

Heydler Seeks To Let Pitcher Remain Off Batting List

Proposed Change Would Be One of Most Radical In History of Baseball

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NEW YORK, Dec. 11—(AP)—A suggestion for the most radical change in the rules of baseball since foul balls were made strike in 1901, was brought before the National League at its annual meeting today. If the proposal, put forward by President John A. Heydler, is approved by the American League and the rules committee, weak hitting pitchers will become non-hitting pitchers.

President Heydler's proposal, which met with the favor of the National League club presidents, probably will be brought up at the joint meeting of the two major leagues in Chicago Thursday. If the American League falls in line, the rules committee could be called to meet and order the changes before the next playing season.

Many Hurlers Jerked
More than 600 pitchers were taken out of games in the National League last season to permit other players to bat for them and Mr. Heydler thought it a shame that pitchers who were giving a creditable exhibition should be forced from the game to permit a more able batsman to have a chance to hit.

Under the plan outlined by the National League president a manager before a game would designate a player to bat throughout the game. The same player would have to appear as batsman in the place in the batting order reserved for the pitcher, even if a change of pitchers were ordered. The pitcher would be relieved of all batting and base running duties if his manager so wished. The pitcher would be compelled, however, and if a manager had faith in the batting ability of his pitcher he could permit him to take his chances with the rest.

Harder Work Foreseen
On the face of the suggestion put forward by President Heydler, it is a move in favor of the pitcher in that he can conserve his energies and fielding duties and will not be subjected to possible injury while batting. However, there is another side. The average pitcher is a weak batsman and in many games a pitcher has to dispose of only eight hitters, his opponent on the pitching mound not furnishing a very serious threat. If the new rule is put into effect, pitchers will find nine regular batsmen opposing them every day.

President Heydler was re-elected today for a term of four years, by a unanimous, rising vote. The president admitted after the meeting that he "got a little raise." The salary of the president, who also is the secretary and treasurer, is a National League secret, but it is now believed to be the neighborhood of \$30,000. President Heydler incidentally completed his tenth term as chief executive of the league.

BIBLE STUDY HOUR PROGRAM STARTED

PRATUM, Ore., Dec. 11. (Special)—The weekly Bible study hour which will be observed throughout the winter was inaugurated last Friday night at the Menonite church with a large attendance. These Bible study meetings under the leadership of the Rev. John Franz have been highly successful for the last three years. The Rev. Mr. Franz has a sound knowledge of the Bible and an interesting way of transmitting its truths to his hearers.

Three years ago when this series started the study was of the history of the Bible; two years ago it was the gospel of Luke, last year the prophecy of Daniel, and this year the gospel of Matthew has been chosen.

Roy Cowles, of Long Creek, Grant county was a visitor at the home of his cousin, E. W. Branch last week. He went to Eugene on Saturday where he will spend a few days before returning to his home in eastern Oregon.

The Women's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Thompson last Thursday night. An instructive program made the evening enjoyable. The husbands of the members were guests.

The Epworth League held a social in connection with a short program at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kleen last Friday night.

Miss Alma Stauffer, who is teaching at Hazel Green, visited with relatives here over the week end.

CAPITOL BUILDING BEING RENOVATED

Renovation of the second and third floors of the statehouse preparatory to the 1929 session of the legislature which convenes January 14, is progressing under the direction of George Dunsford, superintendent of capitol buildings.

Because of the crowded condition of the statehouse it has been necessary for a number of officials to occupy offices elsewhere. Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, moved Monday from the second floor of the statehouse into rooms in the postoffice structure. The state prohibition department, vocational education department, and the engineering division of the state highway department, have moved into the Rogers building in the business district. It probably will be necessary for other departments to vacate their rooms in the statehouse to accommodate the legislature. Virtually all of the rooms vacated recently will be used as committee rooms during the legislative session.

A crew of painters arrived in Salem Monday from Portland to redecorate the interior of the executive department. Approximately a week will be required to complete this work. It was said that some new furnishings would be installed.

Some of the stairways in the statehouse are being painted, and other improvements are under way. Mr. Dunsford said the work of renovating the various rooms probably would be completed early in January.

COMMUNITY CLUB'S EVENT POSTPONED

SPRING VALLEY, Ore., Dec. 11 (Special)—Due to the prevalence of the influenza epidemic in this vicinity, the Spring Valley community club will not hold its regular meeting Friday night. The president, V. A. Stratton, postponed the meeting until January. Mrs. Mary E. Jennings left by train this week for Wyoming, where she has gone to help care for her daughter, Miss Evangeline Jennings, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Matthews and their daughter, Marjorie, were Sunday visitors at the Charles Matthews home at Popcorn. Charles Matthews is an uncle of L. F. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Yungen and their two sons, Robert and Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. John Childers were Sunday afternoon callers at the Frank B. Windsor home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinney and their youngest son, Pearl, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, spent the week end at Lebanon, visiting at the home of Mc. McKinney's brother, Dick McKinney.

Mr. Walling's parents crossed the plains in 1845 and settled near Oregon City where he was born in 1855. His wife, (Margaret Johnston), was also of pioneer parentage. She died in 1925.

Mr. Walling is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George Sutherland of Rockaway, and four sons, Willie, of Jefferson, Chester of Silverton, Ralph of Turner, and Roy of Talara, California.

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Football's Prize Pessimist



LONG before the football season opened at Cornell University Coach Gil Dobie registered in with his annual wall of football woes.

Of all the pessimistic football coaches—and there are plenty who never see any silver lining to their football cloud, especially before the season opens—Gil Dobie is probably the most consistent. Long ago this became apparent and consequently he was tagged "Gloomy Gil," a nickname which has clung to him and will doubtless stick until he passes out of the picture.

Last year Cornell checked in with three wins out of eight games—which isn't a record tending to chase any gloom away from the veteran handler of gridiron warriors. It couldn't be said that last year's team, despite its showing, was not ably coached. While individual ability was sadly lacking there was plenty of team hard work and unified effort and that is always an indication of good coaching. The result of Dobie coaching was especially noticeable in the game with Princeton and the scoreless tie with Columbia and it was also apparent even in the games against Dartmouth and Pennsylvania.

Dobie has plenty of material at hand but the fact that many of the candidates for the team are

studying engineering and cannot get on the field until after five o'clock tends to make Gil's task a thorny one.

Having stated that this year's team at Cornell is the worst he has ever coached the gloomy guy has alibi-ed himself all over the campus and while loyal supporters of the red machine feel that the present squad will make a better showing than that made by the 1927 team, Dobie is still of the opinion that he hasn't what he would call a good football team.

In fact, if urged, Gil will gloomily announce that he hasn't had a good football team for a long while. Seventeen letter men reported back to Cornell this year and the rooters are hoping that the red-jacketed machine will develop into another outfit of the Kaw-Pfann type. But Dobie is not so optimistic.

"What good are a hundred letter men," walls the dour sage of Cayuga's hills, "if there aren't any football players among 'em?" "George Pfann and Eddie Kaw were football players," continues Gloomy Gil. "They mastered the game and they loved nothing better than to smash through a line and draw a bunch of taggers with them. We still have men who like to smash the line but recently I haven't seen any who have the ability to master the elusive art

of being a great football player." But Dobie, noted as the famous Gloom, would naturally feel out of place looking at things through rose-colored spectacles, so it is easy to take his early prophecies with a grain of salt. Cornell may yet surprise the gloom dispenser.

Dobie, an old timer in the football business, has had a colorful career and, if for no other reason, he should be noted in the history of the game for his persistence in gloomy prophecy at the start of each new season. In his playing days he was a rather so-so quarterback and his first big coaching assignment came when he went to the University of Washington. While there he built up a reputation as a builder of football teams which never met defeat. Under his tutoring Washington won every game played for the nine years he did the coaching. He was coach of the Navy team for a while, following his work at Washington, and has been on the job at Cornell for several years.

Never optimistic about the future of any team he tutors, Dobie may yet pull a coup and come through with a winning team. Given the material Gil will tutor it into a string of victories. But, even at that, Dobie with his tear ducts closed would not be

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PLEASING PROGRAM GIVEN BY SOCIETY

CLEAR LAKE, Ore., Dec. 11—(Special)—The Buena Crest Literary society presented a program which delighted the audience at the Buena Crest school last Friday evening.

Generous applause was given a short play, "Aunt Susan Jones," starring Constance Buchanan as the aunt.

Other members of the cast were Marie Harold, Alice Massey, Robert Massey and Lenore Jones. The darky act at the close of the program also made a hit with the audience. Ed Rodgers portrayed the dismissed valet, with Clarence Weise and Ralph Grod acting as job-seeking colored men. Harvey Grod was the employer.

Vocal duets by Pearl Jones and Evelyn Beckner, and by Mrs. Otto Beatty and Mrs. Olaf Harold were applauded and the singers carried back for encores. The vaudeville act, "A Slight Misunderstanding," with Mrs. and Mrs. Sylvester Harris won a hearty applause.

The complete program was as follows:
Duet, Pearl Jones and Evelyn Beckner.
Reading, Mrs. Wendell Barnett. Play, "Aunt Susan Jones."
Recitation, Lola Weise.
Recitation, Elsie Diem.
Duet, Mrs. Otto Beatty and Mrs. Olaf Harold.
Piano solo, Marie Harold.
Skit, "A Slight Misunderstanding."
Solo, "Whispering Hope," Robert Massey.
Play, "Sewing Society," Buena Crest girls.
Play, "Wanted, a Valet."

ENDEAVOR ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1929

JEFFERSON, Ore., Dec. 11—(Special)—The Christmas Endeavor society of the Evangelical church held its business meeting on Friday evening and the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Maxine Childs, vice-president, Marie Kibs, secretary, Anna Klampe; treasurer, George Kibs; financial secretary, Walter Kibs; social committee, chairman, Laura Kibs; missionary secretary, Mrs. Curry planist, Mrs. J. T. Jones.

Mrs. Spragg spent the week-end with Mrs. Edwards of Corvallis, and also attended the play "The Devil and the Cheese" presented at the college.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Curry returned from Sodaville on Sunday morning. The Rev. Mr. Plowman, who is assisting Mr. Curry with revival services at Sodaville, filled the pulpit at the Evangelical church on Sunday morning.

Literary Group Plans Program

CLEAR LAKE, Ore., Dec. 11—(Special)—The Clear Lake Literary society is planning a program for next Friday evening. A debate and a style show that is different are to be the leading features of the program. The program committee has begun rehearsals for the Christmas program.

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COUPLE MARRIED

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