

TODAY'S SPORTING NEWS

YACHT CLUB HOLDING BIG REGATTA TODAY

NEW CLUB HOUSE FORMALLY DEDICATED — SEVEN SPEEDY CRAFTS OFF IN THE POWER BOAT RACE.

The Tacoma Yacht club today formally dedicated its new club house on the tidelands with a reception and open house all day at the new quarters and a regatta on the bay.

The boat races started at 7 o'clock this morning with the power boat cruise. Seven of the speediest power boats in Tacoma belonging to the club members were sent away in this contest for the 75-mile cruise on the bay. They are expected back this afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The other races started this afternoon. There is a good list of entries in each event and some fine sport is expected.

The club house will be decorated with Japanese lanterns this evening and the club members have arranged a unique program.

TACOMA TAKES THE SERIES

BREAKS EVEN WITH VANCOUVER IN DOUBLE-HEADER.

Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Seattle	91	47	.659
Spokane	80	57	.584
Portland	68	69	.497
Aberdeen	65	70	.474
Vancouver	58	83	.411
Tacoma	55	91	.376

THEY CAN'T DISH 'EM UP SO OTE WON'T EAT 'EM



Portland, Ore., Sept. 6.—Going, going, gone at \$3,000 to the New York Americans—and the Pacific Coast league has lost another cracker-jack ball tosser. Ote Johnson, the Viking third baseman of the Portland Beavers, is the gentleman under discussion, and natives of the Webfoot city are mourning his loss.

Johnson is a short, stocky fellow who covers the difficult corner with speed and precision second only to Rollie Zeider, who has been sold to the White Sox. He has a very bad habit of taking a healthy clout at the ball at a critical moment and then stepping aside to allow the opposing team to gather up the scattered fragments of a game he has broken up. It is this habit that has endeared him to the Pacific Coast fans and will doubtless have the same effect on the bugs of the Eastern circuit.

Ote began playing ball in the town lot of his native village, Fowler, Indiana. Instead of working at baseball, in those days he had to work in order to play baseball. Ote's father had a healthy farm outside of town that always

TIGERS PLAY AT SPOKANE TODAY

Tacoma plays a double-header with Spokane on the lot of the enemy today. Spokane is making a desperate effort to get a start with the hope of overtaking Seattle, which hope seems very remote now, for Seattle walloped Aberdeen seven straight last week, while Spokane got trimmed, pretty well at Portland, so the distance was widened between them.

The Indians will not give up, however, and so Tacoma will have a battle on. In the meantime Tacoma is straining every nerve to get out of the cellar. She is only three games behind Vancouver now and the Canucks have gone to pieces. Cliff Blankenship is expected to join the team at Spokane and he ought to strengthen it.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE STREET

There was a June wedding. They went to housekeeping out in the West and were just as happy as newlyweds should be.

He had come from a nearby city. She was a Tacoma girl. His mother thought that every housewife should be able to bake her own bread. That was her gauge of ability.

So when his mother sent word last week that she was coming to Tacoma for a visit, it was duly decided that mother must be bluffed. For the bride had never kneaded dough. When she wanted bread all she needed was cash.

Now the bake shop which they patronized put out a "home made" bread. It really was a worthy imitation. So when mother sat down to supper after her arrival a plate of this baker's bread was produced.

The conspirators had arranged everything carefully. Hubby had slipped out the back door only a moment before supper and returned with a loaf, still warm and pleasant to smell.

Mother certainly did like that bread! The first slice disappeared before she took time to say a word. Bride and groom beamed at each other across the table, happy and satisfied.

"That's mighty fine bread, daughter," mother said at last, pausing to give due praise. "You baked it yourself, of course."

Quick glances were exchanged across the table. Hubby nodded.

"Oh, yes; yes, indeed," came the brave answer.

"Think I'll have to have another piece, it's so good," said mother. "Think I'll take the crust. I always did like the crust."

She took it. Alas for the prettily arranged deception!

In their haste and anxiety the baker's label had not been removed from the end of the loaf. And of course mother took that crust!

The little girl scrambled on the car ahead of her mother when it stopped at the crossing and ran forward to a seat. Her mother followed more leisurely.

When the conductor came for fares one ticket was tendered. The conductor seemed a bit in doubt.

"How old is the little girl?" he asked.

"Five," came the terse answer.

The ticket was accepted and the conductor returned to the platform.

The little girl fidgeted in her seat. Plainly there was something she wanted to say but she was just a bit reluctant about uttering it. At last, however, she couldn't keep it any longer.

"I'm 5 and mamma's 35," she piped up, making an audience of the entire car full of people.

EASTERN GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Pittsburg	89	33	.729
Chicago	82	40	.672
New York	72	47	.605
Cincinnati	63	60	.512
Philadelphia	58	66	.467
St. Louis	47	75	.386
Brooklyn	43	78	.355
Boston	33	88	.272

Games Yesterday.
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Detroit	80	45	.640
Philadelphia	76	48	.612
Boston	73	53	.579
Cleveland	66	62	.515
Chicago	63	62	.504
New York	56	67	.455
St. Louis	52	71	.423
Washington	33	91	.274

Games Yesterday.
Detroit 5, St. Louis 1.
Cleveland 6, Chicago 1.

BOXING MATCHES ON CARD FOR TONIGHT

The Ruston Athletic club this evening will hold a smoker at Eagles' hall and pull off a couple of boxing matches. As a sort of curtain-raiser for the big event, Frank Riley and Young Sandow will give a wrestling exhibition. There will be moving pictures and then the slugging will start.

Young Phillips and Kid Bernard are down for six rounds of pummeling. Four round fights will also be put on between Eddie Shepler and Louis Hoffman, Paul Steele and Harry Mussen, Rube Nelson and Joe Linke, and Billy and Joe Lyons.

PITCHER STRIKES THREE MEN OUT; FALLS DEAD

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 6.—John Stauffer, who pitched for the Carnegie Steel company team, is dead today, due to the bursting of his heart valves yesterday while he was pitching in a baseball game. Stauffer had just fanned three men in succession and the crowd was cheering him when he sank to the ground.

The enthusiastic fans who had poured onto the field to carry him out on their shoulders fell back in dismay. Then a few rushed forward to his aid, but before he was picked up from the earth Stauffer was dead.

2,000 DRENCHED BY A HUGE WAVE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 6.—It is believed here today that the monster wave which suddenly struck the beach here yesterday and gave 2,000 persons a ducking was caused from some seismic disturbance under the sea. When the big breaker rolled in there were thousands of persons on the beach. The ocean was calm and 100 feet of sand separated the beach loungers and the water's edge.

Then, without warning, a wall of water estimated to be 20 feet high came dashing from the ocean. The huge breaker flowed over the sand so fast that very few persons on the beach escaped without getting thoroughly drenched.

The breaker was followed by two others in quick succession. Then the sea receded, while the victims of old Neptune's practical joke hurried to board cars for the city and secure dry clothing.

AMERICAN SCOUTS AFTER HERO OF 24-INNING GAME



SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—Clarence ("Cack") Henley, the San Francisco Coast league team's elongated twirler, is expected to make his bow in one of the big leagues next year. The scouts have been looking him over and there is every reason to believe that one of the American league teams has made an offer for him, although the local management has made no announcement to that effect. Henley gained fame when he pitched and won that 24-inning game early in the season against giant Jim Wiggs of the Oakland team.

There is nothing spectacular about his style, but he is effective. True, like all pitchers, he has his bad days. He's like the little girl in the nursery rhyme. When he is good, he is very, very good, but when he is bad, he is horrid. The horrid spells, however, are few and far between, and "Cack" generally chalks up on the winning side of the score sheet. He is cool under fire and works hard all the time.

Henley began playing with the California Outlaws in 1903. The next year found him shooting the elusive benders over the pan for the edification of the fans in the forests of Oregon. In 1905 he joined the San Francisco Coast

AT THE TACOMA.
The popular and delightful musical production, "The Girl Question," comes to the Tacoma theater Thursday for one performance. Such popularity has this play received during its tour that those who were so unfortunate as to miss it when it was produced here some months ago, will be glad of its return. The seat sale starts Wednesday.

AT THE GRAND.
The new bill at the Grand, which is claimed to be one of the best presented in months, will be headed by the little comedy playlet entitled "A High Toned Burglar's Christmas." Other numbers on the program include the usual variety of good features.

AT THE PANTAGES.
"Menetekel," or the mysterious hand writing on the wall, will be reproduced at the Pantages by a magic master this week. The act is said to be an astounding one. The bill includes the usual number of features.

WIFE WANTS DIVORCE.
Mary J. Savage began suit for divorce against Harry Savage in the superior court Saturday, alleging that he has abandoned her and refused to support her for several years. They were married in Stillwater, Minn., Aug. 5, 1895, and have two children, both boys, aged 12 and 10 years. She asks that she be granted \$25 a month alimony.

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HOW LAND OFFICE HAS CHANGED FRONT SINCE GARFIELD DIED



CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST, SEWARD PENINSULA, ALASKA, SHOWING LOCATION OF CUNNINGHAM COAL CLAIMS.

By Gilson Gardner.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6.—The widening circles of the Alaska coal land fraud cases bid fair to include former Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

As the case stands now, a record has been demanded by President Taft, and such a record would include all the proceedings during the Roosevelt-Garfield administration as well as under the Ballinger administration.

It can be positively stated that Garfield considered the cases absolutely closed so far as the claimants were concerned, and he was merely proceeding in the cases in order to have a final finding made that would clear the title of the coal fields so that they might be open to legitimate entry.

The Alaska coal cases were understood by Garfield's subordinates in a report prepared by Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office Schwartz, and presented by Schwartz to a select committee of the house of representatives on Jan. 30, 1909.

In that report, and referring to the same claims now under dispute, Schwartz said:

"Investigation has shown that the most valuable coal deposits in Alaska have been cornered by claims; and it has been proven that hundreds of these claims were located by prospectors in the employ of wealthy speculators. In other instances men had entered into contracts to pool their issues and form a corporation. This was illegal under existing laws."

Schwartz's report goes on to state that Assistant Secretary of the Interior Pierce ruled that cured fraud in the Alaskan cases. Schwartz's report says: "It is not thought, however, that congress intended nor that the terms of the act will permit the consummation of schemes which were entirely fraudulent in their inception."

Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, was present at the hearing when Schwartz's report was read.

The Alaska cases were first held up under Garfield by reason of a telegram from Special Agent Lewis Glavis. Glavis later satisfied the department that in the language of Schwartz's report the "schemes were entirely fraudulent in their inception." It was then ordered that the claims be pushed to a final hearing, not with the end in view of granting the patents, but so as to wipe out, formally, the last vestige of the fraudulent entries and so clear the title to the coal lands to the end that future bona fide entrymen may not be harassed by litigation based upon the original frauds.

It is known that after Secretary Ballinger had resigned from the public service and visited Secretary Garfield at the home of the latter at Mentor, Ohio, about a year ago, it was to be urged, as attorney, the reopening of the coal land cases. This was refused, and Ballinger had to be content with merely filing certain affidavits for his clients.

The curious thing about the present situation is that Assistant Secretary Frank Pierce, together with Dennett and Schwartz, is meeting the attack that is being made upon the Alaska coal land cases. These men were all in the department with Garfield when the cases were held to be "fraudulent in their inception."

The Alaska coal land cases probably represent the greatest single stake ever played for in this country.

Not only are there great veins of bituminous coal, but also fields of anthracite, all making a deposit worth hundreds of millions of dollars. It has been estimated that the Alaska coal fields are easily worth a billion dollars, besides giving the United States a tremendous advantage both in commerce and war on the Pacific ocean.

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AUTO JUMPS OVER 60 FOOT BANK; TWO HURT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6.—Mrs. Marguerite Buehner and Miss Celeste Moore were injured seriously early today when an automobile in which they were riding plunged from a sixty foot embankment on the Taylor's ferry road, one mile from this city.

Both women lay helpless in a ravine for two hours while men in the party sought aid. Miss Buehner sustained a broken leg and internal injuries, and Miss Moore was seriously but not fatally hurt.

Neither woman could tell the cause of the accident, but it is believed that the machine became uncontrollable on a steep grade. Miss Buehner is a daughter of Phillip Buehner, treasurer of the Eastern & Western Lumber company of this city. Miss Moore is the daughter of Dan Moore, proprietor of the Moore hotel at Seaside, Ore.

W. E. Stone, president of the Fall City Lumber company, was one of the men in the party.