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RODGERS TAKES PEN IN HAND AND TURNS A CLASSIC

Portland Beaver Turnovers Are Described to Sacramento Owners by Their New Boss.

WILLIE IS SOME PERSONAGE

He's Buzzsaw, Wildcat, Steam Plow, Threshing Machine and Explosive Bomb All Together

William K. Rodgers, new manager of the Sacramento baseball club, will leave Sunday night for Sacramento to take up his new duties, but in the meantime Bill, who is a 22-karat letter-writer, did not overlook an opportunity to take typewriter in hand and jot a hasty letter to Charley Graham, the Solon booster.

Bill is giving Charley the low down on the Portland turnovers and to hear Bill tell it, Sacramento bought a bunch of ball players who are curly wolverines. But please, let Bill tell the story in his own words:

"Dear Charley, etc."

"Mr. Charley Graham, Sacramento, Cal.

"Dear Sir—Your letter of the 6th inst. received today. Everything is lovely with the goose hangs high. The agreement the judge has mailed to you is satisfactory.

"With the players mentioned in the deal we have a foundation upon which to build our team that compares favorably with the rest of the league. However, the judge has held back what he considers the best sellers, who are players of the type that will bring good price if they get going right. They are Farmer, Siglin and Lee. The former should go for a big figure right now and the only thing against him is that he has been up before. They are buying about selling him to Detroit, but when the smoke clears away I figure Jack will be in the Salt Lake line-up, even though he may report to Detroit in the spring. He is good enough for anybody's club. In appointing Siglin manager of his team the judge probably figures he can afford to pay him enough salary to hold him. As Paddy is a big league prospect, Lee will be kept because he is a young fellow just starting out and will make for a Northwest salary. He also has the earmarks. However, Siglin and Lee will have to have a good year before they are marketable and you know the uncertainty of the game is what makes it so popular.

Are Not Worrying

"The judge would not consider these men in the deal for a minute, and I would not consider them either. They were put in on the same price basis as the rest of the gang. Therefore, we are not worrying over not getting them.

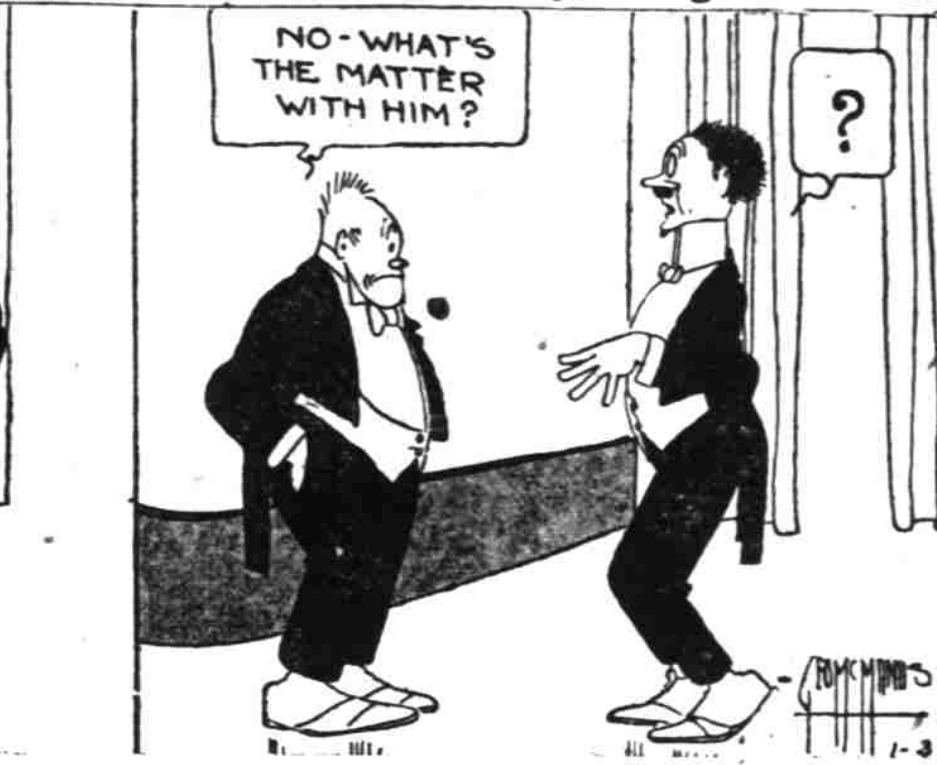
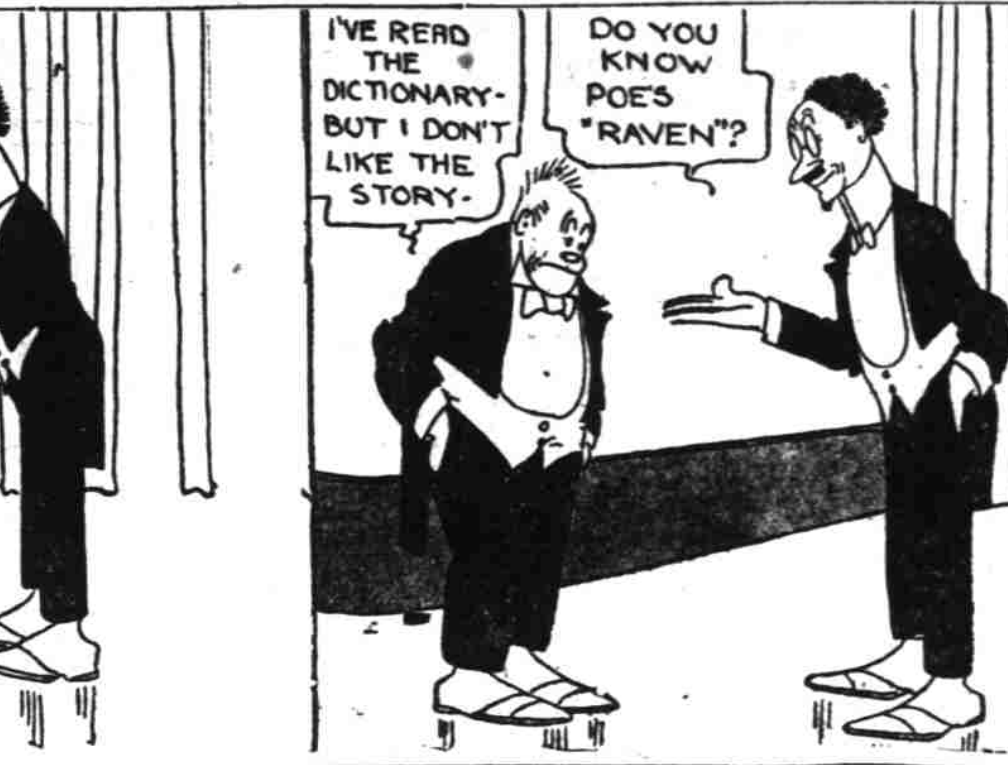
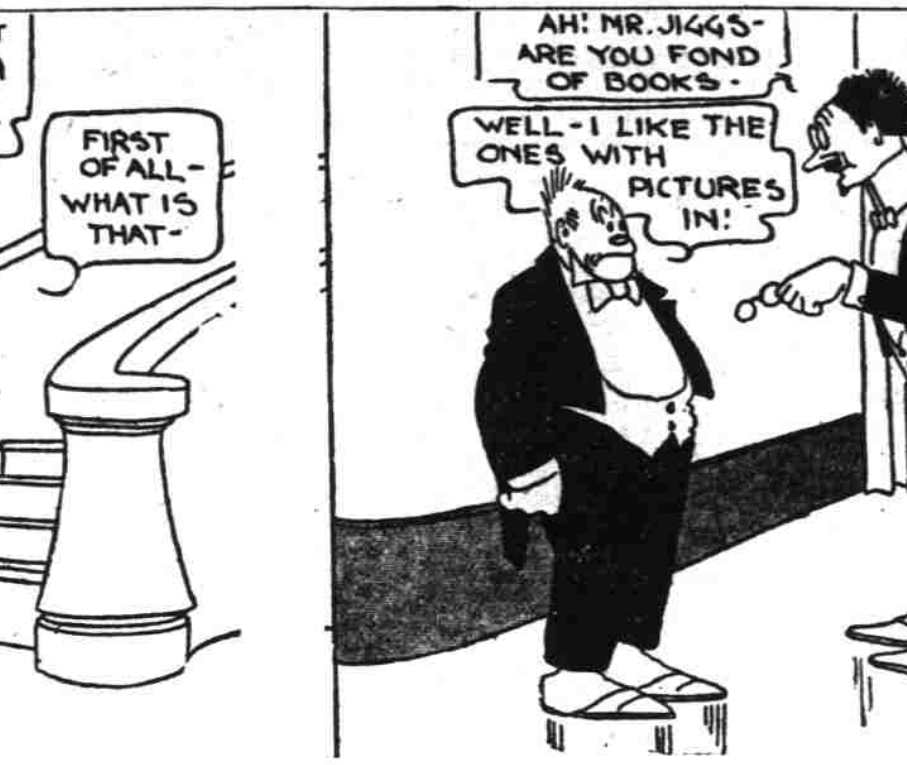
"Griggs, Barton, Fisher, Gardner and myself are in about the same class. We are old pluggs who have made a pretty fair showing in most of the leagues in the country. And while we are out of the stable and prospect class, all of us are still capable of playing the best brand of baseball that we have ever delivered. For instance, Art Griggs plays better in all departments last season after he joined the Beavers than at any time in his career. Harry Gardner has developed a splitter that you know him a new lease on life.

Boost for Brenton

"Brenton has as much pitching ability as anybody in the world, and that is covering a lot of territory. Why he is not the leading pitcher in the league last summer is a mystery. I consider him the best prospect in the game today, and with just our allotted share of luck with this boy he will bring five times the purchase price of the whole outfit.

"At the plate, Willie is the best man in the league. He is a consistent 300 hitter, and when it comes to looking them over and all around good judgment in that batter's box he has no equal. He is also a good outfielder, base runner and all around ball player. Nobody questions his ability. The reason he is not in the big brush right now is because the owners and scouts have the wrong impression of him. Off the field he is one of the most gentlemanly, quiet and agreeable sort of fellows that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. In a baseball uniform he is a hardy cat. Nobody in the business fights any harder to win. He claws up the ground and bites the bushes. He raves

BRINGING UP FATHER



English Burnt Clay for Tennis At Quebec Court

Montreal, Que., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Harold A. Throckmorton, Howard Vossell, Fred B. Alexander and Nathaniel W. Niles, quartet of American tennis stars picked to appear here in an indoor tennis exhibition Saturday, will play on the finest courts to be found anywhere.

The matches will be staged at the Montreal Indoor Tennis club, which possesses red English burnt clay courts, much better than the ordinary wooden ones used in the United States.

No announcement has been made as to how the Americans will pair in the doubles.

Are Ball Players Pooled? Trades May Be War Measure

New York, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Though baseball men have made repeated denials that the clubs of the two major leagues are pooling players as a war measure the consummation of the latest big player deal between the Pirates and Dodgers strengthens the belief among fans here today.

The Pittsburgh-Brooklyn trade was the seventh big deal of the winter, and it is said more deals will be announced in the near future.

Officials of the New York Giants have practically admitted that Boston is to get another player in the deal involving Herzog, Doyle and Barnes, and several clubs which have not yet been involved in trade are expected to trade or purchase players.

Chief Wilson to Texas

New York, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—J. Owen (Chief) Wilson, the Cardinals' outfielder, the greatest three-base hitter of modern baseball, has been released to the Houston club of the Texas league. He is the latest member of big league company to fade, but a number of others are expected to figure in the toll of the 1917 season.

Wilson in 1912 established a record by making 36 triple hits. That record stands yet. In addition he was a classy fielder and possessed a wonderful throwing arm.

Hornby Not for Sale

Chicago, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Definite announcement that he would make no further attempt to obtain Shortstop Roger Hornby from the St. Louis Cards was made here by President Charles Weegman of the Chicago Cubs on his return from a meeting at Cincinnati.

Weegman said he was convinced Hornby is not for sale.

The Cub president declared, however, that he is still after either an

Pinell Should Hit 500

"If Pinell can swing the bat at a 260 clip he will bring home the bacon. He is fast, a spectacular fielder, and certainly has the pep and the right disposition. He has the brass and crust of a burglar and nothing fazes him. If he ever gets loose and breaks out the brush he will never be headed, as he is always rearing to go. He will be very popular with the fans and if he hits, will also be popular with the right side of the ledger next fall.

"Six of us are married with dependents, and the chances are that Willie and Brenton may not be in the first army draft. In building our team the war must be considered very seriously. "With Mr. Heeseman as our president I know that we have one of the best organizations and outfits in the league, and I feel absolutely certain that our new venture will be a successful one. In my connection with baseball I have always been a 'working optimist,' and will be to the end. I think that our best possible moment. It will take me a few days to straighten out my business affairs here, so you can figure on me about the first of next week. Then we will get down to real business."

Owen Moran in English Army

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Owen Moran, former featherweight, is a sergeant in the British army, according to advices here today. He enlisted under the name of Owen Morgan in Australia.

"Winged M" Cue Star Defeated

In the third game of the interclub three-cushion billiard tournament, Otto Mickelson of the Multnomah club was defeated by A. E. King of the Commercial club Wednesday, 30 to 12. It was Multnomah's first defeat of the season.

White to Meet Fowler

Denver, Colo., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Nate Lewis, manager of Charley White, has agreed to a 15 round bout between White and Monk Fowler, New Orleans lightweight, here, January 18, provided the sanction of military authorities at Camp Custer, where White is boxing instructor, can be secured. White agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds.

Two Below Par Wins Qualifying Round

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—E. W. Nixon of the Los Angeles Country club won the qualifying round of the invitational tournament held at the San Gabriel country club yesterday. Jones turned in a gross score of 75, a remarkable bit of work, considering the heavy wind was sweeping the course, making good golf all but impossible. Nixon's score was 72 under par.

E. W. Nixon of the Los Angeles Country club and Dr. J. H. Warner of the Annandale Country club tied for the low gross score with a pair of Sixties in America league affairs, and the country club was second low gross with a 77.

There were 150 entries and the entire proceeds go to the Red Cross.

The first round of match play will be held today, seven flights taking part in the competition.

Two Busters Signed By Sacramento Club

Sacramento, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Two more players were added to the Sacramento baseball club's roster today when Milton Leonard, a pitcher, and an outfielder were signed. Leonard was signed by Secretary Charles Graham of the Senators.

Both men played in the Santa Clara Valley league last season. Leonard is an outfielder as well as a pitcher and has the reputation of being a likely youngster. He was a member of the Sunny Vale club, while Oliver played with Campbell.

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Caddock to Meet Zyzsko

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Earl Caddock said here today he had accepted the offer of New York promoters for a match between himself and Zyzsko in New York, January 29. He declined to make public the amount of the offer, but said it was better than \$12,000 offered by Des Moines promoters.

Twelve Rounds and Referee

Chicago, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Chicago boxers today looked with much favor on the ruling of the Cincinnati boxing commission which is to allow 12 round contests to a decision starting February 1. It will mean that merit will count against the opinion of inexperienced scribes.

ricultural college held the coast championship. The score at that time was 17 to 13 in favor of the Beavers. Few guesses have been ventured as to the result this year, but everyone looks for an exciting game.

The B. B.'s may play the Benson Polytechnic next Wednesday night, but nothing definite has been ascertained. They would like to meet these crack teams of the city. For games call Leor Fabre, Main 3028, any evening after 7:30 p. m.

Connie Mack Is Telling Fans to Watch V. Gregg

New York, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Connie Mack, despite the fact that he has sold all but one of his star players, believes that the Athletic fans should reassure themselves. He points to the record of V. Gregg, obtained by him from the Providence club. Connie believes that Gregg will show again the form he displayed as the Cleveland club's star pitcher a few years ago.

Gregg's arm went back on him two years ago and he drifted back to the minors. His hurling member has since gained strength and he led the International league last season. Connie feels that he has secured a consistent winner for his pitching staff.



On the Portland alley:

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
Lindquist	141	138	160	439	146
Letts	180	182	174	536	179
Pop Dewert	115	168	167	450	150
Tom Schmidt	169	161	177	507	169
Houser	181	193	205	579	193
Totals	839	832	883	2554	

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
Roblin	142	178	187	507	169
Rissell	148	178	187	513	171
Weschel	148	168	139	455	152
Tom Schmidt	169	161	177	507	169
Eves	157	165	196	518	173
Totals	774	881	788	2443	

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
Absentee	125	125	125	375	125
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Snyder	164	189	160	513	171
Totals	718	748	714	2180	

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
N. J. Schmid	142	154	154	450	150
Burglund	155	188	151	494	165
Tom Schmidt	169	161	177	507	169
Hadley	184	152	143	479	159
Binkley	191	117	140	448	149
Totals	772	733	727	2232	

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
Watkins	172	151	151	474	158
Flannery	181	168	132	481	160
Terry	138	148	142	428	143
Flannery	181	168	149	498	166
Hedburg	177	178	169	524	175
Totals	909	793	824	2526	

Player	1st	2d	3d	Total	Avg.
Dr. Miller	145	125	133	403	134
Jordan	105	157	133	395	132
Dave	141	165	141	447	149
Worth	121	153	149	423	141
Dr. Bruce	154	159	149	462	154
Totals	794	709	709	2212	

Alex. and Frankie Ready Smoker Study in Colors

Frankie Farran of San Francisco, former holder of the coast amateur featherweight title, who had developed into one of the best lightweights in the Bay City district, will display his wares against Alex. Trambitas, the Portland youngster, who has a string of victories to his credit, here Friday night in the Eleventh street playhouse.

The contest between the two 133 pounders headlines the first smoker of the Golden West Athletic club under the rules of the boxing commission and Promoter George Moore has arranged a card that should be a treat for the fans.

Here's the Big Card

Backing up the Trambitas-Farran go, which will be six rounds. The following bouts:

Billy Mascott, Portland, vs. Danny Edwards, Oakland.

Pete Mitchell, Portland, vs. "Young" Sam Langford, San Francisco.

Walter Knowlton, Portland, vs. Pat Bradley, St. Paul.

Trambitas and Farran put on the finishing touches in training for the contest Wednesday, the Bay City boy boxing six rounds with Harry Anderson, "Muff" Bronson and Able Gordon, in the Columbia club. Farran is in grand shape. Trambitas is also in great shape and he is confident of beating the little Californian.

Romeo Is Coming Back

Romeo Hagen of Seattle, formerly one of the leading middleweights in this section of the country, will appear in the curtain raiser against Pat Bradley, a colored middleweight of St. Paul.

The card appears to be a well balanced one, much interest being centered on the two main bouts, which will be refereed by Pete Muldoon, manager of the Portland hockey team.

Hook to Stomach Is Undoing of Downey

Milwaukee, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—One bout left hook to the stomach in the seventh round won for Joe Egan, the Boston welterweight, in his 10-round bout with Bryan Downey of Chicago here last night. Although the blow did not put Downey to the mat, it took all the fight out of him and Egan gave him an artistic trimming in the remaining rounds. Throughout the earlier rounds Downey had the advantage on points.

Sallor Solly Freedman, the Chicago lightweight, put Stanley Willie, an ex-fighter, to sleep in the second round of a scheduled three-round preliminary.

Fulton and Tate Again

Johnston, Mo., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Fred Fulton of Minnesota and Texas Tate are scheduled to meet in a 12 round bout here tonight. Fulton will weigh about 220 pounds and Tate about 206. The fight will be refereed by Tommy Sullivan of St. Louis.

McFarland at Camp Taylor

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Packer McFarland, the Chicago boxer, arrived at Camp Zachary Taylor yesterday afternoon to become boxing instructor succeeding Jimmy Dunn.

Cobb Won't Enlist In Army at Present

Atlanta, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Ty Cobb will play baseball this summer, various reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The Georgia Peach stated that he may enter the army late in the summer or next fall, but does not contemplate joining now. Ty said that he had not considered joining the marines.

Sol Metzger Succeeded

Washington, Pa., Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—David C. Morrow of Washington, former star center, has been named head coach of the 1918 football team at Washington and Jefferson colleges. He succeeds Sol Metzger.

TAILENDERS TO KEEP MONEY FOR POST SEASONING

Second Division Clubs Exempt From Contributing to Players' Pool

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—Second division teams that engage in post-season games next fall will not have to contribute to the players' pool formed by the players' share of receipts from the world's series and games between first division clubs. This change in the new distribution of the players' end of the coin was agreed upon by Garry Herrmann and Ben Johnson, the joint committee on the world series distribution. Second division clubs will continue to split post-season games money on a 50-50 percentage basis.

Reports that President Tener of the National league was to resign were denied by Garry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfus, the Pirates' manager. Tener confirmed their denial later at Columbus, where he went in connection with the interests of the permanent highways commission, of which he is the head.

Absence of William Harridge, secretary of the American league, caused postponement of the schedule committee meeting. This committee is now expected to hold its first meeting at Dover Hill, Georgia.

Finals of Billiard Tournery on Tonight

What promise to be the decisive games of the finals of the three-cushion tournament now closing at the Waldorf will be played tonight. The contestants will be Goodland and Roth and last game and he already has won five Ryan and Wilhelm. This is Goodland out of six. Ryan has won four and has two more to play. If Goodland defeats Roth and Ryan loses to Wilhelm tonight the 50 Liberty bond, the first prize in the tournament, will go to Goodland. Tomorrow night's games should close the contest, at any event.

High School Hockey Dead

Plans for the organization of an Intercollegiate Hockey league for this season have been abandoned because of the lack of interest in the sport. Final arrangements for the opening of the season were to be made Wednesday but a representative of one team failed to appear and the offer made by the Ice Palace was withdrawn.

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