

ELEVEN COASTERS TO JOIN CLEVELAND

Six Former Portland Players in Squad Which Goes to Louisiana.

TWO ARE NORTHWESTERS

Speck Harkness, Jack Graney, Phil Cooney, Irving Gough and George Patrick Well-Known Beaters Who Are in Big League.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
Announcement is made by the Cleveland American League team that 24 players will constitute the squad to be taken to the training quarters at Alexandria, La., early in March, and in the roster of players published 11 of them have played on the Vaughn-street lot; six for the Portland team, and the other five for Pacific Coast and Northwestern League teams appearing here.

Of the 11 players hailing from the coast, one, Pitcher Gregg, is from Spokane, and the balance are from the Pacific Coast League, with the exception of George Stovall, who played first base for Portland in the Northwestern League in 1908. Speck Harkness, Jack Graney, Phil Cooney, Irving Gough and George Patrick, the latter of the Portland team of 1908, are the ex-Credle players enrolled on the Cleveland team. Elmer Koestner and Ted Easterly are former Los Angeles stars, while George Stovall, who played first base for Portland in the Northwestern League in 1908, is the only Cleveland player who is likely to become a Clevelander.

In the classification of the players listed by Jack Graney and Irving Gough, both former pitchers, are listed as outfielders, which indicates that these two players will be tried out on the fly-chasing line in competition with Birmingham, Hinchman, Lord and Flick. Graney is looked upon as a fixture, but Gough's ability in this line has not been demonstrated by his performances with Portland.

Unless he displays an entirely different attitude with the Clevelanders, his chances for remaining in the "big league" are decidedly small. He is a speedy player, and a fairly reliable man when he can be persuaded to work.

Pitcher Patrick is the little chap who came to Portland in the Fall of 1908 from the Jacksonville, Ill., club, but who seemed to become acclimated and failed to justify the expectations of the Portland fans, and was returned to that club. His record last year was so good that Cleveland drafted him, and press paragraphs from the East include him as a possibility.

Of "Speck" Harkness little need be said, for every fan in Portland is confident that the care-free, "handsome" youth, who possesses in the "big league" the ambition to pitch every day, will make good easily. Harkness is really a most promising pitcher, and he fails to take his share of the opportunity his Cleveland berth affords him, he will surprise the fans on the entire Pacific coast.

A Chicago theater introducing vaudeville attractions has staged a bill in which the principal attractions are baseball players of the Cleveland team, which seem to have met with popular favor.

Joe Tinker, the pride of Portland, who went from the Portland club of 1901 to the Chicago National League team and made good from the start, is seen in a skit entitled "Great Catch," in which the diamond celebrity is supported by Miss Sadie Sherman, a charming little actress who appeared on the Orpheum circuit here last season. The sketch, which has scored heavily.

Every major league ball-tosser who has visited Portland since 1901 has a yarn or two spun by Jimmy Callahan and each acquaintance of the former star pitcher asserts that he is the best story-teller of them all. Callahan, who is the organizer of the Chicago City League, which has given the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues so much trouble in recent years.

The third baseball act on the Chicago program is "Sivvers" Buckley, the clown pantomime artist, who introduces a silent travesty on the National game, in which he plays the whole game in a series of short scenes. Callahan visited Portland with his act at the Orpheum about a year ago, and the fans of Portland remember the funny antics of the comedian with a longing to see him again.

Mike Donlin, husband of Mabel Hite, is being fitted into a part in a new play written for the former New York diamond star's charming and vivacious little wife. The new play is to be produced at the Grand opera house, and the story indicates its success. Other ball-tossers have scored on the stage, and a number of lesser lights than those mentioned above have also won the East as footlight favorites during the off season.

SEALS ARE FAST SIGNING UP

Only One Contract Has Been Returned to Long.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Things are beginning to hum in a baseball way. Many of the stars are returning from the Imperial Valley, where they played ball this winter, and the general manager of the Park are looking more business-like every day.

Tom Tennant, Howard Mundorf and Harry McArdle were the first arrivals. They put in an appearance the middle of the week, and said that the balance of the boys would be here by that day. Both Mundorf and McArdle have picked up some weight, which ought to be a big help to them during the season. The trio have not as yet signed their contracts.

So far, about ten of the Senis, including Jimmy Lewis, Ping Boddy, Eddie Griffin, Kid Mohler, Melkie, Vito, an infielder, and some others, have signed up and are ready for the word to commence training. One says that one of the team has returned an unsigned contract. He will not give the name of the player, and says that it will be speedily settled up. Long has ordered his men to report for duty on Monday, February 23, in San Francisco. The White Sox will be here by that time, and the grind of getting into shape can commence.

Duffey Lewis, the outfielder with the Oakland Coasters last season, has signed a contract to play in the outfit for the Boston Americans. Duffey, who is just 22 years old and has had three years' experience, will receive \$2400 a year. There is no question but that he will make good. The president of the club, John F. Taylor, is here for the winter, and before he gets through will have the contracts also of Frank Atkinson, Harry Walters and Hooper, all of whom were with the Red Sox last year.

Mr. Taylor sprang another surprise when he announced that he would like to bring his Boston club to the Pacific Coast next spring for its training trip. Of course this all depends upon what plans Comiskey has made. If Comiskey wants to come for a fourth season, he will be welcomed. There is a rumor, however, that the Chicago Americans will abandon California as a training ground, in which case Taylor will enter into negotiations with the Coast League people.

Babe Danzig, a year ago with Portland, was seen in a Sacramento uniform this year. Charlie Graham has made a deal with the New York Americans, which club drafted Danzig from Lowell. Danzig was drafted from Portland into the majors, but sent back to the minors. The big fellow has always been a favorite in California, and the fans will like to see him in action once more. No question but that he will strengthen the Senators.

The White Sox has about completed his schedule of games that will be played in California, and left the middle of the week. O'Neill will remain in Chicago until the latter part of the month, when he will set sail with the ball-players in the White Sox special for San Francisco. O'Neill has not as yet given out the complete schedule of games, but it is a cinch that he will keep his clubs busy all of the time.

BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFERS MUCH TO NIMRODS.

Vancover Island Is Described in Annual Report of Game Warden as Sportsman's Paradise.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—In the annual report just presented to the Provincial Legislature by the Chief Game Warden, Bran Williams, that official notes that conditions as affecting game generally grow more satisfactory from year to year. He believes, however, that the game birds, especially on Vancouver Island and the mainland coast, have not received the attention they should, although there has been some improvement in this respect.

The department has devoted its energy principally to saving the big game, and its efforts in that direction have brought excellent results. Pheasant and duck shooting, it is stated, is getting worse every year, and unless proper precautions are taken this sport will be practically destroyed. One tendency of this is to establish private game reserves. The Game Warden states that many amendments to the game act are needed. The present act is so complicated that an entirely new and comprehensive measure is required.

The central and northern interior are described as now a sportsman's paradise, for moose, bear, beaver, caribou, ducks, geese, etc. That the Game Warden's department virtually says for itself, shown by the receipts and expenditures during the past five years, being as follows: Receipts, \$30,285; expenditures, \$21,919, or a net cost to the government of about \$8000 a year.

Showing the benefits of a policy of conservation of game, owing to the raids in former years of the Stoney Indians of Alberta, Kootenay big game was about gone. Wapiti and moose are now plentiful. There are estimated to be about 1000 of the former, which, reckoned at \$50 a head, are worth \$50,000, not to mention the moose. Deer and sheep, similar remarks apply to Lillooet. Three hundred and seventy-four big game licenses have been taken out, which means an expenditure of \$100 for each in the country. All told, the report claims, the province has expended in it about \$100,000 in the interests of sportsmen. This ought to be well worth the \$600 a year it costs.

It is interesting to note that 233 tourists shot and fished in the province. Fifty-three non-residents took 3100 licenses, which was a decrease, but with 37 limited \$25 licenses there were 30 big game licenses in all, which was an increase over the previous year.

Moose generally are on the increase. Caribou has disappeared from practically all of the mountains. Chitcotin, but otherwise are increasing. Except in the Okanagan district, moose are very scarce. Wapiti are gaining in numbers, and the Kootenay, the whole of which is well stocked, the direct result of protection. On Vancouver Island, however, the noble animal is rapidly diminishing and extreme measures will have to be taken to save it from extinction. Sheep in Kootenay have been shot and fished in the province. In Lillooet they are doing well and in Cassiar are increasing, with little danger of extermination for years to come. There is, however, a big increase in the number of bear.

REFeree QUESTION UP

"THIRD MAN" IN BIG FIGHT TO BE NEXT ISSUE.

Grant, Cornelius, White, Eytou, Welch, Smith and Eddie Graney Suggested for the Job.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
In the year near future the dispute between Jack Gleason and Ted Rickard over the location of the scene of the big fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson will be the next issue of the coming mill will be the selection of a referee.

So far the following are named as possibilities: Jack Grant of Portland; Buck Cornelius, of Pittsburgh; Charley White, of New York; Charley Eytou, of Los Angeles; Jack Welch, of San Francisco; and Eddie Smith, of Oakland.

Eddie Graney, the Chesterfield referee, is also figured upon as a possibility, but the attitude at the time the articles were signed between the big fellows will work against him in the consent of the fighters is considered.

The general impression that San Francisco is to be the scene of the big mill, Salt Lake City has the inside track, and in the event of the fight taking place at Salt Lake City is more likely to figure as third man in the ring than will a Western referee. This would give Charley White the advantage, for he is a close personal friend of Tim Sullivan, the stakeholder, and the latter's influence will likely weigh greatly in the New Yorker's favor.

"Buck" Cornelius, the Pittsburgh man, while considered a possibility, has only the backing of the "Smoketown" fans to back him for the place. In the West he is unknown as a referee, and because of this his chances of being selected are reduced to a minimum. Charley Eytou,

FORMER PORTLAND BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO ARE ON THE CLEVELAND AMERICAN TEAM.



INTEREST IS LAX

Portland Fans Little Moved by Northwestern Row.

VOTE COMES THIS WEEK

If All-Coast Circuit Not Formed, Only Chance for Strong Clubs in North Lies in Jump to Outlaw Ball, Is Opinion.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
Some time this week, probably tomorrow afternoon, the directors of the curtailed Northwestern League will hold a special meeting, when the proposed reconsideration of the expulsion of Aberdeen and Portland from the fold will be taken up.

In Portland interest in the possibility of the Northwestern League taking favorable action has lagged to such an extent that very few of the fans, who have become, and are still, disgusted with California rule, can be found who voice a sentiment in favor of the two-club idea. They don't seem to want it, and last year's experience here is the only good basis on which the Northwestern League can take a stand against the readmission of Portland.

The attitude of the Northwestern League directors makes them almost as subservient to the Pacific Coast League as Portland. The Pacific Coast League voted not to allow a Northwestern League team in Portland, and because of that vote the Northwestern League has played into the Pacific Coast League's hands by voting out both Portland and Aberdeen and thereby got itself into a nice muddle, not to mention the lesser importance of its circuit by dwindling to four clubs.

Only a few seasons ago the scribes of the Northwestern League circuit were laughing at the Pacific Coast League, which they termed a class A league with only four towns. They pointed to the fact that all other class A leagues worthy of the name had a total of ten to twelve towns, and now there seems to be something applicable in that "He who laughs last" saying.

Ewing Has Upper Hand.

Not only is the Pacific Coast League enjoying the last laugh, but judging by the baseball politics played here, Ewing and his cohorts of "grab-all kids," it is quite likely that the California bunch will enjoy the upper hand for some time to come. The Northwestern League, under Brer Dugdale, has gotten itself into a nice pickle, and the only chance to extricate itself is to toss off affiliation with a joke of an association and go outlaw in 1911. It is too late to do anything now, for they would have to compete with the Pacific Coast League in Portland, and the Northwestern would lose out were it to be tried this year. It requires time to prepare for a baseball war.

Let the Northwestern League lay a wire that will find its way to the mine which will blow the Pacific Coast outfit out of Portland and give us just as good baseball in a class A Northwestern League. The matter is up to Dugdale. If he can't see his way to come through, the league should tie a can to Dug and get some enterprising Seattle man to handle a club there.

WOLGAST'S BOAST INCENSES NELSON

Battler Ready to Prove to Fight Fans That He Is by No Means Has-Been.

BOUT STIRS BAY CITY

San Francisco Turns Attention to Lightweight Exhibition, but Is Still Peevish Because of Jeffries' Slight.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—For the time being at least San Francisco fight fans have turned their attention away from Jeffries and Johnson and are now considering the possibilities of the lightweight championship bout between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast that is scheduled to take place in Alameda on February 22. For a long time it has looked as if Hester would be obliged to give up the match because of difficulties he has encountered, but the premier promoter of all the wrestling with the exception of minor details that should not be hard to decide upon.

The delay has been caused chiefly because Hester has been waiting for the Board of Supervisors to act on his application for a fight permit. They have been stalling him along, making promises of what they will do and all the time he has believed them. At the last meeting, however, there was another postponement and Hester finally awoke to the fact that they were only playing with him.

Then and there he announced that he would either no longer work with San Francisco and that he would hold the fight in Alameda. In that he was wise. San Mateo County is the stronghold of Jimmy Corbett and it has been his Italian hand that has been opposing Hester.

Buys Alameda Fight Club.

The Mission Club promoter bought a controlling interest in a fight club in Alameda, where 45-round fights may be held, and will conduct the match there. As a matter of fact, he can transport his spectators across the bay into Alameda in better time than he can take them to Colma, and the accommodations are better in the transportation line. It is doubtful if Alameda will be a paying proposition for the general run of fights, but it is a big card it does not make any difference.

Nelson, who arrived the middle of the week from the East, expressed himself as satisfied. Naturally the fighters are not particularly interested in where the fight is to be held, as they are receiving guarantees. Nelson will receive \$12,000 and Wolgast will get \$3500 for his share. Hester proposes to reconstruct the Alameda baseball park for his arena, and as the work will take him considerable time it is questionable if he will make anything out of the fight.

The Dane has already taken up his quarters at Joe Millet's training quarters in Colma, where he will do his training. The Dane is bubbling over with wrath at the fact that he is being out of the promotion. Dugdale does not mind the fact that he is being out of the promotion, but he is not going to get that. He feels pretty big just now, but when I get him into the ring I will reduce him also.

Then there is another fellow who needs taking down. That chap is Freddie Welch, who says I haven't any right to the title. He can keep on talking as much as he pleases. If he fights me over it will be for 45 rounds and will be at 133 pounds ringside. That's the only way he will ever get close to the championship.

"For the next year I am going to fight fast. I am getting along, you know, and want to pick up as much money as I can. The boys can come along just as fast as they please. The speed will suit me, all right, but I will have to get some money out of it all. Just mark this down. Battling Nelson is not going to retire, but he is going to surprise a lot of gamblers who think he is all in."

Champion's New Manager.

The Dane is accompanied by his brother, Arthur, and by his new manager, John R. Robinson, a newspaper man of many years' standing, who has undertaken to look after the affairs of the Dane.

Just by way of being curious, I asked Nelson what he thought of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. He was diplomatic to a degree.

"Well," he parried, "it's hard to say. Johnson never has been given credit for what he can do. If Jeffries can get back into shape they will enter the ring on even terms. But it's a question if Jeffries can come back. I never knew it to happen, and Jeff, you know, has only had one fight in seven years, and that was a two-round affair with Jack Munroe that didn't amount to much."

Which is to say that Nelson thinks Johnson has a mighty good chance of winning, which think he is all in.

The attitude of Jeffries has left a bad taste in the mouths of the California sportsmen, although it is not merely the question of whether the Jeffries show was to appear here, it is felt that California was entitled to know Jeffries' plans, whereas the public was given to understand that he would visit this section.

Whether he fights in San Francisco or Salt Lake, Jeffries will need the support of California. Neither the sporting writers nor the public are desirous of giving Jeffries any the worst of it, but they certainly think they are entitled to a fair break.

Since the conference that Gleason had with Jeffries in Seattle, there is considerable question as to how far his animosity goes.

Gleason allowed it to be understood before he left that Jeffries would support him. Now Jeffries says that it is all up to the promoters, and Gleason has to see Tex Rickard and attempt to straighten it out. That looks very much as if Rickard is still holding the whiphand. Consequently San Franciscans are reserving their opinions until they hear from that Famous Rickard-Gleason party that ought to be held in a few days.

It is still the belief here that the fight will ultimately come to San Francisco.

FRANK REPRESENTS PORTLAND

Pacific Coast Champion Goes to Chicago Athletic Meet.

Edgar E. Frank, the champion lightweight wrestler of the Pacific Coast, and a director of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, is to be sent by that organization to represent Portland at the Chicago Athletic Meet, which is to be held in the National wrestling championships to be held there next month.

Edgar Frank is a number of matches with the best wrestlers on the Pacific Coast, has demonstrated himself to be the premier grappler of all the wrestlers of this section of the country under 130 pounds.

The many friends of Frank are confident that the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club will claim the National championship at wrestling in the divisions to be represented.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

"STRANGLER" SMITH once indulged in a wrestling match here, and spent two weeks in the hospital afterwards, yet no one charges the wrestling game with being brutal.

Billy Stator, the speedy little third baseman and shortstop of the Portland Northwestern League team of last season, was sold yesterday to the Bloomington club of the Three Eye League by Manager McCredie. Stator wanted to play in the East, and McCredie agreed to dispose of him to any club desiring his services.

Johnny Fournier, the kid catcher of the Portland club, has been officially transferred to the Sacramento club. Charley Graham has evinced a willingness to make good on his deal with Judge McCredie, now representing him. It is quite possible that Jimmy Shinn will also go to Sacramento.

Danny Webster left Thursday night for Los Angeles, where he is to talk matters over with Tom McCarey about the articles of agreement for his long-distance mitt. How long are the Portland fans going to stand for the discrimination?

George Memale, the lightweight boxer who came into prominence several years ago by standing up before Young Corbett for four rounds in a tryout, has been spotted to meet Lou Powell, of San Francisco, at Los Angeles on February 13.

The New York Globe enlightens its readers with the intelligence that Ote Johnson, the California League player, will be given a thorough tryout by the Highlanders. In New York and San Francisco baseball circles, Portland is not credited with being on the map. How long are the Portland fans going to stand for the discrimination?

Jack Blos, the California ball tosser who is one of the backstops of the St. Louis National League team, has thoroughly recovered from the fractured ankle he suffered during the tour of the All Stars and Philadelphia Athletics last Fall.

Yesterday's telegraphic news telling of Comiskey's wishes in the recent White Sox gives the names of Charley Shields and Ed Hurlbut as among the party of ball players with the "Old Roman" Shields formerly pitched for Portland, and Hurlbut is the big awkward catcher Frank Dillon loaned to Portland when Sammy Vignata was injured in 1908, and who lost a couple of games by dropping the third strike on Los Angeles batsmen.

The swimming tank at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club will be ready for use by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The classes under instructor Cayll, which have enjoyed a two week vacation, will resume immediately on the completion of the repairs being made to the tank.

All members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club are requested to attend the meeting next Tuesday night, for at that time the club will decide upon the important matter of building a new clubhouse, and every member of the club should voice his sentiment by vote on the proposition.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES WHO MAY BE SUGGESTED TO REFEREE BIG FIGHT BETWEEN JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON.



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