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IF MAGNATES COULD SQUINT INTO FUTURE WE'D HAVE BASEBALL

Coast League Could Have Played Until Present Time With Such Weather.

FIRST YEAR SINCE 1903 As Experiment Directors Started With 36 Weeks, but Cut Down to 30—Sevens Have First Chance.

Where Teams Play This Week. Portland at San Francisco. Oakland at Salt Lake. Los Angeles at Vernon.

If baseball magnates could peer into the crystal and tell what kind of weather was on tap in Portland, the Coast League would have been much better off financially this year.

Forty-six days of perfect autumn weather would have allowed Coast League clubs to play baseball in Portland up to the present and would have permitted the extension of the Coast League schedule to include October in Portland.

The latter part of September and October in Portland are usually not suited for baseball, and the league magnates have taken no chances. Quite a large number of Labor day crowds have been lost in the past few years through rain on the holiday, and this year was quite an exception.

Judge McCredie could have duplicated the season of 1903, when he says 36 weeks of baseball were played, had he known in advance of the autumn sunshine.

In that season the clubs played in Portland until the first of November, and the season was finished in California the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The league now confines its schedule to 30 weeks, this being necessitated by the fact that since the first year of the circuit, there has not been settled weather in Portland since during September and October.

New Team Is Probable. From Los Angeles have come reports that Manager Walter McCredie will cut loose from a lot of his present ball players and seek to build a new team for next year.

The big fellow says he intends to build an entirely new ball club next year and he expects several players from Cleveland to help him carry out the plan for 1917.

Manager McCredie charges that many of his players did not keep in good condition during the year and that if they had done so, the club would now be fighting Los Angeles for the pennant instead of trying to keep its head above the second division.

Most of the men who have not tried to keep themselves in the best of playing condition during the 1916 season will be given the gate.

McCredie's action, of course, will depend upon how the players conduct themselves in the final week's series, coming today against San Francisco. If it had not been for the disastrous week at Salt Lake, in which the only game was won by the doxy Alton Sothoron, the team might have had no worries about finishing pretty well up in the first division.

Illness, due to lack of keeping in the best of physical shape, has affected over two thirds of the players at various times during the season and invariably the hospital list has been made up of regulars whose hitting and fielding was counted upon. It is no wonder that McCredie is disgusted with his ball club and it is safe to predict that those who have not given their best to the ball club will be remembered when the contracts are passed around soon after the first of the year.

Jones Is Surprised. Fielder Jones was greatly surprised when Judge McCredie told him the other day that Bobby Vaughn did not live up to advance expectations in his work with the Braves this year.

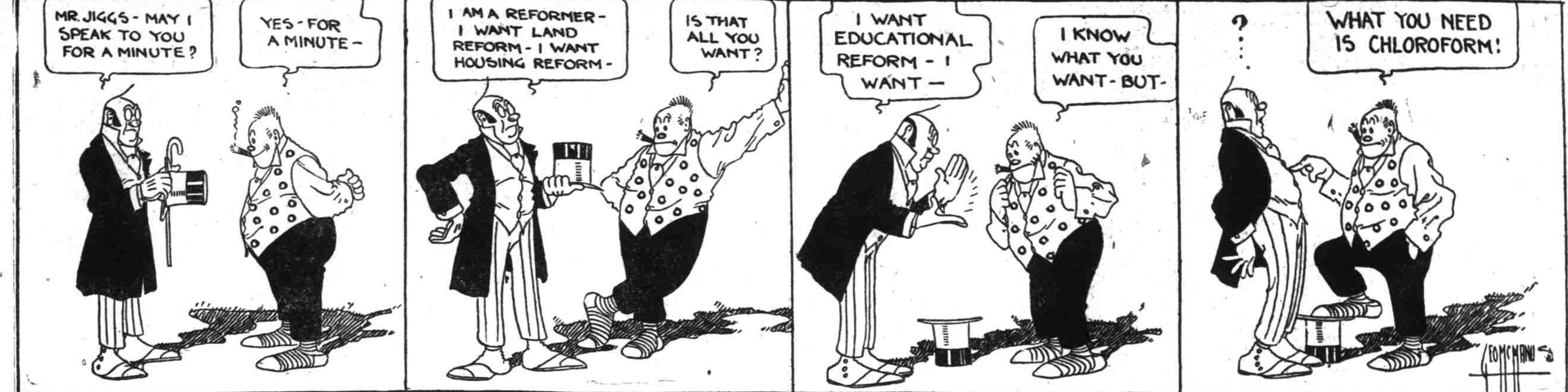
The old Comrade got in bad before he ever donned a uniform, by making foolish demands that his Federal League contract be fully protected, even after Judge McCredie assured him that he had been legally protected both at Portland and at the St. Louis end.

Then followed a poor season on the part of Vaughn as second base and he began to "ride" him, which, naturally, affected his playing. Vaughn has been conscientious however, and although naturally frail, has always been in shape to play when called upon.

Jones will doubtless use him for trading purposes next year, as he is not a big league ball player, although as a punter there is none better in the game. Jones might carry him for utility to utilize his bunting prowess, but usually the man in the utility role is a great fielder or a terrific slugger. Vaughn is neither.

Cornell Coaches Worry. Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 24.—(I. N. S.) Not satisfied with the showing made by the Cornell team against Bucknell, the coaches have announced that there was a lot of work ahead on the three practice days before the squad leaves for Boston to play Harvard Saturday.

BRINGING UP FATHER



BLANK HAS BEAT CHANCE TO BOSS BEES, SAYS BIRD

Salt Lake Ex-Manager Has Worked Quietly to Get Majority of Stock.

By William J. Slattery. San Francisco, Oct. 24.—(P. N. S.)—The whispering bird which supplies the Pacific Coast League fans with the ever-welcome and always eagerly sought gossip is authority for the statement that Cliff Blankenship will be back as manager of the Salt Lake club next season. Bill Bernard, the man who was recently appointed to run the Bee club, can't last, according to the latest whisperings.

It was only a few short days ago that brief dispatches from the Utah metropolis conveyed the information that Blankenship, in his leisure moments after his forced resignation as the main Bee of the hive, succeeded in securing control of the majority of the stock of the club. The latest report is that he's going to assert his authority at the next meeting of the directors, immediately after the close of the season. He is in no way any line, and baseball always is inclined.

World Show He Is Game. Blankenship wants to set himself back as leader of the outfit, not so much for the glory and the salary that will be forthcoming but just to show the men who got him that he's a game fighter and a winner when he starts.

The story that is being ripped off in the inner circles tells of how Blankenship hooked up with a prominent millionaire who was eager to become a sporting promoter and who cared naught for his dough.

The whispering bird is authority for the statement that Blankenship showed the man of millions how he could corner the stock of the team and thereby overrule Frank Murphy and others who ran its affairs in the past.

Courts May Be Reached. The wealthy person is reputed to be so strong in Blankenship that he told the former boss of the gang to go right ahead, use his own judgment and swing back into the job that he had filled so capably for nearly two seasons. Blankenship looks to be just about ready for the big jump.

But there's sure to be plenty of fuss and gobs of trouble if the contemplated move is made. The affairs of the club, likely will be aired in the courts, and the fans are sure to get many an earful of the doings of the magnates in the Mormon stronghold.

Bernard May Give Battle. Bernard is believed to have a flock of stock himself. He signed a nice, fat little contract, so he's worth a bet to give Blankenship and the millionaire a battle when they begin to prepare the gate for him.

When Blankenship resigned under pressure, the fans all over the circuit waited for him to declare himself and denounce the men whom he held responsible for the loss of his honored position. But Blankenship did no holering nor shouting. He played a different sort of game. Instead of warning him to hold the discarded one went at the task of lining up his millionaire friend in a very practical, business-like way. That he was successful in his mission comes direct from a reliable source in the newest coast league city.

VEAN GREGG HAS IT ON JOHN D. IN GETTING MONEY

Former Portland Pitcher Paid Exceedingly Well for His Baseball Work.

By Frank G. Menke. Vean Gregg is another one of those "lucky guys." He was wished upon the Red Sox late in 1914 by the Indians. Then his left fin lost its wiggling power and Vean did little else than nurse it for the balance of the year.

In 1915 and again this season Gregg was almost useless to his club. The main chores he performed were those of the relief variety. In 1915 he worked to a decision in only six games; this year it was five.

For performing in 11 complete combats in two years, Gregg got his regular salary, reported to be \$5000 a season, and two cuts of the world's money. That means approximately \$17,000 for working about 20 hours in two years, or \$850 every 60 minutes.

If you have tears to shed, this is not the spot. Sure, Charles Will Sell. New York, Oct. 24.—(C. Hercules Ebets is a generous old soul. He has tired of baseball and will sell his club to anyone who wishes to part with \$2,000,000; just that and nothing more.

C. Hercules might have demanded \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000, but he isn't the kind of a fellow who wants to drive a hard bargain. He is satisfied with small profits, such as about \$1,500,000; if he sold his club for \$2,000,000.

The whole Dodger team didn't cost Ebets \$20,000 to recruit. If he played each player on sale today it is doubtful if he would get more than \$100,000. Just how the stands represent is a question, however, about \$300,000 would more than cover it. Allowing an extra \$100,000 for the valuation of equipment means that the intrinsic worth of the whole outfit is \$600,000.

So the difference between \$500,000 and \$2,000,000 can be explained by the fact that the man who wants to pay C. Hercules \$1,500,000 for his best and heartiest wishes? Don't crowd, boys—don't crowd!

Batter "Scalped" Pitcher. "The funniest play" Arthur Irwin paused for what you might call a technical analysis. It was one of those ancient and honorable as far as baseball is concerned. He began playing professional baseball about six weeks ago. He has played, scouted or managed ever since.

Well," responded Artie, "I've lapped a lot of funny ones, but the prize might be voted to an incident that happened a few years ago in the American association. "Frank Bonner, once a big league star, was with a fellow named Thomas pitching. Thomas was held headed, but not proud about it, so he wore a wig. Bonner knew nothing about the wig, so he pitched. "Frank picked one of Thomas' twisters and drove it right back of him. The ball smashed Thomas on the upper division of his forehead and promptly knocked off Thomas' cap and his wig.

"The ball traveled so quickly that it had hit Thomas and uncrowned him while Bonner, although already running, was watching the flight of the ball.

FIRST BASEMAN HAD GOOD YEAR ON DIAMOND



Larry Gynther, one of the prominent amateur baseball players of the city, who held down first base for the Highland team in the Twilight league this season.

PING BODIE GETS HIS BATTING EYE IN GOOD ORDER

Fence Busting Seal Crawls Up Batting Ladder a Rung or Two.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—(P. N. S.)—Batting averages in the Pacific Coast League remained about the same last week and the leaders were found to be running in about the same position as the week before when the totals were stated yesterday. Kenworthy gained a point and held his place at the top of the regulars, but Ping Bodie seems to have regained his eye and is going good. Justin Fitzgerald leads the Seal sluggers with .227. Averages of 250 or better follow:

Table with columns: Name, AD, R, H, BB, etc. listing player statistics for the Pacific Coast League.

Golf Tournament to Start Wednesday

The qualifying round of the men's golf championship of the Waverley Country club will be played over 36 holes on the Waverley course Wednesday morning beginning promptly at 9 o'clock. The entrance fee is \$2.

Bowlers Get Refund; Available for Prizes

Cleveland, Oct. 24.—(U. P.)—The American Bowling Congress has announced a refund of \$1281 to 59 cities in the congress.

JEFFERSON AND COLUMBIA WILL MIX TOMORROW

Jamison Drills on Forward Pass; Capt. Murphy Will Play Quarterback.

The first important clash of the 1916 interscholastic league football season will be played tomorrow afternoon on Multnomah field between the Jefferson high school and the Columbia university. The contest will start promptly at 3:15 o'clock.

W. S. C. AND O. C. TO PLAY HERE WITH CLUB MEN

Arrange Tentative Dates in Multnomah Field After College Year Ends.

The famous Washington State college football team will play the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club eleven on Multnomah field either December 9 or December 16, and the Olympic club team of San Francisco will line up against the "Winged M." probably on New Year's day.

With the exception of the date, arrangements for the W. S. C.-Multnomah game were completed by Superintendent Dow Walker of the Multnomah club and Athletic Director Bohler of the Pullman institution. New Year's day will be suggested as the date of the game with the Olympics by Dow Walker, and it is likely that the San Francisco club men will accept the suggestion.

Wallace DeWitt, former Princeton football star, who has been a member of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club team for the past two seasons, has retired from the gridiron. He will play no more, but he will likely assist "Dad" Conville and "Spec" Huriburt in developing the club team for the other games to be played this season.

REED ATHLETES HAVE PLENTY OF WORK JUST NOW

Winter and Summer Sports Hold Sway at Eastmoreland Campus.

Letters and numerals won by the athletes at Reed college last year were distributed at a meeting of the student body last Thursday morning by President William T. Foster. Seven men and seven women were awarded letters, including Hance Miller, John Dambach, Milton Bozorth, August Willman, George Buland, Sigurd Grondahl and Ambrose Brownell, and Misses Erma Wills, Minerva Thiessen, Josephine Saunders, Jennie Bangsund, Harriet Forest, Wilmoth Osborne and Victoria Case. Nineteen men received class numerals, and 25 women, as follows: Men, class of '16, Wills, Buland; '17, Wills, Shagren, Royce, Larrabee, Riddle and Brownell; '18, Malarky, Loppam, Bozorth, Harman and Coby; '19, Hinkle, Prindle, Gevurtz, Stone, Honkirk and Shumway; and women, 16, Misses Mackenzie, Wills, Coffin, Thiessen, Armstrong, Kelly, Kincaid, Calkins, '17, Misses Saunders, Elliot, Walton, Dempey, Howard, Nelson, Bond and Rishes; '18, Misses Nelson, Osborne, Phillips, Forest, Bangsund, Kontass, Greenburg, and '19, Misses Hyatt, Bowring, Case, Joselyn and Campbell.

Second Football Game Tomorrow

The second football game of the year will be held tomorrow afternoon, between the upper and lower class teams. The relay race between the freshmen class and a mixed upper class team will be held this afternoon.

Considerable interest is being shown in the women's tennis tournament Miss Victoria Case will play in the finals. Miss Erma Bennet and Miss Alice Tucker have a match to play to decide who will contest Miss Erma DuPruille for the right to enter the finals against Miss Case. Miss DuPruille holds the women's tennis championship of the school, and is also well known for her playing in several city tournaments.

The women will have their first hockey game next Wednesday afternoon before the football game, the contestants being the sophomores and freshmen. The sophomores are very freshmen, as they have been practicing hard, with lots of material, while the sophomores have not had Miss Joy Jewelyn captain and have not had large turnouts.

Basketball Practice Is On. Practice for the men's interclass basketball games is already being talked of. So far, the present senior class has held this championship since entering school. They have lost men each year, but this year will gain Milton Bozorth, who is finishing his course in three years, and who has a good record at guard in Reed basketball history. The juniors will probably have the largest handicap over last year of any of the classes, Clyde White, Neil Malarky and John Dambach being left of the old guard. The sophomore contingent remains practically stable, with Peterson, Gevurtz, Hinkle, Houston and Goldsmith as the probable heroes. For the freshmen prospects are very bright. Carl Wilson and George Henry, Portland academy basket-players, are expected to show up well, while Cunningham, Larsen and Foster are all experienced, high school men. The basketball season will open right after the Christmas holidays. Thirty-one men have entered the perpetual bantam tournament. The first five listed are Clyde White, William Harmon, Harry Moore, Matthew Riddle, James Rogers.

Tinker Will Surely Lose Job. Chicago, Oct. 24.—(U. P.)—N. K. Jones Tinker is sure to lose his job as manager of the Chicago Cubs. While some of the officials of the Chicago National League team would confirm the report, it was learned today that at a meeting of the directors, it was decided Joe is entirely too high priced as manager. He has been drawing \$12,000 a year.

Pneumonia Threatens Comiskey. Chicago, Oct. 24.—(U. P.)—Threatened with pneumonia, President Chas. A. Comiskey of the White Sox, has been preparing to go to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to fight the fever. He caught cold recently when drenched on a hunting trip in Wisconsin and returned here ill Saturday.

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Whitman, W. S. C. Play in Spokane?

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 24.—Following their victory over Idaho Friday the Missionary school has started to prepare for meeting Coach Gilmore Dobie's invincible aggregation at Seattle next Saturday. That Whitman will be able to defeat the northwest champions is beyond the widest hope of the greenest freshman in Whitman.

That Spokane may get the Thanksgiving day game between Whitman and the Washington State college, now scheduled for Walla Walla on Saturday, November 25, is probable according to Coach Horleske of Whitman, who also is manager of student affairs at that college. Under almost ideal conditions last Friday's game with Idaho brought Whitman out more than \$100 in the hole and it is the older, who moods, that the Saturday game if staged here Thanksgiving will not be financially successful.

Manager Bohler of W. S. C. has been endeavoring for some time to change the game in order that W. S. C. might play Montana university at Missoula on Thanksgiving day. This will be possible only if the Whitman game is changed to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and played in Spokane. In case the change is made Walla Walla has seen its last intercollegiate football of the season, the Idaho and W. S. C. games being the only ones scheduled for Ankeny field.

Gold Baseballs for Harvard. Boston, Mass., Oct. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Gold baseballs will be presented to all members of the Harvard varsity baseball team who took part in the victories over Yale and Princeton in 1916, at a dinner to be held at the Harvard club in Boston, on the evening of Thursday, November 2. Fred Mitchell, coach of the team; B. Wendell Jr., G. F. Abbott, captain of the 1917 team, and most of the members of the team of 1916 have promised to be present and make speeches.

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