

RULES CHANGED FOR BASEBALL

Major League Ratifies Alterations Agreed Upon by Committees

CHICAGO.—By Associated Press—The following are a portion of the amendments to the playing code of baseball were officially adopted by the joint rules committees of the National and American leagues and ratified by the two major leagues today.

Amend Rule 22, by adding the following to Sec. 2:

"Provided, that if a batsman, in the last half of the final inning of any game, hit a home run over the fence or into a stand, all runners on the bases at the time, as well as the batsman, shall be entitled to score, and in such event, the final score of the game, shall be the total number of runs made."

Amend Rule 22, by additions of new Section 4, as follows:

"Whenever necessity demands that two games be played in one afternoon the first game shall be the regularly scheduled game for that day."

Amend Rule 24, by addition of the following sentence:

"Provided, that if the side last at bat shall, before the completion of its fifth inning, equal the score made by the opposing side in five complete innings, then the game shall be declared as legally drawn, and the individual and team averages shall be incorporated in the official Playing Records."

Amend Rule 44 by adding the following sentence:

"A fair fly must be judged according to the relative position of the ball and the foul line, and not as to whether the fielder is on fair or foul ground at the time he touches the ball."

Amend Rule 48, Sec. 1, to read as follows:

Sec. 1, when a batted ball passes outside the ground or into the stand, the umpire shall decide if fair or foul according to where it passes over the boundary line of the actual playing field.

Also add the following sentence to Sec. 8:

"Provided that, with first, and second bases occupied, or first, and second and third bases occupied, with less than two out, any attempt to bunt which results in a fair fly ball shall not be regarded as an infield fly."

Amend Rule 52, by adding the following sections:

"Sec. 2, Bases cannot be run in reverse order and the runner attempting to do so must be declared out if touched with the ball of the ball held on the base to which he was legally entitled."

"Sec. 3, In case a runner is being run down between bases, and the following runner occupies the same base the first runner has left, the second man cannot be put out while holding said base. If the first runner, however, returns safely to the base he left, and both runners are then occupying the same base, the second runner is the man out, if touched with the ball."

"Sec. 4, The failure of a preceding runner to touch a base (and who is declared out therefore) shall not affect the status of a succeeding runner who touches each base in proper order."

Amend Rule 54, Sec. 1, by adding the following sentence:

"Provided, that if a fair hit ball hits the umpire after having passed a fielder, or having been touched by a fielder, the ball shall be considered in play. Also, if a fair hit ball strikes the umpire on foul ground, the ball shall be in play."

AA new Section 8:

"Sec. 8, If a thrown ball strike a catcher on foul ground the ball shall be considered in play. Provided, that if in the opinion of the umpire the catcher intentionally interferer with such thrown ball, the runner or runners must return to the last bases touched, and the catcher penalized by removal from the playing field."

Amend Rule 55 Sec. 3, by adding:

"Provided, such fourth unfair ball shall not be called if the umpire declares the ball "dead", because of a pitched ball accidentally hitting the bat, as described in clause 2 of Rule 35."

Amend Rule 56, Sec. 8, by adding the following sentence:

"If a fair hit ball goes through an infield, and hits a runner immediately back of him, the umpire must not declare the runner out for being hit by a batted ball."

Add to Sec. 9:

"The ball must be firmly held by the fielder after touching the runner. The ball cannot be juggled, even though the fielder may retain

possession of the ball and prevent same from dropping to the ground."

Add new Sec. 17 for old, as follows:

"If, in the judgement of the umpire, the catcher at third base by touching or holding the runner physically assists him in returning to or leaving third base. The runner, however, should not be declared out if no play is being made."

Add new Section 21:

"In event a base runner is trying to score from third base on a pitched ball or the "squeeze" play, a 'balk' and also an "interference" ball, and the catcher runs out in front of the plate to catch the ball, and the runner shall be allowed to score and the batsman be entitled to first base. The same penalties must be imposed in case the catcher pushes the batsman out of the way, or tips his bat."

Recommendations of Rules Committee of Baseball Writers Association of America to Joint Rules Committee were adopted by the joint rules committee and ratified by the major leagues:

Eliminate sacrifice flies from summaries and include them with other sacrifice hits, as sacrifices.

Eliminate from stolen bases those credited to runner who is allowed to advance without any effort to stop him in last half inning of game when score is such that his run will not affect the result.

Clarify the infield fly rule by adding to Sec. 11 of Rule 56 the words: "according to Sec. 8 of Rule 51."

In Sec. 8 of Rule 51 insert the word "fair" to read: "he hit a fair fly ball."

Add the last sentence of Rule 59 to Rule 56. "When base runners are out." Make this Sec. 18.

With runner on base in last of ninth, score tied and two out, give batter who drives in run credit for number of bases on his hit as the runner advances; except—that if batter knocks ball out of park he be credited with a home run.

Keep protested games in the batting, fielding and pitching records.

Addition to summary in box scores of line for runs batted in telling who batted in runs and how many.

Include won and lost columns in official pitching records.

Incorporate in summaries the line—Hits off So and So, 6 in 4 innings (No one out in 5th)

In official box score show number of times players are caught stealing.

If catcher drops a third strike, allowing runner to reach first, charge him with error.

If first baseman on receiving ball fails to touch first base, when it is obvious he had time to do so, charge him with error.

No batsman shall be permitted to hit a pitched ball on which a balk has been called. Make this last line of Rule 34.

SALE OF BONDS SETS A RECORD

Oregon Securities Sold in 1919 Total an Immense Sum

Oregon bonds sold in 1920 is a record breaker for amounts mainly for development work in the state. The Oregon voter in its issue of February 21 gives in part the following report:

All previous records for issues of bonds by the State of Oregon and its subdivisions were broken in 1919. In all, approximately \$19,000,000 were issued and sold during the year considerably more than the high records attained during the boom period of street paving and municipal improvement of ten year ago. Instead of being expended for local improvements, the proceeds have gone mainly for good roads, irrigation port development and other development of general rather than local benefit.

In past years, The Voter has sounded a note of caution to taxpayers, with reference to bond issues. All of these bonds must be paid as to principal and interest, and the general taxpayer is their guarantor. The state highway bonds will be financed by the increasing revenues from motor license fees, the local improvement and irrigation district bonds by the property benefited, the water bonds out of water revenues—but the county road bonds, the school bonds and the general obligation bonds of the cities must all be paid by the taxpayer direct, both as to principal and interest.

Oregon taxpayers may be congratulated that the State did not start on its bonding until long after other states had learned expensive lessons at the expense of their taxpayers. In so many of the eastern, central and southern states, local and state bonds were issued for a length of term entirely regardless of the life of the improvements they financed. Little judgment was exercised as to the purpose for which they were issued. Politicians paid current government expenses out of bond issues, to taxes could be cut at the time. Sooner or later—mostly later, after the purpose of the bond issues had been forgotten—these bonds became due, and either had to be paid or refunded. This kept up, until today in some parts of several states, more than one-third of all the taxes collected are required to finance interest on bonds the benefits of which were dissipated long ago. This means that in those communities, taxes are 50 per cent higher than they would have been if sound practice had been followed in state and municipal finance.

Oregon has escaped all this. With few exceptions, and those of insignificant volume, Oregon and its subdivisions have issued bonds for terms as short as, or shorter than, the expected life of the improvements that were financed by the bond issues.

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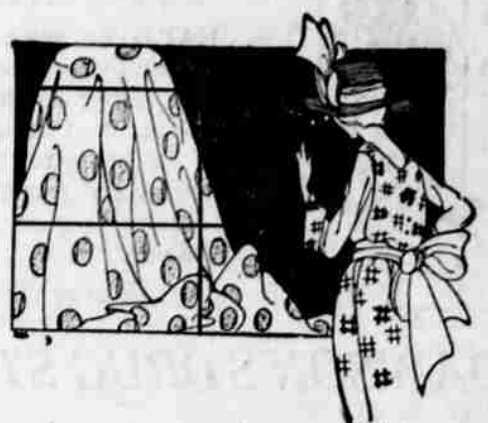
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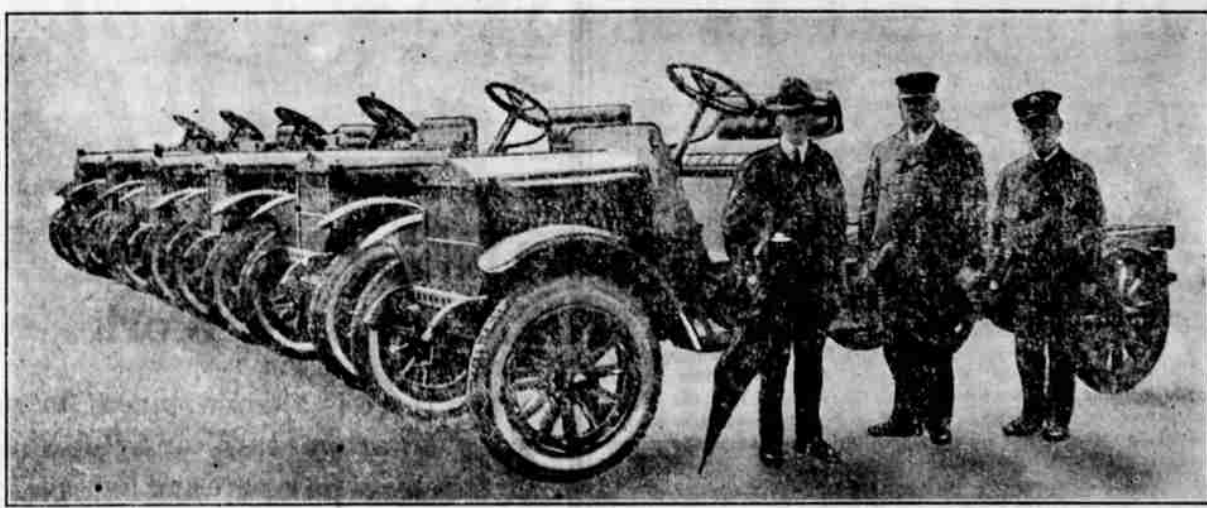
Wool and Mohair
Wool—\$40@52.
Mohair—55c.

Butter, Butterfat and Eggs
Butterfat—61c
Creamery Butter, wholesale, 62c;
Eggs 37c.
Dairy Butter—69c trade; retail 65c.

Poultry
Hens—23c to 28c; springs—25c.
Old roosters—12c.
Geese—20c Ducks—25c.
Turkeys—32c.

Vegetables
Cabbage, 7 1-2c; onions 7 1-2 c; turnips, 3 1-2c; potatoes 5c intrade
Live Stock Market—Furnished by D. E. Nebergall Meat Co.
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