

MATERIAL AND IMMATERIAL SIDELIGHTS ON THE ART OF UMPIRING.

HILDEBRAND TELLS TRIALS OF UMPIRE

Two Instances Are Cited When Arbiters of Decisions Turned Robbers.

HUMOR MARKS TABLE TALK

Versatile Ump Who Is Prospect for Big League Recalls Laughterable Circumstances of Coast Career.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.
George Hildebrand, popular Coast League umpire who is being groomed for the major leagues, has finally come out with the confession that his lordship, the arbiter, sometimes really is the deep-dyed villain painted in the mind's eye of baseball fandom.

"I can cite you at least two instances where the umpire was a robber in deed as well as in fancy, but outside of these two cases the umpire is a mild-mannered victim of heartless circumstances," said Hildebrand, when close pressed for details yesterday after the game.

"The convicts at San Quentin penitentiary in California have a couple of crack nines," continued Hildebrand, "and I understand the man that holds the indicator is serving ten years for stealing a loaf of bread for a starving wife and baby. The records show him to be a robber, so I guess we'll have to accept the verdict on that ump, any?"

"The other case? Oh, I think his name was Quinn. He used to umpire in the Coast circuit four or five years ago and was let out to the Northwestern. Later he was turned up in Texas, where he was killed with several pals during a bank burglary. Poor fellow must have been driven to this sore strait by the heartless fan."

Then Hildebrand winked at the waiter and attacked another bull-headed cawfish.

"What is your opinion on the Lynch-Magee-Fogel controversy in the National League?" someone suggested.

"And the attitude of the board of directors in attempting to force the resignation of the belligerent player?"

"Reminds me of a little story," came the reply. "Listen."

"Donald (who is wearing his more prosperous countenance) by train—Ye might like to leave me a bob or two to take a safe journey. Willie."

"Willie (with deep regret)—Gee, I canna. At my spare shillings I gae tae my auld mither."

"Donald—Strange. Ye mither told me ye never gae her anything."

"Willie—Well, I dinna gie my auld mither anything, what sort of chance dae ye think ye've got?"

The versatile Hildebrand has a fund of humor in his makeup. Some of his stories are "screams." He says President Tip O'Neil of the Western League, recently discovered a new place for stationing the umpire.

"Denver was having a close game at home and the Grizzlies lost," explained Hildebrand. "An excited fan, President O'Neil as the crowd fled out of the gate."

"Umpire was fierce, wasn't he?" bitingly complained a fan.

"What's the matter?" asked Tip. Whereupon his nibe declared that the umpire missed strike after strike and decision after decision.

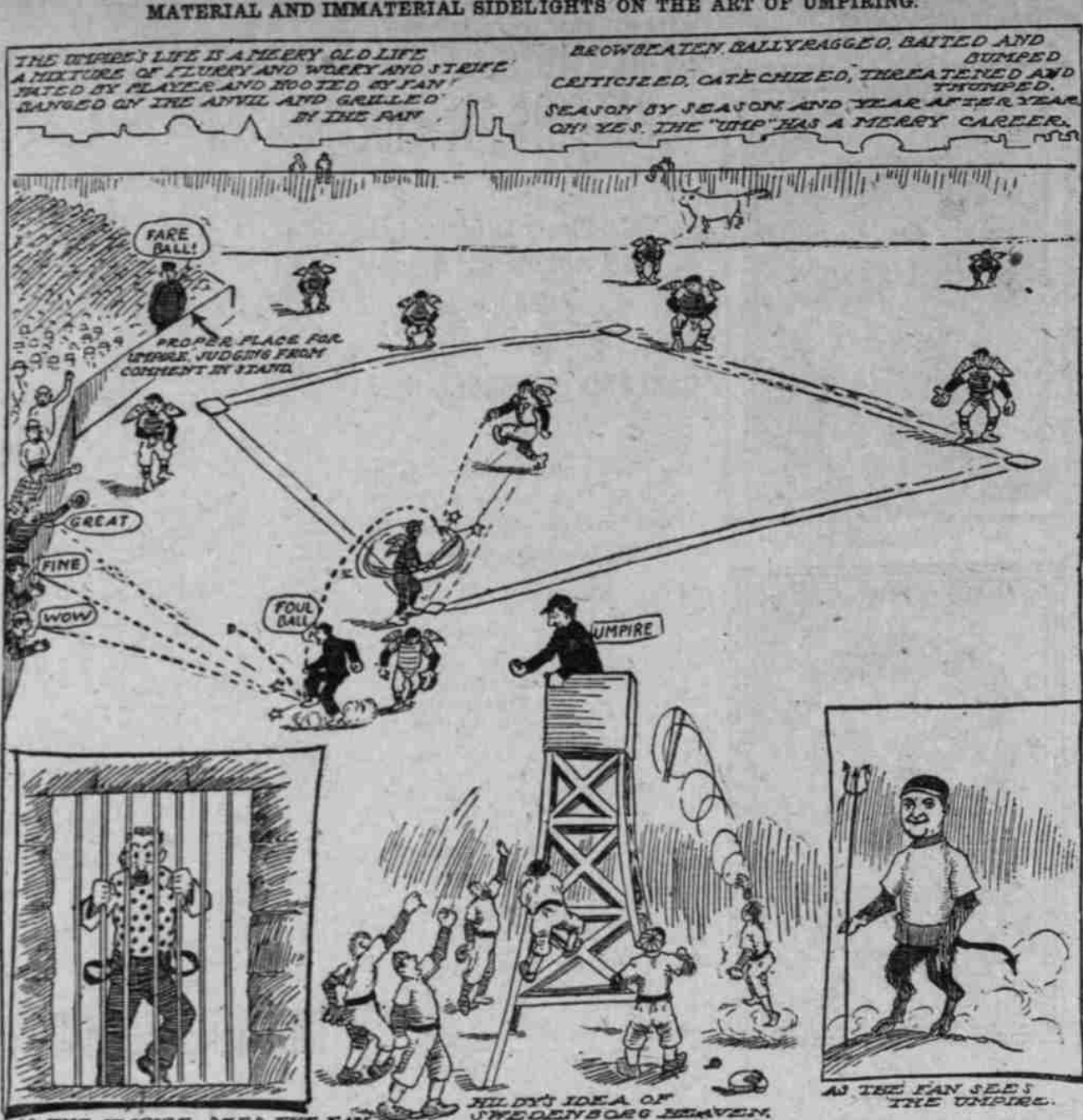
"How do you know?" asked O'Neil.

"I saw him," came the reply. "I was sitting over near third base in the grandstand."

"By George!" ejaculated the League executive. "We've struck it at last. For over 20 years we've been looking for a better place to locate the umpire than on the diamond, and now you've given the clue. Hereafter, I believe I'll have the ump sit up in the stand near the home plate. But the crowd will have had down. He had heard enough."

An ordinary railroad engineer's cap figured in a business deal of the diamond here in Portland several years ago, and nearly cut short the career of one, Mike Lynch, short leader of the Tacoma Tigers.

"Truck Egan, who was with Tacoma had lost his cap en route to the Rose City, and Mike Fisher bought him one of those cheap railroad caps," winked Hildebrand at the remembrance of the event. "The umpire failed to show up on this particular day, so two of the players were pressed into service. Bill Thomas, a pitcher for Tacoma, Thomas, a pitcher by the way, had lent Egan his own cap and was wearing the old locomotive miter."



STAR HITTERS PICK HARDEST PITCHERS

Ryan and Maggart Choose Ten Leading Twirlers in Coast League.

BYRAM IS NOT SELECTED

Castleton of Vernon Also Is Left Out of Lists of "Hard Nuts to Crack"—Carson, Too, Overlooked in Choosing.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Buddy Ryan, of Portland, and Earl Maggart, Oakland outfielder, king-pin sluggers of the Pacific Coast League, were asked several days ago to name their choices of the 10 best pitchers in the circuit. The replies form the basis of an interesting situation. Ryan, who is leading the herd with an average of more than .300, picked one Oakland hurler and but one San Francisco man, the latter not Sutor, Ewing's crack southpaw, nor Henley, his right-hand speed merchant, but Frank Browning.

Neither man had batted against the twirlers on his own team, but the association would naturally give him an expert opinion, so choices were not restricted to opposition lineups. Ryan chooses four Portland pitchers, two Oakland hurlers and but one San Francisco man, the latter not Sutor, Ewing's crack southpaw, nor Henley, his right-hand speed merchant, but Frank Browning.

Henderson First Choice.

Ryan's 10 best bets in their order of preference follow: Henderson, Portland; Koster, Portland; Steen, Portland; Seaton, Portland; Ables, Oakland; Baum, Sacramento; Pernell, Oakland; Deihl, Los Angeles; Browning, San Francisco; and Stewart, Vernon.

It will be noted that Buddy does not include Southpaw Byram of Sacramento, who is being so highly touted all over the East. Maggart also passed up the former college heaver in favor of the more experienced mounders.

Maggart chooses "Sweet Six" Steen, of the Portland aggregation, as the Alexander of the Pacific Coast, with Seaton a close second. "Flame" Deihl, the human Gibraltar of the Angel aggregation, is not found in Maggart's "Hard Nuts to Crack" biography.

Maggart's batting average murderers are as follows: Steen, Portland; Seaton, Portland; Ables, Oakland; Sutor, San Francisco; Henderson, Portland; Henley, San Francisco; Pernell, Oakland; Christy, Oakland; Hunt, Sacramento; Baum, Sacramento.

Castleton—Not Mentioned.

The omission of Castleton, of the Vernon club, from the two lists presents another surprising feature, as Castleton has been one of the most dangerous twirlers in the West since leaving Los Angeles for the striped cover. Castleton is credited with nine of his last 10 games pitched, and it would seem that he should be up amongst the leaders.

Stewart of the Vernons is another stellar performer who finds no place on Maggart's list. Al Carson is entirely overlooked.

Happy Hogan, the popular Coast League manager, jumped from a prison cell to popular favor on the ball lot; in fact the Vernon mogul can owe his present healthy position to an episode of his not so painful days back in 1902 or 1903. At least so avers Mike Fisher, the flamboyant impresario, who now treads Brussels carpet in Seattle, Wash., as a result of productive days as a team owner in the old Pacific Coast circuit.

Mike stopped in Portland to greet Jim Jeffries last Sunday while on his way to Frisco, and it was then he tore the masque from the past of the man of many aliases—Hap Hogan—Wallace Bray.

Mique Tells Story.

"I was running the Sacramento Club that season, and was badly in need of players," quoth Mique. "One day the boys brought in the intelligence that

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Promoter Gets Permit but No Boxers Have Been Signed.

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BY HARRY B. SMITH.
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Third place was won by E. Schobinger, whose score was 51654. Of these, 1916 points were won by his defeat of Donahue in the pole vault event, which he captured by clearing the bar at 10 feet 10 inches, breaking the all-around amateur championship record of 11 feet 9 inches.

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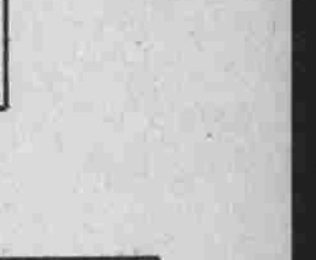
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