CASEY'S BRAVES READY FOR WORK

Northwestern League Team Leaves for Training-Camp Tomorrow.

TO PRACTICE AT MEDFORD

Squad Consists of Many Veterans and Youngsters Who Will Try to Annex Themselves to McCredie's Meal Tickets.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Pearl Casey and the advance guard of the Portland Northwestern League players depart for Medford, Or., tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock, and expect to get into action at Spring practice at the Southern Oregon metropolis immediately. Something like a half dozen ball tossers are expected to be on the train with Casey, while the balance of the team will arrive about the middle of the week. The California contingent is in charge of Will G. Mac Rae, and will leave San Luis Obispo tomorrow or Tuesday for Medford.

The commencement of practice by the Northwesterners means that the fans of Portland will finally get down to business and study out the double dope sheet which will be on tap within the next few days. About three days of keeping cases on the two teams will demonstrate just how much of an increase in population is likely to be noticed at the different "daffy hatches" before midseason.

Fun for the Fans.

Another thing about the advent of Casey's Colts is that the Pacific Coast League season will shortly be inaugurated, and with one bunch playing regular ball and the other battling in practice, things will become extremely lively for Mr. Fan and his friends. Casey's squad, when the entire gang is at Medford, will number nearly 30 balltossers. Some will be players of tried ability, and some will be youngsters absolutely untried, but equally as willing as the veterans. Out of the collection it is confidently expected that some high-class players will be developed, and a first-class team organized.

Pender, Troeh, Osborne, Gardner, Bassey and Casey have Wintered in or near Portland and have been awaiting the call for practice with considerable eagerness. The first four are youngsters who are ambitious to secure their advancement in baseball. Pender and Gardner were twirlers in the Tri-City League last year. The former is a left-hander and is believed to be the only southpaw pitcher signed by Walter McCredie for the Northwestern club. If such is the case, the lad should be held for development, for he showed flashes of great form in the brush last year. As for Gardner, he should make good easily.

Gardner Looms Up Well.

Gardner is young, and while he has much to learn, he is big and strong and under the eagle eye of Pearl Casey he should prove one of the finds of the season. All that he needs is confidence in himself, and if he goes to the training grounds imbued with the idea that he is going to make good and that he intends to take advantage of all advice offered him by the older heads, he will have no trouble in becoming one of the star twirlers of the league.

While dwelling on Casey's pitchers, there are several stars among those coming from the East. The fans already know Big Eddie Kinsella. He has pitched splendid ball for two seasons in the Coast League and has always finished the season with a highly respectable average. Watch this big fellow's smoke in the Northwestern this season. Another big fellow is Ames, who comes from the Northern League. He is a big, strapping right-hander who has a world of speed. That he will make good, Casey is confident. In addition, Casey has Chenoult and Guyn, two more high-class box artists who are quite likely to head the pitchers of the league. Guyn is especially noted for his fielding ability, for during 27 games pitched last season he had but one error and led all the pitchers in his league in this respect. Casey is well fortified in the pitching department and no fears are entertained on this score.

Has Good Backstops.

Back of the bat things look especially good for the Northwesterners, for Beaumont, who is to be the regular backstop, is on his way West and should arrive here not later than Wednesday. To help him out Casey will have Fournier, and either Harrigan or Troeh, with St. John as a bright possibility. Troeh is the youngster who performed in such a creditable manner for the Vancouver team in the Tri-City League last Summer. If there is no place back of the bat for him it is quite likely that he will earn the utility berth, for he is a fast man and an all-round player. Yes, it is safe to assume that Casey's team has plenty of battery material.

For infielders, the Northwestern has Mullin at first, Casey himself at second, Cooney in the short field and Staton at third. This quartet looks the goods. How to improve on it would be a hard task for any manager. In the outfield Casey will have Swanton, Bassey, Jimmy Smith and possibly Garibaldi. If the latter does not bat too strenuously for Walter to permit him to get away from the Coast squad. Smith and Bassey are seasoned players, while Swanton is touted as a comer and is expected to make good handily.

In addition to the above-named players, who are likely to form the regular team, there are 10 or 12 youngsters who may show class enough to displace the vets. At any rate all will be given a trial, and if they have the goods, Casey can be depended upon to utilize their ability to the best advantage. Taking everything into consideration, the Medford squad looms up well.

No Colorado Racing.

DENVER, March 20.—Governor Shafroth has emphatically stated to several persons that no matter what bill legalizing racetrack gambling is passed, it will be vetoed. So plain did the Governor make himself on this point that a bill introduced in the House will never come out of committee. The bill in question permits racing and betting at any fair or association exhibiting stock and produce.

The Limit Brings $10,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The Limit, a green 5-year-old pacer, which as a 3-year-old worked a mile in 2:16, has been sold to Mr. Estabrook, of Denver, the owner of Spanish Queen. Lou Crellin, of Pleasanton, the owner of the pacer, received $10,000 for the animal. The Limit is by Searchlight, out of Bertha, the famous brood mare.

PORTLAND'S NEW SECOND BASEMAN IN ACTION.

DICK BREEN, OF LAST SEASON'S AKRON, OHIO, CLUB, WHO SUCCEEDS PEARL CASEY AT THE KEYSTONE SACK.

LOW RATES FOR TAXICAB SERVICE

Hotel and Depot Business Is to Be Handled by New Motor Cars.

AUTO SHOW AIDS BUSINESS

All Local Dealers Report Increase in Number of Sales as Direct Result of the Recent Exhibition.

The new taxicab service promised for Portland will have rates of 50 cents for the first half mile and 10 cents additional for each succeeding quarter of a mile. Rates for shopping will be $1.50 an hour, and these rates are the same for one, two or three persons.

The model to be used is shown in the accompanying cut. The company's garage will be located on the west side of the river, although the exact site has not been selected as yet.

Some of the American manufacturers of automobiles are turning their attention to the building of taxicabs, but they have not gone into the business so extensively as the European makers. The Renault cabs are fitted out with every convenience, and have been installed in New York and Chicago by the same management which is handling the Portland enterprise.

It is expected that with the advent of the cabs a service from trains to hotels will be inaugurated, in order to further accommodate the traveling public.

The cabs have been bought and the management of the Portland service will be under the direction of James Manning. W. Ried will have charge of the office. The Renault taxicab is finished in green leather and elaborately upholstered, each car being a four-cylinder, 24-horsepower model. The Renault taxicab is a noted hill-climber, and a very powerful and complete motor.

Will F. Lipman and Gay Lombard are co-partners in the enterprise, and their faith in the outcome is evidenced by their purchase of the cabs and installation of the service. They promise that with the advent of 500,000 population they will be prepared to handle all additional travel, and will install the vehicles as fast as the demand makes it necessary.

H. L. Keats Company report business increasing since the close of the Automobile Show, and say the exhibition has caused renewed interest in motor cars. The Keats Company announces among immediate sales a No. 30 model Chalmers-Detroit to J. L. Hartman, a No. 10 model Buick runabout to E. L. Thompson, a Pope-Hartford touring car to W. A. McCormick, and a model 17 Buick car to Paul Hoyt.

Howard M. Covey, representing Cadillac and Pierce-Arrow autos, reports sales of Cadillac touring cars to F. H. Green, E. D. Kingsley, C. C. Smith, Hugh C. Gearin, F. H. Ransom, W. G. Cox, C. S. Morse, R. W. Hoyt, Mrs. T. N. Murphy, W. N. Cook, E. S. Jackson and L. J. Shell. Also Pierce-Arrow touring cars to Captain William Gadsby and W. D. Ayres.

The Maxwell agency reports the following sales since the closing of the Automobile Show: G. W. McPherson, 14-horsepower, two-cylinder Maxwell runabout; O. N. West, 14-horsepower, two-cylinder Maxwell runabout; W. N. Knapp, 10-horsepower, two-cylinder Maxwell runabout; P. H. Hickox, 30-horsepower touring car Maxwell; Frank Warren, 30-horsepower Maxwell touring car; W. Y. Mulligan, 30-horsepower [illegible]

FANDOM AT RANDOM

JOE REILLY, Doc Anderson, Jack O'Connor and two or three more of the rabid ones are planning a farewell for Casey and the Northwestern players who leave for Medford tomorrow night. Joe is in doubt whether or not to wear a dress suit.

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Court Hall, kingpin of Medford fandom, is so anxious to be sure of Manager Casey's arrival at the Southern Oregon metropolis that he writes three letters a day to Casey requesting the exact hour, even to the second, of the Portlander's arrival.

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Hugh McCredie is afraid there won't be enough automobiles in Portland to participate in the opening day programme on April 13. Gene Knox, his chief adviser, has suggested the importation of a few more from their old Oklahoma home. Automobiles there have but one wheel, and principally carry bricks and mortar.

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Bobby Groom and Dolly Gray are showing great form with the Washington American League team at Galveston. At least such is the report emanating from that camp whenever the rain ceases long enough to permit practice. Portland fans are wagering even money that the elongated one makes good.

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Joe Stutt has become so accustomed to the sunshine and Summer weather that he was seen ambling around in the hail and rainstorm the other day carrying a cane. As Joe has the baseball fever in very pronounced form, it is just possible he thought he had a "Louisville Slugger" in his hand instead of the walking stick.

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Catcher Ted Easterly, of last season's Los Angeles club, who is now with the Cleveland Americans, has acquired the home-run habit somewhat early in the game. According to reports from the Nap camp, the ex-Angel is hitting "something fierce," and in so doing is following his example of last season. Easterly's hitting should win him a job as a regular.

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With Hans Wagner and Fielder Jones on the retired list, the runners-up in the National and American Leagues races of last season are sadly crippled. The only difference between Wagner and Jones is that Comiskey knows where to find his "retired" player, while Barney Dreyfuss cannot locate Wagner.

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If memory serves correctly, Wagner threw the big scare into the Pirate camp last season, but finally drifted into Pittsburg several weeks after the season opened. The result was obvious, for Pittsburg went to the front rapidly thereafter. However, the Big Dutchman may be in earnest this season, and if such is the case, Pittsburg will be badly handicapped.

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Walter McCredie seems to have gotten over his worrying days, for his team now assumes the appearance of being "the goods." He seemingly cares but little now whether Murray or Ryan appear or not, although in the case of the latter, he will show all right.

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Murray is probably on his way to the training camp. He has received his transportation, and Judge McCredie's letter informing him of certain matters of importance was calculated to stir him up some, and now it is quite likely that he is anxious to make San Luis Obispo about as fast as he possibly can.

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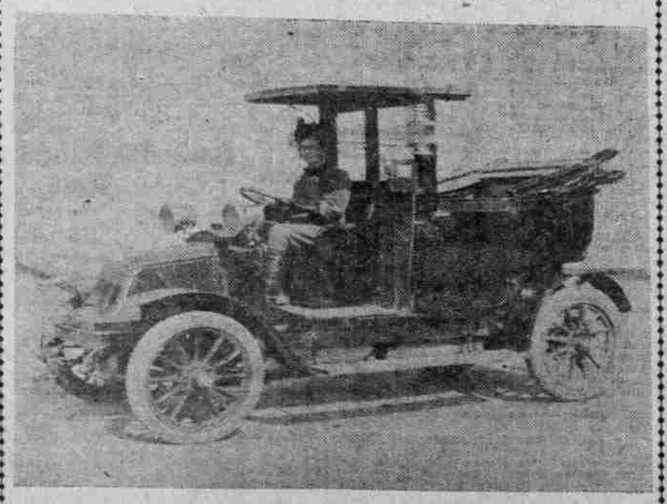
One of the San Luis Obispo scribes has it that Big Ed Kennedy is in danger of losing his job. According to this scribe, big George Ort is something of a first baseman himself, and if such is the case, "Roughneck" will do well to hurry a trifle.

The personal property listed for taxation in New York is valued at a sum equal to [illegible] lation in this country.

TYPE OF TAXICABS TO BE PUT IN SERVICE IN PORTLAND



TEN OF THESE CARS WILL BE IN OPERATION HERE BY JUNE 1, WITH MORE TO FOLLOW.

COAST LEAGUE IS SOON TO OPEN UP

Week From Tuesday Race for Pennant Is On in Full Blast.

CIRCUIT SEEMS STRONGER

Addition of Sacramento and Vernon Is Expected to Help League—San Francisco and Oakland Appear to Have Taken Big Brace.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

One short week from next Tuesday the six clubs of the Pacific Coast League will formally start their season of 1909. Walter McCredie and his Portland "White Sox," as Will G. Mac Rae calls them, will open up against "Pa" Dillon and his "Angel" band. Happicus Hogan and his Vernon "Hooligans" essay Sacramento as the opening mark, while "Pop" Van Haltren and the Oakland tribe will cross the bay for a struggle with the Seals, or the "Crabs," as whenever we think of Kid Mohler and Danny Long we are inclined to call them.

With two added clubs in the league the circuit really appears stronger than last year. San Francisco and Oakland seem to have braced up considerably, Los Angeles is almost as strong as last year, while Vernon and Sacramento, the new clubs, are looming up in a likely manner. Dwelling upon the merits of the other clubs, it would seem that San Francisco possesses more than a shade the better of the team of last season, and the same can be said of Oakland.

The Seals are braced nicely back of the bat with Williams and Berry. Williams was last season's first-sacker and his position at that point is now filled by a big fellow named Tennant. This latter, with Mohler, McArdle and Mundorff, form only a fair infield quartet. There is nothing sensational about any of them. In the outfield San Francisco is stronger, for good batsmen have replaced Hildebrand and Curtis. These are Bodie, Jimmie Williams, Kelly and Lewis, who are to battle for the left and center veldts, while Harry Melchior is a fixture in right. Bodie has blossomed out like a batter of promise, while Williams is still something of an unknown as far as the league is concerned. At any rate if the new men can hit at all they will surely be an improvement over the .169 batters of the two positions last year.

Strong in Pitchers.

In the box is where San Francisco may prove herself a factor. Old Joe Corbett has returned to life, and if he works against the Coast clubs as he did against the Chicago club, woe is in store for some teams. In Browning, Griffin and Berger, Long seems to have acquired a trio of classy young pitchers and with Silvers Henley, Willis and the new man Eastley to fall back on, not to mention Corbett, the Seals seem well fortified for slab material. In fact, San Francisco seems better fixed for pitching talent than do the other clubs, with the possible exception of Portland. The Seals' batteries are likely to hold them in the race, and if the bunting comes their way, this department will be responsible.

Down Los Angeles way Hen Berry sees visions of another pennant. However, Berry's vision must be defective or else he has a few cards up his sleeve of which he is saying little or nothing. His team as it has lined up against the White Sox has not shown "turruble classy" in any department. In the place of Happy Hogan and Ted Easterly, Dillon has secured an old-timer named Orendorff, who may or may not be the equal of either of his discarded backstops. Orendorff certainly is not the hitter Easterly was, and he will have to show speed to be the catcher Hogan showed himself to be.

Tozer Shows Up Well.

As for pitching talent, Los Angeles has replaced the loss of "Dolly" Gray by the acquisition of Ralph Tozer. Tozer is an excellent pitcher, and unless he has lost some of his cunning he will prove one of the Coasters' winning twirlers, unless Los Angeles should show a remarkable reversal of form. This is hardly likely, although the writer does not expect them to corral a cinch on first place at any stage of the game. Tozer will prove a popular twirler and a favorite of the fans, at least in Los Angeles.

Walter Nagle was a team-mate of Tozer with the Angels at the start of 1908, and together with that worthy jumped to Buffalo immediately after the quake. Tozer remained East, but Nagle came back to the Coast. Nagle, by the way, is still holding out for more money than Berry is willing to pay. He had better line up pronto or he may lose his job to young Cowley or some other promising youngster who is essaying the task of making good.

Briswalter and Franz Hosp are still with the Angel band, and their ability is well known. "Pa" Dillon at first base lends confidence to the younger Angels, for the veteran is the peer of all the Coast managers and captains of the past.

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Curtis and Jones Can't Resist Offer of Gold From Santa Cruz.

CLUB IS BADLY INJURED

Probably Feared They Could Not Hold Jobs—Seals in Good Shape. Ewing's Version of Shinn Row. Prize-Fighting Is Slow.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—(Special.)—The State Leaguers hoisted the black flag with the skull and crossbones this week and got busy. Their first bit of piracy was the grabbing of Joe Curtis and Oscar Jones, both from the San Francisco team, the two jumpers being annexed by the Santa Cruz club. It was an unexpected attack. We had been moving along peacefully without a cloud in the skies and thought that the future would take care of itself. But "Brick" Devereaux hove in sight with his pockets bulging with money, and made his offers.

He didn't stop with offers to Curtis and Jones. He approached practically every manjack on the local club. Mundorff he especially wanted, and Nick Williams as well. Neither one of them would budge, and so he went after the smaller fry. Jones was the first to fall, and Curtis succumbed to inducements later on the same day, which was Monday.

Jones Knew His Failing.

It is said of Jones that he told Danny Long he knew the Seals had too many good pitchers; that he had struck too fast a gait and he was going to company where he knew he could stay. Curtis simply said that he was getting more money.

As a matter of fact the jumping of this pair will not hurt the local club in the least. Not to be nasty with Oscar, most of the fans think that Long is well rid of him. Last year he won about 30 per cent of the games, and toward the close of the season was absolutely worthless. In spite of that, Long got the ex-Brooklynite a Winter job pitching ball in the Imperial Valley League, and even permitted him to remain two weeks after the rest of the team had reported. It looks very much like ingratitude on his part, but no one is sorry that he has left.

Curtis More of a Loss.

Curtis is more than an average fielder, but he can't hit the ball. Long would hardly have used him as a steady man at third, but doubtless would have retained him as a utility infielder. When Joe came back from China and heard that he was to be shipped to Happy Hogan's team he pleaded with Long to remain with the Seals. Danny agreed, and this is what he gets. It is possible, however, that both players realize that they would have mighty little chance with the locals and prefer to quit rather than be fired.

At all events the boys shape up very nicely without them. Tennant, the first baseman, is a trifle slow on his feet and he can't handle grounders with any degree of certainty. He can slug that ball, however, and there is where he will be a big help. Mohler is playing a better second base than ever before so early in the season.

At shortstop the work of Roy McArdle has been phenomenal. Not only has his fielding been remarkable, but he is lacing the ball. Third base is somewhat in doubt, but it is possible that Mundorff will be slated for that berth. He is to be given a trial there, at least. Mundorff is sure of a job on the infield, but whether as shortstop or third base it remains to be seen.

The outfield is somewhat unsettled. Melchior, Bodie, Kelly, Lewis and Williams, the latest arrivals, are all in the field. Williams is about as big a man as Heine Heitmuller, but it remains to be seen what he can do. Bodie, who was injured in running to third base last week, will be back in the game in 10 days. He is a fixture at centerfield and bids fair to lead the league in batting. Lewis looks a more likely man than Kelly, and will probably be retained.

The pitchers—Berger, Corbett, Willis, Cooper, Eastley and Henley—are all showing up well. Berger was somewhat of a disappointment the first game he pitched, but came back last Sunday in remarkably good form. Willis, not having had the exercise, is a trifle sore, but I look for him to have a good season. I think the Portland fans will like this chap, Cooper, who, like so many of the San Francisco bunch, hails from Texas. He is full of life and has some good curves, with a change of speed.

You know the backstops—Berry and Nick Williams. That lad Williams has developed a good arm in throwing to second and not many of the boys will be stealing bases on him.

Ewing-McCredie Controversy.

Just a word about this Ewing-McCredie controversy. I am not anxious to enter into the affair, which seems to have gone some lengths, according to the newspaper dope, but I am inclined to think that some of the stories have not been altogether fair to Ewing. I am not so much of a Californian but what I can seen both sides of an affair, and I do not believe there is any tendency to belittle the importance of Portland or give that club the worst of it. In fact, from what I have been able to gather, the efforts of Judge McCredie in building up the Coast League have been always fully appreciated.

As regards the Shinn proposition, there is doubtless more of a misunderstanding that anything else. I asked Ewing about it the other day, and this is what he said:

"When the proposition came up of giving players to help the Sacramento club, we all said we would help. Judge McCredie said that if their club got Jim Kennedy he would give Shinn to Charlie Graham, of Sacramento. When I heard of the dispute, I called up Henry Berry, of Los Angeles, by telephone, and also talked to Ed Walter, of the Oakland club. They agreed that such was the conversation. No papers ever passed in the matter, but I think the verbal agreement should stand."

It is quite possible that baseball law will not admit of any such verbal contract, but I have every reason to believe that the conversation was as indicated. It is to be hoped that the unpleasantness will be straightened out. Such talk does baseball no good. What we want is baseball news, not squabbles between the magnates.

The Oakland club may size up better when the season has started, but it does not look any too strong. They have a good first-sacker in Don Cameron, a better man I am inclined to think, than Tennant, of the Seals. At second is the reliable Truesdale, who was with the club last year. Breyette, the shortstop, fields his position well, but is none too sure at the bat, and Beenie McCay was always inconsistent.

The outfield includes Duffey Lewis, Jimmy Adams (Cook) and Carroll. They haven't done anything formidable as yet. Mickey La Longe will be the mainstay behind the bat, as this fellow Marx seems to be somewhat lacking. Of their new pitchers, Boice is evidently by far the star of them all, and you want to look for him when he hits the north.

Flanagan, the Vancouver boy, who was drafted by the Sox, doesn't seem to have hit it off well with them and has been transferred from the first team to the second squad. He is a big fellow, who has a wonderfully accurate throwing arm, but he lacks the noodle. First off, he failed to land on the ball and then he lost heart. The last of the week he picked up somewhat, but not enough to save him on Team No. 1. Cravath is sure of a berth with the team and he deserves it, the way he is smashing the leather. "Cravie," Dougherty and Hahn make a strong trio.

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