# CELLAR DIVISION MAY TAKE BRACE THIS SEASON. WILL THEY? IS QUERY

Oakland and Vernen, Losers Last Year, to Be in Race, Say Their Boosters-White Sox ('ritics Like Work of Commuters and Hooligans, as Shown in Workout Games.



shaw, who was with the club last year, is regarded as a certainty for shortstop. Wolverton will play the third bag and this will give him Happy Hogan, Carroll and Swander in the outfield. The Portland fans know how Hogan can hit the hall and Swander is not one whit behind

Tonneson, Nelson and Christian, of the should start the season with a rush. Carl Lewis is one of the old catchers, and Mitze, one of the new backstop men. looks good enough to stick. All in all, Ed Walter, of the Commuters, is very proud of his aggregation. But the old-time fans say that Oakland always falls own when it comes to championship ames and there the rub may come again.

## Vernon Unknown Quantity.

Little is known of the Vernon club in San Francisco, as we have not had an opportunity to see it play. It is rated well, however, by the experts who have looked it over and it bids to make a tight race for the res. race for the rag.
The Seals are certainly no better than

they were last year, particularly toward the close of the season, but they look to be as good. Tommy Tennant is playing an improved first base. He is batting beter and plays ground balls with more ertainty. Kid Mohler and Harry Mc Ardle around second insure good team work in that department, and if Oscar Vitte continues to improve, there will be no chance to take him away from third.

## Mundorff in Outfield.

As things look at the present writing, Howard Mundorff will be sent to the outlield. He has been playing left field in the last two weeks and he has been stinging the bail. Jimmy Lewis is being worked at center and Harry Melchoir in right. Bodie will probably be retained, although he does not class with the out-

Nick Williams and Claude Berry will do the big share of the catching. Berry is one of the headiest catchers in the league and Williams has gingered up a lot. Of the new pitchers, Miller is by lot. Of the new pitchers, Miller is by far the best and promises to step into the shoes of Browning. Rex Ames, also promises to be a valuable asset and wel worth the \$500 that must be paid for him. Willis, Henley, Griffin and Stewart are working fairly well, although Stewart, the Texan, has been bothered with a leg that has kept him out of the game, and Willis was under a physician's orders for a time.

#### White Sox Lose Money. The visit of the White Sox on the Pa-

offic coast closed with the Sunday games, comiskey's teams have had anything but a successful' trip financially this year and, further than that their practice has been marred by unusually rainy and cold weather. Even when the weather has Judging from their practice games, the Oaklanders must be given a chance. They have a vastly improved infield and their outfield is composed of men who will be able to but the ball. Don Cameron is practically a fixture at first base. Lloyd, | weather.

BY HARRY B. SMITH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 25.— (Special.)—There are two unknown quantities to be figured out in connection with

soon to start. One of these clubs is Oak-

land and the other is Vernon. Both hope lessly butclassed in the season of 1900

each club has plenty of supporters, who are predicting that they will be close to the top, if not there when the season ends, and the percentages are figured out.

For example: The Chicago baseball writer who was with the second team an-nounced when he reached San Francisco and had seen all of the clubs play, that

Oakland looked best to him. On the con-trary, the battery of writers with the first squad, on reaching Los Angeles, an-

nounced to the world that the Vernon Villagers would be the ones to beat. Al-ready a number of bets have been made

that Hogan's Vernonites will defeat Los Angeles in the race and the supporters of the Commuters think they will have a cinch to run in the first division.

Oakland Has Good Team.

the Pacific Coast League, which

a new man, will have second, and Cut- | been nice, the fans of San Francisco have not warmed up to the exhibition games as they have done for the two previous years. Prices were dropped from 50 cents to a quarter for the bleachers, but even that failed to bring out the crowds. In the first place, there is too much base-ball in California, and in the second, the fans have seen the Chicago Americans so much that they know about what they

can do.

However, it is the last time the Sox will come to the Coast. Comiskey thinks the trip too long and not the proper kind of training. President Taylor, of the Boston Americans, has promised that his club will take the place of the Amer-icans from the Windy City next year. And, incidentally, Comiskey must have dropped a good bunch of money.

## Sheehan Is New Manager.

Tommy Sheehan, at one time with Pittsburg, later with Brooklyn, and last year with Cy Moreing's Oakland State Leaguers, is the manager of the San Francisco State League team. He was appointed this week by Cal Dwing. Sheehan had trouble during the Winter over back salary with Moreing and brought suit in Stockton to recover the same. That caused trouble and Moreing was only too glad to release his infielder to Cal. The San Francisco State Leaguers will be made in for the most part of will be made up for the most part of new falent, although Ewing will use some of the leftovers for the Seals. President Herman, of the State Lesgue, has appointed Jimmy Toman and Charlie Irwin as umpires in his league. Both men were umpires in the Pacific Coast

League last season, It is reported that Henderson, Moski-man and Hackett, of the Oakland Starets, will receive \$200 apiece a month this season. That must hurt them some and it is whispered about that they are decidedly sore. However, it's a case of taking what they are offered or nothing at all. Moreover, Moreing will get along with 10 men, which means that when one of the pitchers is not in the box he will be holding down some other post-Truly, a State League job will not

HILLSBORO SIGNS PLAYERS

#### Hinkle, Briggs, Houston and Brown Accept Club's Offer.

Ray Hinkle, Benny Briggs, Asher Houston and Gordon Brown, semi-professional basehall players who were sought assiduously by some of the tricity teams, have signed contracts within the past few days to play with the Hillsboro independent team.

Early in the season when there was rome talk of admitting the Hillsboro club to the tri-city, these four men agreed to play with the team. Later, when Hillsboro withdrew from the learne the boys thought of changing to

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one of the league teams provided they received as much as the Hillsboro club offered. Hillsboro, however, has offered them more than any tri-city team and the boys have decided to accept the best

### CALIFORNIA TOUR IS ENDED

#### M. L. Holbrook Reports Southern Roads in Good Condition.

In a big Peerless touring car, owned by M. L. Holbrook, a merry party of Portlanders toured in California for six weeks, returning home early last week. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Hol-brook and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hart, who made tours from Sacramento and Mon-"We found the roads in fine condition,

"We found the roads in fine condition." said Mr. Hart. "There, has not been very much rain down there, though enough for the crops. What showers did fall came at night and the days were uniformly sunny and bright. In the large valleys east of the Coast Range rain would have been welcome."

At San Francisco the party was in a theater when the heaviest earthquake shock since April, 1906, was felt. The audience, said Mr. Hart, arose as one man and a panic was imminent. It required tact on the part of the performers to quiet the crowd.

#### Seven Nations in Marathon.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Seven nationalities will be represented in the Marathon derby, which is to be run at the pelo grounds here a week from today. The entries include two Americans, Johnny Hayes and Hans Holmer; two Lishmen, Frank Clarke wings of this Johnny Hayes and Hans Holmer; two Irishmen, Frank Clarke, winner of this year's Edinburgh classic, and Jim Crowley; one Englishman, Percy Sellin; one Indian, Paul Acoose; the Swedes Thude Johansen and Gustav Ljungstrom; Canada's latest speed marvel, Fred Meadows, and the Italian Marathon champion, Umberto Biaise, who is now on his way here. way here.
The tri-color of the French nation

may also be seen at the starting post as last year's winner of the derby. Henri St. Yves, is nibbling at the bait and may be here in time to compete.

## LONDON HAS NEW GRAZE

ROLLER SKATING TAKES FIRM HOLD OF SOCIETY.

Upper Classes Take Winged Feet and Enjoy New Rinks as Much as Those of Icc.

LONDON. March . 28 .- (Special.) -- London society this year has made a departure from the established custom of long standing which accords to the of long standing which accords to the King or else some member of the royal family the privilege of starting a new fad. All by itself society has taken up the roller skating craze and is going in for it with much vim.

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All classes, from Duchesses to shop girls from the stores, have taken to themselves winged feet and ge gliding over the specially prepared track of the rink with all the grace of birds on the wing. Roller rinks seem to vie with ite rinks in popularity, which is considered the more peculiar because in the "provinces" roller skating has not hitherto been patronized by the upper classes. London has taken to the sport, however, with all the acclaim given a novelty.

So popular thas the sport become that even though the season is drawing to a close, society is both to give

ing to a close, society is ioth to give it up. Afternoons and such evenings as can be spared from formal entertain-ments find the rinks crowded to their

capacity.

Prince's is the resort of the most exclusive skaters, and there are seen won-derful demenstrations of the poetry of motion. Skating Duchesses glide over the fee with the easy assurance of birds on the wing. The Duchess of Roxburghe's superb figure skating runs that of the Duchess of Bedford quite close. The Duchess of Westminster is also frequently seen on the rink enjoying the exhilar-ating pastime. The Countess Pappen-helm was seen skating hand in hand with her daughter. Countess Pauline Pappen-heim, and others present were the Earl and Countess of Lytton and Colonel and Mrs. Hall Walker. Most of the ladies were attired in short, well-cut tailor-made costumes of cloth or velvet, beautifled by smart fur trimming. Men usually wear an ordinary lounging sult, but on the occasion of competitions and exhibitions the correct costume is black tights, high-boots and close-fitting tunic with astrakhan trimmings. From Secretary H. W. Page it was learned that many of the members of Prince's were out of Lonion, and yet the rink presented a mo in April, and during that period Prince's is a most fashionable resort.

## DOG UNEARTHS CRIME

PARIS POLICE BUSY WITH NEW MURDER MYSTERY.

Mutilated Head of Beautiful Woman Found, but No Trace of Her Identity Is Secured.

PARIS, March 28.—(Special.)—The discovery in the Rue Botzaris of the mutillated head of a woman, which had evidently been only recently severed from its body, leads to a supposition that an-other horrible crime has been perpetrated. A policeman named Louvelle, who lives in the Rue Botzaris, was out for a walk with his dog, when the animal discovered beneath a wall a packet containing the head, which had been mutilated beyond

It was apparently the head of a woman between 20 and 30 years of age, and the blood, which had not congulated, showed that the crime had only been recently committed. M. Hamard, chief of the letective force, is attempting to discove the trunk of the body with the aid of severel of the best Paris police dogs. Hamard said that the crime seemed to have been deliberately planned and that the face had been mutilated to prevent a photograph from being taken which might lead to identification.

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Several policemen who saw the head at
the Rue Bradler Police Station believed
they recognized it as that of a woman
of remarkable beauty. The doctors also
declared that declared that the woman was certainly good-looking, with hair which fell in ringlets over the ears and neck.

A telegram has been received from Dijon stating that the body of a head-less woman has been found there. No de-talls are at hand, but it is wondered whether this discovery has anything to do with the Paris one and whether a new form of "Jack-the-Ripperism" has

## Good Friday Crowds Riotous.

VALENCIA, Spain, March 26 .- Contrary to custom, the municipal govern-ment authorized the movement of car-riages in the streets on Good Friday and as a result collisions between Catholics and apti-Clericals occurred. The police charged several quarreling crowds, injur-ing many persons and making a large number of arrests

## COACHES SELECT BASEBALL MEN TO COMPOSE TEAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Interscholastic League Will Soon Be Ready for Opening of Spring Season—Race for Championship Promises to Be Close—Many Old Players Are Turning Out for Work.





ORVILLE COBB, SRD BASE

NO SHORT STOP

ANSON CORNELL







With the continuation of ideal base-all weather, the various interscholas-ic baseball squads have been working faithfully and are ready to put on the finishing touched in the time that remains before the opening of the season on April 20. The weeding out process at all the schools has been almost completed and the coaches have announced the successful candidates for most of the positions.

Coach Earl. of Washington High School, has decided upon all but a man

Coach Earl, of Washington High School, has decided upon all but a man for the backstop position and one of the field positions. All the infield stations, including that of pitcher, will be well filled by members of last year's squad. These men are Joe Jones, captain and shortstop; Houck, pitcher, Anson Cornell, second base; Julius Moreland, first base; Orville Cobb, third base. These five players helped land the championship for the East Side institution last season, and will form a nucleus for an equally strong aggre-

nucleus for an equally strong aggregation this year.

Jones and Cornell were members of the all-star football team last Fall. Jones played with the Portland Academy team before going to Washington High School and is easily one of the star players of the league. Orville Cobb is a brother of Earl Cobb, the Portland Academy athlete.

Herbert George and Fred Annunsen are extended for sell positions. Will

are certainties for field positions. Wli-son, Stanard and Ferguson, probably will be used in the field or as substitutes in the other positions.

## No Catcher in Sight.

The catcher's position is the only one for which a good man is lacking on the Washington team. Coach Earl has not discovered any one who looks like even a possibility for this place yet and cona possibility for this place yet and con-sequently is in considerable of a quandry. It is probable that a new man will have to be developed for the position. A strong second team is being organized. The first team will play a game next Saturday with Newberg High School. Games are also being arranged with Chemawa. Salem High School. Van-

Chemawa, Salem High School, Van-couver High School, Gresham High School and the Behnke Walker Busi

School and the Behnke Walker Business College.

The Columbia University team probably will take a trip up the Willamette Valley this Spring as it did last year, and there is a likelihood also of a trip to Boise, Idaho. The university has always had strong teams, which generally have been successful in outside games. Last Spring, the team won one of its games from the O. A. C. nine at Corvailis. A game will be played with Mount Angel College on May 7.

Columbia has again secured the serv-Columbia has again secured the serv-ices of Dolly Gray for coach, and it is expected he will duplicate his last year's success. Dolly never lacks words with



HERBERT GEORGE,

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argely of the Perkins family, all of largely of the Perkins family, all of whom are good players. The team follows: Catcher, F. Perkins; first base, Harris: second base, Davis; shortstop, Gakey; third base, Haywood; field positions—D. Perkins, W. McAllen, Fitzgerald and Baker; pitchers V. Perkins and Finegan. Finegan, the captain, suffered a disjointed finger, but will be able to twirl in the first game.

The contest for places on the Lincoln

success. Dolly never lacks words with which to instruct his charges and his baseball lingo is wonderful.

The personell of Gray's team has been known for several days. It consists days. The team probably will be picked

from the following: Pitchers-Th Patterson and Tyson; first base—J. Turk; catchers—Rigley and Thatcher; second base—Keep and Voss; third base—Oloash and Schilt; shortstop—Vosper Carlander and Perham A large number of men are out for the field positions and there are so many crack players that it is hard to make a choice. The West Side boys this season are very enthusiastic over the prot-

FRED ANNUNSON

pects for a winning team and are deter-mined to make up for their defeats suf-fered last Spring. The Multnomah field fered last Spring. The Multhoman fleid is being used for practice

Jefferson High School has engaged for coach. Roy Heater, the former O. A. C. trainer. Mr. Heater announces the line-up of his first team, subject to change, will be as follows: Catcher, Eddie Mc-Allen alterer and caratte Arthur, thurst will be as follows: Catcher, Eddie McAllen; pitcher and captain, Arthur; third
base, Moyer Cole; shoristop, Morgan;
second base, Brady; first base, Camplon;
center field, W. Hastings; left field, Willlams; right field, Steurhoff. Others who
may be used are: Moody, catcher;
Crosby, shortstop; Barnes, second base;
Tameriain, first base; Murphy, third
base; Gavin, Lind and Herzog, field,
positions.

Games for the Jefferson team have Games for the Jenerson team have been arranged with Salem High School, Christian Brothers College, Belinke Walker Business College and the Deaf Mute School of Vancouver. The team will have one of the best diamonds in the city close to the school for practice and for regular games.

for regular games.
The Portland Academy squad now consists of about 18 men, picked from the original 23 candidates. There is a possibility that Earl Cobb will not be able to play, and in that case the catcher's position will be filled by Reed, Free-man or Townsend. Kenneth Norris has decided to devote all his time to track

The P. A. squad consists of the fol-lowing: Catchers, Freeman, Reed, Towns-end and Cobb; first base, Fenton and Stubbs; second base, Sanford Weaver and Becheldor; shortstop, Rumelin, Livings-ton and May; third base, Cookingham and Robertson; field positions, Livings ton, Bronaugh, Staley, Kan and Cardi



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