

BRESNAHAN PRAISES PIERCE—OTHER SPORT DOPE

Live to be 100 years old with William Russell.—The Trib. Tom Needham and Kid Gleason, take notice.

Rain interrupted the programs of both Chicago teams yesterday, the Cub game with the Cubans at Tampa being postponed and Cal's Sox taking their practice in the hotel at Paso Robles.

Today the Sox will begin the hardening process on the hand-ball courts and soccer field. Baseball will not be put on the bill for several days.

Thought the diamond was too wet for baseball yesterday, Evers put his Cubs through their regular daily practice, and the men stood the grind well. Roger Bresnahan is the hardest worker on the squad. The former Card is the first man on the field and the last back to the hotel. Already his experience is proving of benefit to the youngsters. Roger, who has shown ability to handle erratic left-handers, is taking particular notice of Pierce, the young south-paw, and the two work together constantly. This morning Bresnahan declared the recruit was one of the most promising port-siders he had run across in years and guaranteed to make him a winner this season. If Pierce makes good the rosy predictions of the Harp he will divide with Lefty Leifield the off-side flinging burden of the West Siders.

Matt Wells, the English lightweight, easily beat Hughie Mehegan, the Australian, in twenty rounds at London. In a previous

battle Mehegan won on a foul in the 14th round.

Shooting at clay pigeons from aeroplanes will be one of the events of the Sportsmen's Show, which opens at Madison Square Garden, New York, Thursday.

Kid Ghetto, a New York discovery, made a chopping block of Tommy Houck, the Philadelphian. Houck was all in at the end of the bout.

George Browne, who has played with the Cubs and several other big league teams, has been signed by Minneapolis.

Jim Scott was the only White Sox who attempted to show anything today. The rheumatic pitcher bruised the hands of Ray Schalk with a smoke display. He looks like a genuine come-back.

Recruits always attract more attention in the spring than veterans, and Joe Berger, who is trying for a shortstop berth with the White Sox is no exception to this rule. Joe was with the team on the spring jaunt to Waco last year, but weighed as much as a Polish wrestler. He also did about as much real work. Callahan let him go to the Pacific Coast League, and the German proceeded to cut out a pace that made the other shortfielders look like they had taken root. He was picked up again this year. Berger reported yesterday, and when he got into his uniform this morning looked like a different man. The beef has disappeared and he is down to 167 pounds. The training period will take off whatever