

PORTLAND BASEBALL PENNANT HOPES TAKE JUMP

LINDSAY WELL AGAIN AND TELLS M'CREIDIE HE'LL HAVE BIG YEAR

Hard-Hitting Third Baseman Leaves Johns Hopkins Hospital Cured After Operation.

"Absolutely well now and expect the greatest year of baseball in my career." That was the cheering message conveyed to Manager Walter McCreddie of the Beavers in a letter received yesterday afternoon from Third Baseman Bill Lindsay, who has spent the greater part of the winter in the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, where he underwent an operation for the injury that kept him on the bench most of last year. A noted surgeon used the knife on Lindsay's leg and turned him out of the hospital as cured.

When Lindsay went home last fall both he and McCreddie despaired of his ever donning spanglers again. The heavy-hitting infielder could hardly walk without pain, as the result of the injury he received in Los Angeles in the last week of 1911 and aggravated by a wrench during the early weeks of last season. He was out about three months and when he tried to break back into the game in the fall and was compelled to quit it for the year.

Bill went almost immediately to Baltimore and placed himself in the care of the hospital physicians.

Walter McCreddie was tickled to death this morning when he read Lindsay's letter, "That sure puts my infield to the front, he said. Lindsay is one of the greatest hitters in the business and the rest last year ought to put his legs in great shape for 1913. Lindsay is a pretty fast man but he suffered an injury to his underpinning in New Orleans and has been a bit handicapped.

"There is not a better infielder in the league on a hard hit ball and he has a good arm. Bill's only fault lies in gobbling up foul flies. He never had that trouble until last year, but when he missed a couple one afternoon and the fans got after him with their tirades, he got a bit discouraged. But it didn't last long and in a few days he was catching them as of yore."

There has been doubt all along in McCreddie's mind that Lindsay and his .218 batting average would report at all next spring, and the reason for his good feeling is easily explained after perusing Bill's epistolary effort.

**Jones Would Star McGinnity.** Fielder Jones has a great head on him. He has already figured out how the Tacoma club can make a lot of money, using its new magnate, Joe McGinnity, as the lodestone.

"The Tacoma club would make money," said the Northwestern executive yesterday, "if McGinnity would pitch every Sunday, when the crowds could come out to see him. Although McGinnity has been out of major league baseball several years, he has never lost his skill. This is proved by the fact that the astute Frank Navin, owner of the Detroit club, had a contract written out for him to become a Tiger next year and wanted to present it, but I told him that we needed McGinnity out in the northwest and dissuaded him from pursuing Joe any further."

"There is such glamor about a great pitcher that the fans want to see him. Why, fellows like Wood, Mathewson, Walsh, Johnson and Greig, are worth their weight in gold to the box office. McGinnity's presence on the ball field ought to make hundreds of dollars to the Tacoma club. Advertise the fact that McGinnity will pitch on a certain day and you'll see the fans flocking to the ball park."

"I wouldn't be surprised to see McGinnity in the box every other day if the Tacoma club pitchers get to going bad. He is a moose for work, and in this league he ought to pitch 75 or 80 games easily a season."

**Christmas Business Is Good.** The Dalles, Or., Dec. 21.—Dalles merchants report a fine holiday trade, and say if it keeps up the remaining three business days before Christmas as it has the past week, they will be well satisfied.

THEY SWIM IN ICED WATER IN EAST, TOO



Miss Elaine Golding coming out of the chilly surf after one of her regular weekly mid-winter swims. Miss Golding, champion woman swimmer, is one of the most enthusiastic members of the "Snow Birds," an organization of swimmers, men and women, some of them very prominent in New York life, who, every Sunday morning throughout the winter, indulge in a frolic in the icy waters of the Coney Island surf. The swim consists of a race of 200 yards to a floating raft and back.

STRING OF FIGHTERS FROM GOTHAM ARRIVE

Jim Buckley's Stable, Smith, Murphy and Kirkwood, Have Fights in Sight.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Gumboat Smith, heavyweight; Harlem Tommy Murphy, lightweight; and George Kirkwood, a featherweight, all managed by Jim Buckley, arrived here late yesterday afternoon from New York.

Smith is scheduled to meet Frank Moran of Pittsburg here December 27, the winner to fight the victor of the Palzer-McCarthy New Year's day battle at Vernon. On the same day Murphy will clash with Frankie Burns of Oakland in a 20 round bout.

Buckley hopes to secure a suitable opponent for George Kirkwood as a preliminary to one of the two big battles. Kirkwood is well known on the coast, having engaged in a number of four round bouts in San Francisco and 10 round contests in Los Angeles.

**McFarland Fails to Appear.** (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—The card at Dreamland last night was marred by the non-appearance of Tommy McFarland in his bout with Frankie Smith, because of illness.

Frankie Edwards and Babe Picato were shoved ahead to the stellar position. They put up four fast rounds, which was declared a draw. The other bouts resulted as follows: Jimmy Carroll-Roy Moore, draw; Louis Rees-Willie Robinson, draw; Eddie Miller-outpointed Kid Riley; Montana Dan Sullivan knocked out Beans Carranza in the first round; Stanley Dean got the decision over Jack Gibbon, and Dick Kendall knocked out Young Ritchie in two rounds.

**Dundee Earns Fight.** (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—Johnny Dundee, the New York featherweight, is practically assured of a championship match with Johnny Kilbane, either here or at Vernon, as a result of his defeat in New York of Eddie Morgan, the British scrapper. Morgan showed to good advantage in the earlier rounds, but the dispatches stated, but he tired soon and Dundee was wearing him down with punishing body blows when the tenth round ended.

**Police Stop Bout.** (United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—Danny Cullen of Los Angeles and Leo Kelly of St. Louis are disgusted here today as a result of the action of the police in stopping their battle in the seventh round. Kelly had a shade over Cullen, although the bout was very tame.

**Hap Myers May Break League.** (United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—That the California Winter Baseball league will close its season at the end of the present series is predicted here today, after the San Diego team left the field in yesterday's game when First Baseman Hap Myers was banished by the umpire. League officials have been quoted as saying that the present series, unless unusually successful, would see the end of the league. All the clubs contain many major league stars.

NOTHING WRONG WITH PALZER, SAYS MEDICO WHO EXAMINED BOXER

Promoter McCarey Figures House Will Be Sold Out Before Christmas for Fight.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—There was joy in the Palzer camp today because a doctor has declared there is nothing wrong physically with the big Iowa except a bit of biliousness. Palzer's condition has caused much worry to his handlers, his work being listless and half hearted.

Luther McCarty, who is scheduled to meet Palzer in a 20 round bout at Vernon New Year's afternoon, will resume his training in earnest Monday. This week McCarty has contented himself with light gymnasium work and a bit of sparring. He is now ready for the heavy preparation.

More interest is being shown in the Palzer-McCarthy bout than in any staged here in recent months. Promoter McCarey predicts that the house will be sold out before Christmas day.

LOCAL TRAPMEN WILL SHOOT AT VANCOUVER

Neighboring City Will Provide Turkeys; Annual Meeting Held January 7.

The traps of the Portland gun club will be closed all day tomorrow, owing to an invitation from the Vancouver gun club to take part in a turkey shoot at the traps of the neighboring city, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made to keep the traps open all day Wednesday for the benefit of the shooters. The annual meeting of the gun club will be held January 7, at which time the officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected. At that time arrangements will be completed for the erection of the shooting tower which is expected to revive interest in trap shooting in this section.

VIBRATIONS OF GONG FELT BY THIS BOXER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Simply because he is deaf and dumb should be no bar to his securing a match, according to Joe Herzberg of Indianapolis, who is here today, seeking a bout.

Nate Lewis explained by sign language that Herzberg need not expect any bouts around Chicago. "Why not?" asked Joe on his fingers. "You couldn't hear the bell," explained Lewis.

Herzberg explained that he hears the bell through his feet. The clang causes a vibration which is transferred through his body. His seconds, he also explained, pound on the mat to signal the end of the round to him.

WELL, HERE'S A NEW FANGLED WAY TO FISH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 21.—Fishing by telephone is the latest sport in France. An inventor who has patented the device has discovered that fish when swimming produce certain sounds that can be detected by the telephone. His apparatus consists of a receiver and a detonator, which are sunk in the water and connected by wires to a post of observation on the river bank. When fish in any number pass the receiver a sound is heard by the watcher, who has only to press a button to explode the detonator. Fish killed by the detonator come to the surface and are removed with a net.

FIFTEEN VANCOUVER PLAYERS GET LETTERS

(Special to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 21.—Fifteen members of the Vancouver high school football team were yesterday awarded their letter "V" by Coach Dillon. Of the number, seven have won letters before. James O'Donnell, captain of last year's team, has won four, and Cecil Knapp, captain of this year's team, Dell McMullen, captain-elect, Vessey, Chapel, Collins and Blair have each won two. Others who won their letter are McGlachlin, H. Hathaway, M. Hathaway, Galbraith, H. Taylor and V. Taylor.

NORTHWESTERN MOGULS IN SESSION IN TACOMA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—With all directors present, the annual meeting of the Northwestern baseball league was convened here today in the Tacoma hotel to arrange details for the playing season of 1913.

Those present are: W. W. McCredie of Portland, Joe Cohn, D. E. Dugdale of Seattle, President Fielder Jones, R. P. Brown of Vancouver and Leonard Wattelet of Victoria.

KING EDWARD'S TERRIER ILL; WILL GET STATUE

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 21.—"Caesar," the late King Edward's favorite wire-haired terrier, recalled by all Britishers as one of the most conspicuous figures in his master's funeral procession, is ill. Queen Mother Alexandra, whose affection for the dog was second only to that of her husband and who has given up hope of his recovery, is said to have commissioned Sir George Frampton, the eminent sculptor, to execute a statue of Caesar to be placed on his grave.

**Roller Is Tossed in Ottawa.** (United Press Leased Wire.) Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—Wrestling fans are enthusiastic today over the work here last night of Constant Le Marin who won two falls out of three from Dr. B. F. Roller, the Seattle grappler. Roller took the first fall in 22 minutes with a head and toe hold. Le Marin won the next two, the first in 12 minutes and the second in five minutes.

Christmas trees, best trees, from delivery, open Sunday, 123 10th st.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM PLANS TRIP TO NORTHWEST

Oregon, O. A. C. and Washington Will Be Taken on in Series of Games.

(Special to The Journal.) Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 21.—Graduate Manager William Donald is planning a tour of the northwest for the California varsity baseball team. The proposed schedule will include a series of games with the University of Oregon, Washington and the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The last time a California baseball team journeyed through Oregon and Washington was in 1910. It is proposed to meet the northern colleges in the latter part of May. Last year the University of Washington played a series of games here with the local varsity. Three games were played, California winning two.

California enjoys good diamond prospects for next season. With the exception of Chet Allen, the third baseman and captain, and Reggie Stoner, catcher, the squad will begin the season with seven veterans. Young and Schon, sophomores, are candidates for Captain Allen's berth, while Holden will probably fill Stoner's place in the catching department. "Jimmie" Dodson will hold down his old place at first base. Second base will be taken care of by Goodwin. Rubke will be stationed at shortstop. Captain-elect Coane will occupy the left field territory. Shepherd, last spring rated as the heaviest hitting collegian on the coast, will be in right field. Bryington Ford is billed for the center field garden.

Carroll Coane strongly favors the northwestern trip and has pledged his support to secure the trip if possible. Captain Coane said:

"Our claim to the intercollegiate championship last year was weakened somewhat because we did not meet Oregon. We defeated Washington, Stanford and the University of Southern California, but Oregon blocked our claims to the coast championship. A trip to the northwest would be just the thing to settle the honors."

GREGORY ATHLETICS WIN AND LOSE GAME

The Gregory Athletic club basketball team defeated the Christian Brothers Business college second team at Gregory hall last night by the score of 23 to 12. Dorney starred for the winners and Wintchell for the losers.

The second team of the Gregory Athletics was defeated by the Albina Juniors by the score of 19 to 14. Mears and V. McEntee starred for the winners and Meyers for the losers.

RACES AT JUAREZ

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 21.—Yesterday's results: First race—Barden of Allah, 11 to 5, even, 1 to 2, won; Sharper Knight, 3 to 2, 7 to 10, second; Luke Van Zandt, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 2-5.

Scratch—Garter. Second race—Eycwhite, 9 to 10, 9 to 20, 1 to 4, won; Sir Irius, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, second; Princess Industry, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 4-5.

Scratch—Miss Jean, Visible and Tallowdip. Third race—Song of Rocks, 5 to 1, 9 to 5, 4 to 5, won; Kloria, 1 to 2, 1 to 4, second; Hugh Gray, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Fourth race—Dominic, 7 to 2, 4 to 5, 2 to 1, won; Frank G. Hogan, 1 to 2, 1 to 4, second; Sir Barry, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:08 1-5.

Scratches—Country Boy, Charles Goetz, Rosey Posey, Uncle Jimmy Gray. Fifth race—Masalo, 7 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Angela, 5 to 5, 7 to 10, second; Cordie E, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:07 2-5.

Sixth race—Balchiff, 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, won; Compton, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Sister Florence, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 2-5.

DIAMOND MERCHANT MURDERED IN CHICAGO

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—J. P. Logue, a diamond merchant, was found dead in his office in the McVickers Theater building in the heart of the "Loop" district yesterday. His head was crushed, his hands were tied behind him and a gag was in his mouth.

There was no evidence of a struggle. When a boy found the corpse, an empty cartridge lay beside it, while in the same room was Logue's sagan with the door locked.

BIG EDDY ENGINEER WEDS DALLES DAUGHTER

(Special to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., Dec. 21.—An unusual social event in this city was the marriage of Miss Winifred Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, to James H. Polhemus of Portland, an engineer now located at Big Eddy on the construction work of The Dalles-Celilo canal.

The wedding service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. B. A. Warren, rector of St. Paul's, at the family home, 104 Fourth street, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, the groom being attended by Thomas T. Bennett, an attorney of Marshfield, and the bride by Miss Florence Williams of Seattle.

The Wilson home was most tastefully decorated with holly and cut flowers, and was open to many of the friends of the family during the evening. Refreshments were served on the third floor, which was converted into a spacious dining-hall, and late in the evening dancing was indulged.

Miss Wilson was born in The Dalles and was one of the most popular of the young set. Mr. Polhemus has been located at Big Eddy little less than a year, but during that time has made a large circle of acquaintances and friends. The young couple left Thursday morning for a honeymoon trip without telling their friends their destination. On their return they will reside at Big Eddy where Mr. Polhemus has erected a home.

We feel sorry for the man who has a nagging wife to fuss over the ashes from his pipe dreams.

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PORTLAND LIKES "HEAVY" READING

Library Records Show More Calls Here for Non-Fiction Reading.

Notwithstanding the great and varied supply of fiction of all sorts which is to be found on the shelves of the Portland public library and the ease with which these books may be obtained in great numbers at one time, there is nearly twice as much non-fiction read as fiction. This fact puts Portland in a distinctive class by itself, for fiction is generally in much greater demand in many cities than the more solid reading. In Los Angeles, for instance, fiction is read in a proportion of 4 to 1 above classics.

"December is always an 'off' month in the library," said Miss McLachlan, head of the circulation department, yesterday. "People not only read much less than at any other time of the year, but they read lighter literature. I can understand women wanting something light and frivolous for recreation during the strenuous holiday season, but just why men should demand the lighter reading at this time is one of the many things we librarians cannot account for."

"What is the book of the hour in the line of fiction?" was asked. "Harold Bell Wright's 'Their Yesterdays' stands above anything else popularly, but even above that we have just at this time. The popularity of this book is nothing short of marvelous. It has been very judiciously advertised, of course, but so have other books that have never attained such popularity. This book has had very little advertising in local papers and we find that they are the very best advertising a book can have. The people of Portland believe in their home papers and take their judgment in their selection of reading matter as in many other things."

"Breaking up further of 'Their Yesterdays' we now have 51 reservations for it by which I mean 51 persons have asked for it leaving a post card to be notified when they may have it. This demand will be decreased very materially soon, however, not through a waning of popularity, but through the fact that the 'Five Cent Free Library' and the new fiction is bought for that in large numbers and as a means of regulating the supply to the demand as soon as one of the five cent fee books has been out 20 times it is transferred to the regular free circulation shelves."

"We have told today 161 reservations for fiction, with 51 of these for 'Their Yesterdays' the others pale into insignificance. The next in line is 'Marriage' by Wells for which we have six reservations and 'The Red Lane' by Hildman Day for which we have four reservations, so you see we have no time the people of Portland are not very frivolous. In fact they are quite serious as you will see when I tell you about the demand for scientific works and the classics."

Promised Lane's new book, 'The Single Book of Non-Fiction' is the most popular single book of non-fiction now on the shelves of the library. We have 21 reserves for it and a goodly number of copies too, for in the case of non-fiction as soon as there are several demands for a book the number of volumes is increased.

"The most popular topic of study just now is psychology. This may be accounted for, I presume, through the course of lectures on psychology which are being delivered at Reed College and also by the fact that one of the sections of Mary Womans' club is also studying psychology. We have 111 books on the special lines now being studied and we have today 21 reservations. Economics is another absorbing subject at this time and though we have 106 books on the phases of the subject now most in demand, we still have seven reserves. Just now we have many demands for books on mind and we have now no more than 21 reserves on this topic. We have had reserve cards for Montessori's Method for three months and for Bergson's Creative Evolution we have cards as long as a year.

The most popular poet now in service, the Alaska poet, and although we have seven copies of his works we have 10 reservations at this time. Kipling remains immensely popular, both his prose and poetical works being in constant demand. Riley is a good standard too. One of the interesting things in this connection is the spasmodic demand for Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Every few months there seems to be a Dunbar wave sweep the city and everything we have is cleared off the shelves for a month or two and then there will be a lull in which requests for the colored poet are almost unknown. These waves do not come at any particular

time of the year—they just come and we don't know why or wherefore. "The only book of modern fiction which maintains its popularity is 'The Virginian'. It is still in great demand. Not so with 'Tribes' a few years ago we could not even think of supplying the demand for it and now there isn't over two inquiries for it in a year. Darwin is another standard work the people stick to. Every year I go through the shelves, look through the books to see how many times they have circulated, and send the least popular one down in the basement, but I never get to send Darwin down below, people of all classes read him. Just the other day I noticed a man, plainly a foreigner, walking about in the lobby and I asked him what I could do for him. He was so bashful and spoke so brokenly it was with difficulty that I finally made out that he would like something to read. I went down to the basement and looked up some of the things which we usually offer the foreigner. He looked them over and finally said brokenly, 'If you have anything of Darwin's I would like to read that, I have read most of his books, but if you have any I have not read I would like one.'"

**Fitzgerald Is Acquitted.** (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—George W. Fitzgerald, who has been on trial here for six weeks on a charge of having stolen \$170,000 from the Chicago subtreasury, was acquitted yesterday.

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