

FOUR OR SIX CLUB CIRCUIT QUESTION

McCredie Is Anxious to Hear From Butte or Great Falls as to Intended Action.

MONTANA CITIES ARE MUTE

Value of Sixth Team to Enter League Will Make Necessary the Dropping of one Town Now Anxious to Be in Circuit.

BY JAMES J. RICHARDSON. Judge McCredie is patiently waiting to hear from President Blewett, of the Pacific Coast International League, or his special emissary, Bob Brown, of Vancouver, who was delegated to visit Butte and find out from the directors and fans of the mining town whether or not they would place their team in the recently organized Pacific Coast International League to represent the Montana metropolis.

The continued silence which has enveloped the baseball situation in the Northwest has somewhat mystified the Portland owners, who are always up and going like a real baseball mogul ought to be.

Something is evidently topsy-turvy in Butte. Previous to the league meeting it was announced in dispatches from Seattle that the two Montana cities, Butte and Great Falls, would be represented at the league meeting. When the day of the scheduled pow-wow arrived the Montana representatives failed to put in an appearance. For three long days and nights the managers discussed the future of the league and other business matters and still the Montana delegates failed to appear at the meeting and send any reason for their "carelessness" or "oversight."

There is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere. The Montana baseball people must have informed someone in Seattle that they would be on hand, because the news of their agreeing to attend the league meeting emanated from Seattle. If they were sincere in their statements and then fell down at the last minute—what is the reason? Judge McCredie, who is always up and going like a real baseball mogul ought to be, is the probable reason for the failure of the Butte representative to put in an appearance at the meeting, was unable to give any. Butte or Great Falls are expected to place the matter under consideration of the P. C. I. L. if President Blewett's organization wants to remain a six-club circuit.

If Bob Brown fails to inject enough jazz into the Montana baseball people to get them into the league the circuit will most likely dwindle to four clubs. There are five cities under consideration, and the next meeting of the league is very apt to develop some exciting politics if a vote is called for to place the matter under consideration of the P. C. I. L. if President Blewett's organization wants to remain in the league.

Judge McCredie expects to hear something definite during the coming week regarding the Butte or Great Falls situation, and it will help relieve the minds of the fans regarding the future personnel of the P. C. I. L. Judge McCredie is enthusiastic over the probability of pitching training camp in Pendleton. This, as you know, was the Oregonian yesterday, was made by four Pendleton baseball fans through Harve W. Hicks, railroad man. The Portland baseball people, as explained by Hicks, looked very inviting and authorized Hicks to get the Pendletonians' offer on paper and he would gladly agree to take his team to the Round-Up city.

Oscar Harstad, who was a member of the Portland team, who actually went for a few weeks during college vacation, phoned Judge McCredie yesterday during one of his spare moments at the North Pacific Hotel, on the east side of the river, and made an appointment with the Portland manager for a conference during the week.

Harstad is a capable right-hand twirler when in condition, and he would like to take a fling at the National pastime with the Portland team over within a few weeks. How about McCredie will sign Harstad up, provided his financial terms are satisfactory.

According to reports from Salt Lake, Earl Sheely, recently turned benedict and last season first sacker for the Cleveland Indians, is likely to sport a Cleveland uniform next season, as the result of a deal said to have been made by Walter McCredie recently while the Ben manager is in Cleveland.

When McCredie visits Cleveland headquarters seeking new players the first thing he will do is to see how the Indians, asked him, "How about this fellow?" Because of the enlistment of Louis Gusto and expected enlistment of Harris Cleveland is hitting growl-wind Hill in nicely if the deal were made.

Summers have it that the players in exchange for a few weeks and that Earl will report to Cleveland for Spring training in New Orleans in March.

GREAT FALLS WANTS BASEBALL. Montana Town Will Probably Be Sixth Club in Circuit.

SEATTLE Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Great Falls may be in the Pacific Coast International League circuit, according to a report from the fact that baseball in the Northwest has an excellent chance of having a pretty good season, the good fans of the Northern Montana village are kicking themselves for allowing the franchise to slip from their grasp. And what's more, they want to get back in the swim again.

Reports from the two cities seem to indicate that the directors made a boot when they dropped Great Falls and retained Butte for more Butte is assuming an "I should worry" attitude, while Great Falls is clamoring for baseball again. The northern town was always a great baseball city and it may come about that Great Falls will be made a present of their forfeited franchise.

Have always wanted to see the Montana cities in the league," Blewett said today. "I can say that it is not improbable that Great Falls may be made a present of their forfeited franchise. I think that there is a very good chance for the directors reconsidering their action of dropping Great Falls."

An English inventor of a new wireless telephone, claims that it is compact enough for a man to carry the entire apparatus.



Top Row, Left to Right—Duffy Lewis, Boston Red Sox; "Svede" Reiserberg, Chicago White Sox; Eddie Hallman, St. Louis. Bottom Row, Left to Right—Rod Murphy, Oakland; Sammy Bohne, St. Louis, and "Red" Torkeelson, Cleveland.

BASKETBALL RACE CLOSE IN LEAGUE B

Exciting Finish Predicted but "Dope" on Teams Is Still Somewhat Hazy.

COLUMBIA LEADS LEAGUE A

Preppers Strike No Opposition So Far—Christian Brothers Thought to Be Chief Contenders for Division Championship.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. League A: Columbia (2-0, 1.000), Christian Brothers (1-0, 1.000), Washington (0-1, .000), Benson (0-2, .000). League B: Jefferson (1-0, 1.000), Lincoln (1-0, 1.000), Commerce (1-1, .500), Tennyson (0-2, .000), Hill (0-2, .000).

With the second week of the interscholastic basketball season over, the close followers of the game are picking their favorites and predicting already who will win the championship of League A and League B. All of the quintets in both leagues have made their debuts, and it is now possible to get a fairly good line on what the various high schools have this year.

The race in League B promises to be the closest if some of the notices that have come drifting out from James John are true. Jefferson High is leading the league with two wins and no defeats, with Lincoln in second place with one win and no defeats. Jefferson has trimmed James John and Hill. James John was considered to have a good team this year, but showed a lack of practice in their first game of the season with Jefferson, James John losing by 29 to 25, and Coach Don Orput has a good, fast five in his Rallepitter basketballers. Orput figures that his team can trim Jefferson, but he has something to better his team. He will use Coach Jamison's aggregation. Lincoln is billed to meet James John this Tuesday, and the game promises to be a battle royal. Their 9-to-7 defeat at the hands of Jefferson woke the J. J. players up, and they have been practicing faithfully ever since under the direction of Coach Jamison.

New Man in Lineup. Strong has lined a new player up for the forward position by the name of De Cunen, who is said to be a wizard at shooting baskets from all angles. James John can spill the beans very nicely by taking Lincoln down the line Tuesday. If Lincoln defeats James John they should have no trouble with William Hill, and in the meanwhile if Jefferson can keep up her winning streak and win a victory over Commerce, she will have a good chance to see a championship game between Lincoln and Jefferson on February 19.

The standings in League A are the same as in League B, but the situation is not quite so acute as in the latter league, as the teams are more sharply divided. In the Eastern Division, Idaho (1-0, 1.000), Washington State (1-0, 1.000), Montana (1-1, .500), Whitman (0-2, .000). OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Friday's results were repeated, when the O. A. variety and freshmen teams again trounced the Oregon quintet at the Corvallis gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

The variety game ended 25 to 7 in favor of the Aggies. The Oregon forwards could not break through the defense of the O. A. C. guards. Captain Ray was high point-getter with 12 points to his credit. The guarding of Blisset and Reardon is largely responsible for the low tallies made by Oregon in both games.

By playing superior ball, the Aggie rooks again triumphed over the Oregon frosh. The score was 25 to 7. Reardon, Blisset, and Star, for Oregon, were the more brilliant performers. Following is the line-up for both games: O. A. C. Pos. Oregon. Ray (4) (2) Morrison (2) Kruger (4) (2) Greb (2) Gurley (2) (2) Comfert (2) Kinnard (8) (2) Chapman (2) Reardon (6) (2) Wilson (2) Substitutions: (3) Robinson (3) for Gurley; Oregon, Fowler (1) for Medley; Freshmen—Pos. Oregon. Reynolds (8) (11) Durso (2) McCard (8) (2) Sargent (2) Kinnard (8) (2) Chapman (2) Reardon (6) (2) Wilson (2) Substitutions: (3) Robinson (3) for Gurley; Oregon, Fowler (1) for Medley.

BARRY WOUNDED IN FRANCE. World Champion Sculler Hit by Bursting German Shell. Ernest Barry, the world's champion sculler, has been wounded in action on the western front, the result of a bursting German shell, according to London reports. Barry's career at the front has been a short one, for although he joined many months ago, he was only recently sent to the front. His last appearance on the Thames River was in November, when he defeated W. D. Kinnear, the Diamond winner of 1910 and 1911 and the Olympic champion of 1912. Barry met Dick Arnet, the New Zealander, for the world's championship on the Zambesi River in August, 1910, but the latter proved successful.

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SOLDIERS TO PLAY TENNIS. Call for Supplies for Use of U. S. Troops is Issued. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A call for tennis supplies for the use of American soldiers in France has come to the United States National Lawn Tennis Association through Dr. E. J. McCurdy, head of the Y. M. C. A. work there. To meet the need thus outlined and to provide also for men in camps in this country, plans will be considered at the annual meeting of the National association February 15. An effort will be made to utilize the resources of the association for the soldiers' benefit, so that all such appeals can be quickly answered.

CLUB TO MEET W.S.C.

Multnomah Basket Shooters Strong Aggregation.

WASHINGTON TEAM FAST

Northerners Second in Eastern Division of Northwest Conference League, With Three Wins and One Loss Against Them.

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club basketball team will play Washington State College at the Multnomah Club gymnasium next Saturday night, February 3. Washington State is in second place in the eastern division of the Northwest Conference Basketball League, with three wins and one defeat. The team is coached by Coach Wilson and is expected to be a strong contender for the championship of the league.

The team will be the second big game of the season for the Multnomah Club quintet. In their first game of the season, they defeated the University of Oregon 25 to 13. The clubmen have one of the greatest scoring machines that they have ever had, and should make things interesting for the fast Washington State team. The following lineup will probably start the game for M. A. C.: Forward: Sharp and Morton; guards, and Mix, center.

There will be two big attractions on at the Multnomah Club next Saturday night. The Vancouver Barracks-Multnomah swimming meet and the Washington M. C. A. House League. The Crusaders have lost but one game this season and are making a strong bid for the championship of the league.

The Peninsula Park Midgets defeated the Holiday Athletic Club quintet, 24 to 26, on the Park floor Friday night. The game was a tie at the end of the second half and it required five minutes' play overtime to decide the game.

THE INDEPENDENT. HOLLIDAY (20). Penhous (24). ... (4) Mason (12) ... (4) Twigger (12) ... (4) Hutt-Smith (4) ... (4) Webb (4) ... (4) Dodds (4) ... (4) Allen (4).

FAST SERIES IS BOWLED

J. W. BLANEY DEFEATS GEORGE HENRY IN MATCH.

Large Lead Overcome by Victor, Who Stages Brilliant Comeback in Final Game.

The J. W. Blaney-George Henry 10-game series rolled on the Oregon alleys last week was one of the best match series ever rolled on the Oregon alleys. Henry took the lead in the first game by 35 pins and kept in front up until the sixth game. At the sixth game Henry had a lead of 114, which looked like a safe margin and a sure defeat for Blaney, as 116 pins between two crack bowlers is a large lead. Starting at the seventh game, Blaney did a comeback and got out with a 20-pin game. In the ninth game Blaney turned in a score of 251 pins, taking the lead away from Henry by 42 pins and finished the series by rolling 250 in the tenth game, Blaney winning the series by a lead of 37 pins for the 10 games. Mr. Blaney is the owner of the Oregon alleys and has proved himself one of the best 10-series game bowlers in the Northwest. In all his career as a bowler he has lost but one individual 10-series game.

Today at the Oregon alleys there will be a 10-series game rolled in two series of six games each. Six games will be

GUN CLUB SHOOT TODAY

SERIES OF EVENTS TO BE STAGED IN EVERING PARK. Many Prizes Have Been Offered and It Is Expected a Big Crowd Will Participate in Programme.

The first of a series of seven merchandise shoots will be staged today by the Portland Gun Club at their home, Evering Park. The shooting will start at 10 A. M. and all those wishing to compete should present their entry blanks before 11 A. M., as none will be received after that time. The shoot will be one of the biggest events of the local gun club this season and if good weather prevails one of the largest crowds of the year will be on hand to enjoy the sport.

A number of prizes have been offered and the competition will be keen. Targets for this event will be 2 cents each. The new added red handicap system will be used, with the targets added before each shoot starts. For instance a man shooting 30 per cent, or 40 out of 50, will be given seven added birds, the handicap perfect score being 47. The same number of birds will be given each Sunday to the respective shooter. Three members of the handicapping committee will prepare separate

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR 1918

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O.A.C. TAKES SERIES

Oregon Loses Second Game to Farmer Quintet, 28-7.

AGGIE FRESHMEN VICTORS

Rooks Take Lemon-Yellow Frosh Into Camp, 26-19; Corvallis Guards Prove Too Much for U. of O. Offensive.

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