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## BOSTON BASEBALL CLUBS ARE GOING STRONG THIS WEEK

### Their Work Has Been Phenomenal in Both the Major Leagues

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New York, Aug. 26.—The phenomenal work of the two Boston clubs in the American and National leagues this week stands out as the prominent feature in the two big pennant races.

In the American league the Red Sox, world's champions, played five games, winning four and losing only one. In the National league the Braves added by some wonderful pitching, won all of the five games they played. These figures include games of last Sunday. All American league teams were in the east last Sunday, so figures for that circuit begin with Monday's contests. The Browns, by winning four games and losing two, worked their way for a tie into second place. The Browns have been on the road all this week and their record, therefore, is even more remarkable. Next week they will be at grips with the Red Sox in what probably will be the "crucial series" of the season.

The Red Sox show no signs of cracking. Their pitchers have held opposing teams to five runs for the week and have dished out only 36 hits in the five games played. The wonderful pitching staff of the Carrigan team is beginning to work in top notch form.

The Braves are gradually closing in on the Brooklyn club, five straight victories while the Dodgers were breaking even in six games helping a lot.

Big league batting and pitching averages published today show that Tris Speaker still heads American league batters, with an average of .386. Cobb is second with .355 and Jackson, Chicago is third with .349. Eddie Collins is hitting .289. Nick Cullop, New York, leads the American league pitchers with twelve games won and one lost, for an average of .923. Shore, Boston and Morton, Cleveland, are second and third respectively.

In the National league Danbert, Brooklyn still leads the batting order, with an average of .325. Hornsby, St. Louis, is rapidly closing the gap. He is hitting .323. Wagner, Pittsburgh, is hitting .317. Benny Kauff has gained a point, the former Federal slugger hitting .265.

Two Boston hurlers, Allen and Hughes, are the real leaders in the National. Allen has won six and lost one and Hughes has won eleven and lost three. Grover Cleveland Alexander has won 23 and lost nine.

## Watching the Scoreboard

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Pacific Coast League Standings

W.	L.	Pct.	
Los Angeles	77	.56	.579
Vernon	79	62	.560
San Francisco	72	68	.514
Salt Lake	64	69	.492
Portland	58	66	.468
Oakland	55	87	.387

Yesterday's Results

At Vaughn street—Portland 3, Salt Lake 1.
At San Francisco—Oakland 5, Los Angeles 4.
At Los Angeles—Vernon 5, San Francisco.

National League

W.	L.	Pct.	
Brooklyn	69	42	.622
Boston	67	42	.604
Philadelphia	65	47	.580
New York	54	57	.486
Pittsburg	52	60	.464
St. Louis	53	65	.449
Chicago	52	65	.444
Cincinnati	44	75	.370

American League

W.	L.	Pct.	
Boston	70	48	.593
St. Louis	66	56	.541
Detroit	66	56	.541
New York	64	55	.538
Chicago	65	56	.537
Cleveland	65	56	.537
Washington	57	60	.487
Philadelphia	25	91	.215

Southworth beat the Saints with two doubles and a homer.

Score Portland 3, Salt Lake 1. The Beavers played errorless ball.

Buddy Ryan made Salt Lake's one tally with a home run in the ninth, with two down.

At Los Angeles Deane singled in the eleventh and Vernon beat San Francisco.

## BASEBALL FANS MUCH INTERESTED

### Tomorrow's Diamond Contest Will Be Real "Battle of Giants"

Fans in the local baseball camp are referring to tomorrow's contest between the champion Baby Beavers and the Lojus as a "battle of the giants." Results show the Baby Beavers to be a shade the better baseball machine, but nevertheless there are those who believe the Lojus to be the stronger team of the two, and tomorrow's game is therefore being awaited with the keenest of interest.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock at the league grounds on East State street. It is thought likely that Keene will be on the mound for the locals. Otherwise the lineup will be practically the same as it was last Sunday, when the Lojus gave such a satisfactory account of themselves in the game with Camas. The Camas game, had luck or something else been a bit more favorable to the locals at Portland, would have put Salem in the way of winning the season's championship. As things turned out, Salem is compelled to be satisfied with the fact that their team showed championship class in the race and is accepting second place in the final ratings with good grace.

Can the Lojus beat the champions? If they cannot, it is a foregone conclusion that they can come nearer to doing it than any other team in the Intercity league, and the game tomorrow will be well worth seeing from any viewpoint.

## NEW ATHLETIC RECORD.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—A Pacific Athletic association record for the swim across the Golden Gate was established yesterday by Miss Babe Wright who made the one mile trip in 31 minutes 34.4 seconds in the first officially mentioned race. Miss Alice Goodman, who raced Miss Wright, finished 45.3 seconds later.

Miss Goodman's time was slower because she encountered a tide rip. Miss Wright's record is nine minutes faster than the previous unofficial record set by Miss Nell Schmidt.

Practical.

The late Dean Pigon had a fine collection of stories, and he loved to retell them. One concerned the verger, who was a latitudinarian in matrimonial matters. It was his business to settle all questions connected with brains, and he was examined with severity when it was found that he had allowed the dean to marry a man to his deceased wife's sister.

"Well," he replied, "one of the parties was eighty-four and the other eighty-six. I say to myself, 'Lord, it can't last long—let 'em wed, and bother the laws!'"—Tit-Bits.

oo, 5 to 4.

Hess started for the Bengals, made a wild pitch and perambulated six swatmen. Quinn had the Seals by the gullet when he took up the work.

Johnny Vann of Oakland beat the Angels with two opportune swats.

Crandall blew up and almost lost the scalps for the Oaks in the ninth, but hobbled home with one foot in the soup and the fat end of a 5-4 count.

Yesterday's big league hero was George Daus, hurling for Detroit. Daus not only held the champ Red Sox to a solitary run, but produced the two base hit which sent the two needed winning runs across the plate for the Tigers.

It was the first set back for the Red Sox this week.

Fred Hunter, recently sent to third base by McGraw, saved the day for the Giants with a homer.

Slim Salie pitched his usual good game, but was spared the humiliation of seeing the Giants lose it anyway.

Washington took another crack at the White Sox who have not won a game since their first start in New York a week ago.

Nick Cullop lost his second game of the season yesterday to the Browns. He has won twelve.

George Sisler scored three runs, the margin by which the Jones clan downed the New Yorkers.

The Dodgers had a tussel with the Reds, but finally emerged on the long end of a 3-2 count.

Dick Radolph victimized Chicago for his tenth straight victory.

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## SIXTEEN FAST HORSES ENTERED FOR BIG EVENT

### 2:12 Trot at Coming State Fair Will Be Great Contest For Big Purse

In making up his list of entries for the \$2,000 2:12 trotting event, which closed August 6th, Secretary-Manager A. H. Lea, of the State Fair Board, overlooked two entries which had been received prior to the original closing date, June 1st, and reserved over which will bring the total in this big stake up to 16, the same number of entries registered for the 2:08 pace for \$2,000 and the 2:25 pace for \$750. One of these new entries, Copious, by La Copia-Beatas, with a winrace record of 2:15 1-4, comes from Moose Jaw, Canada, a distance of 1032 miles to start in the Portland Day classic. He is owned by R. H. Taber, of Canby, Canada, and entered by W. R. McGee, agent and driver, of Moose Jaw. The other entry is A. R. G., by German Hal-Blonde Chimes, owned by Jos. McGuire, of Denver, Colorado.

The filling of these three events with entries from California, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, gives assurance of starters a plenty in all of the 20 harness races scheduled for the State Fair program, for which over \$16,000 in purses have been hung up. There are also many entries in prospect for the series of running races, in which there are two scheduled for each of the six days' program, principal among which are the 1-1/4 mile Portland Derby for \$500 and the mile handicap for \$350, and entries are coming in almost daily.

The latest inquiry to have been received for entry blanks in the running races comes from Hamilton F. Corbett, of Portland, who has two speedy, thoroughbred sprinters, Boise and May Dieudonne, which he probably contemplates starting in some of the big stakes.

Lone Oak track continues unprecedentedly fast and the horses left in training here, 15 horses having left early in the week to participate in the North Pacific circuit at Centralia, Chehalis, Elma, Spokane, Walla Walla and North Yakima, are making the most of the opportunity to get in first class condition for the State Fair meet.

Helen Mistletoe, George L. Parker's Portland game little Hal B. Pundett, mares worked out a fast mile yesterday morning in 2:08 flat, the best she has made in her workouts to date, and she did it without apparent exertion. With John E. Kirkland, her trainer, up she did the first half in 1:06; the last half in 1:02, and the last quarter in 30 1-4. Helen Mistletoe is entered in the 2:25 pace, \$750, with a field of 15 and Mr. Parker's enthusiasm over her chances of getting in on the big moneys is increasing daily. All of the other horses in training here for the State Fair meet are showing up in splendid form and improving at every workout.

Included in the bunch of stoppers which left the Fairgrounds track early in the week, to start in the principal events of the North Pacific circuit, together with their best workout records on Lone Oak track, are: Peter Cook, Ballston, with Savage Right and Lettie Ansel, trotter, (2:15); Sam Bush, with Edd Dennison's (Portland) King Zolock, pacer, (2:14); Harry Davis with Sunny Jim, pacer, (2:08 1-4); Wm. Bringert, Vancouver, Wash., with Hal Edo (2:10), and Hi Ho (2:09); George Newbill, Bullston, Oregon, with Wallace Hal, pacer (2:13 1-2), and Bonnie, trotter (2:15); Dr. A. G. Smith, Salem, with Helen Hal, pacer (2:14), and Complete, trotter (2:15).

Aside from these Roseco Stants took his pacing mare, Chiquita (2:13) to Marshfield to take part in the three days' racing cards during the big Railroad Jubilee, where he won the half-mile pace against a field of four, including a California starter, on Thursday, and he is entered in the big mile harness event scheduled for Saturday. Wm. McNames, with his two sprinters, Sterling and Maxwell, also went to Marshfield where his horse Sterling won the mile race on Thursday and both of his horses were entered in the Friday and Saturday events.

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## WHITE NEEDS MORE SPARRING PARTNERS

### Assistants So Far Unable to Stand His Whirlwind Campaign

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 26.—Charley White has sent out an S. O. S. call for more sparring partners, the result of his strenuous conditioning campaign for the 20-round battle here Labor day when he will attempt to wrest the lightweight crown from Freddie Welsh.

White boxed 10 whirlwind rounds yesterday afternoon, five with Stewart Donnelly and five with Harry Bramer. He showed no mercy in his attack and both Donnelly and Bramer were well worn out at the end of the day's work. Young Abe Attell will join the mauling White impartially deals out to his partners. White is rounding into great condition. His eyes are clear and snappy, he is tanned to a shoe leather tint from his outdoor work and his wind is perfect.

Slugging was the order of the day in the Welsh camp also. Freddie traveled the 10 round route for the first time since he started training, boxing four rounds with Bratton and six with Battling Reddy. Welsh has eased up in his road work in order not to draw himself too fine, but will continue his daily road jogs at an easy pace. Immense crowds witness the daily workouts of the fighters.

Great preparations are being made here for the big event. The hotel keepers at a meeting yesterday decided to allow their employes a holiday to see the battle. All the other business houses will follow suit. A request for reservation of a block of 150 seats came from Salt Lake yesterday to take care of a special trainload of fans from the Mormon capital and from many other sections of the country mail requests for reservations are pouring in.

## Chaney's Manager Talks.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Twenty-four hours after George Chaney arrived here from Baltimore to continue training for his 15-round battle with Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight title at Cedar Point on Labor day, Hen Blitzer, his manager, had talked considerably.

The first thing Blitzer did was to tell the curious that Chaney didn't come all the way to Ohio to be defeated by Kilbane. His words radiated with confidence that his protégé will return to his home town king of the featherweight flock.

Blitzer also put the quietus to rumors to the effect that Chaney wouldn't make weight and that he would cover up during the battle and let Kilbane do all the leading.

## Becker & Son Successful As Tobacco Growers

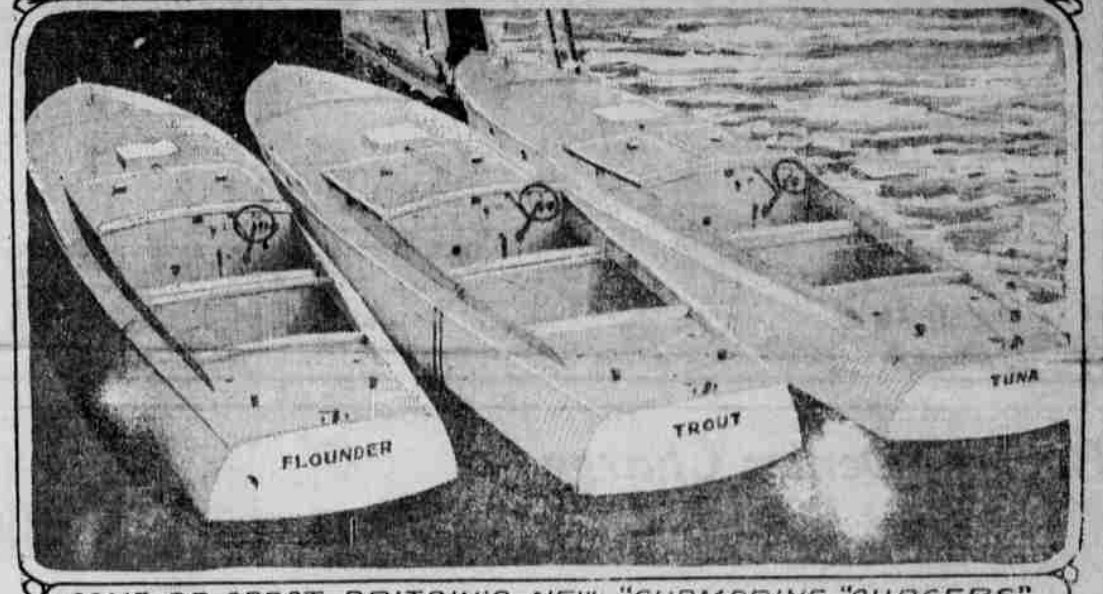
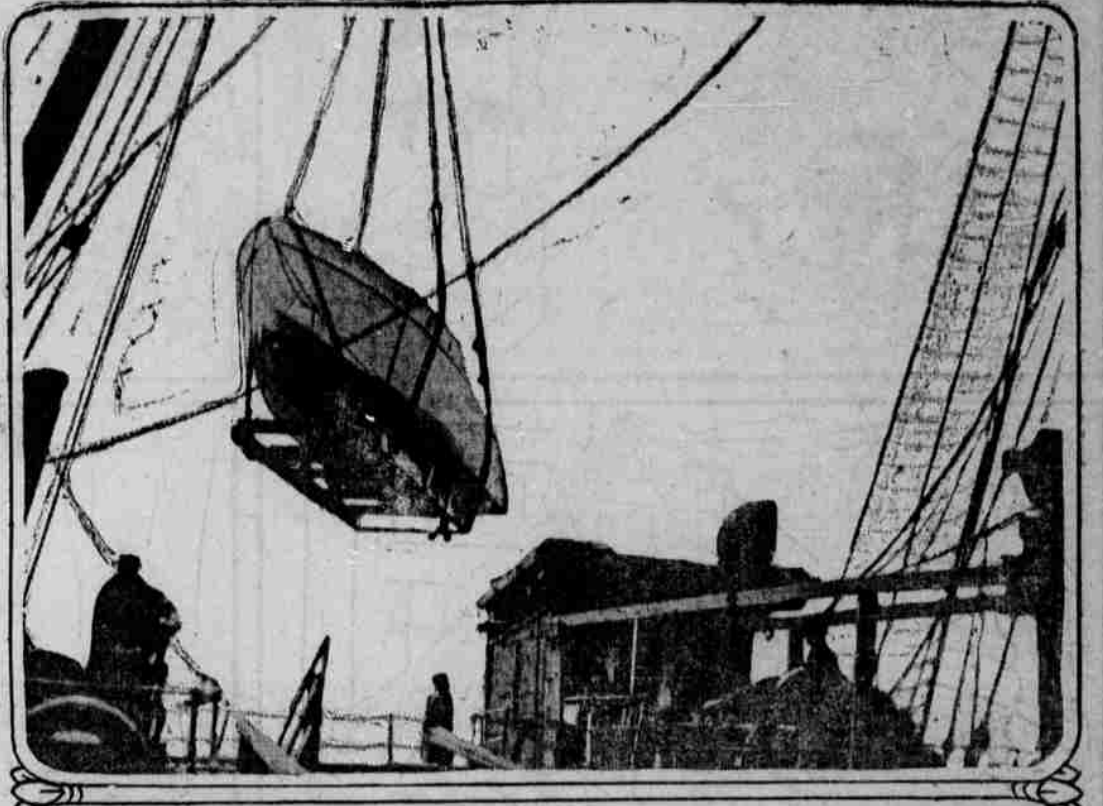
A visit made at the N. Becker & Sons, ranch, east of Woodburn, recently was accompanied by several eye-openers, one of which was that on nearly all of the farm land two crops are raised yearly. In one place corn was making good growth that had been planted in July after a crop of vetch had been cut from the same place. This was made possible by the existence of a silo, without which no farm should be if the farmer desires to make farming a great success.

But the main object of our visit was to inspect the renowned tobacco industry in which Mr. E. A. Becker has been the only place in Oregon where tobacco is grown successfully for commercial purposes. It is not only grown there, but turned into cigars for the market, the demand for which is greater than the supply.

This year the Becker tobacco crop, which is being cut this week, is the output of an acre. On this acre are the Connecticut broad leaf, Connecticut Havana and real Havana from the Cuban seed, the latter differing in form and higher than the others. The leaves grown out from the stalk, averaging about 20 leaves to the stalk.

A few of these plants are being left for seed, over which bags will be placed to prevent cross-fertilization. They must be fertilized with a pollen of its own blossom or inbreeding. One cell produced from four to eight thousand seeds and a plant will give out from 500,000 to 1,000,000 seeds. This acre of tobacco presents a very interesting sight and shows what can be done with knowledge and thrift. In this acre of tobacco everything is as clean as a whistle and it shows that much care was taken. This year, for the first time, although it was not necessary, the ground was irrigated by a fine system of sprinklers, six of which do a good job of irrigating in two days. The water comes from pipes laid from a pumping plant 600 feet distant. The soil is a dark loam with a little sandy mixture. It is very rich and seems to be adapted to tobacco-raising. When this crop is cut off close to the ground the stalks will sprout and there will be

## "SEA WASPS" BUILT HERE FOR BRITISH TO CHASE GERMANY'S SUBMARINES



"SOME OF GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW "SUBMARINE "CHASERS"

Here are some of the fast "submarine chasers," part of an order of forty, built in South Boston for use in guarding the coast of Great Britain. Six of them have been shipped from Boston. All are named after various fish of the sea. They are 100 horsepower gasoline launches, of uniform design, forty feet long and capable of long trunk cabins and have accommodations for twenty-five knots. The construction for two or three men. They were awarded last spring, and are of V bottom type, and the motors it is said they cost \$4,000 each. They are equipped with a special carbureting device, by means of which either forward, evidently with the idea of gasoline or heavier oils may be used, mounting a small gun, probably three. The steering gear is like that of an inch caliber, in the bow. They have automobile.

another crop of tobacco in about a month. The first crop was planted June 23. Irrigation has helped wonderfully. The amount of moisture in the soil and the soil itself have a great influence on the quality of the product and what it is wanted for—wrapper, filler or binder. What is being cut this week will run 1,200 to 1,500 pounds to the acre. This will lose 20 per cent in weight in the fermentation.—Woodburn Independent.

## FUNERAL WAS IMPRESSIVE

The funeral of the late John L. Johnson was held last Thursday afternoon, services being held at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church, which was filled with friends and relatives of the deceased. The floral offerings were numerous. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. L. S. Mochel, of Gervais, who referred to death in this instance as a triumph. The closing prayer was by Rev. L. C. Poor, of the M. E. church of this city. Mrs. E. H. Covles presided at the organ and the choir consisted of Mrs. Benton Killin, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Alpheus Gillette, and Jacob Voorhes. The honorary pall bearers were David A. McKee and Benjamin McKee, brothers, who served with deceased in the Indian war. The active pall bearers were nephews of the deceased: Yill Yergen, Joe Jack, Oscar Jack, E. T. Hall, C. C. Hall, J. J. Hall. The funeral director, E. N. Hall, was also a nephew. Relatives present from a distance were J. H. Johnson, the only surviving brother, wife and two daughters, Portland; Sarah Jack, sister, and two daughters, Gresham, Ore.; Bud Jack and wife, Oregon City; Thomas R. Hook and wife, Mt. Angel; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wilcox, Palouse City, Wash.; Mrs. Florence Keyes, Pasco, Wash.; George McLaughlin and wife, C. P. Wells and wife, John Wells and Eston Bevan, Independence, Ore.; Rev. J. W. Kenady and wife, Hood River, Ore.; arr. and Mrs. B. H. Kenady, Cottage Grove, Ore.; Mrs. Addie Ringo, Brownsville, Ore. Interment was in Belle Pass cemetery.

John Lawrence Johnson, who died at his home in Woodburn on August 15, for more than half a century had been a resident of Oregon as well as one of the active promoters of the development which has turned wild and desolate land into fertile and productive soil, the product of which form one of the chief sources of the state's prosperity.—Woodburn Independent.

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