

## JUDGE M'CREIDIE EXPLAINS HIS VIEW

President of Portland Club  
Takes Issue With Nephew  
in League Furore.

### 'SYNDICATE BALL' DUBIOUS

What Does Look Bad to Elder McCreddie is Action of Los Angeles  
in Grabbing Big Players, Then  
Trying to Raise Salary.

W. W. McCreddie, president of the Portland Coast ball club, does not entertain his nephew's views of the alleged "interlocking directorate" meaning the San Francisco and Los Angeles clubs.

"If there really was any syndicate ball in the league you would hear from me," said Judge McCreddie yesterday. "Henry Berry formerly owned the Los Angeles club. The Los Angeles and Vernon teams, both located in Los Angeles, combined in the leasing of a ball park, but their franchises were entirely separate."

"When Henry Berry had a chance to purchase the San Francisco club he sold his interests in Los Angeles to John Powers and Tom Darnody. If he still has any interest in the Los Angeles club it is only whatever remains to be paid to him from the sale of the Angels."

"When Darnody let go of his stock to Frank Chance recently Berry probably had to be there to be a party to the transfer of his secured interests. But that is not syndicate ball—merely straight business."

"Walter McCreddie was angered somewhat by the apparent combination against us on the salary limit question and I guess that is why he 'passed the buck' over to Henry Berry. Both Walter and myself think a great deal of Mr. Berry, and Walter means nothing personal. He simply took that means to let the Southern California directors know that he did not approve of their intentions."

"Nor do I approve of this new combination on the salary question. When the salary limit matter was brought up at the league meeting and Mr. Powers proposed a \$4500 monthly limit, I said to him: 'Why not make it \$4000 with a \$500 leeway, because some of you will be sure to go beyond the limit again?' No," Mr. Powers replied, "let's make it a straight \$4500 and everybody hold to it."

"All right, then. So far so good. Portland went ahead and drew its plans on a \$4500 basis. We were of-

fered several good men like McLarry, Fisher and others, but had to reject them because they would have put us above the limit.

"Los Angeles thereupon turned around and signed them and now wants to have the limit moved up to \$5000.

"Is there anything fair in such a procedure? Neither is it fair nor is it good business. I am not one bit in sympathy with Walter McCreddie in this syndicate ball furore, but the Southern California directors in a small measure brought trouble upon themselves."

### WILLAMINA WINS 3 OUT OF 4

Quintet Scheduled to Play Monmouth and McMinnville Soon.

WILLAMINA, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Willamina High School basketball team has played four games, winning three. The first was with Sheridan High, 31 to 10. The McMinnville Juniors lost, 31 to 8. The Grande Ronde Giants were defeated, 39 to 8, and Sheridan fell, 30 to 8.

Games with Monmouth and McMinnville are scheduled for the next two weeks and also the Portland "Metropolitans" and the Oregon City Highs have sent challenges.

### Will Coast League Enter Combine on Feds?

If Directors Back Move, Portland May Lose Bobby Vaughn, Second-Sacker, but McCreddies Promise Fight for Star.

PLANS for the formation of a combine to "cold-shoulder" all Federal League ball stars who jumped any of the three AA leagues were revealed yesterday in a letter received by W. W. McCreddie from President A. T. Baum, of the Pacific Coast League.

If the Pacific Coast League directors vote to join the combine it will mean the loss of Bobby Vaughn, the St. Louis second-sacker, by the Portland club, inasmuch as Vaughn is rated as the classiest infielder entering the league this year, the McCreddies are vitally concerned and will put forth every effort to retain their new star.

Edward Barrows, president of the International League, and J. H. Farrell, secretary of the minor leagues association, are leading the fight. Thomas Chivington, president of the American Association, the other AA league, is also working in accord, judging from "quotes" from a letter he wrote to Allan T. Baum some time ago.

Chivington's contention is that if the three AA leagues refuse to buy any of the players who jumped these leagues, said players will have to be released outright by the majors if not wanted in the big leagues.

Then the original AA clubs from which said players jumped to the outlaw league could step in and sign their old stars and save some purchase money.

Judge McCreddie says that Buffalo had as much chance to buy Vaughn from St. Louis as did Portland. Portland is not asking for the return of any of its three contract men and is not willing to relinquish Vaughn to Buffalo.

## COAST INFIELDS NEARLY COMPLETE

Angels Seem to Have Classiest  
Innerworks Yet Lined Up  
in Pacific Circuit.

### 2 JOBS YET TO BE FILLED

From Speed Viewpoint, However,  
Portland Leads by Several Fur-  
long—Oaks' Inside Pasture  
to Be Entirely Rebuilt.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

With the exception of two vacancies yet to be filled, Pacific Coast League infielders are ready for the gong sounding forth the start of the 1916 race.

Dope is a capricious and untrustworthy little imp, but so far as dope is concerned, the Los Angeles club seems to have the classiest innerworks in the circuit. Frank Chance has four .300 hitters to man his infield. This does not include Butler, the youngster who broke in from the Northwestern League last year at a 230 clip. The Angels are a trifle shy on speed.

Butler is fast and is a good fielder, but the wisecracks down South are picking Galloway, of the Denver club, as first-string third sacker.

Galloway's 1915 Record .347.

Galloway batted .347 last year for Denver, but stole only 13 bags all season. In 1914 he played with Indianapolis in the American Association, batted .340 and stole four bases.

Judging from this record, Galloway will have a task beating Butler out of his job.

Koerner, at first for the Angels, is a holdover. Like McLarry, Fisher and Galloway, he is not at all built on the lines of the gazelle. He hit .318 in the Coast League last year.

McLarry at second batted .316 for Louisville in the American Association in 1914 and was grabbed by the Chicago Cubs last year. He was used in only 68 games and his batting average was .197, yet he is a good hitter.

Fisher to Be Angels' Short.

Fisher, another Cub, will hold down shortstop for Frank Chance's Angels. Fisher batted .327 in the National League last year and likely would still be in the big show were it not for the consolidation of the Chicago Cubs and Cubs.

Butler, last year's regular third sacker, completes the lineup.

From the speed viewpoint, the new Portland infield is over the Angels by several furlongs. And for all-around efficiency, the Beaver inner-

works does not suffer by comparison with rival clubs.

Quinn, of Syracuse, at first base, is somewhat of an experiment. McCreddie thinks this youngster will prove the best first baseman in the league. In 54 games last year he stole 24 bases and batted .237.

Vaughn at Second ex-Fed Star.

Vaughn, at second, was a star in the Federal League last year, and ought to hit .300 out here. Ward, at short, is a shifty fielder and a .270 hitter while Stumpf, at third, is a .300 batter and a fairly good base-runner. Hollacher, of Keokuk, and Bigbee, of Oregon, are two promising utility infielders.

Oakland will have an entirely new infield, judging from appearances. Barry, of Jersey City, a .290 batter, will play first; Berg, of Milwaukee, will compete against Stow for second; Bobby Davis, of Portland, will be at short; and Barbeau, a Milwaukee veteran, who is a good stick swinger, will be on third.

Salt Lake will hold over with the exception of a new second baseman and a utility infielder, Herb Murphy, last year of the Portland and Spokane clubs.

Vernon Has Two New Infielders.

Vernon will show two new infielders in Ray Bates, last year the star third sacker of the Portland club, and McGaffigan, of Lincoln, of the Western League. Gleichmann will hold over at first; Bates will play second, McGaffigan short and Purcell and Rader will be at third.

McGaffigan is fast and is one of the most promising new men in the circuit.

The only infielders in the league still unfinished are the Salt Lake and San Francisco. Salt Lake had figured on Morris Rath, of Kansas City, for second base, succeeding Joe Geddon, but Rath refused to report and this leaves Blankenship in the lurch.

The Seal vacancy is at shortstop, where Roy Corhan coveted for several summers. Corhan went up to the St. Louis Cards. Doubtless the Cardinals will send Wolverton, a capable substitute before long. Bohne, a youngster, is the only candidate on the Seal roster at present.

DALLAS 24, CHEMAWA 23

Quintet Nearly Loses on Own Floor for First Time in 10 Years.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 29.—The Dallas basketball team beat the five representing the Chemawa Indian School last night by the score of 24 to 23. It was the nearest the locals came to being defeated on their own floor for the past 10 years. The guarding of Matheneby, of Dallas, was the greatest seen since the best days of Al Morton.

The Indians play the Oregon Agricultural College freshmen at Chemawa tonight. The lineup:

Dallas (24) Chemawa (23)  
Baletine.....F.....Doville  
Boydstone.....F.....Adams  
Thayer.....F.....Byrd  
Matheneby.....G.....Keller  
Goach.....G.....Chamberlain

Washougal Beats Mutes' Quintet.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The basketball team of the State School for the Deaf, of Vancouver, went down to defeat before the Washougal High School team under a score of 18 to 11. Kelly starred for the visitors and Brock for the home team.

## HEAVIEST BATTING SHOTSTOP OF NATIONAL LEAGUE WHO WILL BE ON LOS ANGELES INFIELD THIS YEAR.



Fisher, Los Angeles

R. T. Fisher, Chicago Cubs. Fisher topped all the National League shortstops with the stick last year, batting .387 in 147 games. Fisher fielded .933, which was five points better than the best in the league. Fisher had 190 fewer chances than "Our Dave," showing that he was not covering as much ground.

## COACH RATING RISES

Otto Klum, of Medford High,  
Push Team to Front.

### ASHLAND FINALLY BEATEN

New Proteges Are Led to Victory  
Over His Own Former Team for  
First Time in Five Years.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—With a record of 23 victories out of 24 starts in the last three years, Otto Klum, coach of the Medford High School football team, has made a name for himself. In basketball he has won 25 victories and lost five games since 1913, and in baseball his teams have been credited with nine wins and two setbacks.

Klum was an Oregon Agricultural College student and is a native of Ashland, Or. He is 23 years old and quite an athlete himself. Following is the football record he has made in the last three years:

Ashland.....6 Alumni.....2  
Ashland.....8 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....6 Klamath Falls.....0  
Ashland.....4 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....6 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....2 Medford.....0  
Ashland.....19 Klamath Falls.....0

1914.  
Ashland.....2 Alumni.....3  
Ashland.....12 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....25 Klamath Falls.....0  
Ashland.....4 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....34 Klamath Falls.....0  
Ashland.....13 Grants Pass.....0  
Ashland.....2 The Dalles.....35

Medford.....6 Alumni.....0  
Medford.....12 Grants Pass.....7  
Medford.....26 Klamath Falls.....6  
Medford.....28 Grants Pass.....0  
Medford.....29 Klamath Falls.....12  
Medford.....7 Ashland.....0

Caldwell Five Beats Payette, 34-17.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Caldwell High celebrated the opening of the Southern Idaho Intercollegiate Basketball League by defeating Payette 34 to 17. The Caldwell

## ANTICS OF MEEHAN MAKE HIT IN EAST

Comic Fighter Sets All Laugh-  
ing and Has No Difficulty  
in Obtaining Matches.

### MILLER WINS FIRST BOUT

Newspaper Decision Is Obtained  
From Moose Tausig—Hard Luck  
Continues to Follow on  
Willie Ritchie's Heels.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Willie Meehan, the heavyweight clown of the San Francisco four-round game, is making good with a vengeance, according to a letter just received.

Willie Ritchie writes that Meehan met with favor from the time of his first fight in Philadelphia, and that the New Yorkers like his slapstick style so much he can get all the fights he wants.

Now, this isn't as much of a surprise to the writer as it will be to a lot of people. We have grown so accustomed to the antics of Meehan that we have not considered him as seriously as he has been entitled to be considered, and, therefore, we haven't appreciated him for his full worth.

And at the same time it must be remembered that, while not instructive, perhaps, or scientific in any degree, still he has given the fans many a laugh. There's exactly the reason they like him in New York.

Comic Bouts Appreciated.

When you go to a series of boxing matches you don't want them all clever sessions, and you wouldn't care to have them altogether mauling matches. In the same way, while you want to be instructed at times, there are other moments when you prefer to sit back in your seats and laugh unreservedly.

That's the sort of a diet that Meehan furnishes. When you see him in the ring he doesn't impress you as being the fellow who could ever win the title or come close thereto. All the same, you can get a few minutes of fun out of what he is doing, and when you see his name attached to a programme a week later you instantly decide you want to see what clown stuff he is going to pull.

And if Meehan is wise, he will keep right on with the fighting game. He isn't clever by a long shot, and never will be. At the same time, he knows enough about the art of self-defense to take care of himself, and he can lay out many a chap he will meet.

Eddie Miller Wins in East.

New York likes to laugh just as much as do the fight fans in San Francisco, and, therefore, I say there is no reason for being surprised that Meehan has caught on.

Eddie Miller, who went East with Moose Tausig, won his first fight the other night with a boy named Willie Jackson for six rounds in Philadelphia. Eddie telegraphed home this week that he was handed the newspaper decision, and the New York promoters had agreed to give him a chance in Gotham.

Hard luck that has been following Willie Ritchie the rounds ever since he started in the fighting game has taken another crack at the lightweight. While training for a return match against Kid Ted Lewis in New York—a fight that was to have been held on January 23—the San Francisco fractured one of his ribs. According to reports received here, the injury, while not serious, will keep him out of the ring for a month or more.

Match With Lewis Cancelled.

It has forced him to cancel his match with Lewis, which would have probably netted him a big victory of \$3500, and in addition it has cost him other engagements he had at St. Louis as well as Memphis.

Ritchie is up and with an injury for several months before he won the championship, and after he annexed the title he had trouble with his nose and heel. The injury to his ribs will keep his boat with Tommy Murphy several times.

The latest injury may prove more disastrous to the fighting game, inasmuch as the indications are that Ritchie is going heavy, and the layoff will mean the piling on of weight that is by no means easy to take off when he has to make any stipulated poundage.

For all these minor afflictions, Ritchie is hardly to be called unlucky. To the contrary, he has had more than his share of good fortune in many ways, and even though he should be forced to quit the ring tomorrow, he will have done nicely so far as this world's goods are concerned.

Lewis Plumer, a theatrical man who arrived from Australia the middle of this week, confirms the report that Lewis will not be permitted to come to this country while the war is on, but he adds that the fighter will not be sent to the front because he is too young.

Darcy's Life Told in Film.

Plumer has with him a film depicting the life story of Darcy, and it is expected that since this is not a fight film, Uncle Sam will permit it to be shown.

Because of the widespread interest in Darcy through the United States, and the feeling that he is the legitimate middleweight champion of the world, the film ought to be a hit on almost any circuit.

I have seen in some of the Eastern exchanges the belief advanced that Darcy was not allowed to come to this country because of the jealousy of his would-be managers. The tip is out that had Darcy signed with an Australian as his manager he might have been permitted to leave the country without let or hindrance.

That doesn't sound all right, and I don't believe it should be charged against Australia. The truth is that, having passed a law to keep the young men at home in time of war, it wouldn't look right for so prominent an athlete as Darcy to be allowed to go as he might please.

Pendleton Girls Defeated.

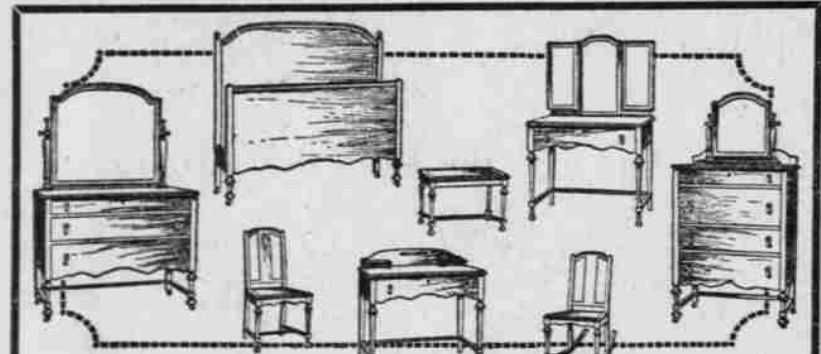
PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—In one of the best played games of the season the Pendleton girls' basketball team went down to defeat before the larger and stronger Walla Walla girls' aggregation last night by a score of 34 to 27. The feature of the game was the basket-shooting of Vera Temple and Grace Rugg, of Pendleton.

Italy Gives Pledge for Liner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Italy has given assurances that the guns mounted on the liner Veronesi are for defensive purposes and the New York customs authorities were instructed to delay to clear the ship. The liner America also was permitted to clear.

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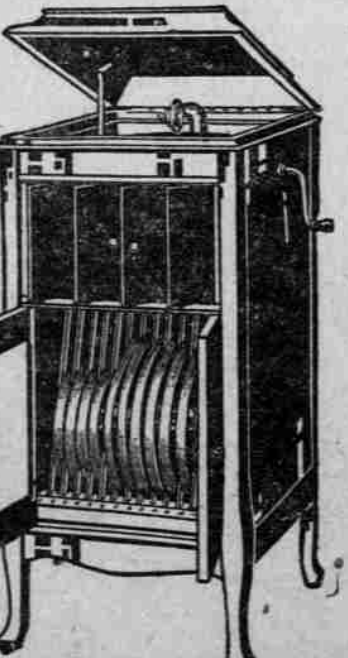
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