

READY TO SQUIRT LITTLE GINGER IN

McCredie Takes to Strengthening Portland Teams in Both Leagues.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1910

Good and Bad Points in Both Coast-ers and Northwesters Are Pointed Out With Plans Suggested for Improvement.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

When Judge W. W. McCredie, acting upon the advice of Manager McCredie, honored the draft from Columbus, Ohio, for Player Fry, the McCredies made the first move toward strengthening up both of the Portland teams. The move has a double significance, for it means that every effort to make both the Northwest League team and the Coast team important factors in this year's pennant race and also of laying the foundation for a corking good team for next year will be made.

Ever since the season opened Manager McCredie has been keeping tab on a number of players that look good to him. Some of them he has bought outright, like Fry, and others he will use the draft upon when the proper time comes. For months past he has been combing the baseball map for players and he has offered fancy prices for several that I know of, but the kind of men he wants on his pay roll are not easily obtained, for not only does he want to tighten up his organization this season, but he is building for next year. Just at present his Coast League team is going along very well, having won 11 out of the 23 games played on the road. What Manager Mac is after is some heavy hitters, not only for his Coast League team, but for his Northwestern League team as well. In spite of the fact that there is little chance of the Colts cutting any figure in the race for the League pennant, several weak gaps in Casey's lineup will be filled just as quickly as the proper kind of material can be secured.

Doesn't Like Cellar Smell.

It is not Judge McCredie's intention to lie down because the Colts seem to be out of the running. First place may be out of his reach, and yet it may not, but just the same the Vancouver jurist doesn't want his Portland club to be hovering around the cellar in either league. Neither is the red ink on the wrong side of the ledger a pleasing sight to the Judge.

First of all, however, is his desire to give the faithful Portland fans a run for their money. He knows as well as the most ardent fan what goes to make a good ball team. Judge McCredie is willing to spend money for players, because he knows that a winning organization will bring the fans through the gates at the Vaughn-street grounds. To hook up the right kind of players is the all sticking question, at any rate, to get better men than he has on his pay roll, is quite full of sense and not a few of them have been unloaded on Portland.

Only Strong in Pitchers.

Had Casey been as strong in other departments of his lineup as he was in his pitching, the Colts would have been a factor in the Northwestern League race. Great hitting was expected of Casey, but the little outfielder has failed to deliver the goods. Bassey has not even hit up to his Coast League record, yet, because of his holding and base-running ability, he has been retained. Bassey has no use to blame but himself for the wretched way he has been hitting the ball all season. If he would get out of that fancy footed kitchie swing at the ball and keep his foot planted on the ground, he would increase his batting average by almost half. He is a powerful fellow and if he would only meet the ball like McCredie has tried in seasons past, he would drill into him, he would be a terror to any pitcher. What he is always trying to do is knock the ball out of the lot, with the result that he is merely knocking up averages that are easily caught. Few players are faster on the bases than Bassey and there are but few outfielders that have it on him in left garden.

Alas, Poor Swanton!

Swanton, who was released on the first trip home of the Colts, was a sad disappointment as an outfielder. He looked good in Spring practice, so did Garibaldi, who drew the blue envelope on Thursday

last. Any one taking a look at Garry at the bat would naturally think he would murder the ball. He did sometimes, but the occasions were so rare that he was almost useless. For a fast man Garry was helpless on the bases. He never knew, neither did any man who followed him to bat know what he was going to do once he got on the bases. Some days he would play the outfield like a major leaguer and the next five days he played so rank that he couldn't have held a berth on a team in a Grasshopper League.

Garry Loafed Too Much.

Fans will naturally ask, if this was so, why was he carried on the team so long. The answer is because Garry had the appearance of making a ball player, and he will, too, if ever he gets his heart into the game. His tendency to loaf has cost the Colts at least a dozen games. His loafing in a game at Aberdeen, which the Colts had won, 5 to 2, with two men out in the last half of the ninth inning, lost the game. He failed to move when the ball was hit during both of the Seattle series at Seattle presented the Turks with at least three of the games lost.

Casey's Colts will leave Sunday night for a four weeks' invasion. The first jump will be Spokane and the next Vancouver. Before reaching home there will be a series with Seattle and Tacoma. Just what pitchers will be used along with what he decided upon, but only five will be taken. If it happens that Cary, the new first sacker that Manager Casey has picked up, makes good, Kennedy will be shifted to center field and Casey can get back in the game, he will take up his station at second and Adams will again look after things in right field. This formation, with Tommy Murray back in the game, together with the addition of Speas, who at present is with the Coast League, should make a strong organization. Should it happen that Casey is not able to get back in the game, Crocker will remain in right, Adams at second, and should Cary fail to show enough to assure his playing first, Speas will play in center field.

While the Colts are away Manager McCredie's Coasters will perform daily at the Vaughn-street grounds during the next four weeks.

With any kind of luck and the way McCredie is going, McCredie should have little trouble in shoving Los Angeles out of second place and be up there fighting San Francisco for the least. McCredie has had about all the hard luck due any ball team, and things ought to break for him on this trip at home. While Casey did not get the best of it in the switch of Garry for Gough, yet it must be admitted that when Manager Mac looked on to Gough, he strengthened up his pitching staff a good deal and once he gets going, the Coasters will find him a tough nut to crack. The beauty of having Gough on the team is the fact that if anything goes wrong with the infield machinery, he can fill in, for he is a shifty infielder.

WHITNEY SCORED FOR IDEAS

President Sullivan Says Polo Player Is Very Mistaken.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The charges made by Harry Payne Whitney, of the American polo team at a banquet in London, that the conduct of the American Olympic team last year was disgraceful, had already created a storm of protest and James B. Sullivan, president of the American Amateur Athletic Union, and United States Commissioner to the Olympic games, has issued a strong denial of the charges.

"Harry Payne Whitney is not in a position to know anything regarding the prosecution of our athletic sports," said Mr. Sullivan. "Our athletes went to England in face of almost every sort of opposition, fair and unfair, that the English officials could devise. If we had taken meekly everything that they tried to do, we would have lost. We had to fight for our rights. As an evidence, that we were in the right, Mr. Whitney or any other individual, immediately after those games passed a rule that an official staff made up from the home country would never again be tolerated in an Olympic meet.

"I was present throughout the entire meet, and failed to see anything in the ordinary behavior of our boys that would warrant any unfavorable comment on the part of Mr. Whitney or any other individual. If Mr. Whitney knows of any specific case of disgraceful conduct, let him make it known, and not talk in generalities. If he will do so, I will answer him and prove that he is wrong. I will satisfy him and the public that the conduct of American athletes at the Olympic games was all that could be desired, and also that their department and acts, both on and off the field, reflected credit on the American Nation."

Hogan Shakes Up Vernon.

LOS ANGELES, July 17.—In an effort to strengthen the Venice Coast League team, Manager Hogan has released three players and intends to let another go next week, and has scouts out to secure new material. The men released are Graham, utility fielder; Ben Caffyn, right fielder, both of whom are ill, and Pitcher Pitts, who is to go to the Tacoma team of the Northwest League. The fourth man scheduled for release is Catcher Kikkel, who will be relieved when Drummond Brown, the catcher Hogan secured from Kansas City, arrives.

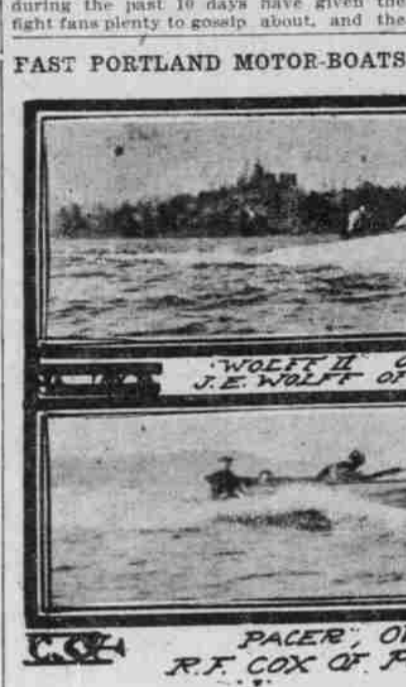
FIGHT FANS SEE FAVORITES LOSE

Papke's Poor Showing Against Flynn Was Surprise to Knowing Ones.

DANE'S FAME NOT DIMMED

Battler Was Never Strong in Short Matches and Wolgast's Advantage in Ten-Round Was Not Unexpected.

FAST PORTLAND MOTOR-BOATS WHICH COMPETED AT SEATTLE



result of each one of them must have

made the keen students of the game of bluff and side-step do a whole lot of thinking. The three fights in mind are the Ketchel-Papke, the Nelson-Wolgast and the Papke-Flynn affairs. All three battles, in a measure were surprises, but perhaps the most surprising of the lot was the poor showing that Papke made against the Colorado freeman, Flynn.

Fresh from his hair-line defeat at the hands of Ketchel, in which the fight fans were of the opinion that Papke had been really jobbed out of at least a draw with the "Assassin" came his trimming by Flynn. Even conceding that he was giving away weight in hooking up with Flynn, his battle was a poor one and it makes one believe in what Ketchel said—that had Papke had been a fighter and willing to mix it, he would have won.

This fight also gives some credence to the other statement made by Ketchel and a number of fight fans, that he was not the Ketchel of old when he faced Papke at Colma. It will be remembered Ketchel said that if Papke had put up any kind of a battle Papke would have defeated him. In view of Papke's fight with Flynn, second rather than first, it is not surprising that Ketchel's statement. It also puts lots of truth in Referee Roche's explanation of his decision after the fight, that had Papke fought in the last few rounds instead of holding off he would have been forced to have called the fight a draw.

London Says He's "Sucker."

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—In a letter to a local paper, Jack London, the author, declares that he was a "sucker," but not a deliberate plagiarist, when he used in the "Iron Heel" a passage of several thousand words strikingly like a chapter of Frank Harris' "Candid Friend." London asserted in his letter that he read the fictitious interview with the Bishop of London in an American newspaper, and believing it genuine, made use of it in his story. The American author admits that the deadly parallel used by Harris is strikingly like a chapter of Frank Harris' "Candid Friend." London asserted in his letter that he read the fictitious interview with the Bishop of London in an American newspaper, and believing it genuine, made use of it in his story. The American author admits that the deadly parallel used by Harris is strikingly like a chapter of Frank Harris' "Candid Friend." London asserted in his letter that he read the fictitious interview with the Bishop of London in an American newspaper, and believing it genuine, made use of it in his story.

comes to traveling a route, none of the bluff exchangers in the lightweight division has anything on him. He is a fighting machine pure and simple. Nelson has to be stung hard and often to make him fight his battle, and while he is taking lots of punishment, the other fellow is wearing himself out.

When a fighter of Joe Gans' ability to inflict punishment can't stop Nelson, there's no use of any of the present-day lightweights trying to stop him. The whipping that Wolgast gave Nelson won't hurt him, for if the pair ever hook up in a battle over a distance of ground, you will find Nelson the top-heavy favorite. Wolgast might whup the Battler, but if he does, he will rest on top of the lightweight division for a long time. It's the one best bet that Nelson never gave his training for his fight with Wolgast, a moment's serious thought. He knew no decision would be rendered against him and he felt pretty confident Wolgast did not have the punch to put him to sleep.

During the last two days there has been a revival of the talk about a battle between Jeffery and Jack Johnson. Jeffery has denied that he will not fight the Big Smoke, and the latest is that Johnson intends meeting Jeff in Chicago and he is going to force him to either fight or go back to his Los Angeles gin mill. The cheery dingy had better postpone his meeting with the champion until they get in the ring, or he might get his necks wrapped about the necks of the gate receipts. Jeffery, when hounded, is not a very tame animal, and should Johnson insist upon forcing his obnoxious presence on the white man, there is very not to be a back with referee or seconds. A rough and tumble, bare knuckle battle between

these two huskies would certainly be hard on furniture and anatomy.

Jeff may be stalling, as the negro says he is, but somehow I am not inclined to think so. I believe Jeff, who at all times and in all of his fights, has considered the public, will never fight Johnson unless he is sure of his condition. The big ex-holler-maker hates Sam as much as he hates anything on earth. If he wished it, even after his worst fight with Mance, he could have bilked the public out of many thousands of dollars by fighting a bunch of second-raters like Bill Squires and his kidney. But Jeff would not do that, he would prefer to retire to this kind of money. Fight fans who know this are willing to wait until the big fellow is ready to speak.

PAGER IS GREAT RACER

PROVES SPEEDIEST MOTOR-BOAT IN NORTHWEST.

Regatta Open to Entire Local Fleet Will Be Held on the Upper Willamette on August 8.

Pacer, a 40-foot motor-boat racer, owned by R. F. Cox, of Portland, which made such a good showing at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition motor-boat races, is said to be the most wonderful motor-boat in the Pacific Northwest and to be capable of world's record breaking speed.

It's inability to make a better showing at the Seattle races, it is explained, was due to a fact that while it was moored in the Seattle harbor, some miscreant attempted to "steal" the Pacer's engine, and succeeded in rendering one cylinder useless. The fixing process was eminently successful and the Pacer lost the race.

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The Pacer will be brought to Portland at once and thoroughly overhauled before going into commission on the Willamette River. It will be entered in the races which are to be held at the month of the Willamette the first week in August.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Willamette Motor-Boat Club held last Wednesday evening at the clubhouse, plans were laid and a committee appointed to make arrangements for a grand cruising regatta in which the entire motor-boat fleet will participate.

A beautiful spot on the Upper Willamette has been selected for rendezvous. A band will be taken along and the women will furnish an abundance of good things to eat.

The fleet will leave the motor-boat mooring grounds early on the morning

LEAGUE IS DYING

California State Teams Are About Ready to Quit.

POOR SUPPORT IS GIVEN

Bucking Organized Ball Proves Losing Game, and Coast Players Will Probably Be Only Ones in the Field.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—(Special.)—It looks like curtains for the California State League at last. Backed by all the power of organized baseball and putting up the sort of game that the fans gobble, the Pacific Coast League has proved too much for them. It was simply a case of the league which could afford to put up the best baseball winning out.

Once upon a time the Pacific National League (organized) tried to give battle to the Pacific Coast League (then unknown), but they lost out because of the long agreement with the cities and poor management that killed the California State League. The Coast League had the money, got the better brand of players, and furnished the better brand of ball.

In this vicinity the crowds at the State League grounds in Oakland have been gradually dwindling because of the poor playing and the frequent disputes. The league started to buck organized baseball with a loud blare of trumpets and an enthusiastic crowd from Oakland and San Francisco. But when San Francisco came to the top in the Coast League for the first time in years, the benches began to lose their tenants. It began to look like a hopeless job.

Cy Moreing, who owns the Oakland State League Club, began to make overtures to take over the Oakland team of the Coast League. He almost came to an agreement with the Coast magnates, but they split on a question of grounds. Moreing is reported to be losing heavily on his attempt to buck the great baseball trust. So it looks as though the State League will pass out quietly. The fans hereabouts are strong for baseball, but good enough critics to prefer the best.

All careful managers should keep their players locked up these days. The bogie man is here on the coast in the form of President Robison, of the St. Louis Nationals. He has his eye out for talent and frankly announces that he intends to cop out a few good ones and take them back with him.

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