

FEEL TRIPLE PLAYS  
GAVE HIS HISTORY

One of the Three Thrillers on  
Record Puled Off on Port-  
land Field.

OUTFIELDER'S FEAT WINS

Play Made by Hines, When He Put  
Out Three Men From the Field,  
Unassisted, Remains Unsur-  
passed in Baseball Annals.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

A husky Swede, who had imbibed too freely aboard a train between Seattle and Portland recently, stood on the back of his seat and challenged any man in the car to combat. He then requested the deaf, extending to include anybody in the state of Washington, finally shouting forth "Vel den ave can lick any man in the country." Whereupon a diminutive Irishman arose and whaled the tar out of him.

The moral is this: The Swede took in too much territory. All of which furnishes a starting point for an unassisted triple play discussion now under way in Eastern exchanges. "Only two such triple plays have been made in class B, class A or major league baseball," asserts a well-known Chicago baseball expert. He, however, resembles the Swede in one respect—he takes in too much territory. For, according to all the "dope" at hand, two unassisted triple plays have been achieved in the major leagues alone, while the Coast League can boast of a third, the latter having occurred in Portland in July of 1905.

Larry Schlapley, then playing second base for the Beavers, was the hero of the occasion, and the old Seattle club the victim of the novelty. Jack Walters, whose J. Rufus Wallingford countenance loomed up behind a patent medicine bottle on the street corners on frequent occasions, was holding down left field for Seattle. Jack walked. Russ Hall, now an ex-spiritualist in the Washington State League, but in those days shortstop and manager of the Sound city crew, singled, making it two on the sacks and nobody down.

Bill McCredie, first baseman, took up his trusty bludgeon and strode to the plate prepared to do or die. Bill met the second ball fairly on the trademark and shot toward second with the velocity of a rifle shot. Schlapley darted toward second, threw out the bare hand, caught the ball, touched second base, and then turned, quick as lightning, and ran down Russ Hall before he could return to the initial sack. This made the third out, and the runner who had been on first base, the infielder who refused to report to Portland this Spring, and who is now busy making good with Cleveland, negotiated the most recent of the major league triplets. The runner will likely recall that Hall, at Cleveland, caught a fly back of second base, ran to first, touched the bag, putting out the runner who had the lead, and then touched Jake Stahl, who ran into Bill. The play was almost identical with the one that Schlapley pulled off five years before.

Hines' Achievement Record.

Without detracting from either of these performances, they were really some affairs when compared with the first, and for 21 years the only triple play unassisted on record in the big leagues. Paul Hines, outfielder for the Providence Grays, made the starter in a 14-4 victory over Boston. Douglas Allison, formerly known all over the land as "Dug" Allison, was catching for Providence.

"I was behind the bat with Corey pitching," said Allison when queried on the play later. "Sutton, of Boston, made a single; Manning followed suit and then Burdick, who was the star batter, came to the plate. No one was out and Sutton was on second and Manning on first. I signalled to look out for the ball. It moved over a little in that direction from center and I saw him springing just as the ball came toward the plate. Burdick gave the ball a crack that meant a three-bagger or a home run. Just as the ball hit for the third baseman or shortstop to handle.

Field Catcher Pressed.

"A moment later I was amazed to see Paul Hines rush in like a streak of lightning and take the ball knee-high off the grass in short left field. He stumbled but kept on coming toward third base, touching the bag after both men had passed it and completing the triple. To make doubly sure Hines then turned and ran to second and touched the keystone station also. Joseph Cobb, owner of the Spokane baseball team, told of the most unique unassisted triple in the history of baseball, when in Portland during the recent series with the Beavers' heaves. The play was made by a "bush" catcher in a game in Colorado.

"Three men were on bases and nobody down," said Cobb. "The batter struck out and the catcher purposely dropped the ball, for, under the rules, the batsman is out the minute he swings at the sphere whether it is caught or not. None of the base runners were forced to advance but they seemed to be rather hazy on the rules and the batter started for first, the man on first for second and so on around. The catcher ran down toward third, touching the runner coming toward home and continued on toward shortstop intercepting the runner from second, making the three outs.

Cohn topped the story off by saying that the man originally on first then turned back to the initial station but was caught out on a Belgian draft, 48 Spire Highland pony, 15 Clydesdale, 13 Welsh pony, six Hackney and one thoroughbred.

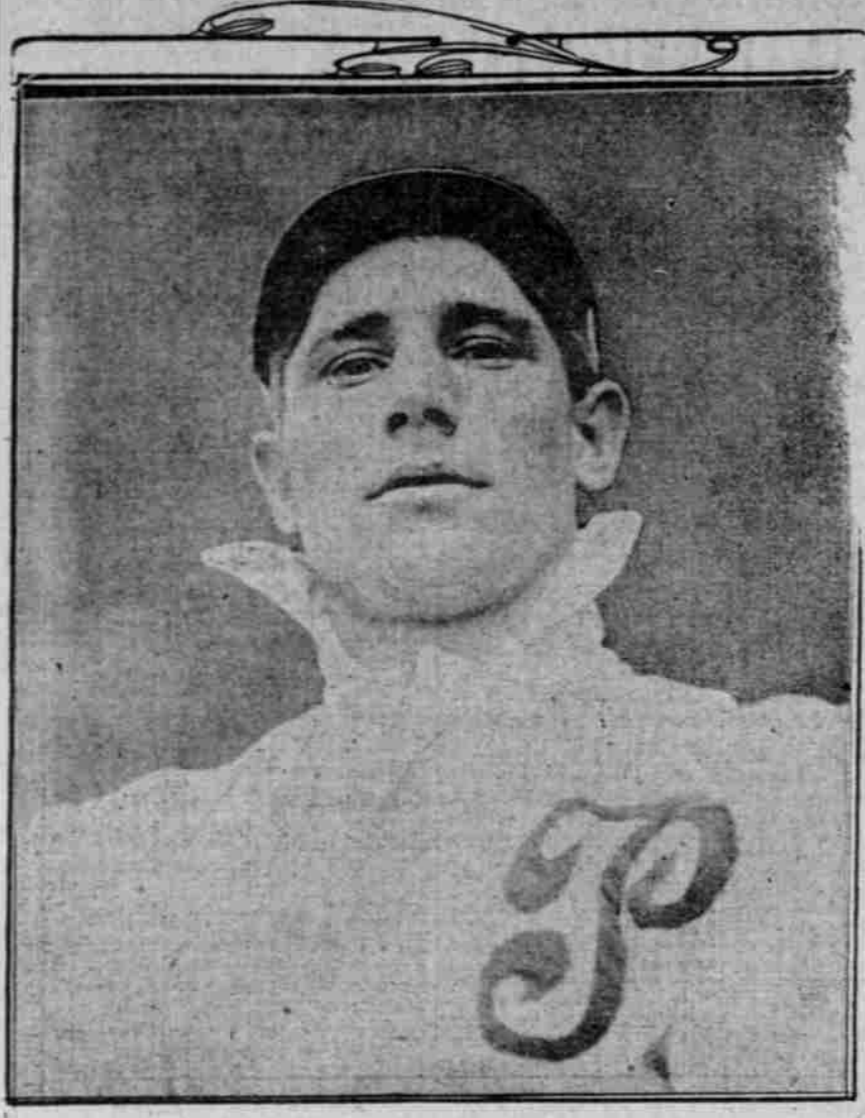
HORSE STILL HOLDING OWN  
In Spite of Auto, Many Pure-Blooded Animals Are Imported.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Popularity of the automobile has not prevented a step in the improvement of the American horse. Animals of pure blood constantly are brought from foreign countries for breeding purposes.

Certificates of pure breeding, required by Customs officials for the free entry of animals imported into the United States for breeding purposes, were issued by the Department of Agriculture for 710 horses in the first quarter of this year.

The list shows the following breeds: 127 Percheron, 110 Belgian draft, 48 Spire Highland pony, 15 Clydesdale, 13 Welsh pony, six Hackney and one thoroughbred.

"ROARING BILL" RAPPS, FIRST-SACKER, HELPS BEAVERS KEEP IN LEAD.



RAPPS HAS GINGER  
Fast First Baseman Helps Keep Beavers in Race.

M'CREIDIE'S DRAFT LUCKY

Since His Promotion From Missouri Bush League by Jay Andrews in 1906, Promising Player Has Risen Very Rapidly.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Rich Hill, Mo., is really on the map, though many young folk recently graduated from schools and colleges may be unaware of the fact, for Rich Hill has never made a bid for fame as cosmopolitan center or scene of great catastrophe. However, be it remarked, Rich Hill is the birthplace of William Herman Rapps, first sacker of the Beavers, and better known to the fans as "Roaring Bill."

The sobriquet of "Roaring Bill" is no doubt due to his boisterous behavior while herding mules while a bare-footed lad in and about his native heath. For he it known, Rich Hill is in that section of the "Show Me" commonwealth noted for the production and distribution of mules of all varieties and descriptions, and Bill Rapps first earned the good will of his parents and relatives, immediate and once removed, by herding the long ears during his boyhood days.

Herding mules, however, proved a more or less monotonous occupation for an American lad full of ginger and athletic tendencies. Whenever Bill could get away from the mule herds he nestled in with the rest of the boys of Rich Hill and played baseball during such periods as they could play "hooker" from school and other onerous boyhood tasks.

In those days Bill never knew what it was to wear a pair of shoes except on such state occasions as holidays and birthdays, and then only under the strict supervision of the maternal head of the Rapps household.

In 1906, while playing a game in a little southern Missouri town one day, Rapps attracted the attention of Jay Andrews, third baseman for Fort and three years before, who was then scouting for several clubs. Andrews took the green young Missourian to Leavenworth, Kan., where Rapps broke into professional ball as a first baseman. He made good, and the next year when Andrews was managing the Oklahoma City team in the Texas League, he brought Rapps to that club. The glensy first sacker remained there until the Fall of 1909, when he was supposedly drafted by the Kansas City team, of the American Association,

with which club he finished the season, playing in 44 of the final games for Danny Shays' men.

Previous to Rapps' transfer to Kansas City, McCredie had been "tipped" to this player and was watching his career, but after that sale Mac thought he had lost him. However, a good friend let McCredie know that the Kansas City club had failed to record the purchase of Rapps with the proper baseball authorities, and McCredie immediately wired in a draft on Oklahoma City for him. At the meeting of the National Association the claim of the Portland leader was ratified and Rapps became a Beaver in 1910.

That year he was one of the splendid aggregation which brought the pennant to Portland after a gruelling struggle, and this year he is once more on a winning club.

COAST BASEBALL  
VERY PROFITABLE

League Games Well Patronized and Club Owners Will Get Good Returns.

SEALS GATHERING IN COIN

Happy Hogan Says Vernon Has Already Laid Away \$15,000, but There Are Persons Who Take Statement With Reservation.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Baseball is anything if not on a paying basis in the Pacific Coast League this season, according to those who are in a position to get an occasional glimpse at the daily balance sheets of the various clubs.

"Sacramento will be the only city under the \$15,000 profit mark," said a well-known league official the other day, and indications seem to bear him out.

Take the Vernon club as a sample of the way the financial breeze is blowing. Hogan hails from a city where the fans are divided in the support of two teams, yet he avers that he is past the \$15,000 profit line already.

Vernon and Los Angeles went in together on the new \$22,000 grounds, and I really believe we have paid our share of the cost by this time," declared Hogan yesterday. "We have a 15-year lease on the grounds and pay an annual rental of \$10,000, shared equally by the two teams."

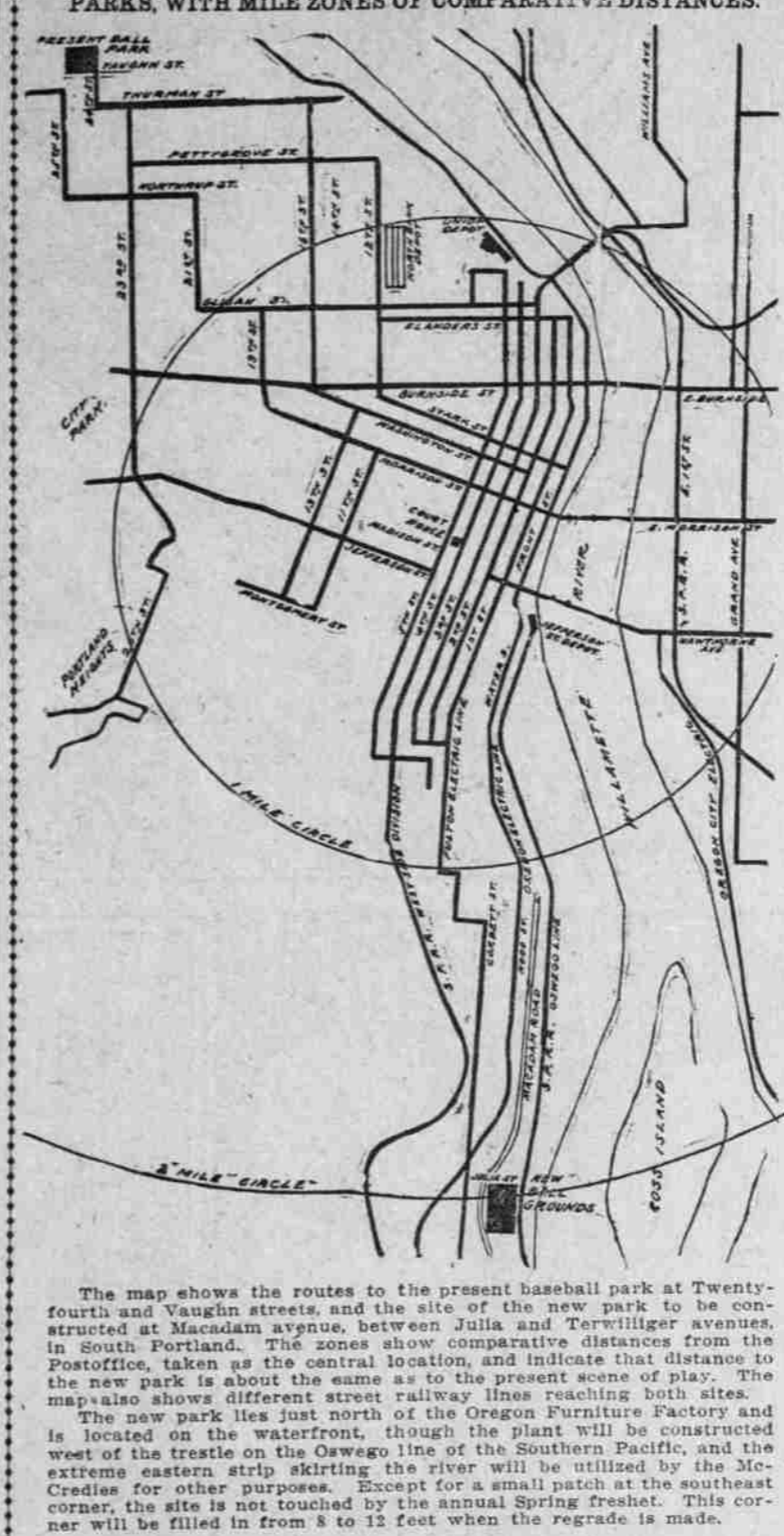
The Los Angeles club, perhaps, is not doing as well as Vernon owing to its position in the pennant race, but Dillon's crew draws almost up to the Vernon standard when playing at home and the Angel backers are quoted in a Southern paper as predicting a neat goose egg of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the proverbial rainy day.

Many persons are inclined to take Hogan's statement of \$15,000 clear velvet up to July 15 with a grain of salt. Portland and San Francisco are admittedly the best paying clubs in the circuit. Walter McCredie says that the Beavers have netted no such gorgeous returns as yet. He refused, however, to estimate the earnings of his club.

San Francisco baseball moguls seem to have the one-best bonanza of the circuit. Baseball in the Bay City is controlled by two separate corporations, the San Francisco Baseball Association and the Recreation Park Association, both under the control of Frank Ish and J. J. McLaughlin. "The Seals are at home for 15 weeks during which period their share of the receipts will total close to \$600 per week," said Hogan, when asked what goes on the game at San Francisco, based on the Vernon receipts which scheduled there. "That makes a total of \$90,000 for the season at home."

Comiskey and Duffy were wise enough to hold onto the bow-legged wonder, however, and as soon as the Sox struck the road, back into the lineup went Zeider. After the lapse of a month of the road Rolie returned with a large-sized feather protruding from his Fedora. Among other surprising performances on the trip was his home run in Detroit on July 4, which sailed far over Cobb's head and sent the game into extra innings.

MAP SHOWING LOCATIONS OF OLD AND NEW BASEBALL PARKS, WITH MILE ZONES OF COMPARATIVE DISTANCES.



The map shows the routes to the present baseball park at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn streets, and the site of the new park to be constructed at Macadam avenue, between Julia and Terwilliger avenues.

MANY CARS THERE

Service to New Baseball Grounds to Be Good.

SITE IS ON RIVER FRONT

Grandstand to Be Constructed of Steel and Concrete and Top Deck May Be Added Later—Distance From Town Same.

Within the next two weeks grading on the site of the new home of the Portland Beavers will be begun and work on the new baseball grounds will be rushed as rapidly as possible, for Judge McCredie intends to have the park completed and the stands and bleachers ready for the opening of the 1912 season.

The new park has been surveyed and engineers have inspected the site and have submitted drawings and recommendations which the baseball officials are now considering. It is proposed to have everything in the new park strictly modern and all the latest improvements looking to the comfort of spectators and players will be installed.

The site of the new park is as yet unfamiliar to the great majority of the fans. For their benefit The Oregonian today is publishing a sectional map of the city, showing the new grounds and their location from the central business district.

Comparative distances from Third and Washington streets to the Vaughn-street lot and to the site of the new park at Macadam avenue and Terwilliger street, show that the new grounds are further by but two city blocks, which, considering that several of the blocks along the route to the present grounds are 400 feet long, naturally makes the two sites about the same distance from Third and Washington streets.

As for traffic accommodations, the new site is well favored. In addition to being located on the waterfront, insuring cool and delightful breezes as well as water transportation, it is also adjacent to carlines.

The S. and North and South Portland, and the Fulton Park lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at present pass within two blocks of the new ball grounds, and on completion of the park the street railway company will undoubtedly construct spur tracks to carry passengers directly to the entrances. Further to convenience baseball patrons, the street railway company could extend the Fifth-street line to a connection with the S line in First street without any great amount of construction work.

Besides the regular street railway service, the new park is almost directly on the line of the Oregon Electric, and this company will undoubtedly arrange a local service to accommodate baseball fans. Then there is the Oswego division of the Southern Pacific, which passes directly by the new grounds to the east.

The grandstand at the park will be constructed on the west side of the field, which will face the grounds in the opposite direction to that at the present site, which has a west frontage. The new stands will be of reinforced concrete and steel, erected to permit of the addition of a top deck if the patronage grows with the population in future years. The bleachers will also be solidly constructed, and

NETZEL IS AGAIN HARDEST SLUGGER

Ex-Portland Player, With Spokane, Bangs Ball for Average of .347.

MUNDORF NINTH IN LIST

Thirteen Regular Players in Northwestern League Are Now Batting in .300 Class—Nick's Hurlers Are Easy for Spokane.

Miles Hetzel, the stocky Spokane third baseman, is again leading the Northwestern League in batting, with the fine average of .347. In the last two weeks he has put daylight between himself and his nearest competitor in the race for the Northwestern League batting honors.

The number of real .300 hitters in the Northwestern League has increased within the last week or so, and the "eternal law of the average" is not cutting down the records of the lively young athletes. Including the batting records of July 12, 15 are in the coveted class, not counting Knight, of Seattle. Thirteen of these have been regulars in the daily line-up. Five or six more players are struggling along close to the mystic circle.

Kippert Bennett, Nordsyke, Lynch, Frisk and Hetzel have been coming up fast of late, particularly the first three. Kippert jumped from .309 to .335, Bennett from .280 to .306, and Nordsyke from .291 to .306.

The whole Spokane team has been making strides in batting records at the expense of Victoria and Portland pitchers. Right now, five of the regulars in the Indian line-up are hitting at a .300 clip and Cooney is tagging along at .276. Cartwright is only .237. The Indians' team average is .275, as compared with .250 for Vancouver, and .238 for Tacoma, with which teams the Redskins are fighting for first place.

With anything like average work in the defensive line, the Indians ought to be many games ahead of their rivals, on the strength of this terrific batting. No team in a great many years of Northwestern League ball has ever hung up a .275 team average for half the season.

Netzel also leads in runs, with Cooney and Frisk, teammates, his nearest rivals. Spokane averages one run to the game more than Vancouver, the Indians' nearest foe, and a run and a half more than Tacoma, which is in third place. The trouble is that the other fellows are making a lot of runs against the Indians.

Tacoma is leading in team fielding, with Vancouver second. The Indians, with a few more chances to handle, have made the second greatest total number of errors. The only club that has made more errors is Victoria, the hopeless tailenders. Vancouver's infield leads in double plays.

Not a regular hitter among the Northwestern League is not hitting at least .200. MacMurdo followed Raymond in to the ranks the other day. Tealy is near enough to be credited with the .299 mark.

In stolen bases the leaders follow: Bennett .35, Netzel .33, Harrison and Adams .29, Kippert .27, Cooney .26, Stovall and Casey .24, Mensor and Morse .23, Burns .19, Rockenfield .15, Mundorf, Raymond, Brinker and James .17, Frisk and Leard .16, James .15, Hasty .12, Kennedy and Brashear .13, Williams .12, Frisk, Speas and Cruikshank .10, and Scherney .11, Nordsyke and Bues .10.

In sacrifice hitting the leaders are: Nordsyke .34, Adams .22, Rockenfield .17, Cartwright and Casey .16, Cooney and Kippert .15, Burns .14, Raymer, Coleman, Brashear and James .13, Hasty .12, Stovall .11, Mensor, Harris and Bennett .11, Frisk, Speas and Cruikshank .10.

In extra base hitting (number of extra bases) Frisk .32, Kippert .28, Adams .27, 48, Mundorf .24, Casey .23, Netzel .27, Goodman .24, Zimmerman, Fisher and Cruikshank .23, Leard .22, Householder Stovall and Nordsyke .21, Bennett .20, Rockenfield and Brinker .20.

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