

FANS ARE HOWLING FOR 8-CLUB LEAGUE

Portland Holds Unique Position of Dictator in the Question.

M'CREDIES ARE IN FAVOR

Certain Northwestern Magnates Are Holding Back, but Seattle and Spokane Would Be Welcome, for Both Are Good Towns.

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Baseball bugs are warming up over the question of the circuit for 1910, and while it may seem somewhat early to bother about such a matter, especially in view of the excitement caused by the performances of McCredie's bunch against the Seals, it is, nevertheless, a problem that has many conflicting possibilities and needs much thought.

Portland occupies the position of dictator—that is, this city is the intermediate point between two sections of the Pacific Coast territory, neither of which has enough large cities to form a compact circuit.

The California end enjoys two good towns, San Francisco and Los Angeles, with Oakland making it three, because practically all the Oakland games are played in San Francisco. In the Northwestern League there are three towns outside of Portland—Seattle, Spokane and Vancouver—where baseball is a profitable business. Tacoma, where George Schroeder succeeded in getting together a winning combination, might be a better town for the game. Aberdeen, for its size, is the best baseball town in the West, but Aberdeen is not large enough to bring sufficient returns to warrant its being rated as a possibility in an All-Coast League. If such a league is eventually decided upon.

Therefore, Portland will be the central point of interest in the formation of a baseball circuit, or two baseball circuits, next season. The Pacific Coast League controls the right to this city in baseball—that is, Portland is included in Pacific Coast League territory by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

Portland Stuck in Coast.
On that account Portland, in order to cast its lot with the Northwestern League, would be required to secure the consent of the Pacific Coast League to withdraw from here. As this latter is an absolute impossibility, since the California magnates realize the benefits derived from playing in Portland, the one thing Judge McCredie, the Portland magnate, is laboring for is an eight-club All-Pacific Coast circuit for 1910.

Judge McCredie is an ardent supporter of such a circuit, for the reason that it would form a league of equal proportions in the North and South—four clubs in California and four in the North. Judge McCredie has been working on this subject for three years, but until this season he has been unable to convince the Southern magnates of the advisability of the scheme.

Now, however, the Californians seem anxious again to leave the Northwest, and will find considerable opposition. A year ago Seattle would have bitterly opposed the mere mention of Coast League baseball, and even now it is not any too friendly. Spokane is again a friendly, but a hankering for greater fields to conquer.

Opposition to Eight Clubs.

Messrs. Dugdale, Cohn and Schroeder are opposed to a Coast League. At least such is their attitude as far as publicity is concerned, yet it would not be surprising to learn that all three change their opinions about the time the actual proposition of arranging for next year arrives. Joe Cohn, of Spokane, does not voice the sentiment of his own patrons when he announces that Spokane is against joining the Pacific Coast League, for a number of Spokane fans who have visited Portland this summer are outspoken in their desire to have the Falls City enrolled in the faster organization.

The same condition is found in Seattle, and the explanation is easy. Dugdale and Cohn, both having spent considerable money in putting good teams into the field, are not desirous of expending more to put still stronger teams against Pacific Coast League company. Still, one cannot blame either for this attitude, though the fans should be shown some consideration.

Cohn argues that for Spokane to join the Coast organization would be foolish on account of the long railroad jump. A very sensible argument if it were not likely to be combated from another viewpoint. According to Cohn's idea, a Spokane team would go back because of the long journey to Los Angeles. Spokane is but ten or 11 hours from Portland, and Portland has jumped to Los Angeles for seven years. Yet the McCredies are not yet threatened with bankruptcy. Instead the Portland baseball club has been a most profitable investment for Judge McCredie and his nephew Walter, and in the opinion of the writer, Spokane would be a good money-maker with any kind of a team in the Coast League.

Spokane Good Ball Town.

Spokane is one of the very best baseball towns in the country, and it should be listed in the Pacific Coast League, for a great deal more prominence is attached to membership in the higher class league than can be possible with the Northwestern organization. Let Spokane show an inclination to accept a berth in the Class A league in the even-odd joint league is advocated, and Seattle, Dugdale and all, will fall in line.

Right now Dugdale knows full well that a Pacific Coast League team under his guidance in Seattle would prove a money-maker, and the only reason he is balking, if he really is doing so, is because he fears he may not make as much money in the larger league as he is now in the lesser organization. Railroad fares will undoubtedly cut some figure in the negotiations, though a schedule should be possible of arrangement wherein this item can be reduced to a minimum.

At any rate the possibilities will afford considerable speculation during the next few weeks. The fans of Portland are with Judge McCredie in his battle against odds in the effort to conduct the formation of an ideal eight-club circuit—the only logical circuit for the good of baseball on the Pacific Coast.

Morgan Buys Railroad.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 21.—The Chicago Great Western Railway was sold today by Special Master Albert R. Moore, representing the United States Court and receiver, to a syndicate formed by J. P. Morgan for \$12,000,000. The proceedings were a perfunctory transfer of the road by the receiver to the new company, headed by Samuel Fenton as president.

PLAYERS WHO STAND OUT IN PRESENT SERIES BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND PORTLAND.



FAST MEN TO COME

Prospects for University of Oregon Football Bright.

GAPS TO BE WELL FILLED

Loss of Moulton and Hurd to Be Compensated by Return of Scott and Taylor—O. A. C. to Be All Shot to Pieces.

There is joy in the camp of the followers of the fortunes of the University of Oregon football eleven. This is brought about by the definite announcement that "Chuck" Taylor, halfback, and Glenn Scott, giant lineman, both of the 1908 football eleven, will return to college next fall. Taylor, who is rated as one of the best halfbacks ever at the University of Oregon, was at Cornell last year, but owing to the enforcement of the one-year rule, did not enter athletics, and so is eligible to play at Oregon in the fall. Scott, who weighs nearly 250 pounds at present, was the bulwark of strength in the line of the eleven in 1907, and after a year's absence at Pendleton he has also announced that he will re-enter college.

The advent of these two men means that Oregon will again have a great eleven, with the two gaps caused by the loss of Moulton and Hurd well filled. Hurd, has professionalized himself by playing with Tacoma, but his position at half will be ably filled by Taylor. Moulton's position in the line will be taken care of by Scott. With Taylor and Main at halves, Bud Clarke, the greatest punter in the Northwest, at fullback; Earl Latourette and Ben Chandler fighting it out for quarter, all the ends of last year's team back, and a reinforced line, with a wealth of freshman material coming in, the prospects for a winning team under Coach Forbes are especially bright.

Season Begins September 10.

The Oregon squad will start the season on September 10, when a trip will be taken up the McKenzie River and light practice started under Captain Clarke.

Coach Forbes will not accompany the squad, but will join the players as soon as the regular school term opens, about September 20.

Oregon will endeavor this season to wipe out the defeat of 1908 administered by the University of Washington last fall, but the task will be no easy one, as practically every one of the veteran Washington eleven will also return to college next fall. In fact, the Washington team promises to be even stronger than it was last year, and if a victory is won by the warriors of the lemon yellow it will be because of their added strength, and not on account of the weakness of Washington.

Save for having secured one of the greatest coaches in the country, Solly Metzger, of the University of Pennsylvania, the Oregon Aggies are in bad shape to start the season. Carl Wolff, the great plunging and kicking fullback, will return to college, and Wolff is almost a team in himself, but when this is said there is little left. O. A. C. will probably lose every other man who played on the eleven last year, the operations of the four-year rule, graduation and other causes eliminating the entire field.

The Aggies, however, rely much on Metzger, who last year took the comparatively raw University of Pennsylvania team and carried it to the front rank of American football. Metzger is a man who is a fighter himself, and who

gets every bit of dash and fight from his men. His record at Pennsylvania for two years as a coach, and for four years as a player, places him in the front rank.

Pullman Is to Suffer.

Washington State College will suffer also this year in the loss of a number of former stars, among the number being Ralph Rader, Joe Halm, Hardy, Wexler, Bryan and others, who will be put out of the game through the four-year rule and graduation. Coach Klenholz, who will have charge of the team, has a good record in Minnesota, and while at the Spokane High School showed a knowledge of the game so vast that the students favored making a change and taking him for coach in the middle of the season. It was only on Klenholz's own plan that an absolute mutiny was averted.

MULTNOMAH GETS FOOTBALL FEVER

Gridiron Germ Begins to Gnaw at the Vitals of Mole-skin Heroes.

GREAT SEASON PROMISED

Warhorse George McMillan Has Begun Task of Rounding Up Veterans and Hopes to Have a Splendid Line-up This Year.

The Winged M promises to have another great season on the gridiron this fall. Already George McMillan, that old warhorse of many battles, is looking over the material and making plans for the ensuing season. McMillan has already started correspondence relative to the games and this week received a letter from the Catholic Young Men's Club asking for two games, which he states will be arranged for early in the season. The Catholic boys had a team almost as heavy as the Multnomah team last fall, and this year promises to present even a heavier lineup than that of the clubmen.

In addition to the usual college and local games there is a possibility of re-establishing inter-club football this fall. It is stated that the Spokane Athletic Club is again planning to turn out a football eleven, after having discontinued the game for a season, and Mr. McMillan states that if the present plans carry, a game will be arranged between the two clubs, and possibly two games.

Superintendent Inglis, of the Seattle Club, has not yet decided whether that club will have a team this season, but correspondence will be started to determine whether such a game can be scheduled. In case the inter-club games are arranged they will be in the season, possibly all after the Thanksgiving game.

Fine Timber in Sight.

A wealth of new material is showing up. Mr. McMillan states that he has heard of numerous Eastern collegiate stars in the city who will turn out for the club team while much of the old club material is available. George McMillan will have charge of the coaching and handling of the team, although he himself will not get into the harness himself.

"What I have needed," states Mr. McMillan, "is a kicking fullback and two tackles. Well, it is unlikely that he will get to learn from Bud James, the best punter the club ever had, that he would be out again this season. We have our two tackles, Oswald and Walker, and their positions will be hard to fill. Walker is here and is really eligible to play, but we think that as he has a position at the club it will not be the best sportsmanship to play him. However, I understand that Paul Rader will again be in the game this fall and he would prove a tower of strength at that position, either in the backfield or at one of the line positions.

Two Raders in Line.

"But not only will Paul Rader get out this year, but I understand that his brother, Ralph Rader, the W. S. C. kicker and halfback, is located in Portland now and will be out in harness. Rader is well known as a great defensive player and a great line plunger all over the Northwest.

"Frank Loneragan, the halfback, who has won so much yardage for Multnomah in past years, will again be in the harness, and with Scott, the greatest player the club ever had, at quarter, it will make a backfield which certainly looks strong.

Other Men Are Sought.

"Carlson, center for the last few years, will be out again, as will Conant, who played guard last year. I want to get Austin back in the harness. He is on a ranch near the city, and I think we will be able to make arrangements for him to come in and play. I understand that one of the boys saw him recently, and that he said he would get out. We need him badly, as he is a back of no mean ability, and is a good kicker in addition. "I am sorry that there is no more of the University of Oregon material available. It is too bad that such men as Moores and Latourette have to render themselves ineligible by coaching. They are Portland men, and we counted on using them for three or four years after they left college. Portland sends its best men to Oregon, such as Jordan, Chandler, Clark, Kerron, and the hosts of others that have gone in past years, and we ought to have some return from the college men. However, I am just as well pleased that at last a good feeling has sprung up between the State University and the club, even though we do get none of their star players.

"Football practice will hardly start until the latter end of September. Save for the possibility of the interclub football, which may bring forth later developments, we are not contemplating more than one trip out of the city, that to Eugene when we play the University of Oregon. Our principal local game will be with O. A. C. on Thanksgiving, and we will play a game with Willamette, although the date for that game has not yet been definitely decided as yet. Other games may be scheduled later, and I hope soon to be able to definitely arrange the two games requested by the Young Men's Catholic Club."

Holohan Wins Shoot.

SPOKANE, Aug. 21.—Pete Holohan, professional, won the trophy for the feature event in the booster shoot, given today by the Spokane Rod and Gun Club. Holohan broke 25 targets, straight. Wheelers, of Iowa, won the Selby trophy for amateurs with a run of 24 out of a possible 25. In the morning shoot Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, was first, breaking 94 out of 100 targets. Falts lead the amateurs with 95 out of a possible 100. Most of the principal trap shooters of America are shooting.

Negro Boxer Is Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—"Not guilty" is the verdict of the naval court which tried Davis Williams, the negro mess attendant of the battleship Vermont, who caused the death of a brother sailor as the result of a boxing contest and who was tried for manslaughter.

To Our Fellow Automobilists

We have bought the stock, lease and fixtures of the Coleman Hardware Company, 67 Sixth street, next block north from Wells-Fargo building, and desire to make room for a complete modern vulcanizing plant for repairing auto tires and inner tubes; also to rearrange the stock in order to put in a full and complete assortment of Auto Supplies. There are certain lines of hardware that we wish to eliminate, and will sell below cost.

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KAISER NOW SUPREME

RETIREMENT OF VON BUELOW MARKS CHANGE.

German Politics Believed to Be on Way Back to "One-Man Rule" Once More.

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—(Special).—The view is widely held that the retirement of Prince von Buelow and the accession of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg to the imperial chancellery practically re-establishes the autocratic power of Kaiser in foreign affairs, at least, there is hardly any doubt that the country finds itself exactly where it was before the national storm of indignation over the "personal reg. me" last November.

With the departure of Prince von Buelow it is felt that the one solid breakwater between the Kaiser and the popular government has been swept away. The new Chancellor is an absolute tyro in the subtle field of diplomacy and foreign politics. He has none of the urbane ease which comes from "world life" and the atmosphere of foreign capitals. Not only has his bureaucratic career been confined to the narrow provincial lines of local government and home administration, but his entire character, bearing and temperament are wholly different from that hitherto regarded as essential for a statesman required to deal with professional diplomats.

Prince von Buelow's influence on German politics is certain to remain a potent one. It is unlikely that he will heed the suggestion of an important provincial journal and enter the Reichstag as a deputy, but it seems certain that he will remain on terms of the most confidential intimacy with him. Two well-known provincial papers, the "Süddeutsche Reichs-Korrespondenz" of Karlsruhe, and the "Hannoverscher Correspondent," are already famous as Buelow's personal organs. The latter had the distinction of publishing his political testament. Through the columns of both these papers the ex-Chancellor's views are likely to find frequent and regular expression.

Magnetic Survey of Seas.
NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The non-

magnetic surveying ship Carnegie sailed today from Brooklyn to begin, for the Carnegie Institute at Washington, the work of making a magnetic survey of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans, and gathering data about magnetic attractions and variations in waters hitherto unexplored. She will proceed first to Gardner's Bay, Mass., for compass adjustment, and then to St. Johns, N. F., the coast of Labrador, and Hudson Bay. W. J. Peters, of the department of terrestrial magnetism of the Carnegie Institute, will have command of the expedition, and he will have four assistants.

SOCIETY FOR "STILL LIFE"

Anti-Noise Organization to Work Hard in America.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Mrs. A. Rice, who is head of the Anti-Noise Society here, arrived from Europe yesterday. She returns with a scheme for the "houses of silence." She said on arriving:

"The first anti-noise convention held in London was a great success, despite the fact that only four countries were represented by the three delegates present. These countries were America, England, Austria and Germany."

"Life in Germany is a bliss and a torture," said Mrs. Rice. "Why, even the railroads stop blowing whistles after sundown. The engineer gives notice of danger by blowing a horn. There are societies in 30 cities, with a total membership of 1200. This society has issued a 'blue list' of hotels and apartment-houses where one may have a reasonable amount of quiet. The landlords pledge themselves not to rent rooms to anyone unless the person will agree to make as little noise as possible."

"Better than these, however, are the 'houses of silence,' which are springing up all over the empire. These are in every case owned by members of the society, and only members may obtain accommodation in them. No noise whatever may be heard in them."

Miss Harriman Cares for Sick.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A novel charity launched by Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of E. H. Harriman, is now in full operation. This is the floating rest cure, the Brooklyn school children, maintained by the Brooklyn Tuberculosis Committee. Miss Harriman obtained the Erie Railroad ferryboat Susquehanna for the project.

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