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PORTLAND BASEBALL TEAM REACHES HIGHEST AVERAGE FOR TWO YEARS.

ROACH PRESENTS OAKS WITH CIPHERS

THE BIG FELLOW IS A PUZZLE TO LOHMAN'S LADS AT ALL STAGES AND FANNED OUT SEVEN OF THEM — RAYMOND PLAYS STAR GAME AT SHORT.

Portland, 4; Oakland, 0.

Roach and Shea; Graham and Stark.

Skel Roach's masterly pitching put a crimp in Peter Lohman's idea that his Oakland bunch were to have easy picking against the Dugs this week. The big fellow served them up to the Oakland swatsmen in such a bunch of mysteries that they were able to secure but four lonely hits off his delivery. Skel had everything and made the would-be swatters look like the proverbial dirty deuce in a new deck, when a hit would mean a tally. Seven of the bunch from across the bay took the count of these, and rambled to the side of Mother Lohman on the bench and endeavored to explain the reason for fanning to the venerable pilot of the team.

Oscar Graham, the sorrel-top, who winged 'em from the wrong side for the Oaks, pitched something of a game himself, and had he received fairly good support in the fifth session the score might have been curtailed to 1 to 0. Oscar fanned six of the Brownies, but ambled three to first on wide ones.

Jack McCarthy handled the doings by his lonesome, as Jim McDonald was sent over to Seattle to help Tom Brown please the Puget sound cranks.

Right off the reel a close decision at second by Umpire McCarthy put the crowd in bad humor and showed effectually the advantage of the double umpire system. Francks led off with a single to center and kept right on to second because Drennen was slow in handling the ball, and reached the mid station on the aforementioned close decision by McCarthy. Ganley sacrificed, and Dunleavy's line drive, which was caught by Spencer, caused Francks to be doubled out at third. That was really the only time the Oaks were at all dangerous, although in the seventh Julius Streib reached third on wild throws by Shea and Spencer, but as two were out, Roach settled down and fanned Devereaux.

Larry Schafley, the hard-hitting second baseman of the Oakland team, was back at his old position yesterday, after being out of the game for several weeks with a badly sprained ankle. He played an excellent game for one who is still somewhat lame.

Portland started scoring in the second inning. Beck went out at first. Castro then found one for two sacks. Raymond put the "King" on third with a tap to Schafley. Phil Nadeau then hit for two sacks to left field and an earned run was scored for Portland.

The third and fourth innings were marked by some nifty fielding on the part of both teams, but Oakland slipped a cog in the fifth and as a result three Brownies registered. Shea led off with a clean hit to center, which went through Kruger, netting Shea three sacks. Roach followed with one that carooned off Graham's mit and Shea scored. Spencer attempted a sacrifice, on which Streib erred, allowing both runners a life. Hurley's neat sacrifice advanced both men. Drennen hit for two sacks, scoring Roach and Spencer. This ended the run-getting and both teams settled down and played gilt-edged ball during the rest of the game.

Portland and Oakland line up again this afternoon and Ike Butler will probably oppose Heiney Schmidt on the rubber.

The Dugs are now in third place by grace of the Loo Loos having stuffed off a game to Seattle. Let us hope they will hold this position for a while. The score follows:

PORTLAND.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Spencer, 2b.	2	1	0	2	3	1
Hurley, 1b.	3	0	0	10	0	0
Drennen, c. f.	3	0	1	1	1	1
Beck, 3b.	4	0	1	3	1	2
Castro, r. f.	2	1	1	0	0	0
Raymond, s. s.	3	0	0	1	4	0
Nadeau, l. f.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Shea, c.	3	1	1	7	0	1
Roach, p.	2	1	1	1	6	0
Totals	27	4	6	27	15	5

OAKLAND.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Francks, s. s.	4	0	1	1	4	0
Ganley, r. f.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Dunleavy, l. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Schafley, 2b.	4	0	0	0	4	0
Kruger, c. f.	4	0	1	1	0	1
Streib, 1b.	3	0	1	12	0	1
Devereaux, 3b.	1	0	0	1	2	0
Stark, c.	3	0	0	5	1	0
Graham, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	29	0	4	24	13	2

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Portland	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	*	—4
Hits	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	*	—6
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Hits	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	—4

SUMMARY.

Earned run — Portland, 1. Stolen base—Castro. Bases on balls—Off Graham, 3. Struck out—By Roach, 7; by Graham, 6. Sacrifice hits — Spencer, Hurley, Raymond, Ganley, Devereaux. Two-base hits—Castro, Drennen, Nadeau, Kruger. Double plays—Spencer to Beck; Schafley to Francks to Streib. Hit by pitched ball—Spencer, Devereaux. Time of game—One hour and 40 minutes. Umpire—McCarthy.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

CLUBS.	Tacoma	Seattle	Portland	Los Angeles	San Francisco	Oakland	Won.	Per cent.
Tacoma	..	0	10	0	5	0	15	.625
Seattle	0	..	0	5	8	3	16	.615
Portland	8	0	..	4	0	1	15	.520
Los Angeles	0	2	2	..	0	9	13	.520
San Francisco	1	5	0	0	..	5	11	.423
Oakland	0	3	0	2	2	..	8	.308
Lost	9	10	12	12	15	18	76	

YACHT ATLANTIC WINS CUP.

(Journal Special Service.)

Newport, Aug. 24.—The schooner Atlantic won the race for the Brontons Reef cup, given by James Gordon Bennett. She came in at 3:30 this morning. The yachts Atlantic, Resolute and Indymion started on Monday morning from Brenton's reef lightship.

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WINNING RUNNERS ON THE TRACKS

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Summary:

Six furlongs—Torcan won; time, 1:15 2-5.

Mile—Short Rose won; time, 1:43 3-5.

Five and one half furlongs—Lochinvar won; time, 1:10 2-5.

One mile and one furlong—The Champlain-Molly Brant won; time, 1:56.

Five and one half furlongs—Kate Caffrey won; time, 1:10 1-5.

One mile and one-eighth on turf—Homestead won; time, 1:51-1-5.

Steeplechase, short course—Hear Master won; time, 4:14.

At Hawthorne.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Hawthorne results:

Four and a half furlongs—Kate Zitt won; time, 0:57 1-5.

One mile—Robin Hood won; time, 1:45.

Six furlongs — Orfeo won; time, 1:15 1-5.

One mile and a sixteenth—Alma Dufour won; time, 1:51.

Six furlongs — Ahola won; time, 1:14 3-5.

Five furlongs—Moorish Damsel won; time, 1:03 4-5.

At St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Fair grounds results:

Five furlongs—His Worship won; time, 1:05½.

Six and a half furlongs, selling—Crescerton won; time, 1:27½.

One mile and 70 yards, selling—Charley's Dream won; time, 1:54.

Mile and a sixteenth, handicap—Old Stone won; time, 1:53.

Six furlongs—Aggie Lewis won; time, 1:18.

Six and a half furlongs, selling—Athelrose won; time, 1:21½.

At Bellingham.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 24.—The fall race meet opened here today. Results:

2:11 pace—Hassalo won in three straight heats; 2:15¼, 2:15, 2:18½.

2:40 trot—Seattle Maid won in three straight heats; times, 2:40, 2:29¾, 2:28¼.

Mile dash—Gladys Bell won; time, 1:44¼.

Three-quarter mile dash—Honduman won; time, 1:18.

At Sacramento.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 24.—Summary:

Green class, pacing—Dr. W. won; best time, 2:12¼.

Special pacing—Nance O'Neill won; best time, 2:13¾.

Running, five furlongs—Sir Preston won; time, 1:01½.

Five and a half furlongs—Aunt Polly won; time, 1:07¾.

Six furlongs, selling—Our Pride won; time, 1:15.

At Readville, Mass.

Readville, Mass., Aug. 24.—The second day of the Grand Circuit pacing and trotting races was a big success. Daniel, 2:00¼ went against his record, but failed to lower the mark. Results:

2:11 trot, purse $1,500, two in three heats—Direct View won two straight heats in 2:09¼ and 2:10¾.

2:13 trot, purse $1,000, heats, two in three—Kene won two straight heats in 2:09¾ and 2:11.

2:24 trot, purse $1,000, heats, two in three—Knox's Gelding King won two straight heats in 2:09¾ and 2:10¾.

The Norfolk, 2:24 pace, purse $5,000, heats, three in five—Morning Star won the second, third and fourth heats in 2:04¾, 2:06¾ and 2:05¾.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	62	40	.608
Boston	63	42	.600
Philadelphia	60	42	.588
Cleveland	57	45	.559
Chicago	64	63	.504
Detroit	44	60	.422
St. Louis	40	60	.400
Washington	23	79	.225

At New York.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	4	1
New York	1	9	0

Batteries—White and Sullivan; Chesbro and Kleinow.

At Boston.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	14	16	0
St. Louis	0	10	4

Batteries—Tannehill and Criger; Sudhoff, Hynes, O'Connor and Sugden.

At Washington.

First game—	R.	H.	E.
Washington	7	11	3
Detroit	3	10	4

Batteries—Hughes and Clarke; Mullin and Drill.

Second game—	R.	H.	E.
Washington	2	8	4
Detroit	6	11	2

Batteries — Jacobson and Kittredge; Donovan and Drill.

At Philadelphia.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	4	6	3
Philadelphia	3	8	0

Batteries — Donahue and Buelow; Waddell and Schreck.

Tacoma Defeats the Seals.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—The Tigers held a swatfest on the 'Frisco pitchers yesterday and drove out 27 hits and scored 23 runs. All pitchers looked alike to them and their offerings were pounded at will. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Tacoma	23	27	2
San Fran	9	14	4

Batteries — Fitzgerald and Hogan; Whalen, Knell, Anderson, Hildebrad and Gorton. Umpire—O'Connell.

Eleven Innings at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—Loose fielding by Los Angeles allowed Seattle to tie the score in the ninth and win out in the eleventh. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	6	9	5
Los Angeles	5	12	9

Batteries — Shields and Wilson; W. Hall and Spies. Umpires—Brown and McDonald.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	74	31	.704
Chicago	65	39	.625
Pittsburg	61	42	.587
Cincinnati	62	43	.579
St. Louis	57	50	.533
Boston	39	67	.368
Brooklyn	39	69	.361
Philadelphia	27	80	.262

At Pittsburg.

First game—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	5	8	1
New York	3	9	1

Batteries — Phillippi and Phelps; McGinnity, Bowerman and Warner.

Second game—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	9	6	2
New York	4	9	0

Batteries—Lynch and Rarisch; Taylor and Bowerman. Umpires—Emslie and Johnstone.

FOREST KING WINS MINERS HANDICAP

SON OF HANDSOME, GIVEN A SPLENDID RIDE BY I. POWELL, WON THE FEATURE EVENT OF THE DAY — SALLY GOODWIN AGAIN OUTGAMES HIS FIELD.

Yesterday was mining congress day at Irvington track and many of the delegates availed themselves of the Multnomah Fair association courtesy and attended the races.

The card presented for their benefit was an excellent one, and those who witnessed the third, fifth and last races yesterday will hardly forget the close and exciting finishes that were the order of these events.

The mining congress handicap, arranged especially in honor of the convention, was won by Forest King after a magnificent ride by I. Powell. The son of Handsome got off second, but piloted splendidly by Powell he took the lead at the quarter and maintained the same to the wire. Probably the greatest disappointment of the day was the showing of Colonel Van in this race. He got off badly but after gaining third position quit and finished last.

Sally Goodwin, the veteran racing mare, again outgamed her field and won as she pleased with F. Kelly up, in the fourth event.

Black Cloud gave the fanciers of Lizzie Rice a scare in the third race by coming up from last position and pressing the gray mare so closely at the wire that many thought the black horse had won.

My Surprise was easily the best in the first race and was given a splendid ride by Herbert.

Chickadee was another medium whereby the bookies gained at the expense of the talent who went to that horse heavily. Tullitt's ride in this event was not up to his usual standard, and his mount was not in the money. Anvil, with Herbert up and quoted at 7 to 1 beat Pastmaster to the wire by a nose. Dora L., the closing favorite, finished third. Summary:

First race, five furlongs, selling—My Surprise, 114, (Herbert), even, won; Urbano, 119 (F. Kelly), 5 to 2, second; Doublit, 114 (L. Fountain), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:02⅕.

Second race, six and a half furlongs, selling—Northwest, 100 (R. Butler), 1 to 2, won; Evermore, 97 (Kent), 7 to 1, second; Gentle Harry, 102 (O. Chandler), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:22⅕.

Third race, four and a half furlongs, selling—Lizzie Rice, 102 (Herbert), 3 to 2, won; Black Cloud, 104 (O. Chandler), 10 to 1, second; Aurora B., 112 (F. Kelly), 3 to 5, third. Time, 0:56¼.

Fourth race, six furlongs, selling—Sally Goodwin, 112 (F. Kelly), 6 to 5, won; Crosby, 113 (I. Powell), 25 to 1, second; Military, 112 (Tullett), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Fifth race, one mile, selling—Anvil, 96 (Herbert), 7 to 1, won; Past Master, 102 (Fitzpatrick), 2 to 1, second; Dora L., 107 (Holbrook), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:43.

Sixth race, one and a sixteenth miles, miners' convention handicap—Forest King, 108 (I. Powell), 9 to 10, won; Col. Anderson, 102 (H. Smith), 4 to 1, second; The Stewardess, 96 (Herbert), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:49¼.

SECOND DAY OF TENNIS TOURNEY

The continuation of the tennis tournament at the courts of the Multnomah club furnished a great deal of interest to the enthusiasts present, especially in the mixed matches.

The ladies' doubles, in which Mrs. Langton of Victoria and Miss Carstens opposed Miss Heitshu and Miss Joseph, Mrs. Langton and Miss Carstens won in 16 sets, 12 of which were deuce.

There were two matches in the ladies' singles, both of which were well contested. Miss Heitshu defeated Miss Robertson through her excellent driving.

In the other match Mrs. Baldwin's excellent stroke won over Miss Strong, who played an excellent game.

McAlpin and Leiter won over Ricker and Sargent in a well-played match, and Wickersham and Smith defeated Ladd and Cook.

Yesterday's summary:

Men's singles, first round—Breeze beat Failing, 6-1, 6-0; Rosenfeld beat Durand, 6-4, 6-4; Zan beat Bond by default; Durham beat Busch by default; McAlpin beat Ladd, 6-4, 6-1; Macleay beat Knight, 6-2, 7-5; Nunn beat Wilder, 6-4, 6-2. Second round—Rudy beat Rohr, 6-0, 6-2.

Men's double—Durham and Anderson beat Rosenfeld and partner by default; McAlpin and Leiter beat Richer and Sargent, 6-0, 6-3; Wickersham and Smith beat Ladd and Cook, 6-2, 6-3.

Ladies' doubles—Mrs. Langton and Miss Carstens beat Miss Heitshu and Miss Joseph, 6-4, 6-0.

Mixed doubles—Breeze and Miss Fording beat Bethel and Miss Strong, 6-4, 3-6, 11-9.

Ladies' singles—Miss Heitshu beat Miss Robertson, 6-4, 6-3; Mrs. Baldwin beat Miss Strong, 8-6, 6-1.

Today's Schedule.

10 a. m.—Court No. 1, Powell vs. Sargent; No. 2, Miss Fording vs. Miss Langton; No. 3, Breeze vs. Rosenfeld.

11 a. m.—Court No. 1, Ladd vs. Ricker; No. 2, Hunter vs. Wickersham; No. 3, Goss vs. Macleay.

2 p. m.—Court No. 1, Failing vs. Durand; No. 2, Smith and Miss Robertson vs. Hunter and Mrs. Langton.

3 p. m.—Court No. 1, Durand vs. Zan (consolation); No. 2, Ladd and Mrs. Baldwin vs. Rudy and Mrs. Cook; No. 3, winner Powell-Sargent vs. Nunn.

4 p. m.—Court No. 1, Bethel vs. winner Hunter-Wickersham; No. 2, Powell and Miss Heitshu vs. McAlpin and Miss Carstens; No. 3, Leiter vs. loser Sargent-Powell consolation.

5 p. m.—Court No. 1, Forbes and Wilder vs. Breeze and Bethel; No. 2, Goss and Lewis vs. Nunn and Day; No. 3, Bellinger vs. Smith.

FOOTBALL AT MINNESOTA.

(Journal Special Service.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 24.—About 30 players who aspire to positions on the University of Minnesota football team for the coming season assembled today at Waconia in response to the call for preliminary practice. Among the number are several old stars, including Irsfield, O'Brien, Harris and Strathern.

The preliminary work will last several weeks and will include road running, hill climbing and kindred exercises in which the candidates will have an opportunity to show their mettle without overtaxing their strength. It is expected that by the time the season begins Dr. Williams will have the largest squad in the history of the university from which to select a team.

MUNROE WEIGHS 208, JEFF 225 POUNDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Jeffries and Munroe have completed training for Friday night's battle. Both men are declared to be in perfect condition. Jeffries was weighed today for the first time since he began training. He tipped the beam at just 225 pounds, and will enter the ring at this weight. He lost 25 pounds since he began work less than a month ago. Munroe weighs 208 pounds.

Betting on the fight, which is light, makes Jeffries a top-heavy favorite. The ruling price is 10 to 3½. The betting opened two days ago at 10 to 4. There are few takers at any price. Most of the sports pick Jeffries to win inside of ten rounds.

DIAMOND GLISTENINGS

Portland is now tie for third place with the Angels and should they win today and Morley's men lose they will be installed there for a day at least.

Castro's two-sacker yesterday was a pippin, as was the one by Nadeau, which scored the king.

Bill Hurley made a neat pickup of a low throw from Beck in the sixth inning.

Artie Kruger captured Raymond's fly in the fifth in clever style. Artie had to run some to get under the ball and just did make the catch.

"Rabbit" Raymond was the star at short yesterday and made several swell stops and throws that were daisies. Buck Francks gave Raymond a run for the honors.

Ike Butler or Jake Thielman will dispense the slants for Dug's crew this afternoon and Smiling Schmidtty will be on the slab for Oakland.

PACIFIC NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Butte.

	R.	H.	E.
Butte	7	10	3
Salt Lake	3	10	3

Batteries — Bandelin and Swindells; Essick and Hausen. Umpire—Davis. Attendance, 159.

At Boise.

	R.	H.	E.
Boise	4	6	4
Spokane	7	6	3

Batteries—Starkell and Hanson; Hogg and Stanley.

GRAND RAPIDS SHOOT.

(Journal Special Service.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 24.—The shooting tournament begun here today under the auspices of the local gun club bids fair to be the most notable event of the kind ever held in Michigan. A three days' program has been arranged. The professional experts taking part include William Heer, Rollo Heikes and Chauncey Powers, the national amateur champion.

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FIREMEN'S TOURNEY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—The international firemen's tournament, for which preparations have been making for months past, opened today. The tournament will continue for four days. There will be several business sessions, at which the fire chiefs, engineers, commissioners and others interested will have an opportunity for exchanging views on the best methods of fire-fighting.

Popular interest in the gathering, however, centers in the prize competitions, which include hook-and-ladder races, hose-coupling and other contests. In these various events teams representing the fire departments of many of the chief cities of the United States and Canada will take part.

ANNIVERSARY OF BURNING OF CAPITAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—Today marked the 90th anniversary of the sacking and burning of the national capital by the British army under General Ross and Sir George Cockburn. It was on August 24, 1814, that the British troops, after landing at Bladensburg, marched unopposed into the city of Washington.

All night long and the following day the work of destruction was carried on, the torch being applied to the unfinished Capitol, the library of congress, the White House, the War and Treasury buildings, the arsenal and barracks, and numerous other public and private buildings. It was on this occasion that the original copy of the declaration of independence was saved from destruction by Dolly Madison, wife of the president.

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SECRETARY SHAW OPENS CAMPAIGN

HEAD OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL ADDRESS PORTLAND REPUBLICANS NEXT TUESDAY EVENING — COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL RECEIVE HIM.

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, will reach Portland next Tuesday evening. The distinguished visitor will be met by a committee of citizens who have been delegated to entertain him while here. Senator Mitchell will welcome him to Oregon, and will be assisted by the following representatives of the Commercial club:

Marcus Fleischner, F. E. Beach, Cecil Bauer, H. W. Goode, William MacRae, J. C. Ainsworth, L. Oerlinger, George Taylor, Wilbur E. Coman, H. C. Brannick, E. L. Thompson, Gen. Charles F. Beebe, J. B. C. Cleland, W. W. Cotton, W. J. Kennedy, J. H. Thatcher, W. J. Burns, Col. James Jackson, H. L. Pittock, J. Frank Watson, Theodore B. Wilcox, A. L. Mills, C. H. Prescott and William M. Ladd.

Secretary Shaw will be entertained at dinner at the Commercial club on the day of his arrival. The following day he will visit the Lewis and Clark fair grounds.

Wednesday night he will open the Republican campaign in this state at the Marquam Grand theatre. Senator Mitchell will deliver the opening address, and will also act as chairman of this meeting. David M. Dunne and John W. Hall, United States district attorney, will have charge of decorating the theatre, and Municipal Judge Hogue will provide music for the occasion. Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican state central committee, has invited the following to assist the committee from the Commercial club:

Mayor George H. Williams, Harvey W. Scott, United States Senator John H. Mitchell, United States Senator Charles W. Fulton, ex-United States Senator Joseph Simon, ex-United States Senator George W. McBride, Representative Binger Hermann, Representative John N. Williamson, ex-Representative Malcolm A. Moody, ex-Representative Melvin C. George, ex-Representative Richard Williams, ex-Representative William R. Ellis, National Committeeman Judge Charles H. Carey, ex-Gov. Zenas F. Moody, ex-Gov. William P. Lord, ex-Gov. Theodore T. Geer, Chief Justice Frank A. Moore, Associate Justice Robert S. Bean, Associate Justice Charles E. Wolverton, Clerk of the Supreme Court John J. Murphy, Chairman First Congressional Committee Walter L. Toose, Chairman Second Congressional Committee P. L. Willis, President of the Senate George C. Brownell, Speaker of the House Lawrence T. Harris, Chairman Multnomah County Central Committee Whitney L. Boise, Nominee Presidential Elector Julius N. Hart, Nominee Presidential Elector James A. Fee, Nominee Presidential Elector Grant B. Dimick, Nominee Presidential Elector A. C. Hough.

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BRAVE OLD ADMIRAL IS ON RETIRED LIST

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—With the retirement today of Rear-Admiral John C. Watson the navy loses one of its ablest and most honorable and useful officers. His career from the date of his graduation from the naval academy in 1860 has been full of honors and credit, and few officers of the navy have seen more active service.

Admiral Watson belongs to a family that has distinguished itself in peace and war since the early days of the American republic. He was born in Frankfort, Ky., August 24, 1842. His father, Edward Howe Watson, was a skilful physician of the old school, and his mother, Sarah Lee Crittenden Watson, was a daughter of John Jordan Crittenden, the famous Kentucky statesman, rival of Henry Clay, governor at one time of Kentucky and attorney-general in William Henry Harrison's cabinet.

Admiral Watson entered the naval academy in 1856 and graduated four years later, standing high in his class. He was immediately assigned to the rank of midshipman, and August 15, 1860, joined the Susquehanna in that capacity for a cruise to Europe. While he was abroad the civil war broke out and he returned at once to take part in it.

He was commissioned a lieutenant in 1862, and in January, 1864, was made flag-lieutenant to Farragut. He was at the battles of New Orleans, Mobile bay, Vicksburg and Port Hudson. In a letter to his son Loyal during the war Admiral Farragut tells him of young Watson's volunteering to slip off and blow up a blockade-runner. Among other things he says:

"It was an anxious night for me, and I am about as fond of Watson as I am of your own dear self."

It was Admiral Watson, then a young lieutenant, who lashed Farragut to the rigging during the battle of Mobile bay. The powerful confederate ironclad Tennessee attacked the Hartford fiercely. Farragut took up his position in the port mizzen rigging the better to observe the fight and to direct and cheer his men. Lieutenant Watson, seeing the great danger in which the intrepid admiral was exposing himself, procured a rope and lashed him in his place.

The relations which existed between Admiral Farragut and his flag-lieutenant were of the most affectionate description. In his official report of the Mobile battle Farragut showed what he thought of young Watson.

"Lieutenant Watson," he wrote, "has been brought to your attention in former times. He was on the poop attending to the signals and performing his duty as might be expected, thoroughly."

During the war with Spain it was Admiral Watson, then a commodore, who was ordered to sea with a squadron to destroy Admiral Camara's fleet, which was believed to be preparing to return to Spain from the Suez canal. During the later period of the war he distinguished himself with the squadron in West Indian waters. Lately Admiral Watson had been on special duty abroad to report what is being done for the betterment of the enlisted personnel of foreign navies.

COASTERS TO USE WIRELESS SYSTEM

When the various wireless stations, now under construction by the government along the coast, are completed the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's steamers plying between Portland and San Francisco will be equipped with wireless telegraph lines. Engineers are now at work on stations at several points, and as soon as these systems are in working order the boats of the Pacific Coast Steamship company will be fitted out with an apparatus for sending and receiving messages. When asked about the matter last evening, J. H. Dewson, local manager of the Harriman water lines, said:

"I was not aware that such stations are being established, but if they are our company will undoubtedly equip its steamers with wireless plants. They would certainly prove a great convenience to the shipping interests. It is the intention to have the coasters of our line provided with every modern convenience."

The government has signified its intention of establishing signal stations at Tatoosh island, Cape Mendocino, Cape Disappointment and Cape Blanco. When completed these stations will enable vessels to report their whereabouts at almost any point along the coast.

At present the only vessels equipped with wireless telegraph plants on this coast are those owned by the government, and shipowners are waiting to see a practical test made of the system by trading steamers before taking any steps in the matter. At present the stations are too few and scattered to make the test a success, but with the completion of the north coast stations and the equipment of the Pacific coast steamers, a practical demonstration of the value of the wireless system will be made.

The navy department has stations on the Farallone islands, at Point Reyes, Point Bonita and at Goat and Mare islands. All these stations are working and several vessels have already been reported many miles out at sea. The navy transport Solace, which arrived at San Francisco a short time ago, communicated with the shore when she was 100 miles at sea. It was seven hours later when she entered the harbor.

A practical working test has been made under federal supervision of the value of wireless outfits on a steamer. The revenue cutter Grant was equipped with a wireless telegraph plant and made a tour with Customs-Collector C. W. Ide aboard. On this trip the Grant was in almost constant communication with the wireless station at Port Townsend.

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