BASEBALL SQUADS GO SOUTH FRIDAY

Giants First to Leave for the Training Camp to Prepare for Coming Season.

New York, Feb. 12.—The winter baseball league will disband this week until next November and the real business of baseball for 1912 will begin. The first gun of the campaign will be fired next Friday when McGraw starts a carload of diamond recruits to Marlin, Texas.

Within two weeks from that time there will be upwards of 500 ball players racing around on southern diamonds and lolling in the warm sun that loosens up their muscles and gets them ready for the big grind of the season.

This migration of ball players to the south will cost the big league teams $200,000. That looks like an enormous figure, but without expenditure many clubs would stiffen up at the beginning of the big fight and probably cost the owners five times as much. Many fans are under the impression that spring training is a method of picking up easy money by barnstorming around the country and drawing in funds in the minor league cities. But such is not the case.

They All Lose Money.

Never in the history of the great national pastime did a ball club fail to lose money in the spring. Knowing the fact that the players draw no salary, the expenses are enormous. For instance, the Giants run up a hotel bill at Marlin of $150 a day—and it's a cheap hotel at that. They stay in Marlin for five weeks and the only receipts that come in during that time are for the Saturday and Sunday games at Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. These receipts barely pay the expenses of the trip to and from those cities to say nothing of the two days' extra hotel expenses. When the team starts on its way east it is at a dead loss, as the receipts of exhibition games never equal the cost of traveling.

The books of the New York club show that spring training usually costs about $15,000. The Athletics, Tigers, Reds, Cubs, Pirates, Naps and Sox have about the same expenses.

St. Louis Biggest Saver.

The two St. Louis clubs have been able to save a lot of expenses by training at West Baden or French Lick Springs, Ind., for a short time and then going back to St. Louis for the finishing touches.

The clubs average something like 35 players. Some of them carry more than that. The Giants this season will carry about 45 while the Highlanders will have 43. The weaker clubs that cannot afford so many carry from 30 to 35. It can be seen that nearly 600 players in all take the trip to the south every spring. The magnates have devised all sorts of schemes to avoid the excessive cost of spring training, but to no avail. Some have gone so far as to try and train in the north, but it won't work.

The managers of experience have found that the only way to get ball clubs into condition is to take the players into the far south where they can rest from their labors without stiffening up their muscles.

Indoor Work No Good.

Indoor work is of absolutely no avail. One must breathe the warm air and they must be in a climate where they can rest on the field without catching cold or develop "Charley horse." The only place such a climate can be found is in the southern part of the United States. The Cuban climate is too warm and there is also the inconvenience of early rain in the spring.

The facilities for getting news of the baseball doings into the large cities also have to be taken into consideration.

For instance, the Bermuda Islands would be an excellent spot for training but the cost of cable tolls would practically make it impossible to keep the fans informed of what is going on.

Money for Telegraph Companies.

The managers of the telegraph companies say:

"More stuff is filed over the wires about baseball in the spring than any other subject." In all the spring training camps special telegraph wires are strung and extra operators sent along to handle the news from the many correspondents.

When all of the 16 clubs are in the south there will be 80 baseball correspondents with them. In Marlin both telegraph companies have put up special wires and have engaged extra operators in anticipation of the visit of the Giants.

The Giants will be the first of the teams to start south as McGraw believes in taking plenty of time. He will send the recruits and young pitchers first. A week later the veterans will report.

The Highlanders will not start until the first of March. Manager Wolverton will not split up his squad as was at first intended, but will work them all together.

Three Clubs at Hot Springs.

The Brooklyn club will start during the first week in March and will report at Hot Springs, Ark. The people of that health resort are looking forward to a lot of fun and excitement as they will have the Pittsburg club, the Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyns all at one time.

New Orleans will also have two clubs, the Tigers and the Cubs.

Over in Texas the Giants, the White Sox and the Athletics will all be in close touch. An attempt has been made to have these two clubs play exhibition games but it is unlikely, McGraw not believing in big league teams playing each other before the beginning of the season. It is his idea that the players are likely to have their pride aroused and over exert themselves to win. As a consequence, some of them are in danger of injury.

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—Hap Hogan stole a march on his brother Coast league managers, and he is proudly boasting today that the Vernon Tigers "put one over" in the practice for the 1912 season. In addition to Hogan, Johnny Kane, Ham Patterson, Dolly Gray, Speed McDonnell and George Stinson reported yesterday at the park, donned their spangles and pursued the pill for an hour. Hogan plans to increase this period daily, also adding to the squad as the various Vernonites return to the city. Vernon will play a local semipro. club in the first practice game of the season March 3, and the Angels and Vernon clubs will begin their regular training the following day.

Phillies After Brown.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 13.—Magnates of the National league met here today to adopt a schedule, already made out, for the playing year of 1912.

The principal interest in the meeting, outside of the schedule, is an attempt being made by the Phillies to purchase "Three Fingered" Mordecai Brown, the Cub pitcher. Manager Dooin of the Phillies believes that with Brown to strengthen his pitching staff, he would have more than a look-in for the leadership of the league this year.

Victoria Releases Two.

The Victoria club has released two infielders. Bob Whaling, a first baseman and brother of Bert Whaling, the Seattle catcher, was the first to receive the blue envelope, and third baseman Clinton was the second victim.

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PAIR OF BACKSTOPS LED ON PATHS

New York catchers who led their respective leagues in baserunning last year despite their lumbering size. On the left is Ed Sweeney of the Yankees, who topped all other catchers in the American league by negotiating eight steals during the season. On the right is Chief Meyers of the Giants, who outdistanced more lithely built backstops of the National league by pilfering seven times. When a man can lead all the big league players in his position by stealing only nine bases there is something wrong. The catchers proved worse baserunners even than the pitchers in 1911.

ALUMNI NOW WORKING TO PATCH UP QUARREL AMONG BIG COLLEGES

Another vigorous attempt is being made on the part of the alumni of the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college to get the two big state institutions together in athletics, following the break in relations in 1910, on account of street rioting after the annual game.

C. N. McArthur and D. V. Walker, two of the most prominent graduates of the respective colleges in the city, are lending their pronounced support to the movement, and both have frequently expressed themselves as opposed to the spirit that caused and continued the rift in relations.

Relative to the matter The Journal has secured interviews with those prominent in the affairs of both colleges, which are as follows:

Corvallis Not Antagonistic.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 13.—Although there is no anxiety of the part on the Oregon Agricultural college to resume athletic relations with the University of Oregon, the Corvallis authorities do not assume an antagonistic attitude in regard to the subject. President W. J. Kerr refused to be interviewed today but made the statement that in his opinion the main issue is principally a question of the two institutions agreeing upon some plan which is mutually satisfactory.

The matter has been frequently discussed on the campus of late and also among several of the alumni associations throughout the state. When questioned this afternoon, E. G. Rice, president of the Agricultural college student body, made the following statement: "The general sentiment of the student body seems to indicate that there is very little opposition to the resumption of athletic relations with the State university, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made to that end, we fully realize that the relations of the two institutions should be of a friendly nature and that a clean sportsmanship rivalry should prevail.

"It is plain to us that interested people of the state should be considered in this matter. We feel that they desire to see the two schools again meet in athletic contests, and in this respect O. A. C. does not wish to assume a contrary attitude, however, we feel that before any steps are taken in this direction, mutual arrangements should be made between the two institutions which will prevent any recurrence of such bitter feeling as has happened in the past."

Deadlock at Eugene.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 13.—The athletic squabble between Oregon and O. A. C. seems to be at a deadlock as far as the University of Oregon is concerned. The attitude at Eugene as expressed by members of the faculty and student body is that O. A. C. started the controversy when they severed relations with the varsity and that the first steps in adjusting the difficulty should come from them.

In speaking of the matter President Campbell said this morning:

"As I understand it, the student body of the Agricultural college passed a resolution severing athletic relations with the student body of the university. I think that the rescinding of that resolution would be necessary before any action could be taken towards making new schedules. I do not think that there is any unwillingness amongst the students of the university to renew athletic relations."

Professor Joseph Schaefer, head of the department of history and a member of the athletic council, and Dr. H. B. Leonard of the department of mathematics, also a member of the athletic council, both expressed the same statement. Dr. Schaefer said:

"The first steps of the trouble came from O. A. C. and it seems to me that they should be the ones to start the now much talked of conciliation."

Graduate Manager Geary said:

"The students of the University of Oregon I know would welcome any proposals from the O. A. C. students to renew athletic relations. In fact the only apparent obstacle to my signing contracts with the Oregon Agricultural college is the resolution rescinding athletic relations passed by the O. A. C. student body.

"From interviews with the different members of the Oregon Athletic council, I know that any contracts signed by me under the proper conditions would be ratified."

KIRKBRIDE CAPTURES FIRST GAME OF TOURNEY

C. W. Kirkbride won the first game of the 18.2 balk line billiard tournament at McCredie's billiard parlors last night by defeating Friedman by the score of 150 to 127. Friedman was one of the scratch men in the tournament, but was in poor form. The high run was 13, made by Kirkbride.

Tonight Johnson will meet Georg and the game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

The scores:

Kirkbride—0, 0, 2, 5, 3, 0, 5, 3, 10, 0, 2, 0, 0, 12, 0, 4, 0, 0, 1, 0, 7, 0, 10, 0, 4, 0, 2, 4, 0, 3, 2, 3, 0, 0, 6, 2, 2, 0, 0, 7, 2, 0, 12, 3 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 7, 5, 3, 2—150.

Friedman—1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 5, 1, 1, 0, 6, 2, 9, 0, 3, 5, 0, 9, 0, 4, 0, 1, 1, 0, 4, 2, 6, 1, 0, 0, 0, 9, 0, 5, 2, 0, 1, 3, 3, 3, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 3, 0, 5, 1, 2, 10, 0—127.

Latourell Team Winner.

The Latourell Falls, Or., team defeated the Stevenson, Wash., quintet by the score of 30 to 20 in a fast clean game.

PORTLAND MAKES BIG SCORE AGAINST EAST

The local revolver club team shot the twenty-first and twenty-second matches of the United States Revolver association last night against the Oakland and Springfield quintets.

The local club officials refused to give out the score against the Springfield club. Captain Armstrong is holding it until Friday when it will be announced following the Springfield's shoot Thursday night. The score of 1117 was made against the Oakland team. Frank Hacheney was high man against the Oakland squad with the score of 234.

The score against Springfield is one of the highest shot by the Portland club this season and it will likely bring victory to the local team over the crack Smith & Wesson club, unless it shoots in phenomenal form.

The Springfield club has averaged 1120 for the year, which is a little bit better than the average of the local team at the end of the eighteenth match.

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M'CREDIE HAS GREATEST TRAINING CAMP OUTLOOK IN BEAVER HISTORY

Never before has the Portland baseball club had the training camp outlook for games as it has this season. There are men for every position on the regular and Yannigan teams and, it may be safely said, the contest for places will be keener than on any club that has made its rendezvous under the supervision of Manager McCredie.

How does this rival lineup look to you? Immense is the word:

Regulars.		Yannigans.
Howley	C	LaLonge
Rapps	1B	Steiger
Coltrin	SS	Bancroft
Rodgers	2B	McDowell
Lindsay	3B	Kibble
Krueger	LF	Mathes
Chadbourne	CF	Strait
Doane	RF	McCredie

Heretofore, it has been necessary to pull in an outfielder to play one of the diamond positions, or switch a pitcher to fill in on the bases, because there were not enough infielders to go around. This season Manager Mac not only has two full teams, but a couple of men to spare, and, moreover, he has at least two men trying for every position. From a standpoint of Regular-Yannigan games the situation could not be better.

Six Are Vets.

Six of the nine men who will form the regular team are veterans. The newcomers are Howley, behind the bat; Doane, in right field and Coltrin at short. Until this year, the strength of the two teams was somewhat balanced, by placing the regular outfielders and one or two of the infielders on the senior team. This combination, however, did not admit of much teamwork until the club was ready to tone down for the official opening of the season. With so many veterans signal practice will be in order after two weeks of preliminary work, instead of a month, as heretofore.

Manager McCredie has resrved himself a position in the Yannigan outfield. The bridegroom likes to be on the field with his young players so that he can tell them what to do in an emergency and straighten out their faults in fielding. However, he will play in all of the games there, giving a chance to others to get most of the advantage of the regular games. Games more than anything else serve to sharpen the player's wits, and keep him in fighting mood. From the standpoint of daily contests, the squad will get the best workout since Skipper McCredie has been at the helm of the good ship Beaver.

May Transform Steiger.

Right off the reel Manager Mac sprung a new one, when he stated that "Lefty" Steiger, the new southpaw pitcher from St. Paul, would be given a chance at first base. McCredie is touting him highly for that position, upon information from Mike Kelly, the St. Paul manager.

"Kelly told me," said Manager Mac this morning, "that he would have made a first baseman out of Steiger, if he hadn't possessed the best initial sacker in the American association in Autry. Steiger is left handed and as fast as a bullet, and he has a style at bat that should make him hit close to the .300 mark if he plays regularly. Left handed first basemen are the boys who carry off the bacon these days, especially when they have speed to back it up. If Steiger shows that he has just a little bit more as a bagman than as a twirler, I'm going to let him fill in the utility role there. With Peters reporting in May, as it now appears he will, we shall be well fixed at first base. Rapps ought to play better ball this year, for he has had plenty of experience, but Bill will have to hump to keep these kids from crowding him out of a job.

Glad to Sign Howley.

"We were awfully glad to receive Dan Howley's contract. He will take Kuhn's place admirably. That will give us Howley as the Regular catcher and Mickey LaLonge and Burch as the Yannigan backstops. This trio will give our young pitchers a fine workout. Howley is an old head at the game and LaLonge is no spring chicken.

"Bobby Coltrin will be the only green lad in the infield of the Regulars and he is a fighter from A to Z. Somebody will have to go some to beat him out of that shortstop job. Bancroft will oppose him on the other club, and they say Bancroft is a mighty good lad.

"You never can tell about baseball. Even though I regard Bill Rodgers as the best prospect in the Coast league after one year's experience, this lad McDowell might crowd him some. McDowell has a great record. If Rodgers had a little stronger arm I would be tempted to play him in the short field.

Lindsay Has Edge.

"Lindsay, of course, has the edge on Kibble, because he has had more experience. Kibble is more or less of an unknown quantity, so we can't tell what kind of a fight Lindsay will have to put up to guard third during the season. If Peters reports early, he, too, must be considered at third. Mathes, Strait and Doane will furnish the training camp excitement in the outfield, for the veldt vacated by Buddy Ryan. Unless Krueger and Chadbourne drop dead they will be seen in two of the gardens. Jack Barry writes from Ocean Park, near Los Angeles, that Chadbourne weighs 12 pounds more than he did last year and is in superb shape. He ought to have an immense season.

"Everything taken into consideration, we should have a great training year, and if we do not repeat on the gonfalon, we shall make the league know that we are in the race."

IRVINGTON CLUBMEN WILL ELECT TONIGHT

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Irvington Tennis club will be held this evening at the home of F. S. Fields. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in the Irvington clubhouse but on account of repairs, it was decided to change the meeting place.

The board of trustees, which consists of Messrs. W. F. Woodward, Walter Cook, Ralph Wilbur, John Stewart, J. Bowman, F. S. Fields, Suffert, H. M. Haller and Johnston Porter, will elect officers for the coming year.

W. F. Woodward is retiring president and it is understood that he is not a candidate for the office this coming year. Ralph Wilbur is the retiring vice-president. Johnston Porter is being boomed as the possible president of the club.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

LOS ANGELES ALLEY CONGRESS GREATEST

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—With the entry list for the annual tournament of the Western Bowling congress closed it was announced today that the greatest number of teams and individual bowlers ever participating in a similar event will gather here Friday. Every section of the coast and cities as far east as Chicago is represented. Play will begin early Friday evening in quarters constructed for the tournament.

Y. M. C. A. SKI CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL TRIP

The Y. M. C. A. Ski club is the latest outing organization to be formed. It was organized after the successful trip to Mount Hood last week. E. O. Herring, president; T. M. Dye, vice president, and P. L. Walker, secretary treasurer, were the officers elected.

Those who made the trip reported good success on the first try at skiing, but falls were very numerous, according to the experienced members of the party.

CLEVER ASTORIAN MAKES RING DEBUT

Otto Berg.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 13.—Fight fans are on edge here today for the middleweight battle tonight between Fritz Halland of Spokane and Otto Berg of Astoria, both of whom are reported in splendid condition. On their last meeting at Vancouver, Wash., they fought a draw.

Frank Klaus, who meets Soller Petroskey in San Francisco on Washington's birthday, has consented to meet the winner, in the event that he is successful against Petroskey.

CARL MORRIS WHIPS STEWART IN 10 ROUNDS

New York, Feb. 13.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, is in solid with local fight fans today by reason of his defeat of Jim Stewart here in a 10 round bout. The big Oklahoman had the better of every round and it is believed that Stewart would have been knocked out had he stood up and fought. Morris did all the fighting, chasing Stewart about the ring and cornering him in almost every round, when he planted a few stiff punches.

Morris weighed 230 pounds and put up one of the best battles of his career.

McFarland to Meet Maloney.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 13.—Packey McFarland, the Chicago scrapper, today is matched to meet Tommy Maloney here in a 10 round bout February 27. The men will weigh in at 135 pounds at 6 o'clock.

Brown Beats Galley.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—"Knockout" Brown of New York collected some more easy money here today by reason of his defeat last night of Billy Galley. Galley never had a chance and toward the end of the six round bout was forced to hold on many times to save himself.

Amicus Beats Washougal.

The Amicus club basketball team defeated the Washougal team last Saturday night by the score of 23 to 9. A large but silent crowd witnessed the game, which was played in the Washougal gymnasium. The team work of the Amicus club outclassed the Washougal team from the start.

BOX SEATS TO COST 4 CENTS EACH GAME

Judge McCredie's Plan Is to Take Care of the Regular Fan.

Portland has probably established a new record in the matter of box seat cost at the new ball park, and the fan who likes to be somewhat exclusively situated while watching the game, can do so at an average cost of 4 cents a game for his privilege. Judge McCredie stated this morning that the box idea was to take care of the patron of the game who could not get out to the park early enough to secure himself a seat in the grandstand.

The seats are going very rapidly and at this stage of the 1912 season about half of them are gone. It is very likely that the demand will be so great in the future that Judge McCredie may consider a proposition to put in box seats on the sun side of the stand, figuring that many business men would welcome the chance to sit in the sun a few hours a day.

In discussing the box matter this morning, Judge McCredie said:

Cost Is Pretty Small.

"The boxes are numbered 1 to 50 inclusive, and contain 4 to 6 seats per box, lettered A, B, C, D, E, and E. The price per season subject to a grand stand ticket is $7 per seat. Box seats per game will be 25 cents extra. The object of these reserved seats is more particularly to provide the regular fan with a seat at any and all games, if he so desires. If a purchaser attended every game, there being scheduled 163 games, it would cost him extra a trifle over 4 cents per game.

"A person purchasing a seat for the season has the absolute control of it for the season. In his absence he can permit any one he desires to occupy it upon giving such person written authorization to occupy his seat, properly signed. In case any one should purchase more than one seat, which many do, such person can take any of his friends with him to occupy the seats.

"Outside of the boxes there will be no reserved seats sold as long as the big grandstand is sufficiently large to accommodate all desiring a grandstand seat. If it becomes too small, then we will be forced to rope off a section or two, to accommodate those who do not desire to be compelled to go early to get a seat. However, that is crossing a bridge before we get to it."

Real Dope on Kuhn.

Here's the real dope on the Kuhn case, as received in a letter from President Baum of the Coast league. When Kuhn came into the organized fold, Minneapolis stipulated that he could play one year in the Coast league and would then have to report as soon as the suspension was lifted. Minneapolis has turned him over to Chicago and the White Sox must now keep him. Chicago will not be able to get waivers on Kuhn, for Cleveland would never consent to let him get out of the American league.

Danny Shay Holdout.

A letter from Manager Jack Barry of the Seattle club, states that Danny Shea, the Portland catcher on the Dugdale club, is a hold out. Barry was inquiring about Tom Murray, not being informed at the time he wrote, that Murray had been traded to St. Paul for Steiger.

"Tub" Hockett Appointed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 13.—Asked about the report that he is to manage the St. Louis team in the new Columbian league, Tom Hacket, outlaw catcher, said today: "I have had some correspondence with President John T. Powers on two propositions, one to manage a club in the third major league, and the other to act as scout on the coast. No terms have been reached, but I am expecting a telegram today. Danny Shay, who is to manage Kansas City, attended the meeting last night, I understand. He is pulling for me."

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