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OREGON WEATHER
Fair, gentle southwesterly winds.

HOW OUR NATIONAL GAME ORIGINATED

Chicago, Sept. 26.—With the coming of the World's Series baseball takes a paramount place in the thoughts of many persons. The word "baseball" as a designation for the national pastime came into existence in the thirties of the last century according to historians, and in the evolution of the name "roundball" which later became "townball" because the game was played at town meetings.

There are two schools of thought on the origin of the game of baseball. Some claim that the game is the evolution of the old English game of "rounders" while others claim in their writings that the sport is of strictly American origin.

In 1842 it is written, Cartwright broke in on a game of "one-old-cat" in which a gang of New York boys were playing on the Murray Hill grounds and with a stick scratched a diamond in the dust, telling the boys this was the game they should play and suggesting a player for each base, three "scouts" in the outfield, a pitcher and a catcher.

The game as suggested by Cartwright took form quickly and on September 23, 1845, the Knickerbocker club in New York was formed having the honor of being the first baseball club, according to historical writers of the game.

In the early days runs were called "aces" and a team had to make 21 to have enough to win. Rule one of the early set of rules, copies of which have been preserved, says that all players "must be punctual and observe the time for the commencement of the game."

Beginning with the Knickerbocker and Gotham clubs other organizations sprung into being and a pioneer convention of baseball was held in May, 1857. The next year 25 clubs sent delegates to New York and "The National Association of Baseball Players" was formed.

In the late fifties the game spread to Boston; Portland, Maine, took up

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the pastime in 1858 and Buffalo and Rochester, New York followed. Chicago started the game in 1856 and two years later was playing match games with Milwaukee.

When the game spread to San Francisco in 1859 it developed into a wild sport. Professional gamblers who infested the Pacific coast town in the early days bet heavily on the games, according to historical accounts, and the "spectators" were in the habit of shooting off revolvers when a fielder was about to catch a ball.

Records show that New Orleans became interested in baseball in 1860, then the Civil War put a stop to the sport temporarily but the soldiers in the camps played and writers say the war had a great deal to do with the spread of the sport over the entire country.

In 1867 the Savannah team, accompanied by a band and rooters, went to Charleston to play for the championship of the South. It is chronicled.

Harvard University combined with the town boys in 1865 and organized the first college baseball team. Later Tufts and Yale followed. In 1864 and '65 the "Atlantics" of Brooklyn won all their games and held undisputed title until 1866 when the Philadelphia Athletics stepped in and handed the champions a defeat.

It was considered a disgrace to take money for playing in the early days but in 1866 three members of the Brooklyn team were given \$10 a week for playing. This, according to historians was the turning point in the game toward professionalism.

By 1874 professional, amateur, and semi-professional clubs had sprung up all over the country and baseball truly became the national sport. In 1875 the "Association of Baseball Players" expelled the Chicago club for refusing to play a return game, and thereupon, histories say, Spalding and McVey and some other Boston players jumped to Chicago. The Spalding revolution is given as the reason for the formation of the National league in 1876.

The newly formed National league had for rivals the International Association in 1877, the American Association, Union Association and in 1900 the American league which stands today as the only rival.

"ROARING ROAD" "SPEED DEVILS" AT OREGON

Most of the automobile race scenes for the Paramount picture, "The Roaring Road," which stars Wallace Reid in the role of a young "speed devil," were photographed on the Santa Monica Race course.

For years this famous course has been the scene of many desperate and thrilling speed conflicts between some of the most noted racing drivers of the day, including Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, the American ace of aces, Teddy Tetzlaff, Barney Oldfield and other well-known pilots, too numerous to mention.

Mr. Reid drove his own car for all the race scenes in the picture, attaining at times a speed of from 100 to 110 miles per hour. Mr. Reid came out at the finish without a scratch, thus proving himself a master in the art of driving a racing automobile. The picture will be shown at the Oregon theatre tonight.

NEW TODAY

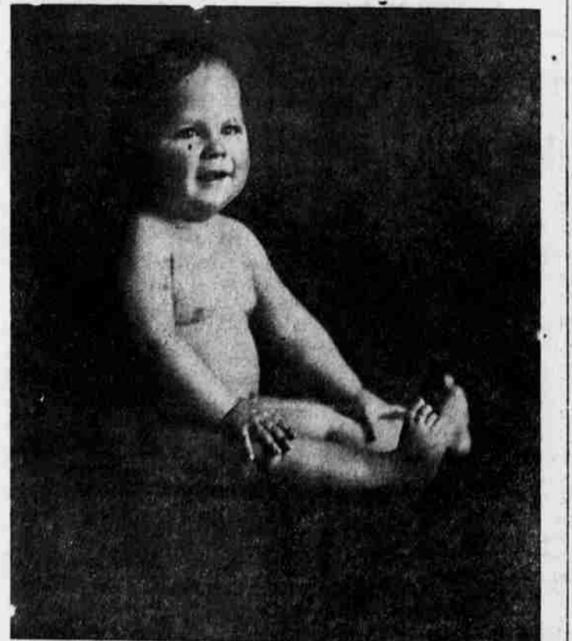
WANTED—Ladies wheel. Phone 306. 81

WICKER BABY BUGGY for sale. Inquire 841 Orchard Ave. 80

"Agents Authority to Sell"—book of 50 blanks, 50c, Courier office.

Mining blanks—Courier office.

Advertisement for Barely corsets featuring an illustration of a woman and the name Elsie M. Ball.



This is little Ellis, a baby from Southern Oregon, cared for in the Albertina-Kerr Nursery. A drive will be made for funds to shelter these tiny tots in a fireproof building. The campaign will be made here Monday, September 29.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mrs. Allison Improving—Jack Allison returned home this afternoon from Portland, where he has been with his wife. Mrs. Allison was taken seriously ill in Washington and was operated upon. She recovered sufficiently to be able to travel but at Portland was again taken sick and has been for the past two weeks at the Good Samaritan hospital. She is now improving and hopes to be home in about 10 days.

A False Report—A brakeman on one of the north bound trains last night reported a man lying alongside the Southern Pacific track about two miles east of this city. The section gang was sent out this morning to locate the body but there was nothing to be found. It is probable that a tramp had been sleeping near the track and having finished his nap, has gone on.

Carriers Wanted—Two carrier routes now open for boys or girls with wheels. Apply at once. Courier office.

Advance in Advertising Rates—Beginning October 1 display advertising rates in the Daily Courier will be advanced to 20 cents per inch, although this advance will not be applied to advertisements running in the Courier by the month. Others may secure the old rate before October 1 on contract for definite amount of space. There has been no change in advertising rates on the Courier for the past 22 years, the rates being the same even when the circulation was much smaller than at present. The advance price is lower than many papers are charging for the same circulation. 83

Tunnel Open Tonight—The tunnel cave-in on the Southern Pacific near Kennett, which has necessitated a transfer of passengers and baggage for several days past, has been cleared sufficiently to allow the passage of trains, beginning with No. 54, which will arrive here tonight only about one hour late. Northbound trains have been several hours late for several days past.

Mining blanks at Courier office

Advertisement for Tower's Fish Brand Slicker, featuring an illustration of a man in a raincoat and the text 'Stay on the Job While it Rains'.

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The City Market CORNER FIFTH AND G STREETS

Advertisement for Handylite alarm clocks, featuring the text 'See The Handylite' and 'BARNES, The Jeweler'.

Advertisement for Chamberlain's Tablets, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'Biliousness' and 'Chamberlain's Tablets'.

Advertisement for Dressmaking, featuring the text 'DRESSMAKING OF ALL KINDS' and 'Mrs. Lydia Allen'.

Advertisement for G. B. Berry Harness and Saddlery, featuring the text 'G. B. BERRY Harness and Saddlery'.

Advertisement for Auto Service Co. Garage, featuring the text 'Vulcanizing Repair Work' and 'AUTO SERVICE CO. GARAGE'.

Advertisement for Collins Auto Company, featuring an illustration of a car and the text 'PERFECT MECHANICAL ACTION' and 'COLLINS AUTO COMPANY'.