

# THEY'RE OFF TODAY IN COAST LEAGUE'S 913 PENNANT RACE

HERE ARE FOUR OF THE MAIN PERFORMERS WHO WILL HELP OPEN BIG SHOW IN THIS CITY TODAY  
The Seals and the Beavers will rely on their pitchers and catchers more than any of the others in the first game. On the left is shown Tub Spencer of the locals, next to him is Cack Henley and next in line are Pitcher Harry Krause and Catcher Gus Fisher of the Beavers.



### PLAY-A-RAY BA-BALL!

### DIVIL CARE GOES IN THE DISCARD

Eyes of Uncle Sam's Subjects All on California Diamonds This Afternoon

#### The Batting Order

San Francisco—Mundorf, right field; McArdle, second base; McCarr, first base; Hogan, left field; Zimmerman, center field; Corhan and Wurtz, shortstops; Cartwright, third base; Spencer, catcher; Henley, pitcher.

Portland—Chadbourne, left field; Fitzgerald, right field; Lindsay, third base; Rodgers, second base; Donne and Krueger, center field; Derrick, first base; McCormick, shortstop; Fisher, catcher; Higginbotham and Krause, pitchers.

By WILLIAM J. SLATTERY

All troubles, cares and worries will be cast aside this afternoon, for the baseball season will open up with more ceremony, noise, glare and glitter than ever has been known on the Pacific coast before.

The eyes of the country will be focused on San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, where the umpires shout the magic words, "Play ball," before they are heard on any other diamond in the world.

Sunny California again takes the lead and shows her sister states the way. She starts the ball rolling while the fans of other leagues huddle up near the fireplaces and wonder if they are to have an opening day at all.

STAGE ALL SET

The stage is set and all is in readiness for a history-making baseball campaign on the broad slopes of the Pacific. Despite the fact that the Chicago White Sox have been exhibiting their prowess in practice games with all the Coast League teams, the interest has failed to lose its razor-like edge. In fact, the Sox have boosted the cause.

San Francisco always has towered high above the other cities of the circuit, and her opening day always has been the banner event of the league's history. Each year has outdone the preceding one, so if past history is any criterion, the metropolis of the far west will break all her former records today and make the event one worth an illuminated page in baseball history.

SEALS FIT AS FIDDLE

Manager Del Howard and his Seals declare that they are as ready to uphold the honor and glory of the city they represent. San Francisco has won only two pennants since the renewal of baseball in California back in 1891, but in the meantime the team has not lost an opening game since 1903, a record that ought to stir its tilters on to action today.

Manager Walter McCredie and his Beavers from Portland are equally confident. They arrived yesterday from Stockton and put in all afternoon practicing at Recreation park. They have not won an opening game since 1906, and they are just thirsting for a first day victory with which to whet their appetites for a successful season.

MAYOR WILL PITCH—ONE

But it's going to be a great day and a glorious one, no matter which team wins. Mayor Rolph will be there to pitch the first ball, and all the other city officials who can conveniently sneak away can be counted in. Bankers, lawyers, bartenders, capitalists, bootblacks, housewives, poets, suffragists and those in every walk of life will follow the example of the mayor.

Today is one day on which everybody is on equality—that is everybody who can dig up a twenty-five cent or a fifty cent piece. No favorites will be played. No distinctions will be shown. It will be just a plain, common cause. They will be there to watch the great and glorious opening game and to root for the first victory for the home team.

PARADE! SURE POP!

The usual parade will be in order. It starts from the ball park at noon and is billed to make a complete circuit of the downtown thoroughfares and then extend out to the Mission district and back to the park again, when the real action will commence. This is the most important part of it. Clarence Henley, known to all the fans as "Cack," will do the pitching for San Francisco. He is the veteran slabster of the team and has been its mainstay in the box for a great many years. He it was who won the opening game last season and the season before, so no wonder they are pinning their faith on him to turn another victorious trick this afternoon.

OVER SLENDER CATCHER

His running mate today is "Tubby" Spencer, the best catcher, perhaps, ever brought to the Coast League since the days of poor old Pete Lohman. Spencer is thoroughly equipped to handle the dazling benders of the elongated heavier, so the Seals are fortified with a great battery, anyhow.

The Beaver pitcher is an uncertainty. For several weeks McCredie has been depending upon Higginbotham, the former Cub slabster, to dispense the curves; but Hig developed an ulcerated tooth yesterday and was forced to have it removed. The shock unnerfed him so much that he did not even don his uniform to warm up with the rest of the boys.

KRAUSE MAY HEAVE

In case Higginbotham does not perform, McCredie will pin his faith on Harry Krause, the left hander who learned the game on the San Francisco sand lots and who later gained fame with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Cleveland and Toledo teams.

Gus Fisher is to receive the offerings of whoever does the twirling. He is the chief man behind the bat for the Portland hopes.

The balance of the San Francisco lineup is the same as has been playing daily against the Sox for the last month, with the exception of second base and possibly shortstop. McArdie will take Wagner's place at the "key stone sack, while Wurtz may possibly be used in place of Corhan.

UNLIKELY OFF JOB

The explanation is that hard luck set in against the Seals at the seventh hour. Wagner is indisposed and can not possibly work, while Corhan felt very much under the weather yesterday and was forced to lay off. Unless Roy is feeling just right, Howard will put Wurtz on the job.

Cartwright will be on third, where he has been playing since the team took

### OPENING AT THE CAPITAL TO BE WITHOUT FRILLS

Oaks and Wolves to Tangle Today—Assemblymen Provide Comedy for Occasion

#### The Batting Order

Sacramento—Shinn, right field; Moran, center field; O'Rourke, third base; Kenworthy, second base; Tennant, first base; Lewis, left field; Sitrak, shortstop; Billis, catcher; Stroud, pitcher.

Oakland—Leard, second base; Schrim, left field; Zacher, center field; Coy, right field; Heeling, third base; Cook, shortstop; Ness, first base; Mitze, catcher; Gregory, pitcher.

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SACRAMENTO, March 31.—The opening of the 1913 Coast League season at Oaks will be devoid of all ceremony, with the exception of the twirling of the first ball by M. J. Burke, acting mayor. The usual procession will not be held. Manager Harry Wolverton desiring to start out on a strict business basis.

Stroud, whose pitching has been the most consistent during the training season, will oppose Gregory on the mound.

But three of the 1912 Senators, O'Rourke, Lewis and Shinn, will be on the team. Manager Wolverton announced the release today of Catcher Kreitz and Pitcher Harper. Kreitz cost the club \$1,500 last year.

The assembly took fitting steps toward a proper celebration tomorrow of the beginning of the baseball season and All Fools day by adopting the following resolution, introduced by Assemblyman J. M. Inman of Sacramento:

"Whereas, All Fools day falls this year on April 1, as usual, and, whereas, it is the declared maxim of this body that, 'a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men,' and

"Whereas, we know of no body of men better fitted to celebrate this day, and

"Whereas, the said first day of April is further distinguished this year in being the day of all days, in that it is the day upon which the Coast League baseball season opens; now, therefore be it

"Resolved, that the first day of April, 1913, from and after the hour of 2:30 p. m., be and it is declared hereby to be a legal holiday; and be it further

"Resolved, that J. M. Inman be and hereby is required and directed to furnish complimentary tickets to the members of the assembly and senate to said baseball game on behalf of the management of the Sacramento baseball club."

### GRAND OPENING IN CITY OF ANGELS

Seraphs and Tigers Will Start Before a Record Crowd of Fans

#### The Batting Order

Los Angeles—Page, second base; Ellis, left field; Moore, third base; Maggett, center field; Howard, right field; Gill, first base; Johnson, shortstop; Boles, catcher; Cheek, pitcher.

Venice—Carlisle, left field; Kane, center field; Patterson, first base; Brasher, second base; Baylis, right field; Litch, third base; Heep, shortstop; Tomeman, catcher; Hitt, pitcher.

(By Federal Wireless to The Call)

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—All 14 in readiness for the opening of the 1913 baseball season in Los Angeles tomorrow afternoon at Washington park. The two local teams, the Angels and the Tigers, will furnish the thrills in the inauguration series, which will begin tomorrow and continue throughout the week. Frank Dillon, veteran manager of the Los Angeles club, will lead the Angels, while "Hap" Hogan will lead the Venice Tigers.

Charley Cheek, leading pitcher of the Angels at the close of 1912, is to start tomorrow. The Angels have won the opening game here for the last three years, and Cheek is confident that he can repeat the trick. Walter Boles, veteran catcher of the club, will be behind the bat.

Charles ("Spider") Baum, one of Hap Hogan's best batters, will twirl for the Tigers. Charles Tomeman, the new backstop obtained by Hogan this winter, will handle the pitching duties.

The indications are that attendance at the curtain raiser will be unusually large. The preliminaries for the opening game will commence at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when an auto parade will leave the city hall and proceed through the city streets to the park. A number of city officials, including Mayor Alexander and Chief of Police Sebastian, will be in the leading autos. Mayor Alexander will pitch the first ball and Chief Sebastian will be behind the plate.

### Business Interfere? Cut Out Business!

By THE OFFICE BOY

Shut up your desk, put on your lid  
And lock your office door;  
Chuck all your business off the map,  
Brush up your baseball lore.  
Make tracks for Recreation park  
To see the home team play—  
The Coast League season opens up  
With a big, loud bang today.

Now don't forget yourself and let Mere business interfere;  
Postpone your deals—go watch the Seals!

Lambaste the horsehide spherer!  
Be there to rear and tear your hair,  
And howl and rood and pray—  
To boost our Seals to victory  
Against the Ducks today.

### J. E. SULLIVAN IS DUE IN S. F. TODAY

Great Athletic Authority Lauds California Athletes

(By Federal Wireless to The Call)

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—James E. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and considered the greatest expert on amateur athletics in the world, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Los Angeles today. He is on his way to San Francisco, and at 6 o'clock left for the north. He came to the coast to complete arrangements for holding the A. A. U. championships in San Francisco in 1913.

After finishing his work in the bay city he will come back to this city for a short stay.

In speaking of championships to be held during the 1913 exposition Sullivan said:

"I believe it will be the greatest athletic event ever held in the United States. It will be the year before the next Olympic games, which are scheduled for Berlin in 1916, and the team that will represent America will be determined largely by the showing made by the athletes at San Francisco. Entrants in that meet will come from all parts of the globe.

"I further believe that many of the winners in that meet will come from this section of the country. The east has come to look to the west for athletes more than ever before. James Donahue, Fred Kelly and Fred Thompson are classed with the best, and deserve to be."

### Chinese Tossers Wallop Stanford Nine

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, March 31. Stanford varsity fell before the visiting Chinese hit players this afternoon by a score of 7 to 3. The invaders from the Hawaiian Islands landed upon Hayes in the seventh and a series of misplays netted them six runs. Up to this frame the contest was fairly even. The Chinese gathered seven hits off Hayes, while the cardinal hitters totaled five off Aheong. Summary:

H. E. Stanford	3	5	6
Chinese	7	7	3

Three base hits—Ah Lee, Kan Yen, Singles-Cass (2), Kan Yen, Workman, Ayan. Sacrifice hits—McChesky (2), Ayan. Double play—Mark to Ayan. Stolen bases—Argabrite, Terry. Passed ball—Hunley. Struck out—By Hayes 7, by Ah Eong 4. First base on called balls—Of Hayes 2, off Ah Eong 2. Umpires—Jack and Akiz.

### PHILLIES 9, BALTIMORE 8

BALTIMORE, Md., March 31.—The Philadelphia Nationals won from the Baltimore International in the ninth inning today. The score was 9 to 8. Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia (National)..... 9 18 3 Baltimore International..... 8 18 3 Batteries—Seaton, and Killefer; Eckert, Johnson, Dastucht, Smith and Bergen, Liggett.

### ATHLETICS 9, PENNSY 0

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—The Philadelphia American baseball team defeated the slate of the University of Pennsylvania here today in an exhibition game, 9 to 0.

### EWING FAILS TO LAND TWO STARS

Chief of White Sox Turns Him Down on Johnston and Douglass

Cal Ewing's hopes of securing at least two members of the Chicago White Sox team were dashed yesterday afternoon. He had been living for several weeks in the hope that he would secure Outfielder Jimmy Johnston and Pitcher Phil Douglass to strengthen his club, but yesterday he was informed by wire that the deal was practically off unless he gave Comiskey an option on three of his men at the close of the season. This he absolutely refused to do.

Ewing believes that he has been unfairly dealt with by Comiskey or Manager Callahan or both. According to Ewing, they set a certain price on the men and named certain conditions with which he was willing to comply, but when the showdown came it was an entirely different story.

"But I will get some stars and I will get them without delay," announced the head of the local baseball outfit, after he was informed of his hard luck. "I realize that I need a couple of good men, and I am going to get them at any price. I am disappointed at the way that Callahan and Comiskey have treated me, but this disappointment is not going to stop me."

Ewing also had a deal on for Catcher Gossett, but this was practically dropped several days ago when Cal learned that Comiskey would not take anything less than \$4,000 for the backstop. Gossett is not within 50 per cent any championship form here, so Ewing did not miss much when he failed to put this deal through.

It is known that both Ewing and Howard have been hitting the wires for the last week in a desperate attempt to round up two or three big leaguers who are still counted as live ones. Howard has his eyes on the members of the Chicago Cubs, while Duffey Lewis is trying hard to secure a couple of Boston Red Sox. Both Ewing and Howard are keeping the names of these men a secret until they are absolutely sure of them.

The home team must be strengthened, and strengthened quickly. It will have to get into the game right off the reel or the fans will be up in arms. Ewing and Howard realize this, hence their frantic endeavors to get off to a good start. Every moment is precious and every game counts in the percentage column.

President Allan T. Baum has appointed Umpires Finney and Phyle to work here, Held and Newhouse at Sacramento and McCarthy and Bush at Los Angeles.

Before giving them their assignments Baum took his indicator men aside and

### N. Y. Hiker Off on Foot for Home Village

Sam Debs of New York city left Lotta's fountain yesterday at noon bound on foot for his home town. The eastern hiker recently completed a record breaking walk from New York to this city, via Los Angeles, in 89 days. The present trip is over the northern route via Sacramento, Reno, Salt Lake and Chicago, and Debs is in hopes of lowering the present record of 80 days to about 75. Debs carried a letter from Mayor Rolph to Mayor Gaynor of New York.

### RED SOX 2, PIRATES 0

HOT SPRING, Ark., March 31.—The Boston Americans shut out the Pittsburgh National League team 2 to 0, in the sixth and last scheduled game today, and on the exhibition series, three games to two. One game was a tie. Boston will finish the training season and leave for home tomorrow.

### SOLONS 14, ALEXANDRIA 0

WASHINGTON, March 31.—In a farcical exhibition game here today, the Washington American league team defeated the Cardinals of the Alexandria, Va., Athletic club, by a score of 14 to 0.

### Those Big Leaguers

The Seals will have two, three and possibly four men from the big leagues in the lineup within the next week or 10 days. Cal Ewing thought that he had practically closed a deal for Pitcher Douglas and Outfielder Johnston of the White Sox, but learned yesterday that the deal was off, so he immediately hit the telephone wires in an effort to see if there were any other good, and he says that they will surely be landed.

### In The 5¢ TIN

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### TRACK MEET AT STANFORD

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, March 31. Track representatives of the University of Southern California will arrive on the campus tomorrow morning for the meet with Stanford on Thursday. The southern athletes, fresh from their victory over the California freshmen last Saturday, are to train on the cardinal elder path during the time between the competition with "Red" Sox and the Seals. They will be housed in Euclid hall and are to have a training table at the Stanford Inn.

### SECOND SOX IN, RENO 3

RENO, Nev., March 31.—The second division of the Chicago American League today in a one sided game. They left for Ogden, Utah. Score: R. H. E. White Sox..... 3 4 7 Reno..... 0 0 0 Batteries—Wolfgang, Zelder and Gossett; Hogan, Delano and McClintock.