

**MAJOR LEAGUE STARTED TUESDAY**

NEW YORK, April 14.—The coronation of King Swat was the chief business before the country today.

Although an annual ceremony, the same old thrill was on hand when in eight different cities the baseball season was formally opened and the National and American League teams were sent away in the pennant races.

In the American League the world's champion Athletics opened their first battle of the year with Frank Chance's rejuvenated Yankees in New York. The Cleveland Naps clashed with the White Sox at Chicago, the St. Louis Browns and Detroit Tigers opened in Detroit, and Clark Griffith led his Washington team against the Red Sox in Boston.

The National League swung into its race with the Giants at Philadelphia, the Chicago Cubs hurling themselves upon the Reds at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at St. Louis and Boston and Brooklyn clashing at Ebbets Field across the bridge.

The cracking of the baseball lid comes after one of the wildest sessions of the Winter League in history, during which a club president was unhorsed, three new managers installed in the National League, and both factions of organized baseball shaken to their foundations by the onrushing Federals, who staged their first game of the season yesterday.

Although the training season was marked by the injury of players on several teams, every manager pronounced himself fit and ready for the fray today. Everything points to the same ultimate result in the pennant races as that of last year—a sweep through the American League by the Athletics, the winning of another National League pennant by McGraw, and the climax in the struggle for the world's title between these two great machines.

The great Mack forces present the same front as last year, with the youngsters better seasoned and therefore more to be relied upon. McGraw goes into the fray with practically his same force, but if anything strengthened. By the acquisition of Bescher he has added speed to his outfield, and in Mathewson, Marquard, Tesserau and Demaree he presents the same first line of pitching power with several youngsters in reserve.

One of the teams expected to attract great attention during the National League race is the Boston Braves. After showing vast improvement last year, Boston is further strengthened for this season by Johnny Evers, deposed manager of the Chicago Cubs, and one of the greatest second basemen in the game.

It was after feverish excitement and the stirring of the entire National League, that the Evers case was finally settled. This afforded one of the many upheavals that kept the Winter League fires burning fierce and hot.

In connection with the same deal Hank O'Day again stepped into the managerial ranks. The firing of Evers and Hank O'Day again stepped into managerial ranks. The firing of Evers was followed by the appointment of O'Day as Johnny's successor. This in turn was followed by the ousting of Murphy from the league.

Wilbert Robinson, former coach of the Giants, has the Brooklyn assignment, and Charlie Herzog will manage the Reds.

With the Federals raiding every camp to some extent, the Phillies start the race with the most scars of the winter fight. Manager Doolin's men hung on to the Giants with every ounce of fight that was in them last year, and led the league for a time.

This year, however, the Phillies are a problem. They have lost Scotton, Brennan, Knabe and Doolan to the Federals. If they set a pace such as was followed last year they will surprise even their most ardent followers.

The Phillies are picked for the second division, but it's a long stretch from the showers of April to the dreary afternoons of the dog days, and on through to the finish in October.

Under Herzog the Cincinnati Reds are said to be a vastly improved collection of baseball players. And with the Pirates, Cubs, Dodgers and Cardinals talking of improvements, the race for lesser honors should be tightened up, even though the Giants appear to have the crown leaning in their direction.

In the American League it will be the Athletics against the gang. As the old wiz, Mack, gently eases his well oiled machine into the tunnel, Clark Griffith in Washington, and every other manager, for that matter, will be directing his attack on the Machian sluggers. Griffith looks as strong as the next one, outside Mack, this season, and should put up a stinging fight.

Cleveland will start with a handicap, due to the injury of Chapen and the Feds. After their slump of last year, the Boston Red Sox are about due for a recovery approaching their form of 1912.

Frank Chance expects to lift the Yankees free from danger of the cellar position this year, which must mean that the St. Louis Browns are ticketed for the place.

**KEOKUK, Iowa, April 14.—Federal Judge Smith, McPherson and Pollock are today hearing the attack upon Iowa's new law calling for the sterilization of insane and habitual criminals by the state board of parole.**

The attack is being made by thirty convicts in the state penitentiary at Fort Madison. They have banded together and employed a lawyer.

The state parole board has already put the law into force in the three insane asylums, where fifty operations have been performed.

The board issued an order for operations at Fort Madison, but it agreed with the attorney for the convicts to withhold action until the law can be tested in court.

The convicts claim that the law is in violation of their rights guaranteed by the federal constitution.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING ENTHUSIASTIC**

One of the most enthusiastic gatherings in the history of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening, the occasion being the regular monthly gathering of members. In addition to the members there were other boosters present.

Talks on matters of interest to Klamath county were made by Judge Benson, W. A. Delzell and other speakers, and the need of co-operation, etc., was forcibly brought out. A dainty luncheon was served during the evening by the wives of the directors.

At this meeting, the Chamber of Commerce selected its official emblem, which is to be made into a button. This is a plow and sheaf of wheat in the center, with "Klamath Chamber of Commerce" beneath and "Welcome to Klamath" around the upper edge.

The winning design was made by Clifford Sevits, a high school student, and he was awarded a \$5 prize. There were eight other designs and slogans submitted by students, and many of these were of exceptional merit.

**Sister Is Ill.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meldrum left Wednesday for Milwaukee, Ore., in response to a message that Mr. Meldrum's sister is in a critical condition, following an operation performed Tuesday.

More than 5,200 students are enrolled in the correspondence courses of the University of Wisconsin. Of those 1,400 are pursuing correspondence work for university credit, and 1,500 are carrying college subjects without being candidates for a degree.

Aluminum foil for wrapping purposes is being produced that is only one-sixth of one-hundredth of an inch thick.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Huerta must not only apologize for the various recent offences toward America, but he must promise to be good in the future, if he isn't to experience a consequence that may mean armed intervention.**

This, in effect, is what President Wilson told the senate committee on foreign relations today. He insists that the time has past temporizing, and characterized Huerta's attitude as a series of studied insults to America.

Wilson said a sharp lesson is necessary. He wants everything done with the consent and approval of congress, and will confer with congressmen freely and frequently.

"We are not in possession of all the facts leading to the naval demonstration," said Shively. "But we are satisfied that the president took the only action possible."

Senator Lodge urged the committee to authorize President Wilson to use force without a formal declaration of war. He said a formal declaration is impossible, since the Huerta government was never recognized. The committee showed a strong sentiment of backing the president.

The next move is up to Huerta, and it is impossible to forecast him. Most of the government officials believe that Huerta will not salute. They believe he has decided he would rather be driven from the presidency by the Americans than defeated by the rebel forces.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—It is asserted today that there is nothing in the late dispatches from O'Shaughnessy to show that Huerta will salute.

Three of Huerta's messages to the following statement was made today by Senator Works of California:

"The sending of the fleet to Mexico with threats of war at this time distasteful department have not been published.

It has been learned that they stated in effect that Huerta insisted he had made all the amends to be expected from him. He refuses to assume the responsibility for the acts of his subordinates.

Huerta seems to welcome, rather than dread a crisis. If he is defeated by the rebels he is discredited; if by the Americans, he stands a chance of going down in Mexican history as a hero.

The American army is ready for immediate action.

There is a peculiar phase of human nature, and exhibits a peculiar brand of patriotism.

"Hundreds of American citizens have been slaughtered, their wives and daughters outraged, and their property destroyed, and the government did not raise a hand. Now, because a few bluejackets have been arrested, and Huerta refuses to salute the flag, we are going to war, if necessary, to secure his humble apology."

**NO BIDDERS FOR THE BONDS OF THE HORSEFLY DISTRICT**

For the second time the Horsefly Irrigation district has been unable to secure bidders for its \$750,000 bond issue, for the construction of the project. No proposals were at hand at the time of opening bids yesterday.

For the construction of the canal and distribution system, diversion dam, etc., three bids were received, but no action was taken regarding these. Two of these proposed to do the work for cash, and the third, which was considerably higher, agreed to take the bonds, provided he be given time to look over the bond field before signing a contract.

Regarding a report that the government might help the project, the following statement was made today by Project Manager J. G. Camp:

"In the morning paper there was an article in regard to the reclamation service co-operating in the construction of the Horsefly project."

"It must have been a case of 'the wish being the father of the thought,' on the part of some one. There have been no negotiations between the Horsefly people and the reclamation service building the dam or any part of the project. Neither the Horsefly people nor anyone connected with the service has made any propositions looking to such co-operation."

"I wish to particularly contradict the statement that part of such cost might be charged to Tule Lake lands. The reclamation act requires that the lands irrigated must repay the cost of construction."

**WARNS LOCAL FARMERS ABOUT RUSSIAN THISTLE**

Editor Herald:

I desire to call attention of our county commissioners to the necessity of taking some action toward exterminating noxious weeds upon our public highways, and also to call attention of our farmers to a serious danger that confronts them in the presence of the Russian thistle, which has found a lodgment in the southeastern part of our county, so I am informed.

On my trip east last fall, through Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah and Nevada, I had ample evidence of the destructiveness of this weed. More especially in the Snake River Valley, it had taken the alfalfa and grain fields, covered the highways and railroad rights of way, and even in the gardens and orchards, it was piled up against the fences in huge rows. Like the tumble weed, it travels with the winds when ripe, scattering its seed as it goes, and its hardness and persistence almost prevents its eradication.

The time to stop it is at its earliest appearance, when a persistent and thorough warfare should be kept up, and a strict quarantine maintained against any grain, garden or grass seeds from regions where it grows.

Every farmer or land owner should join in the eradication of this pest wherever and whenever it appears, for its spread is rapid and its presence would soon cause many thousands of dollars loss to our agriculturists, rendering unsalable the alfalfa and entailing enormous expense in preventing its overrunning everything.

In Wyoming it has taken the range where it is only used for grazing sheep in its early growth. True, it adds a gaudy coloring to some of the rather bleak hills and worthless badlands, as it is dark red, almost purple, in color, and forms a thick, almost impenetrable mat under foot. Unlike the dagger cocklebur, that for many years enervated upon the public highways of the state until it became necessary to take stringent methods to eradicate it, this thistle not only encroaches upon the roadways, but invades the fields, orchards and even dooryards, where it imperils barefoot children and young chicks with its needle-armed leaves.

I think we have ample laws to require and enforce the eradication of this and other noxious weeds, but like many of our other laws, they are more remarkable for their evasion than for their enforcement.

It is the duty of our county commissioners to attend to the enforcement of these laws, and should they neglect to do so the resulting loss and damage to our agriculture will be directly through their culpable negligence.

Attend to this matter! Do it NOW! Respectfully yours,  
O. A. STEARNS.

**OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT ON THE COAST, SAYS ESPEE BOOKLET**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The latest report of the Southern Pacific company on the condition of business on the Pacific Coast shows great prosperity prospects.

The rain has been general throughout the Coast recently, and has been sufficient to do all that was required. The February storms filled the underground reservoirs and deposited an ample supply of snow upon the mountains. Water for irrigation and power is assured.

The report says in part: "Oregon—Outlook is considered as good if not better than at the same time in 1913. Banks in excellent condition, with heavy resources. Among bankers, merchants and manufacturers a more optimistic feeling prevails than for some time. Lumber outlook better. Crop prospects good. "California—Prospects for very large yield of crops. Orchards in splendid condition. Stock ranges in fine shape, affording an abundance of feed. In Santa Clara Valley quite an amount of planting to prunes and apricots, most of it new, other than replanting on account of dead trees due to past two seasons.

**MERRILL RESIGNS AS COMMISSIONER**

N. S. MERRILL ALSO CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

Change in the Personnel of the County Court Comes This Morning, When Commissioner Guy Merrill Resigns to Devote His Entire Attention to Business Interests Outside of the State.

C. G. Merrill Wednesday resigned as county commissioner. His uncle, Nathan S. Merrill, has been chosen to succeed him by the other members of the county court.

Merrill's resignation comes unexpectedly, as it was the consensus of opinion that he would be out for reelection. This morning, to a Herald representative, the retiring official stated that his business affairs require his entire attention.

"For the next few years, I do not expect to reside permanently in Oregon," said he, "and the greater part of my time will be spent in California. For this reason, I find it impossible to continue in the office."

Merrill and Worden were both chosen as members of the county court at the 1910 election, and they have worked together in the court's movements for bettering the highways and making other improvements upon the county's credit. For this reason, he has also been the recipient of both ardent praise and caustic criticism.

While no attempt was made to recall him when Worden's stewardship was placed before the voters last spring, an effort was made to force Merrill to tender his resignation as commissioner. With assistance from others, he was able to ward off the threatened trouble if he failed to quit, at the time his announcement of candidacy for re-election was expected.

N. S. Merrill, the new commissioner, is a pioneer resident of Klamath county, and it was he who founded the town of Merrill. The office of county commissioner is not a new one to him, as he was a member of the county court during Judge Baldwin's administration.

It was during that term that the Klamath county high school was built, the Altamont road constructed, and other progressive measures started. The court at that time also received its share of censure and was charged with extravagance.

"Uncle Nate" was engaged in farming and livestock raising until this spring, when he disposed of his stock, etc., and retired.

That it is only from agricultural pursuits that he has retired was shown on Wednesday, when petitions were circulated, asking that the name of N. S. Merrill be placed on the ballot for the democratic nomination as county commissioner. He will be opposed in the primary by Edward S. Freuer, a well known Poe Valley rancher.

**SPECIAL CAR TO CARRY BOOSTERS TO ROGUE RIVER**

Gathering of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath County Boosters to Work for More Tourist Traffic to Crater Lake, Oregon Caves and Other Southern Oregon Scenic Attractions Will Be Large.

When the meeting of Klamath, Jackson and Josephine boosters is called to order at Medford April 25th, there will be present at least a carload of boosters from Klamath Falls. Enough signified their intention this forenoon of going to insure at least one special car, and it may be possible that there be two or more extra cars attached to the train leaving here that morning.

E. B. Hall and others are interviewing the business men regarding the trip. They have received assurances that there will be a monster delegation, and a \$10 round trip fare has been secured.

The meeting at Medford is called to form an organization for giving better publicity to Crater Lake, Upper Klamath Lake, the Rogue River country, Oregon Caves and other wonderful scenery in Southern Oregon. The tendency heretofore has been for each county to strive for routing all tourist traffic through their own town, but the men behind the new movement see greater advantages and a larger number of sightseers by united work on the part of the interested towns.

The feeling is general that the meeting at Medford will do much to cement the strained relations between the various counties. It is largely for this that so many of the business men are arranging to go with their wives to Medford.

Klamath county products, and photographs and lantern slides of scenic attractions are to be taken to the Medford gathering. C. R. Miller, O. C. Applegate and C. T. Olver have been named as a committee to secure this collection.

**Why It's Called "Beaver State"**

Oregon Development News in the Line of Industries, Payrolls, Etc., Prepared in Terse Form by the late Bureau of Industries and Statistics, and Published in the Interest of Herald Readers.

**SALEM, April 14.**—Two important decisions of the supreme court during the past week hold that there is no limit to the amount of damages that can be collected by the family in case of death under the employers' liability act, and that the employer cannot escape liability by providing other ways of protecting employees.

The International Association of Stonecutters are asking that Oregon granite be used on the new million dollar Portland postoffice.

Voters at Eugene authorize a municipal band, an armory and the acquiring of Skinner's Butte by the city.

James J. Hill has given \$50,000 to the Christian Church Bible School for a new building at Eugene.

Under the Pinchot policy of locking up the water powers not much development is looked for in Oregon in the time.

Officials of the Rogue River public service corporation have been visiting their plants at Grants Pass, and are looking for a 5,000 horsepower site.

A \$10,000 Episcopal church is to be erected at Oregon City.

Aurora is to have a \$50,000 four-story Masonic temple this year.

The Willamette Pacific Coos Bay line is to have train service to the end of the line in a week.

North Bend and Marshfield are investigating wood block paving.

A life saving station is to be built at Florence, on the Siuslaw.

A beautiful high school building has been erected at Stanfield of Baker county stone.

The McVoy Tub, Pall and Package company of Minneapolis are looking for a site for a plant in Oregon.

Municipal securities are all that is selling from Oregon in the East—city school, county and road bonds.

The \$5,000 has been raised for a cannery at Cottage Grove.

A proposition to construct 109 miles of hard surface road at a cost of \$750,000 in Linn county will be submitted to vote.

Corvallis will construct fifty blocks of paving this year.

The Dornbecher Furniture company will erect a six story building on the site of their present factory.

**MT. LAKE NEWS NOTES**

MT. LAKE, April 16.—G. D. Grizzle of Klamath Falls was out to his ranch after a load of hay the latter part of the week.

A social dance was held at the home of Mr. Latta Saturday night. Everyone present reported a pleasant time.

Frank Saewart purchased a new drill from R. O. Vincent at Midland. He will begin seeding soon.

The Country Needle Club met with Mrs. Clyde Griffith last Thursday. The rain and high water in the river kept some from attending. The afternoon was pleasantly spent by those present.

Tris Griffith will preach at the Mt. Lake church next Sunday at 11. Sabbath school at 10.

**RAILROAD PUTS IN BELL SIGNAL**

The Southern Pacific has commenced the work of installing bell signals at the points where Main street and Sixth street cross the railroad tracks. This was asked some time ago by the council.

The new signals, electrically controlled, will ring a warning gong whenever there is a train within a few blocks of them.

**Leaves for California.**

Dave Shook left on Wednesday for Los Angeles for a visit of several weeks. Mr. Shook has not completely recovered from an attack of pneumonia he had last winter, and his doctor advised him to spend a month or so in Southern California.

In the densest parts of Bombay there are 740 persons to the acre. New York has 1,000 in the same area.

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