

SEASON'S TRAINING OPENS NEXT WEEK

McCredie Will Leave Sunday to Meet His Men at San Luis Obispo.

THINKS HE HAS WINNERS

On Paper Portland's Pacific Coast Bunch Compares Favorably With Any Other Team in the Entire Organization.

BY W. J. PETRAIN
Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland Pacific Coast League team will leave Portland next Sunday night for San Luis Obispo to inaugurate the training season for his baseball club.

Twenty-two players including McCredie and possibly Henry Henderson, will report at the training grounds. This collection, on paper, sizes up as the real goods and on it McCredie is pinning his hopes of landing the Pacific Coast League pennant.

All Report by March 6.

To this bunch will probably be added some of the California youngsters McCredie has lined up, and who are likely to be delegated to the Northwestern Club.

McCredie expects to have all of his players on hand by March 6, with the exception of Jesse Garrett, who has been coaching until after March 15 because he is coaching a Texas college team.

McCredie believes that he has the classy team in the Pacific Coast League, and if he should secure the services of Benny Henderson and Catcher Murray there will be little room left for doubt of the club making good. In fact the California scribes are already commencing to watch McCredie's team, and like last year, are figuring Portland as one of the strongest clubs.

Shinn Rated as Corner.

It really seems that McCredie takes such matters too easily, for J. Cal is in the line for a good fat roast. Instead of informing McCredie that he had turned Shinn over to another club, the president of the league might, at least, have asked McCredie whether he wanted Shinn or not, and acted with the sanction of the Portland manager. However, Ewing imagines himself the entire Pacific Coast League and seems to think that what-

ever he does is the right thing and no one should object.

Jimmy Shinn is now rated as one of the coming baseball players of the country, and last season, against such pitchers as "Spider" Baum, Benny Henderson, Doc Moskiman and Jimmy Whalen, was one of the leading batsmen of the California State League. In fact he has shown so much improvement that he wishes to get another chance in the Pacific Coast League, for he believes that he can make good, and may stand a chance of going to the big league. Shinn is now an ambitious ballplayer, and for that reason, should prove a valuable addition to the Portland team.

Infield Is Also Strong.

The Portland infield also looks like the best combination the Coast League has seen since the days of Hal Chase and the crack Angeleno quartet that played in the days of Tim Flood. Ed Kennedy, the speedy Akron, O., youngster, whom McCredie secured from Cleveland, is booked for the position at second base, succeeding Pearl Casey on the Coast team. Breen is touted as a corner, and Cleveland will retain an option on the player by agreement with Manager McCredie, who is so vastly impressed with the fair dealing of the "Naps" that he intends to give that club the preference in the future. Ivor Olson, the new shortstop, was secured by McCredie last year, but having Phil Cooney for the position McCredie did not insist on Olson reporting and allowed him to play with Jay Andrews' Hutchinson team. Olson performed so well with Hutchinson last season that several clubs are after him, but McCredie refuses to sell or trade him.

Ote Johnson will be at third base. That statement is enough for the fans who believe that Johnson is the king-pin baseball player of any Portland team that ever happened. The "Terrible Swede" and his trusty bat will ring out the base hits again this season, and the fans are content.

McCredie's pitching staff is the most-talented branch of the club. The fans already know Garrett and Graney, and are expecting great things of Harkness and Carson, while one or two of the youngsters may develop into sensations. McCredie himself expects Seaton and Willett to prove league hitters, and will not be greatly surprised to see Gray and Ferraris show high class. In respect to the latter two it is quite probable that they will be given over to Casey, as will be "Cholly" Hartman.

FIGHT PROMOTERS GET ROAST

Packey McFarland Has Little Use for California Methods.

Packey McFarland arrived at his home at Chicago last week and started romping the San Francisco sports and press. In the stock yards fighter said he would give up boxing altogether if he had to put up with the robbing, bulldozing methods of the California promoters. Just because Packey saw fit to leave the California shores when he learned that his mother was critically ill he says he has been roundly censured by the Golden State boxing writers and promoters.

"To prove that I did not run away from Hyland," declared Packey on his arrival, "I am going to take the first train back to California just as soon as I see my mother and attend to some business deals here. The highway robbing and bulldozing tactics of the California promoters and writers have simply disgusted me beyond the limit and I do not care if I never put a glove on my hand in the State of California again." The whole scheme of the California promoters is to boost Freddie Welch into the lightweight championship and give him the first shot at Nelson. I am going out West just as soon as I can arrange matters and proceed to talk business with the whole bunch. Money talks, and I am positive that my friends here stand ready to give me all the backing that the California friends of Welch can put up. They are trying their hardest to read me out of the lightweight class, but I want to vindicate myself and will not let them turn over anything on me."

Western Golf Tournament Date.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Secretary Higgins, of the Western Golf Association, today announced the Western open tournament will be held September 16 and 17 at the Skotis Country Club of Chicago.

TRI-CITY TO START

Lesser League Plans for Successful Season.

GROUNDS TO BE IN ALBINA

Whitmore Again Chosen President and Five Teams Are Now Under Way With Another Town Coming in Later.

While the attention of fandom is mostly centered in the coming race of the Portland teams of the Northwest and the Pacific Coast Leagues, the Tri-City and semi-professional leagues are not feasted in the least over the prospects of continuous baseball in the city.

The lesser lights of baseball are going ahead preparing to stage their diamond attractions with every bit as much gusto as marked their performances last season. The prospects are bright and if enthusiasm will help their cause in any way, their season should be a successful one. Portland City League season will be inaugurated in April and will continue until September. At present the circuit is comprised of two teams in Portland, representing the East Side and the other the West Side, St. John, Vancouver and Forest Grove, while one more town is to be admitted at a later date.

Whitmore Again at Head.

Chester A. Whitmore, the moving spirit of the Tri-City League, who was re-elected to the presidency of the circuit, is a thorough baseball fan and desires his time to promoting this "young" league simply because he realizes that it affords the younger baseball players a chance to play in a regularly organized league. Associated actively with President Whitmore are Harry K. Smith, Fred Valentine and Clarence Partlow, each of whom has been interested in the welfare of the "semi-pro" for several seasons. During the time the "big" leagues were planning the continuous baseball idea for Portland, the Tri-City players were kept in a state of suspense for fear they would not be able to enjoy a series during the coming season. While the invasion of the Northwestern League prevents the Tri-City from using the Vaughn-street grounds, they believe the Albina grounds of the Catholic Young Men's Club will answer their needs and will depend upon their drawing ability at St. John, Vancouver and other places for their success.

Fred Gardner is busily engaged in signing up a team for the West Side. He anticipates a good season and expects to have a successful team in the field. Gardner has signed several promising players and is not overlooking any of the local stars of last year's team.

East Portland Expects Much.

Jack Helsler, who announced his retirement at the conclusion of last season, has been persuaded to reconsider his intention and will try to give East Portland a winning team. Jack has signed Archie Parrott as field captain for his club and from these two baseball artists the fans across the river expect much. The admission of Forest Grove into the league probably indicates that the famous "Forest Grove Colts," which enjoyed a successful series during the past two seasons, will be entered in the Tri-City race.

home town of Judge W. W. McCredie, owner of the Portland franchise in the two regular leagues, are enthusiastic over the game and will patronize its own team liberally during the coming season. E. Troeh, a pitcher of last season's "Pioneer" team, will probably be made manager this season.

Y. M. C. A. Takes Up Fencing.

The Portland Y. M. C. A. has added a new feature to the variety of its gymnasium work in securing a fencing instructor. Professor Charles Lampert, an expert swordsman from Chicago, has been added to the association's staff of instructors and has opened fencing classes at the "gym." The classes at present are small, but enthusiasm in this art is being gradually worked up among the membership and in a short time the instructor is likely to have his hands full demonstrating the art of handling the foil. Professor Lampert is desirous of securing friendly bouts with any expert swordsman who may reside in Portland in order that both may profit by their engagements. He is an adept at all manner of fencing.

TROPHY WORTH WINNING

HUNT CLUB HAS INCENTIVE FOR PAPER CHASE TOMORROW.

Coffman Cup Is Object of Long and Hard Course Laid Out by Three Hares.

Members of the Portland Hunt Club have been grooming up their mounts during the past week for the majority of them anticipate competing in the big Washington's Birthday paper chase to be run off tomorrow morning.

This event is one of the classics of the season, and all who can possibly spare the time will be there, either as riders or as spectators. The members of the club are enthusiastic over this event, for the honor of winning is not only a mark of distinction, but it means the permanent possession of the handsome cup put up for the event by A. J. Coffman, one of the club's members. This handsome cup has been admired by all who have seen it, and those who are to ride will drive their mounts harder in the effort to win this trophy.

W. M. Davis, one of the most enthusiastic members of the club, who has been prevented from riding in the last two chases because of urgent business, is preparing to get into the fray tomorrow with the intention of winning the Coffman trophy if his mount can possibly make the pace. Professor H. H. Herdman, E. T. Chase, Ambrose Coe, Walter Albino, James Alexander and several others are also ambitious to win.

The hares tomorrow will be Miss Mabel Lawrence, Miss Sallie Leadbetter and Harry Kelly. They have mapped out the course and it is rumored they have selected one that will test the horsemanship of all the riders. It will be something over eight miles long and 20 stiff jumps have been provided. The trail will not be spread until just before the start.

The riders are cautioned to be on hand at East Fourteenth and Thompson streets promptly at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, for Master of Hounds William F. Cumming will start them off promptly.

DEBUT OF "MONTANA JACK."

What Bulletin Says About Sullivan's Introduction at San Francisco.

The San Francisco Bulletin has the following on "Montana Jack" Sullivan's debut in the fist arena at the Bay City, and as he and his brothers, Gene and Dan, are well known to the Portland fans the item is printed:

"Montana Jack" Sullivan found "Brock" Burgess to be one of the toughest propositions he has ever run up against in the ring last night at the West Oakland Club, where the middleweights met in the wind-up to a show that was up to the high-water mark throughout while Sullivan only is credited with winning over the local lad by the decision route at the end of six rounds. He shall have been awarded the fight on a knockout on three different occasions, as the timekeeper was one of the slowest of seconds that ever held a watch over a prostrate boxer. The first that Sullivan slipped "Brock" on the point of the jaw it looked as though he would never get up, but after 15 seconds' rest on the mat, he struggled to his feet

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and managed to stall out the round. On two other occasions he was benefited by a slow count. However, the spectators were treated to a slashing exhibition, and Sullivan didn't come out of the battle unmarked, as both of his eyes were closed by the final wallop of Burgess. The many torrid mix-ups brought the fans to their feet on more than one occasion and when the final song sounded Burgess was given a rousing reception for managing to weather the storm of blows.

Sullivan was visibly nervous in the opening rounds, but when he got into his stride showed that he possessed a corking good left hook and an awful kick in his right hand. He is a long, slim fellow with a big reach, but will have to show a little more class than he did last night to defeat Hugo Kelly, Billy Tapke and other topnotchers.

The battle took place at Oakland Wednesday night.

Indianapolis. The Chicago team will leave for Hot Springs, Ark., March 1. It is planned to bring the team together at Shreveport, La., March 16 to give it a day's practice before the opening game on the following day.

ARRANGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Chicago University Will Play Seven Varsity Elevens.

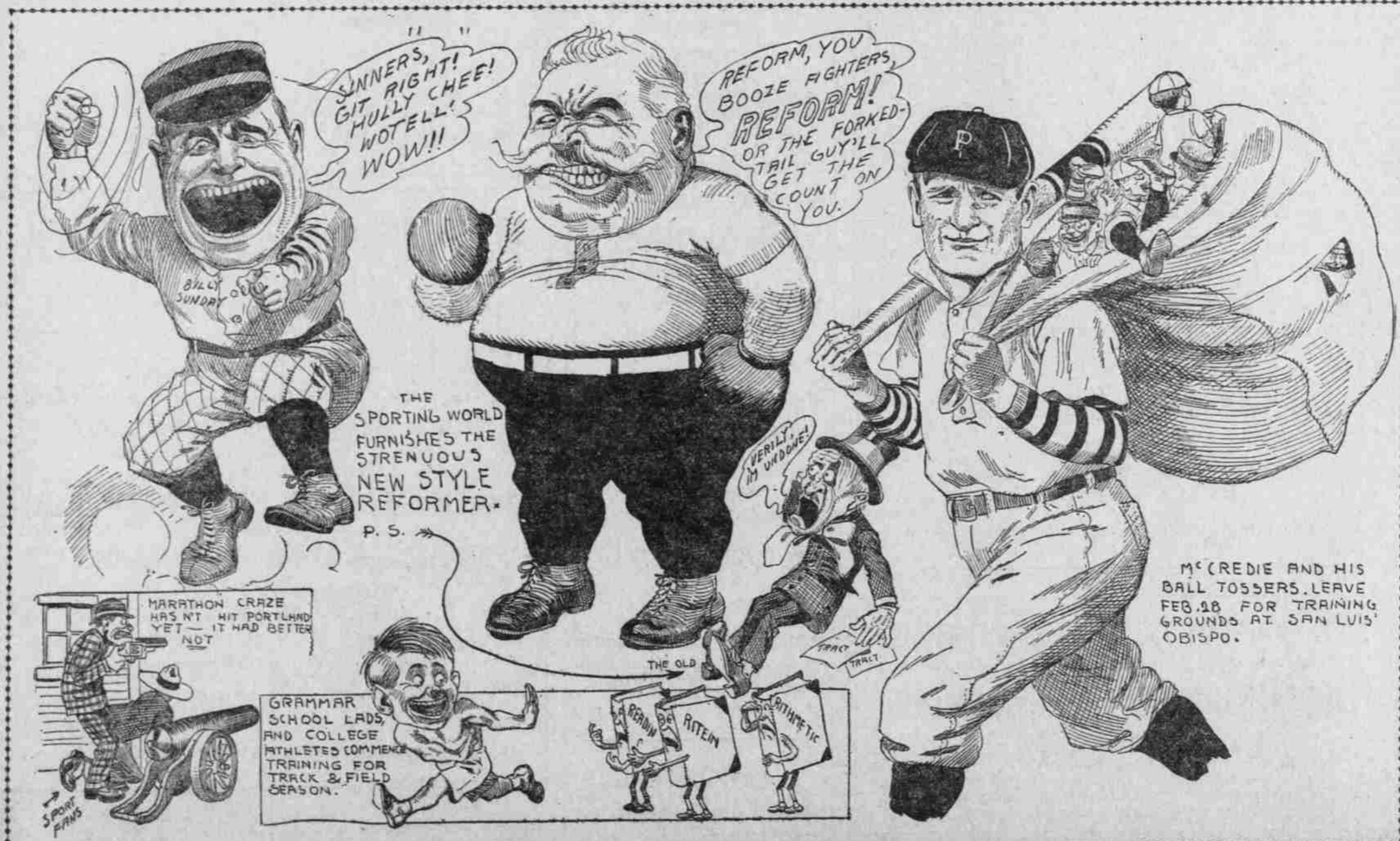
CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The Western college conference has decided by mail vote to allow its members to play seven

games of football. On the strength of this, Coach Stagg, of the University of Chicago, announced that his team would play games with Northwestern, Purdue, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Cornell.

Driscoll Salls for Wales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Jem Driscoll, the English featherweight champion, who last night outought Abe Attell, holder of the world's championship, called today for Southampton, bound for his home in Cardiff. He said that after a short stay in Wales, he expected to return to America.

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