

POSTS TO ON BASEBALL MAP

San Luis Obispo Fans Give Warm Welcome to Portland Players.

NINE IN FINE CONDITION

McCredie's Men Are Rounding Into Shape and Will Be Foundable Competitors During Coming League Season.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 28.—This is the liveliest town that we have struck since the team began training. McCredie brought his training camp here to play one game and the loyal sportsmen of the place got together and kept us here three days and were willing to have us remain until time to report for the opening of the season. San Luis Obispo has been on the map for a long time, but it took the Portland team to put it on the baseball map. The town is bubbling over with wealth and like a good many of our Oregon towns, it will boom just as soon as the undertaker can get busy with some of the unprogressive citizens who hold to the money sacks.

J. E. Caylor, who loves baseball just like Judge W. W. McCredie, and a host of the younger generation have taken hold of the game here and they intend to have the good old National pastime, even if they have to dig deep into their bank rolls. For a place with a little over 5000 souls, the town is baseball crazy and the visit of the Portland team has given the game just the kind of a boost that it needed. They also about \$200 worth of cream out of the town daily and some of this money is going into the ball business. If anything the climate here for training is better than that of Santa Barbara, for it is hot now as in Portland in midsummer. The only drawback is the absence of the baths. This, according to the local people, will soon be changed, for they are talking of building an electric line from here to the hot sulphur springs.

If you think they don't like the game here, just listen. Caylor, after getting Manager McCredie's promise to play here, had just four days in which to select his grounds for a ball park and to build the fence and grandstand. The ground was leveled off, a diamond, and not a bad one, was laid out and a fence was almost ready for the game, which was played Sunday. If this isn't showing some class, it's time to roll over and take some more snuff.

Hooked up with Caylor are the live merchants. When it came time to dig up the coin to buy the lumber for the fence and grandstand, it was forthcoming and within another week the ball park will be a sparkling good baseball ground. It would not surprise me in the least to hear that McCredie had selected this place next year as a training camp. On Sunday 1000 people saw the game and on Monday the gate receipts amounted to over \$50. What figures will for the game here is the fact that the weather is just what they are good roasters even though the local team made such a dismal showing against McCredie's champions.

All of McCredie's crew is on hand now. Ryan is the only one that is holding out and McCredie is not crazy about him. So far, only two of the players have been injured to amount to anything. Casey is still suffering from an injury to his right thumb which he received at Santa Barbara. It does not bother his fielding, but he cannot hold the bat and it hurts him every time he smashes the ball. Danzig bruised his knee just before we started on this trip and he burred himself up in the Sunday game. He is pretty bad shape, but with a few days rest and care, unless some serious complication, like blood-poison sets in, he will be ready to go to the game. He is looking for Casey to play better ball this season than ever. This is saying a great deal, for there is no smoother second sacker in the league. His winter in Portland has done him a world of good. He looks on about 20 pounds of flesh and instead of looking like a dead man, he has a fine color and is as fast as lightning.

Joe Johnson is another player that will gladden the look of the fans. He is at third is simply marvelous and if he is not the leading third baseman, then I'm a poor and a false prophet. Portland fans will remember McCredie's team and they liked his work there, but they will fall in love with the way he handles himself around station No. 2. Just at present he is bothered with a sprained leg, but it is not bothering him in pasting the ball and winging them across the diamond to Babe Danzig.

And won't Danzig be a favorite with the Rose City fans. This big fellow can almost step across the diamond in one stride and he has a soup bone that can whip the ball across the infield, leaving a trail of fire behind. He has Kennedy beaten for the initial sack. Once he gets a short, snappy throw to second down line, he'll be the real crown. My only criticism is that with such fast men on the bases as Piper, Mohler and Hildebrand, he is apt to lose them by taking his long swing before he lets go the ball. McCredie and Captain Casey are drilling him daily on this weakness.

Tom Rafferty is as clever and brainy as ever. This fellow has more inside baseball tucked away in his noodle than ten average players. He has rounded into shape in a hurry and in the games here is beginning to get his batting eye and his speed on the bases. With Bassey on left, and it looks now as if Italian would beat Ed Kennedy to the berth, Rafferty at center and McCredie in right, I can't see where they are going to beat us in the outfield. Bassey has cut out his kidding and is playing baseball. He has tossed aside as bad business his long sweeping swing at the ball. Every once in a while he forgets and when he does, either Casey or McCredie are on tap to give him a call. McCredie has no use for a player that takes a long swing at the ball and he is educating his youngsters to meet the ball with a short, snappy jolt. This keeps the ball on the ground and it does not go hitting into the ozone.

McCredie has settled on his line save the pitching staff. This is going to give him no end of worry, for he has eight slavers from whom to select his pitchers. Brown, Kinney, Harmon and LaKaff are fixtures, Garrett, Pinnance and Fernell will have to fight it out. Garrett has all the earmarks of a good man. It is more than likely that McCredie will not weed out his pitchers until the season has been on a week or more and he has had a chance to try each one under fire.

It looks as if Whalen has beaten Walsh out as second catcher. He is coming to the front daily. Madden will do and upon him will fall the brunt of the work behind the bat. He is a natural

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At present writing Josdy Fay is the source of a large part of the worries afflicting Nick Whitehead, manager of the Frakes team, for the little shortstop has announced his intention of casting his fortunes with the Tacoma Club in the Northwestern League. Whitehead is disappointed, not because Fay has an opportunity of advancing himself, but because he had confidently expected the services of this clever player and had made no provision to fill his place. Good infielders are scarce and Whitehead is casting about for competent material. Whitehead was also notified yesterday that Harvey Newell, his clever little second baseman, had deserted to the Salem Club. At the same time he received a request from Bert Johnson, an all-around player, asking that he be released. At this rate Whitehead is of the opinion that by the time the Tri-City League season opens he won't have any club at all. In spite of this handicap he is plugging away and expects to fill the vacancies with some very good men.

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The Vancouver Club has been ordered out for a practice at the Vaughn-street grounds this afternoon. The Washington city aggregation will also practice at the Vaughn-street grounds tomorrow afternoon, when batting, fielding and team work will be directed by Manager J. C. Heiser. Four of the

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often they have another jump coming, and often are able to sting when they take the leap. Some managers get stung not only for advance change but also for a baseball suit or two which the player thoughtfully takes with him for future use.

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The West Portland team leaves this morning for Woodburn, where it will engage in a practice game with the Woodburn players. This will be the first regular practice the Frakes have had this year and Manager Whitehead is hoping that a full representation of the team will be on hand to make the trip.

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Next Saturday the West Side team will meet the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club team in an exhibition game at the Vaughn-street grounds. Managers Stott of the club team and Whitehead of the Frakes got together the other day and arranged for this contest. It is quite probable that the clubmen will be taken on for a series of games in the near future.

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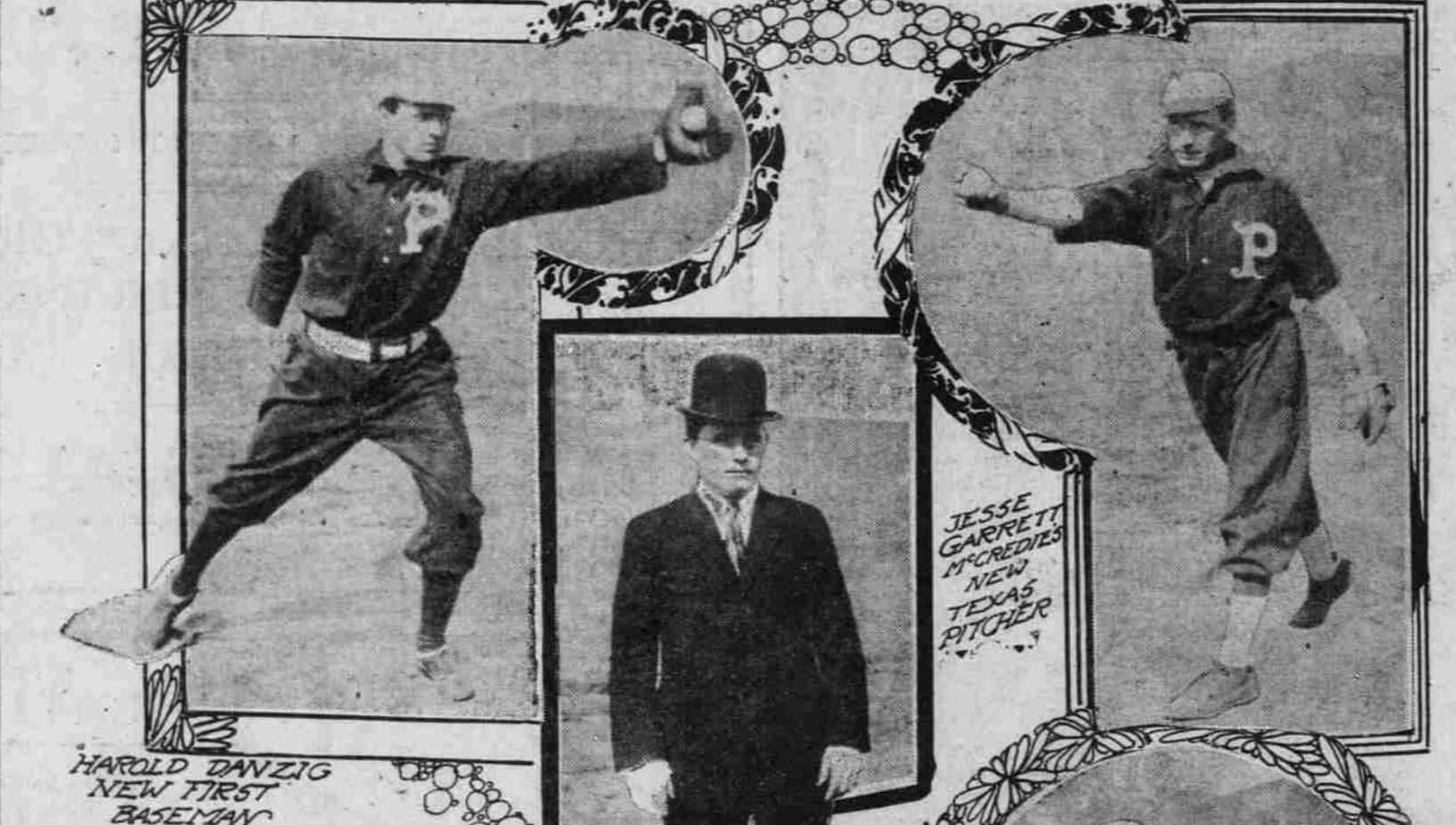
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The St. John "Apostles" of the Tri-City League will meet the strong Wash Independents this afternoon in the first game of the season at St. John. Both teams have been practicing hard during the last two weeks and a good game is expected.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE PORTLAND BASEBALL TEAM, PHOTOGRAPHED AT SALINAS



turned in the tickets to the conductor. He will punch them and I will punch you if you don't make good my expectations.

As a general thing a bottle of cold tea is brought into the dug to be used in a fighter's corner. One night the pitcher of a well-known boxer forgot tea and sent a flunky, who was helping out, to get the bottle. Instead he ran to a near-by cafe and brought a hot cup of tea. When he reached the corner his man had been knocked out. It was then that the chief accoutrements of the willing worker under him with the remark: "Just keep that tea until morning for your breakfast. Here's a nickel as your salary. It will help you to pay off the debt on a couple of rolls to go with the tea."

league to a certain extent, for it has become necessary to enlist a team without home grounds. At a hurried meeting yesterday morning the league directors decided to commission John Heiser, a brother of the manager of the Vancouver Club, to commission a team to represent Albina. As this club will be without home grounds, it will have a roving schedule, filling in the dates allotted Astoria at the various larger towns. It is possible that the citizens of Albina may arrange to build a park for their team, but this is indefinite. Heiser is already busy with the signing of players.

The different managers of clubs in the Tri-City League are as busy as any big league manager, and incidentally are experiencing the run of troubles known only to those who take up the business end of baseball. Stubborn ballplayers are just as common in the bush leagues as they are in the high salaried and better organized circuits. If you see a dapper young man wearing a funeral air and ambling along the street as though looking for a lost dime, make a note on your cuff to the effect that the worried and distracted one has a ball club on his hands.

REQUESTS FRESHMEN MEET

Washington Track Manager Makes Offer to Oregon Varsity.

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JESSE GARRETT, NEW TEXAS PITCHER

TOM MADDEN, NEW CATCHER, HIS HAND WAS SPLIT IN THE IRISH AND DUTCH GAME AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

CORVALLIS PUPILS WELL DRILLED

CORVALLIS, Or., March 28.—(Special)—The Corvallis public school buildings were emptied of pupils yesterday by a fire alarm, but it is a little more than a minute. The test was conducted by Chief Engineer Long, of the fire department, and Chairman Miller, of the school board. The alarm was turned in without warning either teachers or pupils. The exit was in complete order, and with military accuracy. The pupils were excited to the extent that each was craning to locate the supposed smoke and flames.

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twitlers will dish up their choicest assortment of puzzles to the regular players of the team and by this means the manager expects to have his men commence the season with their batting fully developed. The players ordered to report today are: Oiney, Turk, Pender, Woods, Williams, Troy, Miele, McConnell, Hunt, Ladell, Prey, Reed, Farrell, Houston, Alern, Briggs, Shea, McBride and Heiser.



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These figures, which are official, afford the best possible proof of the revival of popular interest in bicycling. Undoubtedly it was the very excess of the craze that did the most damage. People overdid the amusement and became tired of it. But a great many of them are taking it up again, and thousands of men who have not ridden a bicycle for half a dozen years are buying bicycles.

THE EVER-USEFUL WHEEL

"But it is also to be considered that the employment of the bicycle as a vehicle of practical utility is greatly increasing. Many business firms keep

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laistic over their prospects for the coming season and more than a little interest has been shown in this meeting of the two clubs.

Manager Telford has assembled together a fine team of young players and expects to make a good showing. Pomeroy thinks he has the flag all but spiked to the mast. At any rate the game this afternoon at Oregon City should prove a most interesting one, and many Portland fans will take the enjoyable ride up the Willamette to witness the contest.

IT MAKES FOR ECONOMY

First and foremost, the bicycle is an economizer, and while that prosaic view may have contributed to its loss of social popularity in years gone by, it surely is a potent factor in the present revival of cycling. It has merely taken a few years for those possessing average incomes to realize and accept the manifold opportunities that the bicycle presents.

Married.

FALLS CITY, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—Please state whether Jonathan Boone is married or single.

Mrs. William Howard Taff, wife of the Secretary of War, has accomplished a notable feat of music. She is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

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