

FINE PLAYERS UP McCREEDIE'S SLEEVE

Portland Manager Not Caught
Napping by Big League
Drafters.

SEATTLE HAS TO STAY IN

If Necessary, McCreddie Will Go

North Himself and Make Arrangements for Slivach Coast League Team.

BY W. G. MACRAE.

Now that the football squad has passed into retirement, the days are rolling around so the fans will once more have their inning. Since Manager McCreddie's pennant grabbers have been raided by the major leagues, there has been considerable speculation as to what the local manager has done in the way of scouting for new material and for the first time since the season closed The Oregonian gives the fans a glimpse of four of the new men who have been signed for this season.

Manager McCreddie knew that just as soon as he landed the pennant, the scouts from both the major organizations would be hot on the trail of several of his stars. He also knew there was no keeping any man, selected by either the American or National League agents, so all summer long he burned the midnight oil keeping posted on what he considered players capable of playing in the Pacific Coast League. Manager Mac was not telling any one about this, but when the demand was made on him for players as Mitchell, Sweeney and the rest of them, all he had to do was to pick out the men he had selected and either come to terms with them or buy them outright. In the big scramble for players McCreddie isn't in a position to get all the men he had selected, but what is almost as good, he got all but one. His latest addition is Catcher Mathews, who has a splendid average as a catcher and batter. This makes three backstops that McCreddie will have this year and he is surely, with Donahue to lead off, should be well fortified behind the bat.

Donahue Steps to Front.

Speaking of Donahue recalls the fact that this player is now considered the peer of all backstops in the Coast. McCreddie overhauled him when he was on the Portland team, but since McCreddie's departure and Donahue assumed command his improvement has been little short of sensational. He is a bit cranky and at times as sensitive as a woman, but this should wear off. If he keeps up the gait he struck during the last part of last season and plays the kind of ball he played during the Portland days, he will be Donahue's last season in minor leagues. He bids fair to become as great, if not a greater catcher than his brother. Catcher from what was seen of his work last fall, he is inclined to be himself of trouble. He has the making of a good catcher and with Mathews ready to take his place, should keep on his feet. Mathews, the new man, was obtained in a trade in which Pete Lister figures. A great many fans will wonder why McCreddie would want three catchers, why he would want to trade a catcher, and why he would want to trade a catcher. McCreddie had some doubts about this. He is a little bit cranky and at times as sensitive as a woman, but this should wear off. If he keeps up the gait he struck during the last part of last season and plays the kind of ball he played during the Portland days, he will be Donahue's last season in minor leagues. He bids fair to become as great, if not a greater catcher than his brother. Catcher from what was seen of his work last fall, he is inclined to be himself of trouble. He has the making of a good catcher and with Mathews ready to take his place, should keep on his feet. Mathews, the new man, was obtained in a trade in which Pete Lister figures. A great many fans will wonder why McCreddie would want three catchers, why he would want to trade a catcher, and why he would want to trade a catcher.

McCreddie Ready to Handle Seattle.

It will not make any difference to the Coast League whether Dugdale or McCreddie has taken the franchise. Judge McCreddie has written to Dugdale asking him if he wants the franchise, and he expects to receive a letter from the latter very early next week. Judge Dugdale will have to decide whether he wants it, but he is not going to be coaxed into taking it. In fact Dugdale prefers to fight with McCreddie and his crew. Judge McCreddie will secure a place for the team to play ball and give Seattle what will be known as a road team. Dugdale is not going to make a mistake who is after the franchise. Judge McCreddie has received several letters recently making application for the Coast League title.

Something About Kinsella.

Among the new men he has signed is Edward Kinsella. He is widely known in minor league circles as "Rube," and will no doubt make good with Portland, which has drafted him from Springfield, of the Three-Eye League. Kinsella is a product of this city, and has many admirers, through that section of Illinois. He first attracted attention four years ago by his effective work with a rural team near Springfield. Manager McCreddie, who was then in charge of the team, decided to give him a trial, and he pitched two seasons for Springfield, and was then sold to Pittsburgh of the National League for \$10,000. He was carried for a time by the major club, but given no chance to show his ability, except in exhibition games. Last winter he was sold by Pittsburgh to Toledo, of the American Association, but his work was not so fair. Cold weather in the opening weeks affected all the pitchers, and Toledo, being compelled to reduce its force of pitchers, decided to loan him to Central Illinois, and accepted an offer from Springfield for him. It was understood that \$500 was paid for his release. Kinsella showed improved form with the warm weather, and once made good with Springfield. He won nearly all of his games, and closed the season with an average of .300, and a batting average of .300.

He Will Surprise 'Em.

Kinsella is awkward appearing, being very tall and stout; but there is no waste fat upon him. He is a mass of muscle, and as active as a cat. He is deceiving in every line and those who first see him up to be slow and clumsy, will soon have their opinion changed. He never smokes, chews or indulges in tobacco in any form, and drinks no intoxicants. He is a strong believer in hygiene, and is always in condition, training, mostly in winter and more active in the spring and fall. His major league experience has given him complete control of his nerves, and he is never rattled by any situation. There is no doubt but that Portland will have reason to be elated over its good fortune in securing the pennant.

ing the big fellow. His admirers in the Coast will watch him work closely. All are confident he will prove to be one of the winners on the coast.

What Shinn Has Done.

Jim Shinn is one of the California "bushers" that McCreddie will try out. Shinn is a Healdsburg (Cal.) lad, and he created a sensation in Sanoma County when he pitched over the 3-2 mark during the season, and finished his position like a major leaguer. He can run 100 yards in 0:10-5, and is a whirlwind on bases. He can play short very well, but because of his ability to win in the outfield, McCreddie will try him out in the outfield.

DATES FIXED FOR TUG-OF-WAR

Tournament Will Begin February 23

and Continue a Week.

Last evening the committee in charge

of the coming tug-of-war tournament, to

be held in the old exposition building

comprised of representatives of the

tournament will open on Saturday

evening, February 23, with a dance, con-

tinuing the entire week, except Sunday and

closing Saturday evening, March 2 with

another dance.

This tournament will be participated

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purchased at a cost of \$4500. The body

of the car is red. The wheels are 26

inches in diameter. The giving the car

a large clearance capacity.

A 40-horsepower Thomas runabout

has also been received by the Keaton

company, and it is the only one of its

kind to be received in Portland. It

is of long, low build, the body being

a French gray color and the trimmings

of bright red. It has the appearance

of a Vanderbilt racer. This car has

been already sold.

Good Chance to Win Tennis Cap.

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