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So Deadlock Exists and Apparently First "Holdout" of 1916 Enters.

DERRICK WILL BE HELD

Regular First Sacker to Be Kept by Portland in Case Player Drafted From Syracuse May Not Be Obtained.

BY BOSCOE FARWELL.

Enter the first "holdout" of the 1916 baseball campaign. Owen Quinn, coached by Syracuse to Portland Coast League club; position, first base; left-hand thrower and batter.

Quinn is perhaps not a "holdout," in the strict sense of the word. But he wants more money than the A.A. league are willing to pay nowadays, and in the old days before the Fed crossed the horizon that was not unusual evidence of the presence of "holdout" ball.

W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland club, has arranged a schedule of salaries that will enable him to keep within the \$1500 monthly limit and he is not inclined to yield to Quinn's demands.

On viewing things as they now stand, a deadlock exists and Quinn can properly be designated as a holdout.

While the two sides to the salary controversy undoubtedly will get together later on, in the meantime the McCredie has decided to hold to Fred Derrick. Derrick has been the regular first sacker of the club for three seasons and is plenty good enough in contention to that role if it comes to a pinch.

It had been Walter McCredie's idea, however, to send Derrick to the Southern League and give the fans as complete a change in faces as possible in 1916.

In line with this policy, Mack went

HARVARD COACH IS OWNER OF BRAVES

P. D. Haughton Heads Syndicate Which Buys Boston Baseball Club.

STALLINGS KEPT AS PILOT

Deal for Purchase of Team Comes as Surprise—Crimson Football Leader Likely to Retire From His Work at Cambridge.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Percy D. Haughton,

the famous Harvard football coach, today became president and part owner of the Boston National League baseball club. Associated with him as head of a syndicate of Boston men is Arthur C. Wise, member of a local banking firm.

The new president announced that he would retain the services of George T. Stallings as manager of the club, and that Stallings would have absolute charge of the playing end. Walter E. Haggard will continue as business manager.

The announcement of the sale of the club, which two years ago won the world's championship after a sensational season, was a surprise to sporting circles. The Braves had not been on the market and, until within a few weeks, President James E. Gaffney said he and Robert F. Davis, of New York, the owners, had fully expected to retain control during the coming season.

Unofficially the price paid is said to be close to \$100,000. The club was purchased three years ago by Mr. Gaffney for \$157,000. The new Braves' field, at which the last world's series was played, was not included in the sale. A lease the same length as that held by Gaffney was given the new owners. It will be for 25 years.

While a statement by Mr. Haughton made no direct reference to his probable action with regard to severing his

DR. E. J. STEWART BE NEBRASKA COACH

Oregon Aggie Football Pilot Accepts Offer and Will Succeed Stiehm.

SALARY WILL BE \$4000

Nebraska Athletic Board Makes Announcement and Wants to Put Oregon Man in Charge of Athletics Next Fall.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8.—Dr. E. J. Stewart,

for four years athletic director and football coach of Oregon Agricultural College, has been elected to a similar position with the University of Nebraska, and has announced his acceptance. His salary will be \$4000 a year, and his service begins next September. His selection is under the usual terms of a university professorship, a one-year contract with a renewal at the end of the year if his services are satisfactory.

Ewald O. Stiehm, for five years Nebraska coach, this evening tendered his resignation to the university athletic board, to take effect immediately, and it was accepted. Stiehm's contract with Nebraska did not terminate until September 1, but the board decided, following an extended session, that his services could be dispensed with at this time without embarrassment to the department of athletics. Stiehm is already under contract with Indiana University, and it was felt his interests naturally are greater with that school than with Nebraska.

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Harvard Coach May Apply Gridiron Methods to Baseball Team.

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who will become president of the Boston Nationals under the new regime, is more noted as a football player and coach than as a baseball man, although he played on the varsity only with an undergraduate at Harvard in the late '90s and captained the Crimson team of 1899.

Of late years, Haughton has divided his attention between the coaching of Harvard football teams and the Boston Stock Exchange. His success year in and year out with the Crimson eleven has made him one of the most famous of American football coaches. Since he took charge in 1908 the Cambridge eleven under his tuition have played 73 games in eight years, of which 61 have been won, four lost and five tied.

Haughton said recently that there was no mystery or secret about the success of the Harvard coaching system. Common sense and business efficiency is the basis of the system, he said. The offense and defense of opponents is carefully studied in advance and a special campaign of attack and defense planned for that game. As a result, Harvard played a different game against each combination met and usually with marked success.

The new president of the Boston Braves possesses great executive ability for planning complicated and intricate plays. His entrance into the field of professional baseball and the expected incorporation of the Harvard football system into a club of the National pastime probably will be watched with interest by baseball and football fans.

Johnson Wins Two Mat Bouts.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 8.—In a wrestling bout here last night Israel A. Johnson, heavyweight champion of Montana, put to the mat Joe Turner, of Portland, in 30 minutes, with a half-Nelson, and Carl Nelson, of Spokane, in five minutes, with a full-Nelson. Three of Nelson's ribs were crushed. Johnson weighed 210 pounds; Turner, 166, and Nelson, 152.

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LEAD HELD UP TO LAST

Closing Weeks See Joe Gedeon and Buddy Ryan Forge Ahead in Runs Driven Across Plate by Hits and Sacrifices.

Salt Lake's spurt up towards the top

and Oaks' slide down towards the sub-cellar in the closing weeks of the 1915 Coast League race boosted both Joe Gedeon and Buddy Ryan, of Salt Lake, up above Jack Neas, of Oakland, in the race for first honors in runs driven across the plate by timely hits and sacrifices. Up to the last few weeks of the season Neas looked like a sure thing for the honors, but after his world record run of consecutive games of hitting he dropped off and Gedeon started to spurt.

Gedeon finished the season with a total of 134 runs driven across the plate and his teammate Ryan was a good second, with 124 runs. Neas, of Oakland, with 124 runs driven in was third, and Ping Bodie, of San Francisco, was fourth with 113 runs driven in.

These four were the only players to pass the century mark. Gedeon's total of 134 runs driven in is a new league record, topping the 1914 record of Duke Ellis, of Los Angeles, who in that year drove in 120 runs. In 1915 Ellis fell far behind his 1914 record, driving in only 66 runs.

Following are the players on each club who drove in more than 20 runs for the season of 1915:

Los Angeles (Oakland), 25;	Walter 77; Terry, 60; McMullen, 60; Ellis, 60; Maggert, 60; Bodie, 40; Metzger, 32; Harter, 25; Elliott, 25; Litsch, 18; Middleton, 18; Kuhn, 15.
Portland—Stumpf, 25; Bates, 21; Leber, 21; Spess, 20; Derrick, 20; Fisher, 18; Davis, 18; Carbach, 20.	
Salt Lake—Gedeon, 134; Ryan, 124; Shinn, 90; Brief, 74; Orr, 72; Zacher, 65; Hannah, 60; Hallinan, 41; Lynn, 22.	
San Francisco—Stumpf, 197; Schaller, 95; Downes, 82; Jones, 71; Corban, 58; Fitzgerald, 58; Helmsman, 54; Helmick, 52; Leonard, 23.	
Vernon—Purtell, 79; Bayless, 74; Ribberg, 71; Spenser, 62; Wilbur, 58; Kane, 49; Gietelman, 49; Spenser, 49; Deane (Portland), 47; Mittze, 37; Rager, 23.	

Harry Wolverton's San Francisco pennant winners were the best base-stealing club in the league, not only in total steals but in the percentage of successful steals. San Francisco base runners stole 355 bases for the season and were successful on 47 per cent of their 197 times, a percentage of successful steals of .238. Salt Lake was second and Oakland third on the percentage rating as follows:

Club—	S.B.	T.O.S.	Pct.
San Francisco	355	197	.629
Salt Lake	281	124	.441
Oakland	244	104	.426
Los Angeles	271	102	.376
Portland	194	79	.407
Vernon	174	52	.299

Sequedra was the only Coast League catcher who finished the 1915 season with a record of having thrown out more men than stole bases against him. The record-throwing catcher threw out 26 men attempting to steal and only 31 steals were made against him. Spenser, of Vernon, had the next best record with 81 men thrown out and 83 steals. Percentage ratings follow:

Catcher, club—	T.O.S.	S.B.	Pct.
Sequedra, San Francisco	81	83	.494
Spenser, Vernon	81	83	.494
Bodie, Los Angeles	77	79	.452
Lynn, Salt Lake	48	37	.437
Baaser, Los Angeles	35	38	.453
Hannah, Salt Lake	35	38	.453
Fisher, Portland	194	107	.298
Kuhn, Oakland	18	20	.471
Carbach, Portland	62	68	.487
Elliott, Oakland	25	18	.417
Bodie, San Francisco	28	18	.391
Schmidt, San Francisco	73	37	.334
Brooks, Los Angeles	1	2	.200
Davis, Portland	1	2	.200
Mittze, Vernon	72	151	.322

Johnston, of Oakland, not only led the league in 1915 for total stolen bases, but on the percentage basis of successful steals. Johnston was the real leader, although Ribberg, of Vernon, topped him nominally in the smaller number of games in which he played. Ribberg stole 30 bases and was thrown out by opposing catchers only nine times, a percentage of successful steals of .769. Johnston's record of 82 stolen bases was offset by only 26 times thrown out, a .765 percentage. Maggert, of Los Angeles, stole 56 bases and was thrown out 22 times, a .718 percentage. Shinn, of Salt Lake, was the only other player rated with better than a .700 percentage, having stolen 43 bases and been thrown out 17 times, a .717 percentage. Middleton, of Los Angeles, was thrown out trying to steal 38 times, this being more times than any other player in the league was thrown out. Middleton, of Oakland, thrown out 33 times and Purcell, of Vernon, thrown out 32 times, were the only other players in the league who were turned back more than 20 times in attempts to steal bases. Following is the percentage rating of successful steals of all players who finished the league season with a record of 25 or more stolen bases:

Player, club—	S.B.	T.O.S.	Pct.
Ribberg, Vernon	30	9	.769
Johnston, Oakland	82	26	.759
Maggert, Los Angeles	56	22	.718
Shinn, Salt Lake	43	12	.717
Helmsman, San Francisco	27	12	.692
Schaller, San Francisco	95	28	.703
Spess, Portland	31	10	.677
Hodie, San Francisco	28	11	.609
Wilbur, Vernon	58	18	.644
Ellis, Los Angeles	120	44	.614
Fitzgerald, San Francisco	58	24	.644
Schmidt, San Francisco	50	16	.623
Errick, Portland	25	10	.600
Metzger, San Francisco	32	12	.625
Corban, San Francisco	25	10	.600
Orr, Salt Lake	72	25	.688
Jones, San Francisco	22	8	.636
Walter, Los Angeles	77	24	.688
Gedeon, Salt Lake	134	18	.881
Stumpf, Portland	25	21	.545
Middleton, Oakland	18	13	.577
McMullen, Los Angeles	71	38	.465

Note—In base stealing records, three times above 7 O. S. denotes "thrown out stealing."

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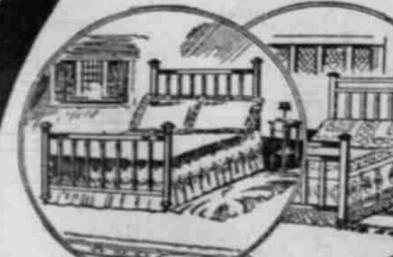
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youth he played on two championship teams, namely, Milngavie Allander team of the Glasgow District League in 1908; Scottish League, second division, in 1909; and Sauchie team, which won the Stirlingshire title in 1909-10. He played against some of the best professional booters in Scotland and is in a position to show the Washington High athletes many of the finer points of the game. "Bob" is well known in Portland and vicinity, having played on two Mount Scott state championship aggregations, and then with the Rangers of the Portland City Soccer Association in 1912-13.