PROSPEROUS YEAR DECLARED IN STORE

Increased Interest in Baseball Credited to Abolition of Pre-Season Games.

FAIR BLOW FELT IN 1915

Record Crowds So Far Promise Season of Well-Filled Seats and Improved Incomes, Says Harry B. Smith.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 8.-(Special.)—All signs point to the healthlest baseball geason for the Coast League that the magnates have experienced for some time in the past. Henry Berry, the McCredies, Leavitt and Cook, of Oakland, to say nothing of the millionnires who are in the game chiefly for the pastime thusly afforded, accordingly smile most breadly.

broadly.

You can't make the financiers behind, basebull in the Wets sore by an assertion of this sort, for they have had quite enough of the lean seasons to yearn for the big crowds and their quarters and half-deliars clinking in the box office.

Baseball is a good sport under any circumstances, but it is far better when there is plenty of the dough to be had.

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League Once Near Rocks.

San Francisco is and always has been the backbone of this organization, and when things are breaking badly in this section the balance of the league is ant to go hungry. Two years ago Cal Ewing pulled that celebrated bloomer to be known as "Ewing's Folly." In short it was the new park out in a district that abounded in fog and cold winds.

The league that year almost went on the rocks. The magnates were gasping for breath when they finished their year's work, and one of the results was the sale of the San Francisco Seals to Henry Berry and his associations by Ewing and Isb.

Last year better times were anticipated, but along came the San Francisco Exposition and knocked the everlasting spots out of the sport in this section.

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Local people were more given to visiting the Exposition grounds than they were to attending the ball games. They nulled that time-honored saw about "being able to see a ball game any old time and an exposition only in the few months that it was to last."

The National pastime suffered in consequence. This is another year, and so far as can be anticipated nothing has appeared on the horizon to interfeer with crowds from start to finish, interest has been at a higher pitch because the teams have been kept away from the home grounds.

You folks in Portland can hardly appreciate how the interest has died away as a result of the Spring games that in the past have been played with the Chicago White Sox.

Attraction Is Explained.

For three weeks this season the San Francisco players remained at San Jose. Of course they participated in exhibition games, and a few of the fans made the trip to see their favorites, but on the whole there were no onlookers. As a result, when they returned home last Tuesday the biggest crowd that ever pressed through the gates at Recteriation Park took advantage of the opportunity to be on hand.

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Salt Lake and Los Angeles did even better, so that Berry predicts every team owner will receive \$3000 for his share of the receipts, which are pooled for such occasions.

Later in the week the attendance has been such as to bear out the prophets in their forecast that baseball is on the hum. Of course there are bound to be some poor weeks here and there as the clubs settle to the pennant race, but that sort of thing is to be expected. The best is the spirit that is on tap and the wholesome desire to see ball games. Magnates may not be turned into millionaires all in a matter of seven months, but they will be encouraged if they can show a fair return on their investment.

Withat a glob shown a year ago at 245 pounds. He put in five weeks reducing for the Moran fight.

He started weighing 272 pounds in his clothes, which means about 262 pounds stripped.

After five weeks of hard work he finished weighing 259½ pounds at the finished weighing 259½ pounds on the night of the fight he looked about as he did five weeks ago. The thick rolls of meat were still there.



Five years seems to be the grand average, and it will be at least four years before Jess Willard is dethroned unless he gets too fat to waddle around the ring and is forced to abdicate on account of surplus flesh.

Went from 220 to 240 in two years, and then he decided the job was beyond him.

It may be that within two years Willard will be forced to retire or give battle as a fat man in poor shape to go beyond ten rounds.

No Match in Sight.

It would be foolish to match Fulton, Moran or any other heavyweight with the big Kansan for some time to come. The Syndicate must stick to the circus—either become a part of the three-ringed show, the elephants and the pink lemonade or arrange a set-up. In which case, if the public falls, it will very justly deserve the eminent sting-the that will follow. very justly deserve the eminent sting-ing that will follow. You can take a cigar store Indian and headline him into a plausible con-tender, but never into a championship.

WOMAN FENCING CHAMPION WITH TWO TOURNAMENT CONTESTANTS.



Left to Right—Miss Florence Walton, Mrs. Charles H. Voorhies, Winner of the Tournament and National Woman Fencing Champion. and Miss Margaret Stimson.

Mrs. Charles H. Voorhies won the championship title at the tournament held at the Fencers' Club, New York, Attraction Is Explained.

For a matter of four weeks local fans would look over the San Francisco talent so that by the time the Coast League opening came to hand there would be nothing left to say about the boys at home.

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There is now but one shadow above Later in the week the attendance has the fought Johnson a year ago at 245

On Ahead.

Willard is going to find it harder and harder to prune away this surplus

JESS WILLARD will about serve out the average reign of the heavy-weight king.
Corbett, as heavyweight champion, ruled five years; Fitzshminons ruled four; Jefferles' term of active service was five years, while Johnson maintained his supremacy for the same period.

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The Penalty.

Granting Willard his share of power and speed, it was bulk more than any other feature which gave him his

It would be one of the tricks of fate e It would be one of the tricks of fate if the bulk that did so much to lift him up should turn and be the main factor in dragging him from the top.

And it would be no great surprise to see this happen. No heavyweight champion has yet retired unbeaten. Jeffries was going to quit, and so was Johnson. But they both came back that one time too often. Yet Willard may be the first to break this law of the game, especially as he doesn't care for the sport.

When he begins to find what a job

Frank C. Stellmacher Is Elected President of Organization of Its Kind That Has Been

ALBANY, Or., April 8 .- (Special.)eventy-nine Albany men have signed the membership roll of Albany's new Civilian Rifle Club. It is expected that when the application list is forwarded to Washington, D. C., next week for the enrollment of the organization under the provisions of the National Rifle Association, that the list will contain 100 names. This is the first club of the kind

formed in Oregon. Composed entirely of civilians, it is nevertheless under Government military regulation in its rifle practice. The club is formed in accordance

OFFICERS, OF ALBANY CIVILIANS' RIFLE CLUB.



regulation. Many of the city's most prominent young business and professional men are included in the organization.

Rifle Club Is Formed With

The members of the club are taking great interest in the matter and if every city had as enthusiastic an organization of the kind as Albany, National Preparedness would be much more nearly realized. It is expected that the new organization will not only develop familiarity in the use of weapons of National defense, but will propose of National defense of Nati

pons of National defense, but will pro-mote interest in the preparedness move-ment generally.

The officers of the new organization are Frank C. Stellmacher, president; Frank M. Powell, vice-president; Alvin C. Baker, secretary; R. C. Churchill, treasurer, and E. S. Hawker, executive officer. All have had considerable mili-tary synchlones ary experience.

President Stellmacher was a ser-geant in Company I of the Second Ore-gon Volunteers, which served through-out the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection.

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When a company of the Oregon National Guard was organized here after the war, he was chosen First Lieutenant and later served as Captain of the company for several years. He is past grand commander of the Spanish War Veterans of Oregon.

Vice-President Powell was until recently Captain of the Fifth Company Coast Artillery Corps, of this city, and has been identified with Oregon National Guard affairs for many years.

Secretary Baker served during the Spanish-American war with Battery B, Oregon Volunteer Artillery. For the past few years he has been an active past few years he has been an active member of the Oregon National Guard and is now First Lieutenant of the Al-

and is now First Lleutenant of the Albany company.

Treasurer Churchill was a Corporal in Company K, Second Oregon Volunteers, throughout the Philippine campaign, and he has been an active member and officer of the local camp of Spanish War Veterans for several years.

Executive Officer Hawker served in the Spanish-American war with a regiment of Ohio volunteers. He is now commander of Camp Philips, No. 4. Spanish War Veterans, of this city.

SECOND TENNIS MAN PICKED

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With Interest Shown by Club Members.

GRASS GREENS TO BE USED

Two Ball Foursome for Men to Be Held on Portland Links Next Sunday-Mixed Foursome

to Be Played April 16.

Grass greens will be played on today for the first time this season at
the Fortland Golf Club. There are a
large number of entries for the "Criterion tournament." It is expected that
at least 50 players will start the contest for the cup put up by the handicap
committee.

The committee is pleased at the interest the members have shown in
their effort to provide them with a
contest for the week-end's play. It
feels sure that these arious contests
will be an incentive to steadler and
more consistent play on the part of the
members.

The player who goes to the links only
to drive the ball from one spot to an-

to drive the ball from one spot to another does not concentrate his mind on the game and therefore will not improve as rapidly as the one who is anxious to make a good showing or win

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In this competition the winner is the player whose net score is nearest the average of the three low gross scores. Players place the handicap they wish against their names when entering the contest. All cards must show 18 holes played and the three lowest scores at

played and the three lowest scores at the end of the day's play are averaged and the player whose gross score, less the handicap taken, is nearest to the average of the three low net scores takes possession of the cup.

This gives the poorest player a chance if he chooses a handicap which will make his score equal to the average of the three lowest scores played. A second prize will be offered to the entry of the opposite sex from player winning the cup. The prize will be a club to be made up by the club professional.

A two-ball foursome for men will b A two-pail foursome for men will be held Sunday morning, April 16, at the Portland Golf Club. The tournament committee wishes to have it announced that each player should select the partner with whom he intends to play and sign the entry list at the club as soon as possible. Entrance fee will be 50 cents for a side.

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Players who have not got handicaps at the club will play from scratch. Play will be for 18 holes under model play rules, a side receiving a handicap equal to three-eighths of their combined medal play handicaps. The lownet score for a side wins the trophy which will be selected by the handicap tournament committee and which will be announced later. Entries for this tournament will start at 12 P. M. today. day.

Sunday afternoon, April 16, a mixed foursome (two-ball) will be held at the Portland Golf Club. Men and women entering this tournament who are not handicapped will play from scratch. A small list of women players having handicaps is posted at the clubhouse. The handicap and tournament committee has announced that players should acleet their partners with whom they intend to play and enter this tournament by signing the list at the clubnament by signing the list at the club house. The entrance fee is 50 cents for a side. Play will be for 18 holes, under medal play rules, a side receiving three-eighths of their combined medal play handicaps. Low net score for a side wins the trophy, to be announced later.

Chess.

E. H. BRYANT, Editor. Contributions of games, endings, problems or items of interest, criticisms and club notes solicited. Send direct to 143 East Thirty-fifth street. Phone Tabor 6213.

PROBLEM NO. 30 By Peter Claudianos, San Quentin, Cal. Black two pieces.

White four plores.

White to mate in three moves,
White king on KKtd, rook on KRS, bishop
on KR2, knight on QB5. Black, king on
K2, pawn on QB2.

PROBLEM NO. 37.

By B. Harley (Selected).

Black eight pleces: white 10 pieces. White
to play and mate in two moves,
White, king on KR, rooks on Qsq. and
KR7, queen on QR6, bishops on QKt.sq.
and QR9, knights on KB6 and Q5, pawns
on K6 and QB5. Black, king on K4,
rooks on Qsq. and KK11, bishop on QB6,
pawns on K2, KK15, Q2 and QK15.

PROBLEM NO. 38.

By H. M. Warren.

This is a beautiful end study and very
beneficial to beginners.

Black one piece; white three pieces, White
to play and mate in three moves.

White, king on K8, queen on QR5, knight
on KB4. Black, king on Q3.

Problem B5—Key move, Q-QR8,
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B-Kt4 B-Kt1
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Can you mate in one move?

KB6xKktP, Can you mate in one move? on KBOKKKP. Can you make in one mover see solution;
Jose Capablanca, the Pan-American chess champlon, of Hawana. Cuba, arrived in Portland Thursday morning. April 6, cemained antil Sunday morning, when he left for San Prancisco, Cal. A committee met him and nundreds welcomed him at the clubrooms. F. C. Meyers, our genial postmaster and chess anthusiast, in company with A. G. Johnson and E. H. Bryant and Capablanca made the great secric trip over the Columbia Highway. Capablanca's expressions of delight were appreciated by all and his visit will be a treat to the memory in the

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