

CASEY AS UMPIRE PLEASES TO FANS

On Balls and Strikes and on Bases "Priceless Pearl" Is Declared Good.

RECORD IN WEST IS LONG

Pearl Barnes, as He Was Christened, Signed Professional Contract First in 1900 With Denver in Western League.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON. "Priceless" Pearl Casey once more will umpire in the Pacific Coast League. He has been appointed by President Baum to succeed Jack Doyle who did not please overly well last season.

In 1900 he signed his first professional contract with the Denver Bears of the Western League, and beat Joe Tinker out of the shortstop position.

Casey stayed with Denver only three months and then arranged a deal for himself whereby he became a free agent and signed with the Ogden club which plays ball in a league consisting of Ogden, Salt Lake, La-gran, Park City and Pocatello, Idaho.

Casey was spotted and landed for nothing. The Ogden management permitted him to go to Sacramento, because he was offered a larger salary than he was getting from the Ogden club.

The Irishman whose real name is Pearl Barnes, reported to Sacramento in June, 1902, relieving Billy Hulen at second base. He was with Sacramento until 1907, when that city's franchise was transferred to Tacoma.

From the day Pearl Casey hit Sacramento in 1902, Mike Fisher started to carve his name into the list of famous Western managers.

The following season found him with Nick Williams' Portland Northwesterners and in 1912 he became one of Al Baum's officials. He served as umpire in 1907 when the Oregon club was spun up.

Casey came to the Portland Coast League in 1907 when the Oregon club was spun up. He played with the Beavers until 1908 when he took over the management of the Portland Northwestern League club.

He was married in 1901 and is the father of one girl 11 years of age.

WARSITY CHANGES GOOD

CALL TO BASEBALL TRAINING EXPECTED IN TWO WEEKS.

Veteran infield seems probable and ability of pitchers is greatest point of doubt.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 17.—(Special).—With the basketball season drawing to a close, baseball enthusiasts are anxiously awaiting the early season call which, according to Coach Beards, will be in the latter part of March.

Emmett Rathbun, varsity pitcher of last season, is on hand with Walter Kenyon, Dwight Wilson and Johnnie Bickett to assist him on the mound.

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FAMOUS LANDMARK IN WESTERN BASEBALL WORLD WHO AGAIN WILL HANDLE THE INDICATOR IN THE COAST LEAGUE THIS SEASON.



BEAVERS NEAR ISLES

Good Ship Niagara Likely to Arrive Wednesday.

HUGH M'CREIDIE WAITING

Letters Sent to Players May Reveal Others Yet Holding Out—Leake Asks for Transfer So He May Stay and Play in East.

The Portland Pacific Coast League training squad is scheduled to pull into Honolulu Wednesday on the "R. M. S. Niagara."

The Colored Giants will be met the following afternoon as an added attraction of the Honolulu Carnival. Pitcher Herman Schatzlein is expounded to leave for the Beavers.

Of course there is a possibility of the three holdouts, Pitcher Al Leake (Rocky Mount), Infielder "Babe" Horton (St. Louis) and Outfielder Billy Southworth (holdover) getting in line and gathering at Stockton, but this is not likely.

George Stovall, the five-hundred-kopeck kid, is willing to let his Tiger band stand pat for the time being, preferring to wait for the Spring clean-up in the majors before starting any deals for new players.

Pitcher Roy Mitchell, reported to have retired from baseball, sent in his signed contract last week, while Catcher Honus Mitze and Quinn, two other Tigers who were dissatisfied, have agreed to the terms offered them.

Schultz, the infielder secured by the Angels from Pittsburgh last season, reported to Frank Le Roy Chance in Portland, is the only member of the club who is not dissatisfied with the contracts were sent out. The others are all satisfied with the terms offered.

Bill Spears will be traded or sold outright, according to San Francisco reports. Spears is in Toledo and has written Wolverton that he would like to catch on with some of the Middle Western clubs.

Catcher "Daddy" Rohrer, who came to the Coast League to play with Oakland and had a season with Salt Lake, is going to "bust" right in as a class AA player again. Rohrer played with the Lincoln Western League team last season.

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Henry Stevens, of Lincoln High. The next game of the Portland Interscholastic League in the Ice Palace will be played tomorrow afternoon starting at 3:15 o'clock, between the Lincoln High ice hockey squad and the Washington High contingent.

WORLD'S BOXING CHAMPIONS OF PRESENT DAY ARE LISTED

Britton, Welterweight, and Levinsky, Light Heavy, Are Most Willing Fighters and Popular—Johnny Kilbane, Featherweight, Greatest All-Around Ring General.

WHO are the world's champions in the various flistic divisions? Here they are: Flyweight, Jimmy Wilde, of England. Bantamweight, Johnny Britton, of St. Paul.

Featherweight, Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland. Lightweight, Freddie Welsh, of Wales. Welterweight, Jack Britton, of Chicago. Middleweight, Al McCoy, of Brooklyn.

Light-heavyweight, Battling Levinsky, of Bridgeport. Heavyweight, Jess Willard, of Kansas.

Maybe one is open to correction on the proposition that these are the world's champions, but at all events they all have at least a technical right to their titles.

Pete "Kid" Herman, of New Orleans, claims the bantamweight title by virtue of a decision over Kid Williams, of Baltimore, who lost to Ernie on a foul, but otherwise the titles named in the foregoing are fairly clear.

Jack Britton and Battling Levinsky are without a doubt two of the cleverest boxers in the game today, both boys often giving away from 10 to 15 pounds to an opponent. They do not keep the fans waiting at the ringside if an opponent comes in over weight—the champions go right in and box them.

That is the reason Britton and Levinsky are two of the most popular boxers in the world today, also they stand ready at all times to defend their titles against all comers, black or white.

Wilde, an Englishman; Welsh, a Welshman; Ernie, an American; Kilbane and Britton, of Irish descent; McCoy, of German extraction; Levinsky, a Hebrew; and Willard, with some Indian in him, certainly give our championship list a cosmopolitan touch.

The greatest champion in the world today is Johnny Kilbane. Of course, he does not do much to the other fellow, but he is a very wonderful little fellow, judging from all accounts, but of the title-holders who have appeared in America, Kilbane stands out far ahead.

He is the greatest craftsman, the greatest ring mechanic, the greatest boxer, and, in proportion to his size, perhaps the best hitter of the bunch, still barring the tiny English flyweight.

Levinsky and Welsh are masters on defense, especially in short bouts. They do not do much to the other fellow, but they do not let the other fellow do anything to them. Jack Britton is exceptionally clever, both on the offense and defense, and he is a good hitter.

Al McCoy is a clumsy fellow, who has a dangerous sock in his left hand if he can connect.

Willard is just Willard; uncommonly big, and uncommonly strong, but with little artistry and without enough knowledge of the fighting game to carry him very far did he not possess his abnormal size and physical powers.

J. R. Crawford, middleweight wrestler from North Yakima, writes here to the effect that he would like to meet Walter Miller or Eddie J. O'Connell any place and for any amount of money. Read part of his letter for yourself.

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SPRING TESTS MANY

49 Games Between Nationals and Americans Listed.

FIRST WILL BE MARCH 11

Interleague Baseball Games for 1917 to Be More Numerous Than Hitherto Despite Opposition Voiced by Magnates.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Although considerable opposition developed last Spring among certain of the big league magnates against the playing of inter-league games, the agitation appears to have had little effect, for more contests of this class have been scheduled for the next two months than was the case in 1916.

As a preliminary to the pennant races of last year the big circuit teams met in 39 games either inter-league or inter-club with the result that the National League clubs won 24 and American League clubs won 15.

The senior organization piled up a total of 304 hits and 154 runs to the juniors' 290 hits and 125 runs. In errors the American League players made a slightly better showing than the National League, committing 61 to the Nationals and 53 to the Americans.

This year 49 inter-league games have been scheduled to date, with Brooklyn in the National, and Boston and New York in the American League playing with the greatest number of games.

March 11—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Hot Springs, Ark. March 12—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Hot Springs, Ark. March 13—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Macon, Ga.

March 14—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Hot Springs, Ark. March 15—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Memphis, Tenn. March 16—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Duquoin, Ill.

March 17—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Little Rock, Ark. March 18—Cincinnati Nationals vs. Washington Americans, Louisville, Ky. March 19—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Dothan, Ala.

March 20—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Dothan, Ala. March 21—Cincinnati Nationals vs. Washington Americans, Louisville, Ky. March 22—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Kansas City, Mo.

March 23—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Dallas, Tex. March 24—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Columbia, S. C. March 25—Cincinnati Nationals vs. Washington Americans, Cincinnati, O.

March 26—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Duquoin, Ill. March 27—New York Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Wichita Falls, Tex. March 28—Boston Nationals vs. New York Americans, Florence, S. C.

March 29—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Peoria, Ill. March 30—New York Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Washington, D. C. March 31—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Manhattan, Kan.

April 1—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Indianapolis, Ind. April 2—Brooklyn Nationals vs. Boston Americans, Indianapolis, Ind. April 3—Cincinnati Nationals vs. Cleveland Americans, Cincinnati, O.

April 4—Boston Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Wichita, Kan. April 5—New York Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Philadelphia, Pa. April 6—Philadelphia Nationals vs. Washington Americans, Washington, D. C.

April 7—New York Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Kansas City, Kan. April 8—Cincinnati Nationals vs. Cleveland Americans, Cincinnati, O. April 9—New York Nationals vs. Detroit Americans, Cincinnati, O.

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Coast League Gossip. R. A. HALL, a brother of Fred Goodbred, his teammate, who also comes to the Oaks, is quite likely to make good in this circuit.

WHEN you gentlemen get together at your lodge meetings, somebody is pretty sure to start the little pouch of W-B CUT up the line for his brothers. It's conducive to brotherly feeling.