel, September 11; Mammoth, Idaho, Union Pacific agent, September 12; Pocatello, Idaho, New Hamock Hotel, September 13; Boise, Idaho, care Manville-Taylor Company, September 14; Genoa, Or., care Theodor Merzette Company, September 15; Burns, Or., general delivery, September 17; Prineville, Or., general delivery, September 18; Salem, Or., Hotel Willamette, September 19; Portland, Or., Hotel Oregon, September 20, 21, 22.

### The foregoing schedule is a very rapid

one, and the chances are that the Reo Mountaineer will fall from one to two weeks behind before Portland is reached. This all depends upon the weather, as a single day's rain in the mountains would cause a delay in some cases of a full week. The Florida tournament this year will probably be held from January 22 to 27. This is the week following the New York automobile shows. W. J. Morgan will handle the Florida affair again. Alexander Schwabach will assist him. John B. Parkinson, of Daytona, Fla., one of the founders of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association, will be the secretary again. The Automobile Club de France has received from the Duc de Valentay the sum of 50 francs (\$100) to be given as a prize to the manufacturer who produces the best device for the protection of chauffeurs' eyes from the rock spouts, which are received by the club until September 30, and the examination will take place in October. George T. Odell recently made a 500-mile trip around Salt Lake through the sugar-belt district, in record time. The trip entailed an expenditure of only 2 cents a mile. Between Garland and Logan, 2 miles of mountain country was traversed in 1 hour and 35 minutes.