

HELFRICH HOLDS HIS PLACE WITH BEAVERS BY TRIMMING SEALS

"Spitball" Pitcher Shows Manager McCredie Early Estimates Are Wrong.

HOLLOCHER GETS HOMER

Fitzgerald Tries to Gather in Drive Past First Base and Knocks It Over Fence Into Bleachers.

By R. A. Cronin.

Called out to beat the Seals or take the train for some distant point, George Helfrich, named Harry Wolverton's school in a way they have not been named this series or few other members of the young season. Manager McCredie somehow got it into his head that Helfrich was not fast enough for the Coast league, and the Harrisburg led started out to show the boys he was wrong in the premises. After yesterday's performance Manager Mac will start the cool youngster from the New York State league in regularity. Anybody who can win 526 of his games on a club that finished last with an average of .451, an absolute last in an eight club league, must be some pitcher.

It is quite true that young Mr. Helfrich owns no fast ball like Slim Love, but he has a "spitball" that will fool a lot of them. At any rate it fooled the pre-roaring Seals. Go to it, Helfrich!

Seals Get But Five Hits. The score was 5 to 1 and the Seals got but five hits from the spitballer, three of which were made in the third frame. The Beavers led from the start, thanks to an eccentric home run off the bat of Babe Hollocher in the first frame.

Steen pitched good ball, but when Wolverton saw that Helfrich was unbeatable he tried a pinch hitter for Steen and then the locals proceeded to gather off Red Smith. Hollocher's homer was surely a freakish one. It looked like a clean double down the first base line. Fitzgerald dashed toward grandstand and his outstretched paws deflected the agrate over the netting into the right field bleachers. While Holly was making his way around the paths, the Seals were making a weak protest on the allowing of the homer.

Then Jerry Boots One. The freak of fate evidently non-plussed Jerry Downs, for he booted Rogers' ground ball while scratched. Pick through Pick, and Farmer sacrificed. Borton's infield out allowed Rogers to tally.

The Seals halved the count in the third with Fitzgerald's homer. Fitzgerald bounded one off the right field fence for two sacks. Schaller pitched once through Rogers and Pizz scored, but Pick strayed too far off first in making his twin, and was caught off. Willie to Borton.

Babe Hollocher had a busy period in the seventh, flailing in all the players. First he struck off Schaller's grounder. Then he picked Downs' grounder off the grass, sprinted to second for a forceout and winged Jerry at first. He made a beautiful capture and threw to first of Koerner's long grounder.

The Seals tried a batting rally in the eighth. With one out, Baker walked. Then McKee was sent up to hit for Steen, but lofted to Williams. Fitzgerald singled to center, but Pick was thrown out by Rodgers and the flare was smothered.

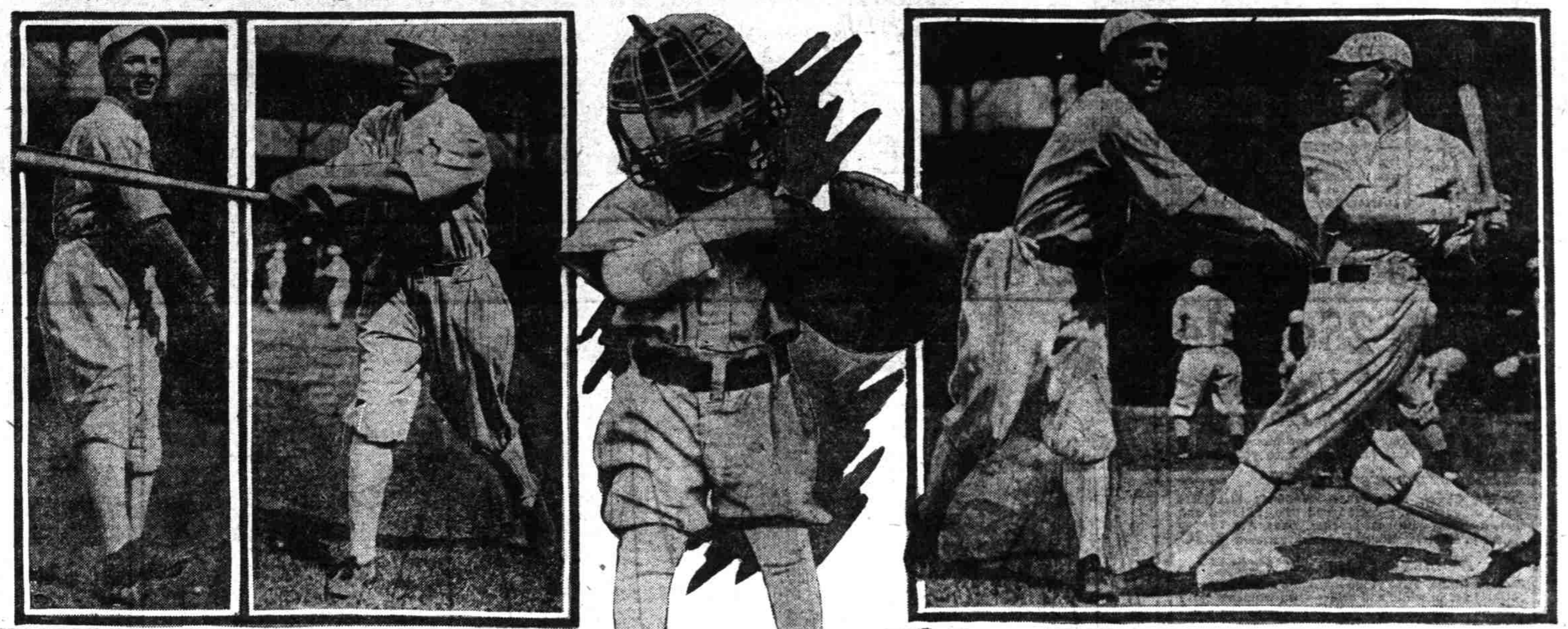
Chief Smith was brought on to face the Beavers in the eighth. Rodgers started with a beaten out hit to the Indian. Willie Adams walked and Farmer came through with a double off the left field fence, scoring Rodgers. Borton followed with a double to left and Farmer sauntered home. Williams' error on Schaller's toss on third and he scored on a wild pitch. Siglin singled to left and went on to second as the ball rolled through Schaller's legs. McKee walked and stole second. Then Helfrich walked and filled the bases. By this time Hollocher had run out of hits and fled to Fitzgerald.

Helfrich tightened up in the ninth and met the attack of the Seal heavy artillery in regular Franco-British style. Maisel arched to Williams, Schaller rolled a weak grounder to Borton and Helfrich covered the bag. Downs raised a long fly to Farmer and the series was tied at two games-all.

This afternoon Kenneth Penner, the loose-jointed righthander, will oppose Spider Baum, on whose face the hair is beginning to turn gray.

Introducing for Your Approval Some of the Newest Additions to the Family of Busy Beavers Quartet of Greats and Future Great Who Plans to Follow in Dad's Footsteps on the Diamond

Reading from left to right are some of the men McCredie is relying on to bring a pennant to Portland: Kenneth Penner, who looks like the star of the young pitchers of the Coast league; First Baseman Babe Borton, who will add hitting strength to the Beavers; William J. Rodgers Jr., son of the captain of the Portland club, who expects to be a catcher, just like August Fisher; Herb Brenton, right hander, who has strengthened the pitching staff, and Outfielder Floyd Farmer, who is expected to get in some of his mighty blows with more morning practice.



Terrible Tigers in "Comeback" Stunt

San Francisco, April 28.—(P. N. S.)—The terrible Tigers, much subdued by four straight beatings administered by Del Howard's Oaks, got their second wind today and took a well played game by a score of 3 to 1. While Vernon batted out 11 safe hits off Kremer, and the Oaks performed similarly upon Quinn eight times, the swats on both sides were kept well scattered and no more than one run was made in an inning. The score:

Scoreboard for Tigers vs. Oaks. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Deane, Adams, Hill, etc.

Chadbourne batted for Goodred in the 5th. Miller batted for Murray in 7th. Vernon 10 1 0 1 0 0 0—3. His 10 2 2 2 1 0 0—6. Hits 2 1 2 1 2 1 1—11.

Angels and Bees Split. Los Angeles, April 28.—(P. N. S.)—Los Angeles and Salt Lake split even in their double header this afternoon before a crowd of wind-swept, half-frozen spectators. The busy Bees grabbed the first game, 3 to 2, and blew the second, 8 to 1. The scores:

Scoreboard for Angels vs. Bees. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Maggert, Schmitt, etc.

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Sox Wins 14 Inning Game.

Chicago, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—The White Sox won a bitterly contested 14-inning pitchers' battle from the Tigers today by the score of 3 to 1. A pass to John Collins, a sacrifice hit and a cool by Young sent the winning run across. The Tigers were down hit two to one but rallied several times earlier in the game when threatened with defeat.

Scoreboard for Sox vs. Tigers. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Bush, Collins, etc.

Athletics Win Another Game. New York, April 28.—(U. P.)—The Athletics beat the Yankees 1 to 0 today in a game that was full of clever play. Bush was found for seven hits, two more than were gathered from his rival, Caldwell, but aided by his teammates he was able to make them ineffective. The score:

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TRIS SPEAKER IS LEADING COBB IN BAN J.'S LEAGUE

Tommy Griffith Leading National League; Chase Is Twenty-first. By H. C. Hamilton.

New York, April 28.—(U. P.)—Tris Speaker, batting champion of the American league, still biases the trail in Ban Johnson's circuit, averages today show. Ty Cobb is sixth on the list. Speaker is pounding the ball for a mark of 419 and Cobb is whaling away at an even 350.

Cincinnati and New York are hogging the space allotted to the 300 hitters in the National league. Each has five men in the circle. Speaker is the only Cleveland man wearing a .300 average, but he isn't in that class by himself, for Cobb also is the lone Tiger enjoying that mark. The Athletics have three men sticking .300 or better and Washington is tied for that honor. McKinis, Strunk and Bodie of the Athletics are sharing honors with E. Foster, Judge and Milan of the Senators.

Every pitcher who has appeared so far has won at least one game. Babe Ruth of the Red Sox is showing the way for hurlers in both leagues. He has won four and lost none. Anderson, Giants; Schupp, Giants; Doak, Cardinals; and Barrow, Braves, have each won two and lost none in the National league.

There are 13 undefeated hurlers in the National league and 14 in the American. American league's leading batters: W. Johnson, Philadelphia, .600; Rummel, St. Louis, .590; Speaker, Cleveland, .429; Menckey, Washington, .400; Danforth, Chicago, .400; Melnick, Philadelphia, .395; Merkle, Chicago, .391; Wilson, Chicago, .378; Reuther, Chicago, .364; Kauff, New York, .364; Herzog, New York, .361; Elliott, Chicago, .353; Bancroft, Philadelphia, .350; Cruise, St. Louis, .347; Wheat, Brooklyn, .333; Fischer, Pittsburgh, .333; Zimmerman, New York, .333.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies Win Series From Giants. Philadelphia, Pa., April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Pat Moran's Phillies are the first National league club to win a series from the New York Giants this season. The reformed Phillies made it two out of three by winning the final game 2 to 1. Rixey conquered McGraw's men with his southpaw curves. The score:

Scoreboard for Phillies vs. Giants. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Burns, Rixey, etc.

Grimes Beats Cincinnati. Pittsburgh, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Grimes' good pitching enabled the Pirates to defeat Cincinnati by the score of 2 to 0. The score:

Scoreboard for Grimes vs. Cincinnati. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Grubbs, Grimes, etc.

Boston Beats Brooklyn. Brooklyn, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—Although Tyler was very wild at times he lightened in the pinches and shut the Dodgers out, 2 to 0. The score:

Scoreboard for Boston vs. Brooklyn. Columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E. Includes names like Marville, Boston, etc.

Commercial Baseball League. Lang & Co. 4. Northwest Electric 3. Batteries—Smith and W. Chapin; Lohke and Walker.

Nickalls to Continue Work. Coach Guy Nickalls will remain at Yale instructing rowing candidates, and most of the colleges will continue aquatic sports, despite the calling off of the annual fixtures. The club officers will hold their annual races, the People's Day regatta, at Philadelphia, July 4, being one of the big events.

Cleaver Has Unusual Record. Otto Yackow of Cleveland, who has achieved an unusual one day's record in two distinct branches of sport, Yackow is the hero of two events at Colon, Panama. In the afternoon his hitting won the championship of the canal zone, and in the evening in a lightweight championship boxing bout he beat his opponent in four rounds.

BUDDY RYAN LEADING HITTER OF COASTERS WITH MARK OF .419

Kenneth Williams Leads the Beaver Regulars; Pick Top of San Francisco Seals.

Increasing his batting average 43 points in a week, Captain Buddy Ryan of the Salt Lake Bees jumped out in front as the leading hitter of the Pacific coast league. The ex-Beaver's percentage is .419. Johnny Bassler of the Angels is in second place with the mark of .406 and close behind him is Harry Hannah of Salt Lake, who is stinging the ball at a .400 clip.

Art Griggs heads the Tigers with .381 and Pick tops the Seals with .370. During the series at Salt Lake, Pick dropped off 75 points in batting. Del Baker, the Oregon boy who is playing a bang-up game behind the bat for the Seals, is hitting .367. Lee, who is one of the Oaks' pinch hitters, has a mark of .364.

Ken Williams heads the Beavers with .357 and Maisel of the Seals has the same mark. Denny Willie is second among the Beavers regulars with .321.

Although the Bees slumped in their batting against the Seals, they still lead the league with 258, three points above Harry Wolverton's team's mark. Ken Williams' average is .357 and Vernon picked up one point. Portland jumped from .222 to .242 and Oakland gained six points. Los Angeles leads Salt Lake in fielding by one point, and Portland and Oakland are next in line with the marks of .961 each.

Evans of Salt Lake and Goodred of Oakland have each won three straight games, and Smith of the Seals and Standridge of Los Angeles have two victories to their credit.

Standings of Teams. Pacific Coast League. San Francisco 15 9 625. Salt Lake 13 13 500.

They Average About 100. The American Association club is capable of pilfering about 125 bases a season, so it is easy to see why any club that accounts for 200 stolen bases has some class in its department of the grand old pastime.

England Prepares To Sustain People. London, April 28.—(I. N. S.)—England is prepared for at least another year and a half of war. Every effort is being made to encourage agriculture as a means of combating the submarine warfare of Germany.

BUT FOURTEEN MAJOR PLAYERS STOLE MORE THAN THIRTY BASES

Ty Cobb Was Leader in the American and Max Carey in National.

New York, April 28.—Any major league ball player who pilfers 30 or more bases in a season is considered a pretty fair base runner. It takes speed to run the bags, but it also takes a good head, for the successful base runner as a rule must have the ability to know when and how to steal. The player who packs several pounds of solid ivory between his ears is a mark for the pitchers and catcher when he gets on the sacks unless he hugs them pretty close, no matter how much speed he has.

A glance at the 1916 averages of the two big leagues reveals there were only 14 players in first company last season who burglarized 30 bases or more. Six of these athletes were in the National league and eight in the American.

Tyrus Cobb, who is king of all the cumbion thieves, swiped 68 pellets for the Detroit Tigers and led the league, by 27 bases. Bert Shotton of the Browns, with 41 stolen bases, was second.

In the National league Max Carey of the Pirates topped the list with a total of 63 steals to his credit, and Benny Kauff of the Giants was 21 sacks behind Carey with an even 40.

The base running of the St. Louis Browns last year was exceptional. Fielder Jones' base pilfering in 214 stolen bases during the summer, which was going some. Of this total Shotton and George Sisler accounted for 75 swipes. In the old league the Giants played the game of the year in 1916, pilfering with 298 for a total, and of this number Burns, Kauff and Herzog accounted for 111 bases.

Bobby Quinn Given Welcome in Majors. "Bobby Quinn, the new business manager of the St. Louis Browns, will get a hearty welcome as he travels around the country on his first circuit this summer, for there is not a better known figure in the major or minor leagues than the smiling little old-time catcher.

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NO RECORDS BROKEN IN NORTHWEST ALLEY TOURNAMENT FOR '17

Pinsmashers From Portland Seattle, Wenatchee Divide Honors in Championships

SPECIAL EVENTS TODAY

Annual Meeting of Congress Will Be Held This Morning; Sweepstakes Event Will Be Held.

- Northwest Bowling Champions. Singles: R. F. Franklin, Portland... 618. Klatt and Wells, Portland... 1215. Five-man: Crescents Allys, Spokane 2780. All-Events: C. M. Bell, Wenatchee... 1555. High Score: C. S. Haze, Wenatchee... 253. Woman's: Mrs. Hazel Davis, Portland... 503.

Pinsmashers from Portland, Spokane, Wash., and Wenatchee, Wash., divided honors in the Fifth Annual Northwest International Bowling congress, which came to a close on the Oregon alleys last night. In view of the national crisis and the lateness of the season for the maplewood sport the tournament was a huge success and was staged without a single hitch.

Not a single record was shattered although C. M. Bell of Wenatchee, Wash., came near shattering the all event mark when he tied C. J. Kruse's mark of 1862.

Interest in last night's events centered on the Alberta-Jacoby team of Vancouver, B. C., who totaled 409 in each of the first two games. In the doubles, Luck broke against them in the third game and they finished with 1163, which gives them fourth money. C. S. Franke of Wenatchee hung in a 255 score for the high single game of the tourney and in doing so grabbed seventh money in the singles. Bell's Wenatchee counted 61, Robinson and Perry of Seattle scored 144 and 173 in the afternoon and Herb Berger and Conroy of the same city tallied 168 and 173.

The annual meeting of the Northwest congress will be held at the Benson hotel this morning at 11 o'clock. Officers for the year will be elected and a report will be given on the Northwest Oregon alleys, there being a number of special matches, including the five man team sweepstakes.

Allen, Seattle... 192.25. Robertson, Boise... 211.195-61. S. Franke, Wenatchee... 255.00. Klatt and Wells, Portland... 1215.00. Crescents Allys, Spokane... 2780.00. C. M. Bell, Wenatchee... 1555.00. High Score: C. S. Haze, Wenatchee... 253.00. Woman's: Mrs. Hazel Davis, Portland... 503.00.

Robinson and Perry, Seattle, 678, 641, total 1319. Bell and Conroy, Portland, 192, 173, total 365. Klatt and Wells, Portland, 1215, total 1215. Parker and Crisp, Spokane, 610, 236, total 846. Webster and Jones, Seattle, 192, 173, total 365. Hodges and Gardner, Spokane, 192, 173, total 365. Herd and Herd, Spokane, 192, 173, total 365. Conover and Yaden, Seattle, 1070, 1131, total 2201. Mackay and Mackay, Seattle, 1070, 1131, total 2201. Allen and Gardner, Seattle, 1070, 1131, total 2201. Vaino and Vaino, Seattle, 1070, 1131, total 2201. Nichols and Black, Wenatchee, 1027, 1027, total 2054. Franke and Franke, Wenatchee, 1028, 1028, total 2056. Bell and Bell, Wenatchee, 1028, 1028, total 2056. Park and Campbell, Vancouver, 1017, 1017, total 2034. Robertson and Jensen, Boise, 850.

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Already plans have been made to put 3,000,000 more acres of ground under cultivation in 1918 than were ever used for food raising purposes. Germany's strength is not being underestimated by the members of the government and there was considerable comment today upon President Lloyd George's statement that if Germany felt she could win by holding out to 1918 she would do so.

Water Prices Will Be Cut to Farmers. San Francisco, April 28.—(P. N. S.)—Breaking down the dam of legal obstacles which held back millions of gallons of water for irrigation of additional areas in the crop lands, the Federal water state railroad commissioner today issued an order authorizing all water utilities in the state to deliver surplus water free or at reduced rates during the food supply crisis.

Baseball. RECREATION PARK. Corner Vaughn and Twenty-fourth Sts. SAN FRANCISCO, WEDNESDAY. Games Begin Weekdays at 3 P. M. Sundays, 2:30 P. M. Reserved Box Seats for Sale at 25 cents. Usher Stand, Sixth and Washington Sts. Admission Free.

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