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MUTUAL INTEREST

THE REAL FOUNDATION OF ORGANIZED BALL.

Therefore the Urgent Need of More Consideration and Charity For All Who Are Contributing Their Mite to the Growth of Base Ball.

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—In patching up base ball circuits has it never dawned upon the writers who have followed the nation's sport both for pastime and for profit that after all it is better to encourage than discourage. I am afraid that some of us are inclined to take our base ball a little too personally. Without a penny of investment we criticize, which is our privilege, and which justly exercised harms no one. We occasionally chide, which is not out of the way when directed in the proper channel—possibly it would not be bad to amend the term "chide," which only belongs to those who can see nothing in base ball beyond the repayment of alleged slights. We talk glibly about profits with possibly small conception of the original investment, we load some down with large losses when we have only a faint notion of the actual cash receipts. In fact, enjoy a lot of fun with an honest endeavor to be frank with the whole base ball fraternity. It is well known that it is



John B. Foster

A HARD MATTER

to keep a base ball circuit intact. Even the major leagues have their troubles and they are very serious troubles at times. As population increases it is fair to believe there will be a day when large cities will give such countenance to the game that it will not be so difficult to maintain a losing club against the odds which are part of a losing club's existence. In other words it will be possible to hold base ball in line purely as an exhibition. We try to accomplish that result now, but in reality are far away from it. There is only one city in the United States where base ball may profit from the standpoint of a show, and that city is New York. Even there, as a sport, it does infinitely better than it ever could do any other way.

INTER-DEPENDIBILITY OF CLUBS.

The same people who work in New York live in Brooklyn and that is what I have been trying to lead up to. It is evident that we cannot have successful base ball without a variety of teams. The amateurs know that. They copy closely the lines which have been laid down for league management and the leagues which are cropping up throughout the United States are all modified from the original pattern which began in 1876. It is just as much to the interest of the American League, for example, to have a good team in Brooklyn as it is for the interest of the National League to have one.

If the dual system of major leagues is right, and to me it has always appeared strongly, we must have good base ball in Brooklyn, must have good base ball in Washington, must have good base ball in other cities or must go back to the first theory of independent clubs playing whom they will and where they will. I imagine there is not a base ball en-



WILLIAM P. SHANNON,
Outfielder of the St. Louis National League Club.

William P. ("Spike") Shannon, outfielder of the St. Louis National League Club, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., 29 years ago. He started his professional career in 1898 with the Charleston (S. C.) Club and finished that season with the Richmond Club, of the Atlantic League. He also played with that club in 1899. In 1900 he was a member of the Syracuse Club. He started in 1901 with Indianapolis and finished with St. Paul. He remained with St. Paul until the fall of 1903 when he was drafted by Cincinnati and turned over to St. Louis for which he played throughout the season of 1904, making good in all departments, thus leading to his re-engagement for 1905.

thusiasm in the United States who would like to see anything of that kind again.

AN UNAVOIDABLE FACT.

It is a well known fact that certain clubs in the major leagues of the United States have a hard row to hoe, except that they are strong enough to draw well in the larger cities of the circuit. Were all the base ball profits of New York and Boston to be stacked against all the base ball losses of the other cities in the circuits of the National and American Leagues, the losses would make the profits look as if they had been struck by a cyclone. Yet the only chance which the smaller clubs have is to fight on with the hope that some day they will be of sufficient importance in the league to which they belong to recoup their owners for some part of their failure financially. For that reason it is not exactly fair to walk too roughly over

THE LITTLE FELLOWS,

as they might be called, who do their best to make base ball good. In other words, it isn't just the correct thing to write down the cities of smaller population. This isn't necessarily a special plea for Brooklyn, as there is plenty of population here,

and a great deal of it loyal to the city in spite of the fact that Brooklyn is a part of Greater New York.

ALL DOING THEIR BEST.

But it is a plea for all clubs that are trying to maintain base ball. The owners make their mistakes. I don't suppose they are more infallible than the critics (pity them). It seems to me, however, that it would be far better if the personal equation was made stronger by hearty cooperation on the part of those who are honestly enlisted in the development of base ball, rather than weakened by attack, which, if it does not deter evolution, at least embarrasses the individual elements which are trying to accomplish something. Base ball shows no immediate indication of being stopped. Until something better has been evolved from this queer conglomeration, which we best know as humanity, it seems to me that it will continue with an unbroken front. Maybe here and there it will have its troubles. Unquestionably it will not always be managed as well as it would be if we all might be personally concerned. And if we were, there would be somebody to say that we knew nothing about it. But while

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YOUNG'S WARNING.

A BROAD-MINDED PITCHER ON BATTING DECLINE.

The Great Boston Twirler Says the "Spit Ball" Has Come to Stay and That Foul-Strike Abolition is Now the Only Practicable Offset.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

New York, April 19.—The veteran pitcher of the Boston American Club, "Cy" Young, is of the opinion there is no doubt at all that the coming season will be attended with less batting than ever in the history of the game. "They simply can not hit the 'spit ball,'" said Young today. "Get accustomed to it? I fail to see how. Here is a delivery that will fool even the catchers, and if it fools them, how can the batsmen succeed in getting around it? How to remedy it? You can search me. The abolition of the foul strike rule is the only remedy and this is the only thing that can be done if one wants batting."



Denlon Young

BOOSTS INFERIOR PITCHERS.

He continued: "Then there is this about the spit ball. Any one can master it, and it will make a first rater out of a man who has found it difficult to hold his own in fast company. Almost any one can become an effective pitcher by the aid of that ball. Yes, I have practiced it up, and guess I can send in a few. The crack pitchers will be more effective than ever, and the fair pitchers will become cracks."

KILLS BATTING.

Young concluded: "The batsmen will have all the confidence taken out of them. Something will have to be done, for the patrons of the game, as well as the players, will set up a howl that will have to be attended to. You have got to have some batting, you know. The game will be dead beyond precedent unless this is done. I wouldn't be surprised if the moguls were obliged to give attention to the matter before the season is half over."

Sheridan's Radical Views.

Chicago, April 18.—Jack Sheridan, generally regarded as one of the best umpires in the country, says of the "spit ball": "It is the greatest discovery of a pitcher's genius and the thing that is going to revolutionize base ball. There is no joking about the ball, as many believe. It is a reality and a mystery which is giving batsmen great trouble. Every high class pitcher is practicing with the new invention. Some have mastered it, and those that are not working with it are behind the times. There is no great secret in throwing it, except to moisten it and throw it with all possible speed. To control the slippery ball, of course, is the great difficulty. Last year the only pitchers using the ball with any degree of success were Chesbro, of the New York Americans, Gibson, of the Boston champions, and 'Doc' White, of the Sox. Now all are trying to throw the 'spit ball.' On its account, games of several extra innings will be common this year."

It will take Umpire, formerly Policeman, Bausewine some time to get used to the change from a preserver to a disturber of the peace.

The World of Base Ball

WASHINGTON WAY.

OPENING OF THE SEASON AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Review of the Week's Exhibition and Championship Games—The Nationals Secure Outfielder Dan Sullivan From Detroit's Club.

BY PAUL W. EATON.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Tra la, peach crop! and welcome pneumonia, with old



Paul W. Eaton

monia on the side—in fact, on both sides! 'Tis such weather as 154-game schedules inflict on the fans. It snowed here this morning, and the opening games of the championship season were frappe, glaze, antarctic affairs. The Nationals were beaten, but not disgraced, before good crowds, considering the temperature. Between nine and ten thousand fans donned their ear muffs and hied them to the first contest. The game ended 4 to 2 in favor of the Highlanders, whose bloody claymores seem destined to cut quite a swath this season. In the ninth inning a two-base hit would have tied the score, but it was not forthcoming. There was a large element of luck in the affair.

THE NATIONALS. started the season with an error, and if it hadn't occurred the result might have been different. Neither side earned a run. Dougherty was the first man up and his grounder was grabbed by Mullen, whose wide throw pulled Stahl off his pedestal and Pat was safe. But for this the Washington chief would have been right in the way of Keeler's caloric grounder, but, as it was, he slipped in trying to get to it, and two men were safe who should have been retired. Jimmy Williams shot a meteor down into the far corner of the lot, and made the entire circuit, preceded by Keeler. Dougherty had scored on the previous out. Thus the visitors got three of their runs and the fourth came in when Kittredge muffed the only thrown ball he ever dropped at the plate.

FINE PLAYS

were made by Hill, Jones, Keeler and Stahl, and the game was not as ragged as it looks in the score. The latter, by a great contortion act, grabbed a pop fly from Chase's bat in the ninth when it was about a quarter of an inch from the ground and threw to second before Anderson could get back to the base. A triple play would have been completed easily had not Cassidy made a poor throw to Patten, who covered first. Yesterday the New Yorks shut out the locals, 4 to 0. It took Tom Hughes three innings to get going right. After that nobody could touch his delivery, but five bases on balls and a few hits had already done the business. Al Orth, who worked against him, met with rather

A BAD ACCIDENT

in the final inning. Jones drove the most vicious and wicked liner ever seen by the oldest inhabitant directly at him. Albert, who is one of the great fielding pitchers, would try to stop a cannon ball, but Jones' swat made the average cannon ball look like a lobster; it went through Orth's hands, splitting his pitching hand badly, between the first and second fingers, and traveled far to center field. Jack Powell finished the game and it is likely that Orth will be on the shelf for several days. Kleinow and Chase were seen here for the first time. The former's throwing to bases is like death and taxes, and he mowed down several speedy men. Chase is a husky looking youngster, whose bearing reminds one of Tommy Tucker. If he strikes Tom's gait, Clarke Griffith may as well buy his pole now; but it is too early to predict that he will. He commenced his major league career by striking out, but his two-bagger, a little later, was a meritorious effort.

THE EXHIBITION GAMES

earlier in the week were more satisfactory in the results. On Monday our folks got back at Fenney's crowd to the tune of 4 to 0. The star play of the game was made by Jones, who came in from deep center for Lauterborn's short fly back of second, caught it on the dead run and threw it home in time to catch Wolverton, who was attempting to score from third. On the next day Brooklyn had the Nationals going, having made four runs to none, when rain stopped the game in the third. On Wednesday the same club was easy meat and the glorious uncertainty of the game was again

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CHICAGO CLUB—Frank Chance, James P. Casey, Joseph B. Tinker, James Slagle, John Evers, Carl Lundgren, Jacob Weimer, John Kling, Robert Wicker, John McCarthy, John J. O'Neil, Alexander Smith, John C. Barry, Mordecai Brown, Otto G. Williams, Herbert Briggs.

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PITTSBURG CLUB—Hans Wagner, Fred Clarke, Claude Ritchey, Thomas Leach, Samuel Leever, Clarence H. Beaumont, Harry Smith, Charles Philippe, Patrick Flaherty, Henry Peitz.

ST. LOUIS CLUB—Homer Smoot, James T. Burke, Charles McFarland, John Farrell, David L. Brain, Michael J. O'Neill, Jacob Becklev, John Taylor, James Dunleavy, Daniel Shay, W. P. Shannon, David Zearfoss, Michael Grady, John Warner.

BROOKLYN CLUB—Edward Hanlon, manager; James Sheppard, Fred Jacklitzsch, Harry Gessler, John Dobb, John Cronin, Ed Poole, Charles Babb, Oscar Jones, William Bergen, Fred Mitchell, Louis Ritter, Michael McCormick, Arthur Lumley.

BOSTON CLUB—Richard Cooley, P. J. Moran, Victor J. Willis, Fred Tenney, Edward Abbaticchio, Frederick Wilhelm, Frederick C. Raymer, Thomas Fisher, Daniel Needham, Wirt V. Cannell, James Delchanty, George O. Barclay, Charles Fraser, Harry Wolverton.

PHILADELPHIA CLUB—Hugh Duffy, manager and outfielder; Charles Pittinger, Frank Sparks, Roy Thomas, William Gleason, Charles Doan, William Dugle, Otto Krueger, William Bransfield, Michael Kahoe.

OTHER NOTED PLAYERS:

James Hackett, William Milligan, Berthold Husungs, Louis Castro, Jay Hughes, George Carey, John Morrissey, Wiley Piatt, Louis Wiltse, John O'Brien, James Ryan, Charles Currie, William Gochbauer, Herman McFarland, Herman Long, Joseph Kissinger, Louis McAllister, William Friel, John Slattery, George Magoon, G. Van Haltren, William Lauder, Richard Harley, Thomas Raub, John Menefee, Thomas Daly, Harry Schmidt, John Malarkey, Charles Dexter, Charles Zimmer, William Keister, William Hallman, John McPetridge, William Kennedy, Fred Veil Harry J. Aubrey, J. B. Stanley, John Thoney, Edward Dunkle, E. W. Greminger, John Doyle, Eugene Wright, Wm. Douglas, Wm. Phillips, Roscoe Miller, P. J. Carney, John Dunn, Oliver Pickering, Virgil Garvin, David Jones, Wm. Reidy, Otto Jordan, Frank Dillon, Philip Geier, Rudolph Hulswitt, Frank Roth, Edward Siever, Charles Hemphill, Clyde Robinson, P. J. Donovan.

THE ABOVE IS OUR COMPLETE LIST. WE HAVE NO OTHERS.

illustrated. Great batting by the Georgetown team enabled them to throw the hooks into Pennsylvania for the second time, on Monday. The wonderful fielding of Ziegler, the visitors' left fielder, was worth a long journey to see. His circus catches were followed by wonderful throws—in and he was credited with four assists in the game, a fact that is not likely to be equalled this season.

OUTFIELDER DAN SULLIVAN.

of last year's Milwaukeees, has been secured from Detroit and he will join the Nationals in a few days. He batted for .303 in 76 games and had a fielding average of .972, being led by only three fielders in the American Association. Ah, there! Sully; here's looking at you! Harry Pfeffer, a pitcher of much local reputation in Chicago would have had a chance here, but Manager Stahl found, when he made him an offer, that the youngster had signed with the Chicago Nationals only a few hours before. As the Washington leader offered him \$500 more than the salary he had just agreed to work for, regrets were mutual.

MUTUAL INTEREST.

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this process of establishing a sport, which is worth much to humanity, and worth less than we all think to its promoters—taken collectively not individually—is proceeding, wouldn't it be not more than fair if situations were taken as they exist and not as they may exist in Utopia?

THE RIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

It is easy to say that if a base ball promoter doesn't like his company he may step out. That is true. But does the man who takes that position realize that something is due whoever is in the initiative? It is a criticism upon our intelligence as a race of humans that we speak better of the dead than the living. We feel that we owe it to the dead, and we do. But how much further a bit of encouragement might go to the living if we were generous enough to grant it. If all the good things which are said about a man after he has passed through this period of incarnation from elsewhere—or here—were told when in possession of his active physical properties what might not humanity be? Strangely enough base ball has some lines with we poor upright mortals who began not so recently to know that we exist.

Didn't mean to write a sermon on base ball, but after recalling some experiences of the past it seemed as if serious base ball might not be amiss. It wasn't so very long ago that we had no base ball. In the time of the present generation it is not very likely that we will be without base ball and like some of those other games which were played back in the time of the Ptolemies it is better that we throw our best wih what we are trying to perfect for the benefit of those who are with us, than constantly to keep in turmoil which really preaches nobody good.

HANLON'S TEAM.

Down South the Brooklyns played some fairly good base ball. They were beaten by that Charleston nine which has beaten everything that has played in that section and thereby established their claim to form. After they got as far North as Baltimore they were able to play a tie game with the Orioles. It was almost as good as one of Dickens' situations. When looking over the score one did not have to think wholly of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce, for this was a case of Hanlon vs. Hanlon. It was a compromise verdict. The best that the old man could do was to make the game a tie at the end of an inning which was beyond supper call. Presumably he thought that if the Brooklyns were rather bad, the Baltimores were not good. Having struck that basis he could thank the world that he might retire without worrying other people.

THE CHANCES

are that the Brooklyns will make a bit of trouble this year whenever they meet teams which take them too literally. Where there is an indication at times that a sure thing exists, it is better to play it the other way. It wouldn't be surprising if before 1905 is over there will be a few who will be disposed to take the Brooklyns more prosaically and less figuratively.

A TROLLEY LEAGUE.

Organized With Four Towns in Massachusetts.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Boston, Mass., April 19.—A trolley league, composed of semi-professional base ball nines in Haverhill, Lawrence, Amesbury and Newburyport, was organized in Haverhill, Mass., Saturday, with George A. Savage, president, and J. H. Carver, of Newburyport, secretary and treasurer. It was intended to include Portsmouth, N. H., and Kitter, Me., in the league, but the managers of the teams in those two places withdrew. Games will be played every Saturday during the season, with the opening game Memorial Day.

NEW YORK NUGGETS

METROPOLIS MEMS

GLORIOUS OPENING OF THE SEASON IN GOTHAM.

Record-Breaking Attendance at the Opening of the National Race—Scenes Incidental to Hoisting the Pennant—Highlanders' Fine Start

BY WILLIAM F. H. KOELSCH.

New York, April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—To the accompaniment of the frenzied cheers of a legion of fans and amid the boom of cannon, the first pennant that has come to New York in fifteen years was flung to the breeze last Friday.



W. F. H. Koelsch

Had the weather been made to order it could not have been finer, and the programme arranged by the club was carried out without a hitch. The Polo Grounds presented the usual gala day dress of an opening event and the Seventh Regiment Band discoursed enlivening music to the delight of the gathering fans. Early in the afternoon a dozen automobiles departed from the Polo Grounds in which rode the National League champions and their visitors from Boston. President Brush and Secretary Knowles participated in the auto parade, accompanied by a few invited guests. Down to Washington square and return spun the autos to the delight of the small boys en route. By the time the parade returned to the Polo Grounds a vast crowd was packed into the grounds beneath the shadow of Coogan's Bluff. Half an hour before the game started the gates were closed.

THE ATTENDANCE

was variously estimated at from 28,000 to 40,000. It is said that the Boston Club was paid for over 24,000 people. All agreed, however, that in view of the increased seating capacity of the grounds and the preparations made for handling the crowds, it was the greatest outpouring ever held within the fences of the Polo Grounds and very likely one of the biggest crowds that ever gathered at a base ball game. A veteran gateman said that it was the first time since the grounds were built that the outer gates were closed and that the club turned away fully \$3000 at the gates. When the string of automobiles containing McGraw's champions, and their victims from Boston, entered the Polo Grounds the pent-up enthusiasm of the multitude was turned loose and did not subside until the coveted pennant had been hoisted to the flag-staff above the center of the big flag bedecked grand stand. As the players marched from the ropes in center field toward the diamond they beheld

THE COVETED PENNANT

stretched out on the ground, and forming a circle around the "rag" they grabbed ropes and sent the emblem of victory floating to the breeze amid an outburst of enthusiasm such as only a base ball crowd is capable of fomenting. The pennant was of blue, inscribed in bold letters of gold: "Giants, Champion Base Ball Club of the National League, 1904." Just outside the grounds a salute of twenty-one guns was fired as the flag was hoisted. Captain Louis Wendell with a detachment from the First Battery fired the salute and then the teams began the usual preliminary practice. The denizens of the center field bleachers set up a great cheer as an automobile rolled through the gate, and the arrival of Mayor McClellan being momentarily expected, Secretary Knowles and a squad of "cops" prepared to give "His Honor" a safe conduct to his box in the upper section of the grand stand, but the favored visitor who had so enthused the sun gods was not a mere mayor, but the champion slugger from Sluggerville, the Rt. Hon. James Jeffries. To him the efforts of

FRED TENNEY'S MEN,

as they floundered in the wake of the New Yorks, was a reminder of the fistic effort of one Munroe, a miner by profession and an aspirant for championship honors by choice. Mayor McClellan finally did arrive and he threw the new ball to the umpire, after which the New Yorks promptly proceeded to demonstrate that the Bostonians are, if possible, more outclassed than they were last season. The showing of the Bostonians was, as Billy Hanna put it in the "Sun," "of the same minor league quality." Judging by the outpouring of Judges and politicians at the opening, official city business was cut short last Friday. On the veranda of the club house sat two honored famous veterans of the game, "Pop" Anson and

John Ward. The latter is now a prosperous lawyer and the former has recently added to his fame by his election as city clerk of the Windy City. Both were convinced that the great national game has lost none of its justly deserved popularity.

BEANEATERS OUTCLASSED.

Joe McGinnity, the iron man, had the honor of pitching the opening game and he mowed Tenney's crew down with the utmost ease. In the meantime McGraw's men banged away at Wilhelm so persistently that "the Kaiser," as the facetious fans dubbed him, pulled up stakes and was succeeded by Young, who resembled the famous old "Cy" in name only. In all respects did McGraw's men so emphatically outclass the Bostonians that what started out as a championship game was more like a one-ripped circus before the slaughter

dazed in the second game, being pitted against Tom Hughes, who would rather down New York than most anything else. An accident that may put

ORTH ON THE BENCH

for some time occurred after two men were out in the final inning. Jones banged a liner at Orth and it split two of his fingers, necessitating his retirement from the game. Jack Powell retired the last man. Thus old "Hard Luck" is already on the trail of the New York Americans. The fine showing the tall Virginian made was ample evidence of his worth to the team. With Puttmann in rare form and Clarkson improving, Griffith is not dismayed, and as for the team the game fight they made last year, in the face of many handicaps, has accustomed them to adversity. Hal Chase did some fast work around first base in the initial games, although he dropped two thrown balls last Saturday. Jimmy Williams celebrated his first time at bat in the opening game with a hard hit home run off Patten which sent in two runs ahead of him. Elberfeld's lightning work in the field startled the Washingtonians and his timely smash last Saturday made victory more certain.

WEEDING OUT.

Manager Griffith has disposed of

men, will be inaugurated on Friday with the usual ceremonies. While there will be no flag raising this year the constantly increasing admirers of Griffith's plucky men hope that this season's campaign will earn the team the right to hoist one next spring. All hands are pretty well assured that another hot race is now on between the strong American League teams. Last year's tailenders will be the guests at the local opening, but they are capable of making Griffith's men hustle. These Washington fellows did so last season. An explosion in the Subway near the grounds has put the work back some so that it will be late in the season probably before trains will run to the grounds. The station at 157th street will be open, however, and with the subway transit that far the club will have the benefit of at least some improvement over last year. With good weather there is sure to be a big turn out to give the Americans a good send-off in a campaign that promises to be bitterly fought to the finish.

AROUND THE BASES.

The signing of Bill Clarke resulted in the sale of catcher Marshall, of the New York Nationals to Minneapolis. George Browne was the only absentee among McGraw's regulars, Strang appearing in right field. Browne's lacerated finger is healing slowly.

The catching of Roger Bresnahan opening game, and Mike Donlin's batting caused terror among the bean consumers. He made the first home run of the season.

There is no malaria in Pat Dougherty's system this spring as the Back Bay rooters will find on the first visit of the New Yorks to the Hub.

That McGraw's men are speedier than ever is the verdict of the Polo Ground fans, and sized up with Tenney's Boston men, the latter looked liked fellows hitched to a post by comparison.

According to a certain well known New York player there is much dissatisfaction among the players in both leagues regarding the division of the money in future world's championship series. "What hits us hard is that th players are to get only 40 per cent. of the first four games; why should the players not participate in the receipts of all the games? In a series of say six or seven games the final ones would draw the biggest crowds and the players would get none of this money. Pretty good scheme—for the magnates," was the comment of this player.

CHANGED CONDITIONS.

The Veteran Charley Comiskey Muses on the Difference in the Professionals of the Past and the Present.

The veteran Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago American Club, in speaking of the progress of base ball said the other day: "Within the past twenty years there has been a wonderful change in the character of base ball men and in the treatment base ball men receive from the various cities of the country. There was a time back in the 80's when any ball player who was anything of a star was made a hero of. The female following simply went wild over their pets. They spoiled the players and behaved in all kinds of foolish ways. The ball player was head and shoulders more popular than the matinee idol. Now the titles in the major league have grown bigger, and the crowds do not go crazy over ball players. They go to the games, watch the player at work, and if he gives a good article of ball they cheer him. An hour after they leave the park they have forgotten all about the ball player. The passing away of the base ball idol means a great improvement in the times the managers have in handling the men. Formerly there was



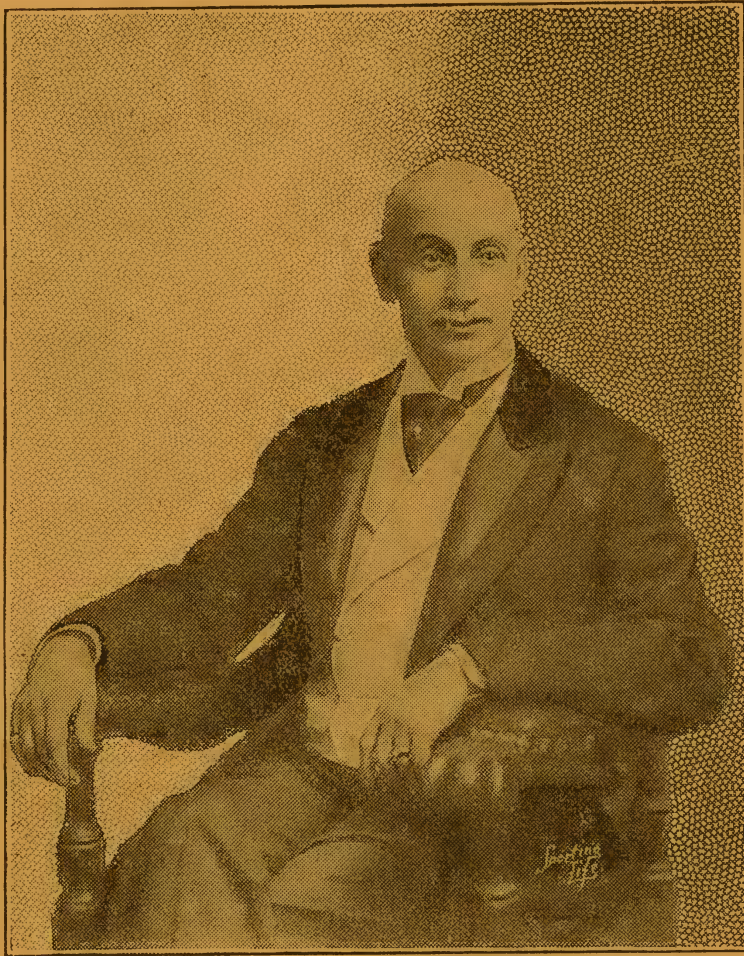
Chas. Comiskey

ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE. "A ball player got an idea into his head that he must knock around at night, drink and fight policemen. Now fully 90 per cent. of the ball players save their money. It has become a legitimate business, and the men are of a higher class. Many are college men, and almost all are gentlemen. There are but a very few black sheep in the lot. Managers do not want that kind. They would get rid of an unreliable man and put on an inferior substitute rather than keep a ball player who spoils the management of a team and ruins the control of other ball players.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

"The managers of the big leagues find that in recent years they have very few calls for advance money. A ball player will be ordered to report by a certain day, and he will get on a train and ride to the point of reporting. He never bothers about asking for car fare, for he has saved it from the year previous. Ball players still have an idea that during the exhibition season the management makes a barrel of money. They are the greatest hands in the world for

"These bullies of mine think that Sunday crowd put me away to the good, but in reality I am still out about \$1400 on the training season. When there is a rule passed which will require a ball player to report in condition by a certain date, with no month or six weeks of practice season, then the ball players will have received the best treatment in the world for them, and the managers can say they are in a real business. Some day there will be just such a rule, possibly; but it will take time. Time has worked other great changes, however, and this last one might come. There is no telling."



JOSEPH GORDON,

President of the New York American League Club.

Mr. Joseph Gordon, the president of the New York American League Club, is a middle-aged gentleman of pleasing personality and universal popularity in New York, of which city he is a native. When not engaged in base ball he is engrossed in a prosperous coal and wood business. He is a veteran in the game, having been president of the old Metropolitan Club which, under his administration, won the championship of the old American Association in 1884. Mr. Gordon was also a stockholder and director in the old New York National League Club of which his brother-in-law, John B. Day, was chief stockholder and president. When Mr. Day retired from base ball, Mr. Gordon went out too, only to re-appear three years ago with the advent of the American League. When that new organization, in 1902, was deprived of the Lenox Avenue site it had selected for a ball park and seemed absolutely closed out of Manhattan Island, Mr. Gordon was the angel who came to the front with the hitherto entirely overlooked Washington Heights site, and with the solid backer Mr. Frank Farrell has since proven himself to be, and for which the American League owes Mr. Gordon a never-to-be-forgotten debt of gratitude. Mr. Gordon is not only a sound base ball magnate, good business man and respected citizen, but also somewhat influential in New York politics. So in all ways has his connection with the New York Club been beneficial alike to that club and the American League.

ended in a score of 10 to 1. The second game was even more one-sided and before it closed it had become a veritable farce. Matthewson had the Beaneaters at his mercy and the score of 15 to 0 tells the tale of how McGraw's men continued to hammer the other fellow.

AMERICANS OFF IN FRONT.

President Gordon, Secretary Mahon, Frank Farrell and Billy Hills led a party of rooters to Washington just to give Clark Griffith and his men a good send-off. Weather conditions were not very promising for the opening in the National Capital with Stahl's men. From all accounts, however, a good-sized turnout witnessed the opening. Happy Jack Chesbro was pitted against the troublesome south-paw, Cas Patten, and only after a well-fought battle did the New Yorks win the initial game, 4 to 2. The tailenders of last year were credited scratched, and Chesbro's "spit ball" was in good working order. The second game resulted in a 4 to 0 victory for Griffith's men and the "Old Fox" for Griffith's men and the "Old Fox" feels confident that his team is in shape for the heavy work cut out for it when the Athletics and Boston are faced. Big Al Orth had the Senators

some of his surplus material. Pitchers Pearl Holycross and Rube Whitley have been sold to Jack Dunn's Providence Club, and catcher Paddy Duff has been turned over to the Minneapolis Club. Manager Ed Barrow, of Indianapolis, gets pitcher Con Starkell. Duff does not care to go to Minneapolis as he has offers to catch for teams near New York. Doc Newton is resting here while the team is away as he has not yet fully recovered from a recent illness. Billy Hogg is still with the club and the players regard him as a twirler of unusual promise. The final exhibition game of the team was against the Orioles in Baltimore and was a sort of test of Walter Clarkson's staying powers. Griffith was pleased with the result and all the players, with whom the Harvard man is a great favorite, congratulated him warmly. The game was a 2 to 1 affair and Clarkson fanned thirteen men. It is said that Clarkson's proficiency with the "spit ball" in that game was a great surprise to Griffith and his men. The season at

AMERICAN LEAGUE PARK,

the beautiful home of Griffith's

NATIONAL LEAGUE



The Official Record of the 1905 Pennant Race With Tabulated Scores and Accurate Accounts of All Championship Games Played

The Championship Record.

The thirtieth annual campaign of the National League, which began April 14, is now in full swing. The record of the race to April 17 inclusive is as follows:

Table showing league standings for Philadelphia, New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and St. Louis with columns for Wins, Losses, and Percent.

SUMMARY.

Summary table with columns for Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Chicago, showing Wins, Losses, and Percent.

THE OPENING.

The Campaign Started at all Points With Success.

New York vs. Boston at New York April 14.—In the presence of a record-breaking attendance the National League champions easily defeated the visiting Boston team.



Joe McGinnity lasted but four innings, "Cy" Young, the second, taking his place. Score:

Scorecard for New York vs. Boston game, listing player statistics for both teams.

Two-base hits—Conlin, Mertes. Three-base hit—McGinnity. Home run—Donlin. Sacrifice hits—McGinn, Bresnahan, McGinnity. Stolen base—Devlin. Hits—Off Wilhelm 10 in four innings, Young four in four innings. Left on bases—New York 3, Boston 3. First on bases—Off McGinnity 1, Wilhelm 1. First on errors—New York 1. Hit by pitcher—By McGinnity 1. Struck out—By McGinnity 1, Young 2. Wild pitch—Young. Time—1.25. Umpires—Johnston and Emslie. Attendance—40,000.

Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati April 14.—Before the largest crowd ever at a local opening game the 1905 season was inaugurated. The Reds started off well, but in the fifth and sixth innings Harper weakened, allowing Pittsburgh to secure a lead that could not be overcome. Score:

Scorecard for Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh game, listing player statistics for both teams.

Three-base hit—Corcoran. Stolen bases—Clymer, Clarke, Clancy. Double plays—Corcoran, Dolan, Steinfeldt; Wagner, Clancy. First on balls—Off Harper 4, Chech 1, Flaherty 1. Sacrifice hits—Steinfeldt, Peitz. Struck out—By Harper 2, Chech 1, Flaherty 1. Hits—Off Harper 9 in six innings, Chech 3 in three innings. Passed balls—Peitz 2. Time—1.55. Umpire—Klem. Attendance—15,118.

Brooklyn vs. Philadelphia at Brooklyn April 14.—The season was opened with a parade of the players, 200 bowlers and a flag raising. Mrs. Medicus tossed out the first ball. With a lead of 4 to 0 against them the Phillies knocked Jones out in the sixth inning, scoring six runs after two were out on six singles and a double. They also hit McIntyre hard. Pittinger was also hit freely but managed to keep

his hits scattered. Owens distinguished himself with four safe hits. Score:

Scorecard for Brooklyn vs. Philadelphia game, listing player statistics for both teams.

Two-base hits—Gleason, Bransfield. Three-base hit—Owens. Sacrifice hits—Gleason, McGee, Pittinger. Stolen bases—Batch, Dobbs, McGee. Double play—Gleason, Bransfield. Hits—Off Jones 8 in five innings, McIntyre 3 in four innings. Left on bases—Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 4. First on balls—Off McIntyre 3, Pittinger 3. Hit by pitcher—By Jones 1. Struck out—By Jones 1, McIntyre 2, Pittinger 3. Wild pitch—Pittinger. Time—1.58. Umpire—Bauswine. Attendance—10,000.

St. Louis vs. Chicago at St. Louis April 14.—Cold weather spoiled the opening game, which was moreover a mere pitcher's battle. Lundgren held the Cardinals to four scattered hits and they were lucky to escape a shut-out. The errors behind McFarland were costly. Score:

Scorecard for St. Louis vs. Chicago game, listing player statistics for both teams.

St. Louis vs. Chicago at St. Louis April 15.—With the saloons all closed 5000 fans braved the arctic breezes at League Park and saw Chicago defeat the Cardinals. Kellum and Weimer, both southpaws, pitched for their respective teams, and the former had all the better of the duel, but poor support by his team mates and the superior fielding of Chicago lost him the game, three timely double plays contributing to the result. Score:

Scorecard for St. Louis vs. Chicago game, listing player statistics for both teams.

St. Louis vs. Chicago at St. Louis April 16.—Jones pitched again at his request and was hit so hard that he was driven off the slab in eight innings. Duggeby was very effective, errors being responsible for all of the local runs. Score:

Scorecard for St. Louis vs. Chicago game, listing player statistics for both teams.

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Scorecard for St. Louis vs. Chicago game, listing player statistics for both teams.

St. Louis vs. Chicago at St. Louis April 15.—The Giants again crushed Tenney's team. No Boston man went beyond second base, only two advanced that far, and only four went as far as first base in their feeble explorations of the base paths. Mathewson hewed them down as if they had been armless men. Score:

Scorecard for St. Louis vs. Chicago game, listing player statistics for both teams.

Two-base hits—Pfeffer, Maloney. Home run—Smoot. Sacrifice hits—Shannon, Slagle 2, Burke. Hit by pitcher—By Egan 2, Pfeffer 1. First on balls—Off Egan 2, Pfeffer 3. Struck out—By Egan 1, Pfeffer 7. Left on bases—St. Louis 7, Chicago 8. Time—1.45. Umpire—O'Day.

Two-base hits—Mertes, Gilbert. Three-base hit—Devlin. Home run—McGann. Sacrifice hit—Abbatechio. Stolen bases—Tenney, Gilbert, Bowerman. Hits—Off Mathewson 2 in seven innings, Witte 1 in two innings. Left on bases—Boston 4, New York 6. First on balls—Off Hurley 4. First on errors—New York 2, Boston 1. Struck out—By Mathewson 3, Witte 3, Harley 2. Wild pitch—Harley. Time—1.30. Umpires—Emslie and Johnson. Attendance—12,000.

Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati April 15.—Ewing had Pittsburgh at his mercy, not one of the visitors reaching third base. A triple play was made in the sixth by Clancy catching Ewing's low bunt fly, touching first base and throwing to second before the runner at either base could return. Clarke was benched for disputing a decision in the eighth, and was sent off the field, with Lynch, Phillippe and McBride. Score:

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THE LIVELY SOUTH.

A Virginia-Carolina League Organized by the Veterans Jack Grim and Con Strouthers—Four Clubs to Make up the Circuit.

Greensboro, N. C., April 18.—At a meeting held at the Hotel Clegg, afternoon of April 13, the Virginia-North Carolina Base Ball League was organized with Mr. L. J. Brandt, of this city, president, secretary and treasurer.



The league is composed of Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte, and either Salisbury or Winston-Salem will be the fourth member. Among those present at this meeting were E. J. Ransick, representing Danville; J. J. Grim, for Greensboro; H. C. Trott, of Salisbury; while L. J. Brandt held the proxy for Charlotte. The meeting was also attended by J. C. Strouthers, who will be granted the fourth franchise.

After the organization of the league it was decided that the Danville franchise would be given to E. J. Ransick, Greensboro to J. J. Grim. The third franchise, that of Charlotte's, was left in the hands of the president and he will announce the name of the manager of Charlotte's Club tomorrow. The fourth franchise is placed in the hands of Mr. J. C. Strouthers, who will place it either at Salisbury or Winston-Salem, whichever shows the proper enthusiasm and interest, with the chances in favor of Salisbury. If it is found that two more cities conveniently near the others can be influenced to join it will be made a six-city instead of a four-city league as at present.



IN "ORGANIZED BALL." The president has been authorized to apply for protection to the National Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, under class "D." The salary limit is fixed at \$800 for each team per month. The president is also instructed to arrange a schedule of games for the season which will open May 4th and close about September 15th. The season will be opened on May 4th, when Danville will play at Salisbury and Greensboro at Charlotte. The local season will open May 11th.

CLEAN BALL. Mr. Grim, manager of the Greensboro Club, promises that the games will be free from rowdiness, as measures have already been adopted and incorporated in by-laws, prohibiting any ungentlemanly conduct. The constitution and by-laws are similar to those adopted by all professional leagues playing under the National Association.

Games will be played in all of the cities embraced in the league and it is thought that with the low expense limit fixed at the meeting, the league can be made a financial success. One ladies' day will be observed each week when women will be admitted free of charge. On all other days they will be charged the gate fee, but no admission to the grand stand will be charged them.

THE OUTLOOK. There was manifested at the meeting an enthusiasm which insures the success of the new organization. The cities are not located very far apart and can be easily reached. Those in management of the teams are base ball players of many years experience and they will have a number of men in each team who have had experience in professional clubs. The players are expected to report for practice on the 20th of this month, and after two weeks spent in training they will open the season, which will decide the league championship.

ANSON IN BROOKLYN.

Chicago's New City Clerk Has a New Experience.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16.—Adrian C. Anson, the "grand old man" of base ball, and recently elected city clerk of Chicago, visited Washington Park yesterday to meet President Ebbetts and Manager Hanlon, who are personal friends. Anse was congratulated on all sides over his success as a politician, Harry Pulliam, who, by the way, was at one time a member of the Kentucky legislature, remarking that it was impossible to down good Democrats.

Anson had an experience with a conductor on the elevated road that caused some amusement when the story leaked out. He boarded the train at the bridge entrance and accosted the conductor with the query: "Do you go to the ball grounds?" "All stops on Fifth avenue," replied the official.

"But I want to go the ball grounds," repeated Anse. "All stops on Fifth avenue," reiterated the guard.

A passenger came to the Chicago man's rescue, whereupon Anse looked things at the conductor. "Don't you wish you had him in Chicago, can?" queried a friend. But the veteran only grinned.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

Coming up from Birmingham to Louisville the other night it was Ernest Vinson's fate to draw an upper berth. He went to bed early and lay there a long time trying to sleep, with the light from the lights in the ceiling shining full in his eyes. Finally he called the porter. "Here, boy," said Vinson, "shut off this glare. I don't object to playing the sun field in the day time, but I'll be darned if I play it at night."—Cleveland "Press."

PULLIAM, PROPHET.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE'S CHIEF GOES ON RECORD

With the Prediction That the 1905 Season Will Prove the Banner Year For the National Game—The Benefits of Organized Ball.

BY HARRY C. PULLIAM.

New York, N. Y., April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—In my judgment 1905 will mark the banner year, not only in the National League, but in professional base ball in general. By "banner year" I mean that the patrons of base ball will witness the highest type of skill yet shown in the playing of the game, and, judging from the interest shown by the press and public in the preliminary work of the various teams, the efforts of the so-called magnates in providing the National sport will be rewarded by a patronage never yet received in the history of the game. The National League has now entered upon the thirtieth year of its existence. In all the years of its career I don't believe it ever entered upon a campaign that promised more in every sense as does



Harry C. Pulliam

THE 1905 SEASON.
The patronage enjoyed by our organization in 1904 reached the high-water mark both in attendance and receipts, and I confidently look to see both exceeded by decided gains. I base my predictions on several grounds. The National League, in common with all base ball interests, is enjoying the boom incident to the benefits of

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which so happily rescued the game from the chaos and confusion and even feud in which it was a few years ago. The public, freed from the bickerings of the warring elements in base ball, has riveted its attention on the game itself and the result has been shown in the increased attendance from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Then, again, clean sport has succeeded rowdy ball, and skill is given its true reward and is not subordinate to trickery and unfairness. A

HIGHER TYPE OF PLAY
has been the result, and the game, not marred by disagreeable incidents, has a greater charm for its patrons, the great American public. Lastly, and more particularly affecting the National League, I believe the coming season will be most successful for the reason that it promises a most interesting championship race. Thousands of dollars and much time have been spent by the clubs that finished behind our champions of 1904, the New York Giants, and I believe the efforts of Messrs. Selee, Clarke, Duffy, Kelley, Tenney, Hanlon and Nichols will bear fruit in a championship race that will be worthy the support of our patrons.

When "Spit Ball" is a Balk.

New York, April 19.—Under certain conditions the "spit ball" will be a balk in the National League this year. President Pulliam has no objections to the "spit ball" in itself—though he does not fancy the name—but he thinks there is such a thing as using it in a manner not entirely consistent with the requirements of good taste. He has instructed his umpires to see to it that pitchers do not moisten the ball in an ostentatious, objectionable manner, for instance with the ball a foot or so away from the mouth in one hand and deliberately wetting the fingers of the other hand after the manner of a man licking a postage stamp. A balk will be called on every pitcher so doing, provided, of course, there is somebody on base. There is no objection to a pitcher applying saliva to the ball if he does it in an inconspicuous manner. Chesbro, the best of all "spit ball" pitchers, wets the ball in such a way as not to attract any attention and in a way entirely free from coarseness. Both hands are held close to the face and the spectators are unable to see the wetting of the ball.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS.

Harry Gessler has not yet signed a Brooklyn contract.
Batch, of Brooklyn, played a wonderful game in the South.
Pittsburg has turned down an Indianapolis offer for Homer Hillebrand.
Pitcher Bill Scanlon has finally come to terms with the Brooklyn Club.
George Browne's injured hand is mending nicely, but it is still in bandages.
McGamwell is showing up fine at the bat and in the field for the Superbas.
Round the circuit they are saying that Cincinnati is long on cigarette fiends.
Cincinnati will carry eighteen players this season, including six regular pitchers.
St. Louis physicians say that it will be several weeks before Jack Taylor is able to

National League Schedule, 1905.

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play again. He will be missed by the Cardinals.
First baseman Clancy is an ice cream soda fiend; never drinks anything stronger.
Captain Tenney is gloomy over the loss of "Vic" Willis, the mainstay of his staff.
Young Cannell is batting and fielding brilliantly with the Boston Nationals this spring.
The Chicago Club has refused to waive claim to catcher Blankenship, of Cincinnati.
Lew Ritter has been catching with the palm of his right hand split almost half an inch.
President Ebbetts has our thanks for a season pass to the Brooklyn Club's home grounds.
Leon Ames is said to have as much speed to his curve balls as he has to his straight delivery.
The Toledo Club will secure catcher Blankenship and pitcher Ed Minahan from the Cincinnati Club.
The Brooklyn Club has returned Holmes, the big left-handed pitcher, to the Grand Rapids Club.
Phillippi denies that he intends to introduce a new-fangled ball to be known as the "Dakota Dip." "I'll consider myself mighty lucky if I can fool 'em with the old reliables without

trying anything new," wisely declares the Deacon.
Joe Kelley must mean to quit base ball. He says no one will see him put out of a game this year.
President Herrmann planned checks for \$100 to the released handed pitchers Bert Farrell and Jim Feeney.
Pitcher Wiggs is still in the South and says he has no intention of joining Brooklyn at that club's terms.
McGamwell, Brooklyn's new first baseman, starts out well at the bat with four hits in the first two games.
Pitcher McIntyre, the Southern Leaguer, seems to be the most promising twirler in Hanlon's bunch of youngsters.
Lauterborn, the Boston second baseman, is a promising youngster. He is fast and gets over a lot of ground.
We are indebted to President Frank DeHaas Robinson for a season pass to the National League Park at St. Louis.
Ex-umpire Bud Lally has been made an inspector on the Delta-av. Viaduct, Cincinnati, taking Henry Peitz's place.
Jack Warner had seven assists in the game between St. Louis and Chicago last Saturday, which is pretty tall throwing.
Manager Nichols predicts that his St. Louis

Cardinals will finish among the first four teams in the National League.
St. Louis followers of the game are not yearning for Jake Beckley. They like Mike Grady better as a first baseman.
Huggins is covering a lot of ground this spring. The little fellow promises to eclipse his good record of last year this season.
The Cincinnati Reds have drawn every dollar of their training expenses in spite of the bad weather encountered en route home.
Mike Lynch, the Pittsburg pitcher, expects to be a lawyer some day and puts in all his spare time studying Blackstone.
Otis Clymer was a locomotive fireman before he found out that he could play base ball. He has not forgotten how to get up steam.
Pitcher Weimer turned his ankle while running to first base the other day. Hard luck continues to pursue the Chicago Nationals.
Win Kellum is being picked by the St. Louis critics as a regular for the Cardinal team. His work this spring has been high class.
Homer Hillebrand, of the Pittsburg Club, is a left handed thrower. President Dreyfuss thinks he will become a star left-handed pitcher.
Manager Selee is far from satisfied with the condition of the Chicago Nationals. The team has been followed by the worst kind of weather.
Victor Willis, the high-priced pitcher, is put on the broiler by many of the critics. Willis is accused of getting too much on his reputation.
Pitcher Jack Doescher is enjoying his honeymoon. The trip to the South with Brooklyn came in handily, he having recently married a Troy belle.
Overall is an ambidextrous batsman. He usually smacks the ball from the left side of the plate, but he can bat just as well right handed.
The team which beats New York this season will win the National League pennant is the opinion of Manager Frank Selee, of the Chicago team.
"He plays with the judgment of McPhee and the grace of Pfeffer," is Jim Hart's description of his crack little second baseman, Johnny Evers.
President Brush, of the New York Club, has our thanks for a season pass to the Polo Grounds. Hope we may have the pleasure of using it frequently.
Mike Donlin looks to be in fine trim this spring, and he has been hitting the ball so hard it goes as straight as any object not driven by powder can go.
Street is probably the best catcher of the Red quartette, and by strict attention to business would soon shine as one of the greatest backstops in fast company.
Hans Wagner, like Sam Crawford, was a barber before taking up base ball as a profession, and is authority for the statement that he was a mighty poor one.
Pitcher Lindaman, of the Pirates, is a carpenter, which may account for the fact that Tommy Leach says he has invented a new ball to be known as the auger twist.
Deacon Phillippi is one of the quietest members of the Pittsburg team, and Robertaille is thinking of challenging him to a long silence contest for the club championship.
Bob Ewing seems to be in the best of shape to do good work right from the start. Last season the summer was half over before Big Robert became a winner.
Boston's misfortune begins early. In the Newark-Boston exhibition game at Newark, April 12, outfielder Deleantny ran into the left field fence and badly sprained an ankle.
"I may be the oldest one in the Pittsburg bunch," says Helme Peltz, "but I am going to give some of those fresh youngsters like Leever, Ritchey and Wagner an awful chase."
Hoelskoetter, a Cincinnati recruit, can, apparently do anything that's worth doing on a ball field. His pitching is as good as his second base play, and that's saying something.
The Chicago Club is to farm outfielder Mike Mitchell, but will keep Frank Schulte. The latter has not been hitting as well as Mitchell in practice, but Selee likes his style better.
Shortstop McBride is the Beau Brummel of the Piratical push—always looks as if he had just stepped out of a band box, being one of the best groomed young men the game has ever had.
The Philadelphia "North American" sarcastically remarks: "Cincinnati will now hand its backers a month of championship dreams, which will be succeeded by five months of waking up."
Hanlon says it is no worse than fourth for Brooklyn this year. He is the first man that has prophesied a first division place for the Superbas. The general belief is not better than seventh.
Fred Clarke, the Pittsburg manager, says he has a few surprises up his sleeve. He will not now tell what they are, but the biggest surprise he could spring would be to beat the New Yorks out.
Manager Clarke is sporting a new horse-shoe pin set with diamonds, which he won at a raffle held at Louisville, April 20. The pin is worth \$250, and it is said to have cost Clarke one-fourth that sum.
The Pirates are rushing the season. A triple play in the second game of the year is hurrying matters. The second game also witnessed the ejection of Leader Clarke, which was less to Pittsburg's credit.
The Brooklyn Club has released the following players: George Bell to Gloversville, Joseph Cronin to Providence, Joseph Pastorino to Albany, Louis Durham to Augusta, E. Beecher to Memphis, M. McCormick to Holyoke.
"Wonder what they call this Blue Grass region for," mused Mike Lynch while the train bearing the Pittsburgs was speeding through Kentucky the other day. "I have been gazing out of this window for an hour, but bless me if I have been able to discover a blade of grass that doesn't look just as green as any I ever saw up Holyoke way."
John McGraw made a speech at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, New York, night of April 11. He was there to see Jim Corbett act. He sat in a box and between acts was coaxed to the stage by Corbett. He looked pale without any make-up, but had his nerve with him. He was enthusiastically greeted and said: "I thank you all for this reception and hope to see you frequently this summer."
The convenient and novel vest pocket schedule annually issued by President Hart, of the Chicago Club, is again before the public this spring. President Hart deserves credit for a piece of liberality and enterprise not emulated by any other major league club, although nothing is more productive of good results for a club and the sport than free schedule distribution.

AMERICAN LEAGUE



President Johnson

The Official Record of the 1905 Pennant Race with Tabulated Scores and Accurate Accounts of All Championship Games Played

The Championship Record.

The fifth annual campaign of the American League, since expansion, began April 14, and is now in full progress. Following is the record of the race to April 17 inclusive:

Table showing league standings for various teams including Athletic, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, and Washington.

SUMMARY.

Summary table with columns for Won, Lost, Pct. for various teams.

OPENING GAMES.

Attended by Large Crowds in Three Cities.

Athletic vs. Boston at Philadelphia April 14.—A great crowd attended the opening game which was preceded by a flag-raising. Among the guests of the home club were President Johnson and Father Chadwick.

Box score for Athletic vs. Boston game, listing player statistics.

Chicago vs. St. Louis at Chicago April 14.—The opening game of the season was witnessed by a large crowd whose enthusiasm was chilled by a tedious pitcher's game.

Box score for Chicago vs. St. Louis game, listing player statistics.

Washington vs. New York at Washington April 14.—The local team lost principally because of Chesbro's pitching. The visiting team's spit ball artist had Washington completely at his mercy.

ball, checked what seemed to be a batting rally. Patten pitched good ball, but had one bad inning, in which the game was lost.

Box score for Washington vs. New York game, listing player statistics.

Note.—The Cleveland-Detroit game at Cleveland was postponed on account of a rainstorm.

Club Standing April 14 table for Cleveland and Detroit.

Games Played Saturday, April 15.

Cleveland vs. Detroit at Cleveland April 15.—The postponed inaugural of the American League season in Cleveland took place, Cleveland winning.

Box score for Cleveland vs. Detroit game, listing player statistics.

Games Played Sunday, April 16.

Chicago vs. St. Louis at Chicago April 16.—Altroek pitched good ball and had no trouble in shutting out the Browns.

Box score for Chicago vs. St. Louis game, listing player statistics.

Games Played Monday, April 17.

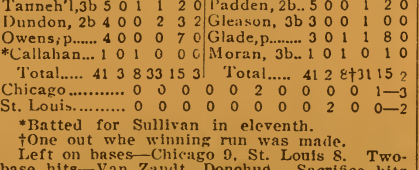
At Washington—Washington 7, New York 13. At Chicago—Chicago 1, St. Louis 0 (11 innings).

Box score for Washington vs. New York game, listing player statistics.

ST. LOUIS SIFTINGS.

The Veteran Jake Beckley Signs With the Cardinals at Last—The Stirring Incidents of the Local Championship Games Described.

BY WILLIAM G. MURPHY. St. Louis, Mo., April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Jake Beckley is once more a Cardinal.



Jake Beckley

Wm. G. Murphy will go back to his original position of catcher and in this capacity will aid Jack Warner. Mike is a rattling good swateologist, and in this connection he will be missed on the first bag.

Box score for Washington vs. New York game, listing player statistics.

game was called on account of darkness. Score: WASHINGTON, A.B.R.B.P.A.E. Jones, cf., 4 0 2 2 1 6.

Club Standing April 15 table for Athletic, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, and Washington.

Chicago vs. St. Louis at Chicago April 16.—Altroek pitched good ball and had no trouble in shutting out the Browns.

Box score for Chicago vs. St. Louis game, listing player statistics.

Left on bases—Chicago 4, St. Louis 7. Two-base hits—T. Jones, Donohue, Wallace. Three-base hits—Holmes, F. Jones, Green.

Club Standing April 16 table for Athletic, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, St. Louis, and Washington.

THE BROWNS WIN OUT.

The tenth began with "Chappy" Charles McFarland in the box for the Cardinals. Jones again singled with his trusty ash.

Box score for Chicago vs. St. Louis game, listing player statistics.

REACH SCORE BOOK.

I am in receipt of a Reach score book for my use as correspondent of "Sporting Life." I find it the best and most compact of any I have ever used.

THE BROWNS' FINISH.

It was a magnificent exhibition of pluck that won for the Browns. Trailing behind all the way and away behind at the bat, they never faltered, but were trying all the time. With

the score 6 to 2 against them, they came in for their last time at bat. The Cardinal benchwarmers were already packing the bats together preparatory to a quick rush to the club house.

WILL BE TALKED OF

in St. Louis fandom for years to come. When the smoke had faded away the Brown Sox had the championship tied up in a package with blue ribbon around it and the Cardinals were retreating with Kuropatkin.

CHARLEY MORAN'S HIT.

Then Charley Moran, the old Georgetown University boy, was sent in to bat for Fred Glade. Charley had been out of the game with an aggravated case of charley horse, and has been under the constant care of a physician.

THE CARDINALS' NINTH.

At this stage Harry Howell was sent in to pitch for the Browns. Clarke, batting for Manager Nichols, went to first on ball and the head of the Cardinals' batting came up to face the Browns' "spit ball" artist.

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SYSTEM SHIFTING.

CLEVELAND INCLINED TO ADOPT COMISKEY'S IDEA.

Long Southern Exhibition Trips to be Abandoned and Spring Training to be Confined to One Spot for a Limited Period.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Cleveland, O., April 18.—The bad weather in the South during the Napoleon's training trip has had its effect upon the Cleveland Club officials.



J. H. Killroy

It is now thought that there will be a radical change in the plans of the spring trip of 1906 and the club will follow Barney Dreyfuss' example in regard to playing exhibition games.

Manager Lajoie is anxious to have the team train again at Atlanta, for he thinks that city an ideal spot for such work, but both he and Secretary Barnard agree that it would be just as well if the team came South a week later than they did this year, and remained three weeks at Atlanta, then, instead of taking such an extended trip as the team did this spring, the manager and secretary believe that

BETTER RESULTS

would be secured if the team jumped right from Atlanta to some city like Louisville, played two games there, then two at Indianapolis or Columbus and then opened the season. This touring of the South after the real training has been completed avails nothing. Most of the diamonds encountered are of the skin variety and every base ball fan knows that different work is required on the grass diamond than that on the skin diamond. The fact is that

INTER-LEAGUE GAMES.

Further Record of Exhibition Games Played Between Teams of the Two Rival Major Leagues.

At Washington, D. C., on April 10, the Washington team got even with its defeat by Boston on the 8th by shutting the Beaneaters out, thanks to Patten's effective pitching. Fraser was hit hard, Stahl alone getting four hits. Score:

Table with columns for WASHIN'N. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. and BOSTON. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. listing player statistics.

First on errors—Washington 2, Boston 1. Left on bases—Washington 5, Boston 4. First on balls—Off Patten 1. Struck out—By Patten 1, Fraser 2. Three-base hit—Needham. Two-base hits—Hulseman, Patten, Stahl, Kittredge, Sharpe, Tenney. Sacrifice hits—Hulseman, Kittredge. Double plays—Jones, Kittredge; Stahl, Cassidy. Time—1.20. Umpire—Snyder.

WASHINGTON BEATS BOSTON.

At Cincinnati, April 12, the fourth game of the spring series between Cincinnati and the Boston world's champions was played. The Reds won, thus tying the four-game series. The batting was light on both sides, but the wildness of Gibson and Winter, inferior catching by Doran, and errors by Collins, gave the Cincinnati the victory. Among those who attended the game were Managers Edward Barrows, of the Indianapolis, and M. J. Kelly, of the St. Paul Club. Score:

Table with columns for CINCINNATI. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. and BOSTON. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. listing player statistics.

Earned runs—Boston 2. Two-base hit—Burkett. Three-base hit—Stiefeldt. Sacrifice hits—Dolan 2. Stolen base—Odwell. First on balls—Off Ewing 2, Gibson 3, Winter 1. First on errors—Cincinnati 2. Left on bases—Cincinnati 4, Boston 5. Struck out—By Ewing 4, Gibson 2, Winter 1. Double play—Stahl, Ferris. Passed ball—Doran. Wild pitch—Ewing. Hit by pitcher—By Winter 1. Time—1.37. Umpire—Hart. Attendance—2600.

WASHINGTON WINS ANOTHER.

The Washington and Brooklyn teams

American League Schedule, 1905.

Large table containing American League schedules for various teams: Boston at Home, New York at Home, Athletic at Home, Washington at Home, Cleveland at Home, Chicago at Home, St. Louis at Home, and Detroit at Home. Each section lists dates and opponents.

fested this trouble last year, and has not overcome it.

Pitcher Elmer Bliss, formerly of the New Yorks, has signed with John Ganzel's Grand Rapids Club.

O'Leary, shortstop for the Detroit team, is a beautiful player and chain lightning on double plays.

"Ducky" Holmes has a new lease of life and was the whole show with the Chicago Cubs in the South.

Catcher Buelow considers Harry Davis, the Athletics, the greatest first baseman in the profession.

"If we don't win the pennant again, we will worry 'em," says Jim Collins, of the Boston champions.

The Athletic Club has turned pitcher Applegate and infielders O'Brien and Soffel over to the Toronto Club.

The New York Club has released Con Starkell, the pitcher, to Indianapolis and catcher Duff to Minneapolis.

"C. E. McLinn" is herewith informed that George Davis has played longer in the major leagues than Dahlen.

The Browns received \$50 each above their salaries for winning the spring series from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Denton Young is a Mason, and is on the way through the Commandery of Knights Templar, at his Ohio home.

Monte Cross has already annexed a record this year. He is the first player to be ordered off the field by an umpire.

Emil Frisk is being criticised for his yellow work in the outfield of the St. Louis Americans. Give the youngster chance!

If Dundon manages to get in condition again, Fielder Jones promises that he will be the second baseman of the year.

Wild Bill Donovan would like to meet the inventor of lumbago. He is suffering with an attack of that painful disease.

Harry Howell is the comedian of the St. Louis Browns, and is said to be almost as funny as Arlie Latham used to be.

"Dumpling" Schaefer is ailing, and there is a chance that the Tiger shortstop is treading on the borderland of typhoid fever.

The Milwaukee Club has asked President Ban Johnson's aid in getting a good catcher for the Brewers, now that Beville is lost.

Jack Powell has been having some fun with the batters by startin pitching with his right hand and then throwing with his left.

Manager Jones is more than satisfied with the White Sox team and says it will be in the fight for the pennant right from the start.

The Washingtons are no longer the Senators. Any reference to the team by a name other than the Nationals nowadays is frowned upon.

Among the spectators at the Nashville-Boston game of April 11 was the father of President Harry Fullam, of the National League.

Harry Bay will not be disturbed in Cleveland's center field. Bay is not a hard hitter, but his fielding and base running make him a valuable man.

The perfect control Bernhardt has of his slow ball is most pleasing to Manager Lajoie, who counts on the big German having a most successful season.

The wonderful showing that Van Zandt, of the Nashua Club, is making at the bat in the St. Louis games is the surprise of the day with the Boston Americans.

Many of the Cleveland players think that Clark Griffith would have won the pennant last year had he placed more confidence in Puttmann, the big southpaw.

The Cleveland "Plaindealer" says: "The stands at Bennett Park, Detroit, should be torn down or else some day they will fall in carrying death to all seated on them."

"Chesbro had everything and made us look foolish," said Manager Stahl after the opening game at Washington. Chesbro not only has everything, but a little more besides.

The ex-Washington pitcher, "Cy" Swain, is now selling seeds that are guaranteed to sprout and bulbs that never fail to bring results, these days, for a Carrollton, O., nursery.

Rochester, the home of "Silk" O'Loughlin, is a great umpire-breeding city. Carpenter, Klem, Sullivan, Pfenniger and Stone, all of whom will do indicator work this season, live in that city.

Misfortune struck New York and Philadelphia the first week of the season. Griffith has pitcher Orth laid up with a split hand and the Athletics have Monte Cross out with a broken hand.

Cleveland's first three batters are sure to give the opposing fielders some trouble this year, as all four outfielders, Vinson, Ray, Flick and Jackson are fast men, particularly in getting down to first.

"Jake" Stahl has been informed that he will have entire charge of the Washington team this year. The owners of the club say that Stahl will not be hindered in any plans he wants to enforce.

Jack Katoll, who shared the pitching honors on Comiskey's team with Jimmy Callahan and Patterson in 1901, will be seen with the Marquettes, Jack Keary's famous Chicago semi-professional team, this year.

Lajoie and Bradley have been finally recognized on the outside as the two American League players for whom President Herrmann was willing to pay \$30,000. Their identity was known in Cincinnati for months.

President Ban Johnson has our thanks for American League annual pass No. 262 which carries with it the courtesy of all American League grounds. The recognition is appreciated by "Sporting Life's" Editor.

Judging from reports from the sunny South, Winter will be able to give Chesbro cards and spades on "spit ball" pitching. It is claimed that Winter has perfect control of this new delivery, and is in the best possible condition.

While practicing in Macon one of the colored boys heard that Jesse Burkett was a lawyer, and he asked: "Be you a practitioner?" "Be I? If you don't call this practicing, then will you please name it for me?" was the answer of Jesse.

At Dayton, O., April 7th, "Jiggs" Donohue, the first baseman of the White Sox, was given evidence of the esteem in which he is held by his many friends in that city, where he gained his first diamond experience, in the presentation of a handsome traveling suit case.

John Ganzel keeps writing to Frank Farrell and complaining because the latter will not release him to Grand Rapids. "I couldn't release him to Grand Rapids if I wanted to," says Farrell. "All the other American League clubs would have to waive claim. Both Chicago and Detroit want Ganzel."

AMERICAN LEAGUE NOTES.

Lou Ciger is limping with a sprained knee. Jack Chesbro calls one of his new shoots "the kink." Farrell and Young are the oldest battery—38 years each. Dick Padden was last week chosen as captain of the St. Louis Browns. "Kip" Selbach is on the bench, and Freedman in right for Boston. Jimmy Jackson will be retained with the Blues and is sure of a job. The Detroit Club is said to have lost \$2500 on the spring Southern trip. Manager Selee has released outfielders McClesney, Pennell and Mitchell. Jack Townsend, Washington's pitcher, has mastered the "spit ball" delivery. Pitcher Jesse Stovall, of the Detroit Club, is to be turned over to Milwaukee. Bill Dineen balled himself from 200 to 186 pounds at the Arkansas reformatory. Jack O'Connor has settled his troubles with the St. Louis Browns and is now in line. The Boston Club has refused an offer for first baseman Grimshaw from the Indianapolis Club. "Watch my smoke," says pitcher Harry Howell. "I have the 'spit ball' under my control." Walter Clarkson does not seem to possess the stamina to finish a game. He starts well, but in the closing innings weakens. He man-

started a game at Washington April 11, but rain ended it after the third inning with the score 4 to 0 in favor of the Washingtons. On the 12th these two teams tried it again. Rank fielding by the Superbas at the same time that the Washington players bunched most of their hits off Doescher, gave the local team a victory over Brooklyn. Score: BROOKLYN. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. WASHIN'N. A.B.R.B.P. A.E. Sheckard, lf 3 0 1 0 0 0 Jones, cf 3 1 1 3 0 0 Lumley, rf 4 0 1 2 1 0 Hill, 3b 4 1 0 2 3 0 Owens, 2b 4 0 1 3 0 Stahl, lb 5 1 0 11 0 0 Batch, 3b 4 0 1 3 0 Hulseman, lf 4 1 1 2 0 0 Lewis, ss 3 0 0 4 1 Cassidy, ss 4 0 2 0 2 0 Mitchell, cf 4 0 0 2 0 Mullen, 2b 4 0 3 0 2 0 M'Gam, lf 2 1 0 10 1 0 Cassaday, rf 4 0 0 1 0 Ritter, c 2 1 1 6 1 0 Haydon, c 3 2 1 9 2 0 Doescher, p 3 1 1 0 1 3 Jacobson, p 3 1 2 0 3 0 Total 29 3 6 24 11 4 Total 34 7 10 27 13 0 Brooklyn 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 Washington 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 x-7 Earned runs—Brooklyn 2. Two-base hits—Batch, Jones, Mullen 2. First on errors—Washington 2. Left on bases—Brooklyn 3, Washington 8. Struck out—By Doescher 4, Jacobson 7. Sacrifice hits—Jones, Hill, Lewis. First on balls—Off Doescher 4, Jacobson 2. Double play—Haydon, Hill. Hit by pitcher—Bitter. Time—1.45. Umpire—Snyder. "Dusty" Rhoades has made two converts, and now Adlie Joss and Fred Buelow appear on the ball field with undershirts of the reddest shade of red that they can secure. When the three stand together the sun has to go under a cloud.

LATEST NEWS BY WIRE

BOSTON CLUB SOLD

THE FAMED TRIUMVIRS ARE TO RETIRE AT LAST.

Frank Dunn, Theatrical Manager, Secures Control of Franchise and Property for \$300,000—Change to Go Into Effect Next November.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Boston, Mass., April 19.—The Boston National League Club was sold Monday afternoon to Frank Dunn, the well known theatrical man. President A. H. Soden preferred that the price be kept secret, but it is known that \$300,000 was refused for the club. The sale includes the franchise in the National League, the players, the grounds and structures thereon and everything in the grounds, as well as a parcel of land on the other side of Walpole street. The club will remain under its present ownership until the first of next November.



A. H. Soden

MR. DUNN, the new owner, is a Boston boy and was born here. He received his schooling in South Boston and for three years studied law under former Judge Morton, and then ran away to a circus and from that time has been identified with the theatrical and circus business, and at one time was sole owner of the Palace Theatre, of this city, in which he still is half owner. At one time he ran seven shows. Of late years he has been very prosperous, and it is said that he cleared \$4,000,000. For the last three years he has been engaged in the mining business, with an office in the Astor Building, 10 Wall street, the last two years. It was while he was here last week that he got an inkling the club could be bought.

WILDCAT STANDS.

The Detroit Club Likely to Secure Relief.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Detroit, Mich., April 18.—Action that looks certain to prove a death-blow to the wild-cat stands overlooking Bennett Park was taken last week by the committee on ordinances of the city council, which gave the matter special consideration. The committee decided on licensing the stands at \$15 per day. Assistant Corporation Counsel Hally, who attended the meeting, said that such an ordinance could be legally drawn, and he was instructed to prepare the ordinance, which will be presented to the council tonight, with passage recommended. There were a number of schemes presented for dealing with the wild-cat matter, but licensing the stands at a prohibitive rate was decided to be the only feasible method of handling it. The committee was addressed by Frank J. Navia, business manager of the ball club, who held that the club was entitled to protection, on the strength of its tax bills, its heavy rental and a distribution of something like \$75,000 per year, the greater portion of this money, including the players' salaries, being spent in this city.



Frank J. Navia

WILKESBARRE COLD.

Does Not Want the Iilon, New York League Club.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 18.—The franchise of the Iilon Club, in the New York League, recently offered to Wilkes-Barre and still to be purchased, is now being offered to Schenectady, N. Y., the ownership having about given up hope of placing it here. The men they approached here did not encourage the idea, being satisfied with the amateur and semi-professional ball they see here, which is quite the equal of that in many of the minor leagues and of much more interest locally.

EMULATING ANSON.

Another Noted Ex-Ball Man Seeks Public Office.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Pittsburg, Pa., April 14.—Although Governor Pennypacker has not yet signed the Greater Pittsburg bill, the woods are full of prospective candidates for the position of Mayor of the

greater city. The latest candidate is Captain W. W. Kerr, for many years owner and president of the Pittsburg Base Ball Club. Captain Kerr was a warm personal friend of the late Senator C. L. Magee, and is said to have the support of many of the latter's friends. Captain Kerr has never taken a prominent part in politics. Since his retirement from base ball he has been the manager of a local firm.

WATKINS' WAY.

The Minneapolis Club Secures Stovall and Marshall.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Minneapolis, Minn., April 18.—Manager Watkins, of the local club, is making good his promises to get one big leaguer for his team. Several weeks ago the Miller manager said he would have a number of major league players before the season would open, but declined to give any names until the men were secured. He is fulfilling his promise and the last two men to add to his list of big ones are catcher Marshall, who at different times last season played with the Philadelphia, Boston and New York clubs of the National League, and Jesse Stovall, the Detroit American League pitcher. Both are experienced men who, have in the past stood the test in the big leagues, and much will be expected of them by the Miller fans.



Wm. H. Watkins

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Special to "Sporting Life."

The Toledo Club has released pitcher Wilder. Catcher Kennedy, formerly of Minneapolis, has signed with Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne Club has signed third baseman Osborne, of Tiffin, O.

The Denver Club has signed for trial a local amateur catcher named Reynolds.

The Detroit Club has signed outfielder Dick Cooley, late of the Boston Nationals.

Pitcher Wiggs, the Brooklyn recalcitrant, has signed with the outlaws Altoona Club.

The Albany Club has signed first baseman "Silver" Braun, late of Providence.

The Pine Bluff Club has released third baseman Kosack and pitcher McCullom.

The Louisville Club has released first baseman Spangler and outfielder Cogswell.

Captain Bill Everitt, of the Denver Club, is recovering from an attack of spinal meningitis.

The St. Louis National League Club has returned catcher Butler to the Kansas City Club.

Infielder Otto Williams, late of the Chicago National League Club, has signed with New Orleans.

President Rishel, of the Pacific National League, has appointed ex-pitcher William Setley an umpire.

Outfielder Butterman has deserted the Columbia Club, of South Atlantic League, and has been suspended.

The Brooklyn Club has signed catcher Bergen and pitcher Frank Kelsing, and released pitcher McPhillips.

The Evansville Club has turned infielder Dick Knox over to the Rochester Club, of the Eastern League.

Shortstop Billy Eulen has been signed as manager of the Everett Club, of the new Northwestern League.

Charlie Wagner and Joe Hennessey, released by Birmingham to the Greenville Club, refuse to consent to the transfer.

Second baseman George Magoon, late of Indianapolis, has deserted the outlaws York (Pa.) Club and signed with Toronto.

The Indianapolis Club has signed pitcher Clyde Goodwin, of Pittsburg, and released catcher Arthur Quesser to the Guthrie Club.

Outfielders McChesney and Pennell, late of the Chicago Nationals, have signed, the former with Des Moines, and the latter with Minneapolis.

Pitcher Ernest Grothe, released by the Chicago National Club to the Decatur Club, refuses to sign with that club at a reduced salary.

The Boise City Club, of the Pacific National League, has engaged third baseman Charles McIntyre as manager, succeeding William Weaver.

Pitcher Patrick Burke, who finished last season with the Uticas, has been appointed manager of the Peekskill team, in the Hudson River League.

"Buck" Weaver, the veteran catcher and outfielder, once of the National League, has signed with the Vancouver Club, of Lucas' new Northwestern League.

The suspension placed upon pitcher "Rube" Vickers for failing to pay the Brooklyn Club a balance due for the season of 1903 has been raised, the claim having been satisfied.

Lawyer Howard Griffith, of the National Board, has just returned to Jersey City from a trip to Cincinnati for a conference with Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission.

No Sunday Ball in Jersey.

Trenton, April 14.—There can be no base ball playing on Sunday in New Jersey according to a final decree that has been filed in the Court of Chancery making perpetual the injunction restraining Sunday base ball and other games for which admission is charged on the grounds of the New Jersey Exhibition Company at Bayonne. This is the end of a famous suit. August Seastream brought the action for the injunction.

A RED SMASH-UP.

MANAGER KELLEY DID NOT FORESEE THE TROUBLE.

Cincinnati Lost the Inaugural After Seeming Victory—Jack Harper's Fizzle—Boston Champs Beaten—Herrmann's Royal Entertainments.

BY REN MULFORD, JR.

Cincinnati, April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Inability to recognize Trouble in boots and spurs, is what caused weeping, wailing and hammer throwing in Redland the day of the inaugural. In point of attendance all Cincinnati records for opening crushes were shattered. The turnout was simply magnificent and just when Fortune was smiling her sweetest Jack Harper blew up. He went all to the bad and was permitted to stay at the firing line until a 4 to 0 score was transformed into one of 8 to 4. Redlanders—officials and fans alike—condemned as fatal blundering the failure to send Oil City to the stable when he was seemingly in distress. That hesitancy about retiring pitchers under fire has been a pronounced Kelley-weakness. It can be cured. Every one of the 15,188 enthusiasts who saw that inaugural was inclined to lay upon his shoulders the onus of the defeat. It was a sad end to an auspicious start in the first game of the year. Ex-Mayor Andrew Fulton, of Pittsburg, headed the crowd of Pittsburg rooters who saw their pets snatch victory from the molar of defeat. Mayor Fleishmann's address was sensibly brief and there was everything save Red conquest conducive to a happy time in the old town. Four of the newspaper push were here—Charlie B. Povers, of the Dispatch, Pat Egan, of the Times, Wilbur Jacoby, of the Leader, and Harry Arkell, of the Tri-State Press Association. Hon. R. P. Kennedy was the orator of the visiting punch.



Ren Mulford, Jr.

ALL HAIL, LONG BOB. All Redland rejoiced over the way Long Bob Ewing put the hooks to the Boston champions, heralded as the world's greatest. It was especially gratifying that Norwood Gibson and George Winter should be elected to carry off the dead. They were the pair who made the Reds look like jack-daws in a cage of birds of paradise on the sandfield in Florida. Out on the West End Common both conquerors in Jacksonville games were fated to mingle their tears in the same old sprinkling can. The reversal of conditions enabled the Reds to get away with an even divide in the series of four and that is glory enough to smear over the future covering the months until the two teams meet again. The Reds only made five hits but every one of them counted, while two of Winter's passes blossomed into runs. Ewing pitched masterly ball—just the sort that made him the premier on the Reds' staff last fall. Old Wapok is no longer a member of the diamond drama, "On the Ragged Edge," and the truth he will make some of the other old boys let out a few kinks, or they'll not be able to hold a candle to his electric-light delivery.



Robert Ewing

A ROYAL LAY-OUT. That one day in Redland was most strenuous. Ban Johnson, the American's president, ran down from Chicago and met John I. Taylor, who traveled all the way from Boston in fulfillment of a promise made to Garry Herrmann at the spring meeting in New York. It was the Boston mogul's first visit to Cincinnati in his present role. Royal indeed was the entertainment given the Boston newspaper squad and the American magnates by the Red chief. John E. Bruce, secretary of the National Commission, was one of those who broke bread with the Cincinnati Club's president at luncheon at the St. Nicholas. There were six members of the Fourth Estate from the Hub—Tim Murnane, of the "Globe," J. C. Morse and Wallace Goldsmith, the cartoonist, of the "Herald," Walter Barnes, of the "Journal," Fred O'Connell, of the "Post," and A. H. C. Mitchell, of the "American"—as clever a sextette as could well be rounded up. To meet them W. R. Johnson, Col. Alek Labold and William Bodemer, as well as the four Cincinnati scribes, and Harry P. Shafer, the Red chief's right bower, were also there and so was Secretary Carl Green and William Cahill, the 33rd degree rooster, who has been traveling with the Massachusetts delegation. From the St. Nicholas



Orval Overall

the party travelled in the private trolley car, "Maketawah," and after the game Congressman Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, Congressman Joseph L. Rhinock, of Kentucky, Bayard Kington and George B. Cox were mustered in and trolleyed back to join the originals in a five o'clock dinner, for an hour later the American leader and Boston president were compelled to hurry to catch an Eastern express. The Red president was delighted over the turn of fortune which gave the Reds the game. Nearly 3000 fans turned out despite the chilly atmosphere and the proximity of the "real" day—the championship opener with the Pirates.

THE SNICKERSEE'S WORK.

Nobody in Redland was surprised at the release of Bert Farrell and Jim Feeney. The Grand Rapids boy and Terre Hottentot were scarcely ever mentioned during the winter. They had been signed—no one knew why—for ten pitchers are too many to work. Personally as clever a pair as any in the crowd of recruits, neither twirler showed any wonderful form in the South. That was the only chance either of them had. Farrell fell a victim to a lame arm and then cottoned to the "spit ball." He threw but little else with only indifferent success. Feeney had so lame a wing he could not do himself justice. Thus the release of the two was discounted and the action created no comment. Frank Selee was one of those who blocked the flight of Cliff Blankenship to the Mudhens, but Ed Minahan will find refuge in Toledo and it wouldn't surprise me much to see him traveling back to fast company some day. Blank is still a Red and there's no telling how long he will remain one, for Manager Kelley is out with a lame shoulder that may disable him for weeks, and Blank is now needed as utility man for either first base or outfield, should by any hook or crook Harry Dolan be compelled to go to the hospital. That was a possibility a few days ago after "Cozy" and Harry Arndt came together in a head-on collision at first base. A seemingly trifling mix-up on the lines between Kel and "Kip" Selbach in the finale of the Boston-Red series at Jacksonville was responsible for an injury to the Red leader that may keep him on the bench for a month.

A DIAMOND ROMANCE.

A Wisconsin Ball Player Elopes With His Sweetheart.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., April 15.—A romance of the base ball diamond lies behind the elopement of Walter Standt and Hazel Britton to Duluth on Feb. 27. The girl's parents did not know of the wedding until yesterday and they were nearly distracted with anxiety. Standt was a member of the Chippewa Falls base ball team last summer and Miss Britton was one of the most enthusiastic fans. One day, hearing a feminine voice from the grand stand urging "Wally" to rap out a three-bagger, Standt looked up and saw the girl waving a handkerchief at him. He decided to meet her and he did so later on. The parents did not hear of the love affair that followed until the base ball season was over and then the father forbade Standt to see his daughter. Love found a way, however, and the girl left town, supposedly to visit a St. Paul friend, but met Standt at Duluth where they were married. Now the two have written from St. Paul for forgiveness.

Knights of Columbus League.

New York City, April 15.—At a meeting of delegates from K. of C. Councils of the Bronx Borough, held in Bronx building, Tremont and Third avenues, a league was formed to be known as the "K. of C. Base Ball League of Bronx Borough." The following officers were elected: Thomas W. O'Connell, St. Luke Council, president; James J. Kelly, St. Martin of Tours, vice president; Raymond Dalmasse, Madonna Council, secretary-treasurer. A schedule committee was appointed to report at the next meeting. The playing season will commence about May 15. The clubs will contest for a silver cup to be donated by District Deputy Joseph F. Gleason.

Ex-Player Honored.

McKeesport, Pa., April 11.—At a meeting of councils last night Michael Quinn was elected fire chief. He succeeds William Hardy, who was a candidate for re-election. Quinn is an old-time base ball player. He played first base on Frank Torreyson's nine.

Letter List.

The following letters, in care of "Sporting Life," will be immediately forwarded upon receipt of address:

J. Weigert	Virgil Garvin
Francis Mencke	Philip Nadeau
Sec. J. M. Farabaker	John Thoney
Robert Emslie	John P. Mullen
John S. Ray	Louis Grubner
Manager Dobbins	Clarence Wilson, (2)
First-base man Wilbur	Jack Brown

Natural Deduction.

Mrs. Enpeck—Do you believe that nonsense about there being a man in the moon?
Enpeck—No; but I believe there's a woman in the sun, all right.
Mrs. Enpeck—Why do you believe that?
Enpeck—Otherwise it wouldn't be so hot there.

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TIMELY WARNING.

In our news columns will be found an official notice to all clubs operating under the National Agreement, issued by the supreme National Commission, for which we treat earnest consideration and strict compliance, inasmuch as the subject matter is of great importance to the smooth working of the base ball machinery and the welfare of organized ball.

This official notice calls attention to important rules of the National Agreement, and certain rulings by the Commission, which, it is desired, should be kept in mind at the opening of the base ball season. The Commission declares its intention of enforcing strictly all of these provisions, rulings and orders, and the co-operation of all National Agreement clubs is asked.

The points particularly emphasized are the rules against open betting on the ball grounds; the early signing of contracts; prohibition of any exhibition or other games with clubs under the ban of the National Commission for harboring ineligible players; caution to all National Agreement players as to playing with or against independent clubs harboring ineligible players.

In these matters the National Commission will not submit to trifling or evasion; and violation by leagues or clubs will entail severe and certain punishment

LEVELLING, NOT ELEVATING.

One peculiar effect of the foul-strike rule is that it has appreciably reduced the hitherto great superiority of major league teams over minor league teams—has, in fact, placed them upon more even terms than ever before—simply owing to its reduction of run getting! The less the run getting, the better the chances of the weaker of the two teams to hold the stronger team down or to beat it. This has been strikingly illustrated this spring. Every major league team, excepting only the New York Giants, has been repeatedly defeated by minor league teams, some of which ranked as low as class "C" and "D" of the National Association; and even in their victor-

ies the majors had no cinches or walk-overs.

These defeats and close battles are not to be laid to lack of major league condition, as the minor teams were no more advanced in preparedness than the big teams they played to a standstill and frequently defeated. The only possible explanation of the reduction of former great disparity is the foul-strike rule, which has given all pitchers, minors as well as majors, an equal powerful advantage over the batsmen, and has tended to place the batters upon a lower level than ever before.

Incidentally, we are willing to venture the prediction that the season of 1905 will witness further marked decline in batting; further increase in small scores and shut-out games, which last season exceeded all records; and that runs will be at such a premium that ninety per cent. of all games played will be mere pitchers' games instead of team contests. So much for making the noble sport of base ball a mere one-man game!

IN SHORT METRE.

The antiquity of ball playing in one form or another is attested by the prophet Isaiah, who, 712 years before Christ, uttered the following prophecy, the first known mention of ball: "He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball."—Isaiah 18:22.

That is the only time in all the books of the Bible—from Genesis to Revelations—that ball is mentioned in Holy Writ, and while the assertion of the prophet gives wide scope for imagination, the only fact that he makes clear in one of the earliest of sporting references that has lived through the centuries is that tossing the ball was a pastime of the ancients.

It was feared that the St. Louis blue law crusade would include Sunday ball, and therefore affect the two St. Louis Clubs. Happily such is not the case. Announcement was made last week by President Stewart, of the Board of Police Commissioners, that under the Sunday closing law it is a misdemeanor to perform on Sunday other labor than household work and work of charity. The law forbids games, exposing for sale any goods or liquors. Judge Marshal, of the Supreme Court has decided, however, that Sunday base ball is a recreation and is not prohibited.

The Cincinnati "Post" well remarks: "A base ball championship is really a hurdle race paralleled on the diamond. The club that meets its difficulties with the grim determination to surmount them is the one that finishes high. Faint hearts never won a pennant." To which we feel constrained to add—"neither did lunk-heads."

"Never give up" is the watchword in the camp of the New York Giants. And it is never forgotten by the members of the team. From the call "play ball" until the last man is down and out, this spirit dominates every man on the team. That's one way of winning a pennant.

Good men cannot be kept down; neither can ball players, as a rule, entirely divorce themselves from the great game. Jack Boyle, Ed McKean and Harry Lyons are three old timers who have donned the spangles once more this season.

April showers may bring happiness to the agriculturist, but the base ball fan wants sunshine.

Base Ball Portfolios For 1905.

Contain group pictures of the base ball champions for 1905, each group (size 13x14 inches) of the major and minor leagues and all the 1904 major league teams (24 clubs in all), comprising altogether 401 individual pictures, handsomely bound in heavy cover paper, with printed title. Something for a base ball fan to feast his eyes upon. Sent by mail, postpaid, for \$1.00. Address this office.

The Usual Spring Work.

Now you hear the rhythmic pounding
Of successive heavy whacks—
It is not the naval battle,
Only managerial swift-swung axe.

UNSENTIMENTAL FACTS.

A year ago "Sporting Life" made some forcible remarks anent the stern necessity of putting base ball on a stable, self-supporting basis. These apply even more forcibly today, in view of the difficulty the major leagues and class "A" leagues are having to bring their expenses at least level with their incomes. As conditions and our views have not changed in the interim, reproduction is most timely: "The player, although an important the veiled threats of a players' union should not impede or affect the work of bringing salaries down to a reasonable basis, whereby clubs can be made self-supporting. That is a plain business proposition which needs no further argument. Professional base ball is not conducted for the sole purpose of providing lucrative employment for players, although many of the latter seem to have become imbued with that notion.

"The player, although an important factor in the sport, is actually entitled to less consideration than those whose capital, brains and courage make clubs and leagues at all possible. Base ball without organization would not, as a national institution, amount to a pinch of salt, and for such organization we always have to thank the promoter, never the player. The former always sows and sometimes never reaps, while the latter never sows and always reaps; in fact, everything is fish that comes to the player's net.

"This may not be a sentimental view to take of the relation between magnate and players, but it is a practical one and the only one that would be taken in any business but that of base ball, in which it seems to have become habitual to place the cart before the horse. But even in base ball the inexorable rules of business must prevail, or the whole thing go to smash sooner or later. There can be only one end when he outgo regularly exceeds the income."

"SPORTING LIFE'S" SCHEDULE.

The "Sporting Life" 1905 vest pocket schedule of the National and American Leagues is now ready. It will be remembered that this schedule last year marked a new departure in that class of base ball literature and created a perfect furore and unprecedented demand. The 1905 schedule is modeled on the lines of last year's schedule with some improvements. The schedule booklet covers forty pages but is, nevertheless, convenient for the pocket. It contains fine half-tone group pictures of all the league teams in the order in which they ranked last season; the official list of championship games at home and abroad; and the official individual batting averages of all the major league players. In all respects is "Sporting Life's" 1905 schedule the handsomest and most convenient for reference ever issued. This schedule will be sent free to any reader who will send a two-cent stamp to defray cost of postage. Address "Sporting Life," Philadelphia, Pa.; you won't regret it.

WISE SAYINGS OF GREAT MEN.

*Because it is easy to tear down a reputation is why so many take a hand at it.—Jack Taylor.

*The cross-country rider shouldn't attempt to take a five-bar gate after he has acquired a five-bar gait.—James Potter.

*Censure is a more effective spur to greater effort than praise.—Howard Griffith.

*It isn't every man who can convert his experience into cash.—John T. Brush.

*It doesn't take much inventive genius to make a blunder.—Walter Burnham.

*Hard work offers small odds, but is generally a sure winner. Genius is a hundred to one shot.—J. H. Farrell.

*Many a friendship has been severed by asking for a candid opinion.—Frank Farrell.

*If a man had horse sense he wouldn't bet on the races.—John J. McGraw.

*The fellow who undertakes to break the automobile record should be prepared for the undertaker.—John T. Brush.

*Deaf and dumb poker players can't even talk without showing their hands.—Luther Taylor.

Old Reader Regained.

Paulsboro, N. J., April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—I have been a reader of the "Sporting Life" for a number of years. I began reading it in 1883 when only a boy and continued until

1892, or until the end of the old American Association, when I lost interest in base ball and never went to see a game until 1901, when the American League came East, and I have been reading the "Sporting Life" ever since.
HARRY READ.

PRESS POINTERS.

Washington's Return to a Former Old Title Commended.

From Cincinnati Post.
Washington has returned to the old love in discarding the title "Senators" for the ancient one of "Nationals." Base ball's history would hardly be complete were the good works of the old Nationals to be overlooked. Arthur Pue Gorman, now Senator from Maryland, was one of the Nationals' old players who have risen to national prominence. Nearly all the old time names of ball clubs have been dropped with the notable exception of Cincinnati, whose Reds have clung persistently to their colors from '67 to date.

More Reason for Abolition.

From Cincinnati Enquirer.
In framing up causes for the decline in batting, the charter member of the Excuse League have quite forgotten all about the foul strike, and are now taking off their caps and bowing the knee to the old "spit ball."

The Best Excuse For Defeat.

From Chicago Tribune.
Defeat is the step sister of victory, and they are inseparable companions. In the strenuous base ball life there can not be one without the other. Almost every time an umpire calls "play ball," the diamond issue is fraught with success for one and disaster for the other. Enthusiasts can find no just fault with the conqueror, providing the team that has lost puts forth all possible effort to win. Talents hidden under a bushel are wasted, and by the same token ball players who will not give their best services to a team, stars though they may be, are not as valuable in the cause of team success as mediocre exponents of the game, who put their whole hearts and every fiber of ambition into the work cut out before them.

Is This Progress?

From New York Sun.
The hit and run game has not been much in evidence this spring with the big teams. John Heydler, President Pulliam's secretary, thinks it will be passed by to a large extent this season for the sacrifice hit method of advancement.

A Lively "Dead Man."

From Chicago Herald.
It was Mark Twain who once cabled: "The report of my death was greatly exaggerated." Over in St. Louis a mourning fan who called to take a few flowers to the dying Chris Von der Ahe found the old boy carving hunks off a big cheese for free consumption at his St. Louis wettery. That was visible evidence that "Der Boss" was stronger.

Absolutely Correct Statement.

From Boston Herald.
Ginger and pepper are needed in the base ball business, and the team that moves about like pall bearers is usually kept pretty busy mourning over dead opportunities.

Hanlon May Repeat.

From Brooklyn Eagle.
The Brooklyn anvil chorus is dying out under the mellowing influence of surprising Southern victories over American League clubs. There are enough new faces in Ned Hanlon's family to make the Trolley Dodgers a good early magnet at home.

PITH AND POINT.

A. Freedman's Case Precisely.

Wigwag—"A fellow ought to be well fixed before he marries." Henpeck—"Oh, I don't know." He's liable to pretty well fixed afterward."

Remember This, Mr. Pulliam.

To many of us life is rude
And joy a fleeting bubble;
The only time our credit's good
Is when we borrow trouble.

Too Good to Waste.

Ed Hyneman—"I tell you what you ought to do if you suffer from mal-de-mer; drink half a bottle of champagne before starting."
A. Stevenson—"Oh, I don't know. Champagne's such expensive stuff to-risk."

Chauffeur Brush's Roundelay.

To own an auto must be fine;
At least so people say.
And yet no fine I want in mine,
If I've got the fine to pay.

Col. Rogers Proves It.

"I tell you, golf is going to be the salvation of the nation and lengthen our days by decades."
"But our ancestors didn't go in for golf."
"And where are they now? Dead! All dead!"

Ban Johnson to Tebean.

The milk of human kindness does
Not satisfy, 'twould seem,
Some people in this world of ours,
For they demand the cream!

Hit the Nail on the Head.

Ralph Townsend—"Yes, he has an idea he'd like to get into swell society."
James Potter—"Nonsense! If he has an idea how can he be eligible for swell society?"

A Correction.

York, Pa., April 14.—Editor "Sporting Life."—I notice in your paper that you have me down as jumping the Indianapolis Club. Now I wish you would correct that in your next issue, for I bought my release and paid cash down for it and have it in black and white. Now if you will please correct that statement it will oblige me greatly. Yours truly,
G. H. MAGOON.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS

HUB HAPPENINGS.

THE BOSTON NATIONALS START WITH MISFORTUNE.

Crippled Right at the Beginning of the Race—The Net Results of the Southern Trips of Local Clubs—Progress of Collins' Champions.

BY JACOB C. MORSE.

Boston, April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Here we are at the birth of the local season and the Tennyites up against the Hanlonites for a series of games. It will be to the great benefit of the Nationals to have an opening all to themselves. At the very outset of the season they have experienced a bitter dose in the injury at Newark last Wednesday to Jim Delehanty, one of the hardest batsmen of the team. All this arises from the chance one will take in the preliminary season. It will be all of a month before Delehanty can get around again and no one can tell how much longer it will be before he can get back into the game. This means, of course, that Barclay will take his place and if anything should happen to any of the other outfielders it will be tough luck indeed. Such an accident to a star outfielder of a crack team would come very near to putting it out of the race. Take Keeler, Flick, Thomas and a few others. Doubtless the recurring injuries to the wee outfielder of the New York Americans, Billy Keeler, last season played the deuce with the landing of the pennant. With him in the game all season this year we will see what it will mean to the club. Then there is the



J. C. Morse

DEFECTION OF WILLIS.

It was not imagined that the elongated pitcher would kick the traces as he did. "Vic" is not a man of many words, don't you know. He sizes things up in his own way without asking much counsel, and there you are. Many a club in the country would be glad to give him his salary of last season, a good fat bonus on top of it and a good liberal sum to the Boston Club. By way of compensation Boston could not afford to let him go unless an exchange was made. Something on the Pittinger basis. A change here might work very well indeed. Surely something must be done in the matter. One of the local writers attempted to create a sensation about George Winter. George had not signed up to the arrival of the team in Philadelphia. Last season he was not in good health and pitched very little ball. This year he reported in far better shape and has done work this spring that has been eminently satisfactory. He went to his home in New Providence, Pa., upon arrival here, as he always does when he is in Philly and took an old suit with him and that gave rise to the yarn that he was discomfited. His relations are of the pleasantest. George is one of the nicest chaps on the team and is bound to make a good showing this season.

TENNEY'S TEAM

did not wind up its exhibition season in a blaze of glory, finishing with a crushing defeat at the hands of Newark. But such things will happen this year and more than one good major league club bit the dust with a wry face. The New York Nationals seem to be about as tough a proposition to beat as any of them this spring. Why, in one of the worst exhibition seasons the old Boston champions ever had they landed the pennant. They were beaten all along the line and opened the season badly, but that did not faze them in the least. It is a long season and the team with the wind and the sand is bound to land. The Boston American League champions, to a man, do not hanker for the nerve-racking season they had last year and some of them doubt if there ever will be such a season, but there is no reason in the world why there should be.

THE BOSTON AMERICANS

certainly had a tough old time before reaching Philadelphia. Four nights of sleepers which is tough indeed on the mourners. Such traveling counteracts the effect of a visit to pleasing climates. The men get jaded and worn out and go into the games without any ambition at all. The club did well to draw with Cincinnati at that. The last game was lost through some very poor fielding, while the Cincinnati put up a game that was admirable in the extreme. I never saw a man any happier after that game than August Herrmann, who kept up the

refrain constantly: "Send the news to Boston." Well, Garry was so happy no one could begrudge him his good fortune. His entertainment of the Boston writers while in Cincinnati was something lavish and long to be remembered. Truly this man never does anything by halves.

PRESIDENT JOHN I. TAYLOR,

of the Americans, promised Herrmann in the winter that he would be on hand for the game. Herrmann thought he was only chaffing but Taylor was as good as his word and arrived in time to see the contest. He left immediately after the game in company with Ban Johnson for New York. Curiously enough, the Boston party left for the East by three different routes—Johnson and Taylor via the Big Four, the players by the B. & O. and the newspaper men by the Pennsylvania, arriving in Philadelphia late the following afternoon. Mr. Johnson was desirous to see Frank Farrell in New York but that gentleman had gone to Washington to attend the opening there.

THE OLD AND NEW.

Still they harp on the players of the olden days and the player of today. Without discussing that question it may well be asked whether there ever was such a figure in the game as Adrian Anson, as Mike Kelley, as Buck Ewing—what three equal to these three were there ever in the game at one time? How about such marvels as Curt Welch, Dicky Johnston and Jimmy Fogarty; such a pair as Duffy and McCarthy? What became of the base running of the Boston team after the latter pair were separated? "Jim" O'Rourke will join in telling you that the stars were all there in the olden day. How about the catching with the pitcher at short range, no mitt and no protection, the outfielding with no gloves on the hands at all? O'Rourke says that in Harry Wright's early days in Boston the champions had everything they have today, the hit and run, place hitting, etc.

THE TEAMS TODAY

are split up as to players owing to the fact that there are two leagues. It will take almost a decade to supply the demand for players to man two first class major leagues. How many stars are there today? When it comes to sizing up the present as compared with the past, you must ask some one who is in a position to compare the present with the past—men like O'Rourke, Hanlon and Charley Farrell—men who were there and know practically whereof they speak. Some maintain that the equal of Jerry Denny never stood in shoe leather, but if any one could dispute that claim it is Jimmy Collins. Charley Farrell maintains that no batsman ever handled the bat that was the equal of Lajoie and he has the palm.

THE INDEPENDENTS.

It is doubtful, in my mind, if any war of reprisal will affect the Tri-State League. The country is too large, the players too many to attempt a thing of that kind. If they lose one man they will go out and get another and somebody will be kept busy all the time, and it will cost more money than will be saved thereby. One could have foreseen with one eye what this Tri-State independent movement would mean, but the majors did nothing at all to stop it until it was realized that much harm would be done unless some action were taken. But the timely thing, after all, is to take the proper action and not jump from the frying pan into the fire.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

The Americans entertain the Athletics next Friday. Each opens the grounds of the other.

Jess Tannehill did the best hitting for the Americans on the exhibition trip, Unglaub second, while Collins led the regulars, with Burkett second and Freeman third.

Some releases and trades are expected when the champions arrive home from Washington. Several of the players are wanted, Sessions and Olmstead mainly.

A lame leg has bothered Lou Criger considerably but he will soon be around again all right.

The Boston Champs had a remarkable record with the weather, losing just one day since the 13th of March, when they began practice. With good weather in Nashville and Cincinnati they would have cleared enough to pay for the entire expenses of a heavy training trip. As it was the showing was eminently satisfactory.

The New England League teams report with the opening of the April holiday season this week and big crowds are expected as the rivalry is intense all along the line.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE NEWS.

Dan Chesbro, of Conway and North Adams, brother of the famous Jack, of the New York Americans, has signed with Lynn, of the New England League, and has reported to Manager Lake in that city.

Manager Eustace, of Concord, states that he has signed a left-handed college pitcher who is the goods, but his name is withheld. He will have to be a pretty good man to take the place of Young, now of the Boston Nationals.

Peter Bushman, of Manchester, N. H., who had two ribs broken while attempting to

board a moving train at Nashua, April 8, is a ball player and was bound for Lynn to seek a trial with Lake at the time the accident occurred.

The following candidates for positions on the Concord team have reported to Manager Eustace: Knotts, Galvin, Flaherty, catchers; Sherwood, Sline, Murphy, Dunn, Garrett, Averill, Thompson, pitchers; Templin, Kane, Conolly, outfield. Henry, infielder, is on the way.

Templin, Concord's new first baseman, is the modern Fred Tenney, Nate Pulsifer type, comparatively small, compact and lively. Templin is a railway policeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad during the off season.

Manager Fred Lake, of the Lynn Club arrived in Lynn last week, accompanied by some of the members of his organization. Within a few days it is expected that all his men will have reached Lynn, and Mr. Lake will then put them through practice work. The grounds will be greatly improved, and the grand stand and bleachers will be made more comfortable and greatly enlarged. The base ball season at these grounds will open April 19, when Lynn plays Nashua.

NEW BEDFORD NEWS.

Manager Fred Doe Announces His New Team Which He Thinks Will Be the Whole Thing This Year.

New Bedford, Mass., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Manager Doe announced the names of the men he has signed for the coming season to represent this city in the New England League. He has three left-handed pitchers, Friend, Klobedanz and Blatchford, all of whom are known to the enthusiasts. The new pitchers are Myron Elliot, a Maine youngster recommended by Josslyn; Sylvester Luce, of Edgartown, who has been successful as a pitcher at Martha's Vineyard, Burhill and Coveney, who were members of last year's team, will return to do the catching and Walter A. Luce, of Edgartown, who has worked with Sylvester Luce, will be given a trial.



Fred Doe

THE INFELDERS

are Valdois 1b, Wally Taylor 2b, Murphy ss, and Kehoe 3b. Taylor is the only new man. He is to be captain of the team. Last season he wore a Manchester uniform. As an extra infielder, Manager Doe has signed Conroy, of Wilkesbarre, recommended by Tim Hurst. The outfielders include Mulaney and Kiernan, of last year's team, and "Tuck" Turner, who was a member of the Norwich Club last summer.

MANAGER DOE

also has three new men of unknown ability. One was recommended by Ferris, and the other two are from Hoosick Falls. Foley, a Worcester player is also to be tried in the outfield. The first game will be played April 19, with the Jersey City Club, and a second game with this team will be played April 22. These are the only games arranged before the opening of the league season.

NOISELESS PLAYERS.

The Magnates, by Their Stringent Modern Rules, Are Developing Mute Players, Says Manager Kelley.

"The ball player of the future will be well nigh speechless, except at meal times," declared Manager Kelley, during a recent discussion of the new fining system, "and I guess that the game will not suffer much by having him so. As long as ball players are allowed to talk to umpires, so long will there be disorder on the field, for umpires either can not discriminate between a well-founded objection to a decision, and abuse, or they do discriminate by punishing men who talk, for



Joseph Kelley

I have yet to see an umpire who acted fairly in the matter of banishing kickers. No later than last season I witnessed occasions when certain players and managers heaped the worst kind of abuse upon umpires, and were allowed to remain in the game. Others would simply say a few words of well-founded protest on a decision, and out they'd go. The only way to get away from that sort of work on the part of the umpires is for the players to be as near dumb as possible—absolutely keep quiet under all conditions, so that the umpire has no opportunity of getting hold of them in any way. It will be a hard trial for some of the men to stand up under the injustice they will receive at the hands of the umpires, but after a while it will come easier, especially when they remember that every time they are tempted to kick and don't they are money ahead, for fines as well as banishment from the game go this season. Do I expect to be able to keep hold on myself his season? Surely, I had no trouble the latter part of last year, and it will be easier to ignore the umpires this season."

The Result of Twins.

Mrs. Lou Criger—"Do you believe that all members of the male sex ought to be chloroformed at 60?"
Mr. Lou Criger, wearing his eyes: "No, but I'm not ready to deny that they deserve it at almost any point between 6 weeks and 6 months."

A SHORT ROMANCE.

The Sudden Engagement of Andrew Freedman and Miss Rothschild Just as Suddenly Terminated.

New York, April 13.—The romantic engagement of Andrew H. Freedman, millionaire, politician and base ball magnate, and Miss Elsie B. Rothschild, youngest daughter of Jacob Rothschild, owner of the Hotel Majestic is off. Considerable mystery envelops the sudden termination of the betrothal, and the only reason their friends can think of is the disparity in their ages, Mr. Freedman being 46 and his former fiancée much younger. "I do not care to discuss the matter," Miss Rothschild said. Mr. Freedman was struck by the rare beauty of Miss Rothschild while on a motor car ride through New Jersey. Before the tour was over he proposed and was accepted. The engagement was publicly announced at the Rothschild home, No. 31 West Fifty-seventh St., the guests included Alton B. Parker, August Belmont, Perry Belmont, and James Hazen Hyde.



A. Freedman

PREPARATIONS FAR ADVANCED. May 25 had been selected as the day of the marriage and the wedding arrangements were almost complete. Mr. Freedman's gifts to his fiancée had been many and costly, and included a pearl and diamond collar, a ring set with an emerald and diamonds, and a bay horse. Miss Rothschild's friends, who chaperoned her on the motor trip when Mr. Freedman proposed, received gifts from him. These friends were Mrs. Chas. Daly Bernheimer, Miss Rothschild's sister, and Mrs. Charles J. Wittenberg. Their gifts included jewels and for Mrs. Wittenberg's little daughter a pony and cart.

FAMILY OBJECTIONS.

The reason for the broken engagement given out by the Rothschilds is vague. At first they said the disparity in the years of Mr. Freedman and Miss Rothschild was too great to result in a happy marriage. One story is that Joseph Rothschild, the girl's brother, insisted that the betrothal be cancelled. At Mr. Freedman's office it was said today he was out of town.

CORTLAND'S CLUB.

The Players Signed to Date by Manager Landgraf.

Cortland, N. Y., April 7.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Manager Landgraf, of the Cortland Club, of the new Empire State League, has so far signed the following players: Catcher, Charlie Ralph, of Hornellsville; pitchers, Tom Allen and W. E. Lowther; infielders, Sid Carr, James Gray, George Bell and William Rose; outfielder, Keardon.

All of these men have good records and some were with Manager Landgraf when he managed the Hornellsville Club. Manager Landgraf will arrive in Cortland about April 18 and then work will be begun putting Athletic Field in shape. The players will be ordered to report about May 20.

Another meeting of the new league will be held at Oneida on the 9th inst, and the possibilities are that Auburn will be dropped from the circuit and Lyons and Oneida added. Lyons seems to be anxious to come into the league. The circuit when the bell rings for the opening game will probably look like this: Rome, Oswego, Oneida, Cortland, Lyons and Seneca Falls.

Harry Howell is a dead ringer for good old "Archie" Latham this spring. He's got "Archie's" old swaggering stride. "Archie's" ways in pretty nearly every particular, and his clothes are cut just like "Archie's" used to be in the days when he was one of the pets of the house of C. Von der Ahe.

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THE NEW LEAGUES.

FOUR MORE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD.

Wisconsin to Enjoy Two Rival State Leagues While New York and Pennsylvania Will Try to Foster Interstate Organizations.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Milwaukee, Wis., April 18.—The teams of the Fox River Valley will begin practice within a week for the opening of the regular season, which will be about May 14. Another meeting of the league will be held at Menasha, the 29th of this month, when final arrangements will be made. President Pete Husting has received word from all the owners in which they agree with him that it will be best to wait till next year before joining the National Association of Minor Leagues. The following list of players has been forwarded to the president of the league for reservation by the various teams. They do not include the outside players who are eligible to the league:



Derihold Husting

Kaukauna—Garlic, Kromer, Tisman, Luette, Schriener, Gehr, Wallschlaeger, Joe Dietzler, Henry Dietzler, Charles Kuder, Chester Kuder, McMahon, Jones, Miller and Block.

Menasha—Fuchsichler, Paul Pakalski, Ben Pakalski, Bent, Herzinger, Gaode, Fahrnkrog, Pierce, Thimes, Coyle, Meneau, Stadler, Richards, Dushine and Stulp.

Fond du Lac—Watson, Secor, Guy Feudner, Henry Feudner, Buch, Darge, Winterhalter, Lempke, Comstock, Block, Williams, Courtney, Sage, Kraemer, Johnson and Lange.

Appleton—Henry Miller, Henry Gass, D. D. Young, A. Kloeppel, George Kloeppel, Gus Haebig, George Wegand, V. Rule, Fred Agrell, George Jackson, E. C. Hillert, J. A. Verstagen, T. Greason, L. Hanson, John Smeller, Walter Scherk, L. Selig, L. Stark, L. Lang and Irvin Klein.

A NEW LEAGUE.

Interstate League Formed of New York and Pennsylvania Cities.

Jamesstown, N. Y., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Interstate was organized in this city last week. The circuit will be made up of Jamesstown, Bradford, Erie, Kane, Olean and Warren. Frank Baumelster, of Erie, was elected president; L. L. Jacklin, of Kane, secretary. The board of directors is to consist of A. W. Lawson, of Olean; Fred Paige, of Bradford and J. Lawrence Alexander, of Jamesstown. The application of Warren, Titusville, Oil City, Franklin and Coudersport were considered and committees appointed to look into their desirability as members. It was decided to open the league season May 17th and close Labor Day. The president was instructed to apply for membership in the National Association. The salary limit was placed at \$750 per month for each team. Mr. A. W. Lawson, of Olean, was appointed to formulate a schedule for the league. It was decided that each club would guarantee the visiting club the sum of \$50 per game, with a rain guarantee of \$25. On Saturdays and holidays the gate receipts will be divided by the home and visiting team.



Al Lawson

THE SOUTHERN TIER.

The Organization of That League Now Perfected.

Hornellsville, N. Y., April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—After a lot of hustling and hard preliminary work the Southern Tier Base Ball League was formed in Hornellsville, N. Y., last night. The following officials were elected: President, J. Towner Hayt, of Corning; secretary-treasurer, Michael O'Connor, of Elmira. The league comprises the cities of Hornellsville, Addison, Corning, and Elmira. Its season will open May 24 and close Sept. 9. There will be no team salary limit for the clubs.

J. T. POWERS' LEAGUE

Will Have a 110-Game Schedule For a Six-Club Circuit.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The directors of the new Missouri League have instructed President Powers to prepare a schedule of 110 games, the season to begin May 4, which will be ready within the next ten days. President Powers says that the forfeits are posted and that the league is certain to succeed. There will be thirty open dates in the schedule and games with outside teams have been arranged for most of these. Every club in the league has arranged contests with independent teams in

the vicinity. A number of games will be played in Galena and Clinton, Ill. President Powers has appointed Floyd Beardsley, of West Pullman, Charles Van Domer, of Green Bay and Edward Hasseman, of Oshkosh, as umpires and he will meet these men May 2d to give them instructions.

The six teams in the league have signed a full list of players and the men have been notified to report. La Crosse players have been told to be on hand today, Green Bay players will report Monday, Freeport will begin practice on April 20, Wassau April 18, Oshkosh April 16 and Beloit will open the season with the Hyde Park Athletic team in Chicago on April 16.

MILLIONAIRE PLAYER.

Dick Whitehead, of Bowling Green, Plays With the Louisville Team For Pure Love of the Sport.

BY JOHN J. SAUNDERS.

Louisville, Ky., April 14.—Editor "Sporting Life."—A millionaire base ball player is numbered with the Louisville squad, Dick Whitehead, who plays the infield, outfield and officiates behind the bat equally well, being the man who is rated as worth almost a million in cold cash, besides real estate holdings which bring his total fortune up to considerably over a million and a quarter dollars. Whitehead plays base ball for the love of the sport. He refuses to sign a contract and also refuses to allow the club to pay his expenses during the training season.



John J. Saunders

THE BASEBALL GERM is inculcated into the system of the Kentuckian too strongly to follow his regular business, and every spring he dons a suit and joins the Louisville squad, remaining with the team until the championship season starts, when he returns to his home in Bowling Green, organizes a strong semi-professional team and tours the state with his men regardless of expense, patronizing the best hotels and usually taking the players from town to town in a private car.

HIS HIGHEST AMBITION. "Whitehead is really a curious case," said one of the players at the Tulane Hotel the other day. "He was looking at President Roosevelt, during his recent visit, as the Chief Executive bowed and smiled to the multitude which crowded Louisville's streets. He did not envy the President in the least. I was standing on the corner with Whitehead as the President passed us. Of course, I cheered, and the President raised his hat. That fellow may be President of the United States," said Whitehead, "but I would rather be manager and captain of the champion Boston American League Club than the President and King of England rolled into one."

HIS METHODS. Whitehead is a sturdy built fellow, with the actions of a ball player. He always keeps in perfect training, working on one of his farms in the winter time and playing ball in the summer. He has managers who attend to his vast real estate holdings and business enterprises, and quite often, in the spring training season, one of these managers will come to Louisville to consult Whitehead on business matters. Whitehead usually tells the manager to go back to the farm and not bother him during the base ball months.

SWELL TURNOUTS. The player spends his evenings in Louisville, taking his wife and family to the Gault House, where he has a luxuriously furnished apartment, his own private carriage and automobile, in which he comes to the ball park every morning and afternoon. In the spring parade, on the opening day of the championship season, Whitehead, in a new uniform which he buys himself, rides in his big touring car in the line with the regular players, and is perhaps the proudest individual in the entire state.

COTTON STATES CHAFF.

It is generally acknowledged that Greenville, Pine Bluff and Baton Rouge have strong teams. The Baton Rouge Club has traded third baseman Foley White for pitcher Jarvis, of the Beaumont (Tex.) Club. The 1905 Cotton States League managers are all new men, so far as their connection with their present clubs is concerned. Plans, of last year's Natchez team, it is reported, will be with Vicksburg. He was drafted by New Orleans and not making good, has been sold. The following players have reported to the Greenville Club: "Red" Foster, Bob White, Doremus Maxwell, Brady, "Dad" LaRoque, "Wee-Willie" Prout, Hankey, Thornton, Hancher, and few others to follow soon. Manager George Reed has been on the ground for several days and is satisfied that he has a good team. He has had but few surplus players to report, signing only men with a good reputation and whom he was acquainted with. If able management counts for anything Greenville will always be near the top.

Bruce Hayes, of Jackson, was probably the first man to lose out in this league, receiving his release from Manager Reynolds, of Jackson, Miss., who claims he was trying to make terms with the Greenville team and having written a letter to Manager Reed, all of which is a mistake as Reed has not received any communication from Hayes and so wrote Reynolds. Hays' release reads: "Released—if not playing with any Cotton States League team, otherwise suspended," a release probably without duplicate in base ball history and a suspension that does not amount to a "hill of beans." In fact, Hayes can play where he chooses.

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BY SECRETARY J. H. FARRELL.

Auburn, N. Y., April 12.—Headquarters of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues.—Following is the latest official bulletin of the Secretary:

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With Princeton—Wm. Beeker, Andrew Reiss.
With Keokuk—Thos. Hackett, E. Cardow, Roy Devers.
With Houston—Ed Kargerout.
With Jacksonville—Jack Robinson.

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With Mantreal—F. L. Barber.
With Toledo—Jack Doyle.
With Jackson, Miss.—Harry Truby.
With Keokuk—Wm. Hills.
With Concord—E. W. Smith, Jos. Knotts, Al Mauch, S. Sherwood.
With Hopkinsville—C. Vetsch, G. E. Schumm, Garnet Brown, C. Bomar, H. Hale—R. Pettifer, C. H. Lynsky, Phil Ketter.
With Cairo—Harry Vitter.
With Holyoke—H. P. Vickers.
With Clarksville, Tex.—Bill Weaver, Ray Taylor.
With North Texas League—Umpires J. Forney, Dan Crotty.

RELEASED BY PURCHASE.

By Portland, Ore., to Toledo—Jack Doyle.
By Kansas City to Decatur—Edward Lewee.
By Bridgeport to Jacksonville—Jack Robinson.
By Boston (A. L.) to Savannah—C. A. Shaffer.
By Oskaloosa to Davenport—James McKenna.
By New York (N. L.) to Providence—John Dunn.
By Topeka to Joplin—S. R. Olsen.
By Keokuk to Ottumwa—Pitcher Weisburd.
By Keokuk to Springfield, Mo.—Miles Maryatt.
By Fort Dodge to Des Moines—Chas. Frisbie.
By Detroit to Minneapolis—C. T. Jaeger.
By Washington to Milwaukee—J. J. O'Neill.
By Cincinnati to Terre Haute—Chas. DeArmond.

RELEASED.

By Brooklyn—Pitcher Bell (drafted player).
By Savannah—Dan Hoek, Jas. Magee, Chris Miller, C. Bachus, F. J. King.
By Davenport—J. Vyskocil, James O'Rourke.
By Jackson, Miss.—Ryan, Wheeler.
By Sedalia—John Bunton.
By Oklahoma City—M. E. Ackermeyer, Roy Loughmiller, F. Tuller.
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By Binghamton—H. Crofts, F. W. Moon, J. T. Clinton.

SUSPENDED.

By Houston—Off Thomas.
By Jacksonville—Oliver Sommers.
By Columbia, S. C.—D. B. Connett.
By Jackson, Miss.—Bruce Hayes.

REINSTATED.

By Saugerties—Thos. McGaughnea.
By Davenport—Jas. McKenna.
By Rock Island—A. J. Hedges.

NOTICE.

The North Texas League, embracing the territory of Paris, Clarksville, Texarkana and Greenville, Texas, has qualified for membership.

WIT AND WISDOM

TWICE-TOLD TALES.

SOME BASE BALL STORIES WELL WORTH REPEATING.

How a Pennant Was Lost in an Egg Shower—A Good One on John T. Brush—Ordering Home Runs Like Ham and Eggs.

"Speaking about losing pennants by an eyelash," says pitcher Bill Bernhardt, of the Cleveland team, "did you ever hear how Palmyra lost the New York State League flag the year I played on that team?"



Wm. Bernhardt

Well, Lyons and Palmyra came through the stretch neck and neck. On the last day Palmyra was just a nose ahead and the concluding game was to be played at Lyons. When our team got to Lyons, what did we see but several Canandaigua players in Lyons uniforms. There was rivalry between Canandaigua and Palmyra, and they wanted to see Lyons win. So they helped the cause along by lending players to the Lyons team.

"The grounds were packed to their limit. A hooting mob got on the field close to the foul line, and there wasn't any police protection. We had made the best of the situation and played ball, the hardest we knew how. At the end of the sixth we had five runs to Lyons' two. That looked good, but immediately thereafter the crowd let loose. A high fly went up over my head, and as I was about to close my hands on it I was hit in the face by an egg and on the body by a volley of them. And there I stood, with the yolks of a dozen eggs rolling down my uniform, while the batter was chasing around the bases. Police? Why, the Chief of Police himself was the ringleader of the rooters. Whenever a fly went up or a grounder bounced along toward a fielder, the crowd made a target of him. We lost the game, 6 to 5, and we lost the pennant.

"In anticipation of victory, Palmyra had bought fireworks for a celebration. There wasn't any. Palmyra was dead to the world when we got home, but we didn't mind it. We were glad to escape from Lyons with our lives."

How Brush Squelched Vaughn.

"Harry Vaughn was one of my stars in the old days," said Charley Comiskey to Ren Mulford the other day. "He was under me when he was real good. I remember I got him guessing one afternoon when I called him to me and said: 'Harry, I know you are over-worked, and I don't want to impose on you, but will you kindly take this mask and chest protector out to Morgan Murphy? He's going to catch today. That was the year Harry thought Ashley Lloyd or John T. Brush or somebody had promised to give a few canned tomatoes, some pills or a When suit if he caught good ball. And Harry figured to his own satisfaction that his work was good. I'll never forget the last day of that season. He made a personal appeal to John T. for the extra, and after his eloquent spiel J. T. turned to me and asked: 'Commy, who is this player?'"

One of Comiskey's Shots.

Joe Cantillon likes nothing better than to spin a yarn of the days when he was a great umpire, for he was a premier at the business.

"I had trouble with Comiskey one day here in Chicago," said Joe last week, "and two hours afterward I wanted to take some friends in to see the game.

"Commy was on the gate, and I marched straight up to him. I want to take in a couple of friends," I said. "Comiskey looked at me for a full minute and I began to think I would be turned down on those passes. But he finally roared, 'Yes, if you have any friends, you can take them all in. They won't take up much room.'"

Home Runs to Order.

Eddie Ashenback, one of base ball's best comedians, tells this story:

"I was coaching the University of North Carolina ball team in 1902," remarked Ash, "and I was out with the squad one day when the professor of chemistry came over with a notebook full of advice. He was an officious animal and handed me all kinds of wise tips how to run the team. Finally, he walked up with this: 'Oh—I say—coach!'"

"Yes, professor," said I, "what is it?" "When you get a man on each corner of the bases—have the bases quite occupied as it were—I wish you would instruct the batter to knock the ball

over yonder," and he pointed to a bunch of woods four and one-half miles away if it was a foot. Ordering up home runs like ham and eggs or a bottle of beer.

"I thought he was joking at first until I saw he meant it. 'Have I got to do this and hold my job?' I asked him. 'If I have, what time does the next train leave?'"

"Well, before I got through I had to compromise and agree to have the trick turned every other time."

One on Von Der Ahe.

Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American League team, was captain and first baseman of Von der Ahe's Browns. "Der Poss" discovered Comiskey, brought him in from the Iowa prairies, and watched him develop into a star first sacker and a great captain.

"When New York came out to play us for the championship," said Comiskey, "the old man spent nearly the whole night before the day of the game entertaining the officers and friends of the New York club in his own royal way.

"Early the next morning Chris insisted on taking a party out to the ball park to show them the grounds. We walked around the infield, Chris pointing out the beauties and advantages of the place with great pride. Finally, with a majestic sweep of the hand, he said:

"Gentlemen, dis is der piggest diamond in der vurd!"

"I pulled Chris around and whispered in his ear that all base ball diamonds were the same size. Then he turned to his friends and said:

"I beg your pardon; I meant to say dis is der piggest infield in the vurd."

BUFFALO BRIEFS.

Manager Stallings Refuses to Discuss Eastern League Politics—News of the Bison Herd.

BY J. D. NICKLIS.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 14.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Neither President Taylor or Manager Stallings, of the Buffalo Club, will discuss the recent Eastern League schedule meeting.

Manager Stallings said: "While it may appear that the anti-Powers faction, of which I am one, lost a battle, in reality it was victorious a fact that will be clearly demonstrated later. But the fight is over for the present and why agitate it further? I don't believe the fans are interested in the politics of the league half as much as they are in base ball itself. But Buffalo will always be opposed to Pat Powers, and for very good reasons."

G. T. Stallings

NO DISRUPTION SCHEME.

When asked what there is to the story that there was a scheme to form a new league and break up the present Eastern League, Manager Stallings said: "A yarn concocted by Powers to scare some of the Eastern League club owners and induce them to stick to him. Buffalo has no idea of quitting the Eastern League; in spite of the oft-repeated assertion to the contrary."

KISSINGER'S VALUE.

Manager Stallings confirmed the report that he had refused to trade Kissinger for Grimshaw. Said he: "I could have traded Kissinger for Grimshaw. President Taylor, of the Boston, offered to make such a deal, but I could not let a good pitcher get away from me, especially Kissinger. He is the best card in the Eastern League today. Boston is really enthusiastic over Grimshaw's work. He is a natural hitter, no mistake. He may not supplant Lachance. In order to do that he must be the best fielding first baseman in the American League, for that is where I hold Lachance. If Grimshaw does not get the first base to hold down for Boston, I expect that he will be found either with Cleveland or Detroit. He can beat the men those clubs have at the present time."

THE TEAM.

Base ball matters will boom now that Mr. Stallings is in town. Catcher McManus, Stanley Yerkes and William Matthews are among the latest arrivals. Duff, one of the new men, will not report until June 1st, and Tom Bird, of Michigan University, will probably come on as soon as he gets the contract sent him by Mr. Stallings. The latter has about given up hope of landing Shaw and Delehanty. He talks of playing pitcher Brackett on second base. Mr. Stallings thinks that Murphy will make good on first base and he regards Brown as a conscientious worker on third.

Perplexed.

"Dear me," sighed Reginald Uffington, "I am in a deuce of a pickle."

"How so, dear chap?" asked Charlie Wishbone.

"Why, Miss Orchid writes that she would like an Angora for a Christmas present, and I don't know if she means a cat or a goat."

BALTIMORE BULLETIN

The Orioles Still in Need of Bracing Judging From Their Work in the Preliminary Games.

BY FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Baltimore, Md., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The trouble has begun. A couple of weeks of skirmishing, then for the real battle, fierce in its intensity, to last until the maimed, dying and dead strew Oriole and other parks with thin litter. During the past week the Baltimore warriors have been gathering, picking up their plumage and getting to look real saucy.



Hugh Jennings

The men were placed in command of Brigadier General Byers, as Field Marshal Jennings was busy teaching Princeton collegians how to handle rapid fire artillery from the enemy. He arrived Friday night, took command of his squad Saturday and promptly fought Ned Hanlon's hired men to a standstill.

THE BALTIMORE TEAM.

is still far from being complete or satisfactory. A few old and tried men are outside the breastworks but are believed to be coming via the underground railway to take part in the grand rout of visiting armies that is to come. Wiltse has not as yet purchased a meal ticket at any of Baltimore's hostleries. No fear is entertained that he will remain an insurgent. Adelbert Mason, a clever pitcher and useful man, is balking. His claim for release looks weak and nonsuicidal to us here. It's dollars to dimes he will pitch for Baltimore or with an independent team. The trouble seems to be that Mason was made too much of an idol last year and his headgear does not fit. Another of the recalcitrants is

STEVE GRIFFIN.

Griff has a sensitive nature and last season got it into his noodle that he was being knocked. And so he was when he did not play his best ball. But when he showed his heart was in the game he was given such praise as is due any earnest ball player. Under the skillful diplomacy of Manager Hughie it is believed and hoped that Griffin will show up smiling and care for third sack in the way he is able. He is too valuable a man to be sitting out in the daisies while others are getting in prime condition.

THE TEAM.

that Manager Jennings put in against the Brooklyn Saturday did not look inviting as a pennant possibility and it will not be the line-up when the saddening bell is rung on April 26th. Hayden was out in left field and will stay there. Kelly, too, is a fixture in center. Whitney, a new one, did not have a chance in McFarland's old stamping ground, right field. He hit a couple of singles out of six times up. Lynch, who will care for short field, was not in condition. He handled himself like a ball player, though, and will probably do. Interest in the backstop work of McNamara, a new one, was manifested by the 1000 who saw the game at the expense of pneumonia dangers. He had little to do, but did that little well and looks all right. Cranston and Pease were tried at third base and neither impressed the crowd as being Eastern League stuff. Big Tim Jordan, Manager Hughie and Byers were in the thick of the fight as of old.

NEWS NOTES.

On the 8th inst. Umpire Pensmith had his collar bone broken by a foul tip in the second inning, but continued in the game.

Recruit Welsh reminds one of Clark Griffith in action. The cranks warmed to him at once.

Unfortunately the first four days of the league season will clash with the running races at Pimlico, thus cutting down the attendance materially. The local press has been showing unwarranted apathy to the game thus far. The game Saturday was illy advertised in advance.

Although Loudenslager is training with the team he wants to get away and be with some other team. A regular position is preferred, which he feels he will not receive in Baltimore.

Elton Chamberlain, once star pitcher of Cincinnati Reds, spent the winter here. He has been highly successful in picking the winners. He will never play ball again as his Aldermanic proportions are against such proceedings.

HILLEBRAND, HERO.

The Pittsburg Club's New Ex-College Player Credited With a Feat Involving Great Personal Peril.

Homer Hillebrand, the famous Princeton pitcher, now a member of the Pirate squad, was in the limelight one day at Hot Springs recently, and was the hero of the hour at that warm place. While taking a walk over the mountains with Charles A. Jenkins, of Pittsburg, Hillebrand doubtless saved the lives of a man and woman who were out driving. Hillebrand and his companion had reached a portion of the mountain where the road winds along the mountainside near the edge of a steep cliff. Just after the two had passed a dangerous turn in the road they heard screams and the clatter of

horses hoofs. A moment later a horse hove into view several yards up the road, where it made another turn. The animal was

RUSHING WILDLY down the road, dragging a buggy, with the man and woman inside, in such a manner that several times the vehicle and its load were almost thrown over the cliff. Hillebrand noticed that the man had lost the reins and that the animal was rapidly carrying the pair to almost certain death. If the animal succeeded in reaching the narrow part of the road and the buggy continued to swerve as it was the chances were that they would be dashed to death in the valley below. Hillebrand, realizing the danger, stationed himself calmly in the centre of the road and prepared to stop the animal. The horse came on with terrific speed and the young pitcher, seeing that his presence did not affect the horse, stepped aside and made ready to

SPRING AT THE BRIDLE.

Just as the animal reached him he jumped forward and caught the bridle. He was dragged along some distance, but finally gained control of the animal and brought it to a standstill. The man and woman whose lives he probably saved were anxious to learn his name, but Hillebrand quietly tipped his hat and informed them that it had been nothing out of the ordinary. Later in the evening, when asked about the affair, he said: "Oh, that was nothing. My experience in the West with wild horses and bronchos made the task really an easy one. One of the first things a fellow learns out there is to control unbroken horse."

CENTRAL LEAGUE CHATTER.

Six players who had been signed by the former management of the Grand Rapids team have been given their releases. They are Bufka, Stoval, Perry, Nelson, Bealke and Doyle.

The base ball park at Grand Rapids will be named Royalty Park. The name was suggested in a prize contest. The name will be printed in large letters over the entrance to the park.

Five pitchers will be carried by Springfield at least until the first of June, when the salary limit will be enforced. They probably will be Summers, Willis, Collins, Grimes and Merryman.

Pitcher Roy Newcombe, of Howell, Mich., has been signed by Fort Wayne. After he signed his contract with Mautner, the Linden team of the Michigan League offered the Fort Wayne Club the pick of the team for him.

Cecil Ferguson, a Terre Haute ball player, who is making good with Tebeau's men at Louisville, writes that Tebeau will get together a winning team this season. The Louisville management is enforcing rigidly the rules in regard to the hours for reporting.

Manager Hubbard has landed a star college outfielder from Springfield. The man goes by the name of Parvin Caplinger, and at present is attending school at the Indianapolis Dental College. It was at Purdue University, however, that he got his base ball as well as college education.

"Aggie" Grant is the one manager in the league who will not have a row of colts on hand to fight the "vets." The youngsters who have been placed under contract will try for positions vacated by the loss of men who were drafted by Louisville, of the American Association.

Pitcher Roy Newcombe, of Howell, Mich., has been signed by Fort Wayne. The new man is a husky amateur very much on the same lines as "Happy" Cecil Ferguson, who was with South Bend two seasons, and is regarded as one of the most promising of the winter finds.

Jimmy Ryan, manager of the Evansville Club, has joined the ranks of those who think it impossible to keep within the twelve man limit and also the salary limit. He predicts that there will be something doing when President Carson tries to enforce these rules June 1.

Manager Bade Myers arrived in Fort Wayne last week and stated he had contracts of all last year's players except Dennis and Hardy. He also has signed the following new men: Joe Doyle, catcher of Frankfort, Ky.; Roy Newcomb, pitcher, from Michigan; Whitmer, a Lafayette boy, infielder; Leydon, infielder, from Memphis; McIlvaine, of Ligonier, infielder; Donahue, of Indianapolis, outfielder.

IOWA LEAGUE ITEMS.

Louis Schaub, one of the best twirlers of this league last year, has been taken on by George Tebeau, of the Denver Club.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

The Pacific Coast League was the first organization to start the 1905 championship ball rolling. The campaign opened March 30. Following is the record of the race to April 7, inclusive:

Table with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., and Percent. Lists records for Los Angeles, Oakland, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Tacoma, and Lost games.

Games Played.

Following is the record of championship games played since the start of the race:

March 30—San Francisco 4, Seattle 0. Portland 6, Los Angeles 5. Tacoma 3, Oakland 0. March 31—San Francisco 11, Seattle 4. Portland 3, Los Angeles 2. Tacoma 6, Oakland 2. April 1—San Francisco 13, Seattle 6. Portland 2, Los Angeles 4. Tacoma 2, Oakland 3. April 2—San Francisco 12, Seattle 4, and San Francisco 3, Seattle 0. Oakland 7, Tacoma 6, and Oakland 3, Tacoma 1, Los Angeles 4, Portland 1. April 4—San Francisco 1, Portland 0 (10 innings). Oakland 7, Seattle 4. Los Angeles 4, Tacoma 3. April 5—San Francisco 1, Portland 3. Oakland 0, Seattle 8. Los Angeles 2, Tacoma 4. April 6—San Francisco 3, Portland 0. Oakland 0, Seattle 2. Los Angeles 1, Tacoma 0. April 7—San Francisco 2, Portland 3. Oakland 3, Seattle 0. Los Angeles 2, Tacoma 1.

CALIFORNIA CULLINGS.

The Long Race Started at Last—How the Teams Size up—The San Francisco Team an Agreeable Surprise.

BY K. G. LOWRY.

San Francisco, April 7.—After three short months of idleness the whizz of the ball and the crack of the bat is again heard away out here in the wild and woolly west. March 30th, with the air balmy and the sun shining brightly, the six clubs of the Pacific Coast League met on the green-swards and ushered in the season of 1905. Frisco and the Siwash met at Recreation Park, Tacoma crossed bats with Oakland at Idora Park, while the Portlands battled with the Scraps at Chutes Park in Los Angeles. Although the price of admission was raised to thirty-five cents, the fans turned out just as strong as in the old days and gave the old players as well as the new ones a royal welcome. In my last letter I waxed enthusiastic over the home team and from the six games I have seen between the various teams, I am still of the opinion that we have a good, fast bunch in THE "SEALS."

Russ Hall's Siwash were the Seals' opponents in the opening series and Harris' combination took their scalps five times straight. For all of that, the Seattle bunch are a good lot. There are some good men on the team and when they round into condition, will be heard from. Tacoma presented the same line-up as last year with the exception of Overall. They play the same snappy game as before but have better organized clubs than in 1904 to contend with and will not lead from start to finish as they did then. Oakland has made several changes and seems to be benefited by doing so. Van Haltren, who has stepped into Lohman's shoes as manager of the club, is putting up a slashing game in Ganley's old garden. Kelly at second compares with Schaffey, while Hopkins strengthens the pitching staff. All in all, Oakland looks to do better than last year.

LOS ANGELES presents the team they had in 1903, when Dillon by his generalship, won the pennant for Mr. Morley. Of course Newton is gone, but Morley, with that luck and knowledge of good talent, has added two young pitchers, Toren and Goodwin, to his staff, who are sure to make good if their work against Chicago and Portland counts for anything. "Judge" Walter McCree, who succeeded Dugdale as manager of the "Webfooters" is the surprise of the Coast. This young man gets into the fray at a minute's notice and puts a team in the field that is a "jim dandy." Essick, Garvin, French, Jones and St. Vrain are twirlers whose work so far has been excellent. McLean, who is six feet, three inches tall and comes from Missouri, is one great catcher and is already a great favorite. Clark at first, Schaffey at second, Atz at short and Runkle at third, make an infield hard to beat. "Deacon" Van Buren, "Judge" McCree and Eddie Huseholder in the gardens may not be "jo-dandies" at fielding but the way they clout the ball is what endears them to the fans.

THE SAN FRANCISCO. As to the home team, the "Seals," they are an agreeable surprise. For the first time in many years Harris has gathered around him a team that not only looks good, but is good. Whalen is in prime condition and in the two games pitched has scored shut-outs. Nealon, who came from the bushes and was assigned to first base, is conceded by many to be better than Chase, Mohler and Gochnauer are pulling off many fast plays. Irwin, who went from the old California League to the National and back again, is showing his old time form at fielding and is hitting like a demon. The non-arrival of Waldron necessitated Manager Harris signing a youngster named Spencer. This young man is a find and his work has been so high class that he has a permanent berth on the team.

THE UMPIRES. Ira Davis, ("Slats") Perrine and Klopff are a trio of umpires that strictly enforced every rule. Their work so far has been high class and the way they handle the players as well as hurry the games along has made them popular with the public.

MINOR MENTION. The fans and friends of Rockenfield, Frisk and Buchanan are pleased with the news that they have caught on with St. Louis. The farming of Starkells and Hogg was expected, as neither man did anything startling while on the Coast. Overall, Chase and Blankenship were very popular on the Coast and the news in "Life" that they are successful is hailed with pleasure. Tommy Leahy, one time catcher of the Phillies, couldn't come to terms with Russ Hall, so went his way and signed with Salt Lake. Harris has allowed Sales and Hitt to play in the State League in hopes that the experience will do them good. Danny Shay still refuses to go to St. Louis and has assumed charge of the Stockton team. Tom Delehanty also refuses to leave California and is holding down the keystone sack for Lodi.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE CHIPS. Manager Sam Kennedy, of Meriden, says he will surprise Jesse Frysinger and his high-priced men. Ira Plank is of the opinion that he is worth more money to Norwich than his contract called for last season. Lancaster, Pa., claims to have signed Lennox, the second baseman Sam Kennedy is depending upon to play with Meriden. No contract for the season has been signed by Umpire Charlie Kennedy. He has his eyes on other chances, two offers coming to him last week. W. Peet, of Norwich, is herewith informed that "A" wins. A base on balls helps a batsman's average very much. A base on balls is equal to half a safe hit. The Springfield "Union" suggests "Consolidated League" as a proper title for Connecticut League, which is now a misnomer with two clubs located in Massachusetts. Hartley, of Holyoke, is willing to come in from the outfield and pitch occasionally until J. Frank Dolan, of Manhattan College, joins the team. Such willingness is commendable. George Spooner, who played under the name of Arthur, with Holyoke last season, will be with Haverhill this year. Spooner has been wintering in that city and has just signed a contract. This ought to be a banner year for the Holyoke Club, and if Manager Frysinger can produce a team which will beat Springfield, he will own the city, as there is intense rivalry between the two. Pat Shea, the former genial and popular manager of the New London, has gone in the wholesale grain and feed business in New Haven. His place of business is the mecca of all the local patrons of the game. New Haven's popular and clever third baseman, Bill Haywood, is hard at work moulding the Yale freshman team in shape, and if they succeed in beating the Harvard freshman, it will be quite a feather in Billy's cap. Manager Jesse Frysinger, of Holyoke, is no novice in base ball. He knew the men he had dealings with when arranging for this season's Holyoke team, and he doesn't believe any of the Tri-State managers can win talent from him. Manager Sam Kennedy has been conferring with the club owners and his presence has brightened base ball prospects. Manager Kennedy says that Meriden will have a team which can't be forced into a low place in the league standing. There is talk in Bridgeport of using Young Jim O'Rourke at shortstop and giving O'Dell a chance to work regularly as a pitcher. O'Dell does well in either position, but he isn't vicious enough as a swatsman to be desirable for every-day use.



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KANZLER'S CASE.

Secretary Farfeil, of the National Board, Decides that the Player Belongs to the Pine Bluff Club.

Auburn, N. Y., April 12.—Decision in the case of player Kanzler.—The Pine Bluff Club files claim to the services of player Kanzler, last year with the Monroe, La., Club, upon the grounds that the above player presented a written notice of release signed by the president of the Monroe Club prior to the transfer of the Monroe franchise to Hattisburg. In support of this contention, the Pine Bluff Club introduces a letter dated Sandusky, O., January 16, addressed to H. R. Speed, president of the Monroe Club, by the player requesting a written notice of release. Upon the back of this letter (original) is written the following release: January 20, 1905. You are hereby released with my good will. You are at liberty to play where you desire. H. R. SPEED, President.

Our records show that the Monroe franchise was transferred to Hattisburg at a meeting held in Vicksburg, Miss., February 7, 1905. As stated in the Willig decision, this notification of transfer bears the official signature of the president of the Cotton States League. This original written notice of release must be respected as it was granted in good faith prior to the transfer of the said Monroe Club, and the services of player Kanzler must be awarded the Pine Bluff Club. J. H. FARRELL, Secretary.

COLLEGE CHATTER.

A Correction Anent a Manhattan College Item—News and Gossip of the College Arena.

New York, April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life"—As my attention has been called to the inaccuracy of the following note which appeared in a recent issue of your paper:

"Red" Waller, who won sixteen out of eighteen games he pitched in the Connecticut State League last year and who turned down an offer to play with Detroit this season, is going to pitch for Manhattan College.

I feel it my duty as press agent to ask you to make a correction. The pitcher in question plays with a semi-professional team, under the name of the Manhattan, on Sundays at Olympic Oval, not the Manhattan College team.

Knowing the standing of "Sporting Life" as an authority on base ball, I feel sure that you would not wish to publish false reports and that you will be glad to make the correction, as such reports would do much to endanger the collegiate standing of Manhattan. Thanking you on behalf of the student-body for whatever attention you deem worthy of giving the matter, I remain, very sincerely yours, S. C. BODERICK.

Press Agent Manhattan College A. A.

College News Notes.

Rutherford, the shortstop of the Syracuse team, is a superb ball player. The development of the Georgetown team this spring has been better and more gradual than any ball team that has represented the Blue and Gray in years. Nusbaum, the Northwestern University shortstop, announced he would be forced to give up base ball on account of his class work. His loss will weaken the nine. A. A. Stagg, Chicago University's athletic director, made a departure in coaching methods. Stagg is now at Hot Springs and is directing the spring work of the base ball and track teams by correspondence and telegraph. Prince, a former Emerson Institute athlete, of Washington, D. C., is first pitcher at West Point this spring. Prince made a great name for himself last fall as half back on the Army team, which defeated the Navy, at Franklin Field. Manager P. Campbell, of the Holy Cross ball nine has posted the list of men who will continue training as members of the squad. Seventeen men, or a little more than half of the total candidates, have been left as a result of this second cut. Burrill, captain of the Syracuse University nine, is probably the best third baseman in the college world. He is a marvel of speed and accuracy, and in the handling of bunts, especially, is close to a first-class professional standard. Several big league team managers

were after him this spring, but Burrill refused to play professionally until he has graduated from Syracuse.

Joe Hornung and Doc Kennedy, of New York city, both competent men, are to umpire college games this season. President Pulliam, who assigns the umpires to college games, has put Hornung and Kennedy on his reserve list for that purpose.

Jack Pickett, the old National League second baseman, has been selected as one of the umpires of the Western college series of ball games this spring. He will work for Notre Dame, Illinois and Wisconsin, and probably for both Chicago and Northwestern.

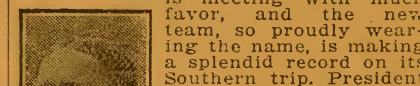
Notre Dame has suffered a severe loss because of the injury to Captain O'Connor. He is out of the game with a dislocated knee. It is doubtful if he will be able to play again this season. O'Connor was without doubt the fastest first baseman of the Western colleges last year.

The fine work of Lafayette's battery, Newberry and Irwin, also the work of third baseman Hubley, is attracting much attention wherever they play. As this is their last season at college, they have already received very flattering offers to ply professional ball as soon as their college days are over.

SAINTS SERENE.

Manager Bill Douglas Seems to Have Picked Together a Good Team For St. Joseph.

BY J. B. CAMPBELL. St. Joseph, Mo., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life"—The new name "Jobbers" applied to the St. Joseph team, is meeting with much favor, and the new team, so proudly wearing the name, is making a splendid record on its Southern trip. President Chamberlain and Manager Douglas are more than pleased with the boys. While we have lost some good material, we certainly have gained in team strength. Elyer is the same old reliable boxman and is pitching strong ball. In Stoup we have secured the prize. He is surely one of the most promising pitchers that ever wore a St. Joseph uniform. Alfred is also demonstrating that he will make good. Clark, we all know, can be relied upon and our



SUPPOSED WEAK POINTS may prove to be our strong ones. Our entire new infield is far above the average. Lee Quillin at short is a wonder. He fields gracefully, throws strong and accurate and is getting the home run habit at the bat. Andrews, Peet and Douglas complete the infield, and are all fast, reliable men. The outfield will be Ketchum at center, Lazalle right, and either Henline or Fleming in left, and Tom will have to go some to beat Henline for the place. The park is in the best of condition and deserves special mention. Prospects for the coming season are very flattering.

THREE-I LEAGUE TIPS.

Bloomington has sold pitcher Bishop to Vicksburg. Shortstop Lewee, late of Kansas City, has accepted the terms of the Decatur Club. Henry Walters, the outfielder secured by the Rock Island Club in trade for Ross Thornton with Decatur, and who at first refused to report, last week wiled for transportation. A new pitcher named Siebel was signed by Springfield last week, Siebel being considered one of the most promising young twirlers of Louisville. He was given a brief trial by Pittsburg last year. Out of the dozen or more youngsters being tried out by Peoria, big Weisenberger, the pitcher secured from Mount Carmel, is making the team in grand style. He has a lot of speed and is leading the bunch in the batting department. Up to date he is the find in Tree Eyes Company. Manager Donnelly, of Springfield, created that he had signed Louis Greubner, the shortstop with Decatur last season. Greubner was released by Decatur and a number of clubs were after him, including Bloomington. It was given out at Decatur that he had been traded to Rock Island last winter, but this has now been proven to be a mistake. Vicksburg is already dissatisfied with her team and there is talk of a general cleaning out.

WAGERS' POINTS

CHICAGO GLEANINGS

BOTH CUBS AND WHITE SOX CRIPPLED EARLY.

Chance Laid up With Damaged Ankle and Dundon Has Appendicitis—Both Teams Otherwise in Fine Shape For 1905 Pennant Races.

BY W. A. PHELON.

Chicago, April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—By the time these lines break into print, the big campaign will be under way, and both the Cubs and White Sox will be engaged in the pastime of mowing down the hostiles. Possibly the pastime will consist in getting mown, for such is the tough luck of the two teams, both are crippled, and in vital spots, right at the outset of the season. The Cubs have lost their best batter, cleverest base runner, crack first baseman, and team leader—Frank Chance, and the Sox are shy their keystone infielder, Gus Dundon. Chance tripped over a base bag and sprained his ankle last week and he will hardly get into the game for two weeks or more. This means a lot to the team at the outset. With a new campaign beginning, how can the boys struggle along



Frank Chance

WITHOUT THEIR LEADER? With the batting reduced almost to a minimum, how can the team make any headway with the best sticker gone? It's hard luck and no mistake. Chance was unusually lucky last season, and was only disabled in about thirty games. That was remarkable for him—he generally puts in about fifty days in hospital every season. He is the unluckiest man on earth, barring possibly Tebeau and McAleer in the days of their strenuousness. Frank is forever getting damaged, and seems peculiarly liable to accidents and injuries. His disabilities are all genuine, too, for the husky one delights in the roaring fray and hates to miss a single game.

DUNDON'S LAYOFF.

Gus Dundon, who was laid up with appendicitis a few days ago, has so far escaped from having to undergo any carving, and hopes to be in the fracas without interruption. He will not be at his best, however, and may break down at an moment. Comiskey thought some of getting Harry Gleason, but has concluded to take a chance on Isbell if Gus, as seems likely, should be laid up at the crucial hour. The absence of Dundon, if Gus has to quit, will hurt the Sox in heavy measure, for Gus and George Davis had the tricks of the middle station down to a nicety. They had become thoroughly accustomed to working together, and no livelier pair existed in either league. While Dundon is no slugger, he is of the timely hit family, and he is far from being a dead one on the points of inside play.

WEST SIDE ARRAY.

It seems certain that McCarthy and Slagle will be back in the gardens for Selee, and that the fight will be for the third place and for the job of utility outfielder. Barry looks good enough for the extra place, and the third fielder will probably be either Schulte or McChesney. The infield is almost equally misty and uncertain. Arthur Hoffman has been notified that he can consider himself a member of the team for the season—and he deserves it on the showing he has made—but will he be seen at short, at third, or on the bench? Most likely in the general utility role. But where does this put the energetic and deserving Otto Williams? And which of the pitchers is to be chased back to the minors? Groth or Pfeffer? And what will happen when Ruelbach comes, if he makes good with the team?

SOUTH SIDE MEN.

The old problem of first base and the outfield has returned to haunt Jones and Comiskey. While Callahan did fairly well in a few practice games on first, the claims of Jiggs Donohue are so pressing that he cannot be ignored. Jiggs has done wonderful work in the preliminaries and seems to be the only logical first baseman, unless he should blow up and forget to hit. None of the Sox believe that the left hander will fall down in his stick work, and his place seems assured. In this case, what is to be done with Jimmy Callahan? Who can be displaced for the hard hitting and thoroughly clever James? Holmes looks too strong to be turned down. Green, even with the bad arm, can hit the ball, and Jones, of course, is there for keeps. It's the same old problem—how to force in ten good men where there's room for only nine. Too bad we

can't play ten men," said Comiskey the other day, "a ten man game would be great stuff, and I could put Cal in at right short or stick him in right and then put Green way out by the fence, where he'd never have any throwing to do and could come in just to take his turn at bat."

OPEN DATES.

With two teams and the schedules which go with them, the average fan is now yelling for a list of open days—afternoons on which he can go home and get acquainted with his family. These open dates come few and far between from April to October. Still there will be an occasional afternoon when a man can go fishing or take the kiddies out to the play grounds. I find, by comparing the schedules, that there will be three open days in April, six in May, five in June, four in July, five in August, eight in September and four in October. Of course a lot of these days will be utilized for the playoff of postponed games. This 154-game business is fierce. I love base ball and never duck a game, but the hand and eye get pretty tired at times when you have been following the guidons without an intermission.

GOOD OLD CHRIS.

Like every other earnest fan, I sincerely hope for the speedy recovery of Chris Von der Ahe. Good old Chris! When will there ever be another like der Poss President? Never, I am afraid. He was sui generis, and all alone. Charley Comiskey was delighted when he heard that genial Chris was recovering and praised unstintedly the generosity and jolly good nature of the St. Louis German.

A PREDICTION.

The championship season is on now, on with the dance! My pennant prediction for 1905: National League—First, New York; second, Chicago; third, Pittsburgh; fourth, Cincinnati; fifth, Philadelphia; sixth, St. Louis; seventh, Boston; eighth, Brooklyn. American League—First, New York; second, Cleveland; third, Chicago; fourth, Boston; fifth, Philadelphia; sixth, Detroit; seventh, St. Louis; eighth, Washington.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS.

George Tebeau has purchased a residence in Louisville.

The Kansas City Club has traded infielder Hugh Hill to Louisville for catcher Phil O'Neil.

George Tebeau has more men than he knows what to do with, having no less than twenty-three players under contract.

It is predicted that infielder Carr, of Indianapolis, will be in big league company in 1906. He is a promising third baseman.

Hulswitt and Pickering have stirred Columbus fans by their good work, and are destined to become idols in Ohio's capital.

Dan Kerwin, pride of Limerick, has been laid up in Bourbonnond with a lame back, strained in one of the exhibitions with New York's Giants.

Indianapolis fans like Jack Thoney better than George Hogriever. The Ft. Thomas boy is playing a fine game in the Hoosier sun field in practice.

Ed. Kenna, of the Louisville team, son of the late Senator from West Virginia, and famed as the poet-pitcher, is quite a barker on the coach lines.

Woodruff is pleasing the Louisville fans by his clever work at short for Tebeau's team. He declares he has hopes of getting back into fast company next season.

Outfielder Butler has jumped the Toledo Club. It is intimated that he will remain in hiding until Grillo sells him to Memphis, where the "rubber-leg" wants to go.

Pat Carney, of Holyoke, the former Boston National League outfielder and pitcher, is being used in left field by St. Paul, champions of the American Association.

"Peek-a-Boo" Veach, who has played in as many leagues as any player in the business, is umpiring exhibition games at Indianapolis. The only feature of his work favorably commented upon is his loud voice.

President O'Brien has announced that the balk rule shall be observed to the letter by his umpires, as it was in the National League last year, and will be in both the American and National Leagues this year.

Mud Hens are cackling that Moriarity is a coming Bill Bradley and President Grillo already has visions of a procession of majors with wheelbarrows of the long green stuff, headed for Toledo next fall in endeavors to land him.

Dick Cooley, whom Cantillon expected to purchase for Milwaukee from the Boston Nationals, refused to go West for the salary offered him and Manager Cantillon says the deal is off. Harry Clark has been appointed captain of the Milwaukee since Cantillon learned that he would not be able to get Cooley.

Indianapolis will not have Sunday base ball this year. The mayor of that city has just informed the amateurs who expect to use Washington Park that they will be unable to play if they charge admission. The selling of score cards to evade the regular admission will be construed as sufficient cause to stop the game. The case there looks hopeless again.

SOUTH ATLANTIC SCRAPS.

We are indebted to President Boyer for a season pass good for all Atlantic League grounds.

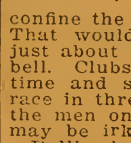
The Augusta team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of first baseman Jordan, who looks like a find for Manager Roth. He is something over six feet in height and seems to be able to get at the low ones equally as well as he does the high ones. He has shown up well with the stick too.

PITTSBURG POINTS.

Col. Pulliam Admits That the Players Have Merit in a Recent Wail—Spring Training Jaunts Entirely Too Long—Pulliam Will Not Decide Any Wagers on Base Ball.

BY A. R. CRATTY.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—That observation spoken of in a recent letter as to the complaint of major league players over the unnecessary length of training spells, has also found a supporter in the person of Col. H. C. Pulliam. The League chief was here several days the past week and had on his chatting clothes a number of times. "This training system does not strike me as being handled exactly right," said he. "My idea would be to confine the trip to about three weeks. That would bring the men on edge just about time to start out with the bell. Clubs could go South, waste no time and still get in shape for the race in three weeks. This would put the men on their mettle. Long trips may be irksome."



A. R. Cratty

Pulliam's idea will be shared by scores of players with home ties.

FIXING UP THE PARK.

Extensive improvements to the park will not be made. For two weeks or more a crew of carpenters have been fixing up the needed repairs to the stands, seats, etc. A plan to get up some large changes was given up owing to the danger from floods. Secretary Locke also talked of having the stands painted but was afraid to take a chance, having in mind last year's dose. Though the painters in 1904 said that they would be through in plenty time, they failed to finish until about a day before and the management was compelled to place sheeting over the new painted surfaces. This work was only gotten up about a half hour before the gates were opened for a rousing crowd. The seating capacity of the park will not be changed any by the work now under way. Pittsburg has room for a big turnout and the overflow crowd is also well cared for.

NEW PARKS.

One day last week the writer discovered a gang of men and teams at work grading the Ward estate tract at Bedford avenue and Erin street. A sign on the place had it that the Bedford Amusement Company would soon rent the park for base ball games. Thinking to arouse Secretary Locke by a yarn about a mysterious park, the writer cut loose with his discovery in headquarters. "That's all right, I know all about that park and have walked over the whole place," said Locke, smilingly. Then the monied man of the ex-champs said that the venture could not be considered in any shape or form a menace to the Pittsburgs. There was no fear of a club breaking in on the Premiers even if a base ball war came about. In the first place the location was not of the best even if twelve minutes ride from the heart of the city; only one car line passing the same.

FURTHER OBJECTIONS.

"It will cost \$75,000 at a low estimate to put that spot in shape for league base ball," said Locke. "The land stands twenty feet above the street level and then a vast part will have to be filled in. There is a street surveyed through the upper end which would spoil the plot as far as size is concerned and you must remember that to put out a park on a league standard three acres of ground are given over to stands. There will be a number of enclosed parks laid out here this summer. Semi-professional teams will use them. These clubs as a rule have no expenses. As a revenue producer by rental only, an athletic park is not of much account. This is proven by the fact that the parks we now have where rentals are secured, do no turn in any investment."

NO BETTORS NEED APPLY.

Col. Henry Clay Pulliam in a chat with the members of the Reuben Quinn Club told that he had made one rigid rule in his conduct of the affairs of the league. Up to date he had not broken the same despite wonderful pressure. "Any time," said Harry, "that you boys have men inquire if I will decide a bet for them, just say that it will be useless to send on to me for such a move. I will not even answer the missive. Last summer there was a Pittsburg man who gave me all sorts of trouble about a wager. He wrote first, saying that he had a wad of cash on the affair and wanted a rule against which his friends could not find the slightest objection. He had submitted the dispute to Pittsburg men but a better ruling was wanted. Rather hot shot, wasn't it? Well, don't worry boys. I did not reply to the letter and a day or two later I received a message from the man saying that my reply was awaited with interest and that scores of friends of the sport were interested in the decision. Now this isn't all. Do you know that the fellow had his telegraph company confirm the message, in other words, certified that it had been delivered in person to the man to whom it was addressed? For a time I was up in the air and thought of answering in some sharp way, but then I reasoned that a dignified silence would be the

best. So I did not file the message. I suppose that the eager man took the hint finally and subsided." Speaking of wagers and disputes, it is recalled that once upon a time Uncle Nick Young answered one by writing in red ink across the face of the case; "Your views are very intelligently expressed." Both sides were up in the air on that ruling. It was Nick's way.

OLD PITCHER'S MOVE.

Frank Killen, the veteran pitcher, was a caller the other day. Killen has made up his mind to try his luck at managing and will have charge of the Sharon (Pa.) team. "I feel that I can give the people of Sharon a good club," said the vet. "I have signed nine men and will also go on the slab myself now and then. Speed? Well, I wish I had just an ounce or two more and I feel sure that I could work against the best of them. My decline of speed is a most remarkable thing. I never abused myself, you know that, and was one of the most careful livers in the land. I never followed habits calculated to bring about a slump in swiftness, but it came just the same. It was not the result of overwork, either. Natural causes can only be blamed."

BRINDLES.

There will be fourteen private boxes at Expo Park this year. The number is increasing each season. W. C. Temple, the original holder, will have the same department reserved. Frank Haller settled up his legislative work and left last week for Boone, Iowa. He took with him J. Bowman Geyer, a twirler who made a success with Alliance last summer. "I have never seen Geyer with a ball in his hand, but they tell me he has them all beaten in the matter of speed," said Haller. Louis Lipson, one of the best known patrons of the sport here, presents the claim that credit for the spit ball should be given to Ham Iberg, the man from the Pacific coast, whom the Phillies had for a few months. Iberg certainly had the greatest slow ball of the decade.

Wilton Arbuthnot, once a star second baseman on Yale's nine, has taken up trap shooting for sport. James O'Hara Denny, one of this city's simon pure amateurs is now a golf expert. He won a second sixteen match at Pinehurst last week.

The Reuben Quinn Club has started a library. The first volume is a copy of the National Commission's report. Al. Wagner's case is covered by the Lucia case, but the boys fear to wade through the testimony to find out just where Albert has a any show to win.

A Pittsburg newspaper correspondent is wondering if any one has harder luck than himself. He found an interview in a local paper where-in Col. Pulliam was quoted as speaking grandly of the opening attendance at Philadelphia. Putting this on the wires, the correspondent sent it to several Philadelphia papers. One sporting editor who keeps his eyes on other newspapers caught on to the phraseology and refused to use the yarn. Instead he scored the Pittsburg correspondent for alleged faking.

I have the honor to thank A. Herrmann for a copy of the book called "Garry."

Detective Richard Kelley asks that the challenge of the Pittsburg police force club be sent over the vast area covered by "Sporting Life." Home bobbies think that they are good.

"Decide a bet. How many years has the Pittsburg Club a lease on Expo Park?" This was the phone query the undersigned met the other day. The club representative said that he had no idea as to the duration of the lease.

EASTERN LEAGUE EVENTS.

Welsh, the pitcher drafted from New Orleans by Baltimore, is said to be a star.

An Eastern Canadian League, with Hull, Ottawa, Valleyfield and Montreal in line, has been formed.

Freddie Payne, the New York leaguer, is the mainstay of the Rochester team behind the plate so far this season.

The Pittsburg Club has made Montreal a good offer for outfielder Al Wagner, but it is not likely to be accepted by owner Kreitzer.

It is now certain that pitcher Del Mason will not be with Baltimore. He has rejected the best offers made to him by Manger Jennings.

Bill Dyer, the former Holy Cross College infielder star, sold to Montreal last year by Norwich, refuses to sign a contract calling for a big reduction.

While at Lexington, Ky., Manager Buckenberger, of Rochester, signed pitcher E. B. Barger and catcher H. Yancey, stars of the Kentucky University team.

Manager Jimmy Bannon has signed pitcher Harry Felix, who played with Montreal a few years ago; also pitcher Barber, who played with the Pacific Coast League last season.

Mattern, the Rochester southpaw, is touted as a second Becker. Pertsch, Schultz, Bayne and Mattern will form the Rochester regular pitching staff. Bayne is said to be a wonder.

First baseman Harry O'Hagan has issued an ultimatum that sooner than play at the Newark Club's terms he will stay at the plumbing trade. Manager Burnham will doubtless fix up the matter.

Johnny Pappalau still holds out. He is in Worcester and refuses to join Montreal unless a better contract is forwarded. Meanwhile Pap keeps up a lively correspondence with independent team managers.

Bob Drew has fielded finely at first base for Providence, of the Eastern League, but his hitting has been very feeble. This former Connecticut Leaguer will keep the position if he improves a bit in swatting.

The decision of Frank Laporte to join the Bisous makes the Buffalo team practically complete, and on paper it looks at least 90 per cent as strong as last year. The loss of Clymer, Courtney and Grimshaw will be felt, but there is always a possibility that the new material may develop unexpected strength.

DETROIT DOTLETS.

EXPECTATIONS OF HIGH RECORD FOR THE TIGERS.

Local Confidence in Manager Armour and the Team He Will Handle—A Changed Line-up and Good Spirit to Work a Transformation.

Detroit, Mich., April 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The American League championship season of 1905 is now under way.

The Detroit team finished its South-base trip in fairly good shape. At a double play—Eagan, unassisted; Doyle and Nordyke; Baum, Dillon and Smith. Hit by pitcher—McLaughlin. Passed balls—Eagan, Um...

It can be set down as a fact that Detroit has a greatly improved line-up this season, and that, with the good spirit that prevails, and the general ambition of the players, a better brand of ball will be served than has been offered since 1901.

On the infield the most probable combination is Crawford, Schaefer, O'Leary and Coughlin. Three of these men have their jobs cinched.

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Pacific Coast League.

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A WARNING NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS UNDER NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

**Beware of Playing Independent Clubs
Containing Ineligible Players; Tol-
erate No Open Betting; and Have
All Players Under Contract.**

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Cincinnati, O., April 12, 1905.

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS OPERATING UNDER THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

In view of the fact that the championship season is about to commence in all of the leagues operating under the National Agreement, the Commission desires at this time to call the attention of all National Agreement Clubs to certain provisions of the Agreement, and rulings and orders of the Commission. It is intended by the Commission to strictly enforce all of these provisions, rulings and orders, and with this in view notice is promulgated to all National Agreement Clubs with the request that they co-operate with the National Commission in the enforcement thereof, thereby preventing a great deal of trouble during the coming season.



Hon. A. Herrmann

1. Attention is called to Article X, Section 1, of the National Agreement, which provides as follows:

"Every league shall strictly enforce the provisions in its constitution against open betting on its grounds, and club officials are required to cause arrest and prosecution of those who engage in the practice."

Club officials who neglect this rule will be held to account by the National Commission. Open betting is a menace to the purity and integrity of the game and will be suppressed by the Commission if possible, even if necessary to employ severe measures.

2. Attention is also called to Article VIII, Section 2, of the Agreement, requiring players to sign contracts within a specified time. The non-compliance with this provision of the Agreement by a number of clubs and players last year caused the Commission a great deal of trouble, and no violation thereof by any club will be permitted hereafter.

3. The following clubs are now under the ban of the National Commission for harboring ineligible players: Harrisburg, Pa., Youngstown, O., Wilmington, Del., Hoboken, N. J., Burlington, Vt.

As other clubs are placed under the ban due notice will be sent to all National Agreement clubs. The Commission will severely punish any club that violates the rule relating to the playing of exhibition or other games with independent teams harboring ineligible players, and in this connection the Commission suggests, in view of the fact that independent clubs are the only haven for ineligible players, that all National Agreement clubs are required to make close inquiry regarding such players before entering into agreements to play with such clubs outside of those above referred to.

4. National Agreement players will not be permitted to play with or against independent clubs harboring ineligible players, nor will National Agreement players be permitted to violate that part of the National Agreement (Art. VII, Sec. 1) which provides as follows:

"Such players, together with all others thereafter be regularly contracted with by such clubs (namely, those whose releases have been secured for future services by purchase or selection by draft under this Agreement), are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any other league during the period of time between the termination of their contracts and the beginning of the next season.

We respectfully recommend that a copy of this notice be transmitted by the Secretary of the Commission to the President of the National League, to the President of the American League, to the President of each National League club, to the President of each American League Club, to the Secretary of the National Association, and to all clubs and players under the National Agreement, for promulgation.

AUGUST HERRMANN,
B. B. JOHNSON,
HARRY C. PULLIAM,
National Commission.

Commission Ruling.

Cincinnati, April 14.—Decision No. 128.—In re players Nadeau and Vickers. These players are ineligible to play under organized base ball until the amounts due are paid.

On September 12 the Commission made a ruling in favor of the Brooklyn Club for \$200 advance money furnished player Nadeau, of the Portland Club.

This claim has not been paid up to the present time, and the player will be ineligible to play with any National Agreement club until the same is paid (See Finding No. 92).

On July 8 the Commission made a

finding in favor of the Brooklyn Club for money due it by player Vickers, of the Holyoke Club, amounting to \$295. This claim has not been paid, and the player will be ineligible to play with any National Agreement club until the same is paid. (See Finding No. 79).

HARRY C. PULLIAM,
B. B. JOHNSON,
AUG. HERRMANN,
National Commission.

SAVANNAH'S STRENGTH.

**Judging From the Display Against
Major League Teams Boyer's Team
Will Cut a Wide Swathe.**

BY JOS. W. HEFFERNAN.

Savannah, Ga., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—With the opening of the South Atlantic League only a few days away, the interest



Chas. W. Boyer

of the fans is at fever heat and, while the games with the teams of the big leagues have served to temporarily satisfy their hunger, they are eager for the real fray. That Savannah has a much stronger team than last year is the unanimous opinion of those who have seen the men work in the exhibition games with the visitors. The showing against the big league clubs has been highly satisfactory and more than one member of the visiting clubs expressed the opinion that Savannah had the strongest of any of the South Atlantic teams. Savannah defeated Philadelphia 5 to 3, the Boston champions 7 to 5, the Detroit Tigers 5 to 4 and the Detroit Regulars 2 to 1. Brooklyn was the only team to get away unscathed.

SHAFFER,

whom Savannah secured from Boston, as already become a favorite. He will play first base and manage the team and will without doubt prove a tower of strength. His coaching is unique and in this respect alone Savannah has a card. Savage, who was with Savannah last season and who was drafted by Pittsburgh, but released, is again with Boyer. Of the old team there are Oyler, Holmes and Burt. Mowery at third base shows up very strong and so does Hoch, a new man. Savannah's pitching staff looks as good as any in the league and the batting is away above that of last season. Savannah will open at home with Augusta on April 19. The grounds have been greatly improved and everything points to a good season.

NEW YORK LEAGUE NUGGETS.

Some doubt exists as to Jake Magie wearing a Syracuse uniform this season.

Bill Bannon, who has been holding out for more money, has signed with Scranton.

The management of the Utica Club has received many bids for the special privileges on the base ball grounds.

Joe Cotter, the Providence boy, has had an offer to play with Albany under Jim Connor, the old Providence captain.

Manager Garry is hustling to give the Mineola a good team. He deserves to succeed, as Scranton will support in great style a good team.

Malay, of the Jags, not only leads the Brooklyn batting order, but he leads the team up to date in slugging. The ex-State Leaguer is slugging hard and often.

The Lion Club has been notified that pitcher William Pounds has been awarded to Binghamton. There has been some strife between the two clubs for Pounds' services.

Tommy Donovan, who played in the outfield for Utica in 1903, is to captain the Troy team this year. He will have at second base Al Johnson, who was on the Utica team last year.

An infielder by the name of "Sandy" Murray is the latest to be added to the Stars' list. He has been with the Indianapolis team, of the American Association. There are now two Murrays on the Stars' roster, the other being a pitcher.

"Sunny Jim" Pastorius has signed an Albany contract and will play with the Capital City team this year. With McGamwell he was bought by Brooklyn last year. McGamwell will play with Brooklyn, but Pastorius declined to accept the terms offered by that club.

Because Robert Drury is unable to report on April 23, a local amateur catcher will be taken by the Binghamton team upon his trip next week. Drury is studying medicine at the Columbus University and is compelled to remain there for the examinations which take place on April 20.

WESTERN WINNINGS.

Herman Long is trying to make a first baseman out of Rossman, the Cleveland outfielder signed by Des Moines.

The third umpire for the Western League has not yet been announced. Carruthers and O'Keefe will be on the staff again.

The Denver Club has come to terms with William McGillroy who for two seasons has played with Denver under the name of Hayes.

Catcher "Jack" Slattery will, if he makes up his mind to sign a Milwaukee contract, be turned over to Des Moines by Manager Cantillon.

Rossman, the Cleveland outfielder signed by Des Moines, of whom Manager Long is trying to make a first baseman, is hitting the ball hard. He looks like a valuable man.

Lee Stillman, regarded by many fans, as the crack pitcher of the Western League last year, has failed to make good with St. Louis, and will be back with Des Moines again.

Catcher Jack Toft, of Toronto, is somewhat crippled, rheumatism having set in his foot.

CLEVELAND CHAT.

**The Napoleons As They Will Line Up
For the Season—No Shortage of
Available Substitutes Thus Far.**

BY JAY KNOX.

Cleveland, O., April 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The teams are now off on what promises to be a hard race.



Napoleon Lajoie

The Napoleons start in pretty good shape, although their Southern sojourn was hardly up to expectations owing to the wet and variable weather. Nevertheless if hard work by the manager and hearty co-operation by the players can win honors for Cleveland the season will be a success. Manager Lajoie wants to bring one pennant to Cleveland, and believes that the time is now ripe. He realizes that all of the other teams have strengthened, but he believes that the Napoleons will show far different form than last year, and he wants to carry off the "bunting" in his first year as manager.

A GOOD YOUNGSTER SOLD.

The sale of pitcher Charles Jackson to the Atlanta Club came as a surprise. Jackson is one of the best young twirlers that has broken into fast company this season, but Manager Lajoie could not find a place for him on the team with the six veterans in line, and all of them considered to be able to hold their own with any of the best. So Manager Lajoie began to look around to place Jackson in a team where he would get plenty of work and also show his real ability as a twirler, and it was decided to let Atlanta have him. While a member of the "Naps" on their spring training trip, Jackson made a decided hit with the players, and all predict a bright future for this youngster, who was drafted from the Fort Worth team in the Texas League. He has excellent control, and also a "spit ball" of his own that has fooled the best batters on the road. The Atlanta team has a wonderful corps of pitchers with the addition of Jackson. With Moran, Smith, Butler, there is a quartette that is hard to beat at any time, for all have had plenty of experience, and Atlanta will have to be watched in the Southern League.

NO MORE CHANGES.

With the sale of pitcher Jackson to the Atlanta team, not another change will be made in the Napoleon's ranks until June 1, and it is doubtful if any will be made then, for Manager Lajoie may decide to carry both first basemen. He will carry three catchers, six pitchers, and four outfielders, and if he decides to carry both Stovall and Carr, this will make six infielders, making nineteen players in all for the season of 1905. The owners of the team were taught a costly lesson last year when they cut down to the fifteen-player limit, and this year intend to have enough substitutes in case of injury to any of the players.

TWO REFORMS.

Manager Lajoie has decided next spring to cut out exhibition tours and jump the team straight from the training camp to home. Not to be outdone by Manager Lajoie, Secretary Barnard has also started a reform—a reform that the patrons of the games at Dunham Park this season will greatly appreciate. The score card boys, the lemonade, pop and gum dispensers will not have exclusive charge of the grand stand this year. They may hawk their wares in the proper way, but the deafening shrieks and yells that tormented so many people last year, will not be tolerated this season. The people who buy the 75-cent admission tickets this season will not be annoyed as they have been these many years.

BETTER DEPARTMENT.

Manager Larry is not only insistent upon the good appearance of his players in and about the hotels where they stop on their journeys about the country; he is equally determined to have decorum upon the diamond. One of the reforms he hopes to establish this season is to put a stop to the habit, persisted in by many players, of sprawling about the field in all sorts of objectionable attitudes, such as sitting astride of their bats, lying stretched out on the ground between the benches and the diamond, and in other ways violating the somewhat rigorous rule—rule 21—which explicitly stipulates that all players not engaged in play or in coaching, must remain on the bench. If Lajoie can thoroughly establish this one reform he will be entitled to a full measure of credit.

KAHL'S VALUE.

The opinion is among the Naps that Nick Kahl will be a mighty handy man to have on the bench when a "pinch hitter" is needed this season. Kahl is not exactly a slugger, but with a base runner on second or third, he has a happy and useful way of slamming the ball through the infield and bringing the runner across the plate.

SOUTHERN SAYINGS.

The Nashville park is situated in a bowl fully twenty feet below the level of the street.

Shortstop Jimmy Smith has been returned to Shreveport by the St. Louis American League Club.

From the present outlook it seems that Birmingham is to have the heaviest bunch of hitters in the league. The only weak hitter

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on the team is Moore, at short, and he has hit .250 in the practice games.

Sam Crane, who saw Breitenstein work in New Orleans, declares that the southpaw is working with all his old-time gait.

The Birmingham team won four straight games from big league clubs, winning three from Cincinnati and one from Cleveland.

During the Nashville-Boston game of April 11, Unghab, of the Boston, collided with catcher Reisinger at the plate and broke his leg just above the ankle.

"If Addie Joss is the 'human slat,' then pitcher Sallee, of the Birmingham Club, is the 'human bat pin,' says H. P. Edwards, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Joss is twice as broad as Sallee.

Shreveport the other day signed pitcher Ed. Walker, who was with Cleveland at one time. Al Miller, the big infielder who was with Memphis a couple of seasons ago, wrote Manager Gilks about Walker and Manager Gilks sent an offer which was accepted. Walker has all the speed and curves necessary, but in the North could not get control.

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CARSON'S CHAPS,

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE TEAMS GETTING READY.

The Prospects For a Successful Season Very Bright—All of the Teams Now in Training—How the Teams Will be Manned.

South Bend, Ind., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—All of the Central League teams are now engaged in getting into condition for the coming season, which will open on April 27, with South Bend at Evansville, Ft. Wayne at Dayton, Springfield at Wheeling and Grand Rapids at Terre Haute. The Evansville players reported to Manager Jimmy Ryan Friday week, and with the exception of South Bend, all other teams reported their respective managers on Monday the prospects for a good season were never brighter in the Central, and every magnate is confident that this, the third year, will witness an increased attendance all over the league. The players who have reported to the Central League managers are as follows:

SOUTH BEND—Pitchers, Tom Williams, Ferris, H. Williams, Schafer, Christian, Gillis, Moditt; catchers, Searles, Andrews, Tieman; first base, Comers, Peyton; second base, Grant (captain); shortstop, Harris, Milligan, Groeschow; third base, Sager; right field, Tieman, Letcher; center field, Anderson; left field, Foy, Coffey.

FORT WAYNE—Pitchers, Van Anda, Alberts, Carbiener, Newcombe, Hart, Ream; catcher, Ostiek; first base, Myers (captain); second base, Havel, shortstop, Lindsay; third base, Hopke; right field, Belden; center field, Dennis; left field, Carbiener.

GRAND RAPIDS—Pitchers, Killian, W. Miller, Horn, Payne, Scott, Thomas; catchers, Chapman, Jessup, Dubowski, Martin; first base, John Ganzel, Joseph Ganzel; second base, Morrissey, Allen, Barber; Gilligan, Gilgin, Barton; third base, Fox, Shanabrook; right field, Geyer, Backoff; center field, Vizard, Warner, Maloney; left field, Melchior.

WHEELING—Pitchers, Cannon, Miller, Kennedy, Robertson, Edman, Cook, Lucas, Edwards, Cobean, Watrick; catchers, Shriver (captain), Livingston; first base, McConnell, Sykes, Stadlander; second base, Maag, Powell, Vought; shortstop, Wessel, Ross, DeMoss; third base, Dieters; right field, Smith, Kellar; center field, Core, Price; left field, Riffle.

DAYTON—Pitchers, Ed Smith, Johns, Beverly, Pearson, Leslie, Bonnett; catchers, Niemiller, Edmunds; first base, White, second base, Vluog; shortstop, Austin; third base, Welsh, McDonald, King; right field, Paskert; center field, Knoll; left field, Pickett.

SPRINGFIELD—Pitchers, Merryman, Myers, Armstrong, Summers, Willis, Collins, Weblin; catchers, Shannon, Curtis, Norton; first base, Hughes, Haas; second base, Cooley (captain); shortstop, McGrew, Love, Pfeiffer, Hazel, Blair; third base, Johnson, Siebert; right field, Kain, Post, Gibbins; center field, Plummer, Shaw; left field, Collins.

EVANSVILLE—Pitchers, Raymond, Woodward, Collins, Wachter, Adair, Fowler, Clements, Wheatley, McCafferty, Miller, Freeman; catchers, Gross, Moore, Nist; first base, Kelly, Thum; second base, Conway, Brennan; shortstop, Fremer, Lynch, O'Rourke, Stein, Chandler; center field, Knox; left field, Ryan (captain).

TERRE HAUTE—Pitchers, Gar. Fleet, Smith, Gray, Miller, Gray, Hunt, Mann; catchers, Pierce, Forney, Love; first base, Richardson; second base, Taylor, Eberts, Sussman; shortstop, Krause, Dennis, Moore; third base, Welsh, Sherman; right field, Warrender; center field, Decker; left field, Thompson.

CENTRAL LEAGUE NEWS.

Managers Having Their Trouble Signing Players so as to Keep Within the Un-Elastic Salary Limit.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 14.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Again the pleasures of the sport of base ball are approaching and Terre Haute will have cause to enjoy it judging from the smiles upon the face of Manager F. Warrender, who arrived on the 4th. He is very much pleased with the new men he has corralled during the winter. A number of exhibition games are booked which will give the patrons a chance to size up the new recruits. The grounds are being put in better shape than ever before, so there will be no cause for complaint from that source. Several of the old players will be retained as the public so demands. It is not usual with Manager Warrender that he makes promises but usually he has a good team and the patrons are satisfied with his judgment.

THE SALARY LIMIT.

Quite an amount of argument is circulating in the Central League circuit as to the strict adherence of the salary limit. At present a few of the managers are having their troubles, especially the clubs that had a winning team the past season. The players can not be expected to play for the same money. If they gave good service and were true to the manager it seems they should get some com-

pensation in return. Manager Grant, of the South Bend team, seems to think he is the only one that will live up to the limit. This is the trouble which begins to show that a

PRESIDENT OF A LEAGUE should not be a resident of a city that is represented in the league, nor should he be a stockholder of a club. If he is conscientious and wishes to live strictly up to the rules he must begin at home to enforce, he rules, otherwise it will not have a good effect with the other managers. So the club that will have to suffer first and for the season will be the South Bend Club.

MANAGER JOHN GANZEL sees the handicap put on him. He has promised the patrons of Grand Rapids a winner and from the material he has left from the 1904 team he can not expect to satisfy the patrons of his city. As a capable manager, as he should be, judging from his long long experience, he might by good judgment be able to pick a winner, were he not hampered by the salary limit rule.

EXHIBITION GAMES.

APRIL 7.
At Galesburg—Knox 2, Davenport 6.
At St. Marys—St. Marys 0, Chicago Colts 8.
At Burlington—Burlington 0, Chicago A. L. 2.
At Selma—Selma 1, Montgomery 5.
At Little Rock—Little Rock 6, Pine Bluff 5.
At Joplin—Joplin 14, St. Joseph 6.
At Louisville—Louisville 5, Cleveland 12.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati U. 3, St. Paul 21.
At Atlanta—Atlanta 7, Augusta 9.

APRIL 8.
At Little Rock—Little Rock 7, Pine Bluff 1.
At Philadelphia—Phillies 3, Athletics 1.
At Atlantic City—Newark 4, Phil. Giants 10.
At New York—New York N. L. 17, Yale 4.
At Jersey City—New York A. L. 7, Jer. City 1.
At Baltimore—Balt's 6, Brooklyn G (11 inn's).
At Washington—Washington 1, Boston N. L. 8.
At Easton—Montreal 1, Lafayette 7.
At St. Louis—Brown 2, Cardinals 3.
At Atlanta—Atlanta 8, Augusta 0.
At Louisville—Louisville 5, Cleveland 8.
At Columbus—Columbus 2, Chicago A. L. 5.
At Des Moines—Des Moines 6, Chicago A. L. 7.
At Dayton—Dayton 2, St. Paul 9.
At Springfield—Springfield 2, St. Paul Colts 7.
At Kansas City—K. City 2, Chicago Colts 11.
At Urbana—Illinois 9, Minneapolis 5.
At Nashville—Nashville 2, Toledo 1.
At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 1, Pittsburg 3.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 11, Tennessee 1.
At Jacksonville—Jacksonville 0, Detroit 1.
At Sioux City—Sioux City 8, Milwaukee 3.

APRIL 9.
At Newark—Newark 2, Athletics 3.
At St. Louis—Brown 11, Cardinals 6.
At New York—New York N. L. 10, Euerals 5.
At K. City—Kansas City 8, Chicago N. L. 7.
At Omaha—Omaha 1, Chicago Colts 10.
At Columbus—Columbus 2, Chicago A. L. 5.
At Des Moines—D. Moines 6, Chicago A. L. 18.
At Springfield—Springfield 8, St. Paul 10.
At Dubuque—Dubuque 3, Milwaukee 2.
At South Bend—South Bend 6, Ft. Wayne 5.
At Bloomington—Bloomington 1, Minneapolis 6.
At Terre Haute—Terre Haute 1, Indianapolis 6.
At Dayton—Dayton 1, St. Paul 5.
At Evansville—Evansville 3, Rochester 8.
At Louisville—Louisville 5, Cleveland 12.
At Paducah—Paducah 2, Pittsburg 7.
At Nashville—Danville 9, Toledo 8.
At Memphis—Memphis 11, Toledo 0.
At San Antonio—San Antonio 8, Shreveport 2.
At Col. Springs—Colorado Springs 2, Denver 3.
At Sioux City—Sioux City 9, Milwaukee 7.
At Bloomington—Bloomington 1, Minneapolis 8.

APRIL 10.
At New York—New York N. L. 5, Newark 1.
At New York—New York N. L. 23, Jer. City 3.
At Baltimore—Baltimore 5, Brooklyn 1.
At Washington—Washington 4, Boston N. L. 0.
At Philadelphia—Athletics 5, Phillies 1.
At Providence—Providence 6, Brown 3.
At New Orleans—New Orleans 6, Boston 4.
At Montgomery—Montgomery 1, Boston A. L. 6.
At Terre Haute—Terre Haute 1, Indianapolis 6.
At Lebanon, Tenn.—Castle H. 1, Nashville 16.
At Macon—Macon 0, Detroit 4.
At Evansville—Evansville 0, Toledo 4.
At Houston—Houston 10, Shreveport 1.
At Jackson—Jackson 3, Mississippi 0.
At Urbana—Illinois 10, Minneapolis 10.

APRIL 11.
At Philadelphia—Phillies 8, Athletics 5.
At Baltimore—Baltimore 1, Boston N. L. 7.
At Nashville—Nashville 3, Boston A. L. 4.
At Kansas City—Kansas City 1, Chicago N. L. 5.
At St. Joseph—St. Joseph 2, Chicago Colts 2.
At Atlanta—Atlanta 0, Detroit 0 (7 inn'gs).
At Champaign—Illinois 6, Minneapolis 7.
At Louisville—Louisville 3, Pittsburg 3.
At Pine Bluff—Memphis 3, Pine Bluff 0.

APRIL 12.
At Philadelphia—Phillies 5, Athletics 0.
At Washington—Washington 7, Brooklyn 3.
At Newark—Newark 2, Boston N. L. 3.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 5, Boston A. L. 3.
At New York—New York A. L. 8, Montreal 0.
At Columbus—Columbus 3, Cleveland 2 (12 in'gs).
At Dayton—Dayton 1, Detroit 2.
At Louisville—Louisville 4, Pittsburg 3.
At Vincennes—Vincennes 2, Toledo 0.
At Urbana—Illinois 0, Minneapolis 11.
At Notre Dame—Notre Dame 6, South Bend 3.
At Kansas City—Kan. City 2, Chicago N. L. 10.
At Buffalo—Buffalo 6, Niagara 1.

APRIL 13.
At Baltimore—Baltimore 1, New York A. L. 2.
At New York—New York N. L. 6, Manhattan 1.
At Newark—Newark 4, Boston N. L. 0.
At Morgantown—West Virginia 7, Wheeling 6.
At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 7, Rochester 4.
At Urbana—Illinois 5, Minneapolis 10.
At South Bend—South Bend 7, Rochester 6.
At Evansville—Evansville 16, Princeton 1.
At Kansas City—Kansas City 1, Chicago N. L. 5.
At Buffalo—Buffalo 6, Niagara 1.

APRIL 14.
At Newark—A. J.-G. 0, Newark 3.
At Baltimore—Balt. 4, J. Hopkins 4 (10 in'gs).

COLLEGE CONTESTS.

APRIL 10.
At Washington—Georgetown 11, Pennsylvania 6.
At New York—Manhattan 7, Tufts 2.
At Providence—Brown 5, Providence 6.

APRIL 12.
At Princeton—Princeton 4, Fordham 2.
At Lancaster—F. and M. 0, Villanova 21.
At Cambridge—Harvard 13, Syracuse 4.
At Easton—Lafayette 7, Ursinus 1.
At Carlisle—Indians 11, Mercersburg 3.
At New Haven—Yale 6, Brown 3.
At West Point—West Point 7, Trinity 5.
At New York—New York U. 6, Webb A. C. 1.
At New York—St. John's 8, Manhattan 2.
At Worcester—Holy Cross 29, Boston U. 0.
At Brunswick—Rutgers 9, New York C. 3.

APRIL 13.
At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania 14, Dickinson 5.
At Bellefonte—Penn. State 6, Villanova 2.

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At Lexington—Richmond C. 7, W. and Lee 5.

CREAHAN'S LETTER.

ABOUT MEN AND AFFAIRS IN THE WORLD OF BILLIARDS.

Edward P. Grubb, a once well known, if not noted, professional of this city, was found dead in a cheap lodging house on Vine street, near Twelfth. History is made so rapidly at the present day, or, probably, to speak more historically correct, our love, craze, mania and desire to make money and get rich quickly, at no matter what sacrifice—including even the very loss of our souls—that actual history is but a mere word, phrase or misnomer to most of us, which may account for the fact that Edward P. Grubb of thirty years ago was practically unknown to the professionals of this city during the past fifteen years.

There is in probably the greatest work that was ever written by Charles Dickens, "Bleak House," a character who might have been taken for the prototype of Edward P. Grubb had Dickens lived in Philadelphia and known Mr. Grubb personally; as it is, the pen picture of the great novelist who gave to the world the only man that was loved by "Lady Dedlock," died in a garret in the old but historical city of Galway, in the County Galway, Ireland, and the death of the one practically resembles that of the other while there was much in the lives of both men—in fiction as in reality—to suggest that he who died in this city might have been the man who has been made immortal by the genius of the great writer.

Thirty years ago the father of Edward P. Grubb was the owner and proprietor of a prosperous public house on North Broad street, this city. The son, or subject of this sketch, first became identified with the billiard business as bookkeeper for the firm of Taylor & Estephe, then noted manufacturers here. Later on Mr. Grubb and John Stock became the owners of a billiard room at 40 South Broad street, where they were in business for some years. About that time Edward J. Taylor and Edward P. Grubb, then two of the most attractive men in this city, were married, and could be seen almost every Sunday with their young wives at St. John's Church, on Thirteenth street, above Chestnut. I shall not attempt to refer to the life of Edward P. Grubb during the past fifteen years; I shall only say that he honestly and honorably tried to make a living, as far as I am aware of, which I believe to be the truth. His sad and almost tragic death, probably alone, without anyone who was familiar with the once bright period of his life, is too sad a topic to dwell on, especially when the subject is so painful. Mr. Grubb, I think was a man who never injured anyone but himself, and I doubt if he did that intentionally. Like the son of most rich or well-to-do men, he had no idea of business, and with him, as with most such men, life is a feast or a famine.

John D. Crimmins, who is now engaged in a legal battle, if I am not in error, with a very prominent New York life insurance company, in the interest of the stockholders—if I have not wrongly interpreted the published reports in the newspapers—was a friend of the late H. W. Collender, and rented one of Mr. Collender's properties, at Collender Point, where he lived during the summer months with his family. After the death of Mr. Collender Mr. Crimmins purchased some of his property at the Point, which is one of the finest estates in this country.

The battle in which Mr. Crimmins and several others are engaged in at present is not without interest to billiard men, as I am personally acquainted with three men in this city in this business who are more than interested in life insurance. One of them has a \$15,000 policy, the other \$20,000, as I have been informed, while the third has in various companies in this country \$50,000 on the endowment plan, which at maturity will represent between eighty and ninety thousand dollars; and some "base pirate" has insinuated that very considerable of the latter will fall due in 1906. One of these policies, I am told, is in the company represented by Mr. Crimmins. As the company referred to, however, is in all probability one of the safest in the world, the present legal tilt of its affairs will

probably result in making it stronger than ever.

I have referred to but three men in the billiard business of this city who carry life insurance to the amount of \$85,000 on their policies. Just how many more men here are insured I am not, of course, aware of; but it is more than probable that many more of our local professionals are not less prudent, as life insurance for nearly a quarter of a century past has been considered a practically "gilt edge" investment; while during the past fifteen or twenty years it has been regarded as the safest and most prudent way for a man to invest his money in.

The late Victor Estephe, who has now been dead for more than a decade, had his life insured for \$5000, which was a large amount of insurance for a man to carry in his day. W. L. Rockhill was also insured at one period of his life, but, like all rich men who inherited their wealth, and not being business men, especially when the wealth was not of a colossal character, Rockhill not only parted with his wealth, but also with his life insurance.

Great as life insurance is considered today as a safe, conservative and prudent investment, and extensively as it is handled by almost all classes of prudent business men, it is quite safe to say that this business in this country could be doubled what it is at present if it was only "written" or sold cheaper; and I very much doubt if there is any student of life insurance in this country who has made it a study for nearly, if not more than, a quarter of a century and not engaged in it as a business or profession who will not state that it can profitably be "sold" for from 50 to 100 per cent. lower than it is on the market to-day, or has been during the past fifteen or twenty years.

Medical science has prolonged life eleven years during the past half a century. Fifty years ago the average life was 33 years; at the present day it is 44 years. All of this has been in the interest of life insurance, but notably so during the past quarter of a century, when that business has made such giant strides all over the world; yet it is to be questioned if the rate of insurance has been lowered to correspond with the progress of science in the interest of humanity. The longer a man lives who is insured the more money the company makes. While women, as a rule, are rarely insurable, as they are not considered prudent investments," to quote the language of the average life insurance agent, yet it is probable that the average life of woman is quite as long as that of man, as it should be, if not more so, when one considers the riotous life of the average man, who really should not live half as long as he does; while the average woman would probably live much longer, were it not for the general cussedness of the average man.

The salary paid the president of the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont has never been over, and is to-day but \$5000 a year. Yet that company is one of the greatest in this country, although not as large as some others. The salary paid some of the presidents of New York companies is said to be \$125,000 a year, while a prominent official in one of them recently paid \$100,000 for a French ball. There are but few men in this country—if any—or in any part of the world, whose services are worth \$125,000 a year; while the man who pays \$100,000 for a ball shows most unmistakably that he should be at the head of a kindergarten, and not associated or identified with one of the largest financial houses in the world. It is more than probable that the present conflict of authority in the company referred to, which is a mild way to put it, will cost life insurance not less than several millions of dollars in new business during the present year. The one branch of business which the public has had absolute confidence in during the past twenty years has been life insurance. It has not as yet been shown that the public has any real cause for fright, but the business cannot afford to have any more such fights or tilts as has been going on in New York recently. It would be fatal to life insurance in this country.



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SHATTERED TRADITIONS

Many Old-Time Traditions Which are Nowadays Held Lightly or Ignored Altogether.

There are many traditions in base ball that are ignored in these days of the progressive game that formerly were keenly observed. For instance, there once was a feeling that no left-hand thrower ever should play left field or no man who threw right-handed would make a success playing the long field back of first base, but these traditions have been proven fallacies by such clever left-hand throwers as Jimmy Ryan, Jesse Burkett, Topsy Hartsel and others who are or were stars in left field, and by "Dusty" Miller, Hans Wag-

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ner, Jack Barry and others who shone brilliantly in the right garden.

While this and other traditions have been downed in the past few years, one, stronger than all the rest, has arisen in the shape of the feeling that an infielder, the first baseman excepted, who would be successful, must be a right-hand thrower. Since the days when "Hick" Carpenter, covering third base for the Cincinnati team, was a star in that position, but one man has broken into fast company who played the infield for any length of time and used his left wing wherewith to propel the ball to various parts of the field. That man was Billy Hulen, and with all

his cleverness he was unable to hold his place in the big League for the reason that his offside throwing disconcerted the other members of the outfield, and incidentally made him a somewhat slower man than was desirable for a first-class team. So while old traditions gradually are being killed off new ideas, just as strongly held as the dead and dying ones, are established.—Cincinnati "Times-Star."

The Best Team System.

Says the veteran Arthur Irwin: "The sacrifice game will not win in the long run. It's all right in a close, low-score

game, or in the closing innings, when one run is needed to tie or win; but it is a losing game to play all the time or in the early innings. The hit and run style is the up-to-date winning game to play; but it requires an intelligent code of signals and thorough drilling of the men in perfect team-work to make the system work all right."

Lajoie has two very speedy men among his new players and he will have to do some hard thinking to decide who to keep. Vinson is considered a slugger and a crack first baseman and Jackson is doing fine stunts in right and also at the bat.

The World of Shooting

PHILADELPHIA NEWS

GUN CLUBS HOLD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY TARGET EVENTS.

Clearview Gunners Draw Strong—Bilhartz Won Tie—Meadow Spring's Good Crowd—Henry Won Prize—Florists' Regular Shoot.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 17.—There was plenty of trap shooting around this city on Saturday and the pleasant weather brought out a large attendance at several club shoots scheduled for that day. At the Clearview Gun Club grounds at Seventy-second street more than thirty gunners were ready for the club affair. On the Meadow Springs Gun Club grounds at Lancaster avenue and Fifty-seventh street, thirty men entered the club event. The Hillside Gun Club gave a monthly shoot on its Hillcrest grounds. The University gunners defeated the Episcopal Academy boys in a team match. The Red Dragon Canoe Club held its last trophy shoot of the season, and several other affairs at the trap were pulled off around this city. On Tuesday the Florists held a regular shoot at Wissinoming which was the only mid-week shoot of importance.

MEADOW SPRINGS GUN CLUB.
Thirty-one gunners faced the traps in the weekly shoot of the Meadow Springs Gun Club, Fifty-seventh street and Lancaster avenue. The events were the club shoot of 25 targets, in which Henry carried off first honors, breaking 22 and winning the spoon.

In the sweepstake events of 90 targets Chadbourne and Frey tied for first with 64 each. Depew was second with 58.

Club shoot, 25 targets, handicap added.

Club	Score	Club	Score
Butland	2 15 17	Wood	8 10 16
Gothard	2 12 14	Cotting	* 20 20
Frey	1 19 20	Henry	0 22 22
Chadbourne	2 17 19	Cantrell	2 17 19
Depew	0 21 21	Martin	5 6 11
Franklin	0 18 18	Moore	2 17 19
Buckwalter	0 21 21	Street	5 15 20
Weinert	* 16 18	Heathcote	2 17 19
Mardin	0 18 18	N. Hansell	2 12 14
Christ	0 13 15	Hingler	0 13 13
Pepper	3 17 20	J. Coyle	0 5 5
Rice	0 15 15	D. Hansell	4 13 17
Chandler	2 13 15	Jackson	4 12 16
Hinkson	* 9 9	Strong	6 14 19
Heite	6 11 20	Kaufman	5 0 0

OTHER EVENTS.

Targets	10	15	15	15	25	30
Butland	4	7	11	11	11	11
Gothard	7	9	9	13	18	64
Frey	7	9	9	8	13	18
Chadbourne	7	12	10	7	13	15
Depew	6	6	12	4	12	58
Franklin	6	10	17	1	1	27
Buckwalter	8	14	14	7	1	43
Pepper	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mardin	6	10	12	5	1	27
Christ	6	6	6	6	1	12
Weinert	6	9	9	9	1	37
Rice	8	7	14	8	1	27
Chandler	4	4	4	4	1	4
M. Coyle	9	3	11	7	1	30
Jackson	4	9	9	9	1	13
Wynn	7	9	5	6	1	27
Hirsson	6	10	7	5	1	28
Heite	3	9	9	9	1	12
Dr. Cotting	5	9	11	6	1	21
Henry	6	12	10	9	1	37
Wood	4	7	7	7	1	7
Cantrell	9	13	5	16	1	43
Dr. Meyers	2	8	8	8	1	10
Moore	6	6	6	6	1	10
Street	6	4	4	4	1	10
J. Coyle	10	3	7	16	1	36
E. Hansell	10	8	4	4	1	12
W. Hansell	4	4	7	7	1	11
Heathcote	10	6	6	6	1	16
Strong	3	6	3	12	1	12

CLEARVIEW GUN CLUB.

In the Clearview Gun Club shoot on the new grounds, Seventy-second and Brewster avenue, thirty guns were at the score. This number gives an idea of the growing popularity of the Clearviews and shows why they are strong factors in the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League. The conditions of the club event were 25 targets, added handicap, all 16 yards rise. The highest possible score was 25 and all who made this total tied for first place and settled it by a shoot-off.

Four men, Albert J. Bilhartz, Will Charlton, D. N. Elwell and F. Poulson tied in the main affair with a total of 25 and it took three shoot-offs to settle it and Bilhartz was found to be the winner of the club's prize.

The prize-winners were not the only cracker-jacks in the game, for, as usual, the best shooters had to succumb before the stiff handicap men. Fred. Muller really did the best shooting of the day by holding up for twenty-three actual breaks. F. L. Ludwig and Harry Fisher also did excellent marksmanship by pulverizing twenty-two, while L. R. Huber and Andy Smith, also scratch, magnificently held up their reputations as shooters by cracking twenty-one. They only needed handicaps to rank as winners. The summary:

Club handicap, 25 targets:

Club	Score	Club	Score
Bilhartz	8 18 25	W. Poulson	8 12 20
F. Poulson	8 18 25	Colton	3 17 20
Elwell	6 19 25	Roadfuss	6 14 20
W. Charlton	6 19 25	Martin	10 9 19
Carr	10 14 24	Tyler	0 19 19

Downs	6	18	24	Hall	0	19	19
Davenport	10	14	24	Lang	10	8	18
Muller	0	23	23	Umholtz	9	9	18
Paschall	7	15	22	Dr. Charlton	3	15	18
Ludwig	0	22	22	Davison	3	15	18
Fisher	0	22	22	G. Bell	5	13	18
Bivans	7	15	22	Felix, Sr.	0	18	18
Leight	3	18	21	Redman	5	12	17
Huber	0	21	21	Felix, Jr.	0	14	14
A. Smith	0	21	21	Springer	2	16	18
Forde	2	18	20				

Shoot-off, same conditions:

Bilhartz	8	18	25	Elwell	7	17	24
F. Poulson	8	16	24	W. Charlton	6	18	24

OTHER EVENTS.

Targets	10	10	10	10	25	10	15	10	15
Muller	9	9	9	9	21	9	9	9	9
Fisher	9	9	9	9	21	9	9	9	9
Davidson	8	10	8	8	13	9	13	8	13
Umholtz	8	8	9	10	7	13	9	13	8
Hall	7	7	7	7	14	15	15	15	15
W. Charlton	7	7	7	7	14	15	15	15	15
Dr. Charlton	6	6	6	6	14	15	15	15	15
Hollowell	5	5	5	5	14	15	15	15	15
Downs	5	5	5	5	14	15	15	15	15
Elwell	8	8	8	8	14	15	15	15	15
Carr	7	7	7	7	14	15	15	15	15
Springer	7	6	6	6	14	15	15	15	15
Fitz	5	5	5	5	14	15	15	15	15
Ludwig	10	10	10	10	14	15	15	15	15
Bilhartz	9	9	9	9	16	15	15	15	15
Forde	7	7	7	7	16	15	15	15	15
Huber	6	6	6	6	18	20	14	12	12
Felix, Jr.	5	5	5	5	18	20	14	12	12
Colton	5	5	5	5	18	20	14	12	12
Tyler	7	7	7	7	15	15	15	15	15
Lang	6	6	6	6	15	15	15	15	15
Redman	6	6	6	6	15	15	15	15	15
Felix	5	5	5	5	22	20	15	15	15
Roadfuss	17	17	17	17	15	15	15	15	15
Martin	12	12	12	12	5	10	5	10	5
Paschall	7	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	11
Davenport	7	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	11
W. Poulson	7	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	11
W. Huber	7	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	11
Drake	7	7	7	7	11	6	11	6	11

OTHER EVENTS.

Peschmann	4	4	4	Tilton	8	7	7
Bartlett	8	5	5	Neuman	5	4	4
Rothel	7	6	6	Morgan	4	8	9
Gorden	5	5	5	Silver	9	9	9
Simpkins	6	6	6	Walton	6	8	10
Johnson	9	9	9	W. Thomas	6	7	7
J. Thomas	7	7	7	Green	8	4	2
Hill	2	8	8	Ryan	7	7	7
Weyman	1	3	3	Horner	7	7	7
Darby	5	5	5	Pratt	7	7	7
Paul	7	6	6	Rexon	6	7	7
Hineline	6	5	4	Riley	6	9	9
Reid	6	6	6	Johnson	6	6	6

WEST CHESTER'S OPENING.

The West Chester Gun Club opened its grounds for the season Saturday afternoon by holding a "merchandise shoot," and the scores were most creditable. Each man shot at 50 targets, and prizes were awarded as follows: John 24, Lee 42, Howard 42, Roberts 42, Ford 42, Harvey 41, Gill 41, Haines 41, Williamson 41, Eachus 41, Gale 39, Bennett 39, Young 37, Cardwell 37, G. Smith 37, Pechin 37, Holland 36, Dale 34, Register 34, Ferguson 34, Farr 33, Broom-all 28 and Mace 28.

FLORISTS' GUN CLUB.

On Tuesday, April 11, the regular shoot of the Florists' Gun Club, at Wissinoming, drew two dozen shooters. The weather was fair, although scattering clouds threatened rain.

The surprise of the day was the appearance of the once-famous Captain John Lawrence Brewer, a retired pigeon shot, of Hammon, N. J. Mr. Brewer was accompanied by a handsome, well trained female pointer, which he expressed a desire to sell. Several shooters made quick offers, and finally Mr. Daniel Webster secured the dog. So great was his delight over his good fortune that he requested a friend to take it home until he could become accustomed to owning such a valuable animal. We believe Mr. Brewer claimed that the dog, "Lady Lil," was so well bred that she would only eat dog cake; that she was out of champion Break Shot Sam and Gun Shy Bess, brother to Chasen Dan, winner of a last year's Derby (hat). Guaranteed to stand all day I tied to a post so she couldn't lie down; was a corker on rabbits or wild turkeys or quail, we have forgotten which, but she was sure great on beefsteak.

"Lady Lil" had a rather modest, retiring nature, and was somewhat diffident to strangers, but she appeared to have a loving disposition, which would probably ripen under a caressing hand.

When the shooting began Captain Brewer's eyes glistened with the fire of old, and his goatee fairly quivered to show some of the would-be champions what small Jersey potatoes they were. Captain Brewer borrowed a gun and some shells and made the highest score in the club event. He also continued in a special event and, regardless of the kind of shells or the shape of the gun, he cleaned up the entire bunch of crack Florists. Then he disappeared in the wilds of Jersey, near Hammon.

Mr. McCarty, a new member, was next to the great Brewer (J. L.), and broke 43; Sanford, Harrison and De Pew had 41, and Fred Coleman was laughing so much he only broke 40.

McCarty was high in Class A, Depew in Class B and Beaven in Class C. The scores follow:

Club shoot, 50 targets, three classes.

Club	Score	Club	Score
Brewer	X 23	B. T.	22 45
McCarty	A 24	B. T.	19 43
Sanford	A 21	B. T.	20 41
Harrison	A 22	B. T.	19 41
De Pew	B 19	B. T.	22 41
F. Coleman	A 21	B. T.	19 40
Stevens	B 20	B. T.	19 39
Ripling	X 18	B. T.	21 39
Tidlow	X 20	B. T.	19 39
Smith	B 18	B. T.	21 39
Shaw	A 21	B. T.	17 38
Harley	A 20	B. T.	17 37
Bryan	B 18	B. T.	17 35
Bell	X 18	B. T.	16 34
Emerson	A 18	B. T.	16 34
Beavan	X 14	B. T.	15 32
Flick	X 15	B. T.	17 32
Hyslop	C 16	B. T.	15 31
Terry	B 18	B. T.	13 31
Chadbourne	B 15	B. T.	15 30
Wilson	A 18	B. T.	16 30
Holt	X 16	B. T.	14 30
Haywood	B 14	B. T.	12 26
Special prize shoot:	X 17	B. T.	11 29

Ten targets—Chadwick 7, Beavans 7, Hyslop 7, Mack 7, Thomas 2, Depew 8, Stevens 10, Harrison 8, Bell 7, Shaw 7, Jones 7, Flick 6, Westcott 8, Haywood 8, Emerson 8, Tidlow 7, Brewer 10, F. Coleman 10, Sanford 8, McCarty 8, Harley 6, Chadbourne 7, Beavan 7, Stevens 8, Harrison 8, Bell 3, Jones 8, Depew 10, Sanford 10, Chadbourne 8, Harley 8, Jones 8, F. Coleman 9, McCarty 8, Bell 3, Beavans 7. Shoot-off of ties, miss and out—Brewer 8, Stevens 7, Sanford 4, Depew 2.

LEAGUE SHOOTERS.

The Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League will meet on Saturday, April 22. Matches will be held on grounds of the S. S. White Gun Club, at Gorgas; at the Florists', Wissinoming; at Hill Rod and Gun, Chester, Pa.; at Clearview, Seventy-second street, on B. & O. Railroad; at Hillside grounds, Hillcrest, on Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Florists' Gun Club have placed a Blackbird Club trap on its grounds and it will be used for the first time on Saturday for sweepstakes. The Meadow Springs Gun Club has also added a Blackbird Club trap to its outfit.

SOUTH END GUN CLUB.

At Merchantville, N. J., on Saturday, the South End Gun Club, of Camden, defeated the Merchantville gunners by the score of 157 to 137 out of 250 targets. Darby of the South Ends, made high on his side on

his team breaking 19 out of 25. Walton shot the same score for Merchantville.

The scores follow:

Team match, 25 targets.
Merchantville—Reid 12, Hill 10, Paul 11, Walton 19, W. Thomas 12, Morgan 18, Neumann 11, J. Thomas 12; absent 10; total, 137.
South End—Hineline 11, Bartlett 16, Darby 19, Rothel 10, Peak 18, Rexon 16, Peschmann 16, Johnson 17, Green 15, Ryan 17; total, 157.

OTHER EVENTS.

Targets	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Peschmann	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Bartlett	8	5	5	5	4	4	4
Rothel	7	6	6	6	4	8	9
Gorden	5	5	5	5	9	9	9
Simpkins	6	6	6	6	8	10	10
Johnson	9	9	9	9	7	7	7
J. Thomas	7	7	7	7	8	4	2
Hill	2	8	8	8	7	7	7
Weyman	1	3	3	3	7	7	7
Darby	5	5	5	5	7	7	7
Paul	7	6	6	6	6	7	7
Hineline	6	5	4	4	6	9	9
Reid	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

WEST CHESTER'S OPENING.

The West Chester Gun Club opened its grounds for the season Saturday afternoon by holding a "merchandise shoot," and the scores were most creditable. Each man shot at 50 targets, and prizes were awarded as follows: John 24, Lee 42, Howard 42, Roberts 42, Ford 42, Harvey 41, Gill 41, Haines 41, Williamson 41, Eachus 41, Gale 39, Bennett 39, Young 37, Cardwell 37, G. Smith 37, Pechin 37, Holland 36, Dale 34, Register 34, Ferguson 34, Farr 33, Broom-all 28 and Mace 28.

FLORISTS' GUN CLUB.

On Tuesday, April 11, the regular shoot of the Florists' Gun Club, at Wissinoming, drew two dozen shooters. The weather was fair, although scattering clouds threatened rain.

The surprise of the day was the appearance of the once-famous Captain John Lawrence Brewer, a retired pigeon shot, of Hammon, N. J. Mr. Brewer was accompanied by a handsome, well trained female pointer, which he expressed a desire to sell. Several shooters made quick offers, and finally Mr. Daniel Webster secured the dog. So great was his delight over his good fortune that he requested a friend to take it home until he could become accustomed to owning such a valuable animal. We believe Mr. Brewer claimed that the dog, "Lady Lil," was so well bred that she would only eat dog cake; that she was out of champion Break Shot Sam and Gun Shy Bess, brother to Chasen Dan, winner of a last year's Derby (hat). Guaranteed to stand all day I tied to a post so she couldn't lie down; was a corker on rabbits or wild turkeys or quail, we have forgotten which, but she was sure great on beefsteak.

"Lady Lil" had a rather modest, retiring nature, and was somewhat diffident to strangers, but she appeared to have a loving disposition, which would probably ripen under a caressing hand.

When the shooting began Captain Brewer's eyes glistened with the fire of old, and his goatee fairly quivered to show some of the would-be champions what small Jersey potatoes they were. Captain Brewer borrowed a gun and some shells and made the highest score in the club event. He also continued in a special event and, regardless of the kind of shells or the shape of the gun, he cleaned up the entire bunch of crack Florists. Then he disappeared in the wilds of Jersey, near Hammon.

Mr. McCarty, a new member, was next to the great Brewer (J. L.), and broke 43; Sanford, Harrison and De Pew had 41, and Fred Coleman was laughing so much he only broke 40.

McCarty was high

CURRENT COMMENT By Gun Editor Will K. Park.

TROUT FISHING.

The trout fishing season opened in Pennsylvania Saturday, April 15. While the indications are favorable for early fishing, the usual complaints are heard from various quarters that for some reason or other the gamy fish are none too plentiful or else they refuse to bite.

The real paradise for the fisherman is found in Monroe, Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna counties.

Pike County is literally filled with lakes and fishing streams. Great sport may be had as soon as one reaches Bushkill village, in the extreme Southern end of the county.

Philadelphia may reach Bushkill by taking the Pennsylvania Railroad at Camden and journeying by it and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to East Stroudsburg, from which place the Delaware Valley Railroad will take them to their destination.

There the Great Bushkill empties into the Delaware, and there the fisherman starts to work along the former streams and its tributaries. From Bushkill to Resica, three miles, this stream is free.

Most famous of the many trout streams in Pike County is Saw Creek. Mud and heavy brush along the banks make it a difficult stream to fish in some places, although it is open in others.

Anglers may drive to this stream from Bushkill Village, four miles from its nearest point. Parts of Saw Creek are private, as is Middle Branch, Rocky Hill and Indian Cabin branches, farther North are open. Many anglers drive to Twelve Mile Pond, as Saw Creek above that point affords the very best sport.

One of the finest country roads in the United States runs from Bushkill along the Delaware river, and crosses a number of fine fishing streams. Among these are Mill, Dingman's, Raymondskill and Sawkill Creeks, upon the last-named of which is situated Milford, the county seat. Sawkill Creek is almost as noted for its sport as Saw Creek.

Wayne County boasts of better fishing now than it enjoyed thirty years ago, although one hundred persons whip its waters now to one who angled then. It has within its boundaries 150 lakes and as many cold water streams.

Best known of these streams are the headwaters of the Lackawanna, Big and Little Dyberry, Big and Little Equinunk and Johnson's Creeks.

Trains of the Lehigh Valley and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroads will carry the fisherman to Susquehanna County's favored streams. Most popular of these are Wyalusing Creek, not far from Montrose, the county seat; Tunkhannock Creek, along which are Lenox, South Gibson, Gelatt, Jackson and other towns; Partner's and Rattler's Creeks.

Monroe County almost equals Pike as a fisherman's paradise, and is easier to traverse by rail. Starting from Delaware Water Gap or East Stroudsburg, one may land at Henryville, Cresco, Pocomo Summit or other stations on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and find splendid sporting waters in the vicinity.

Every stream in Monroe may properly be called a trout stream. The best known are Broadhead, Tobyhanna, Tunkhannock, Marshall's, Pocomo, Paradise, Tannersville, Straight, Five Mile, Michael's and Cherry Run Creeks and their tributaries. For the most part, the banks are brushy, but not too much so for profitable casting. A number of preserves, where one may fish at so much as a pound the catch, are also to be found in this vicinity, the trout being of extraordinary size.

A number of villages are scattered through this fishing belt, some being on either the Wilkesbarre and Western or the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroads, while others may be reached by team over the country roads.

In the central section of the State, Centre, Clearfield and Clinton Counties are much sought by trout fishermen.

Wonderful luck usually attends the angler in Centre County, where fish are sometimes caught even in the heart of Bellefonte, the county seat.

In Carbon County famous streams are found near White Haven, Hickory Run, Mud Run and other streams emptying into the Lehigh River attract the fisherman, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad runs direct to this country.

Near Allentown and Bethlehem are famous trout streams, reached by trolley or driving. The trolley line between Allentown and Kutztown winds along some of the best fishing waters of that section, and one may leave the cars at any point and

find good sport. Each of these streams was stocked last year with 20,000 young fish, and a like number will be turned loose this year.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

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Events 1 to 6, distance handicap; all others 16 yards.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Frank (19), Gleason (19), Woodruff (17), K'kwood (20), Blinn (16), Burns (16), Ford (16), Bell (20), Roy (19), Muldown (16), Allen (16), Willard (16), Sadler (16), Massure (16), Bryant (16), Retwood (14).

HARTFORD (CONN.) GOLF CLUB.

Excellent scores were made at the regular shoot of the Hartford Golf Club on Saturday, April 8, showing that the shooting contingent are fast becoming top-notchers. C. A. Goodwin was high gun, with 48 out of 50, and 90 breaks out of 100. Scores follow:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes C. A. Goodwin (48), F. S. Goodwin (42), F. R. Cooley (42), J. O. Eiders (34).

COLT GUN CLUB.

The "medal" contest at the Colt Gun Club's regular shoot on April 8 at Hartford County, was won by Hollister, and the following scores were made at 25 targets unknown angles, Hicks and Rowe tying for the leading position with 22.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Hollister (21), Chilton (15), Hicks (22), Fernside (22), Fernside (15), Rowe (22), Johnson (20), Cook (14), Silience (11).

NEW HAVEN (CONN.) GUN CLUB.

The New Haven Gun Club's regular monthly shoot, on April 12, was unusually interesting and drew a large attendance. In addition to the individual prize match, the gun club shot a match with a team from Yale. Though scores generally did not rank high, the team match had a very exciting finish, the collegians coming out at the small end by the narrow margin of one target. Mack, of New Haven, was in fine form and rapped out a 47, four targets ahead of second high. Thompson was high collegian with 42. Scores follow, team match, 50 targets per shooter:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Mack (47), Whitney (43), Fox (40), Porter (39), Stevenson (38), Liles (36), Hepburn (34).

Total 277. In the individual prize match at 25 targets, Clark won first prize, a fine Silver Pitcher, score 25; Robertson second, Pearl Handle Knife, score 24; Basset, third, Split Bamboo Fishing Rod, score 24.

NORWICH (CONN.) SHOOTING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Norwich, Conn. Shooting Club was held in the club house on Saturday, April 8. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed the club to be in good condition with 56 members and money in the treasury. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Willis Austin; vice president, A. C. Wright; secretary-treasurer, I. P. Taff; captain, W. H. Gates; board of managers, J. A. Mitchell, Geo. S. Brown, Thomas B. Leahy; House and Range Committee, A. C. Wright, C. O. Tracy, Geo. W. Dobears, H. F. Ulmer, A. B. Grimes. After the business meeting the members adjourned to the traps making the following scores:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Austin (105), Gates (70), Wells (93), J. Mitchell (50), Moran (50), Sanders (50).

SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) SHOOTING CLUB.

Few members took part in the practice shoot of the Springfield shooting club on the grounds at Red House crossing April 8. The day was cold and windy, but some good scores were made nevertheless. The club is making big preparations for its tournament the 19th, when a large number of marksmen will take part. The summary:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Finch (8), Le Noir (7), Merritt (7), Kites (9), Warfield (4), Douglass (10).

NEW ENGLAND BRIEFS.

"Straw" of the Birchbrook Club, added another full score in the B. S. A. second contest, April 8, for the individual cups. His net score for broken targets was 42 out of the 50, which his handicap of 8 swelled to a possible.

Mrs. C. F. Lambert, of Syracuse, N. Y., formerly of the Haverhill (Mass.) Gun Club, is visiting friends in the New England States the present month.

The B. A. A. Gun Club held a shoot on their grounds, at Riverside, Mass., complimentary to the U. M. C. squad of experts.

The Princeton Gun team schedule is as follows: April 26, Trenton Shooting Association, at Trenton; April 29, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; May 5, Harvard, at Princeton; May 6, intercollegiate shoot, at Philadelphia, and May 13, Yale, at Princeton.

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J. S. S. Remsen, of the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, N. Y., and T. C. Adams, of the B. A. A. Gun Club, shot a 100 target match, at Riverside, Mass., April 10, for a special prize. Remsen won, breaking 91 to Adams' 84.

On Saturday, April 29, the Lowell, Mass., Rod and Gun Club will hold a team and individual prize shoot. E. J. Burns, the secretary, will send program to any one desiring the same. They look for a good attendance.

Burns, of Middlesex, leads the Boston Gun Club prize list at present with a total of 181. O. R. Dickey stands next with 170, Woodruff, third, with 165. Seven others range above the 150 mark.

Dr. C. G. Weld, of the New England Kennel and other shooting clubs, has an artistic eye for more than guns, as his exhibit was a notable feature of the spring meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Alfred Dorr won the club cup in the weekly N. E. K. C. shoot, at Braintree, Mass., April 8, scoring, with his handicap of 11 added targets, 25. Thomas Silsbee and I. R. Thomas tied for the Monatquic cup with scratch scores of 24. In the shoot-off Silsbee won.

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TRAP AT WASHINGTON.

The U. M. C. Squad of Experts at the Anolstan Gun Club.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Anolstan Gun Club of this city held a very successful shoot yesterday. The occasion of the same was the arrival in the city on Sunday of the famous squad of experts representing the U. M. C. Co., Messrs. Marshall, Heikes, Heer, Stevens and Butler. Mr. John E. Avery, the general sales agent for the South, and Mr. Heath, of the advertising department of the company, were also along and kept tabs on the shooters. A large number of local members were present and also visitors from the Rockville, Md., club and the Eastern Branch Club of this city, besides a large number of spectators.

The weather was beautiful, but a very high wind made difficult shooting and a glance at the scores tells the story: Following are the scores:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Heikes (100), Heer (100), Stevens (100), Marshall (100), Butler (100), Steubener (110), Wagner (90), W. H. Hunter (85), Willits (80), Geo. Wise (80), Baker (75), C. Wilson (70), Miles Taylor (55), J. H. Hunter (50), Alhutt (50), Dr. Taylor (50).

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Hogan (50), Keys (50), Duvall (50).

The club is in a very prosperous condition and the members are taking a great interest in the preparations for the tournament on May 30 and 31 next. There will be hung up for those who attend \$200 in added money, which will be shot for under a sliding handicap and the percentage system—40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent.

THOSE YOU KNOW.

NOT TOO PERSONAL BUT JUST PERSONAL ENOUGH.

Bits of News, Gossip and Comment About Men Whom Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

BY WILL K. PARK.

H. Schlicher, of Allentown, and J. Pleis, of Easton, tied for best average at a shoot held at Bethlehem, Pa., April 4. Each broke 170 out of 180 targets.

Frank Faurote, the Winchester's Texas expert, is showing good form this spring. At the New Orleans shoot April 11, he made high average, or 187 out of 200 targets, and had a run of over 100 straight.

J. O'Neil defeated Chase in a 50 live bird match at St. Louis, Mo., April 8, by the score of 47 to 42. The prize was the Mermod-Jaccard cup.

James T. Skelly, Manager Shot Gun Smokeless, of the E. I. DuPont Company, is now in California. He took part in a live bird shoot of the California Wing Club at San Francisco on April 8 and killed enough to make a pot pie even if a few got away untouched.

Jack Fanning, the popular Laffin & Rand expert, is shooting his way through the West and may possibly reach the Pacific Coast before he returns for the G. A. H.

H. C. Hirschy tried the traps at Minneapolis, Minn., April 5, and broke 194 out of 200 targets, making a run of 104 straight.

Elmer E. Shaner, member of tournament committee, writes "Sporting Life" regarding the outlook for a big shoot at Pittsburg. He says: "Judging from the inquiry for programs, the coming tournament of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association, at Pittsburg, May 2 to 5, is going to be well attended, and it will, undoubtedly, be one of the big successes of the year. We have sent out something over 2500 programs, and still have a number on hand; it will afford us pleasure to mail a copy to any person who may have been overlooked." Those desiring programs should write Mr. Elmer E. Shaner, 219 Coltart Square, Pittsburg, Pa.

An all day shoot will be given by the Hanover Park Shooting Association at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 27. The program has 10 events, a total of 165 shots, at a cost of \$14. The purses are open to amateurs only, and all sweeps are optional. The U. M. C. squad, composed of Heikes, Marshall, Heer, Stevens and Butler will take part in the shooting, as guests of the club. They will not enter for the money. E. L. Klipple, 71 S. Main street, Wilkes-Barre, will manage the affair.

An all day shoot will be given at Trumbauersville, Pa., Saturday, April 22, sweeps to suit the shooters. S. J. Croll will be the manager.

Carl Von Lengerke has taken a position with the Polk Miller Drug Co., of Richmond, Va., and will represent them in New York, with an office at 1263 Broadway. The Polk Miller Drug Co. manufacture the Sergeant dog remedies, and Mr. Von Lengerke will look after the wants of the trade on this line.

ENTERPRISE GUN CLUB.

Cup and Badge Contests Create Much Interest in Trap Shooting.

McKeesport, Pa., April 12.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The third contest for the Daily News Cup, pulled off on April 8; also the second contest for the Hunter Arms Co. Gold Badge.

Mathew Schorr won in the cup race and J. F. Calhoun in badge contest. Twenty shooters took part and a large number of spectators were present. So far there are 3 winners in the cup race and two contests remain to be shot.

Mr. Schorr has named this club as the next place for the contest, and the date is Saturday, April 15, at 3 P. M., and as inducement this club will give any man outside of the members of this club, and who resides in the territory named a \$10 bill who can come and lift the cup on the above date. If there are any better than we have we consider it worth the amount to know it. H. H. Stevens, of the U. M. C. and Remington Arms Co., was again present and shot through the program.

Daily News Cup, 50 targets.			
Targets	15	20	15 Total
Schorr	15	19	13 47
Calhoun	13	18	15 46
W. Hale	13	20	13 46
Cochran	13	18	15 46
McFarland	13	20	13 46
Stevens	14	18	13 45
Irwin	14	16	13 43
Stephan	14	16	13 43
Davis	13	16	13 42
Noel	14	16	11 41
Good	13	16	12 41

Watson	10	17	13	40
H. Hale	12	16	11	39
Douglas	12	15	12	39
Knight	11	17	10	38
George	10	12	10	32
Jennings	11	12	8	31
Ross	10	18	..	28
Simrock	12	18	..	30
Hunter Arms Co. gold badge	20	10	..	..

	Hdep.	singles.	pairs.	Tot.
Calhoun	20	20	17	37
Stevens	20	18	17	35
Knight	19	17	16	33
W. Hale	20	18	13	31
Stephan	19	17	14	31
Davis	19	17	14	31
Irwin	20	18	11	29
Noel	16	17	12	29
Keely	14	16	12	28
Schorr	20	16	10	26
H. Hale	16	13	10	23
Jennings	14	8	..	8

Practice, 15 targets—Stevens, 14; Schorr, 12; Irwin, 12; W. Hale, 9; Ross, 14; Simrock, 14; Cochran, 12; Davis, 12; Good, 12; J. Hale, 10; H. Hale, 10; Taylor, 10; Jennings, 10.

TRAP AT NEW ORLEANS.

F. Faurote Made High Average at the Gulf Coast League.

New Orleans, La., April 14.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The first day's shoot of the tournament under the auspices of the City Park Gun Club and the Gulf Coast League, began at 9 o'clock on April 10, and lasted until late in the afternoon. This was a clay bird shoot. F. M. Faurote of Dallas, and Harold Money led with scores of 187 each, and L. J. Wade and T. E. Hubby tied for second with 185. Others making good records were Maurice Kaufman, Hood Waters, L. P. Chaudet, Col. Anthony and Captain Arthur du Bray.

The finals were decided on April 11. F. M. Faurote won the high expert average, for which he received a prize of a case of White Seal wine. He also won the pocket knife donated by White Bros., for the longest straight run. He broke 100 targets straight.

A case of champagne for the highest amateur class average in the Gulf Coast League was won by Mr. Macmurdo, and Robert Saucier captured second prize, a leather gun case; C. B. Shaw was third and won a hat. Mr. Brezzeale made the longest straight run in the amateur class with 41 targets and won the prize, a Bristol steel rod. Mr. Chamberlain won a case of whiskey. Mr. Saucier scored a first win for the Dupont Individual Trophy, getting 48 out of 50 targets.

Robert E. Saucier was manager of the shoot and Arthur Saucier official scorer. The score follows:

	April 10.	April 11.	Tot.
	Shot.	Bk.	Shot. Bk.
Faurote	200	187	200 187 374
Money	200	185	200 185 374
Brezzeale	200	185	200 181 366
Hubby	200	180	200 185 365
Sligo	200	181	200 182 363
McMurdo	200	179	200 183 362
Wade	200	175	200 185 360
Saucier	200	175	200 183 358
Hood Waters	200	171	200 172 343
Bryan	200	178	200 162 340
O. Trizger	200	170	200 169 339
Anthony	200	169	200 166 335
Kaufman	200	170	200 164 334
Chaudet	200	170	200 160 330
Chamberlain	200	167	200 153 320
Caddo	200	156	200 164 320
Coeke	180	147	200 172 319
Smith, Alex.	200	142	200 156 298
Marston	110	73	200 157
Cleveland	135	91	200 132
Stenson	160	100	..
Fletcher	135	111	200 148
Dickinson	110	80	200 177
Margold	160	98	..
C. Delriere	110	64	..
Sens	..	200	163
Hemingway	..	150	118
Simon	..	135	118
Rox Chinn	..	200	144
Goodbrad	..	200	161
Bradfield	..	60	71
Miller	..	90	71
DuBray	..	165	116
J. D. Hunter	..	65	34

TRAP AT BALTIMORE.

Good Shooting by Malone, Gent and Chew in Club Events.

Baltimore, Md., April 10.—High winds made shooting difficult at the Baltimore Shooting Association Club on Saturday, and the result was low scores for all the boys except L. S. German. He was high gun, breaking 47 out of the first 50 and 48 out of another 50. J. R. Malone was second and Grayson Gent third. Scores:

Targets	25	25	25	25	25	25
German	24	23	24	20	24	24
Malone	21	19	20	23	..	..
Chew	15	20	20	21	..	..
Gent	23	15	19	22	..	..
Preston	15	17	18	16	..	..
Bowen	13	19	17	14	14	19
Sampson	16	19	17	18	..	..
Elderkin	15	10	15	11	..	..
Moxley	17	12	16	13	19	..
Dixon	19	17	16	..	..	..
Panceast	14	15	..	..	..	..
Valentine	15	19	..	..	..	..
Chase	10	..	..	..	..	..
Watkins	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hammond	19	15	10	17	..	..

DeGross Gun Club.

DeGross, O., April 10.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The usual number of shooters were present at the regular bi-monthly shoot of the Pleasant Valley Gun Club on the 5th inst. A strong wind from the North made the shooting anything but pleasant.

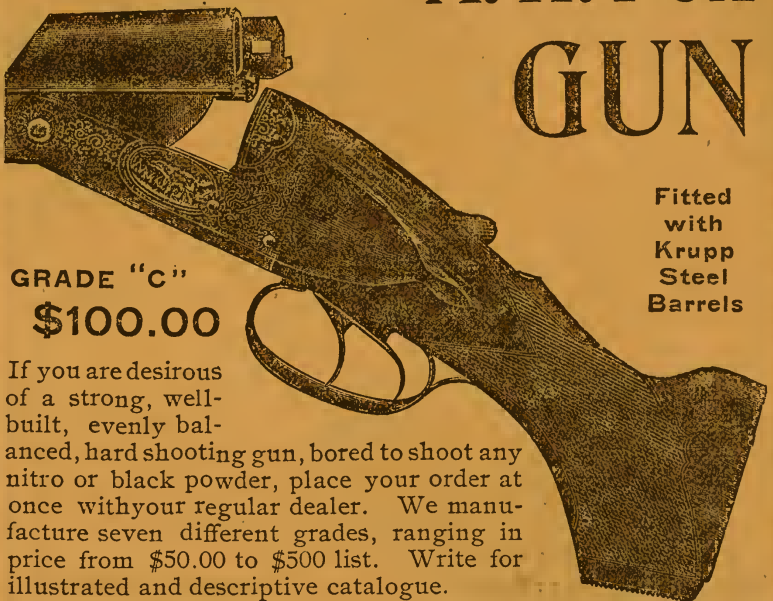
The feature of the afternoon's sport was the wonderful score of G. A. Bruner, who broke 98 out of 105, being the best score ever made on these grounds. Hoover, who was in better form than usual, climbed into second place with 89 out of 105, while Long was following close with 87.

The last of these series will be held April 19. The scores:

Targets	10	15	10	15	10	15	15	15	105	Pct.
Bruner	9	14	10	14	10	13	14	14	98	93.3
E. O. Hoover	9	12	9	14	8	11	13	13	89	84.7
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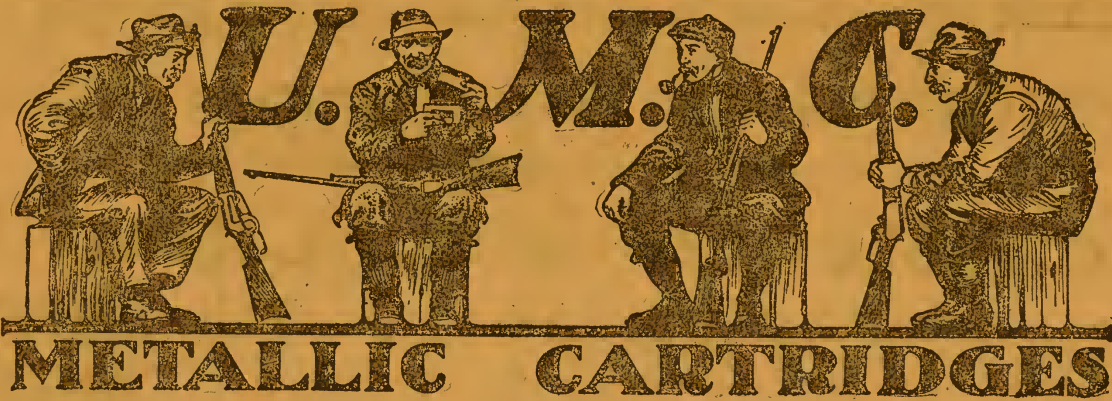
Coatesville, Pa., April 11.—The East End and Brandywine Gun Clubs here have consolidated, and in the future the team will be known as the Coatesville Gun Club. The following officers have been elected: W. Penrose Moore, president; David Irwin, vice president; Thomas Spackman, secretary and treasurer; H. Minker, field captain; David Irwin, vice captain; executive committee, Ellis Ridgway, Thomas Spack-

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DELAWARE STATE SHOOT.

Grand Success of the First Annual Spring Meet—R. O. Heikes Made High Average—Details and Scores.

Wilmington, Del., April 15.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The first annual spring tournament of the Delaware State Trapshooters' League was held in Wilmington, Del., April 12 and 13, on the grounds of the Wilmington Gun Club. This club is a new one, and we think has reason to be proud of its record of 97 shooters on the first day and 74 on the second, with a total of over 20,000 targets for the two days. Every event with the exception of Nos. 5-8 on the second day were handicaps, the sliding handicap being used, experts and amateurs handicapping themselves by their work in the several events. The club had calculated that it should have about sixty shooters present, so it was rather hard work for its tournament committee to look after their guests' comfort as well as to keep things moving. The committee was composed as follows: W. Harry Hartlove, chairman; Elmer I. Thompson, Frank Kendall, H. J. Stidham, secretary of the club, and Edward Banks. The thanks of the committee are due to the several volunteers who so kindly assisted them in refereeing and squad hustling, the veteran Bob McArdle, looking after No. 1 set of traps and seeing to it that the squads got to the score on time. Elmer Thompson did most of that work at No. 2 set, while Stidham and Hartlove were always in evidence when help was needed.

The new clubhouse, 32x24 feet, with its piazza, seemed to accommodate the crowd well, the large tent, 45x25, not being needed. The lunch tent was patronized well, the oyster counter having particular attraction for some of our Western friends, chiefly Tom Marshall and "Billy" Heer, the latter standing at that score and calling "Pull" until the oyster opener's arm ached.

The trade was well represented: A. C. Barrell and F. Heath being on hand with a full U. M. C. squad—T. A. Marshall, W. H. Heer, F. E. Butler, H. H. Stevens and "Pop" Heikes, J. Mowell Hawkins, of the W. R. A. Co., accompanied by Mrs. Hawkins and his young son, was on hand to look after his company's interests. T. H. Keller, and Neaf Apgar, say that Peters Cartridge Co. got all that was coming to it. The Austin Cartridge Co. was represented by Mr. W. P. Sampson, a new man at the traps, and a nephew of Mr. William Baskerville, manager of that company's Baltimore Branch. Luther J. Squier, of the DuPont Co. of course was on hand, Wilmington being his home at present. With so many shooters to attend to, it is not to be wondered at that (sliding handicap not considered), the scores of some experts suffered.

The program for the first day as 12 events, 15 targets each, but owing to the number of entries, only 11 events were shot, many not being able to shoot their scores in No. 11 on account of darkness.

Table with columns for Targets (15-15) and Shot Bk (15-15). Rows list names like Heikes, Heer, Richardson, Marshall, Stevens, Mink, Newcomb, German, Hawkins, McKelvey, Foord, Burrghs, Bissett, Emann, Apgar, Squier, Butler, McCarty, McHugh, Edm'son, Terry, Reed, G. Edm'n, Chew, Bowen, Conley, Will'm'n, Malone, and Armst'ng with their respective scores.

Table with columns for Targets (14-14) and Shot Bk (13-11). Rows list names like Banks, Pratt, E. E. d'P't, P. duPont, Keller, Phillips, Hartlove, Mel'r, Jr., Cowan, Chaxelle, Grubb, Ball, Apple'k, Silver, Rogers, Duff, McNeal, England, Lobb, Kirk, Evans, Torpey, Graham, Springer, Cleaver, Godwin, Groome, E. Ged'in, Simons, Young, W. P. t'iii, Buckm'r, Algard, Towns'd, C. Simons, Warren, Kendall, Hamlen, Atkinson, Chase, M. Chase, Chadwick, Lodge, Thompson, Linton, Cresby, White, Hahn, Grubb, Ryan, Stidham, Wilson, Kite, Koerner, North, Du Pont, J. A. C., C. A. C., Har'gton, Moore, Steele, Hassinger, Casey, Caldwell, McArdle, Hendrix.

Nos. 9 and 10 comprised the Merchandise Event. For this event the club had prepared a list of some 80 odd prizes, but as there were only 60 entries for the prizes, everybody got something, and the majority got value received for their entry fee, while many got decidedly more. W. Edmondson and J. Graham tied for first and second prizes and took both the L. C. Smith and Ithaca guns, tossing for choice. McHugh and Richardson tied for third and fourth prizes, a large and handsome stein of Austrian manufacture and a pair of field glasses. They shot off miss-and-out, McHugh winning by breaking his target, Richardson having missed his. All the other prizes were decided by lot, there being no time for a shoot-off.

In all 9870 targets were thrown during the day, being an average of almost 60 entries in each event.

Table with columns for Targets (15-15) and Shot Bk (15-15). Rows list names like Richardson, Heikes, Mink, Heer, Apgar, Squier, Butler, McCarty, McHugh, Edm'son, Terry, Reed, G. Edm'n, Chew, Bowen, Conley, Will'm'n, Malone, and Armst'ng with their respective scores.

Richardson must have shot 18 shown also by the scores made by the others, "Pop" Heikes with 95 and J. Mowell Hawkins with 94 being the only ones in the shoot who beat his total of 93. "Billy" Foord got off badly but finished strongly as he always does.

The team race for five-men teams brought out ten teams, and it was 7.15 when the last man in the last squad had shot his string. Wawaset No. 1, of Wilmington, put up an excellent piece of team work and won out easily with the good total of 221 out of 250, each of the five men shooting at 50 targets. The Dover Gun Club was second on the list 23 targets behind, with a total of 198; Wawaset No. 3, Wawaset No. 2 and Blue Ball No. 1, finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively with score of 187, 186 and 185 to their credit. The home club put in two teams and the second team put it all over the first team, but neither of them was ever in the hunt. Middletown, Claymont and Blue Ball No. 2 were the other teams.

Heikes again easily led the experts with only eight lost out of 160 shot at, breaking 152. Hawkins broke 146, Heer and Apgar 142, and Marshall 141. The amateurs did some good work, Richardson, the winner of the State championship, taking first honors in the amateur class and also second honors all round for the day with 147 breaks, one more than Hawkins' total. Mink, the lanky Philadelphian, again landed well up with 143, while Foord and Terry each had 140 to their credit. The scores were as below, events 5-8 being at 25 targets, and constituting the Individual Championship race at 100 targets.

Table with columns for Events (1-8) and Targets (15-15). Rows list names like R. O. Heikes, A. B. Richardson, J. M. Hawkins, C. E. Mink, W. H. Heer, N. Apgar, W. A. Marshall, Terry, W. M. Foord, G. German, F. C. Bissett, H. H. Stevens, L. J. Squier, J. B. McHugh, E. Banks, J. A. McKelvey, F. Emann, G. S. McCarty, G. C. Burroughs, F. E. Butler, D. S. Daudt, A. P. Conley, Bee, Theo. Rogers, Duryea, H. Poole, F. W. Barnard, G. W. Simpson, White, Beauchamp, W. Evans, L. Evans, M. Kuhns, Dr. Buckmaster, Bird, C. H. Simon, Ed. Melchior, Jr., J. K. B., Mallin, G. Edmondson, N. Grubb, Springer, J. E. Kirk, Linton, A. H. Lobb, E. Simon, G. Godwin, W. K. Hahn, England, G. Massey, B. Longland, Martin, Potter, Husband, Dr. Ewing, Miller, J. Ball, F. Kendall, A. Chaxelle, Ward, C. M. Buckmaster, W. H. Hartlove, H. E. Ewing, Jefferson, Dupont, Read, Armstrong, W. Edmondson, W. D. Wallace, J. K. B., W. H. Reed, and Cleaver with their respective scores.

The scores in the team races were as follows: Wawaset No. 1, Wilmington G. C. No. 2, J. A. McKelvey, 46; G. Simons, 45; W. M. Foord, 45; W. H. Hartlove, 36; Edmondson, 45; F. Kendall, 36; C. M. Buckmaster, 44; G. Godwin, 32; J. Graham, 41; W. K. Hahn, 31; 221; Middletown Gun Club, 177.

Dover Gun Club, 198; Middletown Gun Club, 172; Terry, 45; Gilpin Massey, 38; A. B. Richardson, 44; E. Massey, 35; J. Evans, 44; Duryea, 33; W. H. Reed, 35; Dr. Bernard, 33; J. E. Kirk, 39; H. Poole, 33; 198; Wawaset No. 3, 187; Wilmington G. C. No. 1, 172.

Martin, 43; Springer, 37; Rutter, 42; J. B. McHugh, 35; F. Buck, 39; E. Simons, 32; Bead, 37; A. H. Lobb, 32; Conog, 26; G. Burroughs, 26; 187; Blue Ball G. C. No. 2, 162.

Robinson, 42; W. Potter, 35; Dr. Buck, 42; A. Chaxelle, 36; R. Miller, 39; H. Ewing, 31; Ed. Melchior, Jr., 35; C. Potter, 28; S. Tuchten, 28; M. Kuhns, 22; 186; Blue Ball Club, No. 1, 152.

J. Ball, 40; C. Hahn, 35; N. Grubb, 40; J. Husband, 33; C. H. Simons, 39; W. Bird, 31; S. P. Ewing, 34; E. Grubb, 32; L. Evans, 32; E. Casey, 17; 185; Altogether there were 74 shooters who took part in the several events, and a grand total of 10,240 targets were thrown during the day, making just 20,110 targets for the two days.

GENERAL AVERAGES. The wind, the dull sky which prevailed a great part of the tournament, and the sliding handicap all combined to ruin the chances of most people for high averages. R. O. Heikes was in remarkable form, and it made no difference apparently whether he stood at 18, 19 or 20 yards. His average of over 95 per cent. of the 325 shot at speaks for itself. It was no small feather in Mr. Richardson's cap that he was able to tie "Billy" Heer for second average on a grand total of 295 out of 325, an average of just a fraction better than 90 per cent. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Mink just missed the 90 per cent. mark, and tied for third place in the averages with 290.

The order in which the ten high gun finished is as follows: 1 R. O. Heikes, 309; 6 T. A. Marshall, 288; 2 W. H. Heer, 295; 7 Lester German, 285; 3 A. B. Richardson, 295; 8 Neaf Apgar, 283; 4 J. M. Hawkins, 290; 9 H. H. Stevens, 282; 5 C. E. Mink, 290; 10 W. M. Foord, 282. This tournament was the Wilmington Gun Club's first effort in that direction. The club is barely a year old and will learn by experience; in fact it promises to do so. If its late guests will only bear its youth in mind and excuse any mistakes on that ground, the club members will feel perfectly happy and will do their best to hold up their end when called upon to act again in the capacity of hosts.

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ZIMMERMAN TARGET—Won by R. Gute, with Winchester Cartridges; score 39 (39 being the best possible)—38.

BULLSEYE TARGET—Won by Richard Bendler, with Winchester Cartridges, his bullseye measuring 18 degrees.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH—Second: R. Gute, with Winchester Cartridges; score 2466. Mr. Gute's score beats all previous world's records.

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Attention is called to the Peters Cartridge Co.'s advertisement in this issue. The winning of the indoor rifle championship by L. P. Ittel, who made a new world's record, the straight run of Mr. Kelly with thirteen 25's; the Ring target match and the majority of contestants using Peters metallic ammunition was a great victory for the Peters Cartridge Co., and its 22 short cartridges.

The United States Revolver Association has announced the result of the annual indoor championship shoot, which was conducted March 20-25, inclusive, at New York, Chicago, Pinehurst, N. C.; St. Louis, Pine Bluff, Ark., and San Francisco. The winner is S. F. Sears, a member of the police force of St. Louis, his score being 461. This was a very hard match on account of the large number of entries and reflects great credit upon the skill of Mr. Sears and also upon the ammunition he used, which was Winchester factory loaded cartridges. This makes the second time Mr. Sears has won this championship, and if he succeeds in doing so again next year, he can retain the championship cup which he now holds.

The Lefever gun won high amateur average at both live birds and targets March 30, at Jamesville, Wis. Shooters will do well to get a Lefever 1905 catalogue before purchasing a new gun. The Lefever Arms Co. will be pleased on request, to send one free of charge. Address Lefever Arms Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

The following "pome" has come to "Sporting Life." To save the author from any harm we will withhold his name:

Wild Bill challenged Kanuk Sim
To shoot a ten-bird match with him,
Their scores below this verse I write
Kanuk Sim shot "BALLISTITE."
(Sim's score 10, Bill's score 6.)

A return match they that day made,
Poor Kanuk Sim, I am afraid,
His shells were changed, I'll bet I'm right,
I know Wild Bill shot "BALLISTITE."
(Bill's score 10, Sim's score 4.)

To prove the best man they tried next
They shot all day, folks were perplexed,
Tie after tie they shot till night,
They both were shooting "BALLISTITE."

Now Wild Bill and Kanuk Sim
Each wear a badge with diamond rim
They're CHAMPIONS, and so you might
Be if you shot "BALLISTITE."

Des Moines, Ia.—At the Iowa State shoot, March 14-16, W. Heer, of Concordia, Kan., first general average, 594 out of 600, an average of 99 per cent., shooting New E. C. (Improved). Fred Gilbert, second general average, 590 out of 600, shooting Du Pont. W. R. Crosby, third general average, 588 out of 600, shooting New E. C. (Improved). C. G. Taylor, of Meckling, S. D., first amateur average, 581 out of 600, shooting New E. C. (Improved). On the 16th inst., both Mr. Heer and Mr. Gilbert broke the entire

program for the day, 200 targets, not missing a single one. Mr. Heer's longest run for the tournament was 307. F. A. Weatherhead, of Red Oak, Ia., won the L. C. Smith cup with 40 straight, using Du Pont. W. D. Stannard, of Chicago, won the cup for the expert average, to be shot off by those who broke 94 per cent. or better during the tournament, with 50 straight, shooting Du Pont. Mr. Heer and Mr. Crosby were second, with 49 each, shooting New E. C. (Improved). C. B. Adams, of Rockwell City, Ia., won the second average cup for the 90 to 94 per cent. men, breaking 47 out of 50, shooting Infalible. F. H. Lord, of Chicago, won the cup for those who shot below 90 per cent., breaking 42 out of 50, shooting Du Pont and E. C. The handicap event for the Iowa State Sportsmen's Association badge was won by N. W. Layman, of Des Moines, Ia., 48 out of 50, from the 19-yard mark, shooting New Schultze, and tied with Fred Gilbert, who stood at 22 yards. On the shoot-off, at 25 targets, Mr. Layman broke 23 to Mr. Gilbert's 22. Mr. Gilbert had a run of 157 straight, Mr. Crosby one of 147 and W. D. Stannard one of 104.

CINCINNATI GUN CLUB.

Good Scores Made in the Ninth Peters Trophy Contest.

Cincinnati, O., April 11.—On Saturday the monthly shoot for the Peters trophy among members of the Cincinnati Gun Club had a good entry, and scores averaged higher than usual. Twenty out of twenty-eight went 80 per cent. or better, and seven were 90 per centers. Randall, Bleh and Hesser were high on number of actual breaks, 47 out of 50, but with handicaps added nine men had a possible 50.

In the team races Gambell and Faran put up a good score, each smashing 46 out of 50.

Superintendent Gambell was taken completely by surprise at the last regular meeting of the board of directors by its generous action. They called him into their sanctum and notified him that they had decided to show him how his services to the club were appreciated, and accordingly they had by a unanimous vote decided to present him with \$200 to allow him to take a well-earned vacation. It took the superintendent some little time to get his wits together for a reply. He was well aware of the present board being satisfied with his services, but never suspected them of showing it in so substantial a manner.

The scores of the shooting follow:

Peters trophy, 50 targets, added handicap.		Team match, 50 targets.	
Hp. B. Tl.	Hp. B. Tl.		
Randall.....	4 47 50	Williams.....	5 41 46
Koplinger.....	6 44 50	Roll.....	4 42 46
Tuttle.....	7 46 50	Altherr.....	6 40 43
French.....	8 44 50	Peters.....	0 45 45
Herman.....	11 44 50	Barker.....	2 45 45
Gambell.....	8 42 50	Bullerick.....	2 43 45
Davies.....	12 38 50	Ablers.....	0 44 44
Smith.....	13 38 50	R. Trimble.....	0 44 44
Andrews.....	14 36 50	Faran.....	0 43 43
Maynard.....	6 42 48	A. Sunderbruch	2 41 43
Steinman.....	10 38 48	Falk.....	5 37 42
Bleh.....	0 47 47	*Baldwin.....	30 30
Hesser.....	0 47 47	*Strauss.....	10 33 43
Don Minto.....	1 46 47	*Heidel.....	32 32
*Visitor.			

The Pistol Champions.

Springfield, Mass., April 12.—J. B. Crabtree, of this city, secretary of the United States Revolver Association, has announced the result of the annual indoor championship shoot, which was conducted March 20-23, inclusive, at New York, Chicago, Pinehurst, N. C., St. Louis, Pine Bluff, Ark., and San Francisco. The revolver championship was won by S. F. Sears, of St. Louis, with a score of 461. Dr. R. H. Sayre, of New York, was second, with 438,

and William G. King, of Chicago, third, with 431.

The State championship winners are as follows:

Arkansas—Pistol, R. Swartz, Pine Bluff, Illinois—Revolver, Edwin L. Harpham, Chicago; pistol, William J. Griez. Missouri—Revolver, S. E. Sears, St. Louis. New York—Revolver and pistol, Dr. Sayre. North Carolina—Pistol, Miss M. Waterhurst, Pinehurst. The cup, presented in 1901, has now been won by Dr. Sayre three times and becomes his permanent property. Mr. Sears, the revolver champion, was also first last year. The shooting was done indoors by artificial light at a standard American target, distance twenty yards, five shots per man.

Reidsville Gun Club.

Reidsville, N. C.—W. C. Harris won the Smith trophy at the weekly shoot of the Reidsville Gun Club on April 8.

Targets	10	15	10	15
C. H. McKnight.....	10	12	7	13
W. C. Harris.....	8	12	8	15
R. H. Milton.....	9	14	6	11
R. S. Montgomery.....	5	8	5	7
H. L. Hubbard.....	5	11	6	11
S. H. Hines.....	9	11	8	14
S. A. Hubbard.....	5	10	8	10

Forthcoming Events.

April 26, 27, Scottdale Gun Club, Scottdale, Pa. V. W. Yobner, secy.
 April 26, 27—Hopkinsville, Ky. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Hopkinsville Gun Club. A. F. Gant, secretary.
 April 27—Mullerite Gun Club, at Freeport Gun Club grounds, Freeport, L. I. A. A. Schoverling, manager, 2 Murray street, New York.
 April 28, 29—Johnstown Rifle and Gun Club, Johnstown, Pa. J. B. Holsinger, secretary.
 May 2, 3, 4, 5—Pennsylvania State Shoot, Heron Hill Gun Club, Pitsburg, Pa. \$1000 added. L. Lautenslager, secretary, 623 Smithfield street, Pitsburg, Pa.
 May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—Missouri State Shoot, Kansas City, Mo. Frank J. Smith, President.
 May 4, 5—Waterloo, Ia. E. M. Storm, secretary.
 May 8, 9—Vicksburg, Miss.—J. J. Bradford, secretary.
 May 9, 10—Greenville, O. H. A. McCaughey, secretary.
 May 9, 10—Olean, N. Y. B. D. Nobles, secretary, 111 N. street.
 May 9, 10, 11, 12—Nebraska State shoot, Hastings, Neb. George L. Carter, secretary, Lincoln, Neb.
 May 11, 12—Third annual spring tournament Wawaset Gun Club, Wilmington, Del. W. M. Ford, secretary.
 May 16, 17—Danville Gun Club, Danville, Pa. W. T. Speiser, capt. ann.
 May 16, 17, 18—Ninth annual meeting and tournament of the West Virginia State Sportsmen's Association, Parkersburg, W. Va.; \$600 added money and prizes. F. E. Mallory, secretary.
 May 16, 17, 18—Kansas State Shoot, Herrington, Kas. Geo. W. Lewis, secretary.
 May 17—Boston Gun Club annual tournament. H. C. Kirkwood, secretary, 23 Elm street, Boston, Mass.
 May 17, 18—Auburn, N. Y. Knox & Knapp, Managers.
 May 17, 18—Interstate Association tournament, Owensboro, Ky. James Lewis, Secy.
 May 17, 18, 19—Stanley Gun Club, Toronto. A. Alexander Dey, Secy., 178 Mill st.
 May 18, 19—Owosso, Mich.
 May 23, 24—Oklahoma amateur handicap at target, Guthrie, Okla. K. L. Eagan, manager.
 May 23, 24, 25—Illinois State Shoot, Lincoln, Ill.
 May 24, 25—Kane Sportsmen's Club, Kane, Pa. H. E. Brown, secretary.
 May 24, 25—Catchpole Gun Club, Walcott, N. Y. E. A. Wadsworth, secretary.
 May 29, 30, 31—Kentucky Trap Shooters' League, Louisville, Ky.
 May 30—Enterprise Gun Club, McKeesport, Pa. George W. Mains, secretary.
 May 30—Bound Brook, N. J. Dr. J. H. V. Baehle, President.
 May 30—Riverside Gun Club, Utica, N. Y. E. J. Laughlin, secretary.
 May 30—Clearview Gun Club, 72d Street Station, B. & O. R. R. West Philadelphia. H. B. Fisher, Secretary, 7125 Woodland avenue, Philadelphia.
 May 30, 31—Analostan Gun Club, Washington, D. C. Miles Taylor, secretary, 222 F street, Northwest.
 May 30, 31—Annual tournament Cumberland Shooting Club, Cumberland, Md. W. T. Crawford, secretary.
 May 31, June 1, 2—South Dakota State Shoot, Vermilion, S. D. Geo. O. Harris, Secretary.

June 1, 2—North Branch, N. J. H. B. Ten Eyck, secretary.
 June 3, 4—Chicago Trap Shooters' Association, E. B. Shogren, 940 First National Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill., secretary.
 June 5, 6—Cedar Springs Gun Club, New Paris, O. J. F. Freeman, secretary.
 June 6, 7, 8—Sox Gun Club, Sioux City, Ia. W. F. Duncan, Secretary.
 June 9—Shamokin, Pa. S. C. Yocum, secretary.
 June 13, 14, 15—Ohio State Shoot, Canton, O.
 June 13, 14, 15, 16—New York State shoot, Utica, N. Y. J. M. Brown, Secretary, 65 Taylor avenue.
 June 20, 21—Blughamton, N. Y. Vernon Perry, secretary.
 June 20, 21, 22—New London, Ia. Dr. C. E. Cook, Secretary.
 June 20, 21, 22, 23—Warm Springs, Ga. Charles L. Davis, manager.
 June 21, 22—North Carolina Trap Shooters' Association, Durham, N. C. George L. Lyon, secretary.
 June 21, 22—Bradford, Pa. \$400 added. Edward C. Charlton, secretary, City Hall, Bradford, Pa.
 June 27, 28, 29, 30—Indianapolis, Ind. The Interstate Association's Grand American Handicap Tournament; \$1000 added money. Elmer E. Shaner, secretary-manager, Pitsburg, Pa.
 July 4—Shamokin, Pa. S. C. Yocum, Secretary.
 July 4—Springfield Shooting Club, Springfield, Mass. C. L. Kites, secretary.
 July 6, 7—Traverse City, Mich., amateurs, \$200 added. W. A. Murrel, secy.
 July 12, 13—Menominee, Mich. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Menominee Gun Club. W. W. McQueen, secretary.
 July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28—Brehm's Ocean City target tournament, Ocean City, Md., \$400 added. H. A. Brehm, manager, Baltimore, Md.
 Aug. 2, 4—Albert Lea, Minn. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Albert Lea Gun Club. N. E. Peterson, secretary.
 Aug. 9, 10—Audubon, Ia. F. Vermilya, secretary.
 Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18—Orange County Gun Club, Middletown, N. Y. O. H. Brown, secretary.
 Aug. 16, 17, 18—Kansas City, Mo.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the O. K. Gun Club. S. C. Herman, secretary.
 Aug. 17, 18—Dalton, O.
 Aug. 29, 30, 31—Colorado Springs, Col. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Colorado Springs Gun Club; \$1000 added money. A. J. Lawton, Secy.
 September 4—Springfield, Mass. Added money. C. L. Kites, secretary.
 Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8—Grand Western Handicap, Trinidad, Colo. J. C. Hudleson, President.
 Sept. 15, 16, 17—San Francisco, Cal. The Interstate Association's Pacific Coast Handicap at targets, under the auspices of the San Francisco Trap Shooting Association. A. M. Shields, secretary.
 Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21—Cincinnati Gun Club's annual tournament, Arthur Gambell, superintendent, Station T, St. Bernard, Ohio.
 Oct. 11, 12—Dover Gun Club, Dover, Del. Open to all amateurs. W. H. Reed, Secy.

PHILADELPHIA TRAP SHOOTERS' LEAGUE SCHEDULE.

April 22—Camden at S. S. White, Highland at Florists' Media at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Meadow Springs at Clearview, Narberth at Hillside.
 May 6—Clearview at Narberth, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Highland, Florists' at Meadow Springs, Hillside at Camden, S. S. White at Media.
 May 20—Meadow Springs at Highland, Media at Florists', Hillside at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Camden at Clearview, Narberth at S. S. White.
 June 3—Florists' at Narberth, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Meadow Springs, Media at Camden, Hillside at S. S. White, Highland at Clearview.
 June 17—Camden at Florists', Narberth at Highland, S. S. White at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Meadow Springs at Media, Clearview at Hillside.
 July 1—Highland at Camden, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Clearview, Meadow Springs at S. S. White, Media at Narberth, Hillside at Florists'.
 H. B. FISHER, Secretary, 7125 Woodland ave., West Phila., Pa.
 Bound Brook Gun Club, Third Saturday of each month, Bound Brook, N. J.
 Florists' Gun Club, Grounds, Wissinoming, Philadelphia, Pa. Regular shoot second and fourth Tuesdays of each month; 1.10 P. M. train from Broad Street Station.
MONONGAHELA VALLEY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE.
 April 21—Recreation Gun Club, Morgantown, W. Va.
 May 9, 10—Fairmont Gun Club, Fairmont, W. Va. Elmer E. Jacobs, secretary, Morgantown, W. Va.

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