

TINKER TELLS LIFE STORY OF DIAMOND

Wizard Shortstop of Chicago National Team Relates His Fight for Fame.

CITY GAVE HIM HIS START

He Began Playing in Mercantile League at Kansas City When He Was 16 Years Old—He Will Locate Here, He Says.

BY JOSEPH H. TINKER, Shortstop of the Chicago National League Team.

My present trip to Portland has been one of the most pleasant experiences of my life and I think the only approach to it was the year I played in this good old town back in 1901. The many fond recollections and the many hearty, whole-souled friends I made that year have always made Portland a byword with me, and as soon as I am through playing baseball I am going to emulate the example of that peerless leader of the Chicago White Sox of a few years ago, Fielder Jones, and locate in Oregon.

This is no idle boast, for I really got my start in Oregon, and I firmly believe that peace, quiet and prosperity will mark my finish in this great state. There then is another thing. My wife is already pleased with Oregon and has consented to move here when I get through with baseball, and besides I have two healthy, husky youngsters who, I think, will make good citizens of this commonwealth. I can predict that this branch of the Tinker family will become full-fledged Oregonians in the next five or six years. If not sooner, though I expect to play baseball that length of time anyway.

His Life Change Came Here.

But to get down to the object of this story, I have been asked by the Sporting Editor of The Oregonian, as well as by several friends of mine, to tell my experiences in baseball and how I came to be a successful major league player. I guess it just came natural to me to play baseball, but right here in Portland is where I received the chance to get into faster company, and my graduation to the major leagues resulted from my being a member of that crack team which won the pennant here in 1901.

I started playing with the John Taylor team in a mercantile league at Kansas City when I was 16 years of age. I was born at Kansas City in 1886, and have always claimed that city as my home. Our team won the city championship with 18 victories and no defeats. The next year I was sold to another mercantile team in the same league known as Hagen's Tailors, for the magnificent sum of \$3, and we won the pennant and \$50 was distributed among the players, which I received about \$17.50, which was the first real money I had ever received for playing baseball.

Schmelzers Had Him in 1898.

The following year, 1898, I was with a team called the John F. Schmelzers. Johnny Kling had caught for this team the year previous and had defeated every team in Kansas City and several from nearby towns. I was with this team during the early part of the 1899 season, but toward the latter part of the season a friend named Claude East took a team of youngsters to Parsons, Kan., and I was one of them. We went along to play on the co-operative plan, and at that time I played third base, the position I hope to play with the Cubs during the coming season. The most money any of us made during any one week was \$2.50. Of course, this was out of the profits after our board and lodging had been paid. However, one Sunday it rained, and this broke up the combination, for we had no money to pay for our grub. A fellow at Chanute, Kan., wired us \$11 for expenses to come over there and play a game, and we decided to do so.

Ballplayers Divide \$11.

However, we divided the \$11 among us and decided to beat our way on a freight train. We had traveled about nine miles out of Parsons when the train crew spotted us and dumped us off at a crossing, bag, baggage, bats and all, and this was the end of our team, for we split up. Some of the boys went to the homes while I went to Coffeyville, Kan., and secured a job as third baseman and captain of the team at \$25 per month, the biggest money I had ever earned at baseball up to that time.

About the last month of the season the Kansas City Blues, of the American

Association, with Billy Hulen, Jake Gettman, Al Pardee, Johnny Kling and others, came to Coffeyville on a barnstorming trip, and played us a series of three games, winning all three, but each of the same. I was of wily enough to get a bunch of hits and played a great game at third. This performance so impressed Billy Hulen that he recommended to the Denver Club, of the Western League, and I signed a contract with that club which called for \$75 per month. It looked like a million to me then, for I hardly believed baseball players were paid so much money.

Papers Lessened Chances.

I reported to the Denver Club on time and was forced to try out for third base honors against Charley Reilly, who was manager of the team and who later went to Los Angeles. I realized right away that I was up against a handicap, but I determined to beat him out if I could, so in a game between the Cubs and the regulars I played third for the Cubs and played as hard as I could.

The next day the papers all boosted me to the skies and Reilly, which did not do me any good, for he was the manager. I was immediately transferred to second base in the regular practice, and Peck Casey, now with Portland, who had been playing second, was switched to short. I was not familiar with second and about July I was released while the Denver Club was at Sioux City.

I had \$2 in my pocket and was feeling discouraged when I received a wire from John J. McCloskey offering me a position on the Great Falls team at an increase of \$25 per month over what Denver had paid. I wish to add that I had always been a member of winning baseball teams, and the same season that I was released Denver won the pennant.

He Borrowed 15 Cents.

I accepted McCloskey's offer with alacrity and joined the Great Falls Club as soon as I could get there. I landed in that town without a cent and had to borrow 15 cents to get a shave. That year the Montana League had divided its season into two parts, and the Helena team had made a runaway race of the first half.

When I joined Great Falls that club had lost nine straight games and McCloskey was in a bad way. He had broken in good, for Great Falls won the first game by the score of 6 to 5 and I helped some by landing four hits. Jimmy St. Vrain was pitching for Helena and I pitched for Great Falls. I was fined \$5 by Umpire Austin, and this money was immediately paid by an enthusiastic fan, and was the first money I ever received from a spectator at a game.

Tinker Is Sold for \$200.

When the second half of the season was pretty well advanced and Great Falls had climbed from the bottom to the top, the club was found to be \$135 in debt, and McCloskey sold me to Helena for \$200 and Joe Marshall. Again I made good, for the Helena fans took a strong liking toward me, but our team was just nosed out at the finish by Great Falls, which necessitated a play-off for the championship.

The first two games were played in Great Falls and we broke even with them, and the next two games were to be played in Helena, and if the fifth was necessary a neutral point was to be chosen. We got off good in the first game on our home lot and defeated them, but in the fourth game we had the lead when Umpire Burns made several of the fiercest decisions ever rendered. He put me out of the game, and because I did not leave within one minute he forfeited the game to Great Falls. The fans rose en masse and chased him over the back fence to his hotel, and followed this up by having him arrested before he could leave town for Butte, where the fifth game was ordered played by President Lucas.

McDonough Forfeited the Game.

McCloskey took the Great Falls team to Butte that night, and he had Miles McDonough, formerly a catcher, appointed umpire for the occasion. In the seventh inning we had the game won by the score of 5 to 2, but in the eighth, McDonough called four balls on seven straight Great Falls batters, giving them the lead, and as soon as he had done this "Ducky" Pace, our catcher, deliberately threw the ball out of the lot, and McDonough forfeited the game to Great Falls.

Before going to my home in Kansas City McCloskey signed me to a Spokane contract, for he told me all about the new Northwestern League to be organized, and I wanted to play out here. However, I was not of age when I signed with Spokane, so when Jack Grim passed through Kansas City en route to Portland, he told me my contract was not legal and asked me to sign with Portland.

McCloskey's Defeat His Revenge.

I was so anxious to play with Portland and to see the country that I came to the Coast that year several days in advance of any of the other players, for Jack Grim was the only member of the team here ahead of me. I never was more pleased in my life than when Portland beat out McCloskey that year,

PORTLAND'S NEW SOUTHPAW PITCHER, DRAFTED FROM DAVENPORT, LEARNED GAME IN CHICAGO CITY LEAGUE.



FRANK BATES ARCHER.

Frank Bates Archer, the young southpaw pitcher drafted by McCredie from the Davenport team of the Three-Eye League, is a native of Chicago and began his baseball career with the amateur and semi-professional teams of the Windy City.

While playing with the Senecas of one of the many small leagues in Chicago, Archer was recommended to the Davenport Club and played his first season in minor league baseball in 1910. He is a left-handed pitcher and, according to letters received by McCredie from Jim McGuire, George Stovall, Mike Mitchell and other friends of the Portland manager, Archer is one of the most promising youngsters they have ever seen.

Jim McGuire, manager of the Cleveland team, informs McCredie that Portland was decidedly lucky to secure this talented young player, for several clubs had been looking him over and Portland beat them to it in the draft. McGuire says Archer will surely make good and predicts that the young fellow will be in line for a major league berth in a very short time.

Archer will be handicapped in coming to Portland, for, being a left-hander, he will be expected to fill the vacancy left by the advancement of Veau Gregg to the major leagues, and the tall southpaw made such a record here last year, that any youngster will have to travel some to approach it. However, McCredie says he will be satisfied with Archer if he does half as well as Gregg, and Big Mac has confidence in the young Chicago lad.

for I wanted revenge on him the worst way, and I got it.

At the end of that season Portland sold me to the Chicago National League Club, and that favor has always kept the memory of this city foremost in my mind. Since my advent in the big league I have succeeded in pleasing the Chicago management and have kept up my record for being on a winning club. Chicago has won four pennants and two world's championships, while I was a member of the team, and my success in being with such a great team I attribute to the first really good baseball season I ever enjoyed—that of 1901.

The fans are fairly familiar with my career with Chicago, and the only thing that I can add to it is that during the nine years I have been with the Cubs I have not yet gotten to first base through being hit by a pitched ball, which is a remarkable feature in the career of any ball player.

I cannot think of any more to say at present, but I wish to assure my friends here that I will soon be an Oregonian, and will always think of Portland as the starting place of my career.

Jaundice Helped to Beat Papke.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—That Billy

dice the day he lost on a foul to Dave Smith, in Australia, is the information brought here yesterday by Rudolph ("Boor") Uphols, who arrived on the steamer Aorangi, after two years spent in the Antipodes. Uphols left shortly before the match took place. Papke already had tried to obtain a postponement, and was still sick a few days before the fight.

Quaker City Teams Will Contend.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—According to advices received here from American League headquarters, the Nationals will open the season of 1911 at Philadelphia, as the opponents of the world's champion Athletics, Wednesday, April 12. It will most likely be a four-game series, and is hardly calculated to give the Nationals a flying start in the race. Chicago is to open at St. Louis, Detroit at Cleveland and New York at Boston.

Second Fight Victim Dies.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 7.—W. R. Stevens, manager of the Key City Logging Company at Deming, died in the hospital at Sedro-Woolley last night, the second victim of the fight at Acme Thursday between Justice of the Peace A. A. Galbraith and Stevens on one side and two thieves on the other.

STARS OF DIAMOND VIEWED BY TINKER

Shortstop of Chicago Nationals Throws Intimate Light Upon Top-Notchers.

TY COBB, WAGNER, LAJOIE

The Best of These Three Premiers Is Cobb, He Declares—To-Be Oregonian Takes Fling at Pacific Coast League.

Joe Tinker, one of the most famous stars of the Chicago National League team, who is now visiting in Portland, and who expects to become an Oregonian in the near future, asserts that he is going to try to play third base for the Cubs during the coming season, providing Frank Chance is agreeable. For nine years Tinker has played shortstop on the famous Chicago club, and after playing in 1901, he held down the so-called difficult corner for the Portland champions of the Northwestern League in 1901. Tinker maintains that the position of shortstop is harder to play than is that of third base and cites reasons for his views.

Tinker Tells of Hard Corner.

"Every day during the baseball season you hear of the 'difficult corner,' meaning third base," said Tinker yesterday. "I have played both positions, and for my part I am convinced that it is much easier to play third base than it is to cover the ground at shortstop.

"A third baseman either gets the ball or he doesn't get it, and in either event there is less chance of him being given an error than in the case of a shortstop. There are only two positions to be played by a third baseman—either in for a punt, or in his regular position for a batter to hit along the third base line.

"I contend that balls are hit at the shortstop much more frequently and with such much velocity as to the guardian of the so-called 'difficult corner,' and a shortstop has to make a longer and necessarily more accurate throw than does the third baseman.

Shortstop Is Busy Man.

"I expect that many will dispute this assertion, but glance over the baseball records and you will find that the shortstop handles almost twice as many chances in a season as does a third baseman and a number of these chances are on balls hit by the third baseman which are recovered by the shortstop.

"During a fanning bee the discussion of the relative merits of Ty Cobb, Hans Wagner and Napoleon Lajoie came up, and a fan asked Tinker his opinion of the trio.

"If you mean in the past, I say Hans Wagner, but if you mean in the present, Ty Cobb is the greatest ball player of them all," he replied.

"Hans Wagner always could hit the ball," said Tinker, "besides he could field, throw and run the bases, all that can be expected of any player. In his day he was the best of all of them. Wagner, however, is going back and Ty Cobb is coming. He is the equal of Wagner in every department.

Ty Cobb Is Greatest Player.

"In my opinion, Ty Cobb is the greatest ball player the game has ever known. He is a batter par excellence. He can hit the ball on the nose and is speedy enough to beat them out when he bunts. As for straight out and out batting and leaving the bunting game alone, Napoleon Lajoie is better than either Cobb or Wagner, for 'Big Larry' is a truck horse on the bases and most any time he gets hits they are good, clean, legitimate hits that tear an infielder's legs off if he attempts to flag them without being properly set for the ball. Lajoie is a grand fielder, but his base running eliminates him from comparison with Cobb and Wagner for all-around ability.

"Wagner is phlegmatic and not on the show order, and that is the reason why Cobb's performances always appear brilliant when compared with Wagner's, and also the reason why Lajoie appears to outshine the Pittsburgh man in fielding.

Lajoie Has Careless Manner.

"Lajoie possesses a careless manner which looks like indifference, but it is not; yet this attitude of his is harmful to his team, for all of the other players try to emulate his example. This results in the Cleveland team appearing absolutely indifferent on the field and was responsible for Lajoie's resignation as a manager.

"All the youngsters breaking in usu-

ally try to emulate the actions of some star, and Lajoie's seeming indifference and carelessness has not been beneficial to his team mates.

Coast League Is Raped.

Tinker took a fling at the Pacific Coast League directors for rejecting the double umpire system.

"It is the only system," declared the famous Cub shortstop, "for baseball is becoming so scientific these days, and the spectators are so strong for fair play, that one umpire cannot possibly handle a well-played game.

"I think the Pacific Coast League will make a grave error in not adopting the system which is being installed in every first class league in the country. By all means have two umpires in charge of the game. The chances for errors are less and the fans are better pleased."

SWIMMERS GO TO GEARHART

Multnomah Club Members to Give Exhibition Before Woolgrowers.

Leon Fabre and Dave Welch, two of the cleverest swimmers of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, left last night for Gearhart Park, where they are to give an exhibition of surf swimming for the benefit of the woolgrowers' excursion to the beach today.

Both Fabre and Welch are among the best of the swimmers of the Multnomah Club, and after swimming in the bay the youngsters will give an exhibition of fancy diving and swimming in the big natatorium at Gearhart. Arthur Cavill, swimming instructor of the Multnomah Club, had originally intended to give an exhibition before the woolgrowers, but he has been detained in California on business and will not return to Portland in time.

CUPS GIVEN AS PRIZES

FRATERNITIES OF STATE UNIVERSITY DONATE TROPHIES.

At Big Track Meet in Eugene May 12 Handsome Silver Pieces Will Be Given.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 7.—(Special).—At a meeting of the heads of the various club and fraternity houses called tonight by Manager Harold Cockerline of the Intercollegiate track meet project, positive assurance of hearty support was pledged by all representatives to the All-Oregon High School Meet to be held in Eugene on May 12.

These organizations will entertain the visitors at their chapter houses and hold open house for all of the out-of-town guests. In addition they will donate the cups and medals to be given to the winning contestants.

The Sigma Chi fraternity has offered a handsome cup trophy to be given to the winning team; the Sigma Nu fraternity has donated a similar trophy for the winning relay team; the cup to be granted to the highest individual point winner is given by the Kappa Sigma fraternity. The other fraternities will donate the gold, silver and bronze medals for the men who take places in the respective events. Including the relay race there will be 15 events on the programme.

Each of the clubs were equally willing to provide the cup trophies, but the Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma fraternities were the first to make offers and no additional cup offers will be accepted. A committee has been assigned to arrange the medal contributions in order to assure a uniform style of medal.

An entertainment and reception committee, composed of Harold Cockerline, chairman, Ben Grout, Arthur Means, Vernon Sawyer, Ralph Newlands and Edward Himes, has been appointed by President Percy Collier, of the associated student body, to exercise a general supervision of the coming meet.

Applications for entrance have already been accepted from Roseburg, Hood River, Baker, Pendleton, and each of the preparatory schools of Portland.

Silverton Team Wins; Seeks Games.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special).—The Silverton High School basketball team defeated the Woodburn boys in this city last night in a 10-to-20 game. The game was Silverton's from start to finish, Silverton has one of the best teams in their class in this part of the state, and in fact is open to an engagement with any who may desire to meet them. Fred Cavender is their manager and should be communicated with in regard to future games. They defeated Woodburn last Friday night on the latter's floor.

The Chilean debt for 1910 is estimated at \$12,545,000, to overcome which it is proposed to raise a new loan, to practice rigid economy next year, and to undertake no new works during 1911.

BALMY WEATHER STIMULATES PLAY

Waverly Golf Links Scene of Excellent Matches Among Club Sportsmen.

INTERCLUB TOURNEYS SET

Series of Games to Be Played in Next Few Weeks—Contests Are Planned for Both Men and Women—Players Improve.

During the next few weeks the Waverly Golf Club will hold a series of interclub tourneys which will be announced from time to time. Members of the organization are quite enthused over the prospects of a most successful season.

The balmy weather of late has been ideal for this sport, and several excellent matches have been played. Interest has been attached to the individual games played outside of competitions, and marked improvement is being shown in the style of play of several prominent members.

A number of the Waverly golfers have expressed a desire to visit Del Monte for the Pacific Coast tourney, February 11 and 12, but so far none have definitely decided to make the trip. It is quite likely, however, that Waverly will be represented.

The prospect of having a handsome new club-house, the plans for which are now being discussed by the club directors, has increased interest in the game and every day there are a number of golfers on the links.

A return game between golfing teams captained by Gordon Voorhies and Major J. J. Morrow will take place Sunday, January 15, and shortly after that there will be a team match arranged for the women golfers.

In the recent team tourney the Nassau system prevailed, which consists of one point for the first nine holes, one point for the second nine, and one point for the general result. All matches were scratch match play. The results of last Monday's team match were as follows:

Voorhies' Team	Morrow's Team	Total
Voorhies	Morrow	0
Young	Murphy	0
Wagner	Wagner	0
Koehler	Luthum	1
Minor	Huggins	2
T. Kerr	Sample	2
Wilder	Wheeler	3
Buell	Hopewell	3
Dougherty	Lead	6
Total	Total	12

The closeness of the score and the fine execution seen on both sides had given added interest to the approaching contest and all players are taking advantage of the fine weather to practice.

Last Wednesday a women's competition was held for the trophy offered by the club's professionals. It was won by Mrs. R. Koehler, who played from scratch and scored in 112. It was a handicap match and all players are taking advantage of the fine weather to practice.

FOOTBALL INJURY TO SPORT

New York Doctor Dwells on Large Number Killed and Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—In review of the football season of 1910, prepared for a New York medical society, Dr. M. J. Clurman, of this city declares that "the familiar tree of college athletics would be greatly benefited by the lopping off of one distorted and unhealthy branch, football."

He finds that despite the much-vaunted new rules, there were 19 deaths and 400 injuries during the last year, while "almost every man who played is physically weaker for the severe stress of the game."

Dr. Clurman advocated the adoption of sports which have less violent exercise in them, not for a few picked men, but abundant exercise for all students of a college or university. He continues:

"Since 1905, there have been 113 deaths from football and 53 serious injuries. What possible arguments could be advanced in favor of football to offset these gruesome figures?"

CUB STAR AND PORTLAND'S BASEBALL COLONY HAVE REUNION



Those in the Group (From Left to Right) Are—Joseph H. Tinker, of the Chicago National League Team, Who Helped Win the Pennant for Portland in 1901; J. P. Marshall, Secretary and Business Manager of the Portland Team of 1901; William H. Rapps, First Baseman 1901; Charles Thompson, Catcher of the Portland Team; Fielder A. Jones, ex-Manager of the Chicago White Sox of the American League; E. J. Rankin, Portland Umpire, and a Teammate of Fielder Jones when Later Played in the Oregon State League in 1904; Walter H. McCredie, Manager of the Portland Baseball Club, Who Won His Second Pennant for This City Last Season; Venn Gregg, Portland's Great Left-Handed Pitcher, Who Also Goes to Cleveland; William J. Steen, Pitcher of the Champion Beavers; Petrie Barnes Casey, Portland's Second Baseman and a Teammate of Joe Tinker at Denver in 1900; Andrew N. Anderson and Lev Mahaffey, Who, With Tinker, Helped Win the Pennant for Portland in 1901.

Players Who Winter in Portland Greet Joe Tinker, Member of Chicago National League Team, Who Helped Portland Win Pennant in 1901.