

RAIN OF HOMERS HINTS HORSEHIDE FULL OF 'RABBIT'

American League Sluggers Chalk Up 60 Per Cent More Circuit Blows First Week Than Last Season

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(Associated Press Sports Writer.)
If home-run figures for the first seven days of the major league season furnish a true barometer, the injections of a little more "rabbit" have been made not only in the National league but the American as well.

Although National league batmen have shown the greatest percentage of slugging improvement—more than 200 per cent—swat-smiths of the American loop, supposedly hitting at the same spheres they did a year ago, already have clouded nearly 80 per cent more homers than they did in the same period in 1933.

John Heydler's bombardiers, who could hit only nine homers in their first 21 games last season, have banged out 25 in the same number of contests this year, an increase of 211 per cent. In the American league, the figures for the first 30 games showed 17 home runs in 1933 and 27 this year, an increase of 59 per cent.

These figures serve to confirm, partly at least, the claims of several American league batting stars, notably Babe Ruth, that the 1934 ball is much livelier, statements of the manufacturers to the contrary notwithstanding.

Figures Compared.
The figures by clubs, giving the 1934 home-run total first and that for the corresponding period a year ago second, follow:

National league: Chicago, 8 and 0; New York, 6 and 3; Brooklyn, 5 and 1; Boston, 2 and 0; Philadelphia, 2 and 0; St. Louis, 2 and 1; Pittsburgh, 3 and 2; Cincinnati, 2 and 2.

American league: Philadelphia, 7 and 3; St. Louis, 2 and 0; Cleveland, 2 and 1; Detroit, 3 and 2; Chicago, 3 and 2; New York, 6 and 5; Washington, 2 and 2; Boston, 2 and 2.

BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETING TO TALK ADDING OF TEAMS

Reorganization attempts of the Southern Oregon league, which has included four teams, will get a head Wednesday night at the Ashland armory when representatives from Yreka, Montague, Hill, Weed, Sons of Italy and Weed city team from California, and Grants Pass, Medford, Shaw-Bertram, Klamath Pelicans and Ewatts Box Co. from Oregon meet to draw up a new schedule and organize into what will probably be known as the Oregon-California league.

Since the organization of the Southern Oregon league several weeks ago, the above named California teams have signified their desire to enter the circuit, as has the Ewatts Box Co. team from Klamath Falls, and, in order to give the baseball fans of the valley more variety in their favorite sport, it was decided by the original league teams to reorganize and add at least two and possibly four more clubs.

At the present, a powerful six-team league seems a certainty, with chances fair that eight clubs will decide to put up a fight for the championship.

According to the present Southern Oregon league schedule, Grants Pass is slated to open the Medford season here next Sunday against Hal Haight's Rogues.

However, if a new setup is agreed to, Medford and Grants Pass may have open dates next Sunday in order that the other league teams may catch up.

Baseball in Medford has been pretty dead for a long time. Due mainly to the efforts of Manager Haight and loyal business men, it started upward last year but it has been a hard pull and it will be harder still until the time when enthusiasm is at the point it should be.

Medford has a fine, hustling ball team this year, and there is no reason in the world why you Medfordites, who enjoy baseball just a little bit or a lot, shouldn't come out and see for yourselves whether the Rogues are a good ball team or not. And, if you do, you won't be disappointed.

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Bill Morgan.

UNDER CUT—VOLUNTEER—BX HD. Promoter Mack Lillard's call yesterday for a volunteer referee to assist Ray Frieble in next Thursday's grappling re-match between Bad Billy Edwards and Paul Murdock, has brought forth a husky candidate for the job—Bill Morgan, former Medford high school and University of Oregon gridiron star and now a member of the New York Giants professional football squad.

Call for a second referee was issued through the sporting editor of The Mail Tribune when Murdock insisted

that two officials be in the ring Thursday night to avoid a repetition of the debacle last week when Frieble was knocked out by a glancing Sonnenberg and Edwards allegedly used foul tactics to pin Murdock while the arbiter was lying cold across the ropes.

Morgan is big enough and tough enough to satisfy any fans that no unorthodox maneuvers will be tolerated. More candidates are expected to answer the call and Promoter Lillard will make his choice before the match Thursday evening.

PORTLAND PLAYS BATTERED STARS IN WEEK'S SERIES

(By the Associated Press.)

It's Sacramento's turn this week to visit the Wrigley Park home of the Angels, and learn first hand why Manager Jack Lelivelt is so certain Los Angeles can't fail to win a second straight Coast league pennant.

Evidence to date is all in favor of Lelivelt. Los Angeles took five out of seven games from Portland, six out of seven from Hollywood and six out of seven from Oakland to draw three full games ahead of the Missions and five and one-half games ahead of the third place San Francisco Seals.

Meanwhile, the Missions expect an easy time at Seattle. The Reds have proven apt pupils to the teaching of Sergeant Gabby Street that the way to win ball games is to score a lot of runs and then to make more for safety's sake. His San Franciscans crossed the home plate 80 times in seven games at Portland last week.

Completing this week's schedule, San Francisco entertains Oakland, and Portland makes a bid to climb out of the cellar at the expense of the well-battered Hollywood Stars at Portland.

OREGON SQUAD SHY MEDFORD GRIDMEN

For the first time in four years the varsity football squad at the University of Oregon lists no player from this city. Three former Klamath Falls high school players, however, are listed—Chandler Berry, a center;

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RELIEF EFFORTS ARE OUTLINED AT ROTARY MEETING

What the United States government is doing toward the relief of needy and unemployed in this locality as well as C. C. C. W. A. and P. W. A. activities in Jackson county were discussed at today's meeting of the Medford Rotary club at the Medford Hotel. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Fred Scheffel, Captain B. B. McMahon and Louis Ulrich presented brief, interesting outlines of the work of their various departments—work that has substantially contributed to improvement of local relief and is giving new life and vigor to industry here.

Activities of the Jackson County Relief committee were outlined by A. S. V. Carpenter, head of this important committee. Mr. Carpenter gave statistics which indicated the splendid work his committee has accomplished since its establishment in March of 1933. Both direct relief and C. W. A. employment were provided through this committee and now the newly established E. R. A. is taking the place of the former C. W. A. taking additional people off the relief rolls. Mr. Carpenter is confident that unemployed prefer working in exchange for relief rather than receiving aid in the form of a dole.

Fred Scheffel, city superintendent, offered interesting data upon the work here of C. W. A. men and expressed hope that funds would be forthcoming for the construction of Medford's sewage disposal plant. This self-liquidating project has already received approval in Washington but necessary funds have been lacking due to the allocation of initial funds to large coast projects such as the Los Angeles Aqueduct, the San Francisco bay bridges, Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects and Oregon coast highway bridges.

Eighty-eight percent of the original \$3,300,000,000 public works appropriation will be spent during the spring, summer and fall of 1934, according to Mr. Scheffel, even if no additional funds are available. This shows that three times as much federal money is due to be expended during the remainder of the year than has already been spent during the latter part of 1933 and the first two months of 1934.

Captain McMahon gave an interesting talk to the Rotarians upon the work of the C. C. C. This city is now headquarters for an area of 20,000 square miles; 20 camps and approximately 4000 men. Statistics on the daily expenditures were outlined by the army officer. The new plan of education for C. C. C. men under the Department of the Interior was mentioned.

In describing the function of the C. C. C. program, McMahon said "military men are in charge of the various camps. It is not a case, however, of civilians in army camps but military men in civilian camps."

The C. C. C. officer also pointed out the splendid work of the conservation crews in building trails and roads, opening new country, and their important forest fire prevention activities.

The newly established National Re-employment Service, headed here by Louis Ulrich, was described in a short talk by Mr. Ulrich. The functions of this new department were pointed out and a cordial invitation to both employers and employees to avail themselves of the services of this office was extended by Mr. Ulrich. The speaker also urged employers to give preference to men

ACCUSED LAWYER TAKES STAND IN MURDER HEARING

Brooding violence between Ralph W. Horan and Horace M. Manning was testified to this morning by Mrs. Georgia Bokvist, a former employe in the Horan home.

"Since Mr. Manning came back, there has been trouble, and there will be trouble again. Some day it will be Manning or I," Mrs. Bokvist said, she heard the slain legislator remark in November of 1932.

The woman and her husband were residents of a house behind the Horan home. Mrs. Bokvist said she assisted Mrs. Horan in the housework to help meet rental expenses.

Nearly 30 defense witnesses had testified as the court recessed this morning. There was a direct attempt of the defense counsel to reestablish the time of the shooting.

Many of Manning's witnesses said they heard both the first and second volleys of shot reported coming from the veteran attorney's office last February 12 when Horan was found shot to death.

Each said the second volley came almost directly after the first. This it was recalled, was in direct contrast to state witnesses who said here was an interval of about 15 minutes.

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Mt. Hood Admirer's Ashes Scattered On Snowy Slopes

PORTLAND, April 24.—(AP)—It was about a year ago that Eugene Leclerc came to Oregon from California. He was ill. He turned his eyes to the snow-capped Mount Hood. It was beautiful, he thought; more beautiful than anything he had ever seen. He decided to move to Oregon, and subsequently brought his family to Roseburg.

Leclerc many times told his family he hoped he could scale Mount Hood. But illness prevented. He died a week ago. Sunday his ashes were scattered on Coe glacier. It was Leclerc's wish.

His son, Nigel Booth Leclerc, carried out the wish. He scaled the windswept, snow-covered peak, inscribed his father's name in the record book, just as the names of others have been inscribed, and gave the ashes to the chill wind.

BOWLING PARTY FOR BABY ELKS

The Elks club bowling alleys tonight will resound to the smack of balls against pins and the shrill cries of young voices as the "baby Elks," initiated at the recent joint meeting in Ashland, enjoy an evening of sport at the expense of the bowling committee of the lodge.

Roy Pruitt, chairman of the committee, has invited all the "baby Elks" and also all the 20 candidates who are awaiting the next initiation class, to be guests of the lodge for an evening of free bowling. It is planned to choose up sides and inject a bit of competition in the proceedings. The heavy firing will start about 6:30 or 7 o'clock, and continue until the "young ones" get tired.

There is a wealth of material among the new members and according to Chairman Pruitt the Elks bowling supremacy in the city bids fair to continue for some years to come.

1364 REGISTER FOR PRIMARIES IN JACKSON CO.

Figures compiled today by the county clerk's office, show there were 1364 new registrations in Jackson county for the coming primary, May 18.

The records also show there were 721 cancellations of registrations, by persons who either moved to a new precinct, or another county.

There was a total registration of 1364.

Listing of the voters, as to party affiliations and precinct, will not be completed for another week.

The total registration for the county is estimated to be between 13,500 and 14,000.

Copy for the ballots to be used in the primary, was turned over to the printer this morning. There will be a separate ballot for Republicans and Democrats. Both ballots are exceptionally long for a primary, because of the large number of candidates for precinct committees. The ballots contain the candidates for state and county offices.

William Grenbrenner, of Ashland, filed for two offices—precinct com-

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