

BOWLERS TO CLASH FOR CITY HONORS

Portland Championship Will Be Decided on Portland and Oregon Alleys.

SIX GAMES TO BE PLAYED

Portland Alleys Team Is Now in Lead by Margin of 285 Pins and Oregon Alleys Team Has Hard Task to Capture Contest.

The bowling championship of Portland will be decided today when the two picked teams from the Portland and Oregon alleys will clash at 3 o'clock at the Oregon alleys and tonight at 8 o'clock at the Portland alleys.

George Henry, of the Portland bowling alley star team, is high man for a single game, scoring 237 pins in one set-to last Sunday. The final series to be rolled today promises to be the hottest alley fought out on the local alleys, and a true bowling fan in the city is expected to be on hand.

Carl de Haven, George Crisp, R. V. Jones, Snyder and J. W. Blaney are on the Oregon alleys team, while George Henry, Charley Knox, Bob Franklin, Vic Kates and Walter Woods are representing the Portland alleys.

Al Meyers, who refereed last Sunday's games, will officiate in today's series. The public is admitted at both sessions free of charge.

One of the biggest happenings in the local bowling world is the sensational rise of the Honeyman Hardware Company five in the Oregon Alley House League. The team has made a steady climb from last place to within a few points of the leadership in the percentage column, having won 15 straight games.

The Honeyman Hardware pin smashers will bowl the Pacific Outfitting Company at the Oregon alleys Monday night.

Following is the personnel of the Honeyman Hardware Company's team: Adolph Weolin, Ed. Hain, Ed. Weiler, W. H. "Bill" Black, A. R. "Archie" Farrott and A. Z. "Tip" Zachrisson.

Miller, of the Webfoot Camp team in the Commercial League of the Oregon alleys, had a good arm the other night, and began to strike in the third game and had a few splits, getting away with a score of 255 for the game. He finished up the series with a 448 total and an average of 116 for three games.

Miss Hazel Davis, who has been absent from the alleys for several months, has returned, and made a high score of 237, which is not so bad after being away from the game for several months.

Change in Rule Defining Holding Ball Is Advocated.

INSIDE BASEBALL retaining possession of the ball, without having said ball touch the ground, is considered holding the ball. If an outfielder gets under a fly ball, has it strike his hands, then he is bound out to a baseman, but is finally secured by the fielder, it is considered a fair and proper catch, the fielder has held the ball, and is bound out several times, but is finally caught without having come into contact with the ground in any way, it is considered held.

On the proper interpretation of the word held, depends the correct interpretation of a rule which has caused considerable comment among the leading umpires of the country. Twice in the major leagues the play has come up in games in which a runner has been forced to rid himself of a long line of argument before a number of players were convinced I had rendered the proper ruling.

For illustration we will say there is a runner on third base and he attempts to steal home. He starts a bit too soon, the pitcher divines his intent, steps on the rubber and throws the ball to the catcher. It seems certain that the runner is going to be caught, but he is a runner realizing that his chances are extremely slim to reach the plate, makes up his mind that his only chance depends upon a base being touched. That the catcher in the collision might drop the ball. The catcher puts the ball on the runner several yards in front of the home plate, and the runner hopped, the force of the collision knocked the ball out of the catcher's hands into the air. The catcher recovers the ball before it touches the ground, but in the meantime the runner had slid safely over the plate.

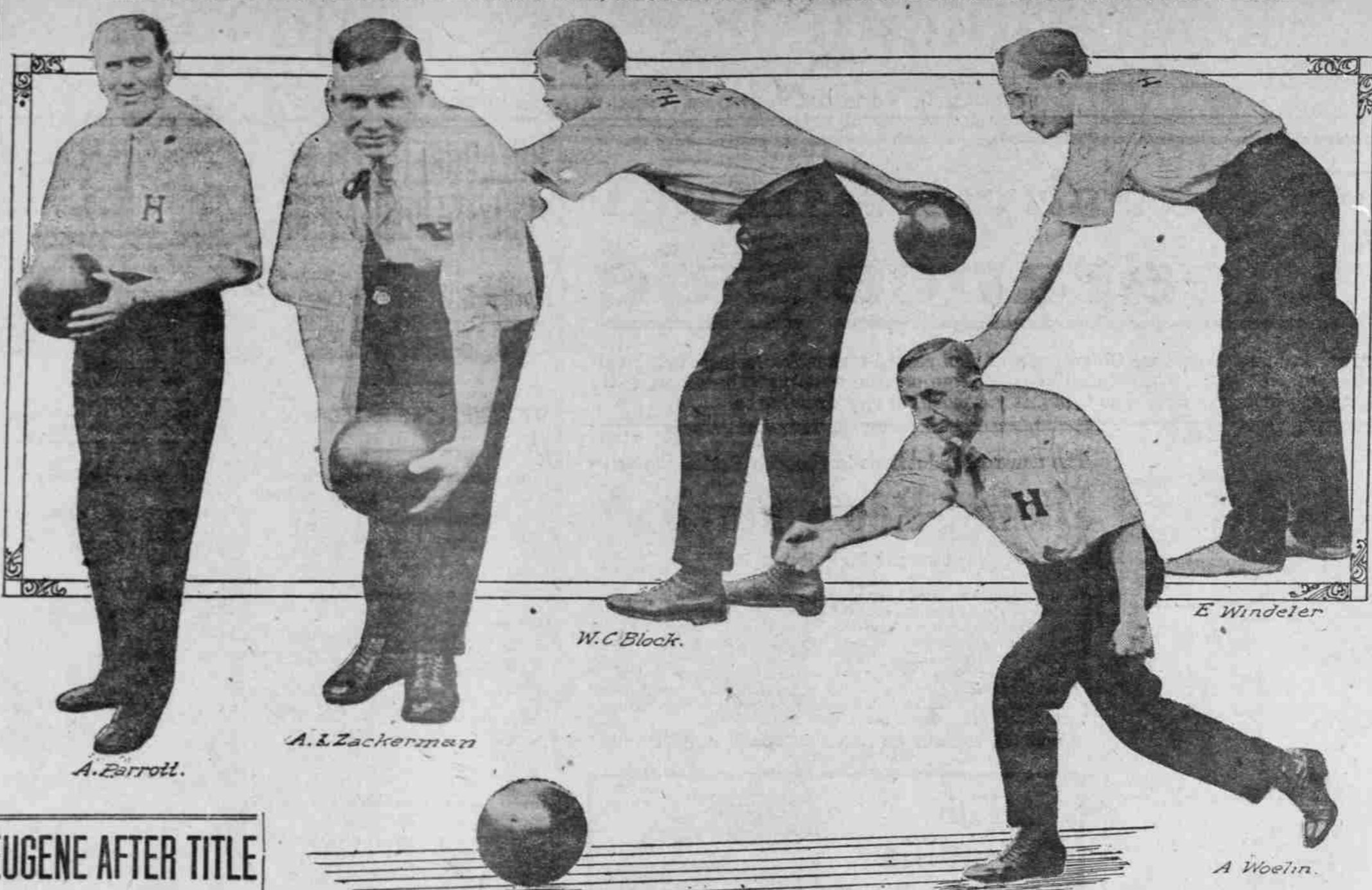
Of course the question that arises is did the man steal? Is the runner out? The run did not score, the man who attempted the steal of home was out at the plate. That is all very true, but the fact remains that the catcher did not drop the ball, figuring on the generally accepted definition of held, from a baseball standpoint.

Section 3 of rule 36 is the point involved. That section which relates to when base runners are out reads thusly: The base runner is out, if at any time while the ball is in play he is touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touched by the ball. He is entitled to occupy. Provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base runner deliberately knock it out of his hands.

In the case cited above, where the catcher put the ball on the runner several yards in front of the home plate, although the ball was juggled for the time being, he held it, therefore the runner was out. It seems to be the impression of a great many that when a fielder puts the ball on a runner he must hold it at the time of contact. Such of course is not the case. If one simply remembers that held is considered meaning retaining possession of the ball, without the same coming into contact with the ground or being caught in the uniform of the player, it would all be very easy.

While to many it may seem unnecessary, yet from the many times a dispute comes up, it seems to me it would be worth while to make the section more plain by simply saying the runner is out if the ball is retained by the fielder who makes the touch, without having the ball come into contact with the ground or caught in the uniform of the player.

CRACK HONEYMAN HARDWARE COMPANY BOWLING TEAM, WHICH HAS WON 15 STRAIGHT GAMES IN THE OREGON ALLEY'S HOUSE LEAGUE.



EUGENE AFTER TITLE

High School Team Has Clear Record to Date.

VALLEY TEAMS DEFEATED

Roseburg, Albany and Salem Taken Into Camp by Fast Quintet Which Will Make Bid for State Championship Honors.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The Eugene High School basketball team has started the season with a dash which places it in the class of contenders for state honors. It is early to pick a winner, but so far the Eugene players have had things their own way.

The team from the capital city on the Eugene floor last Saturday night proved the local boys in the closing minutes of a game which ended 28 to 23 in favor of Eugene. The scores in the other games have been as follows: Eugene 28, Mapleton 18; Eugene 33, Florence 14; Eugene 24, Roseburg 23; Eugene 28, Albany 13.

The honors for the Willamette Valley will be determined at a tournament to be held at the Willamette University February 22 and 23, games played during the season with league teams to be taken into the reckoning in settling the championships. Albany, Salem and Eugene are among the members of the league. Honors for the season will be based on per centages of games won and lost, including the tournament series. Eugene has scheduled return games with both Albany and Salem.

The Oregon High School athletic tournament, known as the Willamette tournament, will be staged at Willamette University, March 9. Teams from all parts of the state are expected to participate.

The members of the Eugene team are: Forward, Roy Veatch and Clifford Manerud; center, Prince Callison; guards, Dan Hoffer and John Bryson; substitute, Bryce Popham and Donald Van Blaskirk.

The Eugene team meets Corvallis, at Corvallis, for the first game of the season with that team, Saturday night.

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PROBLEM NO. 600. This and the following three problems can not be solved for sound reasons. No. 601 is a play on words and all prize problems, no matter how good, are solved by a play on words. The solver that analyzes one of these problems will have accomplished a stunt that will greatly benefit him.

Black 2, 13, 23; King, 13. SOLUTIONS: Problem No. 600—Black, 1, 6, 9, 14, 19, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, 81, 86, 91, 96, 101, 106, 111, 116, 121, 126, 131, 136, 141, 146, 151, 156, 161, 166, 171, 176, 181, 186, 191, 196, 201, 206, 211, 216, 221, 226, 231, 236, 241, 246, 251, 256, 261, 266, 271, 276, 281, 286, 291, 296, 301, 306, 311, 316, 321, 326, 331, 336, 341, 346, 351, 356, 361, 366, 371, 376, 381, 386, 391, 396, 401, 406, 411, 416, 421, 426, 431, 436, 441, 446, 451, 456, 461, 466, 471, 476, 481, 486, 491, 496, 501, 506, 511, 516, 521, 526, 531, 536, 541, 546, 551, 556, 561, 566, 571, 576, 581, 586, 591, 596, 601, 606, 611, 616, 621, 626, 631, 636, 641, 646, 651, 656, 661, 666, 671, 676, 681, 686, 691, 696, 701, 706, 711, 716, 721, 726, 731, 736, 741, 746, 751, 756, 761, 766, 771, 776, 781, 786, 791, 796, 801, 806, 811, 816, 821, 826, 831, 836, 841, 846, 851, 856, 861, 866, 871, 876, 881, 886, 891, 896, 901, 906, 911, 916, 921, 926, 931, 936, 941, 946, 951, 956, 961, 966, 971, 976, 981, 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