

FRENCHMAN IS KETCHIKAN TREAT

Beach Serves in Alaska Town in Place of Ball Lot 'Tween Tides.

TIME OF GAME IRREGULAR

Eccentricities of Eddies Determine Empire's Call of "Play Ball"

Interest Intense in American Game in Far North.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. WRANGEL, Alaska, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—We have read much of the vicissitudes of early baseball, of the difficulties encountered by the Chadwicks, the Ansons, the Spaldings and other pioneers...

Tide Floods Diamond. Ketchikan, a thriving town of 1000 souls and countless weird totem poles, signifying the native deity, gets two high tides per 24 hours.

As a consequence, when the waters recede, sea-weeds, logs, driftwood and other unwelcome visitors litter the sandy infield. But it takes more than that to daunt the Ty Cobbs, the Chief Benders and the Paty O'Rourke of the North...

To further complicate the baseball complexion, tides run approximately 50 minutes later each day. It takes no mathematician to see that no Coast League schedule would do up here, so the promoter, always alert to the boom circuit expansion idea, can cut "catch-as-catch-can" off the eligible list immediately.

Sometimes play is called in the morning, other times at noon, again in mid-afternoon, and as late as 9 at night. Farther North, around Dawson and Fairbanks, baseball has been played near the midnight hour.

Despite all these hindrances of longitude and latitude, the field at Ketchikan is as level as a billiard table, and the class of ball furnished about on a par with that seen in the cities of Oregon and Washington.

Ketchikan Is on Pines. Ketchikan, like Astoria, is built on piles, which cling to hillsides, as barnacles to a ship. The main street, high over the sand, parallels the third base line of the ball park, and affords excellent, though novel, grandstand privileges.

Can you beat a combination like that? Imagine Halp Hogan, not for rate, but for his club, one run behind at the start of the fourth inning. Ground rules are unknown in Ketchikan, but the pitcher and the pitcher's catcher are not allowed to leave the field until the pitcher has thrown a ball into the ocean...

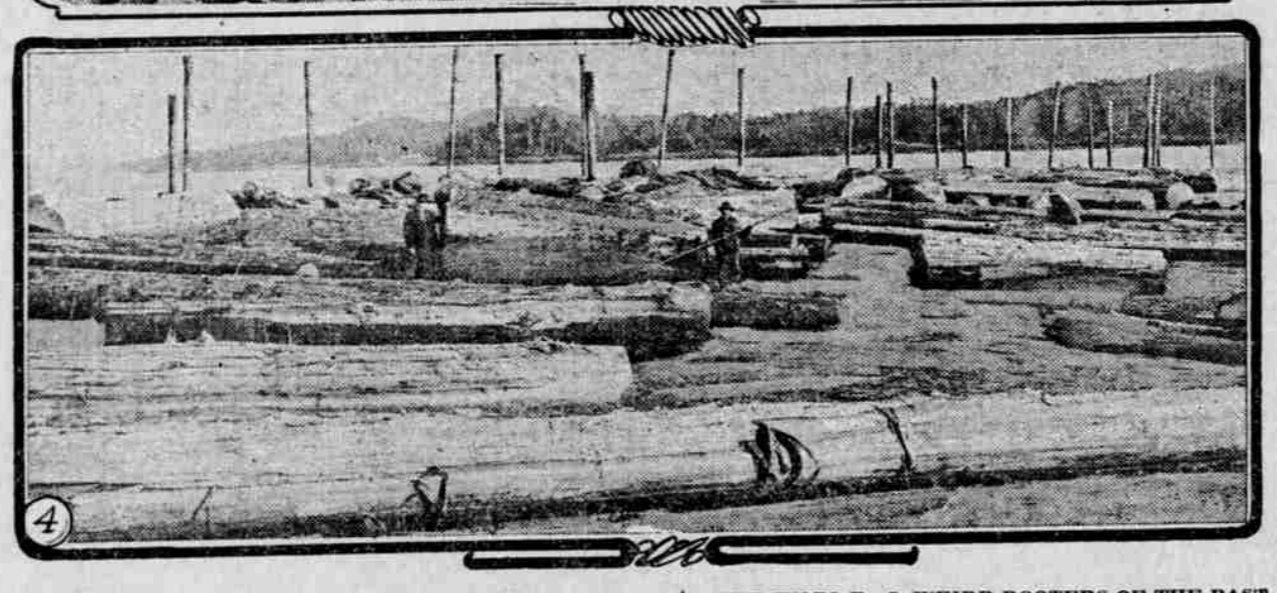
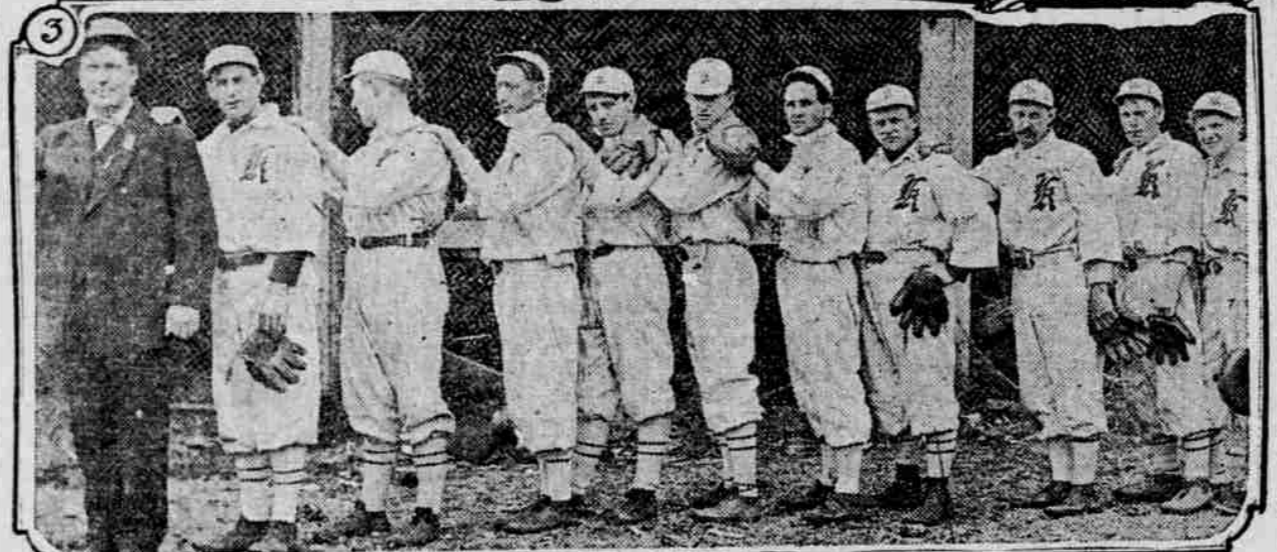
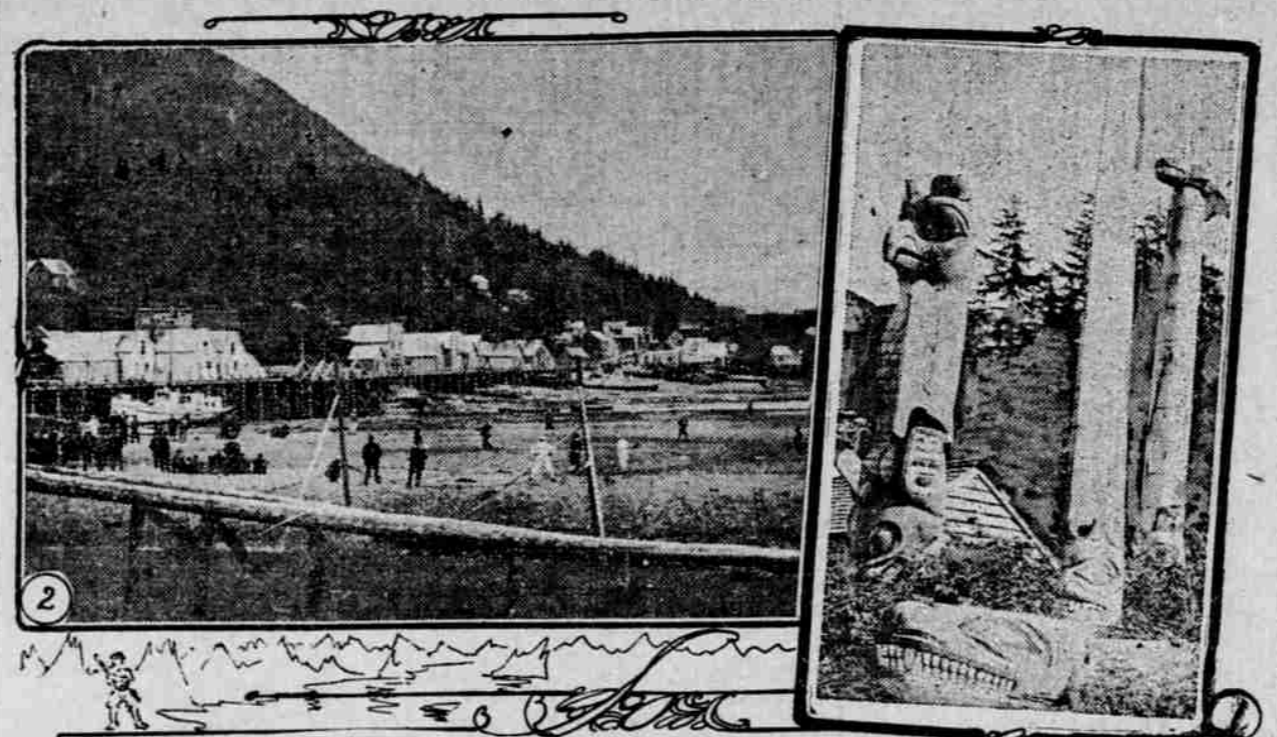
Empire's Word Is Law. We are further informed that "There's never a law of God or man Runs north of fifty-three."

Whoever penned that notion evidently entirely overlooked the poor empire. Maybe he considered the argument in an individual category. At any rate, at Ketchikan, as in the major leagues, the word of the tenth man is law.

Camera Lady Almost Left. Despite the anti-white pronouncements, however, the steamer Dolphin of the Alaska line almost departed on her journey minus a Portland lady and her two children.

Arctic grouse, partridge, rabbits, porcupine, bear, caribou, fox, wild goats and mountain sheep abound in this section. Alaska is a hunters' paradise, in fact, as well as in transportation folders.

BASEBALL PICTURES SHOWING DIFFICULTIES UNDER WHICH THE NATIONAL GAME IS PLAYED AT KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.



1. KETCHIKAN BALL FIELD AT LOW TIDE, MOST UNIQUE IN THE WORLD.—2. WEIRD ROOTERS OF THE PAST WHO GRIN DOWN UPON THE DIAMOND.—3. KETCHIKAN BASEBALL TEAM.—4. KETCHIKAN INFIELD AFTER A DESTRUCTIVE TIDE.

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this year. Frank E. Alley of Rosburg has in Bonaday, a son of Bon Voyage (2:08), a trotter whom many believe will win the biggest slice of the \$2500 purse. Bonaday has a mark of 2:27 1/2 as a 2-year-old, but in workouts this year has negotiated the mile in 2:11 and the quarter in :29 1/2.

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land, a concession which will augment the attendance. In addition to a better streetcar service, caused by double-tracking to the Country Club course, the race officials have taken up the matter of automobile roads to the course, and the most-traveled thoroughfare to the track will be oiled within a few weeks.

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Turf followers have been regaled with many yarns of cart horses evolving into trotting and pacing sensations. Adam G., a probable starter in the 2:12 trot, while Henry Gray (2:13 1/2) is another consistent performer who will be ready for the flag in the Portland Day feature.

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and would prefer bigger money, but has reached the conclusion that the sensible thing to do is to accept what is offered him. Abe Attell will be granted a bout in October, providing that Johnny Kilbane sees fit to grant the request. Abe suffered a badly cut lip in that mix-up with Tommy Murphy and he has already refused an offer from Tom McCarey to fight Harry Thomas, in Los Angeles, due to that same injury.

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Word has been received from Washington that the President has signed a bill that prohibits the transportation of moving pictures of fights in circuses. The bill, or rather law, is very strict in its provisions and also declares that no news of the betting odds of any fight shall be wired from one state to another.

O'DONNELL READY FOR TITLE DEBUT

Portland Heavyweight Soon to Show Proof of "White Hope" Aspirations.

REAL TRYOUT AUGUST 23

Promising Boxer in Tow of Tunny Tracey Has Confidence, Flynn and Speed and Trainer Believe "Champ" Is in Sight.

Table with 2 columns: Measurement and Value. Title: MARK O'DONNELL MEASURES UP FOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS.

In the next heavyweight title bout to affix his signature on hotel registers in this fashion: "Mark O'Donnell, Portland, Or."

Tommy Tracey, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club boxing instructor, once time sensational welterweight and present manager-trainer of O'Donnell, is supremely confident that he has the next champion in tow.

SPORTING SPARKS

THE big 1912 baseball laugh is on the Philadelphia Athletics. Last Spring, with the critics conceding the American League pennant to Connie Mack's team, and the Athletics modestly saying "amen" to the most flattering compliments, the players were engaged in the delightful occupation of counting their 1912 world's championship wealth.

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But, despite O'Donnell's greenness, he is not to be brushed aside with a smile. The white aspirants for the heavyweight championship are a mediocre bunch, "white hope" class, no matter how hard he works to achieve the top of the "simon pure" ladder. But every amateur champion is not an embryonic world's "champion" titleholder, and the skeptical attitude of the home guard and the failure of the fistic world to be aroused from its heavy-weight lethargy by each newly-announced coming champion.