Defeats Forgotten, They Are the Champions to Us All Today

DRESSAN'S SMOKE OVERCOMES OGDEN

AFTER ERICKSON HAS BEEN DRIVEN OUT DRESSAN DEFEATS OWLS, 4 TO 1.

DELHI DEFEATS HELENA

Except for One Bad Inning When the Vigilantes Make Four Runs Great Falls Pitcher Works in Splendid Fashion, Winning, 6 to 5.

Salt Lake, Utah, June 1.—With Dressan pitching air-tight ball, Ogden met her fifth straight defeat at the hands of Salt Lake, who won today's game, 4 to 1. Erickson started on the mound for Salt Lake, but he had no control and after he had allowed two hits on which the visitors made their lone score, he was replaced by Dressan, who allowed but three scattered hits for the remainder of the game. Fiddler pitched a splendid game with the exception of the third inning, when he allowed four hits, giving the locals three runs. Score:

Ogden.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Dorch, ss	2	0	0	1	3	1
Foley, 3b	4	1	1	1	3	1
Murray, cf	4	0	1	2	1	0
Moorehead, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wessler, 2b	3	0	2	4	4	0
Van, 1b	2	0	0	7	1	0
Hayes, rf	3	0	0	2	0	1
Perkins, c	3	0	1	5	0	0
Fiddler, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
*Pourroy	1	0	0	0	0	0
**Fowler	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	5	24	14	3

*Batted for Van in ninth.
**Batted for Hayes in ninth.

Salt Lake.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Murphy, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Pendleton, ss	4	1	2	2	2	0
Huelsman, lf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Dressan, 1b-p	2	0	1	2	4	0
Spencer, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Schimpff, 2b	4	1	2	6	3	0
Davis, 3b	1	0	1	1	1	0
McClain, c	2	0	0	7	1	0
Erickson, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bauer, 1b	3	0	0	7	1	0
Totals	27	4	7	27	13	0

Score by innings:

Ogden	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1
Salt Lake	1 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 *	4

Summary: Two-base hits—Wessler, Perkins, Schimpff, Davis. Three-base hits—Foley, Pendleton. Sacrifice hits—McClain. Sacrifice flies—Dressan, 2. Double plays—Dorch to Wessler to Van; Pendleton to Schimpff to Bauer. Hit by pitched ball—By Erickson, Dorch. Stolen bases—Pendleton. Bases on balls—Off Fiddler, 3; Erickson, 1; Dressan, 2. Struck out—By Fiddler, 4; by Dressan, 7. Hits—Off Erickson, 3 in 2-3 inning; Dressan, 3 in 8 1-3 innings. Left on bases—Ogden, 7; Salt Lake, 5. Time, 1:46. Umpire—LaRocque.

VIGILANTES LOSE LAST GAME OF SERIES WITH HESTER'S MEN

Helena, June 1.—Except the fourth inning Delhi pitched splendid ball for Great Falls and his team won by a score of 6 to 5. The Vigilantes made four in the fourth, tieing the Electrics, and threatened in the ninth when they put one over the pan, but that was one short. Score:

Helena.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Spencer, lf	5	0	0	3	0	1
S. Kelly, cf	5	0	0	2	0	0
Quigley, 2b	4	1	3	1	3	0
Lussi, 1b	3	1	0	9	0	0
Hopkins, rf	4	1	1	5	0	0
Cronin, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	1
Menges, ss	3	2	1	3	2	0
Thompson, c	4	0	2	3	1	0
Ames, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
*Clynes	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	8	27	10	2

*Batted for Ames in ninth.

Great Falls.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A	E.
Potts, ss	4	1	2	5	5	1
Galena, cf	5	2	3	0	0	0
Faye, cf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Toner, 3b	3	0	1	2	5	0
A. Kelly, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hester, 1b	3	0	0	14	0	0
Siner, 2b	4	1	1	2	7	1
Baughman, c	4	0	1	3	2	0
Delhi, p	4	1	1	0	2	1
Totals	36	6	12	27	21	3

Score by innings:

Helena	0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 1	5
Great Falls	3 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0	6

Summary: Two-base hits—Quigley, Baughman. Three-base hit—Menges. Sacrifice flies—Potts, Toner, 2. Passed balls—Thompson. Stolen bases—Quigley, Galena, Faye. Bases on balls—Off Ames, 3; off Delhi, 2. Struck out—By Ames, 3; by Delhi, 2. Left on bases—Helena, 6; Great Falls, 9. Time, 1:40. Umpire—Frary.

BILLIARDISTS TO MEET.

Kellogg, June 1.—(Special.)—After several delays and postponements, the billiard match between Elmer Johnson of Wallace and "Dutch" Rullman of Kellogg has been definitely scheduled and will be played off at the Idaho Billiard parlors. Two checks for $100 each have been posted by the backers of the two men and much interest has been aroused over the possible outcome. It is possible that several more substantial side bets will be posted before the game begins.

THE PEERLESS LEADER.

Missoula Will Celebrate A Championship This Day

Band, Special Contests, Pennant Raising and Special Game With Danny Shay's Vigilantes Will Mark the Program—Two Umpires to Officiate.

Forget the standing of the clubs,
Forget that Sunday score,
Today the other teams are dubs
And we are Champs once more.

Today the pennant's on the mast,
Forget your woes today
And live again that gloried past
Which knew no Danny Shay.

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Today is Pennant day. This afternoon with martial music, special contests and the raising of the pennant which is the tangible sign of the Union League championship, Missoula will celebrate the victories of that peerless team which brought her fame last year. Helena, in the cellar last year, this spring the special prix of the Highlanders, will be here for the occasion. It will be a great day.

Not only will the afternoon's program be well worth while, but it is up to every man, woman and child who can make the hill to be in the stands this afternoon. It is easy enough to shout appreciation of the team that brought Missoula's name from the bottom to the top of the list in one short season. This is a chance for everyone to prove that his appreciation is real.

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Today's events will be worth more than the price of admission, so far as that goes. This is an extraordinary occasion. The Helena team has been brought here for one game and two umpires will officiate. There will be music and contests and the pennant-raising. All this for the usual price of admission.

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Mayor James M. Rhoades has been selected to raise the banner. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the two teams, led by the Missoula band and the mayor, will meet at the home plate and march to the flagpole in center field, upon which the pennant is to fly. There the mayor will hoist the banner and the procession will retrace its steps.

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Then will come various field events. Missoula merchants have offered prizes for the winner of a 100-yard dash, for the player who can travel around the bases in the fastest time, for the catcher who can throw most accurately to second base and for the player who can throw a baseball farthest. All of the players will take part in these events and the contests will be worth watching. A special attraction will be the settlement of a wager between Skipper Roberts and John Bassey. Bassey has bet the Sailor that he can throw a ball from home plate over the left field fence. He will try it this afternoon. Daschbach threw a ball from the plate over the fence the other day and Bassey is confident that he can do it.

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Today, too, the fans will be privileged to see a real big league game. The first contest between the rejuvenated Highlanders and the deflated Vigilantes will be umpired by two men. Ralph Frary will come from Helena with Danny Shay's crew and will work with Rasty Wright this afternoon. The rules provide that when two umpires are used the man behind the plate shall be the umpire-in-chief and the man in the field shall have secondary jurisdiction. The umpire-in-chief has absolute control of the game. He alone has authority to forfeit a contest and his judgment is final. He has jurisdiction over plays between the plate and third and over plays at third when there is a runner on first base. When, in the judgment of the umpire-in-chief, the field umpire has made a mistake, the man behind the plate can change the decision. The working of this system should be of great interest. It will give the Missoula fans a chance to see just how the big league games are umpired. Frary will be the umpire-in-chief.

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Last week the Highlanders recovered in splendid fashion from their early season slump. Out of the crippled pitching staff the warm weather brought three first-class men—Maloney, Bohan and Trekell—and the gain in pitching strength set the whole team to playing better ball than ever. Missoula has the best ball team in the league, barring the pitching staff. Every manager in the circuit will admit that. Now that the pitching strength has been augmented the team will win steadily; that's certain. Butte has no easy team. The Coppers are fighters, hard hitters and have some mighty good pitchers. That the Highlanders won four out of the six games played against this club, is sign enough of their new power. In recognition of this awakening and of the splendid showing made last year, every fan in Missoula should turn out this afternoon.

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Pat Bohan, the pitcher who was turned loose by Helena and who has developed so fast under the tutelage of the Peerless Leader, will work against his former teammates this afternoon. That should make the game more interesting.

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Holders of passes should remember today that they are no better than the next man. Nothing goes but coin of the realm. A man who has been favored by the management of the club with a season pass, ought to be mighty glad of a chance to show his appreciation of the action by buying a ticket this afternoon. Every pass holder should sit in a box today.

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Remember that the Pennant day celebration starts at 2 o'clock. If you need inspiration, look at this, the final standing of the clubs in 1912:

Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
MISSOULA	83	51	.620
Salt Lake	77	61	.558
Great Falls	72	61	.541
Ogden	71	68	.511
Butte	53	82	.393
Helena	50	83	.376

HIGH DIGNITARY RIDES IN HUMBLE STEERAGE

New York, June 1.—A high church dignitary was a steerage passenger on the steamer Caronia, which arrived today from Liverpool. He was the Right Rev. Charles H. Brent, Episcopal bishop in the Philippine islands. He said he enjoyed the trip immensely.

"I came in the steerage," the bishop said, "because I believe the place for a clergyman is with the common people. There I rubbed shoulders with the immigrants who will some day make American citizens, and if these are a sample of all that come, then American has reason to be proud of her adopted children."

SCORER'S FIGURES ON YESTERDAY'S GAME

Butte.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Demaggio, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Turgeon, 1b	4	1	1	9	0	0
Whaling, rf	5	2	2	2	2	0
Duddy, 3b	4	2	2	1	1	0
Marshall, cf	5	1	1	3	0	0
Kafora, c	4	2	3	8	1	0
Oriet, 2b	4	0	3	2	0	0
Levy, ss	5	0	2	1	4	0
Kallio, p	5	0	2	0	5	0
Totals	40	8	17	27	13	0

Missoula.

Players—	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Bassey, rf	5	0	2	2	0	0
Perrine, 2b	2	1	1	3	6	0
Carman, 1b	4	1	2	11	1	1
Tobin, cf	4	1	2	3	1	0
Roberts, c	3	1	2	3	5	1
Changnon, 3b	3	0	1	4	3	1
Daschbach, lf	3	0	0	1	0	1
Trekell, ss	4	0	1	0	3	2
Welsher, p	0	0	0	0	2	0
McQuary, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Maloney, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
* Blankenship	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bohan, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	11	27	22	6

* Batted for Maloney in the eighth.

Score by innings—

Butte	0 0 4 0 3 0 1 0 0	8
Missoula	0 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0	4

Summary: Two-base hits—Carman (2), Whaling, Duddy. Home run—Kafora. Sacrifice hits—Turgeon, Changnon, Roberts, Duddy. Sacrifice flies—Daschbach, Oriet. Double plays—Trekell to Perrine to Carman (2); Whaling to Kafora. Wild pitch—Kallio. Stolen bases—Roberts. Bases on balls—Off Kallio, 9; off Maloney, 1; off Bohan, 1. Struck out—By Welsher, 1; by Kallio, 7; by Maloney, 1. Hits—Off Welsher, 7 in 2 2-3 innings; off McQuary, 4 in 1 1-3 innings; off Maloney, 5 in 4 innings; off Bohan, 1 in 1 inning. Left on bases—Butte, 8; Missoula, 11. Time, 2:10. Umpire—Wright.

CHASE EXCHANGED FOR CHICAGO PLAYERS

GREAT FIRST BASEMAN TRADED TO WHITE SOX FOR ZEIDER AND BORTON.

New York, June 1.—First Baseman Hal Chase has been traded to the Chicago White Sox in exchange for Infielder Rollie Zeider and First Baseman Borton, Manager Frank Chance of the New York American league team announced tonight.

Chance said that after canvassing all the American league teams he had found the White Sox the only club willing to give an equivalent for Chase. The other clubs, the manager declared, did not seem anxious to get Chase under any conditions. Chance explained that while he considered Chase a great first baseman, Hal had fallen off in his batting to such an extent that a change of some kind was compulsory.

It was announced that Chance himself would play first base regularly for the locals, beginning tomorrow, and might use Borton in the outfield. Zeider probably will be played at second base.

Chance perhaps has had his eye on Zeider ever since assuming management of the New York club, having been favorably impressed by the abilities he had seen the player display in a series between the White Sox and Cubs. Borton hit .371 for Chicago in 31 games last year, and had played regularly this year until laid up recently with an injury. Zeider and Borton will reach here Saturday morning. Chase was informed today of the deal in which he figured, and has received instructions from Manager Callahan to report to Chicago at once.

Chase was the oldest member in point of service on the New York American team. He joined the club in 1905, and has been on its roster ever since. Regarded by the majority of baseball observers as one of the greatest first basemen since the game began, and once a hard hitter, he has been of late an uncertain hitter. He was taken from the ranks and made manager of the team in the latter part of 1910, succeeding George Stallings, and remained at the head of the club the following year. Harry Wolverton was his successor. Chase has been unfortunate in many ways, having frequently experienced long spells of sickness.

AMERICAN ASS'N.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club—	Won	Lost	Pct.
Columbus	22	15	.595
Milwaukee	26	20	.565
Kansas City	26	20	.565
Louisville	24	19	.558
Minneapolis	23	21	.523
Indianapolis	17	22	.436
St. Paul	19	23	.452
Toledo	13	30	.302

Toledo, 7; Indianapolis, 5.
Milwaukee, 0; Kansas City, 5.
Minneapolis, 2; St. Paul, 5.
Columbus-Louisville game postponed; rain.

American shoes set the style in the Lyons district, France, and encounter no prejudice. The people seem to think that the American stamp indicates general excellence. American typewriters are also in the lead.

Two Salome-Ball Pitchers and Ivory Beat Champions

Highlanders Stage Ghastly Exhibition for Large Sunday Crowd, Poor Twirling and Bone-Head Plays Giving Butte Last Game of Series, 8 to 4.

UNION LEAGUE RESULTS.

AT MISSOULA—	
Butte	8
Missoula	4
AT HELENA—	
Great Falls	6
Helena	5
AT SALT LAKE—	
Ogden	1
Salt Lake	4

Standing of the Clubs.

Club—	Won	Lost	Pct.
Great Falls	20	9	.690
Salt Lake	21	10	.677
Helena	14	14	.500
MISSOULA	11	16	.407
Butte	10	17	.370
Ogden	10	20	.333

Baseball is a queer institution.

Yesterday one or two more than a thousand jaded clerks, tired business men and weary wielders of the shovel, inspired by the report of Saturday's big-league ball game, slipped their hard-won silver through the box office window that they might see the stunt repeated. Instead they perspired through a dreary two-hour exhibition of high-grade ivory. After two pitchers had presented convincing arguments against the efficacy of prayer and sundry other home players had given object lessons in what not to do in crises, Manager Merkle and his Coppers walked out of the park, winners of the final game of the series by the score of 8 to 4.

Something must have been wrong with that baseball machine which Blank so lately rejuvenated. Apparently it was lack of gasoline, for there wasn't so much as a sputter of enthusiasm anywhere. The boys united in kicking the pill at every opportunity and when not so engaged tried to show what a little bone will do to a good ball team. But that's the game. The hard thing about it is that a Sunday crowd, composed mainly of people who can attend ball games only on Sunday, was forced to sit through the exhibition.

Not all of the blame lies with the fielders. Two pitchers climbed the hill with gloves and an infinite supply of faith, to pitch and duck until such time as their removal was demanded. Welsher started, but couldn't get a wabble on the pill. When he had been drubbed sufficiently the Peerless Leader sent McQuary to the rescue. There was reverse English on McQuary's rescue and no English at all on his Goldsmith. Maloney replaced him in the fifth inning after the bases had been filled to the legal limit. Maloney, despite his Homeric efforts in Saturday's game, pitched good ball. He was removed in the eighth, not because of failure, but because Blank wanted to swing a club. Patrick Bohan finished in good Irish style.

Kallio Gets By.

Kallio, the pitching representative of the foreign element which goes to make up the Butte baseball team, heaved for the visitors. He pitched good ball in the pinches, which means most of the time. He had the tantalizing habit of filling the bases with passes and blows and then striking out the very flower of our batting order. We threatened to score in 17 of the nine innings. That let us out. But, to get this disagreeable duty done as soon as possible, here are the horrible details. You are advised not to read them.

The Highlanders scored first, that being their inconsistent policy in games they are predestined to lose. Roberts, first up in the second inning, pickled one of Kallio's slow balls and whirled it past Turgeon into right field. Changnon sacrificed and Roberts took advantage of Duddy's evacuation of third base by stretching Changnon's gift for an extra bag. From third he ambled home on Daschbach's sacrifice fly.

In the third came the first of many explosions. With one man out Turgeon singled to right. Whaling dumped one of the fly balls that made the Texas league famous over Carman's head. Duddy singled to left, Turgeon scoring and Whaling going to third, when Daschbach threw wild to the plate. Whaling took a fat lead and Roberts threw to catch him. The peg was wild and Whaling scored. Daschbach juggled the ball after it reached him and Duddy came home. Having stood at the plate throughout this exhibition Marshall rolled out. Kafora started the excitement anew by rapping out a base hit. Oriet also singled and away went Welsher. Levy cracked McQuary's opener for a single that scored Kafora. Oriet was caught at third.

Score Nearly Tied.

Our pride almost tied the score in the fourth. Carman doubled into left center. Tobin singled to right and the tall first baseman scored. Roberts sacrificed, though he didn't know it, and Changnon's Texas leaguer scored Tobin. Daschbach struck out. Trekell singled, but Changnon tried to make third on the hit and was out.

Butte came right back with three tallies. Whaling singled and Duddy dumped the ball in front of the plate. Roberts made a beautiful throw to second and had Whaling caught, but Trekell dropped the ball when Whaling bumped him. Marshall singled and the bases were full. Came then Mike Maloney, McQuary leaving the game and the Highlander payroll at the same time. Kafora's scratch hit scored one man and Oriet's high fly let in another. Levy struck out and another set of ivory plays followed. With Marshall on third Kafora started to steal second. Roberts threw to catch him and turned him back. Carman forgot Marshall and held the ball while the 10-second man went to the plate. Carman then made matters worse by dropping the pill and giving Kafora another lease on life. Kallio hit to Trekell, but Changnon intercepted the ball, only to fall all over the shortstop before he could make the throw. Demaggio walked and the bases were loaded again. Turgeon mercifully skied to Daschbach.

Our fourth and final run came in the fifth. Perrine singled, after two were down, and scored on Carman's double. Butte got another in the seventh when Kafora drove one clear over the center field fence. The rest of the game was marked by near-rallies and fruitless outbursts from the bleachers.

If you have a taste for the ghastly which hasn't yet been sated look over the fence to your left and see the inefficeable mark which the game left in the official scorer's book.

As It Looks.

The law not allowing a proper elaboration of the head over this column we will omit remarks upon the appearance of yesterday's game and recommend a tonic in the shape of a ticket to this afternoon's events.

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The ceremony today will start at 2 o'clock. Every loyal fan—especially those who have been riding on passes—should invest in a ticket today.

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Changnon displayed his throw to fine advantage yesterday. Marshall, the fastest man on the Butte club, hit a roller which Changnon knocked down but lost clear back of third base. After kicking the ball around in the dirt for several minutes, the Frenchman picked it up and shot it to first, catching Marshall by a couple of feet. It was a remarkable throw.

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In the fourth inning yesterday Roberts tried to duck one of Kallio's fast ones, but the ball hit the bat and rolled fair. The scorer stretched a point and credited the Skipper with a sacrifice hit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

Philadelphia	22	11	.667
Brooklyn	21	15	.583
New York	21	16	.568
Chicago	21	20	.512
Pittsburgh	19	20	.487
St. Louis	19	23	.452
Boston	14	20	.412
Cincinnati	15	27	.357

Cubs Win in First.

St. Louis, June 1.—Chicago made enough runs in the first three innings to beat St. Louis, 4 to 2, today. The visitors hit Harmon opportunely. With all the regular catchers crippled, the Veteran Heine Peitz, who has not caught a full game in years, did the receiving for the locals. He surprised all by catching Zimmerman in attempting to steal. Peitz's triple in the third was responsible for the first St. Louis run. Cheney was affected by the heat and gave way to Pierce in the fourth inning. The visitors tallied their first run in the opening inning on a pass, an out, and a single by Zimmerman. In the next inning, with two men on the bases, Cheney doubled to left, scoring both. A base on balls, a double and Zimmerman's second single of the game gave the Chicagos their last run.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	7	0
St. Louis	2	8	3

Batteries—Cheney, Pierce and Archer; Harmon, Geyer and Peitz.

Marquard in Form.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1.—New York defeated Cincinnati today by better all-around playing, 4 to 1. Cincinnati could not touch Marquard after the sixth inning.

New York scored two runs in the first inning. Burns was given a base on balls, but was forced by Shafer, who reached second on Groh's wild throw in the attempt to make a double play. Fletcher singled, scoring Shafer. Doyle also singled, but was caught trying to steal second, Fletcher scoring.

New York made two more runs in the seventh. Meyers led off with a single. Snodgrass was given a base on balls. Marquard singled, scoring Meyers.

On Shafer's single Snodgrass scored.

Cincinnati scored its one run in the third on a single by Devore and a double by Bates.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	12	0
Cincinnati	1	9	2

Batteries—Marquard and Meyers; Packard and Clarke.

IN GRANDFATHER'S TIME.

(From Judge.)

"Your grandfather is pretty old, isn't he?"

"Yes, he's an old chap. He can remember the time when the New York evening papers were published in the afternoon."

Germany discourages the cutting of peat, as the government desires to convert the moors and bogs into arable lands through proper drainage. This action is taken because of the scarcity of cattle and meat.

CLEVELAND HITTERS STRIKE SWIFT PACE

NAPS STRENGTHEN THEIR HOLD ON SECOND PLACE IN AMERICAN LEAGUE.

CINCINNATI A SURPRISE

Reds Show Unexpected Strength During Week and Return of Giants to Form Startles Confident Supporters of Phils.

New York, June 1.—In the last week of baseball play, which was featured by extra-inning contests, postponed games, and double-headers, the work of one team in each aggregation stood out prominently. Cleveland, in the American league, hammered out victories with remarkable regularity and moved steadily upward in the percentage column. In the National race, Cincinnati struck a remarkable pace and while still in last place, proved a stumbling block to clubs of higher ranking.

The week was also marked by the return to form of the New York Nationals. For the first time this season, McGraw's machine ran with its old smoothness. The four straight victories of the Giants over the league leaders brought qualms to the hearts of the Philadelphia fans. The 14-inning victory of New York in the opening game seemed to take the confidence out of the Quakers. While the Philadelphia club maintained the top of the percentage column, it lost 82 points in percentage and but for its great earlier lead would be in danger of being passed by New York. Brooklyn maintained second place, but did not play up to the pace her position requires. An even break was the best Dahlen's men could do.

Cincinnati seems to have caught Joe Tinker's fighting spirit and the trades the shortstop manager has made appear to have strengthened his club to a remarkable degree.

Chicago Goes Better.

Chicago played at a .500 gait, but it seems evident that the team requires much bolstering before it can be a serious menace to the leaders.

After Tinker's club had defeated Pittsburgh twice the Pirates took Chicago into the camp twice in a row. The Pittsburgh pitchers are working well and seem to be getting adequate support at last.

Boston and St. Louis were victims upon whom their opponents fattened averages. St. Louis dropped from third to sixth place and is but 50 points ahead of Stalling's Braves.

Athletics Hold Lead.

In the American league, Connie Mack's Athletics maintained their leadership and even increased their percentage somewhat, but Joe Birmingham's Cleveland aggregation closed with a determined rush. Cleveland is leading the league in team hitting with a mark above .280 and is turning hits into runs.

Cleveland has had heavy hitters before, but old-time fans can remember no summer when heavy hitting has been combined with speed on bases, aggressiveness and good fielding as is the case this year. They have been averaging close to one run for each two hits and leaving few stranded on the bags. The string of victories of Falkenberg, who has proved one of the real pitching sensations of the year, remained unbroken, and Lajoie has recovered sufficiently from injuries to resume his place at second base.

Philadelphia and Washington were the only other teams beside Cleveland to play faster than a .500 clip last week, the remaining five clubs losing more than 50 per cent of their games.

Detroit played a long series of games, but even with Cobb batting .475 they were unable to break even with their opponents. The illness of Mrs. Cobb may keep the Georgian out of the games this week.

The trading of Hal Chase to Chicago for Zeider and Borton seems to be hailed with approval by both teams. Chicago has a plentiful supply of infielders and Zeider has been on the bench much of this season. Callahan also has an excellent first baseman in Fournier. Chance undoubtedly needed Zeider, and Borton's hitting should make him a valuable man also.

TRI-STATE LEAGUE

LaGrande, 5; Boise, 1.

Boise, Idaho, June 1.—The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Boise	1	2	2
LaGrande	5	9	1

Batteries—Fitchner and King; Johnston and Gard.

North Yakima, 5; Baker, 4.

North Yakima, Wash., June 1.—The score:

	R.	H.	E.
North Yakima	5	7	1
Baker	4	13	2

Batteries—Jensen and Taylor; Wood and Cress.

Pendleton, 7; Walla Walla, 3.

Pendleton, Ore., June 1.—The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Walla Walla	3	8	3
Pendleton	7	14	3

Batteries—Kelly and Brown; Peet and Byrnes.

Sicily is gradually feeling the awakening that is so marked in northern Italy, although Sicilian agriculture is still carried on in great part in a primitive manner.