# THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, PORTLAND, SEPTEMBER 27, 1908

Great Fight at Finish of Season Eclipses Races of Former Years.

ON BIG LEAGUES

EYES OF NATION

# FANS PICK OUT WINNERS

Leading Teams of Both Circuits Are Bunched So Closely That Little Advantage Lies

With Leaders.

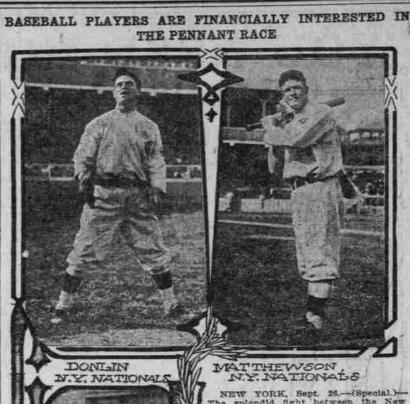
BT W. J. PETRAIN. In the American and National Leagues this season are witnessed struggles for the baseball supremacy of the world of the kind that try the nerves not only of the players but also of the thousands of rabid, wildly enthusiastic fans, who are planing their hopes to the banners of the soveral clubs that now have a chance for uremier honors.

planing their hopes to the banners of the several clubs that now have a chance for premier honors. Never before in the history of the two major organizations has it fell to the lot of American fandom to witness such magnificent struggles as are now taking place on the Eastern diamonds. Another strangs coincidence in the two races is the fact that two new clubs seem likely to prove victorious in the respective races. In fact the indications point to the defeat of both of last year's champion teams, and while each has yet a fight-ing chance, the prospects are more than favorable for a change of scene in the world's championship series which will be inaugurated in the next two weeks. In the National League there are three bidders for the championship. New York holds the lead by a slender margin, and during the next et days will do battle with the Fhiladolphils Club. By some, the Fhillies are regarded as a cluch for the McGrawites, but not so by the majority of the fans who have watched the Qua-kers' recent performances with a great deal of interest. The Fhillies, for a time during July and August, were figured upon as possible comtenders, but the phe-nomenia winning streak that brought them from the ruck to within halling dis-tance of the lead was broken into. Since tance of the lead was broken into. Since then they have played splendidly, though failing to show strong enough to be reakoned with.

## Phillies Easy for Giants.

During the games played thus far with New York, Philadelphia has not shown to tage, for the Glants have the best series with a record of nine victo-three defents. During this week, addition to the regularly scheduled six In addition to the regularly scheduled six games, there remain four postponements to be played. It is not likely that all of the 10 games will be played, although this depends greatly upon McGraw's suc-cess at the opening of the series. In the event that New York gets off good, Mc-Graw will no doubt insist upon playing the New York postponements at least men. New York postponements at least, and should he win from Fhiladelphia with the same ratio as marks the earlier games, the bunting will undoubtedly fly from the polo grounds.

Chicago plays her remaining games with Brooklyn. Cincinnati and Pittsburg. The postponements remain to be played with the Brooklyn Club, and commeno-ing Tuesday and until Friday, the Cubs have four days with Checkmati in Cin-cinnati. Chance's men have been almost as successful against the Reds as has New York been against Philadelphia, so, if precedent is to be considered. New York will have to continue her winning streak against the Quakers. Aside from the New York-Chicago view of the race, there remains Pittsburg to be considered. The Pirates have com-paratively the easiest samp of the three leading cluba, for they are scheduled all week with John McCloskey's aggrega-tion of misfite representing St. Louis in St. Louis has succeeded in defeating Pittsburg on but two ocensions, while site six on the race, and the succeed in defeating paratively the same of a this season St. Louis has succeeded in defeating Pittsburg on but two ocensions, while site six on the race, and the succeed in defeating the National League. So far this season Trom the polo grounds. Chicago plays her remaining games with Brooklyn, Cincinnati and Pittsburg. The postponements remain to be played with the Brooklyn Club, and commeno-ing Tuesday and until Friday, the Cubs



<image><section-header><section-header>



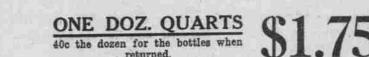
rt Forget It"

ALL up the Brewery and order a case of beer left once a week. Make it a STANDING order. Try this plan this Winter. Instead of having the doctor call, have our wagon stop and leave a case of Gambrinus EVERY WEEK.

GAMBRINUS Beer is the acme of purity and strength-giving food force. There's nearly as much nutrition in beer as in milk, but it is more of an aid to digestion, more of a nerve

tonic and a better all around builder. Drink it with your meals and before retiring. Drink it through these glorious snappy Autumn days, and let the rainy days come when they will. You will be so full of bounding health, so full of good humor brought by good health that you will welcome any sort of weather. Don't forget it. Phone in an order today. Make it a weekly order and we will see that you are taken care of





Portland's Favorite Beverage for Over Thirty-One Years

A 1149 BREWERY MAIN 49, PHONE THE Gambrinus Brewing Co.

break with the Angels in the champion-bla struction Berry will undoubtedly seems to dislike left-handed pitchers. ship struggle. Berry will undoubtedly DANAEN IN JUNED

The National League. So far this season St. Louis has succeeded in defeating Filthsburg on but two accessions, while Clarke's men have scored 14 viotories over the McCloskoy squad. Judging by this comparison it would seem that New York will be hard pushed to win frequently enough from Philadelphia to offset what-ever advantage may come Clarks's way at the expense of the National's tailendera. The fans will do well to watch Pittaburg, and not center their entit attention upon New York and Chicag

Fight in American League.

The splandid four-cornered fight in the imerican League is equally stiractive, and, if anything, more so than the Na-ional campaign. Detroit, last season's hampion, is threatened with defeat, and there being three clubs, any one of which is likely to overthrow the Tigers, adds all the more interest to the splendid struggle. Like last season, the Ameri-can battle is being fought out in the last week, and instead of there being but two clubs in the race four are are closely week, and instead of there being but two clubs in the race, four are so closely bunched that the winning or losing of a single game switches the standing each day. Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis are at the top, and the final strug-gie is bound to be of the most nerve-racking kind. The least silp or miscue day. Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis are at the top, and the final strug-is is bound to be of the most nerve-racking kind. The least silp or miscue on the part of any one man on either of the four clubs may put his team out of the race. It is a grand struggle, and fandom is justly aroused to its highest One of the most satisfactory incidents in connection with the American fight is

in connection with the American fight is the grand struggles being presented by Cleveland and Chicago. The former club has been a contender for pennant honors for eight years, and so far has succeeded in landing second, which is the best Lajole and his splendid team could do. This easien the Cleveland team is a fac-This season the Cleveland team is a fac-ter that many of the Eastern dopesters pick as the victorious club. The Blues are composed of a speedy fielding team and fairly good baserunners, but their speciality is batting. This club is the most dangerous outfit in the American League in this respect, for if the peerless Lajole, the brilliant Bradley, the hard-working Stovall, the fleet-footed Flick, and the others once start a batting railing. It is others once start a batting rally, it is the other team's chance of inning that game.

#### Fielder Jones Best Manager.

In Chicago's case, it is generally ad-mitted throughout the East that the White Sox possess the craffiest man-ager in either league. Fielder Jones, who, by the way, is now a cilizen of Oregon, is the eagle-oyed haseball general who has, excited the own conching the eagle-syst haschall generate who they practically through his own coaching, kept a club that is woafully weak in batting within threatening distance of the leaders during the entire season. It was this same Fielder Jones who plotted White Sox to the championship in the write sox to the champolash he look and who later successfully won the World's Championship from the sup-posedly invincible Chicago Cubs. Do not reckon the American League race without considering Chicago and Cleveland.

considering Chicago and Cleveland. St Louis, while possessing a team that will prove a strong bidder, will hardly do anything more, for the reason that her heavy weights are not eprightly enough to stand the gaff of a stremmous finish weights are not sprightly enough stand the gaff of a strenuous finish honors. The Browns undoubtedly honors, but the teams representing keeps cleveland and Detroit are the the teams representing keeps Cleveland and Detroit are the

cases a conviction took place, and in fifty-three the charge was dismissed. Eight hundred and forty-five persons Eight hundred and forty-live persons were bound over to keep the pence in connection with the charges. In the six months 258 claims for malicious in-jury were granted, and the amount awarded was 350,850. Ninety-three claims were rejected. In 40 cases an appeal against the award was made.

SOLDIERS TRY THE FOOD

French Cooking Commission Supplies Meals on Experiment Basis.

PARIS, Sept. 26 .- (Special.) - The PARIS, Sept. 26.—(Special.) — The commission appointed to consider the question of army cooking and to draw up menus and recipes has already pro-duced some appetizing results. As a preliminary measure to putting them into the regulations, two of these menus were tried last week on the Seventy-fifth Regiment. The mid-day meal consisted of sorrel and vermicelli soup, mention arises with vegetables, and a

paring each dish. The Sevency-axth Regiment has long given up the sys-tem of employing contractors. The officer whose business it is to attend to the feeding of the regiment goes every morning to the central mar-ket and uses his discretion as b how to see his more. to spend his money.

# BAR MONARCH REFERENCES

Proposed Celebration in French

Town Causes Amusing Stuation.

PARIS, Sept. Di-(Special.)-An amusing situation has arisen over he proposed celebration in the town of Montauban of the centenary of the Department Tarn-st-Garonne, of which it is the capital. Al-Garonne, of which it is the capital. Al-most all the departments of France date from 1790, but Tarn-st-Garonne is fortu-nate in having been formed in 1808, so that its centenary stands out distinct and apart from the others. The charter conapart from the others. The charter con-stituting the department bears the sig-natures of Napoleon I of the High Chan-cellor Cambracares, of the High Chan-cellor Cambracares, of the High Judge Rebnier, and of the Secretary of State, Hagues B. Maret; md article 4 reserves a high distinction for the chief town, for it decrees that Mentauban shall be one "of the 60 good towns the Mayors of which will assist at the coronation of the Emperor." An oder has now been made forbidding the Montaubanais to cite or refer to the charter, on the ground that it bears the signature of a monarch-euphemistically referred to in the order as the "Chief of the State."

deny that there is anything questionable in the easy manner with which his club has outclassed San Francisco and BY W. J. PETRAIN. With the sppearance of McCredle Portland baseball-tossers this afternoor the fans will witness the last of the sea

son of 1968 at this end of the circuit. Hereafter Portland will turn its direct attention to football and other Winter sports, and be with the McCredietles in The best the fans are now hoping for

The best the fans are now noping for relative to Portland's position at the diose of the season is that the bunch finishes in second place. That they have but an infinitesimal chance of gaining the top is quite apparent through the obliging regularity with which San Fran-cisco and Oakland bow to Los Angeles. Beerv's team for which he has been Berry's team, for which he has been making the most absurd boasts of hate, has succeeded in maining a great load has succeeded in gaining a great lead simply because of the courteous behavior of the other two California clubs, and tals state of affairs has practically preduded Portland from having an

Captain Cornell, of the East Side High School Team.

Oaks and Seals.

air, perty no somer arrived as San Francisco than he commenced spreading the report that Portland would cause no trouble for the coming season, and that Los Angeles would positively have con-tinuous baseball during the coming seainuous baseball during the coming s on. President Elwing was a trifle m conservative, although he also joined

the talkfest by favoring the contention of Berry and Los Angeles.

Change in Circuit Unlikely.

Their action is in line with the policy Chifornia has pursued relative to Port-hand during the past two years. It is evi-dent that unless McCredie stremuoualy in-sists on being recognized in his claim rel-ative to the enlargement of the circuit, it is quite positive that the Portland fram-chise will acain be warred as the full to chise will again be wagged as the tail to

the California kite. With three clubs in California this sea-son, and Portland as the lone Northern representative, the club representing this city has been eliminated from the ruce city has been eliminated from the race for the flag by the frequency of the de-feats sustained by two of the California clubs at the hands of the third. There-fore, the question arises: Where will Portland land if two more California clubs are added?

are added?

The prospect may be a glowing one from a California viewpoint, but in this section of the circuit it is not in the least attractive. Portland's natural affiliations, rivalries and business interests lie with the Northwestern country, and this is also so relative to the great game of

In the last two weeks of their home stand the Portland players gingered up wonderfully, and won so consistently that the large majority of the fans are wonhow the succession of defeats sus-immediately after their home-coming came about.

### Good Record at Home.

Commencing with San Francisco, the hitherto unbeatable band, McCredie's men hitherto inneations pand, and and an every copped six straight games and came very close to making a clean sweep of a seven-game series. With Oakland they have been almost as successful. Had they started such a galt several weeks earlier, started such a gait several weeks earlier, their chances might have been much brighter, despite the Californians' be-havior toward the Angel band. The addition of Catther Frambes has undoubtedly helped the team, for he is undoubtedly helped the team, for he is

a steady catcher who works his pitc a steady catcher who works his pitcher with excellent judgment. His inaugural was not as brilliant as it might have been, yet he displayed qualities on that occa-sion which stamped him as a highly ca-pable player. Since then he has amply sustained the judgment passed on him at that time. that time.

acquisition of Charley Hartman

that time. The acquisition of Charley Hartman will also assist the team later on, for last year he was the most successful twirler on the staff of the tall-end aggregation. He is suffering from a lame arm at pres-ent, but will get into form during the six weeks' stand in California. Hartman is a most reliable twirler, and with Graney and Rose, he fills out a trio of southpaws who should give a fair accounting of themselves in the coming invasion of the South. They should prove especially ef-

Jack Graney has endeared himself to the hearts of the Portland fans. There are very few left-handed pitchers who starting with lack of control such as way noticeable in Graney's delivery when he

noticeable in Graney's delivery when he came here, have succeeded in banishing this defect in their work. In Graney, McCredle has a pitcher who will prove a most valuable adjunct to his next sea-son's team. Among the present Portlanders to whom the fans will bid a final farewell this afternoon are Bobby Groom, who goes to Washington; Tom Raftery, who has been sold to Cleveland, and Hal Danzig and Tom Madden, who return to the Boston Amoricans. In the last two McCredle loses high-class players, but in exchange he will prove of like callber. Groom has enjoyed a most successful MANY Time Some Action Should Be Taken

nope will prove of like caliber. Groom has enjoyed a most successful season this year, and when he joins Joe Cantillon's Nationals he can be depended upon to add new luster to the players developed on the Pacific Coast. In bidding farswell to Raftery the Portland fars will do a most rearret.

Portland fans will do so most regret-fully, for a more popular player never wore a Portland uniform than the Bos-ton boy who was in the center patch ton boy who was in the center pater for McCredie. In his debut among the

### players has undergone changes from ---------------------

time to time, which have not kept pace with the changes in the rules of the game. There is, of course, a good reason for this in the fact that experiments necessary to arrive at sound results are expensive, long-drawn-out and most frequently prove a source of loss in-

stead of gain to the investigator, whereas the adoption of a simple rule may benefit the game wonderfully. A man may be a fine player, and yet have little originality, even in relation

to these objects which he must con-tinually use, and which he feels should be improved or done away with altogether.

Barbarous Accompaniment of

National Game.

to Do Away With Knifelike

Blades-Would Improve

Sport.

BY C. J. F. ROONEY. The equipment used by baseball

PLAYERS MAIMED

gether. Bresnahan of New York must be credited with the latest addition to baseball paraphernalis. It took inde-pendence and foresight to lead the way and wear his shin and knee guard. While this appliance interferes slight-in with the great of the carther in his ly with the speed of the catcher in his pursuit of foul files, it adds to the catcher's confidence in every other emergency, and thereby really results on the whole in quickening and strengthening the position back of the plate

The field for the inventive mind will always be open, as long as the game is played, but it should be borne in mind that, as the Patent Office phrase goes, the prospective inventor should be one "skilled in the art" of baseball playing, before he can hope to fill some long-felt want.

#### Evolution of Ballplayer's Shoe.

It is not necessary to go into ancient history in order to explain the changes that have taken place from the day of the filmsy canvas and leather shoe without any "spike" or "plate," to this season of 1908 when the high-class player is equipped with a low, light-weight shoe made of the finest, strong-

ong, with knife-like edges and angles and constituting the most dangerous element of the National game of the

period. When the spikes or points of these plates become dulled, the file is fre-quently brought into use by the player and the original danger increased by carelessness or intention. Player after carelessness of intention. Pager alloc player is injured-often several in one game. Many a valuable man sits on the bench or remains at home for weeks and sometimes months at a time as a result of "spiking bees." Talk about unproductive capital! What about the investment tied up in this way all over the country? How do the reckless, dashing young college players and fast amateurs fare?

Well, they simply slaughter each other at times. Through a fleres de-sire to win at any cost, they take chances that the professional can't af-ford to take or knows too much to take. You ask what is to be done about it. Let public opinion, let the players themselves force the necessary legislation through the big leagues. Can a practical, comparatively safe "spike" be designed? I answer most emphatically, yes. Experiments which have been conducted for the past six months by the writer have demon-strated that something much safer than the present design is quite possible. I will go so far as to say that at least 75 per cent of the danger arising from the use of today's "epikes" can be eliminated with little or no loss of

the runner's speed or surefootedness.

Danger in Steel Projections.

Danger will always lurk to some extent in these steel projections, but it is neither good sense nor good manage-ment, and, moreover, it reflects but little credit on the leaders of the sport to sit idle and take for granted that nothing more can be accomplished in the direction of safety.

Do you want to see more base-slid-ing, faster footwork in every depart-ment of the game? Do you want cleaner sport on the diamond? Then urgo with persistency and enthusiasm that this departure be made, and be assured in advance that many thinking and influential people are with you and will welcome the passing of this most notable crudity of the game. Let no one hoodwink you by preaching the doc-trine "it can't be done." In the bloody Roman arena the sword gave way to the cestus in the gladiatorial contests Let the modern ballplayer profit by the example.

Give the umpire authority to exam-Give the umpire authority to exam-ine a spiker's shoe when he cuts an op-ponent, and it his "spikes" are not of the adopted standard and in proper or-der, let him be fined or punished in some other way, as are offenders against any other of the rules. The presence of the shutter, the stretcher and the ambulance as necessary con-comitants of the great, clean National sport should be cut out.

According to recont statistics, the pop-lation of Russia is annually increasing the rate of 2,000,000. It is now about 100 000,000. In 1502 it will, at this rate, race 180,000,000 and in 1900 more than 250,000 000

8



University Football Eleven. \*

big fellows the rank and file of Portland's fandom wish Tom Raftery the best of luck and have no doubt as to his ability to gain a place on the crack

his ablifty to gain a place on the crack Cleveland club. As for the other members of the team-Jesse Garrett, Ote Johnson, Pearl Casey, Eddie Kinsella, Jack Graney, Jack Ryan, "Count" Bassey, Bert Whalen, Walter Frambes, Phil Cooney and Rose, as well as Manager McCro-die-here's hoping all of them return

