

## SISSLER MAKING GOOD FORECASTS OF BANNER YEAR

Chicago, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—George Sissler, pilot of the St. Brown, has started on a rampage of battle to fulfill his prediction that 1925 will be his greatest season in the American league.

The St. Louis star, completely recovered from impaired vision that dimmed his batting for two years, which has collected one or more hits in every game since the season opened, giving him an average of .424. Sammy Hale, of the Athletics, is leading the hitters with an average of .462, but he has played in only 10 games, compared to 15 for Sissler, the runner up. The figures are based on averages, including games of Wednesday. Glyn Myatt, Cleveland catcher, has had four home runs for the leadership. Other leading batters in ten or more games: Bishop, Philadelphia, .415; Goellin, Washington, .409; Judge, Washington, .400; Poole, Philadelphia, .395; Combs, New York, .378; McManus, St. Louis, .373; Myatt, Cleveland, .370; Sheely, Chicago, .368.

Veteran sluggers of the National league have topped the newcomers who graced the spotlight during the first week of the season.

Zach Wheat, war outfielder, Brooklyn Dodgers, by cracking out 16 hits in six games, boosted his average of .333 to .462 and today is setting at the head of the procession. Jimmy Bottomley, of the Cardinals, is threatening the Dodger veteran with .442. Roger Hornsby, of the Cardinals, champion 1924 batter, is gradually climbing to the top of the list. He is in third place with .423, a gain of 16 points over a week ago.

Gabby Hartnett, peppery catcher of the Chicago Cubs, is holding the honors in three departments. He has scored 15 times, is leading in total base hitting with 44 and is in "A" class of the league in hitting home runs having smashed out seven.

Other leading batters: Fonseca, Philadelphia, .389; Henline, Philadelphia, .378; Hartnett, Chicago, .379; Moore, Pittsburgh, .373; Brannett, Boston, .359; Cuyler, Pittsburgh, .354; Johnson, Brooklyn, .348.

## POSTAL BUREAU HELD EFFICIENT

Omaha, Neb., May 2.—The government post office department is the biggest business in the country and its employees are the most capable, hardest working and most faithful organization in the world. Congressman M. Clyde Kelley, of Pennsylvania, author of the postal salaries increase bill, told a gathering of railway mail clerks here last night. Success of the department, he continued, is due to the absolute loyalty of its employees, adding:

"The next step to work for is a retirement system that will provide for the worker who has given his whole life to the service and also for a system for promotion based on merit."

Congressman Kelley predicted postoffice receipts of \$1,000,000,000 within the next three years as compared to the present income of \$700,000,000.

Prince Visits Naval Base. Capetown, Union of South Africa, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The Prince of Wales today motored to Simonstown, a naval station 20 miles from here, where he visited the training ship General Botha, which was lying in the harbor alongside the frigate Dublin and Birmingham. A rousing reception was given the prince.

## MOROCCAN TRIBESMEN ATTACK FRENCH ZONE

Fes, Morocco, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Moroccan tribesmen operating under the orders of Abd-el-Krim, the rebel leader, are attacking the French zone over a front of 40 miles. At some points they have surrounded French posts where small detachments are defending themselves in blockhouses.

## ROMERO DEFIES DEFIES YEGGS UNDER TORTURE

Mexico City, May 2.—(By Associated Press.)—General Francisco Romero, retired, a veteran of the old federal army and member of one of the wealthiest families in Mexico withstood torture when robbers last Wednesday night endeavored to force him to tell the combination of his safe, it was learned today.

The criminals, eight in number, entered the Romero home two blocks from the city hall, bound and gagged two servants, and then confronted the general. When he smiled at their leveled guns and refused to give the combination of the safe, they seized him, and lighting pipes torn from a book applied the flames to his face.

The old fighter still refused to yield. The robbers then brought in his sister to witness the torture, and she, fearing they would kill him, gave the desired information. Meanwhile, a policeman, noticing the open street door entered but was quickly overpowered and gagged.

The robbers then rifled the safe, and escaped with the family jewels, estimated to be worth \$12,000. The gang is believed to be the one responsible for a daring robbery in the heart of the commercial district last week, in which a cashier was shot dead.

Yesterday's Scores. Portland 2; Vernon 1. Los Angeles 4; Sacramento 3. Seattle 8; Oakland 2. San Francisco 4; Salt Lake 6.

## Society

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Thursday afternoon, Mrs. J. S. Povey of Portland and Mrs. Walter Anderson were special guests. Club members who were guests were Mrs. George Schultz, Mrs. A.

## MANEUVERS ARE CRITICIZED BY ITALIAN PRESS

Rome, May 2.—The Pacific maneuvers of the United States navy are used by the Messaggero as the subject for a two-column front page editorial on American Japanese relations.

The newspaper expresses the opinion that the maneuvers are provocative and while seeing no immediate danger of trouble between the United States and Japan believes that activities of occidentals in the Far East will ultimately force Japan to a sort of Monroe Doctrine of "Asia for the Asiatics."

The Messaggero says the fact that the fleet is visiting Australia causes it to believe that there is a close allegiance between Australia, Canada and America for Asiatic purposes. The paper expressed the opinion that Japan will never become the aggressor against an occidental country as long as peace reigns in Europe, but speculates regarding the outcome if there is another European war and if Japan, China and Russia should form an effective alliance.

C. Hoff, Mrs. Hogue Parrieh, Mrs. D. A. Edlin, Mrs. W. D. Albright, Mrs. Bertha Viesko, Mrs. Arabella Bailey and Mrs. Harry Brians.

Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson was a Portland visitor on Thursday.

Coming as a feature of music week will be the concert to be given in the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening by the pupils at the blind school. The program is being sponsored by the senior C. E. young people and the proceeds will go toward the building fund.

The following numbers will be given:

Prelude in G Minor, Rachmaninoff; Carl Lemke. (a) Simple Confession, Thome; (b) Serenade, Mazankowski; (c) To Spring, Grieg; Dan Roberts.

(a) Some Where a Voice is Calling, Tate; (b) O Dry Those Tears, Teresa Del Riego; Alice Anderson.

Poet and Peasant Overture, Suppe; Gilbert Lane.

(a) Rustle of Spring, Sinding; (b) Etude, Raff; Carl Lemke.

Cycle of Foreign Lands, Miesner; junior chorus.

(a) Funeral March, Chopin; (b) Impromptu, Rheinhold; Dan Roberts.

Reading, selected. Melvin Smith.

Sonata quasi una Fantasia, Beethoven, adagio sostenuto, al-

legretto, presto agitato; Carl Lemke.

(a) The Sunshine of Your Smile, Ray; (b) Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes, Old English; mixed octette.

Songs Without Words, Mendelssohn. (a) Op. 62 No. 3, (b) Op. 67 No. 4; Gilbert Lane.

(a) O Ma Baby, Cluteam; (b) An Irish Love Song, Lang; Alice Anderson.

(a) Waltz Op. 43, Chopin; (b) Arabesque, McDowell; Carl Lemke. Good Night Beloved, Pinetti; mixed octette.

Nearly sixty of the younger children were the guests of Mrs. Ralph White in Derby hall this afternoon at her junior class party. A delightful program was given opening with a vocal solo by Mrs. William Prunk accompanied by Mrs. Mary Talmadge. Headrick on the violin and Mrs. James Teed on the piano. Dances given during the afternoon were the Duth dance, the tarantella, the fire fly, the sandman, the stich dance and the shadow dance. The intermediate class danced a spring dance.

The main feature of the afternoon was the crowning of the May queen, Miss Bertha Babcock, her solo dance, and the May pole dance which followed with twenty of the little tots taking part. Mrs. Armin Berger, Mrs. William Prunk, and the senior girls assisted Mrs. White. Favors, caps, and other novelties added a carnival touch to the affair.

Mrs. R. C. Kriesel entertained the Marion club in her home yesterday at a delightful afternoon of five hundred. White iris and pink and yellow tulips were lovely about the living rooms.

Mrs. Walter M. Smith and Mrs. Roy Rice were special guests. Club members in the group were Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, Mrs. W. P. Fowle, Mrs. J. A. Bernardi, Mrs. F. E. Shafer, Mrs. C. E. Cashatt, Mrs. Walter F. Buchner, Mrs. H. Caggett, Mrs. F. J. Lainsan, Mrs. G. W. Laffar, Mrs. William M. Bushey and Mrs. Margaret Knox.

Shortly before the tea hour Mrs. Kriesel presented her guests with a huge May basket filled with pink and white candles. Covering the basket were sprigs of polyanthus and baby breath.

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# Refuse to Sign Referendum Petitions On Bus and Truck Bill



Section of Pavement Between McMinnville and Sheridan

The State Highway Commission has just let two contracts; one for reconstructing 11 1/2 miles of highway between McMinnville and Sheridan, a portion of which is shown above, at a cost of more than \$96,000.00 and another for 10 miles on the Columbia River Highway between Stevens and Astoria at a cost of more than \$261,000.00.

Their portable paving plants are constantly repairing the highways at great cost and the Highway Engineer has estimated that it will cost the Commission \$50,000.00 to patch and repair the Pacific Highway between Salem and Oregon City.

The heavy commercial freight Trucks and Motor Busses have done the greater part of this damage within the past two years.

The taxpayers and private car owners pay at least 95 cents out of every dollar of this bill.

Referendum petitions are being circulated by the Motor Bus and Freight Truck Associations to submit the "Bus and Truck Bill" passed at the last session of the Legislature for vote by the people in November, 1926. The effective date unless referred is May 28, 1925. By these referreing petitions operators of commercial Busses and Trucks hope to put off for 18 months the date when they must start paying for at least a portion of the damage they are doing to the roads.

This Bus and Truck measure should not be held up to permit the commercial operators to escape payment of a fair part of the cost of repairing the road destruction done by their operations.

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## Is It True

That in making purchases we do not consider it our interest to purchase a local product if possible. If just as good see that it is a local product.

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It means more homes

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