

STUMPF'S PLAYING PLEASES MCCREDIE

Second Baseman From Cleveland Is Fast Fielder and Makes Frequent Hits.

MURPHY GOOD ON THIRD

Earnest Hall, 17 Years Old, South-paw First Baseman, in Line to Land Place if Derrick Does Not Show Up.

PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Fresno, Cal., March 6.—(Special.)—William Stumpf, second baseman last year for the Cleveland American Association...

During three years that he has been in baseball, Stumpf has made three moves and each has been westward, the third bringing him all the way to the Coast.

McCredie depends on Stumpf for timely and hard hitting this year as well as an impregnable defense at second base.

Stumpf's movement is free and each punch is a healthy one. He prefers a heavy stick and he does not try to put the ball out of the lot but just to land safely.

At the conclusion of the season he was drafted by the New York Americans and was there for a few days.

Following is Stumpf's hitting: Games, 132; at bat, 478; runs, 54; hits, 127; two-base, 16; three-base, 7; total bases, 187; sacrifice hits, 12; stolen bases, 20; base on balls, 47; struck out, 48; percentage, .287. Fielding average: Games, 23; put outs, 194; assists, 176; errors, 12; percentage, .957.

H. C. Murphy, of Thomasville, Ga., who comes to us from the Philadelphia Nationals on a trade in which Bancroft figured, promises to be the man that will hold down third base for the Beavers.

Murphy comes directly from the Jersey City club, of the International League, with which he played last season. He is a young player and has been sent to the Coast for the first time in two seasons on the Coast Murphy should return to the majors and hold a position on the diamond.

Murphy has been in the game four years, three of which were spent in organized leagues. His first year was with the semi-professional teams around Thomasville.

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The new man is small, but agile and covers a marvelous amount of territory. His throwing is first class and he attracted attention. Murphy comes in fast on a bunt, hooks it with a swinging motion that ends in an accurate throw to first base.

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Games, 139; at bat, 456; runs, 56; hits, 197; two-base, 14; three-base, 7; stolen bases, 15; sacrifice hits, 15; total bases, 255; percentage, .431. Fielding average at third base: Games, 12; putouts, 15; assists, 20; errors, 3; percentage, .921. Second base: Games, 125; putouts, 270; assists, 238; errors, 6; percentage, .909.

Evans took a six weeks' hunting trip through Eastern Oregon last winter and during the time had a number of rather sensational experiences, which he is relating in interesting chapters.

Evans says his best experience was with a wildcat which he had chased for several miles before he located it in a tree. Evans took a shot at the animal and knocked it out. A lively fight ensued between Evans and the wildcat, a young hunting dog, and the cat. The dog was killed but the cat was not.

On another occasion Evans says he killed the biggest coyote in the world. Evans, with his trusty hunter, was out for an afternoon stroll through the county, when he sighted something that looked as big as a bear.

Evans could get a "head" on it if the animal disappeared. Evans gave chase and by following him he soon overtook the wild best just as it was halfway up the side of a gentle hill.

Evans "wanged" loose and caught the prodigious beast right back of the shoulders, dropping it instantly.

Rushing over to the fallen animal, Evans found that it was only a coyote. "I would have had a rug as big as a house if that coyote hadn't had the mange," he said.

QUARTET OF NEW TOSSERS TRYING OUT FOR PORTLAND COAST CHAMPIONS AT FRESNO TRAINING CAMP.



Ed Barnes, Pitcher

4 TEAMS OUT TODAY

Nines in City League Begin to Take Form.

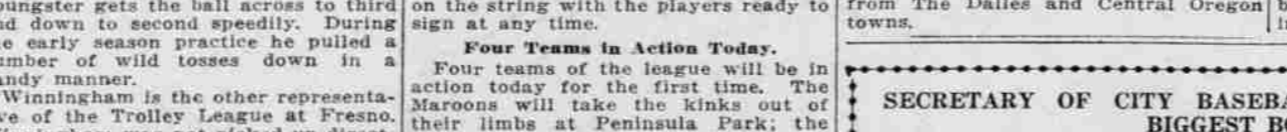
REDMEN ALREADY SIGNED

West Portland Monarchs, Also, Have Contracts With Players, While Maroons and Sellwood Weonas Have Players in Line.

HOOD RIVER PLAYING TENNIS

Benedict Club Laying Plans for Spring Tournament.

SECRETARY OF CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE IS CIRCUIT'S BIGGEST BOOSTER.



HARRY GRAYSON.

J. J. RICHARDSON TO EMPIRE

Oregon and Oregon Aggies Choose Scout to Act in Ball Series.

SWITCHING WASHINGTON LEAGUE PLAN

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—Plans are under way for the organization of a baseball league, comprising the small towns in Southwest Washington that have been supporting independent teams.

WILLIAMS SHOWS TOP SPEED

Mormons Have Fast Workout With Eastley Suffering Crack on Arm.

ILLINOI DEFEATS WASHINGTON

Touring Basketball Team Takes Seattle Game by 47 to 35.

FAMOUS GEORGIAN STAR TELLS OF FUNNIEST JOKE.

It All Happened on Philadelphia Ball Field, Says Tyrus Cobb, When George Mullin Counted Out Tommy Connolly When He Was Hit by Ball.

BARNES WINS PRAISE

Soldier Recruit Said to Be Satisfactory to McCredie.

BERTH THOUGHT ASSURED

Term of Enlistment Expires April 12 and Leave Extends to April 10, So Two Days' Service With Regiment Will Be Required.

PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Fresno, Cal., March 6.—(Special.)—Soldier Ed Barnes, the recruit pitcher from San Francisco, has deserted the Army for professional baseball.

This is Barnes' first venture in professional baseball and from the manner in which McCredie is taking to his work so far Barnes at least will land a job in the Northwestern League with strings attached, if he does not become a regular member of the Beaver squad.

Barnes is 24 years old, big as a house and his bulk is far from being flesh. He stands more than six feet in his socks and tips the scales at 195 pounds.

Barnes expects to come down to about 180 before the season opens. Barnes is still a soldier and will be one until April 12, when his three-year enlistment in the recruiting service at Angel Island will be up.

Prior to 1911 he played and developed on the sand lots of San Francisco. Barnes is now on six weeks' leave of absence and his time is up April 10.

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When Barnes entered the recruiting service in 1912 he was assigned to Fort McDowell. Here his pitching ability was soon discovered.

He won his first game and was named first twirler on the club, a position he held for three successive seasons. Last year he won his best, winning 19 out of 26 games.

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EMERY BALL DECEIVED

Jack Ryan, However, Says Lush and Martinoni Used It.

METHOD IS EXPLAINED

Overhand Delivery Used on Sphere That Batters, Without Exception, Fail to Hit, Says Angel in Talking of Work on Mound.

PORTLAND TRAINING CAMP, Fresno, Cal., March 6.—(Special.)—Elmer Martinoni and Johnny Lush are busy these days denying that they used the greatly advertised "emery ball" in the Coast League last year.

Ryan tells just how the pitchers throw the ball, exactly the result it brings, and declares that batters find it impossible to hit and that it will be useless for umpires to try to stop its use.

Ryan says that he can throw the "emery" without the use of emery paper by just making a few creases in the horseshoe with his thumb nail.

"I used the 'emery ball' a little last season," said Ryan, "and I had to laugh at my sleeve at the batters' swiping at it. I did not use it to any great extent, as I was getting along well enough without it, but whenever I got into a tight pinch I would 'em' a few of those. Down in Imperial Valley this winter I used it a great deal during the first part of the season, but quit for fear the director would prohibit its use."

"Over in Calexico one day I fanned 16 men when using this thing. Believe me it's one that I would not use. By holding the rough surface up the ball taken a quick drop at the plate, and when the scrubbed part is held down the ball takes a quick rise, and you can possibly prevent pitchers from using the 'emery ball' this year. Why, any ball that has been smashed hard on, converted into an 'emery ball.' It does not necessarily require careful scratching to throw this ball. Last Sunday, when we were playing the Soldiers' Home team, I used a ball that I had behind me when I started to pitch. 'Well, I see you ump are not going to let us use the 'emery ball' this year," I said to Finn, the ump. "I'll give you a little dough if you do, you can bet on that," responded the ump. "Well, just look at that one," I replied, and grabbing a ball that had been used a couple of innings and picking out a rough spot on it, I threw Hoffman one that hopped up a few inches. When the ball came back, I showed it to Finn. "Now show me where I scraped it, will you?"

"The more the ball is scraped the larger break it will take, but a pitcher has to be careful not to break his wrist by his catcher inside out. Why, a person cannot possibly hit that ball, let alone catch it, and the beauty of it is that absolutely no strain is placed on the arm."

Overhand Delivery Is Used. "Just a straight overhand delivery or movement is required and the wrist does not have to be jerked and twisted that it does when a curve ball is thrown."

"The 'emery ball' is just opposite from the way the ball is pitched. The damp moisture applied to the spitter allows the ball to slip from the fingers 'dead,' while the 'emery ball' catches in the atmosphere and is caught by the batters' reactions as the wind catches in between the rough ridges."

"The 'emery ball' was used to a certain extent by the Coast League last season. Johnny Lush, of the Beavers, relied on it, while Lefty Letfield and Martinoni used it all through the year, although Lush used it a bit back-wardly."

Just how the league directors will be able to prevent the ball, which is hard to trace, is a question that will be answered by the league directors.

According to reports the Chicago White Sox, as the Federals are now called, have signed a whale of a fence-buster in E. H. Warner, who was a batter with the New England and his hitting average is said to be .400.

At Bloom, the Portland "violet king," who signed a contract and will be given an opportunity to make good with the Aberdeen Black Cats, is coming in for considerable favor in the local press. The Portland semi-pro is stock full of confidence.

That ballplayers are now getting 90 per cent of all profits is the contention of Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, who draws a lurid picture of the "business of baseball" as it exists today. Furthermore, the veteran manager says that organized ball cannot even make elbow room for the National League, because, in his opinion, there is no public demand for a third major circuit.

"That the Federals were not wanted was proven by the little support given them in the past season," said Connie. "In 1900, when the American League wished to expand, there was a heavy lobby for another league, but conditions are not the same now."

Howard Daringer, the Three Eye League outfielder, who was sold to Seattle along with First Baseman Jack Beatty by Clarence Rowland, will not come to the Pacific Northwest. Daringer has turned down a contract from Seattle to whether he would like to play out here he said that he was a man of family and while he would enjoy a trip to the Coast, it seemed too much of an upheaval in the ordinary course of his affairs.

"It was part of the agreement between Rowland and myself," said President Dugdale, "that in case either or both of the players objected to coming West, the deal should fall through. I have turned Daringer's contract over to Peoria, but still hope Beatty will come here."

Sheldon LeJeune, who played center field for Aberdeen when Clarence Rowland was manager, denies emphatically that he has been sickening with the Peoria, Pittsburg secure LeJeune from Sioux City last fall. LeJeune is an odd character, but when he says anything he means it.

"Slim" Smith, who pitched for Victoria part of last season, is among the "holdouts," according to the dope over Spokane, where he is putting in the winter.

The Federal League season will open April 15.

The American Giants, crack colored Chicago ball club, will play four games in Tacoma with the Tigers during the training season. The darkies are to meet the Tigers April 12, 13, 14 and 15. These games ought to give the Tacoma fans a fair line of what may be expected of Russ Hall's athletes during the regular season.

Three or four years ago a Portland newspaper conducted a campaign for a name for the new Portland Northwest team and a committee of some persons awarded a season ticket to somebody who scheduled with the "White Sox" team No. 2 Monday afternoon.

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