HITTING BY COAST BATTERS IMPROVES

Nine Now in .300 Class, With Lober and Maggart Close for First Honors.

BEAVERS LEADING LEAGUE

Slump of Angels Explained in Part by Decline in Slugging—Moran and Leard Now Are Best Run-getters in Pacific Circuit.

Either the Coast League batsmen are beginning to find their eyes, or else the pitching is not so airtight as earlier in the year, for the list of .300 hitters is growing. From five the .300 swatters have increased to nine in the averages up to the present incompleted series.

Maggart, of Los Angeles, and Lober, of Portland, were the two high men up to Tuesday, the former with .318 and the latter one point behind. During the week Lober jumped into first for a few days, but whether he will remain there at the series' end, today's games alone will tell.

Several of the newcomers are not getting away startlingly with the willow. Downs and Charles, of the Seals, are both well down, although the latter looked like a good hitter while in Portland recently. Guest and Kaylor, or Oakland, are also near the bottom.

The Beavers are now leading the Pacific Coast Leaguers at bat, having passed both San Francisco and the Senators. The team average is .260. Oakland brings up the rear, with Venice fifth, and Los Angeles fourth. This falling off in hitting partially explains the Angel slump.

Moran and Leard have both passed Johnston, of the Seals, as the top run-getters, but Johnston leads the base-stealers, with 68. His margin is great, as Leard ranks second at 44.

The batting up to Tuesday follows:

Player, club—	AB	R	1BH	BA
Baker, San Francisco	25	7	10	.400
Higginbotham, Portland	75	7	23	.583
Slagle, Los Angeles	33	5	11	.333
Maggart, Los Angeles	375	57	119	.318
Lober, L. A. and Port.	221	27	70	.317
Van Buren, Sacramento	208	27	64	.308
Fernoll, Oakland	49	5	15	.306
Mundorff, San Francisco	391	53	119	.304
Elliott, Venice	194	16	59	.304
Johnston, San Francisco	388	65	117	.302
Doane, Portland	291	48	88	.302
Shinn, Sacramento	256	49	77	.301
Lindsay, Portland	232	22	75	.300
Krause, Portland	69	4	18	.300
Kores, Portland	323	41	97	.299
Zimmerman, San Fran.	235	29	68	.289
Schmidt, San Francisco	235	32	68	.289
Ness, Oakland	344	49	89	.285
Bayless, Venice	401	56	114	.284
Baum, Venice	67	6	19	.284
Speas, Portland	120	10	34	.283
Fisher, Portland	136	17	61	.282
Moran, Sacramento	392	71	110	.281
Tennant, Sacramento	391	30	110	.281
Coy, Oakland	413	61	115	.278
D. Howard, San Fran.	79	4	22	.278
James, Portland	54	2	15	.278
Lewis, Sacramento	335	41	93	.277
I. Howard, Los Angeles	400	61	111	.275
Zacher, Oakland	391	42	107	.274
Kenworthy, Sacramento	384	62	105	.273
Cartwright, San Fran.	362	29	99	.273
Klawitter, Sacramento	33	4	9	.273
W. Hogan, San Fran.	308	34	83	.270
Litschi, Venice	312	43	84	.269
Young, Sacramento	283	36	72	.269
Moore, Los Angeles	330	54	88	.267
Cook, Oakland	336	31	89	.265
Johnson, Los Angeles	368	43	97	.264
Hallinan, Ven. and Sac.	360	31	95	.264
Brooks, Los Angeles	125	21	33	.264
Chadbourne, Portland	418	45	110	.263
Goodwin, Los Angeles	54	4	14	.260
Corhan, San Francisco	313	40	81	.259
Rodgers, Portland	399	40	102	.255
Hosp, Venice	356	33	91	.256
Meloan, Venice	227	32	58	.256
Ellis, Los Angeles	394	63	100	.254
Hetling, Oakland	309	25	78	.252
Derrick, Portland	284	23	71	.250
Krapp, Portland	32	3	8	.250
Ferguson, Venice	12	0	3	.250
Reuther, Los Angeles	4	0	1	.250
Brashear, Venice	219	20	54	.247
Page, Los Angeles	372	53	91	.245
Patterson, Venice	269	31	66	.24[illegible]
Berry, Portland	149	18	36	.242
Gardner, Oakland	171	22	41	.240
Clarke, San Francisco	38	2	9	.237
Schirm, Oakland	268	38	63	.235
Kane, Venice	256	44	60	.234
Foster, Los Angeles	47	0	11	.234
Carlisle, Venice	378	60	88	.233
Christian, Oakland	51	9	12	.233
Klepfer, Venice	13	1	3	.231
Charles, San Francisco	193	21	44	.228
McDonnell, Venice	162	14	37	.228
McArdle, San Francisco	352	48	80	.227
Boles, Los Angeles	225	19	51	.227
Downs, San Francisco	44	2	10	.227
Decanniere, San Fran.	22	1	5	.227
Ables, Oakland	22	0	5	.227
Kaylor, Oakland	18	0	4	.227
O'Rourke, Sac. and Ven.	305	29	69	.226
Ryan, Los Angeles	54	9	12	.222
Cheek, Los Angeles	54	2	12	.222
Leard, Oakland	435	66	97	.221
Litwiler, Sacramento	41	2	9	.219
Koestner, Venice	88	5	18	.217
Byrnes, Los Angeles	14	0	3	.214
Hitt, Venice	47	3	10	.213
Guest, Oakland	155	13	32	.209
McCormick, Portland	188	16	39	.207
Rohrer, Oakland	196	18	39	.200
McCorry, San Fran.	45	8	9	.200

July 20, inclusive.

Clubs—	Games	AB.	R.	1BH.	BA.	SH.	SB.	2BH.	3BH	HR.	DP.	TP.	SO.
Portland	104	3,431	359	891	.260	130	165	144	28	10	61	0	11
San Francisco	110	3,541	404	913	.258	151	210	115	24	10	70	2	8
Sacramento	106	3,398	419	874	.257	139	177	140	46	26	65	0	12
Los Angeles	109	3,563	443	903	.253	136	196	112	35	25	72	2	12
Venice	111	3,591	408	896	.248	116	114	124	56	20	70	0	11
Oakland	112	3,677	412	898	.244	121	148	125	37	20	69	0	10
Totals		21,191	2445	5369	*254	793	1010	760	221	111	407	2	64

*League batting average.

Leading sacrifice hitters—McArdle 26; Kenworthy, 23; Ellis, 22; Bayless, 19; Charles, Johnson, Moran and Lewis, 17 each; Johnston, 16; Kores, W. Hogan, Corhan, Boles, Zacher and Kane, 15 each; Cook, 14; Moore, Litschi and Bliss, 13 each; Metzger and Hetling, 12 each; Rodgers and Derrick, 11 each; Lindsay, Doane, Young and Hallinan, 10 each.

Leading base stealers—Johnston, 68; Leard, 44; Maggart, 41; Shinn, 35; I. Howard, 34; Moore, 31; Mundorff, 27; Moran and Kenworthy, 26 each; Rodgers and Derrick, 23 each; Chadbourne and Schmidt, 22 each; Doane, Ellis and Carlisle, 21 each; Kores and Lewis, 20 each; Schirm and Tennant, 18 each; Cook, 17; W. Hogan, 16; Johnson and Kane, 15 each.

Leading run-getters—Moran, 71; Leard, 66; Johnston, 65; Ellis, 63; Kenworthy, 62; I. Howard and Coy, 61 each; Carlisle, 60; Maggart, 57; Bayless, 56; Mundorff and Page, 53 each; Doane and McArdle, 48 each; Chadbourne and Kane, 44 each, Johnson and Litschi, 43 each; Zacher, 42; Kores and Lewis, 41 each; Rodgers, Ness and Corhan, 40 each; Schirm, 38; Young, 36; Meloan, 35; W. Hogan, and Moore, 34 each; Hosp, 33; Derrick and Schmidt, 32 each; Cook, Patterson and Hallinan, 31 each; Tennant, 30; Zimmerman, Metzger, O'Rourke and Cartwright, 29 each; Lober and Van Buren, 27 each; Hetling, 25.

Leading two-base hitters—Moran 23; Page, 22; Zacher, Tennant and Kenworthy, 21 each; Leard, 20; Rodgers, Doane, Kores, Lober, Cartwright and Kane, 17 each; Mundorff, and Ellis, 16 each; Carlisle and Bayless, 15 each, Johnston, I. Howard, Krueger, Litschi and O'Rourke, 14 each; Ness and Shinn, 13 each; Johnson and Coy, 12 each; Derrick, Corhan, Maggart, Lewis, Van Buren and Hallinan, 11 each; Chadbourne, W. Hogan, Schrim, Hetling, Cook and Patterson, 10 each.

Leading three-base hitters—I. Howard, 13; Coy and Maggart, 11 each; Carlisle, Bayless, Hosp and Kenworthy, 8 each; Meloan, 7; Kane, Shinn and Tennant, 6 each; Kores and Moore, 5 each; Chadbourne, Doane, Corhan, Cartwright, Schrim, Zacher, Ness, Brashear, Patterson, Moran, Lewis, Young, Hallinan, 7 each; Johnston, Page, Ellis, Johnson, Leard and Cook, 3 each.

Leading home-run hitters—Coy, 11; Maggart, 10; Lewis, 8; I. Howard, Bayless, Moran and Kenworthy, 6 each; Mundorff, 5; Ellis and Ness, 4 each; Johnson, Carlisle, Litschi, Hosp, Meloan and Hallinan, 3 each.

July 20, inclusive.

Bowden's Career Brief.

Burman's Blitzen Benz is a bear for speed, but when it comes to taking the curves on two wheels, Frank Bowden, baseball embryo and sometime phenom, has the big race demon faded to a whisper.

Bowden blew into the Portland Northwestern League camp Wednesday with a string of recommendations as long as Mulhall's lobby list. Manager Williams shoved him in at third base in the eighth inning and the kid almost tossed an 8-0 lead into the discard by heaving the ball at a $10 reward sign on the right-field fence.

Next morning, Bowden, like the Arab, silently stole into the locker-room under the grandstand, packed his belongings and disappeared without so much as asking for his one day's pay. At the rate of $125 per month—the face value of his contract—Bowden had something over $4 coming.

The youngster hailed from Weed, Cal., where he had been setting the brush afire by spectacular playing. Presumably he figured he had made a monkey of himself by his first day's display of "rattles" and couldn't stand the kidding.

* * *

Frank Newhouse, a former Coast League umpire, is now calling balls and strikes in the new Federal League. Evidently the Federal circuit is weathering its tribulation period in good shape, as witness this postcard from "Moses" Frank:

"Am in Federal League. All drawing big. Cleveland alone not making money. We play to 2500 daily at Indianapolis, Pittsburg and Chicago. We had 15,000 two days at Kansas City and 10,000 yesterday at Indianapolis."

* * *

Fielder Jones is reported to be trying to "jimmy" Toman into the National League next year as an umpire. Judging from Eastern newspaper comments this is no compliment to Toman.

BALL PARK TO GROW

DAY OF POP-FLY HOME-RUN IN SEATTLE TO END.

Giants' Pitching Staff Crippled and Dugdale Fears Rush of Colts May Jolt Team to Second Place.

BY PORTUS BAXTER.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—There is no longer guesswork about Seattle's new baseball park. Work is actually under way, and the contract calls for the completion of the grandstand, bleachers and fences by September 1. Owing to the minor touches necessary to put things in shipshape for the grand opening, it is doubtful if the Labor day games will be played there. As soon as possible, however, after September 1 the final adieu to the old Yesler Way park will be said, and then the gates of the Rainier Valley grounds will be thrown open.

The grandstand will be narrower from front tier to top row than the present stand, but what is lost in seating capacity will be more than made up by the addition of a second story, and rows of boxes along the front, both on the first and second stories. In addition to the boxes there will be the reserved seats in the middle section, a feature many fans have requested year after year, but which has been denied on account of the limited accommodations.

The home plate will be approximately 50 feet from the front of the grandstand, or about twice the distance at the Yesler Way park. This will place the first and third basemen much farther from the bleachers than they are at present, a desirable feature. The distance from the home plate to the right-field fence will be 300 feet, which will cut out the pop fly home run, but still leave the way open for a drive over the fence. The distance to the left-field fence will be 400 feet or over. If the tobacco sign is placed in the corner of the center field, it will be safe.

President Dugdale says that the conveniences, such as dressing-rooms, etc., will be up-to-date in every particular.

* * *

Seattle will be fortunate, indeed, if they gain on Vancouver during the coming week. And while speaking of Seattle's chances of picking up any of the ground that separates them from Vancouver attention may well be called to the problem of keeping out of the way of the Portland Colts, who will play on their own grounds for the coming week against the Tacoma Tigers, while Seattle is tackling the Indians in Spokane.

So far this season Seattle has been fortunate in Spokane but just now the Indians present a strong front, and all that is necessary for them to give the champions all they want is average work from their pitchers. Seattle would be in a decidedly bad way were it not for the return to the game of Dell, and the wonderful improvement in Meikle, who has recently shown the same form he exhibited at the close of last season. The extreme warm weather apparently brought him around, but whether a fall in the temperature will cause a set-back is yet to be seen. Bobby James has also tuned up the Seattle infield which was wabbling badly. Owing to an internal trouble, George Nill was not in condition to play second or do himself justice at the bat. Every move he made aggravated his trouble, which is a tear of the abdominal lining. Nill can now rest and may recover in time to finish the season. Brown plays well at second.

* * *

The downfall of the champions was due to the injury to Gipe, who was the leading pitcher in the league, while practicing in the outfield at Portland. Something happened to his shoulder about the middle of June and he has been on the shelf ever since. He pitched one game early in July and lost it. A few days later he won but the next time he tried the old trouble returned. He seems to be improving now and it may be he will be of use to the team in the last two months of the season. A short time after Gipe was injured Dell went to the hospital on account of a strain and that broke up the pitching staff. Seattle had a lead of about six games, but Vancouver took them down the line and gained the lead.

* * *

Vancouver is well fortified in the box and with a fair fielding and heavy-hitting club should hold the lead to the finish.

In order to gain an even footing with Vancouver Seattle would have to show marked superiority over the other clubs, which they cannot do with their present lineup.

Howard to Recall Two Pitchers.

LOS ANGELES, July 26.—(Special.)—Del Howard will exercise his option on Pitchers Arlett and Hughes, of the Watsonville club, in the near future. Arlett has shown great form in the California league, and it is freely predicted that he will prove invaluable aid to the San Francisco forces. Arlett showed to good advantage when he was with the club last season, lacking in experience only. This he has made up for this season. Hughes recently joined the Watsonville club when Stanridge was recalled.

MEMBERS OF THREE MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAMS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHIN PAST TWO SEASONS

SWAIN CAN HIT 'EM

Victoria Slugger Has 17 Four-Base Swats to His Credit.

MEEK STILL TOPS BATTERS

Strait and Killilay Are Close to Bee Batsman for Circuit Drives. Jackson Leads in Base Stealing in League.

Three Northwestern League batsmen threaten to shatter Art Bues' home-run record of 26 made in 1911. Cy Swain, of Victoria, has shoved his 193 pounds against 17 circuit cleaners, while Leo Strait and Martin Killilay, of Seattle, have poled out 16 and 15 respectively.

Under identical conditions Swain would lead this pair 2 to 1 but as Seattle plays most of its games in the box-like park at home Strait and Killilay may both pass Cy before the statistics are compiled at the close of the year.

Swain's hitting has been wonderful. He stands second only to the famous Harry Meek and his .389 record to date. Swan is batting .329 wth Kippert, of Swain is batting .329, with Kippert, of leads them all, however, in extra base clouting.

Jackson, of Seattle, has stolen 34 bases and leads in that department.

The Northwestern League statistics up to mid-week are as follows:

The Leading Long Clouters.

Player.	2B.	3B.	HR.	TEB
Swain	21	2	17	76
Strait	12	4	16	68
Meek	20	2	11	59
Killilay	9	2	15	58
Lynch	19	4	8	51
Konnick	19	4	8	51
Alberts	8	3	12	50
Wagner	15	12	3	48
Scharney	28	5	3	47
Kippert	27	4	3	44
Frisk	18	4	5	41
Bennett	12	6	5	39
Nill	14	2	7	39
Cadman	19	3	4	37
Shea	10	3	6	34
Rawlings	20	5	1	33
Jackson	13	2	5	32

Leading Base Stealers.

Leading base stealers—Jackson 34, Strait 27, Heister 26, Kippert 24, Bancroft 22, Walsh 20, Raymond, Shaw and Neighbors 17, McMullen 16, Rawlings, Swain and Nill 15, Crum and Yohe 14.

Leading sacrifice hitters—Rawlings and Mohler 19, Jackson 18, Nill 17, Strait, Wilson and Lynch 16, Sharney 13, Mahoney and McMullen 12, Heister and Wash 11, Cadman, Bancroft and Heilman, 10.

Team Batting.

	AB	R	H	Av	SB
Victoria	3342	465	896	.268	171
Vancouver	3402	452	887	.260	117
Seattle	3193	419	819	.256	145
Spokane	3220	346	807	.251	102
Portland	2989	362	724	.242	94
Tacoma	3364	361	756	.224	125

Team Fielding.

	PO	A	E	Av	DP
Seattle	2611	1280	145	.964	72
Vancouver	2688	1241	158	.962	65
Victoria	2587	1260	170	.956	63
Portland	2509	1246	172	.954	59
Tacoma	2642	1313	192	.952	56
Spokane	2543	1249	197	.951	61

Leading Batters.

	AB	R	H	Av
Meek, Victoria	291	52	113	.389
Wally, Seattle	48	7	18	.383
Swain, Victoria	249	60	82	.329
Gipe, Seattle	65	2	20	.317
Kippert, Vancouver	361	60	114	.316
Yohe, Spokane	332	40	103	.310
Powell, Spokane	110	18	34	.309
Mays, Portland	39	5	12	.308
Lynch, Spokane	337	45	113	.300
Cadman, Seattle	323	47	97	.300
McIvor, Seattle	50	7	15	.300
McCarl, Spokane	322	29	96	.298
Rawlings, Victoria	397	79	118	.297
Strait, Seattle	338	64	100	.296
Fitzsimmons, Spokane	100	13	29	.290
Neighbors, Tacoma	315	31	92	.292
Doty, Vancouver	27	4	8	.296
Frisk, Vancouver	361	55	105	.291
Mahoney, Portland	224	29	64	.286
Heilmann, Portland	182	21	52	.286
Hannah, Spokane	144	8	41	.285
Delmas, Victoria	254	29	73	.284
Scharney, Vancouver	360	43	102	.283
Keller, Tacoma	338	47	96	.281
Killilay, Seattle	353	55	99	.280
Walsh, Vancouver	373	50	104	.279
Melchoir, Portland	320	44	89	.278
Bennett, Vancouver	347	52	96	.277
Brown, Seattle	65	10	18	.277
Wagner, Spokane	284	37	78	.275
Pappa, Spokane	268	38	78	.271
Brinker, Vancouver	235	36	63	.268
Nill, Seattle	340	55	91	.268
Fitzgerald, Portland	116	21	31	.267
Wuhl, Spokane	109	14	29	.266
Konick, Vancouver	275	41	73	.265
Callahan, Portland	91	11	24	.264
Eastley, Portland	57	7	16	.263
Lamb, Victoria	267	25	70	.262
Shaw, Seattle	371	52	96	.259
Guigni, Portland	283	19	60	.258
Crum, Victoria	246	33	63	.256
Shea, Victoria	232	22	59	.254
Alberts, Victoria	232	34	59	.254
Dell, Seattle	67	5	17	.254
Mohler, Portland	290	36	73	.252
Fries, Tacoma	329	47	83	.252
Fitzgerald, Victoria	40	5	10	.250
Crisp, Tacoma	16	1	4	.250
Murray, Portland	165	20	46	.249
Jackson, Seattle	344	43	85	.248
Fullerton, Seattle	59	9	22	.247
Heister, Vancouver	373	58	92	.246
Bancroft, Portland	294	53	72	.245

CYCLISTS TO RACE TODAY

Twelve Contestants Leave La Grande at 1 P. M. for Run to Baker.

LA GRANDE, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Tomorrow is to be a big day in Eastern Oregon motorcycle history. Twelve contestants, representing many of the leading grades of motorcycles, will at 1:30 o'clock leave the fair grounds track after one swing around the half-mile course, and head for Baker in one of the most novel races that Eastern Oregon has ever seen.

The machines will depart at regular intervals of five minutes. The course between La Grande and Baker has been carefully staked out with flags and pointers, so that the riders may know when dangerous road conditions arise, and traffic in general may be careful in narrow defiles and canyons that the racers pass through.

At Hot Lake, Union, North Powder, Haines and Baker the riders must report to station judges. There can be no cut-offs. These judges will telephone in the relative standings of the contestants at each place. At Baker the contestants must stop five minutes for rest and the Commercial Club will be host there during that time. The riders will be allowed refreshing drinks and baths during that period.

While the racers are away there is to be a programme on the race course of the fair grounds. The contestants for the motorcycle race are:

(1) Howard Geddes, La Grande, 7 horsepower Tourist Indian; (2) Tracy Hollister, La Grande, 6 horsepower Flying Merkel; (3) R. Zweifel, La Grande, 9 horsepower Dayton; (4) Orley Sieg, Baker, 7 horsepower Excelsior; (5) J. M. Kohl, La Grande, 7 horsepower Dayton; (6) L. G. Olson, Ontario, 7 horsepower Indian; (7) J. E. Renard, Baker, 7 horsepower Indian; (8) H. G. Hill, La Grande, 7 horsepower Excelsior; (9) A. F. Hug, Elgin, 7 horsepower Indian; (10) Walter Parker, Island City, 7 horsepower Excelsior; (11) C. L. Rose, Portland, 7 horsepower Excelsior; (12) O. Walker, Pendleton, 7 horsepower Excelsior.

BEARS AND BOISE EVEN

WALLA WALLA VICTORY TIES LEAGUE LEADERSHIP.

Pendleton Comes Back at North Yakima and Wins, 7 to 4, in Free Hitting Contest.

Pendleton came back at North Yakima in the Western Tri-State League Saturday, winning, 7 to 4, while Walla Walla again tied Boise for the leadership, winning 4 to 1.

At Pendelton the Buckaroos took heart in the third inning with the score 3 to 1 against them, when Dean connected with a three-bagger with the bases full. This put them in the lead and they got two more the same inning. Other innings added to their total. North Yakima's two errors coming at critical times. Fitchner, for Yakima, got out of many bad holes. Four men were caught at the plate. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
N. Yakima	4	13	2	Pendleton	7	12	1

Batteries—Fitchner and Taylor; Peet and Haworth.

At Walla Walla, Bridger, the new Bear hurler, was too much for his former team-mates, letting them down with three hits in seven innings. In the seventh he sprained his knee and Welch finished. Woods was wild and ineffective in pinches. Woods pulled two bonehead plays that hurt, one in the seventh, when he threw home with two men down, and in the eighth, when he went to sleep off second and led to a double play. Martini was the heavy sticker, getting three two-baggers. Both sides played an excellent fielding game. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Boise	1	5	2	Walla W.	4	7	1

Batteries—Woods, Hall and Gard; Bridger, Welch and Brown.

WOLF PLANS ANEW

Speedboat Owner Not Discouraged by 1913 Defeats.

1915 EVENTS NOW ATTRACT

Portland Company May Enter in 1914 Local Events if Engine Holds Out, but Big Preparations Made for World's Fair.

Despite the losing of all races this year, the Oregon Speed Boat Company, which owns the Oregon Wolf and the other Wolff creations, will not cease its activities, but may take a vacation of one year and then have the product of their best efforts to run in the Panama-Pacific races at the San Francisco fair in 1915.

"Whether we have a boat next year depends entirely upon how the engine is holding out," said George S. Shepherd, one of the principal shareholders of the company. "The first thing after we hold a meeting will be the exact determination of where we stand. If the engine is in fair condition we may build a boat for local competition in 1914, but I am safe in saying that for this year we have finished our activities.

"When I was at San Francisco, at the time of the visit of Sir Thomas Lipton, we pledged ourselves to have a boat in the races provided they are staged. Now it seems that they will be held, so it is up to us to deliver a boat.

"We were the originators of the sport on the Pacific Coast. Now, with everything going fine, it would seem out of the way for us to quit, so even if we do not have boats as a company, we may have boats individually. However, the speedboat company will not disintegrate for several years.

"The company has been a financial drain since its organization. There were five of us in it originally, and up to 1913 we had each placed about $1500 into it. The purses have netted us about $400, which leaves each of us still $1100 to the bad. However, speedboating is expensive, and we knew it before we started."

The company has furnished the money for three boats, the Oregon Wolf, the Crazy Wolf and the Oregon Wolf II. The first of the three was the big success, which held the 30-mile record for several months and defended the Pacific Coast title two years at Astoria. It lost this year to the Oregon Kid.

SPEEDBOAT RACES POSTPONED

Owners Await Decision as to Regattas on Puget Sound.

Portland's speed boats in the north are taking respite from their week of Potlatch races and waiting the final decision of the race circuit which was planned for the Puget Sound cities.

When the boats left here for the Seattle races, two weeks ago, it was with the idea of entering the many regattas which were promised at the various clubs around the Sound cities. The first of these was to have been at Bellingham, the week past, but this was postponed indefinitely.

Others were to be staged at Tacoma, Everett and Victoria, but following the Seattle races, talk of them faded very rapidly. The Oregon Kid has already been returned to Rainier and the Baby Bell and the Van Blerck will be held but a few days more in the north, awaiting the decision.

Gun Club to Hold Shoot Today.

With the traps in good condition the Portland Gun Club members will today hold their first shoot since early in June when the floods put the traps out of commission. Many local men will be out for the shoot among them being, Addleman, Caldwell, Joy, Thornton, Abrahams, Carlon, Hilgers, Long, Bateman and Cullison. The special meeting called by President J. E. Cullison will be held tomorrow night at Bowie & Caldwell's.

WORLD CHAMPIONS CRUMBLE RAPIDLY

Six of 1912 Red Sox Shoot the Chutes and Eight of 1911 Athletics Slip.

STAHL RELEASE BIG UPSET

Many of New York Giants Who Helped to Take League Pennants Glide From Limelight; Mack and McGraw May Contend.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

It doesn't take a world's championship baseball team long to disintegrate.

Already six of the famous athletes who helped the Boston Americans defeat New York last Fall have shot the chutes, while eight of the champion Athletics of 1911 have shaken Philadelphia mannerisms.

Jake Stahl's release by Boston was the biggest upset of all. Never before has a world's championship manager been released in midseason of the following year. Stahl's initiation into the tinware lodge was preceded by the release of Pitchers Pape and O'Brien, and Extra Infielders Ball, Krug and Bradley.

Of the 1911 array of Philadelphia Athletics, Hartzel, Livingston, Lord, Krause, Danforth, Martin, Morgan and Derrick are no longer on the Connie Mack payroll, while Danny Murphy, Harry Davis and Ira Thomas are but extras, with Jack Coombs prevented by illness from playing.

Hartzel, after long years of experience under Mack, is now managing the Toledo club in the American Association. Lord drifted to the minors, but is back at Boston with the Nationals, trying out for his fourth time. Cy Morgan is at Kansas City; Harry Krause is twirling for Portland in the Coast League; Danforth is hurling for the Baltimore club; Derrick, a brother of Fred, of Portland, was sold to New York but is in the International League again, and Paddy Livingston is catching occasionally for Toledo.

Of the New York National League pennant-winners who battled against Philadelphia two years ago, seven are missing. They are: Ames, Becker, Devore, Devlin, Drucke, Latham and Paulette. Drucke is the Texas lad purchased by Sacramento this Spring and released, and later signed by Venice and released because of wildness.

Any way you take it, the baseball grind is a long and weary one, with no room for the faltering stars.

* * *

All modern records will have been shattered should Muggsy McGraw and Connie Mack succeed in piloting their clubs to the pennants in the National and American circuits. And the odds are very strong now in favor of such a contingency.

Nobody in these days of baseball has annexed five hunks of burgee. Fred Clarke has landed four; Frank Chance, while boss of the Chicago Cubs, grabbed four; McGraw has won four at New York, and Connie Mack four at Philadelphia.

But that expresses the superlative in pennant-winning.

McGraw won his first pennant for New York in 1904. He repeated in 1905, and came back in 1911 and 1912. Mack won his first rag in 1902, copped another in 1905, and repeated in 1910 and 1911.

* * *

With New York and Philadelphia in line for the world's series death grapple, it will be interesting to compare the clubs as the half-way station finds them. According to the last statistical flood, New York is batting .227 in first place and fielding .963 in fourth. Philadelphia leads with American batters with a team average of .282 and also leads in fielding with .969. New York has stolen 150 bases and Philadelphia 140 bases.

* * *

Following are the batting marks of some former Pacific Coast players in the majors:

American League—Gandil, .317; Ryan, .293; Zelder, .283; Peckinpaugh, .277; Graney, .273; Olson, .254; Weaver, .249; Bodie, .248; Daley, .241; Vitt, .233; Berger, .222; Easterly, .220; Agnew, .194; Fournier, .191; Houck, .056.

National League—Hyatt, .346; Tinker, .311; McLean, .289; Mitchell, .287; Myers, .256; Cutshaw, .252; Mann, .250; James, .216; Mensor, .167; Whaling, .152.

* * *

Young Maranville, of the Boston Nationals, is so minute that he sits on Hap Myers' lap and the pair ride to the ball park for five cents, children in arms being free. Maranville is not much bigger than a mosquito's biplane.

* * *

Connie Mack's favorite banjo accompaniment:

Plinkety-Plink-Plank, Plinkety-Plinkety-Plank,
Plinkety-Plink-Plank-Plunk;
Schingety-Sching,Schang, Schingety-Sching-Schang,
Strinkety-Strink-Strank-Strunk.

* * *

Here are some big league pitchers who were not heralded as phenoms in the Spring and who are now making good:

Russell, Boehling, Leverenz and Foster. Leverenz, the southpaw drafted from Los Angeles by St. Louis, got away poorly, but is pitching great guns now for the Browns.

* * *

Ex-Portland pitchers are cutting great swaths in the big bush.

Tom Seaton, one of McCredie's pennant assets in 1910 and 1911, is leading the National League pitchers with 14 wins and three losses up to the last compilation of statistics. Vean Gregg, a teammate of Seaton's, has won 16 and lost seven for the Cleveland Americans. Steen's record is three wins and an equal number of losses for the Naps, and Bobby Groom's record at Washington is eight wins and nine losses.

Houck, a Portland youth, has captured eight victories for the Philadelphia Athletics and lost only three. Portland may boast of the star of the 1913 world's series. Mack got Houck from Spokane.

HOT WEATHER SAPS VITALITY

Connie Mack Says Players of Washington and St. Louis Suffer.

BOSTON, July 26.—The teams in "the two hot cities," as he calls them, have practically no chance to win pennants in the big leagues, says Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics. "A ball team in Washington or St. Louis will have to be 20 per cent stronger than any of its rivals to finish on top," he declared. "The heat and humidity rob the players of their vitality. I caught in Washington three seasons and know. St. Louis is nearly as bad. Even when the Athletics play a brief series in those towns they leave with less life than they entered with. A team that has to play in such weather half the time suffers more of course. In Cincinnati it's a good deal the same."

FEDERAL LEAGUE STICKS

INDICATIONS ARE SCHEDULE WILL BE PLAYED OUT.

Fight in Earnest Expected to Be Put Under Way Next Year—Fans Give New Circuit Good Support.

It now looks like a 1 to 2 shot that the Federal League will play its schedule out. When it opened its doors the odds were much against it running later than the Fourth, which is the usual limit for blow-ups of fly-by-night leagues. In the event that it plays its regular schedule out and pays salaries it will give it a prestige of unmistakable value. The Federal League is simply oiling up its guns for next year, when a fight in earnest will begin. Holding together this year will make it that much easier to dig up live angels this Winter which it will need.

The St. Louis Times speaks of the new organization in this fashion:

The Federal League is giving George Tebeau an awful scare in Kansas City. At the opening game Saturday the paid admissions exceeded 6000, while Sunday the crowd was a few hundred beyond that figure.

The American Association magnates are all het up over the fact that the Federals are invading their territory, and some of the magnates recently were anxious to make war on the Feds. The cooler heads advised patience, to see if the Federal League wouldn't just naturally die.

But dissolution seems the least of the new league's worries. From a standpoint of receipts, St. Louis seems to be the weakest spot in the new organization, and this will be remedied next season with a new ball park more centrally located.

At Sunday's game in Kay See, Tebeau had two spotters with hand-adders clocking the people as they entered. Secretary Lloyd Rickart got hep to them and invited them inside to witness the contest, saying he would show them the settlement slip after the game.

The gross attendance at Tebeau's park Saturday was 1500, as against 7000 gross and 6000 paid at the Federals'. Sunday Tebeau attracted 2500 people with his American Association outfit, while the Feds drew over 6000 paid.

SPORTS