2 BASES ON BALLS **GOSTS GOOD GAME**

Southpaw Gregg Forgets Himself and Passes Duo in Fatal Inning.

PLAYS ARE SENSATIONAL

Oakland Carries Off Fast Contest by 2-to-1 Score-Olson Again Takes Palm in Fielding Honors, Natling Several Hard Ones.

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Vean Gregg. Portland's usually re-Hable southpaw, lost yesterday's game to Oakland by allowing two bases on balls to be followed by a sacrifice hit and a single, which netted the Commuters two scores in the second inning, while the best Portland could do with the puzzling Mr. Moser was to collect a lone tally later in the game.

Aside from Gregg's lapse from grace in twirling balls instead of strikes, it was one of the acatest and fastes games was one of the neatest and fastes games of the season. Both teams played brillant bail in the field, and some of the plays pulled off were highly sensational, and were even appreciated by the reddish bionde individual who came from either Oakland or Spokane, though no one could discern which place really claimed her from her running-fire sort of conversation devoted principally to knocking Gress and the Portland team. She became so loud in her expostulations that some of the fans chorused, "Shut up, Red." to which she paid not the slightest heed.

Carroll First Walked

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Carroll was the first Oaklander up in the fatal second inning, and much to the delight of a reddish blonde person, he went to first on four that were not over. "Cute" Cutshaw followed suit, and Ware's sacrifice, on which Ivan Olson made a beautiful play, advanced both runners one base. Then the stocky Mr. Thomas, who once upon a time played sand-lot ball around the East Side, particularly in the vicinity of Sellwood, forgot all about his allegiance to Portland, and scored both Carroll and Cutshaw with a prety single to left field, and for this feat he was lustily applauded by the aforementioned reddish-blonde, person. Much to the satisfaction of the loyal followers of the home team Gregg got rid of Moser and Maggart without further damage.

Until the fifth inning when Casey walked and Hetling spanked out the first of the two singles Moser allowed, it looked as though the Oakland twirler was about to get by with a no-hit, norun game, for he had the Portland batters, weak as they are, absolutely helpless. However, in the seventh, the Beaver's broke Moser's perfect score by chasing in a run, and it was the trusty but of Hetling that turned the trick.

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Felix Makes Only Run.

Martinke opened the inning by walk-ing, and took second on a passed ball. Casey's out sont him to third, and Het-ling singled neatly, scoring Fellx for the only run Portland annexed. In this same inning the Oaks wound the home team up in a rapid-fire double play. George Ort was sent in to bat for Billy Speas, and he grounded a slow one to Wolverton, who made a fine play, tossing to first ahead of Ort, and Bill Hosen toward head of Ort, and play, tossing to first anead of ort, and Bill Hogan tossed back to third, head-

ing off Hetling.

Ivan Olson is again entitled to the real class is again entitled to the fielding honors, for the speedy short-stop officiated in several stunts that would have endeared him to all the big league scouts in the country had they been present in the fifth the they been present. In the fifth in-ning Olson officiated in a double kill-ing on a play that was highly sensa-tional. With one down Swander was on first after having singled, and Wolverton smashed one at terrific speed toward center field. Olson scooped the ball with one hand and touching second, tossed to first shead of Wolverton, and the side was out. Maggart made a couple of fine catches in left field and Casey pulled some nifty plays off around second base. The score:

OAKLAND AB R H PO A

Swander, rf 4	100	- 30	100	200	
Wolverton, 3b 4	- 55	- 6	- 6	0	- 3
Maggart 16	12	120	- 2	- 6	- 3
Hogan, 1b.	100	- 5	4.7	- 10	- 0
Carroll, ef 3		- 22	10.0	0	- 2
Cutshaw, 2h	2	3.5	320		3.5
Wares, ss 3	150	100	-	65	- 3
Thomas, C 3	100	- 3	- 15	D.	- 5
Moser, p	35		65	-0	- 5
	- 10	+ 10	- 40	-4	3
Totals	22	3	150	15	1
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AR	32	3.5	DO	140	1
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Olson, me 4	43	1	- 7	15	- 2
Rapps: tb	-01	0.	19.00	- 1	- 2
Fisher, c	100	- 12	11.00	- 4	1
Martinke, rf 8	3.1	65	100	100	- 2

*Batted for Gregg in eighth. 27 16 SCORE BY INNINGS.

SUMMARY. SUMMARY.

Struck out—By Gregg 4, by Moser 3. Bases on balls—Off Gregg 3. off Moser 4. Double plays—Offsen to Rapps, Wolverton to Hogan to Wolverton. Sacrifice hits—Warea. Stolen bases—Hogan. Passed balls—Thomas. First base on errors—Oakland 1. Left on bases—Cakland 5. Portland 4. Innings pitched—By Gregg. 8. Scaton, 1. Base-hits—Off Gregg 5. runs 2: charge defeat to Gregg. Time of game—I hour, 45 minutes. Umpires—Finney and Hildebrand.

LAST INNING WINS SHUT-OUT

Trio of Runs Scored by San Fran-

cieso Against Senators. SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 .- All of the scoring in the game today was done in the last half of the first inning, when PORTLAND PLAYERS WHO ARE HELPING M'CREDIE IN HIS PEN NANT RACE.





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troit game called off in second inning;

Customs District of Oregon Become

ASTORIA. Or., July 16.—(Special.)— In the future this will be known as the Customs District of Astoria, instead of

within the jurisdiction of the Puget Sound District.

Cadets at the United Service College at Windsor, England, are taught the principles of aeronautics

District of Astoria.

San Francisco bagged the contest by After walking, Madden and Mohler worked a double steal: Vitt services a double steal; Vitt went out, to Danzis; Tennant hit a home the right field fence and the won. Score:

game was won. Sec R H E RHE San Francisco 3 5 0 Sacramento ... 0 5 3 Batteries-Sutor and Williams; Nourse and Lalonge.

Los Angeles 1; Vernon 0.

LOS ANGELES, July 16.-The game beween Vernon and Los Angeles today developed into a pitchers' battle, with Castleton having quite a shade the better of

R. H. E. 1 0 Los Angeles.1 3 0 Batteries-Hitt and Hogan; Castleton

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CLEVELAND AND N. Y. SPLIT

Wonderful Catch by Walter Is Feature of First Game.

NEW YORK, July 16 .- Cleveland and New York split even in today's dou-ble-header, the locals winning the first game 5 to 3, and the visitors the sec-

ond 9 to 4.

Wolter made a wonderful catch in the early contest and the features of the second game were the timely hit-ting of Bemis, Stovall and Daniels. The

First game-R. H. E. | R. Cleveland. 3 9 3 New York. 5 Batteries-Koestner and Easterly; Warhop and Mitchell.

R. H. E.

Cleveland. 5 13 4 New York: 4 6 3

Batteries—W. Mitchell and Bemis;
Fisher and F. Mitchell.

Boston 3; Chicago 1.

BOSTON, July 16 .- Boston made it five straight games from Chicago to-day, heating Waish for the second time in the series, 3 to 1, in seven innings. Rain put an end to the contest while the eighth inning was being played. The second The score:

Customs District of Astoria, instead of the District of Oregon, the measure recently passed by Congress changing the name having become effective. The houndaries of the district, are, however, left practically as before, and include Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties and up to but "excluding" the north bank of the Columbia River.

Thus a vessel loading at a wharf on the south side of the river is, so long as she is floating in the water, within the District of Astoria, but, should she go ashore or touch bottom on the north side of the Columbia, she at once comes within the jurisdiction of the Puget R. H. E. | R. H. E. | Chicago... 1 & 1 Boston.... 2 6 1 Batteries-Walsh and Block; Clcotte

Philadelphia 2; St. Louis 1. PHILADELPHIA, July 16 .- Philadel-

phia won from St. Louis today in a hard-hitting game, 2 to 1. The score: St. Louis. 1 6 1 Philadelp's. 2 6 2 Batteries Bailey, Ray and Stephens; Morgan and Thomas,

Detroit Game Postponed. DETROIT, July 16 .- Washington-De-

GUS FISHER AGAIN TOPS BATTING LIST

Portland Backstop Leads Regulars, Though Waring's Record Is Good.

NAGLE WINNING PITCHER

Henley, Moser, Carson and Krapp Follow in Line-Del Howard Steals Most Bases - Bodie Leads as Home Run Getter.

Gus Fisher, Portland's hard-hitting backstop, is once more sailing along at the top of the battling list of the Pacific Coast League players. The averages compiled by The Oregonian up to and including the games played July 10 give Fisher first place among the regulars with an average of .289. Waring, the Angel catcher, who has been in only a few games, leads Fisher, but the Portlander is entitled to first place. All of the .300 bitters have slumped, even "Ping" Bodie having fallen down several points.

Walter Nagle, the Los Angeles pitcher, continues to carry the palm among the twirlers, for Walter has lost only four games this season and has won 14. Henley, of San Francisco, Moser, of Oakland, Carson of Vernon, and Krapp of Portland are the best of the other clubs close up in the race, while "Spider" Baum is Secrement's most Gus Fisher, Portland's hard-hitting

of Portland are the best of the other clubs close up in the race, while "Spider" Baum is Sacramento's most successful pitcher.

Del Howard, of Los Angeles, is the leading base stealer of the league, with 29 to his credit, while Olson is Portland's best bet in this department with 21. Wares, of Cakland, takes the palm among the sacrifice hitters, while Billy Speas is the Portland leader in this line. "Ping" Bodie has a long lead among the home run hitters, for he has 18, against 12 for Roy Brashear. Gus Fisher, for Portland, leads with five circuit smashes.

Hill Rapps and Martinke are the leading triple hitters, and the former also figures as the leading two-base hitter as well.

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Van Buren, Sacramento, 821	82	81	.249
Martinke Ver. and Port., 318	35	78	.249
Swander, Oakland	32	100	.247
Stovall, Vernon	3.5	41	
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Bernard, Los Angeles 265	- 34	64	.242
Cutshaw, Oakland386	47	103	.241
Dillon, Los Angeles, 352	43	85	.241
Briggs, Sacramento 870	20	89	.237
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Timber, W., Vernon	20	18	.209
Fisher, W., Vernon 249 Henley, San Francisco 86 Shinn, Sacramento 289	37	66	.208
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Miscellancous Records.

Leading sacvince hitters (individual)—Wares 36, Murphy 27, Speas and N. Brashear 23 each. Olson and Dillon 21 each, Rapps and Howard 20 each, Mohler. Roth and Lindsay 19 each, Vitt 18. Rgan and Dalsy 17 each, Melchfor and Carlisle 16 each, Delinas and Van Buren 15 each Bernard, Raymer and Burrell 14 each, Swander 18. Bedle, Ross, Carroll, Wolverton and W. Fisher 12 each.

Stolen bases—Howard 29, Vitt and Daley 25 each, Shinn 24. Wares and Carlisle 21 each, Stolen bases—Howard 29, Vitt and Daley 25 each, Shinn 24. Wares and Carlisle 21 each, Wolverton 19, Martinke and Dillon 18 each, Tennant and Melchfor 17 each, Murphy and Cameron 16 each, Speas, Mohler, Perry and W. Hogan 15 each, Rapps, Coy, and Lindsay 14 each, Ryan, Lewis and Briggs 13 each.

Home runs—Bodie 18, R. Brashear 13, Perry and Swander 7 each, G. Fisher, 5. Ryan, Teunant, Howard and Coy, 4 each, Berry, Delmas, Briggs, Maggart, Cubhaw and Carlisle 3 each, Rapps, Henley, Williams, Daley, Dillon, Nelson, Cameron and N. Brashear 2 each, Olson, Martinke, Melchior, Lewis, Shaw, Nagle, Shinn, Murphy, Carroll, W. Hogan, Pearce, Van Buren, Hunt, Mitze, Dannig, Breckenridge, Lindsay and W. Fisher 1 each.

Two-base hits—Rapps and Martinke 6 each, Speas, Ort, Vitt, Van Buren, Stolen Av

Oakland 104 Loe Angeles 105 San Francisco 105 Portland 95 Vernon 102 Sacramento 99





vall. W. Hogan, W. Fisher and Cariisle 2 each, Olson, Hetling, Moser, Tozlor, Nagle, Coy, Tennant, Williams, McArdle, Hallihan, Mitze, Delmas, Bernard, Shinn, Briggs, Swander, Lindsay, N. Brashear, R. Brashear, Maggart, Wolverton and Cuishaw 1 each. 23 each, Murphy, Cameron and Carilale 2s each, G. Fisher, Tennant and Coy 20 each Van Buren 17, Shinn and W. Hogan 16 each Howard 15, Daley and R. Brashear 14 each Bodle, Dillon, Danzig, Boardman, Swande and Cotahaw 12 each, Ryan, Melchlor and N. Brashear 12 each.

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MATHEWSON FAILS TO RESCUE

Pittsburg Champions Pound Out Victory Against Giants. PITTSBURG, July 16.-Pittsburg today

made it four straight from New York, Mathewson was then on the rubber having relieved Crandall in the middle of the seventh inning. The feature was the batting of Wilson, who made two three-baggers and a single, bitting in a

run and scoring two himself. Score RHE R.H.E. Pittsburg6 10 0 New York 3 8 1 Batteries—Adams, Philippi and Gibson; Crandall, Mathewson and Meyers, Umpires-O'Day and Brennan.

Chicago 3; Philadelphia 2. CHICAGO, July 16.-Chicago defeated

Philadelphia 2 to 2 in a well-played game today. The score:

R.H.E. Chicago 3 8 1 Philadelphia ... 2 9 3 Batteries-Brown and Kling: Moore, Fixen and Dooin. Umpires-Rigler and

St. Louis 3-5; Brooklyn 2-3. ST. LOUIS, July 16.-St. Louis won both

games of a double-header from Brooklyn today by scores of 3 to 2 and 5 to 3. Pitcher Sallee, who was indefinitely sus-pended is to be reinstated, according to President Robinson of the local team. St. Louis \$ 10 6 Brooklyn ... Batteries - Lush and Phelps; Barger

Second game-Batteries-Willis and Bresnahan; Bell Miller and Erwin, O. Miller. Umpires-Kane and Kiem.

Boston Game Postponed. CINCINNATI, July 16.-Boston-Cincin nati game postponed; rain

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RUPERTS TO MEET GRESHAM GIANTS FOR \$100 SIDE BETS.

Both Nines Strengthened by Additional Stars-Al Lodell Returns to Play on First Base.

A game that is attracting unusua attention among followers of independent ball is that to be played between Rupert's Tri-City League team and the Gresham Glants at Gresham today for a \$100 side bet. Rupert has strengthened his aggregation with the addition of several well-known ball tossers, including Asher, Houston, Briggs, Williams and Brown of the Hillsboro team and Winterbotham of the Camas club and expects to make a big cleaning when his men line up against the heavy

when his men line up against the heavy sluggers of the Gresham nine.

Al Lodell, who was signed by Mc-Credie at the beginning of this season and later farmed out to the Stockton team, will be stationed at his old position on first base and should be a tower of strength to the Portlanders. The Greshamites have secured the services of Melvin Lake, the crack slabater of last season's J. G. Mack club and this year with Hood River in the Columbia River League, and Lawrence, a deaf mute outfielder, who has been chasing flies for the Catholic Club nine.

Williams will probably be delegated

Gresham. Position West Portland.
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FIELDER JONES FAILS AT BAT

Chehalis Team Wins Over Raymond. However, 7 to 3.

RAYMOND, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—Chehalis, led by Fielder Jones, took the Raymond team into camp with a 7 to 3 score today. Dyer was in poor form and Chehalis batted him at will, while Caliahan pitched a good, steady game and tightened up whenever Raymond had men on bases. Fielder Jönes had a poor game at bat, falling to get a safe hit, but he was in evidence in the field and on the coaching line, where he kept the Chehalis youngsters working hard all the time.

A double play by Raymond and a home run by Taylor were features of the game. The detail of the game

FOR HARD HITTER

By Strengthening Staff of Stick Men Manager Sees Chance to Win.

GOOD MEN NOW SCARCE

Batsmen Do Not Grow on Trees, Neither Do Bush Leagues Furnish Surplus of Such Talent, Comments Petrain.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Baseball continues to occupy the center of the arena of sportdom, and even though deposed for the short period of one day when the Jeffries-Johnson flasco at Reno occupied the attention of the bugs, it is now enjoying greater popularity than ever.

In Portland, as in every other city in the country which has a team up in the race, the National game is the sole topic of conversation. In the Pacific Coast League there are flye communities out of the six represented, the fans of which are on the qui vive over the red-hot

of the six represented, the fans of which are on the qui vive over the red-hot struggle being put up by the leading clubs, and there are virtually five leaders. Such a condition never before existed in the league, for the pennant struggles of the past have usually seen the elimination of at least three clubs before the independence day games have been played, but this year the fan who can pick the pennant winner will be proven a wizard at the tend of the season. Any time a league race can be centered in five clubs, and only six comprise the circuit, a blanket can easily cover all the teams.

five clubs, and only six comprise the circuit, a blanket can easily cover all the teams.

Portland. San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Vernon, all bunched at the top of the heap strongly for the flag is the status of this year's race in the Pacific Coast League. Each of the five clubs seems well balanced and possessing good pitchers ought to maintain a close and exciting race of it to the finish.

With their hopes so highly encouraged by the showing of McCredje's men, Manager Mac ought to strengthen his club by the addition of a batter or two. Just now he has but one reliable hitter on his club, and that man is Catcher Gus Fisher, the best backstop who ever were a Portland uniform. If McCredie were to get an outfleider capable of hitting as well and as often as does Fisher, the Portland team would indeed be a champlonship team, but to get such a player is easier said than done.

At this time of the year the only clubs having surplus players to dispose of are hopelessly lost, and such clubs, as a rule, do not possess players who would be of much value to a team at the head of the procession. Clubs leading their respective leagues cannot be expected to dispose of their star players until they have cinched the pennant race in which they are contenders, and this makes it all the harder for the Portland manager to secure the talent he would like, for McCredie is really trying hard to boister up the weak spots in his club.

Some of the fans are prone to call McCredie niggardly in the matter of expense, but this is an injustice to the Portland manager. Walter McCredie stands ready to pay \$1500 for a high-class outfleider who can hit the ball, and he will do this any time such a player is for sale. That is a high price to pay for a player who might be drafted at the opening of the period for \$1200, yet McCredie says he will make good if he can get a man satisfactory to him.

Good Hitters Scarce.

Good ball tossers are as scarce as hen's teeth in this league, as well as in all leagues, for the same cry, "get hitters," is heard all over the country. Where can you get them? Baismen do t grow on trees, neither do the bush leagues furnish a surplus of such talent. Hundreds of scouts for different leagues are continually traveling through the country and the moment a promising player is heard of, no matter where the place, he is "looked over," and if found to have the goods he is "angued to be the started over." he is snapped up quickly by some major league club.

The big league organization may not

use the youngster thus hooked im-mediately, for the sagacious handlers of the major league clubs recognize that experience is necessary to success In that company, and oftentimes they keep a young player on salary and sitting on the bench for one or two seasons before he gets a chance to show his merit among the speed boys.

It really seems that there is too little experimenting carried on by the minor league clubs, though the ex-pense of maintaining a number of sur-plus players would probably be too great to make it worth while. Then again the minor leagues have a rule limiting each club to a certain number of men, which is a good thing, in a way, and a bad thing in another. The good it accomplishes is that it forces the clubs to dispense with promising talent which would otherwise not get a the clubs to dispense with promising talent which would otherwise not get a chance for development. The reverse is that in the Spring time all of the clubs are flooded with young talent, and fully 50 per cent of the players do not get half a chance to show their worth, and it often happens that a failure to make good cruss the half failure to make good causes the be-ginner to lose heart and despair of every really making a team.

McCredie Knows Game.

A player released at any time after a season has opened does not have much difficulty in picking up with another club, for the starting of the pennant races usually show the weak points to the managers and handlers, and new faces are imported immediately. During the Spring training period it is harder for a released player to hook on with a club, for all have a full quota of substitutes and beginners in the school of baseball. It is a funny old game, is baseball, but the fans of Portiand can rest assured that Old Fox Portland can rest assured that Old Fox McCredie will get the best talent avail-able if money can buy the players. Boost the team, which has made just as good a showing, if not better, than any other club in the league.

Reach Trophy Is Sought.

With one victory of a three-game series to its credit, the Gill butchers' baseball team will meet the Meler & Frank team team will meet the Meier & Frank team this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the Catholic Young Men's Club field, Williams avenue and Morris street. These two teams met last Sunday and played one of the best amateur games ever seen in Portland, the Butchers having the better of the argument, 2 to 0. These two teams are winners in the first and second divisions of the Columbia Hardware Company boys' league and now are contending for the championship and the A. J. Reach trophy.

trophy.

Earl Arthur, the former Interscholas-R. H. E. R. H. E. Chehalis .. 7 9 4 Raymond .. 3 2 2
Batteries Calishan and McBride; Dyer and Weinholt.