

UMPIRE READY TO CALL "PLAY BALL"

Pacific Coast League Season Will Open Next Saturday in California.

HOW THE TEAMS LINE UP

Portland Looks Best on Paper, and is Strong in Every Department. Ryan Not Yet Heard From. Gossip of the Diamond.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. The professional baseball season of 1908 will be formally launched at San Francisco and Los Angeles next Saturday afternoon...

The outlook for a most successful season in the Coast League is very bright. Each of the four clubs seems to have gathered together a speedy aggregation of ballplayers...

The one bright feature, as far as will be dropped probably before the season opens. Three of the pitchers and two of the outfielders, probably Malloy and Bassey will be turned out...

Portland. Catchers—Madden, Walsh and Whaling. Pitchers—Bloomfield, Groom, Kinella, Lakoff, Pinnace, Garrett, Harmon, Marshall and Pernell.

San Francisco. Catchers—Long, Berry, Ecola and LaLange. Pitchers—Oscar Jones, Henley, Williams, Whitridge, Sutor, Skaggs, Gums, Skillman and Gaddy.

Oakland. Catchers—Dashwood, Lewis. Pitchers—Walt, Green, Dellar, Quick, McFarland, Killian, Scrubbs and Hardy.

Los Angeles. Catchers—Hogan and Eastley. Pitchers—Koenster, Gray, Hosp, Nagle, Randolph and Coleman.

Among the Portland players given in the foregoing line-up are several who will be dropped probably before the season opens.

Arthur Metz, a wealthy Omaha brewer and enthusiastic baseball fan, who spent a few days in Portland last week, had an opportunity of slaying up the Portland team while at Santa Barbara.

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While at liberty from his theatrical engagements, Mr. Gorman acts as scout for the National League Club, and during his connection with that club has recommended some high class ball players.

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AUTO CLUB WILL TALK GOOD ROADS

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers to Be Held Next Wednesday Night.

CLUBHOUSE MAY BE BUILT

Subject Being Generally Discussed Among Members of Organization. Parcelled Side of the New York-to-Paris Race.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. The Portland Automobile Club will

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The American car is some few days ahead of its nearest foreign competitor, and is now well on its way to Seattle in the hold of a steamship, while the other cars have not yet reached the Coast.

There must be something in the fatal thirteen superstition after all. Harry Levey, the New York sportsman, whose entry at Ormond failed to show, is now a firmer believer than ever in the fatal qualities of the figure 13.

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held its annual meeting and election of directors at the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club next Wednesday night, and all members of the club, or owners of automobiles, are urged to be in attendance, as matters of great importance to the club are to be formally discussed and acted upon.

The principal idea to be talked over by the club is the hobby of the autoist, good roads. This question has always excited more or less attention from the general public, but the owners of horseless vehicles are more particularly interested in such proposition than any one else.

Good roads are essential to the enjoyment of the sport, and while a source of pleasure and enjoyment to the autoist, are conducive to the general good of the public.

The theme, good roads, has been the source of much oratory, many sleepless nights and general disappointment to many earnest advocates of the cause. While considerable improvement has been secured for some roads, and for that reason the autoists have confidence in the future, it is that future effort which they will be required to make that is occupying their attention at present.

The coming meeting will be attended by a record-breaking number of club members, for it has been called at an auspicious season of the year. Auting time has arrived, and all who own machines, whether members of the club or not, should be interested in this movement.

It is also possible that the question of securing a location for and the erection of a commodious clubhouse may be brought up for consideration by the members of this flourishing club. It has been suggested that the Automobile Club join with several other clubs and erect a house of their own on the property of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association, which organization is now erecting a racetrack at Rose City Park.

The New York to Paris automobile race, which has been in progress for several weeks, may be a bona-fide contest wherein the strength and endurance of an automobile is expected to be shown, but as far as endurance is concerned, it is hard to ascertain wherein it can be proven by the tactics employed by the competing machines.

So far, none of the machines has shown any great amount of endurance, for, after frequent breakdowns, each car has been hauled by wagons to the nearest town and repairs made there, and when necessary to complete a certain distance, they have been placed on a train and carried several hundred miles.

This may be a test of durability or endurance, as the case might be, but for a real endurance run it would seem far more appropriate to require each vehicle to be repaired on the spot where the breakdown occurs, and also by means of a repair outfit carried on the vehicle.

The 500 or 600 miles between San Francisco and Seattle is to be made by water, and from Seattle to Alaska the machines are to be reshipped to a point on the southern coast of the Northern territory.

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WINLOCK, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)—The Winlock Amateur Athletic Club basketball team has just closed a successful season, and holds the championship of Southwestern Washington.

Following is the team's record: Winlock 27, Little Falls 9; Winlock 18, Centralia High School 14; Winlock 24, Centralia High School 13; Winlock 20, Hoquiam Y. M. C. A. 18; Winlock 42, Castle Rock High School 15; Winlock 47, Castle Rock High School 1; Winlock 31, Centralia I. O. G. T. 7; Winlock 42, Centralia I. O. G. T. 12; Winlock 18, Tacoma 17; Winlock 32, Vancouver High School 5; Winlock 7, Muscatine, Ia. 21. The number of points made by Winlock was 303, against 137 by their opponents.

The line-up according to picture is as follows: Left to right, top row: Guy Shipier, forward; Carl Harkins, forward; Earl Harkins, center; Roy Myers, guard. Bottom row: Creeden Shiers, guard; F. M. Hancock, manager; Ed Walling, forward.



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is known to the fans of the league as the utility outfielder of the past three seasons. The infield of the champion team will remain intact. Dillon, Brashear, Delmas and Jud Smith form a crack combination, and with the assistance of George Wheeler to help out as utility man, should show the fans some good work.

The Angels promise to make a strong race, and the other clubs will have to hustle, unless the pitching staff proves weak.

W. E. Gorman, of New York and Cincinnati, who is advance man for Mrs. Patrick Campbell, was in Portland yesterday and had a few words of commendation relative to the Pacific Coast League players who have made good in the East. In referring to the ball tossers, Mr. Gorman said:

"Larry McLean is the best catcher in either of the big leagues. He has the physique, and his ability he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of every one. Mike Mitchell is another former Portland player who has made good. This man is one of the best players ever developed in a minor league, and is today one of the best in the country, and would rather see a ball game than eat a square meal. He was very much struck with the Portland team and picks McCredie a bunch to win this year.

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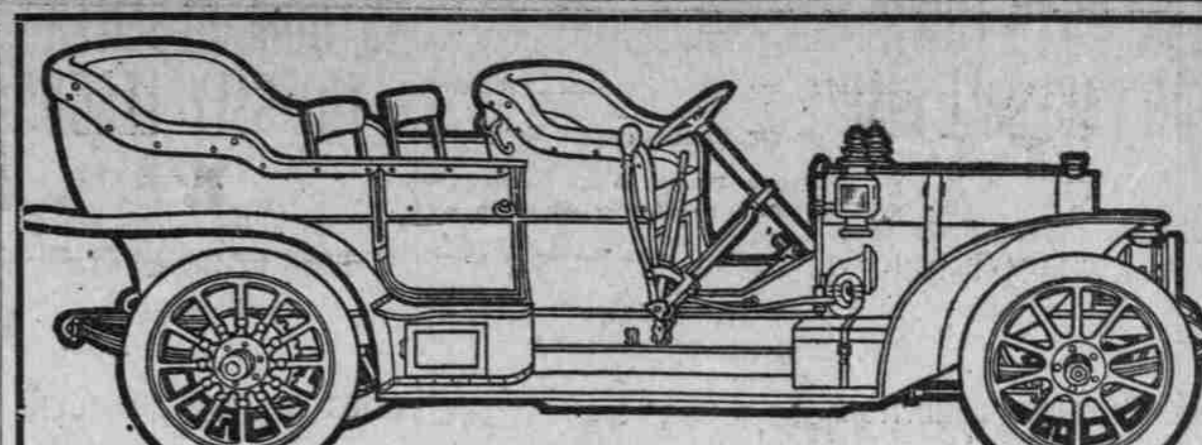
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The presence of the fleet here is likely favorably to influence the Canadian entries for the ocean race. The spectacle and its attendant festivities will be an additional attraction for the Northern yachtsmen, and it would not be surprising to see at least a couple of British Columbian yachts keeping the Hawaii company in the race to Diamond Head light.

James Alexander Lyle will captain the yacht Hawaii, which is expected to capture first honors in the trans-Pacific race. Lyle is a Prince Edward Islander who has had much sailing experience both in his home and Californian waters. He is a daring navigator and can be relied upon to get all that is possible out of the boat which he assisted in building.

The fittings for the Hawaii, which are being furnished by B. B. Crowninshield, of Boston, are expected to arrive here on April 18. The mast and spars should come to hand via the Isthmian on or about April 24. As soon as the mast and spars arrive launching will take place and then will follow the trial trips. The yacht will then be provisioned for her trip to San Pedro and will sail from here not later than May 5. Allowing 30 days for the trip this will bring the Hawaii to San Pedro about May 25. The time between that date and June 11, the date of the start, will be taken up in placing the yacht on the ways, putting in new stores and getting her ready for the race.

Advertisement for Premier 30 and Premier 45 cars, listing specifications like '30-35 H.P.', '\$2600.00', and 'F. O. B. Factory'. It also includes a list of sales agents across various cities.

Advertisement for 'The Time Has Come' by Ballou & Wright, 86 Sixth. It promotes 'MOTURING THROUGH' with Indian Motorcycles and lists 'AUTO AND LAUNCH SUPPLIES', 'BICYCLES, BASEBALL GOODS'. It also features a list of sales agents for F. A. Bennett.

Advertisement for F. A. BENNETT, listing 'PREMIER REO KISSEL KAR FORD' and providing addresses for Seattle, Wash., Portland, Or., and Spokane, Wash.