

Maybe the Valley League Will Reorganize Now That All Competition Is Out of the Way.



NEWS OF THE STARS OF TWO FIRMAMENTS— Sports and Theatrical Edward A. Peters, Main 12 Sports Editor.

Oregon Farmer Boy Going Into Majors Very First Season



"HERM," DRESSED UP

Herman Pillett, a country boy from Oregon, who has proven one of the sensations of the Northwestern league this year, is going up to the majors at the end of his first season in professional ball. It isn't usually done. The majors generally want a ball player well seasoned before he hits the big brush. But Herman, star of the Tiger pitching staff, and Russ Hall's "find" of the 1917 season, will be pitching in the National league within a very few weeks. Pillett was sold to the Cincinnati club of the National league recently, announcement being made last night. J. Newton Colver, a Spokane sporting writer, who acts as scout in the Northwest for the Reds, effected the deal. Although the consideration is not announced, it is reported to be about \$3,000. The deal for Pillett has been pending three weeks. Russ Hall told a few friends of it confidentially when he was last in Tacoma. The Tacoma pitcher lives in the village of St. Paul, Oregon. He pitched for his home team in 1915 and 1916. In the first year he pitched in 10 games and won 8. In 1916 he pitched in 11 games, losing 4, one of them being a 12-inning game against Dayton, Oregon. Last season Joe McGinnity signed him for the Butte team, but released him without a trial. Later he pitched for Woodburn, Oregon, in the Intercity league, winning 7 out of 9 games. Pillett has won 13 games for Tacoma this year and lost 4. He is 19 years of age, and has wonderful possibilities as a phenomenal twirler, according to all critics. His fielding in the center of the diamond is one of the features of his play that has attracted much attention. He bags any kind of ball that comes his way. Pillett has been sold for immediate delivery, meaning that he will start east at once and get into the Red lineup as soon as he is acclimated. Let's hope that Pillett makes the same record back east that "Skeet" Bigbee, Tacoma's 1916 phenom, is making.

RUSS HALL LOSES IN FIGHT TO SAVE N.W. LEAGUE FROM DEATH

Tacoma baseball fans will have to satisfy themselves with amateur ball during the remainder of the season. Despite the valiant efforts of Russ Hall, manager of the Tigers, J. L. Davies, Butte director, and Pete Jensen, Great Falls director, to keep the Northwestern league afloat, the old circuit last evening gave a final gasp, and sank spitting beneath the waves of defeat. The league has "flivvered." Not because the directors all wanted to. But because D. E. Dugdale, Seattle magnate, was losing money thru his personal unpopularity with Seattle fans, and decided to use his influence to kill off the league. It was fairly easy for Dugdale to swing Bob Brown of Vancouver and President Farr of Spokane with him. Vancouver has been showing little baseball interest during the last two years of the war. Spokane got away to such a poor start this year that the fans there lost interest in the club. Tacoma, Butte and Great Falls were making little money. But they were all swept aside by the autocratic will of the Seattle boss.

How They Hit

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, Ave. Includes names like Harper, Flagstead, Thompson, Stevens, Conn'ly, Sutherland, Groeling, Varian, Ayau, Lapan, Raymond, Pillett, Gardner, Schroeder.

PITCHING RECORD

Table with columns: Player, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes names like Pillett, Gardner, Sutherland, Schroeder.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Games Yesterday. Tacoma-Gt. Falls, on road. Seattle 3, Vancouver 2. Spokane-Butte, on road.

TODAY'S STANDING

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes Tacoma, Great Falls, Seattle, Spokane, Butte, Vancouver.

THE "IF" COLUMN

Table with columns: Team, Win, Lose. Includes Tacoma, Great Falls, Seattle, Spokane, Butte, Vancouver.

Play Tomorrow.

Tacoma at Great Falls. Spokane at Butte. Vancouver at Seattle.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, New York, Detroit, Washington, St. Louis, Philadelphia.

Games Yesterday.

At Cleveland—R H E. Boston 3 8 1. Cleveland 4 6 2. Mays and Agnew; Klepfer, Gold and O'Neil, Billings. At Chicago—R H E. Philadelphia 5 9 1. Chicago 2 8 1. Bush and Meyer; Williams, Danforth and Lynn. At St. Louis—R H E. New York 2 5 1. St. Louis 1 8 1. Russell and Alexander; Dempert and Severid. At Detroit—R H E. First game—Washington 8 10 0. Detroit 1 9 5. Harper and Henry; C. Jones and Spencer. Second game—R H E. Washington 2 9 0. Detroit 10 14 0. Shaw and Almsmith, Henry; James and Stange.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Brooklyn, Boston, Pittsburgh.

Games Yesterday.

At Boston—R H E. Cincinnati 4 14 0. Boston 0 8 1. Eller and Clarke; Neft and Traggross. At New York—R H E. St. Louis 2 8 2. New York 3 6 0. Ames and Snyder; Salee and Rariden. Chicago-Brooklyn game postponed; rain. Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, postponed; rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Includes San Francisco, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Oakland, Portland, Vernon.

Snappy Musical Comedy Company



Ed. W. Rowland & Lorin J. Howard offer "Honeymoon Isle"

Principals and chorus of the tuneful musical comedietta, "Honeymoon Isle," at the Pantages this week.

Three men comedians and a woman, John Carroll, Larry Keating, Ray Fay and Minnie Burke, have the principal parts of "Honeymoon Isle," a musical comedy brevity on the new Pantages bill, and they extract all kinds of fun during the few minutes allowed their act. A chorus of lively girls, well trained in new dance steps, fills up the gaps when the four character comedians are off stage. Ed Blondell and Catherine Cain have a clever rube comedy sketch, "The Boy From Home." Miller and Lyles are colored comedians who open with comedy and finish with a riotous dancing-boxing stunt. The Four Gillespie girls sing everything from classics to ragtime, and win big applause. Girard's monkeys do their stunts in mid-air, swinging from trapezes. "The Secret Kingdom" is the Pantages' new photoplay serial.

Pulpit or Ball Field, Which? Preacher Pitcher Can't Decide



A.C. McKinney

Preaching on Sunday, attending college during the week and pitching invincible baseball for his college team is the program followed by A. C. McKinney, star pitcher of William Jewell college at Liberty, Mo. Whether or not McKinney ever breaks into the big leagues, and this now seems to be a question of his own desires, the young star has carved himself a niche in baseball's hall of fame which any veteran might be proud to occupy. Pitching for his college team in four games he struck out 77 men in 34 innings, pitched two no-hit games and allowed but three hits in the quartet of games. He set a new world record in one of the games by fanning 25 men in nine innings against Tarkio college and the following week caused 23 hitters of the Maryville State Normal team to breeze. In both games he held his opponents hitless. On Sundays McKinney adds Rev. to his name, dons a frock coat and occupies the pulpit in the Christian church at Bosworth, Mo. McKinney's home is in Cincinnati and he is a sophomore in college. In the box his work is marked by his brainy pitching and his ability to outguess the opposing batter. He has everything a good pitcher should have, speed, curves, remarkable control, an elusive splitter and a good change of pace. Branch Rickey, greatest of scouts among college ballplayers, hasn't overlooked McKinney. In fact, during a recent vacation, McKinney went to St. Louis and worked out with the Cards, of which Rickey is president. He is now trying to decide between a career in the pulpit or on the mound.

News Film Shows Actor In Genuine Train Wreck

"The Whip" is one of those screen productions that arouse the enthusiasm of crowds thru strength of story, excellence of acting, bigness of scenes. So wrought up have crowds at the Apollo been that they have burst into applause at the close of a picture just as they would at the drop of the curtain on a spoken drama. An interesting coincidence in connection with the bill at the Apollo is the fact that Irving Cummings, the star of the play, is shown in a real train wreck in the Pathe News pictures. Cummings was slightly hurt in that wreck. In the play he escapes from a wreck by a narrow margin, saving "The Whip" from the fate plotted by the conspirators.

Film Opposes Birth Control

"The Unborn," the powerful film argument against birth control which has made such a success at the Melbourne, will have its final showing there today. The picture tells of an intensely human story and proves its point by making circumstances surrounding the lives of its characters real and vivid. A Happy Hulligan cartoon comedy and an American fashion show picture complete the program. One of the features of tomorrow's show will be a picture taken in the Ford Motor company's plant showing how Fords are made.

Easy For Fred

Fred Fulton has added another scalp to his belt today. He disposed of Jack Moran, local heavyweight, in the third round of their scheduled 12-round bout here last night. It was a clean knockout. Thru some prevalent misunderstanding, it has been supposed that "Her Unborn Child" is a motion picture. It is a play. There will be matinees and evening performances the remainder of the week.

Raymond Easy

CENTRALIA, July 10.—The brilliant record of Tono's baseball team continued Sunday with a double header defeat over Raymond. Murray, pitching the first game, allowed two hits. The scores: First, Raymond, 0-2-3, Tono, 15-20-0; Gill, Soule and Webster; Murray and Patterson; second, Raymond, 1-5-1, Tono, 2-9-0; Carlson and Webster; McCorkle and Patterson.

WHERE TACOMA'S AMUSING ITSELF

- TACOMA "Her Unborn Child," birth control play; all week, matinee daily. PANTAGES "The Boy From Home," with Ed Blondell; good vaudeville. REGENT "Echoes of Broadway," musical comedy; good vaudeville. MOVIES COLONIAL "Wild and Woolly," with Douglas Fairbanks. APOLLO "The Whip," immense film version of great English drama. MELBOURNE "The Unborn"; birth control film.

BILL LEARD STARTS FOR BIG TIMBER

Seattle has seen the last of "Scrappy Bill" Leard—for the 1917 season, at least. The scopy Seattle leader packed his bags and grip and left for the "big show" last night, where he will attempt to show the Eastern critics that the old boy has enough baseball in him to land a job with the Brooklyn Dodgers. While Owner Dugdale had refused to allow Leard to report to the Brooklyn club as long as Seattle was in the race for the pennant, recent developments have changed the situation. With prospects of the league not lasting very much longer, Leard was allowed to leave for the East. He will arrive in Brooklyn in a few days and will be started at short for the major league club.

McAleer Beats Bismarck Nine

By a score of 15 to 2, the McAleer team defeated the fast Bismarck team Sunday on the Bismarck grounds. The pitching of Benson and hitting of V. Kenzler were features of the game. Kenzler got a home run, triple and two singles in four times up. Score: Bismarck, 2-3-5; McAleer, 15-8-2; Thomas and Anderson; Benson and Morling. McAleer plays the Tacoma Federals on the McAleer grounds Sunday, July 15, at 2:30. Williams and Morling will be the McAleer battery.

Giants Reach Second Place

SEATTLE, July 10.—Bill Cunningham's heavy hitting won a game for Seattle yesterday and brought the Giants up to a tie with Great Falls for second place. Score: Seattle, 3-7-1; Vancouver, 2-6-3; Alexander and Cunningham; Clink and Cadman.

Attack Made On Birth Control In Tacoma Play

Good old melodrama with large helpings of comedy, serve as a means of forceful attack upon the modern tendency toward birth control in "Her Unborn Child," which opened for a week's engagement at the Tacoma theater Sunday.

Regent Theater

"Broadway Echoes," 5—Other Features—5

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PETER'S PIFFLE

After letting Art Scharf trim us at Meadow Park Sunday, we're not half so keen about that proposed golf tournament of newspaper writers. It was Art's seventh game. The "Yellow Peril" has a new meaning to some of the Northwestern league ball players who have been robbed of hits by Vern Ayau's wonderful fielding. Romeo Hagen, the handsome one, who has just returned to Tacoma after a sojourn thruout the nation, says it's easy to travel nowadays if one isn't afraid of getting his clothes soiled. He finds that some of the brakemen on fast freights are awful rough, tho. NEWT PEER FINDS GOLF A HIGHLY EDUCATING GAME. IT INCREASES A LAWYER'S VOCABULARY, FOR INSTANCE. Police Judge Evans and Frank Siddall, two of Tacoma's best golfers, are students at the officers' camp at the Presidio. If Uncle Sam would let them shoot golf balls at the Germans the war would take on new aspects for the enemy. WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE OLD-FASHIONED MAN WHO SAID THAT A GLASS OF BEER AND A CHEESE SANDWICH WAS ENOUGH LUNCH FOR ANYONE? Having gone around the course in 137, the honest golfer proceeded to tell the boys at the 19th hole that he went around in 137, but they wouldn't believe him. Moral: If you play golf you might as well lie about your score. One of the best things about conscription is that a host of lightweight boxers will have a chance to do something useful. What has become of our old friend Billy Weeks, the champion of champions? THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE IS STRICKEN WITH DUGDALITIS.



Fast Players Enter Tourney

With two matches played yesterday, the senior tourney of the Tacoma Lawn Tennis club began to warm up today, several matches being scheduled for the afternoon. Among the players scheduled to compete today are Guy Flye and Leonard Kolstad, Gerald Todd and Joe Carman, Gilbert Remann and Stanley Handforth, Frank Allen and Lennox Brown, Paul Vaeth and Hill Hudson, Arthur Merrill and Henry Hewitt, Byron Scott and Sam Skidmore. Yesterday afternoon Wallace Scott defeated Earl Weeks, 6-4, 6-2, and Henry Graham won over Morrison Johnson, 6-0, 6-1.

Advertisement for Gravely's Celebrated Chewing Plug, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the product's benefits.

Jack's Final Ring Battle

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, July 10.—Probably the last appearance of Jack Dillon, the "Hoosier man killer," in the American ring before he dons a jack's uniform, and battles in the navy, will be at Broadway Athletic club, Brooklyn, when he goes against Jack Clifford of Brooklyn in a 10-round bout. Dillon is here today and said he felt mighty fit.

Eatonville Team Beaten By H.A.C.

By a score of 13 to 8, the Hopkins Athletic club defeated Eatonville on the Eatonville grounds Sunday. A large crowd of local rooters accompanied the Hopkins boys. Besaw of Tacoma struck out 19 men, and Nettleton 6. Home runs were made by Besaw, Wright and Larson. Hopkins players charge that Umpire Harmon, an Eatonville product, helped the Eatonville team make its eight runs, by giving poor and unfair decisions. The score: Hopkins, 13-15-4; Eatonville, 8-10-9; Besaw and Davis; Nettleton and Ray.

Herbst has not yet advanced. All-wood suits or overcoats, \$15. 2nd floor National Realty bldg., 1117 Pacific ave.