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THAT NEW AGREEMENT

Salient Features in the Revised Magna Charta of Organized Ball, Which Will Become the Fundamental Law of the Game as Soon as One Clause, Objectionable to the American League, is Modified.

THE new National Agreement formulated by the National Commission and the National Board has been ratified by the National League. The American League withheld its approval until the wording of the inter-league waiver clause—given in full in our story of the American League meeting on another page—can be changed in accordance with instructions given to President Johnson. This will be adjusted to mutual satisfaction within a short time, probably a week, when, with the acquiescence of the National League in the changed wording, the new National Agreement will go into effect.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE CHARTER.

This delay will prevent the publication of the official text of the new National Agreement in full in this issue of "Sporting Life," so our readers will have to be content with a synopsis of the new Agreement. In the future, neither major league will have a separate Rules Committee, but one Rules Committee, consisting of three members from each league, will be appointed by the National Commission. This is embodied in the revised National Agreement. A provision is made that when either league president decides a change in the rules is necessary, he will report to the National Commission, which will appoint a committee of six men, three from each league, to meet not later than October 15. It is intended to bring the Rules Committee together around World's Series time, and it was said, that if they had any changes to suggest it would give the press all Winter to discuss the contemplated reform.

NO MORE SCHEDULE COMMITTEES

The method of drawing up the schedules has also been radically changed. Under the new National Agreement the section dealing with the drafting of schedules reads as follows: "The respective president of each major league shall in person or by proxy annually prepare a schedule of games for each major league for the ensuing pennant race, avoiding as far as is possible conflicts in cities where rival clubs are located. The schedule thus drafted shall be submitted to each major league club owner not later than the second week in February of each year, and no alteration shall be made in any date or dates allotted therein without the concurrence of both major league presidents." This means that the schedule meetings in the future will be practically useless and that the magnates will have no other alternative in coming to the meeting than to pass the schedule drafted by their league president or his official proxy. If the National League desired to make a change in a date at the schedule meeting it would first have to ring up Ban Johnson on the 'phone and ask permission.

AS TO TERRITORIAL PROTECTION.

Section 2 of Article 5 was amended in such a way that there can be no possibility of any outlaw invasion of protected territory. The new ruling takes from the clubs of any major league city the right to say whether their city may contain a team of another league, and gives that power to the league. The following is



JOHN N. LAPP,
Catcher of the Athletic American League Club.

John N. Lapp, one of the young catchers of the Athletic Club, of the American League, was born at Frazer, Pa., 26 years ago. He drew his knowledge of the game on the lots, and his first berth was with Berwyn, in the Maine Line League, in 1907. Then he went to Hazleton, Pa., where he was the reigning sensation. While the Atlantic League in 1908 was smothering through lack of financial respiration Lapp went to Syracuse. He jumped that team and got into a peck of trouble, but finally matters were straightened out, and he became a member of the Athletic team. He was sent back to Newark for a little seasoning in 1909, but he did not get much work there, as he was recalled in three days. He played in two games against Boston and broke both of them up by swatting for break-up hits. He figured in several games that season and managed to flay the ball for .336 in the 21 games in which he participated. The 1910 season he started with the Athletics from the first of the season, and made good. He hits viciously, has a splendid whip, and when playing his game is as nice a young catcher as dons the windpad. On fly balls he is without a superior in the American League. He was the best batting catcher in the American League during the 1911 season and also distinguished himself in the Athletic-Giants World's Series by his splendid throwing.

given as an example of how this new rule would work: Under the old state of affairs if the American Association could gain the consent of the Cubs and White Sox to put a club in Chicago it could go ahead and build a park. Under the Re-

vised National Agreement, however, the entire American and National Leagues would have to give their consent, and if one league objected, the Association would have to stay out of Chicago, even if both Windy City clubs were willing to let in

a third club. The same section also forbids any team consisting of National Agreement players from playing exhibition games in major or minor league cities without procuring the consent of the club or clubs representing those cities.

THE MINOR CLASSIFICATION.

The new section, creating Class AA, was passed without any objection. This has been practically agreed on for some time, and the International League, American Association and Pacific Coast League were formally raised to their new status. The section contains a provision that a Class AA league must contain a population of 1,750,000 people to draw from. It also provides that one player may be drafted annually from a Class AA league club, the same as when it was merely in Class A.

DRAFT RULE CHANGES.

The new drafting season for the major leagues will be limited to five instead of fifteen days, and will begin on September 15. The drafting prices have been fixed as follows: Class AA, \$2500; Class A, \$1500; Class B, \$1200; Class C, \$750; Class D, \$500. Only one player from each club in classes AA and A can be drafted under the new agreement. Another rule is designed to benefit the ball players. It provides for the waiving of claims on players not only by both major leagues, but also by the minor leagues in turn. If, for instance, a class D player is not wanted in the National League the American will have a chance to claim him. If not, then the classes AA, A, B, C, and finally D. This assures every young player at least a chance for a berth in faster or higher company than the class for which he was originally selected.

THE INTER-LEAGUE WAIVERS.

A provision also has been made which requires inter-league waivers on both drafted and purchased players. In the case of a purchased player, the two clubs shall negotiate for a suitable waiver price, and if an agreement cannot be reached the price will be settled by arbitration, the National Commission being the arbitrator. In the case of a drafted player an additional amount of \$250 has been added to the regular waiver price. This is added to cover the expenses of a player on a training trip. (This is the clause to which the American League objects, especially to the part subjecting a waiver transaction as regards a purchased player to arbitration.—Editor "Sporting Life.")

PROTECTION FOR YOUNGSTERS.

A new clause has been placed in the National Agreement that a trial must be given to every player who is drafted from a minor league by the club drafting him. He must have a tryout in the Fall or on the Spring training trip. This, it is believed, will do away with clubs acting as brokers by drafting minor league players for the purpose of selling them to clubs of higher classification. Many clubs have been making much money in this manner. It also assures a recruit of a tryout. Many of the drafted youngsters hereto-

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THE WORLD OF BASE BALL

CHICAGO CHAT

BOTH CLUBS NOW READY FOR THE SPRING START.

Manager Callahan Off for the Springs, and Manager Chance About to Start for Chicago—Echoes of American Meeting.

BY RICHARD G. TOBIN.

Chicago, February 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Word was received at Cubs' headquarters today that Manager Frank



R. G. Tobin

Chance would arrive from his California home one week from today—February 24. The coming of Chance will mark the general gathering of the Cubs for their start of their Spring workout. Pitcher Harry McIntire reported at President Murphy's office today—the first out-of-town man to put in an appearance. By the middle of the week it is expected that several of the players will be on hand, and Chance will likely be greeted by a fairly full squad when he alights from the California train next Saturday. Despite the fact that McIntire was among those on whom

PRESIDENT MURPHY ASKED WAIVERS some weeks back, the former Brooklyn finger declares that he is in top-notch condition and that he thinks that he will be kept on the club. Now that McIntire has signed his contract and is settled for the year, he told some of his friends today that he did not take much stock in the asking of waivers on himself and Reulbach. He intimated, it is said, that this was one of President Murphy's plans for causing a stampede to agree to the terms dictated by the club. Now that the magnates have it all fixed about the schedule and the new National Agreement and the other "minor details," we can at last begin to

TALK ABOUT THE REAL GAME

again. Less than a month now and the youngsters and veterans will be out on the diamonds down South, the former putting out all kinds of ginger in their attempts to show the managers that all of the fine things which have been said about them in the minor league papers were true. We no doubt will have columns of dope served up to us about the Chicago youngsters this Spring. In no season for years have the two local clubs had so many youngsters on their lists which were touted as so promising as the present batch. Of course, both managers will be on the lookout for any real diamonds in the rough that may be scampering about. Both clubs could find plenty of use for such men. The Cubs want all the young pitchers they can get their hands on. The Sox are after pitchers as well, with a catcher and an infielder to boot.

THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE this week was one of the tamest affairs that has been held in Chicago in some time. The magnates got together about 10 o'clock and were on their way home again by 4 o'clock. As predicted last week, there was some talk of trades, but none materialized. Old Fox Griffith tried to swap a catcher for three or four of Comiskey's most promising youngsters, but the deal finally resulted in nothing more than a trade of a skull cap for one of Commy's "Old Roman" hats. Comiskey declared that he could use a catcher to advantage, but decided that the men asked by Griffith were worth about two good catchers, so the deal was off, except as stated above.

MANAGER JIMMY CALLAHAN

is already in training. He left yesterday for West Baden, where he is starting his Spring work with a few days' boiling out. James plans to go to Waco, Texas—the Sox training camp—some time the last of next week. Word was received from Ed. Walsh that he has made a discovery in regard to a sore spot in his shoulder and which gave him a lot of bother last Summer and the previous season. He claims that the trouble has been caused by the manner in which he sleeps,

with his head on his arm. Waking one morning recently, Walsh found that his arm was stiffer than usual. The idea came to him that it was because he had slept with his arm extended over his head in such a position that the muscles were strained. The next night he tried a different sleeping pose and found that his shoulder was much easier. He has studiously refrained from "sleeping on his arm" for several weeks now and claims that his shoulder is as free as it ever was. All of which, if true, is good news to the South Side fans.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Washington and New York Swap Stars, Street for Knight and Another—Ban Johnson Here—Gessler Sold to Kansas City—The Schedule as It Effects Washington.

BY PAUL W. EATON.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Clark Griffith didn't want to make a trade; he had planned not to make a trade; but he has it in his system and has been the party of the first part in many a big deal; and so, today, he pulled off the biggest swap of the year, catcher Charles "Gabby" Street for Jack Knight and a catcher whose name cannot be given out at present, because he is still the property of a third American League club from which New York is to buy him for delivery to Washington, and the purchase has not been completed, though all the details are agreed upon. The new backstop is one who made a fine record last season and



Paul W. Eaton

Knight's failure to maintain his 1910 clip was not due to any permanent disability, and if this is the case he has probably made a good trade for the Washington Club, though it will take time to show certainly that this is so. At the same time the New York Club got what it needed,

A STAR CATCHER,

and now has a corps of backstops it can be proud of. Street ranks with the top-notchers, Stange, Sullivan and Sweeney (four S's) and the Athletics' brilliant pair, Thomas and Lapp. Those who care to look back in the files of "Sporting Life" will find that the latter's success was predicted in this column the first time he appeared in Washington. For a speed fiend like Griffith, Street's slowness on the paths would cause indignation, he having been thrown out at first more than once on line drives to deep right field. Street also takes care of his record by causing the pitchers to waste a great many balls, and this was one of the causes of Bob Groom's failure to do the work everyone said he was capable of. Bob did not say so, as he is a player who never makes excuses; but when he was allowed to give his own signals he won his last five games. Street, then, is a valuable man; but he can be equalled, and probably will be by at least one of the local catchers, though on that point Griffith is, of course, taking a chance.

KNIGHT ON FIRST BASE?

Knight's proper position is first base, where it is conceded that he would be one of the greatest ever. How quickly things change in modern base ball! A year ago not a team in the American League except New York was sure that it had a crack first baseman. Now all except Chicago are well fortified at the initial corner, unless it should turn out that Cleveland is shy, and even then Manager Davis could fill in. But Knight

ing paid. With this money Manager Griffith made

A BID FOR JACK LELIVELT,

who was traded off by the local club in last year's weird and fierce deal, before Grif took charge here. Clark figures that he could use a hitter of Jack's calibre, but so does Manager Ganzel, of Rochester, who promptly refused the offer. Griffith brought back Schaefer's signed contract with him and found Groom's and Moeller's awaiting him, and all except Milan's and Flynn's are now reposing in his inside pocket. The local magnates and fans seem satisfied with the

AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE,

although it gives Washington what is practically a season of only four months' duration. Seventy-one of the 77 games here are bunched in three long series. The first of these begins April 26 and runs to May 23. Before this only three games will be played here. The local team opens in Philadelphia April 11. The last of three long series begins August 13 and extends to September 3. After the latter date there will be only three contests on the home grounds. Thus the local season is virtually from April 26 to September 3. Exhibition games with the National League teams will help make up the deficiency in the first part of the season, but there is no way to beat the lack in the last part except by having the World's Series here, and Washington is not claiming the flag. The locals will play the Highlanders here on the Fourth of July and the Athletics on Labor Day, and will have 12 Saturdays at home and eight Sundays in the West, the same as the other Eastern clubs.

TED SULLIVAN,

who is still the live wire, has been in this town and New York for the past few days. No doubt he has dashed off a few books, organized some base ball leagues, and founded a string of cities since his last visit here, though he did not say so. At any rate, he could if he wanted to. There has been a seemingly authentic report that the new United States League was trying to get him to accept the office of president of the organization. Mr. Sullivan says that he has been in organized base ball too long to care to hitch up with an independent concern. The local United States will not play at Union League Park, as at first proposed, but have secured an option on the Capital City League Park, at North Capitol and L streets. There is plenty of ground, 410 by 366 feet, but there are no seats except bleachers, and but few of them.

THAT NEW AGREEMENT.

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fore never got a chance to show their prowess.

CONTRACT AND LIMIT POINTS.

Under the Revised Agreement each major league club is compelled to send every player on its reserve list a contract before February 1. Formerly a contract had to be sent by March 1. If a player does not receive a contract by February 1 he is a free agent. The reconstructed list of the number of players each club is permitted to carry is as follows: Major league clubs, 35 in the Winter season and 25 in the so-called playing season, which lasts from May 15 to August 20. This does not include the manager or ineligible players. Minor league clubs: Class AA, 30 and 20; Class A, 28 and 18; Class B, 26 and 16; Class C, 24 and 14; Class D, 22 and 14. The Revised Agreement also contains a clause which fixes the salary of minor league youngsters who are getting a trial in the fast set. For their first 45 days with a major league club they will receive a salary 25 per cent. higher than what they received in the minors.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Natives Take to Base Ball Like a Duck to Water.

Cuba and Japan are not the only islands which base ball has captured. Col. Manuel Quezon, one of the two commissioners from the Philippines, said in the course of a recent address in Boston: "Did you know that the Filipino boy takes to your national game as a duck takes to water? In this sport the young men are encouraged by their elders, and it is a common thing to see from 4000 to 5000 persons witnessing an important game. The public already understands the fine points of the game, which is, in fact, becoming the national game of the islands. We have several leagues and teams that can hold their own with the teams from the warships. Nothing less than a miracle could bring freedom to the Philippines—lasting freedom. I mean, safe and sure—so quickly as a race of men trained early on the athletic fields, with the game of base ball as the basic sport."

A Timely Reminder

BY W. A. PHELON

Don't count on winning out. Remember that This joyous game, as played with ball and bat, Engages seven other clubs—and they Right now are dreaming in the selfsame way Of pennants next October. Don't forget That only one can win, and do not fret When the percentage shows the Reds behind— Don't let it prey upon your tender mind. If we can't win this season, be not vexed— Next year will do, or else, year after next!

Byron.

will be a welcome addition to the local team. The trade breaks up the famous battery of

JOHNSON AND STREET.

Much local comment on the deal is to the effect that it has been proven that Street could handle the delivery of Johnson much better than any other backstop who ever caught him. This is a mistake, however, as Johnson himself told the writer that Jack Warner caught for him better than anyone he was ever paired with. Jack was one of the small number of really great catchers who have appeared since the famous Ewing, Bennett, Clements group. When with the Giants he caught Rusie, Meekin and Seymour, the greatest speed merchants of their time, who were teammates; and he was the demon pinch hitter of the outfit as well. Mike Kahoe and Heine Beckendorf were also quite successful in catching for Johnson. Street undoubtedly has something on Ainsmith and Henry in working with Johnson. Both of the youngsters have some trouble in holding Walter's record-making speed, but they will probably get the hang of it when they are played regularly, and then there is the new catcher to reckon with, who is going to make good.

KNIGHT A GREAT PLAYER.

Jack Knight is a great player, and the only one Connie Mack is known to have expressed regret at letting go of, though he lost Joe Jackson and some other live ones by the release route. It is reported that Pittsburgh offered \$10,000 for Knight a few weeks ago, to use as a first baseman. A year ago, after a season in which he hit for over .300 and played a great short field, he was ranked with Chase and Ford among the Highlanders' most valuable assets. Last year was a comparatively poor one for Knight, but his falling off was attributed to a lack of harmony in the New York team. It is assumed that Manager Griffith has had it proven to him beyond a doubt that

is not sure to play first for Washington. Griffith feels sure that Jack Flynn can fill the position successfully, and the Washington infield, aside from shortstop, is a flock of problems, especially if Bill Cunningham fails to recover his prowess as a batsman. In that case Knight, who can play any position on the infield, might go to second. Or either he or Flynn may play third. In any event, it is figured that a lot of sorely needed batting strength has been added to the team, and has come to stay, as Knight is only 23 years old.

BAN JOHNSON HERE.

President Tom Noyes returned today from the Chicago meeting and brought with him Ban Johnson, who has not favored this bailiwick with his strenuous presence for a long time. The big chief runs things so easily that he doesn't have to come around often, and his present trip was not for base ball business, but to attend the dinner of the Gridiron Club tonight. These are functions which many distinguished men have made journeys much longer than that from Chicago to be present at. He will be the guest of President Noyes, who is a member of the club. President Johnson is well and happy, and sees no fly specks on the base ball map.

GESSLER SOLD.

Manager Griffith got back from Chicago a day ahead of Mr. Noyes. He was not successful in landing any players, though the Knight-Street deal, which has been brewing for several weeks, ripened fast and neared consummation there. He had long and earnest confabs with Manager Callahan, of the White Sox, and with President Hedges and Manager Wallace, of the Browns, as well as with Manager Wolverton, of New York, but traded nix. Outfielder Doc Gessler was sold to Kansas City during the meeting. It was expected that he would be disposed of before reporting time. It was entirely a cash transaction, \$3000 be-

BIG DEALS MADE IN WHICH SIX FAMED-PLAYERS FIGURE.

**Outfielders Donlin and Campbell,
Pitcher George, First Baseman
Stovall, Infielder Knight and
Catcher Street Are Shifted.**

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 18.—"Mike" Donlin, outfielder of the Boston National League team, was traded last night to the Pittsburgh Club for outfielder Vincent Campbell. President Barney Dreyfuss had about given up hope of getting a good trade for Campbell when he received a message from John M. Ward, of the Boston Club, offering Donlin for Campbell and asking Dreyfuss to notify him at his home, at Babylon, L. I., if he accepted. Dreyfuss immediately wired an acceptance of the deal to Ward and the trade was thus consummated. The Pittsburgh Club needed an outfielder to play in Captain Clarke's place, but did not feel that Campbell has had sufficient experience to fill the place.



Mike Donlin

Stovall for "Lefty" George.

Cleveland, O., February 18.—Harry Davis, manager of the local American League Club, last night announced that he had traded first baseman George Stovall to the St. Louis Club for pitcher "Lefty" George. Stovall managed the Cleveland team last year after the resignation of "Jim" McGuire and piloted it to third place in the race. Stovall batted .271 and fielded .986 last year.

Knight Traded for Street.

New York, N. Y., February 17.—Shortstop Jack Knight, of the New York American League Club, has been traded to the Washington Club for catcher Street. This announcement was made at the local club's offices tonight. The trade was arranged at the recent American League Meeting in Chicago. Manager Wolverton intimated some time ago that he was after another catcher, and Manager Griffith, of the Washingtons, had been credited with casting longing eyes at Knight, who is capable of playing first base as well as the other infield positions.

THE DONLIN TRANSFER.

**A Statement of Donlin's Relations With
the Boston Club Which Explained His
Subsequent Trade to Pittsburgh.**

BY TIM MURNANE.

Boston, Mass., February 16.—The trade of Mike Donlin for outfielder Campbell, of the Pittsburgh Club, is still in the air. Donlin is now in Chicago, having turned down an offer of the Boston Club, which was \$5000 a year—rather a good salary for a man passing into the "has-been" class. Donlin made it known to his New York friends that he was thoroughly disgusted when he had learned that President Ward had turned the management of the club over to Johnnie Kling. Mr. Donlin couldn't understand how Mr. Ward could make such a wild mistake, for certainly, as Mr. Donlin saw it, Boston has only one man capable of holding the one good job on the club, and Mr. Donlin, of course, was that individual. However President Ward failed even to



T. H. Murnane

consult the actor-player before making his selection, and thereby made his first great mistake. "Boston is offering Mr. Donlin as much money as any outfielder in the National League," is the platform that Ward is standing on. I hear that Donlin went into Doyle's billiard room in New York City and displayed his Boston contract to the boys, saying, as he tore it up, "I consider it a big joke to offer me any such money, for I believe that I am worth more than any outfielder playing ball." Mike then looked for the applause, only to learn that he was not playing a sketch. However, the sports were perfectly willing to drink to Mike's success in any old line that he took up. Now that

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DONLIN IS DISAPPOINTED

over not being handed the management,

he will not fit in with ease of a well-satisfied workman, willing to sacrifice and play for the team rather than for the gallery, and President Ward, being a past master at handling men on the ball field, is listening to the tempter from Pittsburgh, who is offering in trade Campbell, a man who always hits over .300, is fast on the bases and a grand all-round ball player. Campbell has a personal grievance against President Dreyfuss, and the latter has decided to trade him. No matter what happens, Mike Donlin is bound to receive a

LARGE AMOUNT OF FREE ADVERTISEMENT. James E. Gaffney rather likes Donlin, while Ward is naturally strong for the clever young men, who look good for a number of years and may play their heads off for his Braves. After hearing from his players, President Ward often dreams that Boston won the championship last season; then he wakes up, finds that his boys landed in last place and is satisfied that all received the highest salaries that the club could afford to hand out. However, he had made no

BOSTON BULLETIN.

**Hold-Outs in Both Local Camps Cause
No Alarm—Mike Donlin's Transfer to
Pittsburgh Meets Local Approval—Red
Sox Players Coming Into Line.**

BY A. H. C. MITCHELL.

Boston, Mass., February 18.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Information from the two base ball offices here indicates that



A. H. C. Mitchell

10 Red Sox and 11 Braves are in the hold-out class. But nobody is worrying. Some of these are not really hold-outs. They are simply a bit late in sending in their signed contracts. Among those in the Red Sox camp. Speaker, Hooper, Pape and Hall have not yet come across, and in the Nationals' list are the names of Donlin, Sweeney, Mattern, Ingerton, Rariden and a few others.

Latest News By Telegraph Briefly Told

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Promoters of the St. Louis Club, in the out-law Columbian Base Ball League announced on February 17 that they had obtained a contract for five years' use of the St. Louis University's athletic field.

President O'Neill, of the Western League, on February 17 announced his umpiring staff for the coming season. It includes Harry Johnson, formerly of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League, and Thomas Carter, formerly of the Tri-State League.

At Colon, Panama, February 17, the New Orleans team, champions of the Southern League, defeated Panama by a score of 7 to 5, the game being called in the eighth inning on account of darkness. The batteries were Martin and Dexter for New Orleans, and Kellogg and Markley for Panama.

President Charles Cline, of the Illinois-Missouri League, has issued a call for a meeting of magnates in Bloomington, Wednesday, February 21, to fill vacancies in the circuit. Streater and Pontiac are candidates for admission.

The Aurora Club, of the Wisconsin-Illinois League, has signed outfielder Job Corkhill, late of the Texas League.

If the plans of Abner Davis, holder of last year's Oklahoma City franchise in the Texas League, work out Oklahoma will have two base ball leagues during the Summer of 1912. Davis was a bidder for the Oklahoma City franchise in the Midcontinent League, formed at a meeting held in Muskogee on February 12, but the membership was awarded to opposing interests. Mr. Davis is planning a six-club league, embracing McAlester, Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Shawnee, Enid, Chickasha and Anarko, Okla.

President Chivington, of the American Association, has completed his umpire staff as follows: C. Ferguson, Bierhalter, Chill, Handiboe, Hayes, R. F. Connolly, Ollie Anderson and Charles Irwin.

Willus W. Kelley, brother of Mike Kelley, of the St. Paul (American Association) Club, has been selected as manager of the Zanesville (Central League) Club. He will play on the infield. Kelley managed the Fresno Club, of the outlaw California League, in 1908, 1909 and 1910, and was only reinstated by the National Commission two weeks ago.

The Kookuk (Central Association) Club has signed Warren York, of Waterloo, Ia., who for two years played shortstop on Kansas State League teams.

A New York dispatch states that Charley White, New York franchise-holder of the proposed United States League, has been unable to secure suitable grounds and that he is almost ready to quit.

The Directors of the South Michigan League have decided to levy a monthly assessment of \$150 instead of \$110 during the playing season, and the extra money will be laid away for a sinking fund for financial emergencies.

A three-team base ball league is to be organized next Summer at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. Teams will be selected from the white, negro and Indian prisoners. The Department of Justice will furnish the equipment with the exception of suits, which will be made in the prison tailor shop. This will be the first base ball league in the Federal Penitentiary.

The Galesburg (Central Association) Club has signed C. N. Stadfeldt, of Indianapolis, third baseman, and Eddie James, Leroy, O., and Russell McCormell, Toledo, catchers.

President C. N. Gosnell has called a meeting of the "Kitty" League for February 25, at Paducah, Ky.

effort to cut salaries and has raised them for three or four players.

FILIPINOS AT IT.

**Base Ball Has Become Extremely Popular
in the Philippine Islands.**

Cuba and Japan are not the only islands which base ball has captured. Colonel Manuel Quezon, one of the two commissioners from the Philippines, said in the course of a recent address at Boston: "Did you know that the Filipino boy takes to your national game as a duck takes to water? In this sport the young men are encouraged by their elders, and it is a common thing to see from 4000 to 5000 persons witnessing an important game. The public already understands the fine points of the game, which is, in fact, becoming the national game of the islands. We have several leagues and teams that can hold their own with the teams from the warships."

United States League

"Lefty" Pruitt, the pitcher who was given a trial by the Phillies last Summer, was seriously stabbed in Birmingham, Ala., on February 17, and will probably not be able to play during 1912.

The Mansfield Club, of the Ohio State League, has sold first baseman Frank Reynolds to the Racine (Wisconsin-Illinois League) Club; and has signed these new players: Otto H. Garbe, Toledo; Roy Moore, Tuscarawas; George L. Richardson, Columbus, and Rex Isler, Columbus, pitchers. R. E. McGivern, Crestline, catcher; Harry Jackson, third baseman, and Shan P. Womack, Hinton, W. Va., first baseman.

The Washington Club has received the signed contracts of pitcher Bob Groom, infielder Herman Schaefer and outfielder Moeller, the Rochester recruit.

A Chattanooga dispatch says: "Norman Elberfeld, the veteran American Leaguer obtained by the local club from Washington, announces his retirement from active playing, owing to an incurable lame leg, and says that he will act as scout for an American League club this season."

President Kavanaugh has called the Southern League schedule meeting for February 23-24, at Little Rock, Ark.

Pitcher Roy Castleton, who was a hold-out once, under the impression that he was a free agent, has finally signed the 1912 contract tendered him by the Vernon Club, of the Pacific Coast League.

In the International League President Barrow has called the schedule meeting for Providence, February 21; the Baltimore Club has sold outfielder Noah Henline to the Troy Club, of the New York State League; Buffalo has purchased outfielder Gilmore from the Denver Club, of the Western League; Montreal has purchased outfielder Zackert from the St. Louis National Club; and Toronto has signed catcher Spears, of the Guelph (Canadian League) Club.

D. A. Howard, of Washington, D. C., the former crack infielder of the Cornell University team, has signed with the Atlanta (Southern League) Club.

Shortstop Ollie O'Mara was the first player of the Hannibal (Central Association) Club to send in his signed 1912 contract.

The Brooklyn Club has consummated the deal with Toronto for catcher Phelps by giving catcher Fischer to Toronto in addition to pitcher Elmer Steele.

Outfielder Harry Welchance has signed a 1912 contract with the Nashville Club, of the Southern League.

President A. R. Tearney, of the I. I. I. League, is stakeholder of the \$20,000 forfeit money posted at Chicago, February 17, for the fight between Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn next July for the championship of the world.

Manager Ganzel, of Rochester, has received the signed contract of first baseman Ted Anderson, the Kalamazoo recruit.

Pitcher Ray Collins, of the Boston Red Sox, has sent his signed 1912 contract to President McAleer with the statement that he is to be married at Los Angeles, Cal., on February 28, to Miss Lillian M. Lovely, a native of that city.

The Detroit Club has received the signed contracts of pitchers Covington and Lafitte.

Four of the six umpires who are to work in the Central League this year have been named by President F. R. Carson. They are "Cuppy" Groeschow, of Adrian, Mich.; C. C. Pirman, Terre Haute; Charles McCarthy, Indianapolis; and Harry Giesel, Indianapolis.

None of the Red Sox is expected to prove troublesome, but there are indications that President Ward may have difficulty in getting some of his hold-outs in line.

BILL SWEENEY IS SOMEWHAT PEEVED.

He says he could have been manager of the Cincinnati Reds, but the Bostonians wouldn't let him go. Therefore, he lost some money thereby, and he wants the Boston Club to make up some of this loss. Bill played a fine game last year at second base. It was the game of his life. At bat and in the field and on the bases he distinguished himself in fine style. It was distinctly proven that second base is the place for Bill. While Tenney essayed to hold down the first corner last season Bill had to cover most of Fred's territory. He

EARNED HIS SALARY, whatever it was. Mattern hasn't been heard from. Of course, no one knows but the club officials and the player himself just what he has been offered, but it is good guessing that there was a cut

in the figures named in the contract sent to him. Mattern, a fine man personally, had a bad year. Much was expected of him, but he couldn't deliver the goods. There was some talk that he wanted to get away from Boston, but as to the truth of this I am not informed. If a player has a good year he makes the club pay for it, so why shouldn't a man stand a cut when he fails to deliver? That is good reasoning, but the ball player doesn't think so.

THE CASE OF MIKE DONLIN

is not bringing much sympathy here. It is understood that Mike tore up two Boston contracts in front of admiring New York friends. Mike made it known to said New York friends that he was thoroughly disgusted when he learned that President Ward had turned over the management of the club to Johnny Kling. Just as this is written a dispatch comes to the office that the Boston Club has traded Donlin for Vin Campbell, of the Pittsburghs. This is a deal the newspaper boys have been clamoring for ever since the National League meeting in New York, when Ward first began to talk the trade with Barney Dreyfuss. The base ball reporters here were rooting for Campbell, for in the few games they had seen him play here he showed great speed. Donlin, it is believed, is on his last legs as a ball player. They thought that his disappointment over the failure to make him manager would make him careless in his work next year and they saw no use in keeping him around. If the dispatch from Pittsburgh is true Ward has come around to the same way of thinking, so everybody ought to be happy here. And Mike shouldn't kick, either. He has received considerable advertising that will not do the Donlin-Hite combination any harm. There was considerable

JOY IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

camp here when the signed contract of Joe Wood was received a few days ago. Joe wrote that he had taken great care of himself this Winter and was convinced that the coming season was to be his best. With Wood in form and Buck O'Brien, who hasn't yet signed, in line, the Red Sox will be sure of two pitchers at least that can go the whole route and deliver. Bill Carrigan went to Chicago with President McAleer for the schedule meeting of the American League. He will start for Hot Springs in a few days with Jake Stahl and take a slow and careful course of preparation. Larry Gardner signed the same day as Carrigan.

RAY COLLINS,

the Red Sox star port-side finger, will soon become a benedict. The clever south-paw will marry Miss Lillian Marie Lovely, of Los Angeles, on February 28. The wedding ceremony will take place out on the Coast. Collins' home is in Vermont, but as soon as the base ball season closed last Fall he took an express for California and his many friends wondered at this move. At first they thought that he intended to play ball out on the Coast, but Ray stated that he had a little business to attend to.

UNITED STATES LEAGUE

Labors Two Days to Perfect the Organization, to Adopt a Championship Schedule and Announce Team Chiefs.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Cleveland, O., February 17.—The would-be magnates of the proposed United States League held a two-days' session here on February 15-16, to draw up a schedule for the season and transact other business. The schedule was not completed, though the meeting worked day and night. Besides President Witman, of Reading, those attending were: A. W. Hussey, Jr., Brooklyn; E. C. Landgraf, Richmond; Hugh McKinnon, Washington; Charles White, New York; J. J. Ryan, Cincinnati; W. L. Murphy, Cleveland, and W. J. McCullough and Marshall Henderson, Pittsburgh. Application for a franchise was made by J. A. Schluond, of Buffalo. The league being filled, it was understood that Buffalo should be next to receive consideration in case of a vacancy, though a similar application was received from two Baltimore men. It was announced that managers had been selected for some of the teams, as follows: Richmond, E. C. Landgraf; Washington, Hugh McKinnon; Cleveland, Jack O'Connor; Brooklyn, A. W. Hussey, Jr.; Reading, Jack Warner, and Cincinnati, Harry Steinfeldt, the last two named being probabilities. "Doc" Reising, who was manager of the Reading Union League team, would like to get back in the game, and it is said that he stands a very good chance of landing the job. Adrian Anson, the once-famous slugger, is also being considered for the place.

John J. Manning, who has been appointed manager of the York team, for the past two seasons has been playing in the outfield for the Johnstown team. Last season his record in batting was .268 and in fielding, .964.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

DEVOTED TO BASE BALL MEN AND MEASURES "WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE AND CHARITY FOR ALL"—Editor Francis C. Richter.

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PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

WITH the Spring meetings the two great major leagues have ended their preparatory labors for another season of the national game. They have set the stage, and can now retire to the wings to watch and enjoy their work as prescribed for and carried out by the exemplars of the game in the open field before the world. The work of the magnates was, on the whole, well done. Their legislation was not great as to quantity, but most important for its effect upon the game at large. By this we mean the formulation and virtual ratification of the new National Agreement, as the only other important piece of work—the allotment of a share in World's Series receipts to each major league—concerned only those organizations. Changes in the Playing Rules were not deemed necessary and therefore the existing code remains untouched. Broadly considered, the most important, and also most pleasing, result of the major league Spring meetings was the complete restoration of interleague amity. For several years the two big leagues had been drifting apart, owing to individual animosities, until an acute situation was created last Fall by the American League's flat declaration of displeasure with the attitude of the National League as voiced by individual members of that organization. A situation so unpleasant, so menacing to organized ball, and so needless from both sentimental and practical standpoints, was intolerable; and, therefore, it was clearly up to the senior league to placate the offended junior league. This has been manfully done through the muzzling of individual magnates and the adoption of a resolution plainly designed to extend the olive branch. That the latter will be as eagerly accepted as generously extended there is not the least doubt, and there is every assurance now that the two great leagues will resume joint hegemony of the national game and work hand in hand for fullest realization of the high purposes of the new National Agreement.

A VALUABLE BOOK.

THE World of Organized Ball finds its expression in just four standard publications—one weekly and three annual. "Sporting Life" we have always, every week throughout the year; Reach's American League Guide and Spalding's National League Guide will soon make their regular Spring appearances; and the National Commission's Annual Report has just come to hand. The last-named book—which is the ninth yearly issue, thus bringing to mind the rapid flight of time—is one of the best edited and most valuable hand-books yet issued by the supreme court of organized ball—thus showing the practiced editorial hand of the assistant secretary, Mr. A. J. Flanner. The volume contains the annual reports of Chairman Herrmann and Secretary Bruce; the verbatim reports of all decisions handed down by the Na-

tional Commission during the 1911 year; the official statistics of the 1911 World's Series, and the Cincinnati-Cleveland and the White Sox-Cubs series, all of which were played under National Commission auspices. The National Agreement, Rules of the Commission and Regulations for the World's Series are not printed in this volume, for the reason that at the major league meetings in progress as this is being written, important amendments will be made to the National Agreement, which will necessitate a thorough revision of the Commission's Rules. Changes of some importance will also be made in the World's Series regulations. Each will be issued in pamphlet form as soon after amendment as practicable. Nevertheless, the Ninth Annual Report of the National Commission is of special value to all interested in the national game, and well worth securing from Secretary John E. Bruce, whose address will be found at the head of "Sporting Life's Official League Directory," published on another page.

THE CROWN OF BASE BALL.

WE HAD hoped in this issue to present our readers with the full text of the revised National Agreement. But this purpose is defeated by the refusal of the American League to ratify the new compact until a difference over one clause—relating wholly to interleague waivers—can be adjusted. There is no likelihood of this small matter—of importance only to the two major leagues, and capable of adjustment to mutual satisfaction—preventing the complete ratification of a document which has engaged the thoughts, the time, and the labors of all the leaders in base ball for many months; and which has been brought to such a point of perfection that its rejection for a comparatively trivial point would be really a base ball crime. This is so patent that we confidently look for an adjustment of the difference and the complete ratification of the compact within a week.

The new National Agreement is the best base ball document ever drawn. It is built upon broad, generous, and just lines. It embraces every constituent part of organized ball; embodies all of the experience of three decades; expresses the ideas of all the master minds of base ball; broadly recognizes the mutuality of the interests of capital and labor; and justifies its assumption of the guardianship of the national game by subordinating all parties in interest to a common level as the servitors of the great American sport. In short, in the preamble, and in the body, in every paragraph, clause, and line of the great document there shines through the spirit and purpose to make and to keep base ball the clean, honest, and permanent national game of America.

In the formulation of this new agreement the major leagues have shown a degree of abnegation deserving of the highest commendation, and for which they should ever be held in grateful esteem by the minor leagues and the players, who between them absorb and monopolize virtually all of the concessions and benefits of the new compact. The degree of major league abnegation may be judged from the fact that they have taxed themselves to raise draft prices all along the line; have restricted their right of unlimited draft; have imposed restraints upon the cupidity or aggression of individual clubs by team limits; and have placed insurmountable obstacles to the evasion of the fundamental law by major league clubs to the injury of minor league clubs and players—all voluntary concessions and sacrifices which leave the major leagues virtually nothing but primacy in base ball, and the satisfaction of demonstrating their right and fitness for such primacy.

The minor leagues gain vastly in the new Agreement by means of better classification, increased draft prices, restriction of major league drafting privileges, protection against player-manipulation, reform in the waiver system, and regulations for enforcement of salary limits. But, in the last analysis, the minor league players are the greatest beneficiaries of the new Agreement, as their interests are now safeguarded to the extreme limit consistent with the fundamental principle of Reservation. They are now assured of promotion on merit, and of fair and full trial upon promotion; protected against "covering-up" and other unfair manipulation; in short, they are now assured of "advancement in their profession" in accordance with the letter and spirit of the National Agreement preamble. Crowning all, the players are amply protected in all of their rights and privileges by the National Commission, acting as a court of appeal and last re-

sort, to which the humblest player may appeal against the most powerful club or magnate with absolute assurance of fair hearing and just decision solely upon the merits of the case.

With a fundamental law such as the new National Agreement, administered by an able, just, and fearless National Commission, it is small wonder that the complex and conflicting elements of such a vast institution as a popular national sport are bound together, and operated, as a harmonious whole, impervious to disintegrating influences within and impregnable to assaults from without! Typical of American character as is base ball, so is its highest expression, the National Agreement, typical of the American genius for self-government under all conditions. Long may it live!

THE NUMBER SYSTEM.

Philadelphia "Telegraph."

Opposition to this plan of numbering ball players may be encountered from some of the old-timers among the club magnates, but this opposition will probably be overcome when they are shown that the numbering of players will greatly increase the sale of score cards. Of course, many of the more sensitive stars of the diamond will object to being "tagged" with a numeral, but the plan of the Pacific Coast League to have the ball tossers wear a number on their sleeve corresponding to their number on the score card to enable spectators to identify the players meets with general favor of the base ball spectators. Some of the simon-pure, dyed-in-the-wool fans

NATURALLY SCORN THE IDEA

because they eat, drink and sleep "base ball" and can give you all the statistics, batting averages and all the other "done" of most players. Taking it for granted that the average spectator at a game knows the players of the home team, it is a safe bet to register that he does not know all the diamond warriors of the visiting teams. The numbering of players would widen his knowledge in this respect. The rooster is immensely fond of personal badinage in guying the opposing players. He is frequently chagrined to find that some batter he has been "bawling out" as "Bill" is named "Tom."

THE NUMERAL PLAN

has made good in horse and automobile racing and its general adoption in base ball will undoubtedly be only a matter of a few years. Attendance at ball games is bound to increase and with its increase the public will demand to know who's who from information on the score cards. This will be especially true among the rapidly-growing attendance of women at ball games. It is a well-worn axiom that a woman generally gets what she goes after and the base ball magnates may soon be facing deputations of women spectators demanding that the players be umbered.

SAYINGS OF GREAT MEN.

- *The people who sigh for the good old days would kick like steers to have them back again.—John M. Ward.
- *Many a black sheep masquerades as Spring lamb.—George McQuillan.
- *The only chance some of us ever have to count our chickens is before they are hatched.—Rhoddy Wallace.
- *An ounce of example is worth a pound of preaching.—Rev. Thos. W. Davis.
- *Hard work offers small odds, but is generally a winner. Genius is a 100 to 1 shot.—Clark Griffith.
- *An ounce of tomorrow is worth a pound of yesterday.—John Kling.
- *Happiness is a toss-up between a married man's warning and a bachelor's advice.—Frank Bowerman.
- *Glittering generalities are really the rhinestones of speech.—Chas. W. Murphy.

THE SALARY QUESTION.

Washington "Star."

Ball players who have proven their value to a team have a perfect right to dicker for the best contract possible. A player who takes a stand against a club on the salary question should not necessarily fall into disfavor with the patrons of the game. It is like every other business, and the man who does not try to better his condition is not apt to do so. There is no doubt that there are several members of the local team dissatisfied with the contracts tendered them. In one or two instances their stand is well taken, but there are some of the players who are really not entitled to the increase they demand, because they have not delivered the goods. Griffith's system is to pay a player for what he accomplishes, and this should be satisfactory to the player and incidentally give him an incentive to work for. Considering the fact that ball players are virtually at the mercy of their clubs, they are decidedly well treated and there is no such thing as being underpaid, but many instances where a player received more salary than he was really entitled to.

PROPER INNOVATION.

New York "American."

The signature of Umpire Klem to a long-term National League contract marks a new epoch in the national pastime so far as arbiters are concerned. Klem is the first big league umpire to be assured of his job for more than one season. Klem's case is not a precedent to professional base ball. "Brick" Owen, new dictator of play, who comes to the National League this year from the American Association, worked in the big minor organization under a three-years' contract. Owen was weaned away from Harry Pulliam, the late president of the National League, by Joe O'Brien, secretary of the

Giants, who was then president of the American Association.

THE THREE-YEARS' CONTRACT

proved too strong for Owen, especially as it carried a major league stipend. This official proved so efficient that the National League snapped him up the minute his obligations to the American Association had been fulfilled. It is more than likely that long-term contracts for the best major league umpires will be the rule rather than the exception within a short time. A new era has dawned for the much-abused representatives of law and order in base ball. Major leagues have finally awakened to the fact that competent umpires are mighty scarce and that none but the best have any right in the big show. Consequently, the veterans who have proved their worth will be provided with every incentive to stick to the game. Ed. Barrow, president of the International League, stated the other day that he had received very flattering offers from one of the major leagues for a couple of the umpires he has under contract.

PRESS POINTERS.

A Few Kind Words for Thomas Connolly's Umpire-School Idea.
From New York "Tribune."

Tom Connolly's idea to establish a school for umpires is worth more than passing notice, if carried out along the proper lines much good would result, as many a man has failed in the arduous position for the lack of instruction on some minor points which now can be gained only by experience. Tom Connolly is an umpire in the American League, and a good umpire. His knowledge of base ball is such that Byron Bancroft Johnson, president of the league, has named him as one member of the Rules Committee. Few men are better qualified to start such a school as suggested, and it is hoped that enough "pupils" respond to make it something more than an experiment.

Sincere Flattery to Connie Mack.

From Philadelphia "North American."

Harry Davis intends to teach the Naps a new system of play next season that has been in vogue on the Athletic team. With Hank O'Day declaring that he will follow the Connie Mack system, too, it looks like the Philadelphia manager had better put a copyright on his methods.

Bound to Cause Trouble.

From Washington "Star."

Incidental to this Detroit transfer of seven fine players to Providence a loud howl from some of the International League cities is anticipated. Seven good youngsters in one bunch handed over by one club to another owned by the same people is some help. Detroit will escape necessity for optional agreements for repurchase, for no one is going to have a chance to buy from Providence until the Tiger ownership has taken what it wishes. This is one of the methods that will be adopted to beat the effect of the new draft and purchase restrictions. Strong and wealthy clubs are going to remain strong, because they will continue to corral as much young material as any rivals, and still own it while it is being developed on the farm, where no other ownerships can get it. Every team that ever hopes to get anywhere must establish its own barricaded training schools.

Clinches in a Nutshell.

From Cincinnati "Commercial-Tribune."

An answer to the query "What is the hardest position on the infield?" is that every job is so blamed hard there aren't many players noted for being perfect.

A Foolish Outlaw Threat.

From Washington "Post."

This so-called base ball trust is a great menace to the country. Ball players who used to get \$40 per month are drawing five and six thousand for a season. Base ball could not exist if it were not for the system which makes the players slaves of the clubs. If it were possible for a player to sign where he pleased at the end of every season small cities could not compete with the large ones and the result would be a badly balanced circuit. The proposed outlaw league's latest threat is to bring suit against the big leagues for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The promoters of these leagues say that unless they are recognized by what is known as organized base ball they will disrupt the entire structure. So there!

THE VETERAN DISCOURSES.

By Grantland Rice.

Well under forty and still in my prime,
But I'm through;
Thrown out by Youth and first basemen Time,
So I'm through.
Just at the age when most others begin
Fighting their way for the fame—or the tin—
I'm on the fritz, down and out and all in;
For I'm through.
Age thirty-three and as strong as an ox,
But I'm through;
A glove and a prayer's all I have in the box,
So I'm through.
Twelve years of flashing the curve and the smoke
Till my benders went straight and my speed was
a joke
Where something inside of my shoulder blade
broke,
So I'm through.
Do you know what it means at the high noon
of life
To stand, well and strong, in the whirl of the
strife
And be through?
To give up God's youth in the reel and the rout
The training for life that is not of the "clout,"
And to finish with this, "TAKE HIM OUT!
TAKE HIM OUT!"
When you're through?

"In the Lead."

Westerly, R. I., February 10.—Editor "Sporting Life."—I think "Sporting Life" is far in the lead of all others as a base ball paper. It might possibly be more interesting to New England readers if you published the full scores of the New England and Connecticut Leagues, as you did formerly. Very respectfully,
ELBERT S. POTTER.

CLEARING UP

IS THE MAJOR LEAGUE MIS-
UNDERSTANDING.

Differences Between the Na- tional and American Leagues Over One Clause in the New Agreement Being Reconciled.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

New York, N. Y., February 17.—There will be no war between the National and American Leagues, even if the younger organization did decline to approve the new National Agreement, which was drawn up by the National Commission. Bright and early yesterday morning, August Herrmann, of Cincinnati, who is Chairman of the National Commission, told all the National League club owners to stay in the city until he communicated with President Ban Johnson, of the American League. The wires were hot for a while, and when all the explanations were made, it was found that the American League club owners had misinterpreted the wording of one of the rules of the new Agreement, which caused the kick. President Frank J. Navin, of the Detroit Club, who made the loudest protest, got the wrong meaning of the amendment pertaining to inter-league waivers on purchased players. The wording in the original draft, it seems, was somewhat ambiguous, and at the National League meeting here Thursday, the wording was changed before the older league accepted the provisions of the new Agreement.



Ban Johnson

UNDER THE OLD ORDER OF THINGS inter-league waivers were only allowed with drafted players, and in case they are not wanted by the major league teams which draft them they may go to other leagues at the waiver prices. With inter-league waivers on purchased players the situation is different, because a major league team may pick up a minor league man and buy him for a big price, like Rube Marquard was purchased by the Giants. Of course, it would not be fair to sell such a player back to the minors at the waiver price, so under the new provisions in the National Agreement, the two clubs dickering for a purchased player after waivers have been asked on him, must agree on the purchase price and in a case where

IT IS PROVIDED THAT THE MATTER BE PUT UP TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SETTLEMENT AND THAT ITS VERDICT SHALL BE FINAL. IT IS ALSO PROVIDED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PRICES AGREED ON, THERE SHALL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$250 PAID TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE MINOR LEAGUE PLAYER IN CASE HE HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE TRAINING TRIP PREVIOUS TO THE OPENING OF THE REGULAR SEASON. WHEN MR. HERRMANN HAD TALKED THE MATTER OVER WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON THE LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE IT WAS AGREED THAT THE DIFFERENCES COULD BE AMICABLY ADJUSTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER CONTROVERSY. THE TROUBLE WAS DUE ENTIRELY TO THE MISINTERPRETATION OF THE WORDING OF THE PROVISION AND NOT OF THE SPIRIT OF THE AMENDMENT.

HERRMANN'S CLEAR EXPLANATION. "It's a trivial mistake," said Mr. Herrmann. "Inter-league waiver for purchased players was one of the changes advocated by the American League. I think it was Charles Comiskey who first proposed it. The only objections that the American League made were on the propositions submitted by Mr. Johnson and the reason of those objections was faulty construction. The National Commission fully understands the spirit of the Agreement, and Mr. Johnson has assured me that, as representative of the American League, with full power to act, these trivialities will be straightened out in jig time. There is absolutely no chance of any hitch at this late stage of the game. The American League is just as anxious as any other party to the peace agreement to see the proposed amendments put into immediate execution."

MR. LYNCH, OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE, was very much surprised when he learned that the American League had failed to approve the new Agreement, because he understood, as did all the other National League men, that President Johnson had fully approved the new Agreement. But President Lynch saw no reason to believe that the American League objected to the spirit of the new National Agreement. "To tell the truth," said Mr. Lynch, "several members of our own league were in favor of making some changes in the

Agreement, but as the Commission spent the greater part of the Winter on it they decided to let it stand. There will be no trouble in having some of these objectionable clauses changed, and this can be readily accomplished by a mail vote. Many of our own club owners will be glad to get a chance to propose some minor changes in the system of asking for waivers."

BARROW, OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE, also said that the American League's failure to ratify the new peace compact with the minors was without any significance. "It will not affect us in any way," said Barrow, "as the only fault the American League seems to find is in inter-league waivers, and I am sure the two big leagues can come to an understanding on this question. Our league has already passed the revised Agreement, and any revision that the big leagues care to make will not affect our new status."

Base Ball Requires Most Courage.

Hans Wagner, the Pittsburgh shortstop and the National League's leading batsman, bounces to his feet in the defense of base ball, refusing to admit that foot ball requires more nerve than base ball. The big infielder likes the game; in fact, is a foot ball bug, but in defend-

CLEVELAND CHEERFUL.

The Deal With St. Louis, Trading Stovall for Pitcher George, Quite Satisfactory to Everybody, Including the Transferred Ex-Manager.

BY ED. BANG.

Cleveland, O., February 19.—Editor "Sporting Life."—George Stovall is a St. Louis Brownie. Thomas Edward George, known as "Lefty," is a Cleveland Nap. Manager Harry Davis, of the Naps, and Manager Bobby Wallace, of the Browns, put through a deal for the exchange of these players Saturday morning. It looks like a good trade all around. St. Louis needs a veteran first sacker of the all-around ability of Stovall to strengthen the infield, while the Naps were a little lame on south-paw pitching when one stops to consider that Vean Gregg, the sensation of the major leagues last season, is a hold-out. It has been evident from the start that the Naps



Ed. Bang

The Austin Club, of the Texas League, is so much dissatisfied with the revised 1912 schedule, adopted last week, owing to the substitution of Beaumont for Oklahoma City, that it threatens to take the matter into court unless the dates assigned to the Austin Club are changed. The club claims that it is at home too much in mid-season and too much abroad in the early stages of the season.

Latest News By Telegraph Briefly Told

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

The Toledo (American Association) Club has released pitcher E. T. McCreery to the Victoria, B. C. Club; and pitchers Ora Williams and Clarence Croft to the Flint Club, of the South Michigan League. The Toledo Club has also signed pitcher H. R. Weagley, of White Pigeon, Mich.

The Albany Club, of the South Atlantic League, has sold first baseman Charles Brooks to the Sioux City Club, of the Western League; and infielder Harry Mathews to the Rome Club, of the Southeastern League. Catcher W. H. Foxworth, of Thomasville, Ga., and pitcher Percy McCay, of California, have been signed.

A Cleveland special states that Matt Hinkel, the Cleveland franchise-holder in the outlay Columbian League, is out because the price asked for Luna Park is exorbitant, and no other ball park is available in Cleveland. Moreover, he is doubtful of the issue of the Columbian League.

Secretary Farrell, of the National Board, has finally disposed of the Spokane-Helena dispute over catcher Delmar Baker, of Helena, by awarding the player to the Helena Club, of the Union Association.

The New Britain Club, of the Connecticut League, has signed a young southpaw pitcher hailing from Plainville, Conn., named Leon Francis Jeanette Hall.

Infielder George Moriarty has signed a 1912 Detroit contract.

Louis Heisman, for 17 years ground keeper for the Chicago National Club, and last year assistant ground keeper for Charles Comiskey, at the White Sox grounds in Chicago, has been engaged by President Navin to be the Detroit Club's field authority in 1912.

Ernest Sanders, of Sterling, Ill., with the Appleton team, of the Wisconsin-Illinois League, has signed to pitch for the Fort Dodge Independents.

A Memphis dispatch is to the effect that "the Mobile Club's affairs are in such poor shape that the return of Little Rock to the league in place of Mobile is only a question of time."

Pitcher Knetzer, outfielder Herbert Moran and infielder Barney Riley have sent in their signed Brooklyn contracts.

In the Southern League the Mobile Club has sold outfielder Dick Bayless to the Vernon Club, of the Pacific Coast League; and Atlanta has received the signed contract of pitcher "Doggie" Miller.

The Des Moines Club, of the Western League, has signed Walker Nevitt, an Indian pitcher, and all-round athlete, holder of A. A. U. running records.

ing the old national pastime the other day he pointed out just where there were several spots in foot ball where the yellow streak will show, "while," as Hans explained it, "in base ball a man must have nerve or else he will not last overnight in the league."

DUTY TO PATRONS.

The Matter of Housing Base Ball Attendants of Paramount Importance.

President Charles Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Club, believes that a club's first duty is to its patrons. He says: "It frequently happens that base ball fans do not understand or have knowledge of all the trials and tribulations that a magnate must meet in the operation of a major league base ball club. To my mind the magnate who provides a safe, commodious, convenient and up-to-date stand in a healthy location is entitled to more consideration than though he won a championship with reverse conditions. Winning a championship may bring with it better artistic and financial results, but the health and safety of a club's patrons are paramount." Mr. Ebbets is going to carry out this theory by the erection this Spring of a fine new stand near Prospect Park in Brooklyn.

COULD NOT AFFORD TO RETAIN STOVALL, a former manager, under the new leader of the Naps, Harry Davis, and Owner Somers and Manager Davis have been looking around for an advantageous trade. It was a master move to deal with St. Louis, as even with the acquisition of Stovall the Browns will scarcely be in the fight to the extent of being bothersome, while had Stovall been turned over to Chicago or Detroit the Naps would have strengthened a club that is sure to be in the thick of the fight from start to finish. Manager Davis was jubilant when he announced the deal. He said: "Well, a big load has been lifted from my mind. Gregg is still a hold-out, and I admit I was somewhat worried with only one south-paw on my pitching staff. I feel certain that the ACQUISITION OF 'LEFTY' GEORGE will give me a twirling staff second to none in the major leagues. I have followed George's work for a couple of years. When he was with York, Pa., Connie Mack and I looked him over and we had just made up our mind to buy him for the Athletics when we learned that Indianapolis had beaten us to him. George has a dandy fast ball and also owns a good curve. He had a tendency to be wild while with York and Indianapolis, but he overcame this to a great extent with the Browns last season. I am sure that I can work a still further improvement in this respect. As a fielder he ranks well, as he is quick on his feet. He seems to have a good head also."

FACTS ABOUT GEORGE. George is 22 years old. He resides at York, Pa. He started his base ball career with the All-Collegians, of Pittsburgh, and it was on the recommendation of Dick Guy, former president of the P. O. M. League, that he secured a trial with York, Pa., in 1910. With a tail-end team George won 12 and lost 18 games, an average of .400. His team's percentage was .333. He batted .286 and fielded .915. Owner Watkins, of Indianapolis, thought so well of George that he parted with \$2500 of good coin of the realm for the south-paw phenom. With Indianapolis in the last two months of the 1910 campaign he won nine and lost three games, an average of .750. Several big league clubs

PUT IN A DRAFT FOR HIM,

but the St. Louis Browns proved the lucky ones and pulled him in for \$1000. With a poor team behind him and a handicap of illness George won three and last 10 games with the Browns, an average of .231. He held the opposing batsmen, 531 in number, to 136 hits and 81 runs. He struck out 23 men, hit nine batsmen, issued 51 bases on balls and made one balk. George wired from York Saturday that he was more than pleased with the deal.

STOVALL'S MANLY STATEMENT.

As for Stovall, he wired from Los Angeles as follows: "Los Angeles, February 17.—I want the public in Cleveland, as well as the fans in other cities, to know just how I feel in regard to leaving the Cleveland Base Ball Club. It seems hard to leave as the Naps is the only big league club I have ever played with, but base ball is a business. The deal by which Harry Davis became manager of the Naps was pulled off before I took charge of the team last season and I cannot blame the club owners one bit. I am perfectly satisfied with the showing I made with the team, finishing third, after having such a bad start. The boys worked in harmony all season and hustled all the time. They pulled for each other and there was not a dissatisfied player on the payroll. In the eight seasons I was with Cleveland the fans were never more loyal to the boys than in 1911, and I want them to know that I appreciated this loyalty. My earnest wish is that the boys hustle and work just as hard for Manager Davis as they did for me and I know they will finish close to the top in 1912. GEORGE STOVALL."

No word has been received from Vean Gregg, the hold-out, who is at Lewiston, Wash., but the chances are he will sit up and take notice, now that the Naps have two south-paws, and will probably sign before the team goes South.

THE TRI-STATE LEAGUE

Is Now Ready to Open the 1912 Campaign With the Same Circuit as Finished the Last Trying Season.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 20.—Tri-State League club owners and managers met yesterday afternoon at the Hotel



C. F. Carpenter

Walton to talk over the prospects for the coming season. President Carpenter had a draft of the 1912 schedule with him and it was carefully gone over. The season will open May 1 and close September 7, but the schedule will not be made public until some time next month. President Carpenter does not expect to see any changes in the make-up of the Tri-State circuit, and each club will be required to file a bond of \$2000 as a guarantee that it will finish out the season. The salary limit was discussed at considerable length, but every club owner present seemed in favor of working under the plan of last year, which was \$2000. No individual player last year received over \$175 per month, while the captains' limit was \$200. President Carpenter has no fear of the opposition of the United States League in Reading. He says the Tri-State will be able to hold its own against the independents. The representatives in attendance were Burt Leopold, of Altoona; William S. Quinn, of Harrisburg; John H. Myers, of Lancaster; William Gray, of Reading; James H. Letts, of Trenton; Thomas M. Brown, of Reading, and H. Kister Free, of York.

News Notes.

Manager Heckert declares that he will line up a Trenton team that will be as good as the 1911 club and further states that his team will finish as well as last year.

The Harrisburg Club has forced Scranton to come across with \$200 for the release of first baseman Buck Freeman, who is to manage the Scranton (New York State League) Club.

The noted outfielder, Jimmy Jackson, has been signed as manager of the Wilmington team, to enable Pete Cassidy to give more time to the club's outside affairs and his own business.

Manager Heckert, of the Trenton Club, says he did not, as alleged, offer Bill Clay and cash for Rudolph, of Reading. Heckert also says that the Trenton outfield will be made up of Eddie Tiemier, "Home Run" Johnson, who has signed, and Clay.

NEW YORK NEWS

THE TRADE OF KNIGHT FOR STREET SATISFACTORY.

Popular Opinion That Manager Wolverton Materially Strengthened His Team By Street's Acquisition—News of Giants.

BY HARRY DIX COLE.

New York, N. Y., February 19.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The long awaited surprise promised the metropolitan fans by Manager Wolverton has at last revealed itself in the announcement that hereafter "Gabby" Street, the Senator's star catcher, will labor in a Highland uniform, while Jack Knight will in the future be addressed at the Capital City. It has been known for some time that Wolverton had his nets set for one of the Washington Club's receivers, but public



Harry D. Cole

opinion centred on Ainsmith or Henry as the man, since it was deemed improbable that Griffith could be coaxed into parting with one of the acknowledged premier backstops of the Johnson organization. However, the unexpected has happened and, although we regret to see Knight go, who will say that the New York Club received the worst end of the trade whereby it acquired one of the best, if not the best, catching staffs of any club in the league?

STREET AND WOLVERTON

are no strangers to each other, as they played together on the Williamsport team, of the Tri-State League, in 1906. In 1907 he drifted to San Francisco, whence the Senators corralled him at the close of that season. He has proved their mainstay behind the bat ever since his acquisition, and it is difficult to see just how "Griff" plans to replace him. There appears to be a sextet of catchers composed of Street, Sweeney, Stange, of Detroit; Sullivan, of the White Sox; Carrigan, of Boston, and Thomas, of the Athletics, whose work towers above that of the other backstops in the league. Of this sextet New York now has two, and the only team which compares with them in the catching department is the Athletics, with Thomas and Lapp. In return for Street Washington obtains what they have long been seeking,

A CAPABLE INFELDER

to help McBride in rounding out an infield of major league calibre. Knight came to New York in 1909 from the Baltimore team. When only 19 years old he had been signed by Connie Mack, who was highly impressed with his work on the Central High School team in Philadelphia. After two seasons with the Athletics he was shifted to Boston, figuring in the transaction whereby the Red Sox secured his services and \$8000 in exchange for Jimmy Collins. From Beantown he went to Baltimore, where his sterling performance during the campaign of 1908 earned him a recall to the majors with the Highlanders. After a fairly good season in 1909 he performed brilliantly for the Broadway Boys in 1910, when he led the team at the bat with an average of .312 and finished fifth of the league's regular players. Last season he seemed to

SUFFER A RELAPSE.

He was handicapped by a poor arm and occasionally played indifferent ball. This caused him to be roasted relentlessly by the fans, who seemed to have completely forgotten his splendid work of the previous season. It is not at all improbable that a change of environment will cause him to regain his form and do good work for the Senators. He leaves New York with the best wishes of the majority of the fans, who may in the heat of excitement forget past performances, but upon calm reflection recall and appreciate them.

THE FARRELLITES' SCHEDULE

discovers that Memorial and Labor Days, weather permitting, will be celebrated on the local grounds, while on Independence Day they will try conclusions with the Senators at the Capital. They will entertain the Western clubs at the Hilltop before themselves invading the land of the setting sun. This means that they wind up the season with a Western jaunt, always a hard proposition, but it is to be hoped that by that time they may be playing together so well that a little matter of foreign grounds will fail to trouble them.

THE GIANTS.

Chaperoned by Manager McGraw and

Coach Robinson, the advance guard of Giant recruits are already well on their way to Marlin, and it is but a short time before trainer Ed Mackall will have his hands full straightening out the kinks in sore arms and doctoring up whole droves of "charley horses." Those on hand for the trip were Gus Gardella, Henry Groh, Bill Luby, Frank Nowell and, last but not least, Arlie Latham. Among the missing were champion mascot Faust and training umpire Hansell. It seems that the Little Napoleon was dissatisfied with the way Faust mixed the medicine for the late World's Series and is likely to make good his threat to decorate Charles Victory with the Tinware Degree. Hansell has expressed his reluctance to again become the target for bush league criticism, but may yet be induced to once more render his worthy decisions in Dixie Land. A bit of interesting news is

A PERSISTENT RUMOR

that the New York Club has under consideration a plan to start the games this season at 3.30 instead of 4 o'clock, as has been the custom in the past. This is most desirable from several points of view. On account of the Polo Grounds being situated in a hollow it begins to be shrouded in darkness shortly after 5 o'clock, or, in other words, during the fifth or sixth innings of an ordinarily speedy game. This makes it difficult for both the spectators and players to follow the ball, and in the event of an extra-inning contest the belated fan needs a lantern to find his way to the exit. A half hour more of daylight would make quite an appreciable difference, and with the excellent facilities for reaching the grounds the patrons would experience little difficulty in arriving at the earlier time.

THE COMMUTER

would welcome the announcement, since it would enable him to catch an earlier train for home and allow him to sit down to a hot supper instead of the warmed-over repast he is doomed to in the days of 4 o'clock ball games. Nothing official has as yet been given out, but an announcement is expected in the near future. In their 1912 schedule

THE GIANTS WILL CELEBRATE

Independence Day by grappling with Dahlen's Dodgers 'neath the shadow of Coogan's Bluff. Memorial Day they perform in the Phillies' ballyard, while on Labor Day the scene shifts to the rejuvenated Boston ballpark. We remark that Michael Angelo Donlin is now a full-fledged Pirate and about this time is debating with Barney Dreyfuss the amount of a "come-back's" salary. Kling received young Vincent Campbell in exchange for Thesplan Mike and appears to have a slight edge on the transaction.

BROOKLYN BUDGET.

The Fallacy of Any Theory Which Omits the Reserve Rule From Professional Base Ball—The Question of Starting Ball Games Earlier—The New Brooklyn Ball Park, Etc.

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.

Brooklyn, N. Y., February 19.—Editor "Sporting Life."—In the course of time the plan which was suggested by Charles

H. Ebbets to draft players may be put into effect by the major league organizations. It takes conservative bodies more than seconds to change their methods. Base ball has been so conservative in the past that it has almost been out of the question to introduce improvements into the playing rules, and there isn't a doubt that if the owners are slow on the playing rules they are likely to be slow on everything else. For a few minutes there were rumors of a split between the National League and the American League because there had been a slight difference of opinion in regard to

THE NEW NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

At least one base ball writer went so far that he had outlined the campaign on which the next war was to be fought, and if he did not believe it all himself, had a notion that he would make the editor believe it. But the war was "busted" like many another before. It proved that there was a little difference of opinion between club owners as to what the wording of the National Agreement should be—something which could be adjusted in five minutes at a conference—but there are those among us in whom

THE HERITAGE OF WAR

is strong. They sniffed the old disturber years ago and they haven't got the odor out of their nostrils, so whenever there is anything which makes a little basis for war the smoke-breathing steed is trotted to the fore. The chances are that

there will be no real war in base ball for a long time. It costs too much and brings in too little at the gate. Not even the new leagues, which threaten to squander their surplus in the base ball world, will be likely to provoke war, unless they attempt something of the kind for advertising purposes. The present intention is to permit them to go their way and get rid of their small coin as rapidly as they desire. After all, perhaps that is the better way.

THE RESERVE RULE.

Somehow, that pronouncement which was made from Reading, Pa., in regard to base ball without a Reserve Rule, for once did not find any answering reply of sympathy. There has been a time when the announcement of base ball without a Reserve Rule led grandiloquent hosts to fiery invective—and most of it was invective and expired that way. It seems only yesterday that the bold orators of other years are again assembled announcing to the public that the white slave is to be freed and that the ball player shall be permitted to roam untrammelled. Once the American League got a little of that mixed up in its system,

BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

for the American League to get over it. Whatever this amiable gentleman of Reading, Pa., may have in his mind, it is quite evident that he is not much of a student of base ball from the standpoint of practicability, history, necessities or organization. If he were, it would not take him more than two or three hours of patient reading to understand that there is no fallacy so great as that which argues for the open market in a professional sport. To equalize itself base ball

MUST HAVE A HANDICAP RULE.

If the game were to be played on the theory that the man with the longest purse could win the most championships, it would be only a question of time before we would have no professional base ball. The handicap in base ball, which tends to equalize the strength of teams, is the Reserve Rule. It is the one imperative law which protects the smaller and less opulent owner, and it guarantees to the proprietor of a club in Washington as much protection to his player rights as it does to the owner of the club in New York. Without these player rights Washington would not last long enough on the base ball map to be more than a story of what had been. That is to say, Washington could not stand the competition. Nor could other cities.

THE SAFEGUARD OF BASE BALL

in Detroit, Cleveland, Brooklyn, St. Louis and many another place is the Reserve Rule, which holds to the local owner that which he has developed regardless of other clubs. Never has there been an effort to conduct base ball leagues without a player restriction which has been successful, and it is not probable there ever will be. There have been players who have rebelled against the Reserve Rule. They do not like to be transferred from one city to another without their consent. Yet were it not for the Reserve Rule they

WOULD NOT HAVE THE OTHER CITY

to which to be transferred. If a man enters upon railroading he doesn't expect to sit at the lunch counter of the station and feed upon ham and eggs all day. He expects to get out and take what the work has for him. So of the business of ball playing. If a player embarks upon a professional career, with its high salary features, he must expect to undergo that which is demanded from him because of his particular athletic talent. No Reserve Rule would hit the present salary scale a rap in the smaller cities, for the club owners would not have the means to pay the salaries of the larger cities, and more than 60 per cent. of the players would feel the shrinkage. The other 40 per cent., or a portion of it, at least, might gain, but what a howl from the 60 per cent. who lost!

THE EARLY STARTING TIME.

There has been some talk in our city about starting the games at Washington Park a half hour earlier. There are a great many of the "fans" who would not object to it. One of them remarked to the writer that if ball games were begun at the new park at 3.30 o'clock, and were completed about 5.30 o'clock, it would be possible for a spectator to see a contest, catch a train on the Brighton "L," get down to the ocean in time for a swim and be ready for dinner at 7 o'clock. If only I lived in that part of the Greater City I know one person who

WOULD BE SUITED TO A "T"

by that arrangement. On a really hot day—not one of these half-hot days, but one where the mercury tumbles over itself in frantic endeavor to get away from itself—there's nothing like that ocean swim before dinner. It gives you an appetite which flattens your pocketbook worse than the bills from the dairy. There are not a few, who live out toward Jamaica and who take up their summer

home at the Rockaways, who would be benefited by an early starting hour. The

SUBJECT IS BEING AGITATED

over on the other side of the river and it seems to be the impression that while a few may be inconvenienced if games are begun at 3.30 o'clock instead of 4 o'clock, there will be thousands who will find the newer hour much better suited to their wishes. New York has grown with such rapidity that the suburban residents are now so much a factor of consideration as those in the city proper. It will only be a little while before Long Island will be covered with homes from what is now known as the city limit of Brooklyn as far as Mineola. It almost is now, but they will be thicker than they are now by dozens. One fan, in writing to the "Sporting Life" correspondent from this city, says that he

WOULD PREFER THE EARLY HOUR

for the reason that it would give him a chance to see a game now and then, except on half holidays. The burden of his complaint is that a small army of men begin to work in New York and Brooklyn at 6 o'clock or 6.30 o'clock in the evening. Now, most of them do not go near the ball games, except on Saturday, when the contests begin early in the afternoon. He thinks there would be lots who would go to base ball if the games were

STARTED AT 3.30 O'CLOCK.

One thing seems certain, and that is, if they favor starting games in the West at 3.30 o'clock there should be no reason why they should not start them here at that hour. In the West it was next to impossible at one time to get away so as to see a game which began at 3.30 o'clock, but if they have amended their business hours in that section they certainly would seem to have plenty of time to get to base ball in this city, as after 1 o'clock there are a great many persons in Greater New York who do nothing until the next day—if they can help it.

THE SCHEDULE MAKERS

cut us out of that August 27 date, the date on which the battle of Long Island was fought, and even if the new grounds were ready by that time this year there would be no opportunity to help along the fund of historical data. Perhaps the grounds will not be ready until next year. Whatever is done will be done well, and the owner will not consider that he must kill himself to complete arrangements, as it will be out of the question to put him out of Washington Park in 1912, as there is still another year of the lease to run. If the grounds should not happen to be opened until 1913, there would be an extra growth of ivy all along the stone parapet, by which it will be surrounded. There are some superstitious folks who hope that the field will be dedicated this year, for they do not like that "13" matter in the year to come. They fear that the championship will not be won if the house warming is put off until 1913. There has been some talk of

CONVERTING WASHINGTON PARK

which is, into a playground, after the Brooklyns move away from it. Not a bad idea, although the chances are that about 19 prices will be asked for the property. Since the subway was built along Fourth Avenue property owners have an exaggerated idea of the value of their property. They may be right in thinking that it has increased in value, but if the results are similar to those which have been in evidence in New York, it is not so much the property on the street of the

SUBWAY WHICH INCREASES IN VALUE,

as it is the property a block or so back, and which is handy to the subway stations. Meanwhile "Bill" Dahlen has left for Hot Springs. Willie Keeler will go with Bill this year to help coach the youngster and incidentally to try out his wing. They are a great pair, those Bills, two of the finest Bills in the game and the residents of Hot Springs are warned to treat them accordingly.

Trainer Tuthill and outfielder Perry, of the Detroit American League Club, on February 17 started for Monroe, La., the Detroit training camp. Perry, secured by trade from Providence, of the International League, is considerably overweight and President Navin has instructed Tuthill to take him in charge.

By signing Jesse Price, of Manchester, O., President M. E. Justice, of the Central Association, has completed his staff of umpires for 1912. The other three umpires are Frank Ager, Toledo, O.; Dick Spencer, Lyons, Kan.; and John Boswell, Kewanee, Ills.

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VIRGINIA'S CASE

SUBMISSION MADE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD.

The Recalcitrant Clubs Abandon Williams and Come Into the Fold Created by the National Board's Drastic Action.

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

Norfolk, Va., February 15.—Although the Virginia League squabble is settled, the circuit remaining unchanged, through the re-admission of Roanoke, Norfolk and Danville, and the old name re-assumed, it was not accomplished without the liveliest kind of a wrangle, lasting for hours. Much of the details that transpired leaked to the outside, although the moguls closeted themselves in a Monticello Hotel dining room, excluding the members of the press. Two delegations of

base ball lovers, one from Newport News and the other from Suffolk, are tonight as mad as the proverbial wet hen. And they have a right to be, for, after standing in the lobbies and hallways on the outside of the meeting for four or more hours, they were notified that so far as securing a franchise is concerned there was "nothing doing."

HORWITZ ROASTS THE MOGULS.
After being notified that Roanoke had been voted a franchise, Mr. Abe Horwitz, representing the Newport News delegation, was granted the floor, and without mincing matters, told the moguls what he thought of their conduct. He declared that they had been made cats' paws of, and the league moguls had acted dishonorably in the matter. Mr. Boatwright, the president, replied at length, but could not silence Mr. Horwitz. "There is honor among thieves, but not among base ball men," was his parting shot at the door. L. P. Hill and G. S. P. Holland, Jr., of Suffolk, were also allowed to make statements. Mr. Hill charged that the Suffolk people had been treated discourteously. He declared that both the president and Mr. Bradley had notified them of the meeting, and requested that they have representatives present. They held a meeting, named a delegation, and came down expecting to receive consideration.

PROTEST TO NATIONAL BOARD.
The Newport News delegation sent a telegram to Secretary Farrell, of the National Board of Arbitration, protesting against the action of today's meeting. H. C. Elliott, of Roanoke, who attended the meeting, admitted that he was the owner of the Norfolk team for two years, but stated that he sold out this year to Dr. J. H. McCrary, of Norfolk. Mr. Elliott is a wealthy business man of Roanoke. The league will meet in Richmond on March 23, to arrange a schedule for the coming season. Former President Williams did the nice thing after the decision of the National Commission, which was adverse to him, when he wrote President Boatwright, of the new league, congratulating him and promising his efforts to make the new administration a successful one.

PHILADELPHIA POINTS.

The Phillies' Catching Staff Strengthened By the Acquisition of Graham, From Chicago—What the Schedules Show for the Quaker City.

BY F. C. RICHTER.
Philadelphia, Pa., February 20.—During the past week the Philadelphia Club has greatly strengthened its catching department through the capture of "Peaches" Graham, of the Chicago Club, in exchange for catcher Cotter and pitcher Ward. In this deal the Phillies fared exceedingly well, as Graham, though still young, is a catcher of considerable experience. He also possesses great native ability, as he is a sure catch, accurate thrower and excellent batsman. He and Curtis were

last year traded by Boston to Chicago for Kling and three other players, and now both he and Curtis are members of the Philadelphia team. The transferred players, Cotter and Ward, are quite promising, but as yet short of major league calibre. Cotter was recruited from the York Club, of the Tri-State League, while

Ward came from the Brockton Club, of the New England League. With Dooen, Graham, Killifer, Moran and possibly Walsh, the Phillies now have a catching staff second to no other major league club.

The Athletic Schedule Satisfactory.

The World's Champion Athletics are well taken care of in the American League schedule—as they should be, considering their supremacy in the world of base ball and their consequent drawing power at home and abroad. For the second consecutive year Connie Mack's champions will have the honor of cracking open the major league pennant season in Philadelphia. This event has been set for Thursday, April 11, and Clark Griffith's Washington team will be at Shibe Park to share inaugural honors. Like the National League schedule the American League teams will be called on to play 154 contests. Closing time is the same, October 5 in the East and October 6 in the West. The champions of the sphere have only one home holiday date. Boston is here on July 4, but on Memorial Day the Athletics are in New York and on Labor Day they are in Boston. The Athletics are also at home 12 Saturdays. The fact that the Athletics were permitted to open the Philadelphia season for the second straight year caused some comment, as it was the Phillies' turn this year to be the pioneer. The rule was amended on account of the Boston Park

from home. On Memorial Day, May 30, they play the Giants at home; and entertain Brooklyn at Philadelphia on Labor Day, September 2. On July 4 the Phillies are in Boston. Five Sunday dates in the West have been awarded Dooen's men and no conflict of dates is on the list.

Athletic Youngsters Off for Texas.

The local base ball season was formally pried open yesterday with the departure of the Athletic team for San Antonio in the afternoon and the Sporting Writers' dinner in the evening. Manager Connie Mack, with several of his young stars and a brigade of newspapermen, cartoonists and photographers, left this city from North Philadelphia station at 12.40, bound for San Antonio, Texas. The party is due to reach the Texas city late Wednesday night, but will probably get there in time for breakfast Thursday morning, allowing for delays. Catchers Egan and Kilhullen, pitchers Brown, Pike, Salmon and McCleary, infielder Chase and outfielder Strunk were the players to leave from this city. The others went direct from their homes in the South and West. There were 20 in the party, counting the newspapermen, and Secretary Joe Ohl will be in charge of the business end of the journey. The Athletic regulars are expected to depart on March 4, and Business Manager John Shibe and Captain Danny Murphy will be in charge of the "Champs" who go

Carpenter, of the Tri-State League; rector Porter, of the Department of Public Safety; Ex-Mayor Reyburn; the Thomas W. Davis; and President Aleer, of the Boston American Club. Letters of regret were received from Messrs. August Herrmann, Thomas J. Lynch, John M. Ward, Harry Davis and Mike Murphy. The toastmaster was President H. C. Crowhurst, of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association, and his introductions of the various speakers were most felicitous. In between courses vaudeville entertainment was provided a committee consisting of Messrs. Harry T. Jordan, of Keith's Theatre; George M. Young, H. Bart McHugh, Norman Jeffers, F. G. Nixon-Nirdlinger, W. M. Taylor and H. Walter Schlichter. These acts made a great hit and consisted of selections by the Boston Red Sox Quartet, ballads by Sarah Goody, songs by Master Laddie Cliff, and specialties by Fraley and Abbott, Ruth Curtis, O'Donnell, O'ferman and Kaufman, Francis Robinson, W. H. Rogers, Klass and Bernie, Muelle and Mueller, and the King Sisters.

Local Jottings.

Manager Dooen states that "Runt" Walsh will be given a thorough try-out as catcher during Spring practice and, if successful, assigned permanently to the catching corps.
Manager Mack, of the Athletics, upon recommendation of his son, Earl, has signed pitcher "Bull" McCleary, of Penn State, whom Earl Mack caught on a Summer team at Ocean City last year.
The Phillies' Chicago acquisition, catcher Graham, on Friday sent in his signed contract, with the statement that the catcher is in good condition and perfectly satisfied with his transfer to Philadelphia.

News Items Gathered From All Quarters

Manager George Needham, of the Guelph Club, of the Canadian League, has signed a Western New York speed phenom for his aggregation in the person of "Dolly" Foersch, who is well known to local semi-pro. players as a member of the Jamestown Club.

John Lendinski, who was tried out by Johnstown last Summer and finished the season with the Pittsburgh Collegians, has signed with the Haverhill (New England League) Club.

Pitcher Zimri Higgins, sent to Tacoma last year by the St. Louis Cardinals, has notified the Northwestern League club management that he will not play ball this year. He is a dentist and has opened an office with his brother in Minneapolis.

All health, the result of a base ball accident last June, when he was hit on the head by a ball, caused Vernus George, aged 19 years, to commit suicide, according to the findings of the coroner's jury at Sheridan, Wyo., on February 12. George died night of February 11 of strychnine poisoning. A note found later indicated his intention at the time it was written to take his life.

Secretary J. C. Morse, of the New England League, has appointed John E. Stafford as umpire for 1912, in addition to Hugh J. Rorty and Charles Lanigan.

Manager George M. Reed, of the Great Falls Club, of the Union Association, has signed infielders Sam Foster, H. H. Hester, J. A. Clothier, E. D. Faye, John Misse, Tom Toner and Ed. Cosgriff.

The Atlanta Club, of the Southern League, has purchased first baseman M. J. Phelan from the Macon Club, of the South Atlantic League.

"Ducky" Holmes, who was once slated to manage the Victoria Club, of the Northwestern League, has written to D. E. Dugdale, president of the Seattle Club, that he will go into the courts to enforce a contract he says he has with the Victoria Club and which he alleges was violated when President Wattlelet signed Lou Nordyke, of Spokane, to manage the team. Holmes complains that he was kept out of several good positions by reason of tying himself up with Victoria.

The Hartford Club, of the Connecticut League, has signed infielder Ernest Menetrina, of St. Louis.

The Muscatine Club, of the Central Association, has signed Tod Smith, of Concordia, Kan., pitcher; John Konitzer, of Juneau, Wis., catcher; and Henry Witte, outfielder, a promising local semi-pro.

Charles O'Brien, 25, for five years a professional ball pitcher, and working in the Cotton States and Southern Michigan Leagues, died on February 13 at East Liverpool, O., after a long illness.

The Mansfield (Ohio League) Club has traded third baseman Ted Stroud to the Canton (Central League) Club for third baseman Harry Stagle.

dedication. It is said that the Phillies will start off for Philadelphia in 1913 and 1914 to make up for the departure from custom this year.

The Phillies' 1912 Schedule.

President Fogel, of the Phillies, is quite satisfied with the dates assigned his team by the National League schedule committee, except that he does not relish opening at Boston for the second successive year. This could not be obviated, however, as the Boston American League Club did not desire to open at home while the new Red Sox park was not quite ready for occupancy. Manager Dooen's team will open the season at Boston, where they will play three games before going to Brooklyn for three days. The Phillies then come home to open the season with Boston on April 18 for three games, after which they will entertain the National League pennant winners from New York in a series of four games. Four more games with the Giants at New York will give Dooen's men eight in a row with the champions, and after this the Phillies can go on their first Western trip, opening at Cincinnati on May 6. The Phillies have 14 Saturdays at home and play 12 away

The Vernon Club, of the Pacific Coast League, has sold catcher Kelley to the Salt Lake (Union Association) Club.

Dred Cavender has been appointed manager of the Dallas Club, of the Texas League.

Third baseman Ferris, of the Iowa University base ball nine, has become blind in his Indiana home. He wiped his face with his catching glove and his eyes became infected.

A new base ball league, to be known as the Central Minnesota Association, was organized at Staples, Minn., February 14, with the following cities in the circuit: St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Royalton, Brainerd, Little Falls, Melrose, Foley and Staples. The players must have resided in the cities with whose teams they are to play for at least 30 days. A schedule and by-laws will be drawn up at a meeting of the Association at Sauk Rapids on February 27.

The New Orleans team, of the Southern League, on February 15 reached Colon, Panama, where the team will train.

At Danville, Ill., February 13, at a meeting of base ball fans subscriptions of \$500 toward a fund of \$2000 necessary for local control of the Danville I. I. League franchise was secured. Committees were named to obtain the balance. It is believed no trouble will be experienced in raising the money, which will insure the retention of John M. Boyle as manager and part owner of the club.

In the Central Association Keokuk has signed second baseman Middleman, of Fort Dodge; and Kewanee has signed first baseman Ernest Robertson, of Granite City, Ill.

The Midcontinent League has been organized with seven Oklahoma cities and one Arkansas town, namely, Oklahoma City, Muskogee, Tulsa, McAlester, Bartlesville, Okmulgee, Shawnee, all of Oklahoma; and Fort Smith, Arkansas. W. A. Bartlett, of Tulsa, Okla., was chosen president and a schedule of 134 games was adopted. The season will open on April 25 and close on September 2. The salary limit was fixed at \$1500 per month.

The Chillicothe Club, of the Ohio State League, has signed two of the fastest semi-pro. players of Central Ohio in the persons of catcher Jack Ketchell and outfielder Frank ("Dutch") McDonald. Both are left-hand hitters and have a reputation around Columbus, O., as sluggers.

In the New York Legislature Assemblyman Bush's bill, designed to stop all future base ball ticket scandals like that at the time of the World's Championship Series last year, by making it a misdemeanor to sell any admission ticket to a base ball game without the price marked on it, and for any more than the price indicated, has been reported favorably and will come up for passage in the Assembly in the near future.

Joe Cummings, the well-known newspaper man, has been appointed secretary of the Texas League, in succession to Brice Hoskins, of St. Louis.

from Philadelphia. Pitcher Jack Coombs is in Galveston, Texas, and will join the Mack Yanigans at San Antonio this week, to assist Connie in training the recruit pitchers. The training camp will not be broken up until March 22, when the players will be divided into two parties. The regulars, with the juvenile pitchers, will take about a week in coming North, so as to be here in time to start the Spring series with the Phillies the latter part of March. The Yanigans, with the star twirlers, will make a more leisurely journey, not arriving here until the evening of April 9.

The Sporting Writers' Dinner.

The eighth annual dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers was held at the Hotel Walton, Monday evening, February 19, over 500 guests being entertained. The Guest of Honor was Gov. Tener, once a professional ball player. Associate guests of honor were "Topsy" Hartsel, Bill Gleason and Harry Wolvorton. Each of these made a telling speech. Other speakers were President Ban Johnson, of the American League; President Fogel, of the Philadelphia Club; President Eb-bets, of the Brooklyn Club; President

According to the terms of the Philadelphia Club's exchange of pitcher Stack for pitcher "Doc" Scanlon, of Brooklyn, the latter must pay a stated sum to the Philadelphia Club in the event of Scanlon refusing to report to Philadelphia.

Manager Dooen is confident that his broken leg has mended properly; but, to be on the safe side, he is having made an aluminum shin-guard, leather covered, which he feels sure will remove all feelings of fear for a repetition of the accident he met with last season.

The Red Sox Quartet, composed of Boston American League players, will appear at Keith's Theatre this week. Three of them are famous pitchers—Bill Lyons, Tom ("Buck") O'Brien and Marty McHale, Hugh Bradley being the well-known catcher and first baseman of the team. Each of the quartet has an excellent singing voice, and their selections, whether solos, duos, or quartets, are of a high order of merit, and of the popular kind that will take with everybody.

The dates for the raising of the flags, emblematic of the World's and American League championships of 1911, were selected Saturday evening by Manager Mack. On Tuesday, May 7, the American League championship bunting will be raised to the flag pole. The Cleveland team, headed by Manager Harry Davis, will assist in this function. On Wednesday, July 3, the pennant which declares officially that the Athletics are the champions of the entire universe, will fly down to the breezes. The Boston Red Sox were chosen to take part in this ceremony.

The Philadelphia Club has made in three years six deals with Chicago. They are as follows: Purchased catcher Moran; traded pitcher Foxen for Luderus; purchased Stack; traded pitcher Rowan for pitcher Curtis; sold Bransfield; traded Cotter and Ward for Graham. The club made almost as many deals with Cincinnati. The Phillies have sent to that team: Pitchers Cotel, E. Moren, McQuillan, third baseman Grant and outfielder Bates, and received by trade or purchase: Pitchers Brennau, Ewing, Beebe, Rowan, third baseman Lobert, infielder Downey, centre fielder Faskert and outfielder Beck.

OUTLAW COLUMBIAN LEAGUE

Is Permanently Organized With John T. Powers as President—The Circuit and the Franchise Holders Announced.

St. Louis, Mo., February 12.—John T. Powers was elected president and secretary of the Columbian Base Ball League at its first regular meeting here this afternoon. Besides President Powers and Otto Stifel, millionaire brewer and Republican politician, who will be financially interested in the St. Louis Club, those present were: W. A. Matthews, Indianapolis; William Urian, Otto Stifel and Lou Stephens, St. Louis; W. H. Pearce, Louisville; Willis Melville, Milwaukee; Matt Hinkle, Cleveland; J. C. Masker, Kansas City, and William Nielsen, Chicago. John Roesink, of Detroit, was unable to attend. With the exception of St. Louis and Milwaukee, parks have been secured in all other cities of the league. It was said grounds have been purchased in Milwaukee today. There was a well defined rumor that the St. Louis team would play its games on the St. Louis University campus.

LIST OF PARKS SECURED.

Each magnate present was primed with necessary papers and leases to show he had actually secured a ball field. The list follows: Indianapolis, Riverside Beach Park; Chicago, Gunther Park; Cleveland, Luna Park; Detroit, Mack Park; Kansas City, Gordon-Kopple Park; President Powers will open an office in Chicago at once. The single umpire system was adopted. The new league claims that checks have been put up by the financial backers of the clubs in each city. It is announced that the Columbian League will not try to steal players or cause any trouble with any other league club. Nothing definite will be announced about playing dates for about two weeks.

ED VALENTINE

CINCINNATI LIKED THE NEW SCHEDULE.

Bugs Easily Feast on Dates—Chance to Get a Good Start on Home Grounds—A Peek at the Babel at League Park.

BY REN MULFORD, JR.

Cincinnati, O., February 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Redbugs rather liked their Valentine. The National League playing schedule came out on the morn of the historic 14th and the figurative message looked good. There has been so many below-zero days and nights this Winter that the real simon-pure Bugs have not yet had time to thaw out. A few days of warming-weather, however, will start the germs of fan-fever to working. Thousands of dollars have already been

invested in reserved seats for the opening game and boxes for the season. If anybody doesn't think that is not a nice little nest-egg he has another think coming. Just imagine base ball openings now and in the olden days. Away back in the years agone, when Gus Schmelz and Tom Loftus were holding the reins, the opening day stunt started with a carriage parade. Later on, the "trolley specials" were put on, with a band in front, occupying a special car. Even then there were no overflows. Now—Gee! They "go to it" in January, with the river frozen over, and hand you the money! Getting back to schedule talk, Cincinnati is still "off the list" as a Fourth of July stand. We are glad to get Labor Day. Decoration Day in Redland never amounted to three hurrahs in Turkey Bottom. This old town has so many amusement angles that holidays are not worth much from a base ball point of view. One reason for this may also be found in the fact that Sunday ball gives opportunity to thousands who do not attend on weekdays. When holidays do come the madding throng consider base ball as on the regular bill of fare, so they turn to the side dishes. This probably explains the reason for the abandonment of Independence Day bookings.

FROM THE RED ANGLE.

From the championship angle, a better schedule could scarcely have been framed—as far as Cincinnati is concerned. The early coming of the Eastern fans will enable Manager O'Day to prove whether he has Kingfish or Lobsters in the Red aquarium. The team will be able to stick in their spikes and do a little early climbing. If it is really in them this is what they ought to do. Of course, most of the Autumn games are booked away from home, but from the viewpoint of both artistic and financial advantage, the sort of assignment given the Redbirds is decidedly the better one. Nobody in the Cincinnati Club has any license to utter one "peep" in fault-finding criticism of the 1912 "crop of dates."

OUT ON THE GREEN.

Every mother's son and daughter who travels via the Westwood, Chester Park, Sixth street and North Fairmount trolley lines has had a chance to "size up" League Park and the improvements that are being made. Most of the enthusiasts are proclaiming that the field will be smaller. As a matter of fact the eye is deceived. The diamond and outfields are so littered up with building material that all resemblance to a base ball field has been blotted out. The Western avenue green looks about as cheerful as a San Francisco street after the earthquake. With some of the Old Guard memory runs back to the days of '84, when the Unions "froze" the Americanites out of the Bank street grounds. The "old boys" were game. They annexed a brickyard or two and a green truck garden—and without Aladdin's aid, turned it into a ball yard. During the period before the transformation the "Enquirer" ran a picture of the new American Park. A crane was seen with one leg held aloft, as he stood seemingly in the midst of a section of the Great Dismal Swamp. Well, League Park today looks almost as bad, and when Matty Schwab gazes over the piles of material that litters up the pride of his life he must have seven or eight different kinds of fits

THE NEW PALACE OF FANS.

But the new stands! Gentlemen of Balldom—it is going to be a peacherino! There will be more seats in the grand stand alone next season than you could find in the entire enclosure last year.

Wagers are already made that every seat will be taken when the bell taps for play on the afternoon of April 11. Lots of work—hard work—remains to be done. To the layman the task seems one that cannot possibly be completed. Still the Fates may be kind. The winter has been so uncommonly severe that when Spring does make her bow, she may stay for good, and then it will be possible to put through work that was held back while the mercury was crawling so closely into the bulb. Just how much larger the field will be I'll not attempt to say, but those who are lamenting that the Reds will be cramped for room next grass are in for one of the most delightful surprise parties of their fan-life.

THE FLIGHT TO SOUTHLAND.

Before many days the first Red squad starts toward the reservation on the Chattanooga. Some statistician has figured that it costs big league club owners about a quarter of a million dollars to train in the South. That figure is much too high, but still a pretty penny is spent. As a matter of fact, the outlay should all be charged to advertising expense. The columns of gossip that come from the training camps are "eaten up" by the hungry bugs. The newspapers do not give up this valuable space because they love the moguls—no—not! Still, if they attempted to "cut it out" they'd gash their own circulations. No better bonanza could be had in a newspaper way than the exclusive right in a city to publish the base ball news! The news value of these training trips is realized by the Southerners themselves. Think of the New Orleans Pelicans leaving their delightful Crescent City to train! And yet, Charley Frank has taken his Louisiana team to Panama! If the Reds trained at home they'd get scant mention. All the squad did would be too commonplace for more than ordinary attention. The same stunts pulled off on a Southern field is "news," and worth payment of telegraph tolls. This is a funny old sporting world in which we live and make our base hits!

THE RIVAL OUTSIDERS.

Both the U. S.'ers and Columbian chiefs have been looking over the ground. President John T. Powers wants Cincinnati for his league. Just which organization will "really come across" is problematical, but from this perch on the Buckeye tree, it looks as if these two outsiders were trying to eat each other up. As far as Cincinnati is concerned, the United States has the inside track, with Hippodrome Park cinched. The U. S.'ers, however, have a fearfully weak sister in Reading, Pa. President Powers claims he has a site in view. If so he did better in one day's inspection than the old American League did in years, when they were figuring on clashing with John T. Brush.

MULFORDISMS.

One caustic Redbug turned up at the Fan Club with the question: "Wonder if Johnny Bates is holding out for money to buy hair restorer?"

Undoubtedly many of the umpire's decisions will go to protest in the new Backers' League.

Rafael Almeida is coming back to Redland all primed to make a worth-while fight for the position of regular at third.

Seems odd to think that after many years, Eddie Phelps, former Red, is coming back to Brooklyn and fast company via Toronto!

Boston has declined to be considered the 1912 National goat. Wonder what other team will "horn in."

Nobody has yet had nerve enough to pick the "Twenty Greatest Dubs in Base Ball" or the "Twenty Largest Tanks" the game has ever known.

Bob Emslie's eyesight is so "bad" he recently copped another shooting championship!

Nobody can blame Fred Yapp for changing that name of his to Mitchell, although in so doing he took a lot of good ammunition away from the Society of Bugs.

Seemed odd for a National League meeting in session without the name of "Jack Ryder" above special stories. The "Enquirer" passed it up for the first time in years.

Why do the scribes like to pan the moguls? The nerve of base ball's directors has given Balldom stands as notable as the enduring structures of old. Without the moguls the "men out there on the diamond," as Bob Dunbar calls them, would not be living in clover. Magnificent management has made base ball.

Tricks of Waiver System.

The waiver system in base ball is used in more ways than one. If a manager desires to get a promising recruit out of the league in order to send him to the club's farm for further instruction, he immediately asks waivers on a batch of players which includes both some of his best men and the recruit. In indignantly refusing to waive on the veterans the other clubs often let the youngsters slip by unnoticed. The manager thus places the recruit where he wants him and complacently withdraws his request for waivers on the others.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

Adopts a Schedule for a Double Season, the First Race to Begin April 18 and End June 27—Salary Limit Not Changed.

Albany, Ga., February 12.—Work was the order of the entire day at the Winter meeting of the South Atlantic League magnates held at the new Albany Hotel here today. Every club in the league, with the exception of Columbia, was represented. Those present were: A. W. Barrs, Jacksonville; Charles E. Walton, Columbus; N. J. Etheridge, Macon; J. K. Pray, Albany, and H. M. Dodd, Savannah. President Nick Corish, of Savannah, presided over the meeting, which



N. P. Corish.

opened at 10 o'clock in the morning and closed at 8 o'clock at night, brief adjournments being taken for dinner and supper. After considerable discussion it was decided to allow the salary limit to remain the same as tentatively prescribed at the Macon meeting, \$1500. Most important of the business transacted was the adoption of the opening and closing dates of the two races, the decision to divide the season being unanimously agreed upon. The season will open April 12, with Savannah at Jacksonville, Columbus at Macon, and Columbia at Albany. It is probable that a change will be made in the opening date between Columbus and Macon on account of the college games scheduled to be held in the latter place in the Spring. The first race will end June 27, and the season will close on Labor Day with double-headers in Savannah, Columbia and Columbus. Columbus, Macon and Savannah will be at home Memorial Day. Fourth of July games were given to Macon, Jacksonville and Savannah. As a number of alterations are to be made early this week the official schedule will not be announced until next Sunday. Player and salary limitations tentatively agreed upon at the meeting in Macon in October were adopted unanimously.

ASHENBACH DEAD.

The Minor League Manager, Long Famous for His Originality and Wit, a Victim of Paralysis.

Cincinnati, O., February 16.—Edward Ashenbach, former manager of the Syracuse, N. Y., team of the New York State League, and more lately scout for the Cincinnati Club, of the National League, died today at a detention hospital, where he had been confined for three weeks. Ashenbach at one time had managed the St. Paul team, of the American Association, and also directed the Johnstown team, of the Tri-State League. He is reputed to have been the discoverer of pitcher Mathewson, of the New York Club, while acting as scout for John T. Brush, then president of the Cincinnati Club. Ashenbach was 40 years old. Death was caused by paralysis.



E. Ashenbach.

A REMARKABLE CHARACTER.

No more refreshing character ever appeared in base ball than Ashenbach, who was known virtually in every part of the country. He had the credit of playing or managing in every minor league in the country. Ashenbach was a natural wit. No matter with what team he was connected, the appearance of his club was always awaited with interest by the fans, who enjoyed his buffoonery and railery on the coaching lines. As a comedian he stood alone in base ball. His only rival was Herman Schaefer. Sensitive pitchers feared Ashenbach as they would a plague. He always had the knack of finding out their weaknesses. Once he had this knowledge, he was relentless and used it to full advantage.

COUNTLESS ASHENBACH STORIES.

There are hundreds of Ashenbach stories being told all over the country. He was well known in Pennsylvania, having managed the Johnstown team, of the Tri-State League, and the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Clubs, of the New York State League, as well as other teams in the latter league. One of the best stories on Ashenbach's resourcefulness was concerning Covaleskie, the big left-handed pitcher, who, as a member of the Phillies, prevented New York from winning a pennant in 1908. He beat the Giants three times in a week. Prior to his engagement with the Phillies "Cove" pitched in the Tri-State League with great success. The left-hander found Johnstown particularly easy for him, and it worried Ashenbach greatly. "Cove" won all the games he pitched early in the season against the "Jaws." Several weeks later, Ashen-

bach told his players that the next time "Cove" pitched against them he wouldn't last an inning. The players believed Ashenbach was joking, because "Cove" had been irresistible against them. When "Cove" pitched against Johnstown again "Ash" had

A PARTICULARLY JAUNTY AIR

as the big Pole warmed up. When it was time to play, "Ash" said to his players, "Watch me closely, boys." As "Cove" went to the centre of the diamond, Ash went to the coach lines. The man at the plate was surprised to hear "Ash" shout some unintelligible words at the Pole. The big pitcher reddened and looked angry at Ashenbach, but the latter kept up a running fire of talk that the batsman couldn't understand. "Cove" was so inflamed that he walked the batsman. "Ash" kept on with the lingo, and the next player also walked. Then the pitcher became completely unnerved, another pass, a wild pitch and a long hit causing his

RETIREMENT FROM THE GAME.

When Ashenbach, smiling, came to the bench, the players asked him what he was saying to "Cove." "Oh, I was just paying him a few compliments in Polish," replied Ash. "I met a fellow ten days ago, who taught me a few choice words in Polish expressly for me to use on Covaleskie the next time he faced us." It is said that the Polish pitcher never again took the pitcher's hill in a game against "Ash's" team.

THE SAD ENDING.

This is only one of a thousand characteristic stories about this comedian of the diamond. With all his predilection to the lighter side of the game, Ashenbach was an able base ball manager. One thing, he always had harmony in his club and got the best from each player. Poor "Ash" started to fail last Summer. He wasn't able to take a team in charge, but acted as scout for the Cincinnati team. A few weeks ago he collapsed completely. The mind that invented so many witty sayings and amused so many Pennsylvanians began to weaken. It was a blank when the end came in an asylum in Cincinnati.

THE TEXAS LEAGUE

Adopts a New Schedule Owing to the Displacement of Oklahoma City By Beaumont—Some Constitutional Changes.

Houston, Tex., February 10.—After wrangling all day over one detail or another in regard to the government of the circuit for the coming season, the Texas League gave birth late last night to a schedule for the playing year of 1912. It was adopted by a vote of six to two, the dissenters being Austin and Beaumont, both of whom proved the stumbling blocks throughout the day on almost all topics. Several important things beside the adoption of the uncertain schedule occupied the attention of the league magnates. The reports of the railroad and auditing committees were received and approved and several amendments to the constitution adopted. Among the most important of these was the abolition of the \$500 assessment of a sinking fund, this being replaced by a \$2000 bond from each club, the pooling and equal division of the Fourth of July and Labor Day receipts over the circuit, and the adoption of a monthly draft by the president on all clubs for expenses, these being prorated. A board of directors, composed of Iglehart, Maloney, Block and Davidson and the president and secretary of the league, was elected. A rule was adopted prohibiting the signing of any released player by any club without the consent of the owner who released such player. The salary limit clause of the constitution was remodeled to conform to the National Agreement.

NOT SIGNAL STEALERS.

Harry Davis Said the Athletics Simply Benefited By Reputation.

In Cleveland the new manager, Harry Davis, asserted the other day that there was no truth in the rumor that the success of the Athletics was due to their ability to steal signals. Davis said that the Athletics never made a habit of stealing signals, and, moreover, he denied that they swiped any of the Giants' signs in the World's Series. Said he: "We let the other fellows believe that we stole signals, and played it for all it was worth. In the opening game of the World's Series I drove home Baker with the first run of the game with a single to left. Because it was old Harry Davis who made the hit Mathewson immediately thought that I had stolen his signs, and he quickly switched. The Athletics always had the New York battery up in the air, and they worried themselves sick changing their signs, when we didn't know anything about them."

COMISKEY PLAN

FOR PRINCELY QUARTERS FOR WHITE SOX MEN.

The Most Luxurious Club House Imaginable to Be Fitted Up by the Open-Handed Owner of the Chicago American Club.

Chicago, Ill., February 17.—Now and again when a ball player fails to receive a contract calling for about \$6,000 for about six months' work he raises the cry that the big leagues are a trust and the players the slaves thereof. This misconception of uplift movement of the magnates has caused Charley Comiskey, of the White Sox, great grief. He wants it understood that his players are not slaves or anything like it. Just to prove the assertion Comiskey is going to install some fixings in his park for the ball chasers which will do much to alleviate the pains and burdens of the poor, down-trodden athletes. When the White Sox squad returns from Waco, Texas, where the players will do their Spring training, a



Chas. Comiskey

BEAUTIFUL VISTA OF IMPROVEMENTS, luxuries and other beneficial features will stretch before the eyes of the slaves. One of the main attractions will be a real Turkish bath, where the tired and dusty athletes can be treated after each game. This section will contain a hot room, kneading slab, showers and a plunge pool. With these improvements trainer Buckner will be able to treat all sprains and bruises with massage, and thus conquer these ailments and injuries in rapid fashion. This Turkish bath attachment to the White Sox park is not the only improvement, however, for the players are to

HAVE A LOUNGING ROOM

which will surpass anything of the kind on either circuit. A handsome oak partition will divide the locker and the lounging room, and here Callahan's pennant chasers may rest amid ease and luxury before and after the games. Great comfortable lounging chairs, divans and tete-a-tete settees will be flung about the quarters with the abandon that only a Pittsburg millionaire can hope to understand or appreciate. Under foot costly rugs from Turkey and other silky and sunny climes will invite the tired tootsies of the shoeless Sox. Along the walls will be found the current literature of the day in newspaper and magazine form. For permanent reading there will be

AN EXPENSIVE LIBRARY

containing all the base ball lore in editions de luxe. College and base ball flags draped tastefully from the frieze will add a den-like touch that all ball players admire. Piano players and gramophones will furnish harmony for the glee club efforts of the White Sox. Shades of Midas! Where is Charley Murphy's combined stadium and Roman gardens now? One can also see the White Sox sauntering daintily onto the diamond and winning games without the aid of a single hit. That air of genteel languor which Comiskey's clan will just naturally exude should be good for a pass to first any day during the season of 1912.

KLING'S OPPORTUNITY

The Famous Catcher at Last Realizes the Ambition of Years to Become a Manager of a Major League Team.

BY JAMES A. ISAMINGER.

It has been decided that John Kling will lead the reconstructed Boston Nationals next season. Kling thereby sees his ambitions of years fulfilled. As far back as 1908 Kling wanted to manage the Cincinnati Club, and Garry Herrmann willingly would have taken him, but Murphy refused to part with his star maskman, and his chance of earning the extra coin vanished. This made King angry, and he held out for a big salary in the Spring of 1909. Murphy would not agree to the raise, and Kling was not in Cub uniform during the entire season. The Cubs didn't win the pennant with



John Kling

THEIR BACKSTOP GENERAL MISSING, and Murphy lost the World's championship velvet. His receipts in 1909 were far below 1908, in consequence of Kling

being lost to his club. Kling patched up his differences and rejoined the Cubs in the Spring of 1910. It is a matter of history that Kling put the Cubs back in the pennant-winning class, and chief Murphy once more got his series bit with which to buy more government bonds. Last Spring Murphy traded Kling to Boston, and it proved a poor transaction for Murphy.

THE CUBS DROPPED OUT

of the pennant class once more, and the Giants succeeded them as the National League champion team. It is very significant that Kling has always been associated with the Cubs' pennant triumphs. He was their mainstay behind the bat in 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1910. In 1909 and 1911 Kling was not playing, and consequently Chicago did not take its usual championship, all of which is a

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

The Sioux City Club Has Thirty-Five Players to Try Out and a New Manager to Do the Team Making and Directing.

Sioux City, Ia., February 16.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Thirty-five players, or nearly enough to recruit four full teams, have signed contracts to play in Sioux City uniforms in 1912. This is the largest list of prospective Packers that the base ball management has ever secured, and to Manager George Andreas will fall the task of picking the team. The thirty-fifth man to affix his signature to a Sioux City contract was John Gates, the battery mate of William Bush, in the Wells, Minn., semi-professional club last year. Bush has a sensational record as a young twirler, and upon his recom-

is a son of the old sod just as sure as poppin'. The former Saint has written to Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pittsburgh Club, and asked that dignity to allow him March 17 as a day of freedom. Clarke has issued an order that all members of the Pittsburgh Club report at Hot Springs on March 17 for opening practice, but the O'Toole boy wants to celebrate what he calls the world's one holiday.

REILLY'S RELAXATION.

The Famous Connecticut Congressman, Once a Minor League Magnate and Manager, Keeps Congress Posted on Base Ball.

Washington, D. C., February 17.—The greatest base ball fan in Congress, not even excepting Vice-President Sherman and Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, is Representative Thomas L. Reilly, of Meriden, Conn. He is more than a fan. He is a base ball expert who knows the game from the ground up. When he attends a base ball game, which he does whenever there is one in his neighborhood, he does not get his fun out of baiting the umpire or alternately roasting or cheering the home team, according to the article of ball it puts up. Instead he follows the "inside game" closely and assumes himself catching onto the team signals of the opposing clubs, a thing at which he is adept. During the extra session of Congress last Summer



Tom Reilly

NOTHING BUT A CLOSE VOTE

in the House kept Reilly away from the ball park in the afternoons. But while he admits being a "bug" and confesses that he would rather see a game than anything else, ask him if he ever wants to return to active participation in organized base ball and he will shake his head and mutter "Never Again." Reilly's connection with professional ball began in 1884, when he was suddenly made secretary of the Meriden Club, in the Connecticut League. Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known to diamond fans as Connie Mack, the leader of the World's Champion Athletics,

CAUGHT FOR MERIDEN

in those days. Reilly got the fever from Mack and the two are intimate friends to this day, but the malady did not affect Reilly badly until nearly 20 years later, but when it did take hold it took hold good and Reilly was badly burned. "I watched the Washington ball club while it lost 10 games in a row last Summer," said Reilly recently, while holding a fanning bee with fellow-Representatives in the Democratic cloak room of the House. "My, what a howl the Washington rooters sent up! But that was nothing. I once managed a team that lost 50 straight games on the home grounds. It won an occasional contest on the road, but went the half-century at home, getting the short end every time."

UTILITY PLAYERS.

Great Players Developed By Patiently Keeping Them on Pay Roll.

Says the Washington "Star:" "Manager Griffith's decision to carry at least four players for utility purposes is a step in the right direction, and it is particularly encouraging that he has decided to pick young players of promise for these positions. Some great ball players have been developed in this way. Eddie Collins, for instance, was used only in emergencies for the first two years that he was with Connie Mack. Ty Cobb was not a regular the first year he joined the Tigers, but he got enough work to give him a chance to develop. Heretofore the local club has always carried veteran players, men who had seen their best days, for these utility positions, so that no material was developed in this way. Years ago ball clubs did not carry utility men. Pitchers and catchers had to alternate.

Consequences of a Bad Start.

Fred Walker, the former University of Chicago strong man, who played a brief engagement with the Giants in 1910, was recently dismissed as coach of a San Francisco basket ball team for striking an official. Walker's combination of quick temper and unusual strength spoiled his New York chance. One day he waded through the employes of a Harlem hotel and had to leave town in a hurry. He turned up a few weeks later on the Pacific coast, where he gained much local fame as "Mysterious Mitchell." Walker was praised so highly that he refused to go to the ball parks except in a taxicab provided by the club. Last season he was not featured.—New York "Globe."

Western League Schedule

Season Opens April 19; Closes September 29

DENVER CLUB AT HOME

With Lincoln	April 19, 20, 21
With Wichita	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Topeka	May 5, 6, 7, 8
With Lincoln	May 20, 30, 31
With Omaha	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Sioux City	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Des Moines	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With St. Joseph	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Topeka	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Lincoln	June 26, 27, 28, 29
With Omaha	July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
With Sioux City	July 7, 28, 29, 30
With St. Joseph	July 31, August 1, 2
With Des Moines	August 3, 4, 5, 6
With Lincoln	August 31, September 1, 2, 3
With Sioux City	September 3, 4, 5
With St. Joseph	September 7, 8, 9, 10
With Des Moines	September 12, 13, 14, 15
With Wichita	September 16, 17, 18
With Topeka	September 20, 21, 22, 23
With Topeka	September 27, 28, 29, 30

LINCOLN CLUB AT HOME

With Topeka	April 23, 24, 25, 26
With Wichita	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With Denver	May 9, 10, 11, 12
With Sioux City	May 17, 18, 19, 20
With St. Joseph	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Des Moines	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Omaha	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Wichita	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Denver	July 4, 5, 6, 7
With Des Moines	July 15, 16, 17, 18
With Topeka	July 23, 24, 25, 26
With St. Joseph	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Sioux City	July 31, August 1, 2, 3
With Des Moines	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With St. Joseph	August 20, 21, 22, 23
With Denver	August 24, 25, 26
With St. Joseph	September 3, 4, 5, 6
With Omaha	September 12, 13, 14, 15
With Topeka	September 20, 21, 22, 23
With Wichita	September 27, 28, 29, 30

WICHITA CLUB AT HOME

With Denver	April 23, 24, 25, 26
With Lincoln	May 5, 6, 7, 8
With Topeka	May 9, 10, 11, 12
With Sioux City	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Omaha	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With St. Joseph	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Des Moines	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Denver	June 22, 23, 24, 25
With Topeka	June 27, 28, 29
With Lincoln	June 30, July 1, 2
With Sioux City	July 23, 24, 25, 26
With Omaha	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Des Moines	July 31, August 1, 2
With St. Joseph	August 3, 4, 5, 6
With Lincoln	August 27, 28, 29, 30
With Topeka	August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3
With Omaha	September 3, 4, 5
With Sioux City	September 7, 8, 9, 10
With Des Moines	September 12, 13, 14, 15
With St. Joseph	September 16, 17, 18, 19
With Denver	September 23, 24, 25, 26

TOPEKA CLUB AT HOME

With Wichita	April 19, 20, 21, 22
With Denver	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With Lincoln	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With St. Joseph	May 17, 18, 19, 20
With Des Moines	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Sioux City	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Omaha	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Lincoln	June 22, 23, 24, 25
With Denver	June 30, July 1, 2, 3
With Wichita	July 4, 5, 6, 7
With St. Joseph	July 15, 16, 17, 18
With Des Moines	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Omaha	July 31, August 1, 2, 3
With Sioux City	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With St. Joseph	August 20, 21, 22, 23
With Wichita	August 24, 25, 26
With Denver	August 27, 28, 29, 30
With Des Moines	September 3, 4, 5, 6
With Sioux City	September 12, 13, 14, 15
With Omaha	September 16, 17, 18, 19
With Lincoln	September 23, 24, 25, 26

ST. JOSEPH CLUB AT HOME

With Des Moines	April 19, 20, 21, 22
With Omaha	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With Sioux City	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Wichita	May 13, 14, 15, 16
With Denver	May 21, 22, 23, 24
With Lincoln	May 25, 26, 27, 28
With Topeka	May 29, 30, 31
With Topeka	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Sioux City	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Des Moines	June 22, 23, 24, 25
With Omaha	July 4, 5, 6
With Wichita	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Denver	July 11, 12, 13, 14
With Lincoln	July 19, 20, 21, 22
With Denver	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Lincoln	August 12, 13, 14, 15
With Wichita	August 16, 17, 18, 19
With Sioux City	August 24, 25, 26
With Topeka	September 7, 8, 9, 10
With Des Moines	September 23, 24, 25, 26
With Omaha	September 27, 28, 29, 30

DES MOINES CLUB AT HOME

With Omaha	April 23, 24, 25, 26
With Sioux City	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With St. Joseph	May 9, 10, 11, 12
With Lincoln	May 13, 14, 15, 16
With Wichita	May 17, 18, 19, 20
With Topeka	May 21, 22, 23, 24
With Denver	May 25, 26, 27, 28
With Lincoln	May 29, 30, 31
With Sioux City	June 26, 27, 28, 29
With Omaha	June 30, July 1, 2, 3
With Denver	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Wichita	July 11, 12, 13, 14
With Topeka	July 19, 20, 21, 22
With St. Joseph	July 23, 24, 25, 26
With Topeka	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Wichita	August 12, 13, 14, 15
With Denver	August 20, 21, 22, 23
With Omaha	August 24, 25, 26
With St. Joseph	August 27, 28, 29, 30
With Sioux City	August 31, September 1, 2, 3
With Lincoln	September 7, 8, 9, 10

SIoux CITY CLUB AT HOME

With St. Joseph	April 23, 24, 25, 26
With Des Moines	May 5, 6, 7, 8
With Omaha	May 9, 10, 11, 12
With Denver	May 13, 14, 15, 16
With Wichita	May 21, 22, 23, 24
With Topeka	May 25, 26, 27, 28
With Omaha	May 29, 30, 31
With Lincoln	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With St. Joseph	June 30, July 1, 2, 3
With Des Moines	July 4, 5, 6
With Topeka	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Lincoln	July 11, 12, 13, 14
With Denver	July 15, 16, 17, 18
With Wichita	July 19, 20, 21, 22
With Topeka	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Denver	August 12, 13, 14, 15
With Topeka	August 16, 17, 18, 19
With Omaha	August 27, 28, 29, 30
With Lincoln	September 16, 17, 18, 19
With St. Joseph	September 20, 21, 22, 23
With Des Moines	September 27, 28, 29, 30

OMAHA CLUB AT HOME

With Sioux City	April 19, 20, 21, 22
With Des Moines	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With St. Joseph	May 5, 6, 7, 8
With Topeka	May 17, 18, 19, 20
With Denver	May 17, 18, 19, 20
With Lincoln	May 21, 22, 23, 24
With Wichita	May 25, 26, 27, 28
With Des Moines	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Sioux City	June 22, 23, 24, 25
With St. Joseph	June 26, 27, 28, 29
With Lincoln	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Topeka	July 11, 12, 13, 14
With Wichita	July 15, 16, 17, 18
With Denver	July 19, 20, 21, 22
With Lincoln	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Denver	August 12, 13, 14, 15
With Topeka	August 16, 17, 18, 19
With Wichita	August 20, 21, 22, 23
With St. Joseph	August 31, September 1, 2, 3
With Des Moines	September 20, 21, 22, 23
With Sioux City	September 23, 24, 25, 26

vindication for Kling and his worth to the Cubs. Last season Archer, who succeeded Kling as the Cubs' first catcher, made a flashy start, but

HE DIDN'T HOLD UP.

Chicago missed its incomparable maskman when New York and Pittsburgh were fighting the Cubs for the pennant. With Kling on the team the Cubs might have won. Kling should make a good manager for Boston. He knows the game thoroughly and is a patient, painstaking worker. While Boston finished in last place last year, Kling has the nucleus of a winner. In Donlin, Miller, Sweeney, Bridwell and Mattern he has some stars with which to build up his team. Now more than ever, Kling may show President Murphy that he made a mistake in getting rid of him.

Pitcher Matt Lothrop, of the Mountain States League, is claimed by the Salt Lake Club, of the Union Association, and the Worcester Club, of the New England League.

mendment Manager Andreas decided to give the receiving end of the battery a try-out next month. It is the intention of Manager Andreas to carry two utility men on the club the coming season, in addition to a staff of six pitchers, two catchers and the regular team. As most of the recruits are young players, it is probable that a number of them will be farmed to minor league clubs for seasoning. The list of players on the roster is as follows: Pitchers—Barber, Miller, Erickson, Payne, Brown Rhodes, Fuech, Moore, Campbell, Bush and Wilkins. Catchers—Cadman, Towne, Goldthwaite, Gerlach and Gates. Infielders—Reilly, Smith, Cockran, Jones, French, Kelley, Hanley, Horrell, Stem, Aldrich and Andreas. Outfielders—Myers, Breen, Corbin, Sporer, Marshall, Neighbors, Wagner and Sherer.

Loyal to St. Patrick.

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 16.—Martin O'Toole, the red-headed pitching marvel,

SENIOR LEAGUE

TRANSACTS IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT SPRING MEETING.

Cordial Relations With American League Restored; the Schedule Adopted; and the New National Agreement Ratified.

BY FRANCIS C. RICHTER.

The Spring meeting of the National League was held at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, on February 13, 14, 15.



Thos. J. Lynch

The delegates were: Boston, John M. Ward and John E. Gaffney; Brooklyn, C. H. Ebbets and H. Medicus; Cincinnati, A. Herrmann; Chicago, C. W. Murphy; Pittsburgh, B. Dreyfuss and W. H. Locke; Philadelphia, Horace S. Fogel; St. Louis, E. A. Steinger and Mrs. Britton; New York, J. Whalen and J. O'Brien. The general meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which the unfinished business was disposed of; the Murphy-Bresnahan row was aired and then referred back to the principals for amicable settlement; and President Lynch's umpire selections for the 1912 season were announced as follows: R. D. Emslie, J. E. Johnston, W. Brennan, Mal Eason, W. F. Finneran, G. C. Bush, William Klem, C. Owens and Charles Rigler. Klem, Owens and Rigler signed three-year contracts. During the three days of the League meeting that organization accepted the 1912 schedule as submitted by the schedule committee; made a number of important constitutional changes, including the proposition that 25 per cent. of the club's share in future World's Series go to the National League treasury; amended the constitution so as to give club or player right of appeal to the Board of Directors when a player is suspended for more than 10 days by the executive; and approved the revised National Agreement as submitted by the National Commission.

The First Day's Proceedings.

On the first day of the League meeting, February 13, the schedule was adopted after a thorough canvas. Though the vote for the adoption of the schedule was unanimous it was discussed for hours with heated protests on the part of every owner at some of the dates assigned them with the exception of Mrs. H. H. Britton, the only woman base ball owner in the big league, who represented the St. Louis Club. Instead of objections she had only compliments for the members of the schedule committee upon their work. President Murphy, of Chicago, was the most dissatisfied member because of conflicting dates with the American League on five Sundays during the season.

THE 1912 SCHEDULE

consists of 154 games for each club, as usual, with the season opening on April 11 and closing on October 5 in the East, with October 6 fixed as the wind-up in the West. The early closing means that the World's Series will be played at least a week earlier than last year, as the American League schedule will be concluded simultaneously with that of President Lynch's circuit. The National League pennant race will be inaugurated in Brooklyn, Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis on April 11, which falls on Thursday. The Giants are scheduled for the plum at Ebbets' ball park for the first time since 1904, and the date will conflict with the opening of the Highlanders at American League Park, Washington Heights. The Philadelphians will start the ball rolling for the new Ward-Gaffney club in the Hub, while the Cubs will be entertained in Cincinnati and the Pittsburghs in St. Louis. There will be another series of openings on April 18, when the Brooklyn cut things loose at the Polo Grounds with McGraw's champions, while the Boston are in Philadelphia, the St. Louis Cardinals in Pittsburgh, and the Cincinnati Reds in Chicago.

THE HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS.

Cincinnati will enjoy the first holiday plum, June 17—Bunker Hill Day—in Boston. On Decoration Day, May 30, the schedule places the Giants in Philadelphia, Boston in Brooklyn, St. Louis in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in Chicago. The assignments for the Fourth of July bring the Brooklyn to the Polo Grounds (morning and afternoon, of course), with Philadelphia in Boston, Chicago in St. Louis and Cincinnati in Pittsburgh. Labor Day will find the Giants in Boston, Brooklyn in Philadelphia, St. Louis in Cincinnati and Chicago in Pittsburgh.

1912 National League Schedule

Season Opens April 11; Closes October 6

CHICAGO CLUB AT HOME

With Cincinnati April 18, 19, 20
With Pittsburgh April 21, 22, 23
With St. Louis April 25, 26, 27, 28
With Pittsburgh May 5
With Boston May 6, 7, 8, 9
With New York May 10, 11, 12, 13
With Philadelphia May 14, 15, 16, 17
With Brooklyn May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
With Pittsburgh May 26
With Cincinnati May 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
With St. Louis June 23
With Pittsburgh June 28, 29, 30
With New York July 8, 9, 10, 11
With Boston July 12, 13, 14, 15
With Philadelphia July 17, 18, 19, 20
With Brooklyn July 21, 22, 23, 24
With New York August 15, 16, 17
With Philadelphia August 18, 19, 20
With Boston August 22, 24, 25
With Brooklyn August 26, 27
With St. Louis August 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1
With Cincinnati Sept. 26, 27, 28
With Pittsburgh Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1
With St. Louis October 5, 6

ST. LOUIS CLUB AT HOME

With Pittsburgh April 11, 12, 13
With Chicago April 14, 15, 16
With Cincinnati May 1, 2, 4, 5
With New York May 6, 7, 8, 9
With Boston May 10, 11, 12, 13
With Brooklyn May 14, 15, 16, 17
With Philadelphia May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
With Cincinnati May 23, 24, 25, 26
With Chicago June 20, 21, 22
With Pittsburgh June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Chicago July 4, 5, 6, 7
With Boston July 8, 9, 10, 11
With New York July 12, 13, 14, 15
With Brooklyn July 17, 18, 19, 20
With Philadelphia July 21, 22, 23, 24
With Boston August 15, 16, 17
With New York August 18, 19, 20
With Brooklyn August 22, 24, 25
With Philadelphia August 26, 27
With Pittsburgh September 5, 6, 7, 8
With Cincinnati Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1

PITTSBURGH CLUB AT HOME

With St. Louis April 18, 19, 20
With Cincinnati April 24, 25, 26, 27
With Chicago May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Brooklyn May 6, 7, 8, 9
With Philadelphia May 10, 11, 13
With New York May 14, 15, 16, 17
With Boston May 18, 20, 21, 22, 23
With Chicago May 24, 25
With St. Louis May 28, 29, 30, 31
With St. Louis June 19
With Cincinnati June 22
With Chicago July 1, 2
With Cincinnati July 4, 4, 6
With Philadelphia July 8, 9, 10, 11
With Brooklyn July 12, 13, 15, 16
With New York July 17, 18, 19, 20
With Boston July 22, 23, 24
With Philadelphia Aug. 14, 15, 16, 17
With Brooklyn August 19, 20, 21
With New York August 22, 23, 24
With Boston August 26, 27, 28
With Cincinnati August 29, 30, 31
With Chicago September 2, 2, 3
With St. Louis September 26, 27, 28

CINCINNATI CLUB AT HOME

With Chicago April 11, 12, 13
With Pittsburgh April 14, 15, 16
With St. Louis April 21, 22, 23
With Pittsburgh April 28, 29
With Philadelphia May 6, 7, 8, 9
With Brooklyn May 10, 11, 12, 13
With Boston May 14, 15, 16, 17
With New York May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
With Pittsburgh June 20, 21, 23
With Chicago June 24, 25, 26, 27
With St. Louis June 28, 29, 30, July 1
With Brooklyn July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Philadelphia July 12, 13, 14, 15
With Boston July 17, 18, 19, 20
With New York July 21, 22, 23, 24
With Brooklyn August 15, 16, 17
With Boston August 18, 19, 20
With Philadelphia August 22, 24, 25
With New York August 26, 27
With Pittsburgh September 1
With St. Louis September 2, 3, 4
With Chicago September 5, 6, 7, 8
With Pittsburgh September 10, 11, 12, 13

NEW YORK CLUB AT HOME

With Brooklyn April 18, 19, 20
With Boston April 26, 27, 29, 30
With Philadelphia May 1, 2, 3, 4
With St. Louis May 31, June 1, 3, 4
With Cincinnati June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Chicago June 10, 11, 12, 13
With Pittsburgh June 14, 15, 17, 18
With Philadelphia June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Boston June 28, 29, July 1, 2
With Brooklyn July 3, 4, 4, 5
With Chicago July 26, 27, 29, 30
With Cincinnati July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Pittsburgh August 5, 6, 7, 8
With St. Louis August 9, 10, 12
With Brooklyn August 29, 30, 31
With Brooklyn September 9
With St. Louis Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13
With Chicago September 14, 16, 17
With Cincinnati September 18, 19, 20
With Pittsburgh September 21, 23, 24
With Boston September 26, 27, 28
With Philadelphia Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2

PHILADELPHIA CLUB AT HOME

With Boston April 18, 19, 20
With New York April 22, 23, 24, 25
With Brooklyn April 26, 27, 29, 30
With Boston May 24, 25, 27, 28
With New York May 29, 30, 30
With Pittsburgh June 1, 3, 4
With St. Louis June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Cincinnati June 10, 11, 12, 13
With Chicago June 14, 15, 17, 18
With Brooklyn June 28, 29, July 1, 2
With Pittsburgh July 26, 27, 29, 30
With St. Louis July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Chicago August 5, 6, 7, 8
With Cincinnati August 9, 10, 12, 13
With Boston August 29, 30, 31
With Brooklyn September 2, 3, 3
With New York September 4, 5, 6, 7
With Boston September 9
With Pittsburgh Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13
With Cincinnati September 14, 16, 17
With St. Louis September 18, 19, 20
With Chicago September 21, 23, 24

BOSTON CLUB AT HOME

With Philadelphia April 11, 12, 13
With New York April 15, 16, 17
With Brooklyn May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Chicago June 1, 3, 4
With Pittsburgh June 5, 6, 7, 8
With St. Louis June 10, 11, 12, 13
With Cincinnati June 14, 15, 17, 18
With New York June 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
With Brooklyn June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Philadelphia July 3, 4, 5, 6
With St. Louis July 26, 27, 29, 30
With Pittsburgh July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Cincinnati August 5, 6, 7, 8
With Chicago August 9, 10, 12, 13
With New York September 2, 2, 3
With Chicago September 10, 11, 12, 13
With St. Louis September 14, 16, 17
With Pittsburgh September 18, 19, 20
With Cincinnati September 21, 23
With Brooklyn Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2
With Philadelphia Oct. 3, 4, 5

BROOKLYN CLUB AT HOME

With New York April 11, 12, 13
With Philadelphia April 15, 16, 17
With Boston April 22, 23, 24, 25
With New York May 24, 25, 27, 28
With Boston May 29, 30, 30, 31
With Cincinnati June 1, 3, 4
With Chicago June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Pittsburgh June 10, 11, 12, 13
With St. Louis June 14, 15, 17, 18
With New York July 26, 27, 29, 30
With Cincinnati July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Chicago August 5, 6, 7, 8
With Pittsburgh August 9, 10, 12, 13
With Boston September 5, 6, 7
With Cincinnati Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13
With Pittsburgh September 14, 16, 17
With Chicago September 18, 19, 20
With St. Louis September 21, 23, 24
With Philadelphia Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28
With New York October 3, 4, 5

The season at the Polo Grounds will end on October 2 with the Philadelphians there. The Giants will wind up the campaign on October 5 in Brooklyn, with Philadelphia completing the schedule in Boston. On October 6 the West reaches the finish mark, with St. Louis in Chicago and Pittsburgh in Cincinnati.

THE ONLY CONFLICTING DATES

with the American League are five in Chicago. President Murphy put up a vigorous kick because he had been so honored and was at a loss to understand why, if conflicts could be prevented in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis, five should exist in Chicago. President Fogel, of the Phillies, was also far from pleased with the schedule. His complaint was that it was the Phillies' turn to open at home, but because the Red Sox were anxious to stay away from home until their grounds could be completed it was necessary to find an opponent for the Boston, so the Phillies were chosen. The Phillies also have last season's tail-enders for their opening attraction, and play in Boston on the Fourth of July. There are five Sundays when both Chicago teams will be playing at home, namely, May 5 and 26, June 23, September 1 and 29.

THE PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

had no report to offer. Chairman John M. Ward said the American League Rules Committee had been invited to join a con-

ference on rules, but a response had not been received in time to act before the League meeting, and that therefore it was not likely that any changes in playing rules would be made this year. A story was circulated in the lobbies that the American League Rules Committee had totally ignored the National League Rules Committee and refused to assemble at a joint meeting. Chairman Ward, however, spiked the story after the meeting had adjourned for the day. Said he: "There is no friction. Thomas Conolly, chairman of the American League Committee, conferred with me several days ago and we agreed that a meeting would not be called unless something of vital importance should be suggested. Emslie has raised the point that the pitcher's box should be cut down to a level with the diamond, and as he is supported by Conolly I think there'll be a joint meeting to consider a change in the box rule. But no other changes will be taken up by either committee."

The Second Day's Proceedings.

The second day was devoted to considering and adopting constitutional amendments. The National Commission reported to the National League that it had accepted the proposition advanced by the parent organization last December, to the effect that 25 per cent. of the receipts accruing to each club in the World's Series be turned over to the treasury of the

league. This in effect will allow the seven other clubs, as well as the pennant winner to participate in the fruits of the series, as it will tend to decrease the assessments made on each club for administration expenses. The National League resolution was also adopted by the American League at its Chicago meeting, and the National Commission will now add this amendment to the World's Series Rules. The National League adopted the resolution fathered by Mr. Dreyfuss by 6 to 2, New York and Philadelphia voting against it.

PRIVILEGE OF APPEAL.

An amendment in the section governing the powers of the Board of Directors, and the authority of the League President, growing out of the Magee case last Summer, was adopted. It will be remembered that President Lynch fined Magee \$200 and suspended him indefinitely for his assault upon Umpire Finneran at Philadelphia last July. The Philadelphia Club appealed to the League Directors for a mitigation of President Lynch's sentence, and the latter was sustained on the ground that under the League constitution the Directors had no power to set aside or instigate preventive action by the League President. The debate during the League meeting brought out the generally overlooked fact that player Magee could have carried his case over the League Directory to the National Commission under the rule that any player suspended for more than 10 days by club or league president had right of appeal to the National Commission. The National League, after a long debate, came to the conclusion that while it was good policy to give the President absolute and final voice as to the degree of punishment to be administered in cases of player offences, yet it was essential to square the National League constitution with the National Agreement rules and so an amendment was passed hereafter enabling the League Board of Directors to act as court of appeal to any player upon whom the maximum fine of \$200 or suspension for more than 10 days has been inflicted by the League President.

NEW POSTPONED-GAME RULE.

An amendment in the rules relating to postponed games was also passed. Hereafter the home club will be permitted to choose an open date on which a postponed game should be played off, and as soon as this choice was made it should become part of the schedule, and all games arranged on that date involving the visiting team should be cancelled. In other words, if when the schedule is rearranged in the middle of the season, and Philadelphia and Boston are to play off a postponed game on an open date in the Fall immediately following a series with the Giants, the New York Club would receive precedence over Boston in getting the open date in question if the weather should interfere with any game in that last series with Philadelphia. This amendment grew out of the disputes involving Cincinnati, Chicago and Pittsburgh last Fall.

PLAYER-LIMIT RULE AMENDED.

It was decided to amend the player-limit rule to the effect that hereafter the manager of a team, whether he plays or not, shall not be included under the player-limit rule. Heretofore, a club has been allowed to carry 25 men in season and 35 out of season, the manager being included in this number. Now a team can have 26 men on its roster during the season.

RULE FOR DISCRETION PASSED.

Upon motion of Mr. Herrmann the National League passed by 5 to 3 votes a resolution that hereafter no club owner can give out for publication any information regarding League affairs, such matters to be left to the discretion of President Lynch and Secretary Heydler. This resolution was passed at President Herrmann's earnest solicitation as an answer to the American League's "relations-severing" resolution of the Winter meeting; and is designed to restore amicable relations between the two major leagues.

Third Day's Proceedings.

On Thursday, February 15, the National League held its final session. The chief business of the day was the ratification of the new National Agreement, a draft of which was read section by section, by Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission. The document was accepted as read except for some slight changes in phraseology, which required re-submission to the American League before the document could be given out for publication in entirety.

THE NEW AGREEMENT.

Secretary Heydler said after the meeting that the club owners regarded the new revised agreement as the most important action taken in organized base ball in years. He said that it meant a new era for professional base ball, with better relations between the two major leagues and a much better chance for the minor leagues. The most important feature of it, however, is the fact that the National League will insist on

the American League and the minor leagues conducting their relations strictly according to law.

NEW METHOD OF RULES REVISION.

One of the new provisions of the National Agreement calls for the appointment of a Rules Committee by the president of each of the major leagues and that any change in the playing rules must have a majority vote of the joint committee of six members. President John M. Ward, of the Boston Club, who is the chairman of the National League Rules Committee, reported that he had conferred with Tommy Connelly, chairman of the American League's Committee, and that they decided that the rules were all right as they were and would do nothing more than clarify the wording of some of them. Mr. Ward said that the only new rule which they would consider would be one which would prohibit raising the pitcher's box.

TO SQUELCH TROUBLE-MAKERS.

President Charles H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Club, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

The National League, in adopting the revised National Agreement, will insist that in the future all relations between all parties to it must be conducted in strict accord with all of its provisions, both in the letter and in the spirit; and serves notice that penalties shall be inflicted against any of its members who may violate any of its provisions or cause any friction between any parties to it.

The resolution is aimed at the trouble-makers and the major league owners who have at various times failed to live up to the letter of base ball law.

TO PROSECUTE GAMBLING.

Upon motion of William H. Locke, secretary of the Pittsburgh Club, the league passed a resolution condemning pool selling on base ball scores. The Commission was given power to prosecute promoters of this form of gambling, if necessary. The league adjourned for the season with the passage of votes of thanks to August Herrmann and President Lynch for their work on the Agreement, presented by President Murphy, of Chicago; and the appointment of President Lynch to draft resolutions of sorrow over the death of Frederick Knowles, former secretary of the New York Club, and the late Judge Elliott, of Philadelphia. The league made no suggestion about the rules governing the sale of World's Series Tickets, but in the future the Commission will have absolute control of the series, and new rules to this effect will probably be effected the next time the Commission meets.

NOT REAL RIVAL.

The Proposed United States League, Which Is Without the Pale of Organized Ball, in No Way Sizes Up as a Major League.

BY JAMES A. ISAMINGER.

Fans who fear the new United States League may upset the base ball world are needlessly worried. The United States League is no more a rival of the American or National League than are the various local leagues situated in every large city.



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William Abbot Witman, president of the United States League, has announced in the first official bulletin ever issued by the circuit an emancipation of all base ball slaves. As the United States League hasn't signed a single player up to date and has no control over any organized players, it is hard to see just who this new Abraham Lincoln emancipated. President Witman says that the policy of the new league will be to

ELIMINATE THE RESERVE CLAUSE.

Players sign for one year or three years, and are free agents when the term ends. They are forced to renew a contract like the Collings, Cobbs and Mathewsons. Judging from the manner in which the new league is starting out to do business, it won't succeed in making a single big league player, not even the lowest utility man, flop. It is said that the man who has the Cincinnati franchise offered Harry Steinfeldt \$300 a month to manage and play third on the new Cincinnati team. As the United States League season will last only from May to September, Steinfeldt declined the offer, saying that it wouldn't

KEEP HIM IN CIGARETTE MONEY.

As a matter of fact, Buffalo offered Steinfeldt more money than that to simply play third base, and Buffalo is a minor league club. It can easily be seen that the United States League won't get any competent major league player when it offers the small sum of \$300 for a playing manager. The short season and the absence of Southern training trips are also a knock for the new league. The United States League is acting more like a Class B circuit than a major league

rival. If it expects to get patronage in big cities like New York, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Cleveland it will have to get players of established reputations, and the only way they can get them is to offer them big salaries to jump.

IT HAD REAL MONEY.

The spirit of the American League in entering the major circuit arena was, "The best is none too good for the new league." It stood willing to outbid any club in the National League for a player, and by offering fabulous salaries was able to make stars like Lajoie, Keeler, Chesbro, Tannehill, Williams, Crawford, Barrett, Flick, Collins, Stahl, Delahanty, Jones, Callahan, Burkett, Heidrick and many others jump. Unless the United States League shows something more than a bantamweight bank roll, it might as well quit the game, for it won't be received seriously. As it is lined up today it is more like an organization of semi-professionals than major league rivals.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE

Between the Way Pitchers Were Handled a Decade Ago and the Way They Are Pampered Nowadays.

Pitcher Gus Weyhing was one of the links between the old order and the new. Gus worked 86 games in the box for Philadelphia one season without falling heir to a lame arm. And one day in a burst of confidence he unfolded the secret

National League News In Short Metre

Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pittsburgh Club, writes that Rebg, the latest addition to the list of infield candidates, looks promising. Fred met the recruit last week in Kansas and says he intends to give him a chance to show how well he can cover second base.

Manager Bresnahan, of the Cardinals, has announced that he "will finish in the first division if he can develop two first class pitchers to assist Harmon, Geyer and Sallee."

Hank O'Day, the Reds' manager, holds a firm opinion about kicking. He says there is nothing in it. "I know what umpiring means," says O'Day, "and I intend to enforce the rules against kicking at all times. I was strict on this point when an umpire, and I haven't changed my views."

Pitcher Leifeld has not yet signed his 1912 Pittsburgh contract, as he considers his services worth more than has been offered.

Secretary John A. Heydler, of the National League, proposes to visit the camps of several big league clubs in the South this Spring. John has not taken a vacation for a couple of years, but in the interim has become a devotee of the game of golf. A few weeks at his favorite pastime form the object of his visit to Dixie.

Manager Frank, of New Orleans, says he can't understand George Jackson's success with Boston, as he did not impress as a slugger in the Southern League.

Manager O'Day, of the Reds, will have to drop eight of the 14 pitchers the Cincinnati Club has signed. O'Day declares that five or six good boxmen are enough for any major league team. "Too many pitchers have wrecked some first-class clubs," says the veteran ex-umpire, "and I don't intend to be handicapped that way when the Reds start the season." O'Day doesn't stand alone in this opinion.

Bob Spade, the Reds' crack pitcher of a few seasons ago, has gone into business in Cincinnati, and is also planning a school for pitchers.

During the league meeting in New York last week second baseman "Dot" Miller, of the Pittsburgh team, handed President Dreyfuss his signed 1912 contract. Miller states that he is serious about receiving a trial at first base, as he is confident that he can make good in the position.

to us. "I worked 86 games then," reminisced Gus, "because I had to. There were only two pitchers on the staff. Now there are six of us, and I only have to work about 30. I couldn't afford to carry a sore arm then. Now I can. I pitched seven straight games once, using as much speed and as many curves as most of them do now (which was eight years ago), without even a touch of soreness. If I had to work two in a row today, I'd roar like a sea lion. There isn't any doubt that three good pitchers should work out a season, and do better work for it. And there isn't any doubt that half the present-day injuries are overplayed and shouldn't keep a player out for 15 minutes, much less from one to four weeks. There are a good many legitimate injuries, such as broken bones, but a big part of it is bunk." All of which is not so very distant from the broad pathway of Truth. The best year Ed. Walsh ever had was in 1908, when he worked in 66 games. Jack Chesbro's best year was in 1904, when he figured in over 60 games, with 41 victories attached. Rube Marquard worked in 45 games in 1911, 40 of these being lumped in the last section of the race—and the Rube led the National League.

By No Means Unusual.

Billy Murray tells of an incident which shows the utter helplessness of some ball players. There was a man on second and one on third, two out in the ninth inning, and two runs needed to win the game. Yet the batter turned to the manager and asked: "What shall I do?" "Do the best you can," the manager instructed him.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Manager Schafly and Hugh McBreen Confidently Expected to Put New Life Into the Ill-Fated Jersey City Club.

BY JAMES B. EGAN.

Jersey City, N. J., February 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—For the first time since its admittance into organized base



Edward Barrow

ball the Jersey City team is to go on a trip for Spring training purposes. President James J. Lillis has made arrangements whereby he has secured the use of the grounds of the Hamilton Cricket Club, at Hamilton, the capital city of the Bermuda Islands, for his team. The club, numbering in all about 30 players, will leave for the Bermudas about March 10 and will spend about three weeks there conditioning themselves. The arrival of Hugh McBreen, Lillis' new partner in the local club, is awaited with interest. McBreen is an up-to-date base ball man in all respects and he will be a great help to the local club. Through McBreen the local club was able to buy pitcher Killalay from the Boston Americans. Several other good players are slated for Jersey City before the season begins. Magnates Lillis and McBreen, in company with

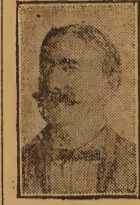
trout," and he is positive that with his new twister in working order the .300 hitters in this circuit will decrease somewhat during the coming season.

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Manager Mike Finn Moving to Rescue the Mobile Club From the Slough in Which It Has Been Wallowing for Years.

BY VICTOR LOEWENSTEIN.

Mobile, Ala., February 16.—Manager Mike Finn, of the Mobile Club, is getting his 1912 team together for the meeting with the Cleveland team



M. J. Finn

here early in March. Arrangements for the housing of the players and those who accompany them have been made at the Battle House, Mobile's \$1,000,000 hotel, where the Naps stopped in 1909. Secretary Charles Z. Colsson, of the Mobile Club, has a large force of men at work on the diamond at Monroe Park, getting the training grounds into condition. Manager Finn up to date has secured a number of players, who will report here on March 1 to begin training, and out of which bunch a team will be selected to play the Cleveland team the exhibition games. For pitchers he has Winn Campbell, Walter Burleson, Al Demaree, reserved from last season; Jack Hanly, secured from the Giants; Powers, from the Connecticut League; Shontz, from New York City; Tolson, from Annapolis High School; Burmeister, a semi-professional from Pensacola. Catchers—Joe Dunn, held over from last season and who led the Southern League in that department; Muller, obtained from a St. Louis semi-professional team; George Vance, drafted last season from the Great Falls, Mont., Club, of the Union Association; and Noble, a catcher from the Annapolis High School team. First base—Dave Rowan, bought from Toronto, of the International League. Second base—Charles Starr, bought from Buffalo. Shortstop—Dee Walsh, obtained from the St. Louis Americans as a cast-off and who played great ball last season for Mobile; Joe Kneaves, touted as a wonderful shortstop, a great fielder, fast on his feet and possessing a good arm. Third base—Joe Flannery, of Orange, N. J. He did not play professional ball last season, but previous to that he was with the Hartford Club, in the Connecticut League; James Byrne, who will play third base and be used as a utility infielder; Charley Seitz, who played second base last season for Mobile, will be used as utility outfielder and infielder, having covered both for several seasons. The only fielders that Finn has secured so far are Ran Miller, a hold-over from last year, and Maloney, semi-professional. He expects three others from the big league teams.

News Notes.

The Nashville Club has received pitcher Bair back from the Cleveland Club.

Paul Sentelle, who played short field for Chattanooga last season, will be used at second next season, if he decides to play. He has, however, returned his contract unsigned.

The date of the schedule meeting of the Southern League has not yet been decided on, but it will probably be held in Little Rock during the last week in February. The exact date will be settled in a few days.

Outfielder Welchance is a Nashville hold-out, claiming that his record of last year merits a better contract than has been offered him. Manager Schwartz does not anticipate any serious difficulty in getting Welchance to come to terms.

Manager Hemphill, of Atlanta, has played in many places in his time, the old war-horse having been a member of teams in Saginaw, Grand Rapids, St. Louis National and American Leagues, Cleveland, Kansas City, Boston and York.

Catcher Joe Dunn, of Springfield, O., last week signed his contract to play again with the Mobile team the coming season. Manager Billy Smith, of the Chattanooga Club, had a deal on for him, but the trade failed to materialize.

The latest hope to be sprung on Nashville fans is the announcement from the management that either Northern or Daley will be secured from Brooklyn to play left field for the 1912 Volunteers. The announcement of this possibility has caused the stock of the Volunteers to soar.

Manager Dobbs, of Montgomery, announces that he will have a new first baseman and three candidates for short field; that Elwert will be shifted to second base and McIveen to third base; that the outfield will consist of himself, Gus Williams and Stengel; that the catchers will be Moran, Gribbins and McAllester; and that the pitchers will be Atkinson, Sparks, Lelivelt, Thomas, Bills and possibly Bailey.

Mr. Hamilton Love, our Nashville correspondent, writes: "Rowdy" Elliott behind the bat is going to be a big addition to the team, as besides being a classy catcher and good hitter, he is recognized as one of the best generals outside of the big shows and he injects ginger into his play and that of his team-mates in every contest in which he takes part. Elliott has not signed a contract yet, but will probably come around all right. He wanted to play in Louisville this year and had everything fixed up for a deal to go through whereby he would be sold to the Colonels, but it slipped and Nashville bought his release from Birmingham."

John W. Boyle and J. W. Plaster, business men of Danville, Ill., on February 10 purchased the Danville (I. I. I. League) Club and franchise of John Powers. It is understood the price was \$4000. Boyle, who will manage the team, announced that Spring training would start in April.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

SETTLES 1912 AFFAIRS AT ITS SPRING MEETING.

The Championship Schedule and World's Series Amendment Adopted, But Ratification of the National Agreement Suspended.

BY FRANCIS C. RICHTER.

The American League held its Spring meeting at Congress Hotel in Chicago, February 14, 15, and, as usual, disposed

of its business satisfactorily in the two days. The delegates were—Boston, J. McAleer and J. Stahl; Athletics, Thomas D. Shibe; Chicago, C. Comiskey and J. J. Callahan; Detroit, F. J. Navin; New York, F. J. Farrell and H. Wolverton; Cleveland, C. Somers, E. E. Barnard and H. Davis; St. Louis, R. L. Hedges and R. Wallace; Washington, T. Noyes and C. Griffith. President Johnson presided at all sessions. The 154-game schedule submitted by President Johnson was adopted unanimously; the proposition advanced by the National League that 25 per cent. of the contesting clubs' share in the receipts of the World's Series be covered into the league treasury was voted as acceptable and consent was given to incorporate the proposition in the World's Series rules; and the new National Agreement was referred to President Johnson for conference with the other parties to the agreement, the inter-league waiver rule not being satisfactory to the American League. Following is a brief report of the proceedings at each session.

The First Day's Proceedings.
At the first day of the meeting Wednesday, February 14, the chief business was the adoption of the 1912 schedule. The schedule submitted by President Johnson was adopted unanimously without the change of a date. The conflicts under the schedule are all limited to Chicago, and have been cut down to five. On that many Sundays the Cubs and White Sox both will be playing on their home grounds. These conflicts come on May 5 and 26, June 23, September 1 and 29. In other years there always have been conflicts at St. Louis, but because Sunday ball is now allowed in Cleveland, as well as Detroit, it

NO LONGER IS NECESSARY
to book games in St. Louis for both leagues on the same day. It would not have been necessary in Chicago, either, but because Chicago has shown itself capable of filling both big league parks so many times in the past, it was thought to be more profitable to book the games in the Windy City, even if there were conflicts. On several occasions there have been as many as 25,000 persons at each park, so the scheduling of conflicting games in Chicago is really a tribute to the Windy City as a base ball town par excellence.

SCHEDULE POINTS.
As usual, the season will consist of 154 games. It will open April 11 and close October 6. Opening games will be played with St. Louis at Chicago, Detroit at Cleveland, Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at New York. Washington is to have the honor of opening the season at Shibe Park, in Philadelphia, with the World's Champions, and after three games with Griffith's team the Athletics meet Boston in Philadelphia for three games. Washington will also open the season on its own grounds with Connie Mack's champions on April 18. The Athletics will play at home on 12 Saturdays and are booked to meet the Boston Red Sox in Philadelphia on July 4. The World's Champions play in New York on May 30, Memorial Day, and at Washington on Labor Day, September 2. The Western teams will have the advantage this year of finishing at home, as the last visit of the Western teams to the East will come in August, and the last Eastern trip to the West in September.

A NEW DEPARTURE.
The proposition advanced by the National League that each contesting club in the World's Series hereafter cover 25 per cent. of its share of the receipts into the league treasury was thoroughly considered and adopted, the National Commission being authorized to make the necessary amendments to the financial sections of the Rules governing the World's Series. Minor constitutional

1912 American League Schedule

Season Opens April 11; Closes October 6

CHICAGO CLUB AT HOME	
With St. Louis	April 11, 12, 13, 14
With Detroit	April 15, 16, 17
With Cleveland	May 2, 3, 4, 5
With Detroit	May 25, 26
With Philadelphia	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Washington	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With New York	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Boston	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With St. Louis	June 18, 19, 20, 22
With Cleveland	June 23
With St. Louis	June 25, 26
With Cleveland	July 4, 4
With Detroit	July 5, 6, 7
With Boston	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With New York	July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Washington	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Philadelphia	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Detroit	September 1, 2, 2
With Cleveland	September 5, 6, 7, 8
With Boston	September 10, 11, 12
With New York	September 13, 14, 15
With Philadelphia	Sept. 17, 18, 19
With Washington	Sept. 20, 21, 22
With St. Louis	September 29

DETROIT CLUB AT HOME	
With Cleveland	April 18, 19, 20, 21
With Chicago	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With St. Louis	May 2, 3, 4, 5
With New York	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Boston	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Washington	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Philadelphia	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Cleveland	June 18, 19, 20, 22
With Chicago	June 28, 29, 30
With Cleveland	July 1, 2, 3
With St. Louis	July 4, 4
With Philadelphia	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Washington	July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With New York	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Boston	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With St. Louis	August 30, 31
With St. Louis	September 5, 7, 8
With Philadelphia	Sept. 10, 11, 12
With Washington	Sept. 13, 14, 15
With New York	September 17, 18, 19
With Boston	September 20, 21, 22
With Chicago	October 2, 3, 5, 6

CLEVELAND CLUB AT HOME	
With Detroit	April 11, 12, 13, 14
With St. Louis	April 15, 16, 17
With Chicago	April 23, 24, 25, 26
With St. Louis	May 25, 26, 27
With Chicago	May 28, 29, 30, 30
With Boston	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With New York	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Philadelphia	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Washington	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Detroit	June 25, 26, 27
With St. Louis	July 6, 7
With Washington	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Philad'a	July 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3
With Boston	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With New York	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Chicago	August 12
With Chicago	August 30, 31
With St. Louis	September 1, 2, 2
With Washington	Sept. 10, 11, 12
With Philadelphia	Sept. 13, 14, 15
With Boston	September 17, 18, 19
With New York	September 20, 21, 22
With Detroit	September 26, 27, 28, 29

ST. LOUIS CLUB AT HOME	
With Chicago	April 18, 19, 20, 21
With Detroit	April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
With Cleveland	April 27, 28, 29, 30
With Detroit	May 28, 29, 30, 30, 31
With Washington	June 1, 2, 3, 4
With Philadelphia	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Boston	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With New York	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With Detroit	June 23
With Cleveland	June 28, 29, 30
With Chicago	July 1, 2, 3
With New York	July 27, 28, 29, 30
With Boston	July 31, August 1, 2, 3
With Philadelphia	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Washington	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With New York	September 10, 11, 12
With Boston	September 13, 14, 15
With Washington	Sept. 17, 18, 19
With Philadelphia	Sept. 20, 21, 22
With Chicago	Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28
With Cleveland	October 2, 3, 5, 6

WASHINGTON CLUB AT HOME	
With Philadelphia	April 18, 19, 20
With New York	April 26, 27, 29, 30
With Boston	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Chicago	May 7, 8, 9, 10
With Cleveland	May 11, 13, 14, 15
With St. Louis	May 16, 17, 18, 20
With Detroit	May 21, 22, 23
With Philadelphia	June 18
With Boston	June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Philad'a	June 28, 29, July 1, 2
With New York	July 3, 4, 4, 5
With Cleveland	July 9, 10, 11, 12
With Chicago	July 13, 15, 16
With St. Louis	July 17, 18, 19, 20
With Detroit	July 22, 23, 24, 25
With Chicago	August 13, 14, 15, 16
With Cleveland	August 17, 19, 20
With Detroit	August 21, 22, 23, 24
With St. Louis	August 26, 27, 28
With New York	August 29, 30, 31
With Philadelphia	September 2, 2, 3
With Boston	Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 1

PHILADELPHIA CLUB AT HOME	
With Washington	April 11, 12, 13
With Boston	April 15, 16, 17
With New York	May 1, 2, 3, 4
With Washington	May 6
With Cleveland	May 7, 8, 9, 10
With Chicago	May 11, 13, 14, 15
With Detroit	May 16, 17, 18, 20
With St. Louis	May 21, 22, 23
With Washington	June 19, 20, 21, 22
With New York	June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Boston	July 3, 4, 4, 5, 6
With Cleveland	July 8
With Chicago	July 9, 10, 11, 12
With Cleveland	July 13, 15, 16
With Detroit	July 17, 18, 19, 20
With St. Louis	July 22, 23, 24, 25
With Cleveland	August 14, 15, 16
With Chicago	August 17, 19, 20
With St. Louis	August 21, 22, 23, 24
With Detroit	August 26, 27, 28
With Washington	Sept. 25, 26, 27
With New York	Sept. 28, 30, Oct. 1
With Boston	October 3, 4, 5

NEW YORK CLUB AT HOME	
With Boston	April 11, 12, 13
With Washington	April 15, 16, 17
With Philad'a	April 22, 23, 24, 25
With Boston	May 6
With St. Louis	May 7, 8, 9, 10
With Detroit	May 11, 13, 14, 15
With Cleveland	May 16, 17, 18, 20
With Chicago	May 21, 22, 23
With Washington	May 24, 25, 27, 28
With Philadelphia	May 29, 30, 30
With Boston	June 19, 20, 21, 22
With Washington	July 6
With Detroit	July 9, 10, 11
With St. Louis	July 12, 13, 15, 16
With Cleveland	July 17, 18, 19, 20
With Chicago	July 22, 23, 24, 25
With Detroit	August 13, 14, 15, 16
With St. Louis	August 17, 19, 20
With Chicago	August 21, 22, 23, 24
With Cleveland	August 26, 27, 28
With Boston	September 2, 2, 3
With Philadelphia	Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7
With Washington	October 3, 4, 5

BOSTON CLUB AT HOME	
With New York	April 18, 19, 20
With Washington	April 22, 23, 24, 25
With Philad'a	April 26, 27, 29, 30
With Detroit	May 7, 8, 9, 10
With St. Louis	May 11, 13, 14, 15
With Chicago	May 16, 17, 18, 20
With Cleveland	May 21, 22, 23
With Philadelphia	May 24, 25, 27, 28
With Washington	May 29, 30, 30
With New York	June 28, 29, July 1, 2
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With Chicago	August 26, 27, 28
With Philadelphia	August 29, 30, 31
With Washington	September 4, 5, 6, 7
With New York	September 24, 25, 26

amendments, of no public interest, were also adopted.

The Second Day's Proceedings.
On the second day, February 15, the American League wound up its business for the approaching season and adjourned *sine die*, after creating a sensation by refusing to ratify the new National Agreement, owing to the fact that a change was desired in the section relating to inter-league waivers. After thorough consideration of this matter, it was referred as a whole for final action to President Johnson, without date for his report upon it—which means that the new National Agreement will not go into effect until the objectionable clause is modified. Other objections were offered to the Agreement, but the most vital objection was to the clause

RELATING TO INTER-LEAGUE WAIVERS, which in the new National Agreement reads as follows:

Section 11. A major league club shall not release a player within the year of, or the year following, his purchase or selection from a minor league club until waivers have been obtained from all other major league clubs in accordance with rules of the National Commission at that time. Clubs of the league of the club soliciting waivers on such players shall have the preference in his allotment, and if such player be a purchased player the club seeking waivers may retain him although he be claimed. If he be a drafted player he shall be at once released to

the claiming club adjudged to be entitled to him. The waiver price of a purchased player shall be fixed by negotiations between the interested clubs, and in the event of their inability to agree, by the Commission, whose decision shall be final; of a drafted player, the amount paid for his selection, plus \$250.

In the past it has not been necessary for club owners in either of the big leagues to obtain waivers on purchased players outside their own organization, and in cases where high-priced players were concerned it has been customary to reimburse fully the seller for his outlay in obtaining the player.

IRKSOME TO CLUB OWNERS.

Under the proposed ruling several club owners see a possibility of high-priced players going for the waiver price, a few hundred dollars, and \$250. President Frank J. Navin, of the Detroit Club, one of those who opposed the agreement in its present form, said: "It frequently is the case that a player who has cost from \$6,000 to \$10,000 is, for some reason, of no use to his owner. Under the literal application of the proposed rule it might be necessary to part with him for about \$3,000, this to include the waiver price of \$2,500, the expense money, and the added \$250. I do not see as much objection to the dual waiver feature of the rule as the financial settlement. The rule should be broadened so as not to

make, the final price arbitrary in case of failure of club owners to agree."

ULTIMATE ADOPTION CERTAIN.

Although the new National Agreement was not ratified at this time, all of the conferees are confident it soon will be. With a few changes, they say, the whole document will be satisfactory to them. The club owners voted unanimously to empower President Johnson to use whatever measure he might see fit in order to suppress betting in all the league's parks. Trade and sale talk dwindled down to nothing. Not a deal was announced during the meeting.

FRIENDLY BASIS RESTORED.

The American League delegates expressed the opinion that the patching up of the difference with the National League would be effected by the adoption of the new National League rule which prohibits magnates of the senior league from giving out for publication any information regarding league affairs. Such matters are hereafter left to the discretion of President Lynch and Secretary Heydler, and it is extremely unlikely that any statements hinting unfriendliness with the American League will be forthcoming from this source.

THE GAMBLING EVIL.

Next to holding up temporarily the ratification of the National Agreement the only other action of importance was the passing of a resolution introduced by Tom Noyes, of Washington, calling for a more determined suppression of gambling at base ball parks. Conditions in the Boston grounds are especially bad. In that city there is a small crowd of gamblers that gathers in the left field pavilion each day and accept wagers of all kinds openly. It is expected that with the opening of the new grounds in Boston the evil may be eradicated, but it is the intention of the American League officials to stamp it out entirely, even if they have to bar a number of patrons from the park.

MUST PROVIDE DRESSING ROOMS.

The old-time custom of carrying players of visiting ball clubs to and from the grounds in a 'bus, or of recent years, in taxicabs, will be a thing of the past by June 1. The American League magnates passed a new rule arbitrarily compelling all clubs to provide club houses for the visiting players, so that after that time the players for both teams will dress for the game at the ball park and ride on the street cars or in taxicabs, if they wish to pay their own fares.

CHANGE OF POLICY.

Chicago and New York are not to be honored in the future as the only big league cities in which annual and schedule meetings of the American League will be held. The other places demand the right to entertain the magnates a part of the time consequently President Johnson was authorized to call a meeting in any city of the circuit. The president said he probably would call the December meeting each year in one of the four Eastern cities, and the February meeting in one of the four Western cities. He announced, however, that he expected to hold the next annual meeting of December in Chicago.

Aftermath of the American League Meet.

Chicago, Ill., February 17.—Expansion of the American Association and a peaceful invasion of four major league cities is the plan now being worked to perfection by the major leagues and the National Commission. This story came from a reliable source yesterday, and it is further said that the American League club owners informally discussed the matter, after practically agreeing to grant concessions to the minor organizations as embodied in the revised National Agreement. President Johnson, of the American League, refused to be interviewed on the reported move. President Thomas Chivington, of the American Association, who attended the gathering at the Congress Hall, was another who was deaf to all queries. The only remark of any significance was made by Johnson himself, this being to the effect that some of the National Agreement changes may not be put into effect for another year or more. This is right in line with

THE EXPANSION MOVE

which, if actually put through, will not materialize until the Spring of 1913. The cities in which it has been proposed to place teams are Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, two from each major. This would necessitate the expansion of the American Association to a 12-club circuit, a plan which would be carried through for one season, and then dropped for an eight-club league, provided some of the out-of-the-way places proved to be money-makers. The move calls for playing of games in the parks now used by the majors and themselves. This arrangement would govern until the big minors become established, the construction of grounds being the next step.

Games would be scheduled in such a way as NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE MAJORS, the idea being to furnish continual ball for the cities named. If the step actually goes through it will be because the powers that be in base ball have reached a stage where a third league is regarded as a thing bound to come. It will also discourage and make the creation of "out-law" base ball organizations impossible. The majors will make known their stand when the proper time comes by not only throwing the territory open to the American Association, but by inviting the placing of

CLUBS IN THE FOUR CITIES. To make this move a possibility the National League would have to be consulted as well as the American and the final word would rest with the National Commission. Whether the parent league has taken any action on the affair is not known, but it is almost a certainty that the American League is prepared to act favorably and pave the way for the American Association dream. The step would not necessarily mean the creation of a third major league, but would still leave the American Association in a special AA class.

CLEVELAND'S GROUND.

The Forest City Club Recruited More Players From the Pacific Coast, Who Have Made Good, Than From Any Other Section.

Cleveland, O., February 17.—Counting Steen, Buddy Ryan and Roger Peckinpough, the Naps have recruited 14 players from the Pacific Coast League in the last few years, nine of whom, including the last three recruits, are still lingering upon the Cleveland roster. Ted Easterly, Tom Rafferty and Deacon Wright were the first youngsters to be brought East by Cleveland. That was back in the Spring of 1909. Ted Easterly had been catching for Los Angeles, while Rafferty was a graduate of the Oakland Club. Tom did fairly well, but was not quite up to the big league requirements. Easterly, however, has kept himself on the salary list by means of his batting, as his catching nor his outfield work was never really high class.



Harry Davis

STOLE ON HIM. As for Wright, the red-haired one looked like a real find until he found himself unable to pitch with men on bases without a wind-up of such long duration that the opposing players stole bases with impunity. Cleveland let him go to Toledo, where he also failed, his arm going back on him. Then came Elmer Koestner, Speck Harkness, Boice, and Jack Graney. Of this quartet Graney is the only one to remain with Cleveland. Boice did not have much aside from his stature. Koestner had the goods, but was so completely without ambition that Cleveland allowed him to go to Portland, where he pitched winning ball and displayed a willingness to work. Boice dropped out of sight after being tried by Portland. Harkness lasted all of one season, but was erratic, and Stovall sent him back to Portland last Summer. He found his proper class there and did a lot of good pitching.

MADE GOOD RECORD.

Last Spring brought Vean Gregg, Gene Krapp, Ole Olson and Gus Fisher into the Nap ranks, all four being from Portland. Gregg proceeded to take down the best record that ever went to a pitcher in his first year in fast company, while Krapp also did well despite his lack of control. Olson more than made good, while Fisher did fairly well—exceedingly well in mid-season, when the bulk of the work behind the bat devolved upon him.

AS FOR GRANEY,

the sole survivor of the Coast recruits of 1910, he is improving right along as an outfielder, and may again be the regular sun felder this year. To land the job, however, he must beat out Buddy Ryan, who will join Manager Davis' squad at Mobile on March 9. According to the reports which have come across the Rockies Steen is almost certain to become a regular, while Peckinpough has a chance to at least land a job as utility infielder.

PHILADELPHIA'S PART

In Keeping the American League Keyed Up to Concert Pitch in 1912 Is a Most Conspicuous and Important One.

BY W. G. WEART.

Philadelphians will play a most important part in shaping the American League race this year. No city in the country has been drawn upon for so much high-class base ball talent as will be found in

the Johnson circuit during the 1912 campaign as Philadelphia. Three managers and three others who might be called "assistant managers" have been secured from this city to help pilot teams. The list reads:

Athletics—Connie Mack, manager. New York—Harry Wolverton, manager.

Cleveland—Harry Davis, manager. St. Louis—Monte Cross, assistant to Manager Wallace.

Detroit—Joe Sugden, assistant to Manager Jennings.

Chicago—"Kid" Gleason, assistant to Manager Callahan.

No city has ever before furnished so many base ball leaders at one time, and it is odd that all of these men should be GRABBED BY AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUBS.

In addition, "Topsy" Hartsel will leave here shortly to become manager of the Toledo Club, of the American Association. The duties of Monte Cross and "Kid" Gleason will be somewhat similar. Each will be the "whipper in," so to speak, or the human ginger barrel for his club. Gleason will perform the same services for the Chicago White Sox that he did

philans should be keener than ever this year.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

The Oakland Club Decides Upon Livermore, in Alameda County, as the Place for Training Manager Sharpe's Team.

Oakland, Cal., February 14.—Livermore, in Alameda County, some 40 miles from this city, has been selected as training quarters for the Oaks during the 1912 season. The announcement was made last evening, following a visit to Livermore by Manager Bud Sharpe and Secretary H. S. McFarlin. The team will go into camp about March 4, although the exact date has not been framed, and will play exhibition games during the week with Livermore and other clubs in that vicinity. On Saturdays and Sundays the Oaks will likely play exhibition games at Freeman's Park, weather permitting. There is a fair diamond at Livermore, and the players will have the use of a large bathhouse and plunge. In order to provide accommodations for the large

American League News In Nut-Shells

The Cleveland Club is reported as having secured Ken Nash, the famous shortstop of the Brown University base ball team, whom Connie Mack was angling for.

The Detroit Club has received the signed contract of catcher Bradley Kocher, the Toronto recruit.

Since 1906 President Comiskey, of the White Sox, has employed 30 infielders and has spent many thousands of dollars without securing result—except in one instance, that being Rolo Zeider. Third baseman Harry Lord was secured in a trade.

John Henry, the Washington Club's young catcher, is coaching the batteries of the college team at Amherst.

Hyatt, the new Detroit pitcher, is the first West Pointer to enter professional base ball. Members of the regular army have become ball players, but none has ever emanated from West Point.

The St. Louis Browns have a Nelson and a Hogan in their list. Wonder if they are "Battling" and "One Round"?

The Washingtons will be the best unformed team in the American League next season, according to Manager Griffith. With Griffith the uniform question is not a trivial one. He believes this just as important a matter as anything else pertaining to the ball team, and he has given it much thought and study.

Clark Griffith will have a rival this year in his stunt of riling the opposing pitcher by his continuous flow of gab. The Oakland Club says that Wolverton was the terror of all the pitchers on the Pacific Coast.

As a contrast to the success of Oscar Stange, who bails from the Pacific Coast, the Tigers have tried out three pitchers from that section within the last two years, and all three have failed, although each looked like a winner at the start. They are Browning, Pernoll and Lively.

Charles Comiskey says he is thinking of putting an aquarium in his new White Sox park, so that on rainy days the fans will be able to go there to fish. He figures this would keep fans in the habit.

Unless he makes a great showing in the 1912 season Ralph Works, the Tigers' young pitcher, will forsake the diamond. At least, Ralph says he will. Works realizes that at best a ball player's life before the public is a short one. And this realization brings with it the sober fact that unless he redeems himself this year he can hardly hope for another opportunity.

Manager Wallace, of the Browns, let out first baseman Jack Rowan because he couldn't move his feet fast enough, though a hard hitter.

Harry Wolverton will be presented with a beautiful loving cup from the fans of Oakland, Cal., when he leads the New York Highlanders onto the field for the opening game this year. Wolverton made good decisively as manager at Oakland last season.

On the first day of the League meeting the Kansas City Club, of the American Association, purchased outfielder "Doc" Gessler from the Washington Club, and announced the releases of catcher Frank Bowerman and outfielder "Spike" Shannon.

during the reign of Billy Murray as manager of the Phillies. That is, he will see that the players get out for practice on time, keep them hustling, watch the condition of the men, prevent any feuds from breaking out and, in general, keep all hands stirred up to the top notch all the time. And if any one knows how to do these things well, that individual is "Willie" Gleason, commonly known as the "Kid." Monte Cross, who has had experience as a manager, will

ASSIST MANAGER WALLACE, OF ST. LOUIS, in the Spring in getting the players into condition. He will work with the players in practice and he will also go out on scouting expeditions after young players. Joe Sugden, who is a landmark for Frankford, will assist Hughey Jennings with the Tigers. Sugden will devote his time to the catchers and pitchers of the team. He has been ordered to start South on February 24 with a squad of pitchers. Sugden was first selected for this task last year, and he did such excellent work that some of the Tigers' young pitchers made wonderful records during the early weeks of the American League campaign and kept the Tigers in first place for a long time. As all of these men have their admirers in Philadelphia, interest in the American League race among Philadel-

The Boston Club has received the signed contracts of infielder Larry Gardner and catcher Carrigan.

The signed contract of "Buck" Weaver, the San Francisco youngster, has been received by Manager Callahan, of the White Sox. Weaver is a shortstop, but he is able to play third or second almost as well as he plays short.

Hank O'Day, who will attempt to guide the Cincinnati Reds through the 1912 race, was a caller at the Congress Hotel during the American League meeting. Clark Griffith gave him a hearty handshake and his best wishes.

The busiest manager on the scene during the American League meeting was Harry Davis, who has taken the job of handling the Naps. He and President Somers, cornered Jimmy Callahan, and it was supposed he was trying to swap Stovall for Zeider. Callahan declined to accept anything offered. The meeting closed without a deal for the first day of the league.

After the Stovall being made the White Sox manager, Jimmy Callahan, left for West Baden, to drink the water at the springs for a few days before departing for the Sox training camp. He was accompanied by Mike Donlin.

Harry Wolter, right fielder of the Highlanders, will continue in his position as coach of the Santa Clara College base ball team. J. P. Morrissey, president of the college, announced last week that the misunderstanding had been adjusted.

First baseman "Tex" Jones, the White Sox St. Joseph recruit, on February 13 eloped with Miss Helen Stanley, of Wichita, Kan., to Kansas City, Mo., where the pair were married.

Fifteen of the sixteen major league managers have seen service in the National League. This one exception is Jake Stahl.

Curious the changes which take place in a player's ability during the winter. First baseman Danzig, of the Pacific Coast League, was good enough for the St. Louis Browns to corral him; yet now he has been sold to Chattanooga, which is in a class below the Pacific Coast organization.

Detroit's recruit third baseman, John Berkel, sprained an ankle at Oxnard, Calif., week before last and subsequently was knocked senseless in a collision while chasing a fly.

Kenneth Nash, of Weymouth, Mass., the Brown University shortstop and base ball captain, and the most-sought college player for the last two years, has signed to play with the Cleveland team, and will join the Naps after college closes in June.

Alex Ramneas, who pitched for the Helena team, of the Union Association, last season, announced last week that he had signed a contract with Detroit.

During the meeting in Chicago infielder Al Dolan signed a New York 1912 contract.

It has been practically decided that the name of Bennett Park shall be changed before the season of 1912 begins. It is certain that it shall be called a "field" rather than a park, at least, and it seems probable that the title of Bennett will also be dropped, and the new park named after either Mr. Yawkey or President Navin.

Oakland squad it will probably be necessary to divide the players between two hotels, which, however, are so close together as to make it virtually one home for the men. Sharpe liked Livermore because the soil is good for rainy weather, as the diamond will dry out quickly after showers.

News Notes.

The Vernon Club has released players Kilroy, Dee, Sulle, Soner, Cooney and Van Stone.

The Vernon Club has re-elected as president Eddie Mauer, and the latter has re-appointed "Happy" Hogan as team manager.

Walter Carlisle, the star outfielder of the Vernon Club, is a hold-out, and to be on the safe side that club is negotiating with a National League club for an outfielder to take Carlisle's place.

Gene McGreevy has signed his contract, and President A. T. Baum has now signed up his entire umpire staff. McGreevy held out for some little time, but it is likely that he made haste when he discovered so many applicants for his berth. The other umpires under contract are George Hildebrand, Finney, Pearl Casey, George Wheeler and Sam Mertes.

Improvements Postponed.

New York, February 15.—Last Fall President John T. Brush, of the Giants, said that the wooden seats around the outfield at the Polo Grounds would be replaced with covered stands of concrete

and steel. But it appears that nothing will be done at present as the work on the huge grand stand has not been finished. It is probable that the outfield seats will not be supplanted with a modern structure until some time next Fall, after the playing season ends. It is Mr. Brush's plan to build as soon as it is practicable.

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE.

Famous "Buck" Freeman, the New Scranton Leader, Has Twenty-Seven From Whom to Select His Regular Team.

BY M. W. WALTON.

Scranton, Pa., February 16.—That the 1912 Scranton team is beginning to loom up well can best be learned by a statement of the fact that to date Manager "Buck" Freeman has already 27 men in line, a large percentage of them being youngsters who are expected to give good accounts of themselves in the try-outs early in April. Freeman believes in youngsters, but he also thinks it's a mighty good thing to have a few old heads around in a pinch. The list of players rounded up to date is as follows:



John Freeman

Catchers—Peterson, Harkins, Monroe and Brislin.

Pitchers—Higgins, Friel, Cotrell, Webber, Hubbs, Stork, Dutton, Sloucum and Heine.

First base—Freeman, Duggan and Parlett. Second base—Burnett, Cullen, McGeehan, Starr and Meckerly.

Shortstop—Holly. Third base—Venable and Tuman.

Outfielders—Poland, Quinlan and Shorten.

Peterson will be the mainstay behind the bat. Although a youngster, his experience with the Boston Americans and Providence makes him all the more valuable. Freeman has his eye on another good catcher. Manager "Buck" Freeman intends playing first base himself, but in case Parlett, a crack young player, of Baltimore, or Duggan, of St. Bonaventura's College, show real stuff "Buck" will tie himself to the bench. Burnett's record with Saginaw last year virtually assures him the second-base berth. There is but one candidate in line yet for shortstop, and he is Bert Holly, who covered the place for a while last season until he was hurt. Freeman, however, expects to land either Stump or Priest from the New York Americans. Venable will have to fight it out for the third-base job with George Tuman, a fast youth recommended by Eddie Murphy. Venable has been in such demand among other league managers that Freeman has decided to freeze on to him. Only one of the present outfielders looks sure of a place, and the best bet is Charlie Shorten, the Minooka boy, who did things for Cross' doormats at the latter end of last season. Manager Dunn, of Baltimore, has promised to return Eddie Murphy to the locals in the event that he does not make good in Baltimore, and in case he does Scranton will get Jake Gettman. Freeman has the best of chances to land outfielder Durham, of Wheeling, who would round up the team in good order.

The Repeal of the Six-Men Rule.

Auburn, N. Y., February 17.—Declaring that Wilkes-Barre was not the leader in the fight against the resolution limiting the employment of Class AA and Class A players to six men per team, President John H. Farrell, of the New York State League, in a statement issued this week discussed the "secret" resolution for the first time since the league meeting at Troy. "Manager Clymer, of Wilkes-Barre, originally voted in favor of the resolution to limit the number of men from leagues of higher classification to six," said President Farrell. Mr. Farrell made it clear that the league is not against the young player. "The league," he said, "is a believer in young blood, and we are going to make it a place where young players will have all the chance in the world. We are all for the young players and they should have a thorough trial to prove that they will be able to make good before we take any action so drastic as the one contemplated by the resolution." Mr. Farrell says that "perhaps the season's try-out will demonstrate that the time is ripe for such a resolution as the one beaten, but the owners and managers felt that the present is not the opportune time."

News Notes.

The Troy Club has purchased a young southpaw pitcher named Tony Carlo from the Newark Club, of the International League.

Manager John Freeman, of Scranton, has secured catcher Bob Peterson from the Providence Club, of the International League.

Manager Freeman, of the Scranton (New York State League) Club, has signed a semi-pro, shortstop of Clifton Heights, a Philadelphia suburb, named J. S. Feehan.

The name "New York State League" has been good enough for the Farrell circuit for 20 years, and the suggestion coming from Bill Clymer, that it be changed to "Eastern League" will not be accepted.

RESERVE RULE

IS THE CORNER-STONE OF ORGANIZED BALL.

Without That Saving Rule No League Could Exist and Ball Clubs Would Become Sporadic Affairs Without Stability.

BY W. A. PHELON.

The proposed United States League, independent, which is working gallantly to jimmy into base ball, has come out with a most Utopian announcement, the same old announcement, though, that has been offered by every bunch of promoters who have tried to break into the charmed circle; no reserve rule, and freedom for the players to sign wherever they may desire. Sounds good, at first crack, and may doubtless be well intended by Mr. W. Abbott Witman and his



W. A. Phelon

friends. The average fan has often balked at the reserve rule, called it base ball slavery, and declared that it ought to be abolished—that every player should have the right to sell his talent in open market and to the highest bidder. Hence the new league's pronouncement against the reserve law will be well received by many bugs—until they think it over.

AS A PLAIN HARD FACT,

the reserve rule, rigidly enforced and honestly obeyed, is vitally essential to the life of the game. Without the reserve rule, the clubs would soon fall into hopeless chaos, the leagues would break up in a storm of quarreling, and organized base ball would go to flinders. Why so? For the simplest of reasons: The difference in the size of the various cities. If all of the cities in every circuit were uniform in population and moneyed resources, there would be little need of a reserve law. Everybody would have a perfectly fair chance, and would compete in the open market for the players. If any magnate failed, under such equitable circumstances, to fill up a powerful team, he could be justly accused either of stinginess or of inferior judgment when it came to hiring players. Utopian conditions would prevail, and all would be delightful in every burg.

MUST PROTECT SMALLER CITIES.

Things don't break that way in real life, however. To round out an eight-club circuit it is necessary that some cities must be taken in of a wealth and population far inferior to certain larger cities. A reserve rule guarantees rich and poor alike the possession of their best assets—their players. The reserve rule practically says: "you must use your own judgment as to picking out your players. You must rely on your own selection, but when you have once selected them and placed your stamp upon them you shall be protected in your claim to their services. Nobody shall steal them from you and, by offer of more money, strengthen his ball club at the expense of yours." Unfair to the players? If you look at it from one point of view, yes. Studied from another angle, the reserve law is something that

BENEFITS THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAYERS and works hardship on a few towering stars. If there was no reserve law, what would happen? Inevitably, unavoidably, the magnate with the most money at his command would simply offer the big stars an enormous price, collect them on his team, walk to the flag—and ruin the game in the weaker cities. Base ball nature is a curious thing. You might sit up all night explaining to such a magnate that he would be simply queering his own game in the long run by hiring other people's stars; that his own share of the gate receipts in every city would fall to nothing, and that even his own fans would quit coming to see lopsided games—but it would make no difference. He'd see nothing but the glories of the pennant, the joy of riding a winner, and he'd go ahead building up a \$200,000 team till the game was ruined.

RESERVE RULE PROTECTS PLAYERS.

If there wasn't a reserve law the pennants would go to the longest wallets year by year, and the only way the cheaper clubs could compete would be by giving their stars the big money and cutting pay on the small fry. There are four times as many second-grade or middling-good players as there are star performers. Without a reserve law the stars would soon be getting two times as much as now; the majority, the 80 per cent. of good, honest, plugging play-

ers, would be getting less than now, and the public would be getting the lemon. It's all very well to talk about base ball slavery being entailed by the reserve law, but the player who makes good

GETS HIS RAISES OF PAY

year after year, and the player who doesn't do anything more than plod along in the same old groove is protected in what he gets and is not likely to be shoved out of employment because his magnate offers vast money for a star. The early days of the game were marked by continual wrangles over star players, and the magnates adopted the reserve rule as a salutary check upon their own greed. It was badly needed; it had to come, and it has lasted many years. The new promoters, if they ever launch their league, will soon find that they need it just as much as the older leaders. Wait and see.

ORIGIN OF BASE BALL.

Cincinnati's Globe-Trotter, Eddie Wilbern, Find That to Egypt Belongs the Honor of Inventing the Greatest Modern Sport.

BY JACK RYDER.

Cincinnati, O., February 16.—Eddie Wilbern, on his way home from the Durbar in India, has taken time off to discover the origin of base ball. Ed. is now traveling through Egypt, and this is what he found out, contained in a letter to the Cincinnati "Enquirer." "It may be of some interest to you to know that base ball originated in Egypt. On the walls of the oldest temple here in Thebes I saw a frieze showing the ancient Egyptians playing a game with a cocoanut



E. V. Wilbern

for a ball. There were seven men on each side. They hit the cocoa with the butt end of a big bamboo and then ran to a base and return. They had a judge of play and there were spectators. This frieze on the sandstone wall in Thebes dates to 4000 B. C., and they must have had some idea of base ball at that time. At any rate, it's here, and I'm going to try to get a picture of it. All of our games are played with a ball, polo, cricket, tennis, foot ball, Rugby, bowling on the green in England, and bowling on the sand as in France. So you see that our ancestors invented all the games played with a ball, and that ball was originally no doubt a cocoanut or some other tropical growth of a round formation that grew on a tree, as our ancestors lived in caves and trees." This is the latest word on the subject from an original investigator who has traveled all over the world. Mr. Wilbern has still to visit the Soudan, Khartoum, Assouan, Karnak, Luxor and Victoria Falls before turning home, and he is likely to discover additional proofs of his valuable theory, which will be recorded in this place.

CLASS B MEN.

According to the Veteran Bobby Lowe They Have a Better Chance Now for Promotion Than Players in Leagues of Higher Classification.

A player in a Class B league has a better chance for advancement to the majors than one with a team in a Class AA or Class A organization. This declaration was made by Scout Bobby Lowe, of the Detroit Club, the other day. And, furthermore, Bobby declares a Class B league player is more likely to make good in select company than one from Class AA or Class A. "The great majority of the present stars in base ball came from the minor organizations," continued the scout.



Robt. L. Lowe

"Cobb, Bender, Collins, Mathewson, Lajoie, Speaker, Crawford and dozens of others were in the leagues of small consequence. Here is the point: A major league owner can only draft one player from a Class AA club, and it is easy then for the manager of the latter organization to cover his stars. He may have half a dozen good players in his line-up, but the major league magnate, under the rules of the National Commission will be only able to draft one. Then, again, the make-up of many of the Class AA and Class A teams is largely of veterans and players who were turned back from the majors. The big league owners have seen these players in action and they know what they can do. Even if the players' performances are spectacular they are likely to be coolly received. On the other hand if a new player in a Class B or lesser league attracts attention the big league owner is after him."

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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Manager Jimmy Burke, of the Indianapolis Club, Has Thirty Players, Including Many Youngsters, to Try Out This Spring.

Indianapolis, Ind., February 15.—If all the delinquent ones come into the fold and there are no hold-outs, Jimmy Burke will have 30 men to start the season with at Washington Park when the Indians assemble here early in March. Then there will be three more stars from the big leagues who will come a little later perhaps. Burke does not intend spending too much time on the recruits while the Indians have a nicely equipped farm at Springfield, but Watkins has sent all



J. T. Burke

the recruits to Springfield that he intends to send for the present. The addition of three youngsters brings the number of Indians up to 30. On this list are 11 pitchers and the fans know something about six of them. The six are Webb, Link, Schlitzer, Kimball, Brady and Merz. The ones to show their metal are Haynes, Goulait, Hixon, Robertson and Bell. There are three catchers on the list in Ritter, McCarty and Donnelly. The infielders are Hunter, Williams, Mowe, Robinson, Alcock, McCarthy, Fahy and Wentz. The outfielders are Hallman, Woodruff, Hoffman, Pfeiffer, Lynch, Flannagan, Huelsman and Quigley. Burke will make a trip to Chicago next Tuesday to attend a meeting of the American League and he will, of course, be there to look over possible deals. Soon after this Burke will leave for Hot Springs for two weeks. He grabbed off a couple more youngster try-outs in catcher Donnelly and infielder Fahy. The former comes from Newport, Ky., and Fahy is a St. Louis lad, who played in the semi-professional ranks there. Donnelly saw action in the Hastings Club, of the Nebraska State League. Both come with good records and a "promise to make good." Burke certainly wasn't looking for batting when he grabbed Donnelly, for the fellow has an average of .174.

News Notes.

Fred Odwell, outfielder of the Columbus team, signed last week to play with that club next season.

The Columbus Club has received the signed contract of the Canadian League recruit, Tom Grieve, purchased from the Cincinnati Club.

The Indianapolis Club last week received the signed contracts of catcher Pat O'Connor, third baseman Roth, and pitchers Gehring and Everdon.

Pitcher Leroy was the first St. Paul player to attach his signature to a Lennan contract. Sheffield, a recruit infielder's contract was received shortly after.

The Minneapolis Club has a hold-out in catcher Frank Owens, of Toronto; and the Milwaukee Club also has a couple in outfielder Stone and pitcher Cutting.

"Daredevil" Dave Altizer, of the Millers, is listed as a hold-out. He is said to have a

paying proposition in the shape of a fast semipro. team at Riverside, Cal.

Falling to secure "Lefty" George from St. Louis the Indianapolis Club has signed southpaw pitcher Ralph Bell, of last season's Burlington Club, of the Central Association.

Catcher Joe Walsh, turned over to Toledo by Columbus, is now a free agent, Toledo failing to tender him a contract. An eye trouble is said to be the cause of Toledo passing him up.

Pat O'Connor, the Pirate catcher sold to Kansas City last Spring, was the first Kaw player to affix his name to a 1912 contract. Pat is regarded as a star in the American Association.

George Stone is doing his annual farewell act. Every year he comes before the boards with the statement that he will play no more, but always manages to be in uniform when the season opens.

According to Columbus advices pitcher George McQuillan is no longer a "midnight son" and wants to pitch himself back into the swift set. We have heard this story before, and hope it is true this time.

The Indianapolis Club has signed catcher Earl Blackburn, late of the Blue Grass League; and also a tall pitcher named Clarence Koenor, of Crothersville, Ind. The latter is to be turned over to Springfield.

Otis Clymer, star Miller outfielder, has signed a Minneapolis contract for 1912 and has departed for Hickman, Ky., where he will do some early training before the rest of the team reports there the middle of March.

Dave Altizer will play left field for the Millers in 1912, according to an announcement from President M. E. Cantillon, providing Minneapolis gets the big league shortstop they are after for the coming season.

There were \$9 ex-big leaguers in the American Association last season—an average of 11 to the club. The flag-winning Minneapolis team carried 12 at one time or another who had known their day beneath the big tent and then drifted away.

Manager Duffy, of Milwaukee, has ordered the Brewers to report for Spring training at Cairo, Ill., on March 19. Active work will begin on March 20 and continue until April 10, when the club will go to Louisville, where the season will be opened.

Leo Murphy, a catcher for whom Hugh Nicol, of the Cincinnati scouting staff is sponsor, last week sent in from his Chicago home a signed Columbus contract. He played last year with the Champagne-Urbana team, of the Illinois-Missouri League.

Fifteen of the Columbus players have already signed with Manager Friel, they being Goose-tree, Jenson, Shelton, Knisley, Thompson, Bruck, Doak, all youngsters, and Perring, Congalton, Hartley, White, Liebhardt, O'Rourke and Huels-witt, of the old-timers.

Outfielder Quigley, the Notre Dame college star, recently released to Indianapolis by the Pittsburgh Pirates, has forwarded his signed contract to the Indianapolis Club. He will be permitted to remain as coach of the Notre Dame base ball squad until June 1.

Pitcher Rube Waddell, of the Millers, has affixed his moniker to one of the most novel contracts signed in the Association. By the terms of the agreement Rube will receive \$10 bonus a week during the playing season. If he does not drink he will receive his salary in a lump at the end of the year.

Unless Myron Grimshaw signs at the same figures of his 1911 contract he will not be a member of the Louisville team next season. So declares President William Grayson, who says Grimshaw got good treatment from the Louisville Club, and was paid a major league salary, and was not out a cent for several lengthy absences from the club.

Honor for Bescher.

One of the new novels is entitled "He Comes Up Smiling." They must have reference to Bob Bescher every time he comes to bat.

PIRATE POINTS

DREYFUSS ON THE WOES OF SCHEDULE-BUILDER.

Planning a Table Is Only a Two-Hours' Task Unless Conflicting Dates Are Presented—Corsair Hold-Outs Have an Inning.

BY A. R. CRATTY.

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 19.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Desks are clear at Pittsburgh headquarters. Every detail necessary for the Spring trip and even the championship get-away has been adjusted. "It's hard to have nothing to do," said Col. Dreyfuss with a sigh. This utterance was given the day before he started for the schedule session. Seeing an opportunity the writer led Dreyfuss into a discussion on the art of formulating base ball fixtures. Every base ball



A. R. Cratty

man knows that arranging a schedule isn't the easiest thing in the world. There are systems and systems. "I think mine is the best," said Barney. "It's so simple that were it not for conflicting dates, the result of certain cities having two clubs, I could form a table of 154 games in two hours. Schedule fashioning is a job for closed doors. No man can work on it and be interrupted. The constructor must know railroad routes, trains, etc. There are

TWO IMPOSSIBLE JUMPS

in the National. You can go from this city to St. Louis over night and get there in time for play, but the route from the Mound City to Pittsburgh isn't traversed under the same conditions. Take Pittsburgh to Boston as a second example. There is a train leaving here at 6 P. M. that reaches Boston next A. M., but it's a limited service; carries so many cars that the road will not add any more. It's out of the question to schedule a ball club to jump from this city to Boston for a game next day. Pittsburgh, though in mid-league, is one of the hardest cities for base ball traveling purposes. "Have any of your schedules been turned down by the league?" was a question sent at Col. Barney. "No, they amended one, but no actual turn-down has been inflicted," was Barney's rejoinder. "Six years ago Ebbebs prepared a list of dates and the bunch was upset. It's a big task to please everybody."

HOLD-OUT KIDS.

Going the rounds is a base ball squib saying that the Pittsburgh management up to the first week in February hadn't the slightest idea that it would be annoyed by hold-outs. It felt sure that every man would sign his pact and be glad to do so. The first intimation of snags came that Leifeld was not exactly pleased with his terms. This announcement was followed by a declaration that Vincent Campbell was a passenger on the same craft. The stand of the latter was particularly surprising to local base ball men. Here is the way George L. Moreland expressed the situation: "Vin Campbell is a youngster and has ever asserted his eagerness to rise in his profession. Yet with a grand opportunity to realize that ambition he balks on the salary question."

NO WORRY NEEDED.

This sentiment was repeated to Col. Dreyfuss. "I have nothing to say on that point," commented the magnate. "For my part I don't care whether Campbell signs or not. I guess the Pittsburgh Club can get along without him. All our plans have been completed. The Pittsburgh Club is ready for the start South and later get-away for the championship race. I see no reason why the failure of Campbell to accept his contract will hold back any one part of our program." Then Dreyfuss mused that other teams had their troubles with hold-outs. One by one they had fallen into line. Chicago's veteran pitcher, M. Brown, was cited as an example. Miner was gabbing all Winter about opening a saloon, but when the duff was laid down before his eyes all ambition to be numbered among the wet goods distributors seemed to hunt cover. "They want as much as they can get," observed Barney. The Pirate owner is satisfied that sentiment cuts a small figure in the matter of contracts.

PERNICIOUS AS PROFITABLE.

Col. Dreyfuss was heard to express a query Saturday. Day before he had read under a St. Louis date line a stirring story of Pirate affairs, with Bobby Byrne as spokesman. The article was built with hold-outs as a basis. It wound up with

an intimation that Byrne knew he was to be field captain of the Pittsburghs next race. So much chatter was quoted to Byrne that Barney wondered, knowing as he did Bobby's almost taciturn disposition. Another cause for amazement on Col. Barney's part was the activity of an out-of-town paper, for instance, a St. Louis sheet, taking such keen concern in Pittsburgh Club affairs. "Why don't the reporters there pay attention to their own club? Surely their readers are more interested in the Cardinals than the Corsairs," was Dreyfuss' venture.

CUNNING REPORTERS.

Secretary Locke brought forth his early newspaper training and solved the problem. "That's easily understood," said he. "Byrne and mate operate a pool room which is no doubt the lounging place for scores of base ball players. Reporters are aware such resorts are founts of news. They go there daily and chat with the men. Byrne isn't much of a talker, but when sharp news-gatherers work their vocation they do not simply butt into the place, shout for information and then scurry away. They fan with the boys. Again note that St. Louis is the home of a cluster of Pittsburgh players. Of course, their talk and doings furnish reading for home base ball followers." Locke didn't add the writer's idea as a further excuse for reportorial energy, viz., the sale of interviews to outside papers, particularly Steel City sheets. The Pittsburgh Club knows the name of the St. Louis journalist who has been so active in spouting gems relative to the Pirate hold-outs. He is a hard-working youth.

A UNIQUE CLUSTER.

Pittsburg Club officials were not slow to comment on the type of charter sought by their newspaper opposition, viz., the U. S. League. Publication of the preliminary moves in order to secure incorporation, were puzzling in that the style of charter sought was a "not-for-profit class," sometimes jocularly styled a "speak easy" charter. This departure was looked upon by the old leaguers as indicating that the newcomers were going into base ball on a small scale, much smaller than originally expected. Under the charter aimed for, outlay is restricted. Once upon a time the Pittsburgh National League Club operated on this class of letters patent. Officials were able to gather in profits by

VOTING THEMSELVES LARGE SALARIES.

In recent years, of course, base ball ventures have been more extensive than in the old days and articles of incorporation have of necessity been larger in their scope. The promoters of the new league in this city have allotted their stock among themselves principally. There are a couple of one-share owners, perhaps this idea being to secure the right quota of directors. There are rumors that certain men interested in base ball as a sport have made inquiries as to the financial rating of the new club. Being pro-National they are not losing any rest over their researches. They will not make public any findings, but on being asked for an opinion as to the chances of the new organization they merely say "Let them go ahead."

JINGLES.

News that "Goat" Anderson, former Pirate, has bought the Wheeling Club sounds good. Base ball men here hope it is true, for the midget is deserving. However, they are prone to think it's "one of those purchases."

Dave Davies may go South as a war correspondent for the "Dispatch." By the way, boys tell me that in recent years free lancing on the pilgrim age was a handsome plum. Last year one unattached newspaper writer cleaned up \$300. Served a dozen journals.

Gus Getz, local lad, a second bagger of repute, told Dick Guy that he wanted no more base ball. Clubs don't want to pay sufficient. Getz is a stickler for a certainty in the commercial world. He believes it is better to get \$1500 per year at work rather than chance a minor league job. Getz swatted .277 at Indianapolis in 1911. He doesn't care about being sent to a smaller union.

Thanks for your quip about me in the "Wise Sayings of Great Men." Up to date an even baker's dozen friends have called my attention to the gem. Surely "Sporting Life" is widely read.

The death of Fred Knowles has a reminder to the writer; a sad one. One of Knowles' school-time friends in this city was Dr. Charles A. Redick, of North Side, who died four years ago. Every time the New Yorks struck this city Knowles and Redick hunted a nook at the grand stand entrance of Expo. Field and chatted on old times. Redick's health began to fail. Knowles cheered him to the last. The white plague claimed them both, but the writer knows that Fred ever scouted the idea that he would ever succumb to that malady.

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are at any time." The Pittsburgh Club knows its status in an hour's observation. That's business, all right.

"What kind of a ball player is this Ten Million, the fellow with a Pittsburgh name?" This query was thrust at Col. Dreyfuss. "Better ask Bob Lowe. He dug him up for an American club and Bresnahan claimed on after waivers." was the response.

Somebody spread a good joke on Deacon Phil when they said he would lead the outlaws here.

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE.

President Carson Having Quite a Battle On to Secure Adoption of His Sectional Schedule for Twelve Clubs.

South Bend, Ind., February 16.—If Dr. Carson puts through his pet theory of a double season for the Central League at the Fort Wayne meeting on the 21st inst. he will be



Dr. F. R. Carson

justly entitled to the bacon as the best little boss of them all. Opposition to this scheme is developing rapidly, Wheeling's new owners being the latest to line up against the doctor. Practically all of the Ohio and Pennsylvania towns admitted to the circuit are opposed to the scheme, because they want to see the old Central League clubs in action early in the season. Dayton is against it, and, with Wheeling and Zanesville also lined up as opposed to the plan, and Terre Haute and Grand Rapids only luke warm for it, Carson has a big job cut out for him. He is reported as not having abandoned the scheme and as being ready with some good working arguments for its adoption. Carson has done some big things in the way of swinging a solid opposition to his way of thinking, but this split-season schedule looks a bit the biggest job he ever has attempted. Now that Zanesville has posted its forfeit and has sufficient money to insure the club living through a disastrous season, should it encounter one, the "dozen league" is a certainty. Erie already has the money to float its club and has elected new officers, and the sale of the Wheeling franchise to Anderson and Robinson means that that city will have representation on a proper basis.

News Notes.

Jack Pendry is among the Zanesville hold-outs. The South Bend Club has secured catcher L. J. Madden from the Brooklyn Club, of the National League.

The Terre Haute Club has an amateur outfielder named Vern Sherley, and also Snyder, the former Evansville slugger.

"Shaughnessey will manage the Fort Wayne team unless he dies or gives up base ball," is the answer Claude H. Varnell makes to the rumor that the Roanoke product has closed to pilot the Ottawa Club in 1912. Shaughnessey

has signed his contract with Fort Wayne, and Mr. Varnell is at a loss to account for the story that Ottawa has secured him. He never even asked for his release.

Zanesville boosters have practically completed the \$5000 fund which will insure the club as a permanent fixture for the season.

The double umpire system will not be used in the Central League this season. And, by the way, all the arbiters with the exception of Cuppy Groeschow, will be new men.

At Wheeling the Stogie fans are rallying to the new ownership of the club, and with the assurance of men like Varnell that the sale is bonafide and not a "cover," the deserters are again falling into line.

Claude Varnell reports the contract of Clarence Hunter, a right-hand semi-professional pitcher from Marietta, O., as being in his strong box. Hunter was recommended by Curt Elston as being a good enough man for any Central League club.

Eddie Wheeler, former Terre Haute manager, wants to buy or trade for Cy Alberts, pitcher; Bubbles Hargrove, catcher, and Bob Grogan, outfielder. Wheeler wants the trio for his Galveston Club, of the Texas League, which he will manage this season.

VALUE OF PLAYERS.

Few Trades in Major Leagues Because Money Is No Longer a Factor.

Scout Arthur Irwin, of the New York American Club, when asked recently why there had been so few trades in big league circles, cut loose with the following explanation:—

"The reason is that money no longer cuts much figure in obtaining a big league star. Time was when the sensational player could be bought for cash. Chicago sold Mike Kelly, for instance. That time is past. A club can no longer afford to dispose of some player who is a big attraction. The game has developed to such an extent that the demand for first-class men far exceeds the supply. Base ball has become a huge amusement enterprise. How many theatres would it take to accommodate the crowd that saw the first game between the Giants and Athletics? Clubs cannot buy the best men now, and as a result they have to take the most promising minor leaguers and spend time and money in trying to develop them. The competition for these youngsters is keen, and it is in discovering them and sizing up their ability and the development of which they are capable that the scout is of value to his club."

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HOLYOKE AGAIN

IN THE LINE-UP OF THE CONNECTICUT LEAGUE.

The League Directors Relieve Dan O'Neil of an Intolerable Situation at Waterbury by Permitting Him to Move to Holyoke.

BY DAVID A. MITCHELL.

Hartford, Conn., February 15.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Formal announcement of the transfer of the Waterbury team



Daniel O'Neil

and franchise to Holyoke was made by Manager Dan O'Neil at a special meeting of the Directors of the Connecticut League held in the Hotel Garde, at New Haven on February 7. That Manager O'Neil would take this step has been a foregone conclusion for several weeks, since the league gave him permission to transfer his team to any city he wished, following his inability to reach a satisfactory agreement with those in control of the base ball grounds in the Brass City. In order to protect his territorial rights in Waterbury the league voted to call in the Watchtown franchise and then granted a new franchise to Manager O'Neil for Holyoke. By this action promoters in Waterbury will be checked from carrying out a scheme that is said to have been planned by which

A STRONG INDEPENDENT TEAM

would be organized there to play exhibition games with league teams on Sundays. Big league clubs would be fine drawing cards for Sunday, but they cannot play there now unless they receive permission from the Connecticut League directors and this is something that it's a cinch the league will not do. In going to Holyoke Manager O'Neil will have to make good the back salaries due the members of last year's defunct Paper City club, and he will also have to expend considerable money in clearing up the long overdue rent bill on the grounds and fixing up the grand stand, bleachers and fences that have been going to rack and ruin since Holyoke lost its ball club last June. This expense he hopes to meet in part by the returns from 100 season tickets that were offered to Holyoke fans at \$15 apiece, all of which were reported to have been sold.

A BELATED OFFER.

Just before the transfer of the team was made, a proposition for the purchase of the club was received from Frank Becton, of Waterbury, one of the holders of the \$1500 note that Manager O'Neil was requested to make good if he returned to that city. Mr. Becton came through with a magnificent offer of \$700 for Manager O'Neil's property and the generosity of the Waterbury man was a distinct shock to the veteran magnate. Manager O'Neil was willing

UP TO THE LAST MINUTE

to entertain any fair figure for the club, but he was not giving away his franchise for a mere song. Word was also received from Frank ("Pop") McPartlin that he was unable to raise the money he had expected to get to buy the club. It was reported that Harry Durant was the man behind McPartlin, but the latter says his backer was another Brass City citizen, who suffered a severe attack of cold feet when it came time to produce the stuff that always talks in such cases. The directors were unanimously of the opinion that

THE SUBSTITUTION OF HOLYOKE

for Waterbury would make the circuit stronger than ever, especially with Dan O'Neil at the helm in the pulp town. Manager Jack Zeller, of the Springfield Club, said that he looked for a return of the old-time rivalry on the diamond between the Bay State neighbors. Manager O'Neil said that the assurances of support that he had received from all sides in Holyoke made him confident that the coming season would prove a banner one in the Paper City. In addition to disposing of the Waterbury issue the directors conferred

WITH SCHEDULE-MAKER SID CHALLENGER, of Bridgeport, changed the opening date of the season, and paired off the clubs for the opening games and the holidays. It had been voted to open the season May 1, but it was decided to send the clubs away in the pennant chase five days earlier, April 26. The season will close September 15, and 130 games will be listed. The entry of Holyoke made it much easier to pair off the clubs for the best dates, the natural rivals getting to-

gether on the opening day as well as Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Springfield will open the season in Holyoke and the Papermakers will play in Springfield the next day. Hartford will make its first appearance in New Britain and the next day Manager Murphy will take his men over to Jim Clark's burg. Bridgeport will play the get-away game in New Haven and the next day these old "friends" will have it out in Gene McCann's adopted town. These same pairings will hold good on the holidays.

ALL SUNDAY GAMES

will be booked for Monday, as in the past, and the outlook is that Bridgeport, New Haven and New Britain will play Sunday ball. While nothing definite is known about New Britain, it is generally believed that no objections will be raised there this year to Sunday games. The base ball grounds are in the town of Plainville and so far out that the games will not disturb anyone. Manager Murphy is also a native of Plainville, and he ought to be able to persuade his fellow-townsmen that there is no harm in Sunday base ball. Sunday games will be played here as in the past at Lighthouse Point. President O'Rourke presided at the meeting and there was a full attendance of the directors.

JENNINGS' JANGLE.

The Detroit Manager Sets Going Once More the Old Wrangle as to the Comparative Value of the Sand-Lot and the College Player.

BY GORDON MACKAY.

As prolific as the discussion of the eternal triangle is to those who work the squeeze play on the problem of the sexes is the argument regarding the better player in base ball—collegian or the common peepul. Hugh Jennings has fanned the flames of partisanship afresh by his statement that he could "count the good college players of the country on both hands." Of course, this has been but an incentive to purveyors to the Radiator League and sent them into ardent discussion of the rival merits. One scribe, a pretty sensible chap, too, takes two teams whom he figures represents the best in the rival leagues. He has picked two organizations, and he asks which of the two would win? Here they are:

COLLEGIANS—Pitchers, Mathewson, Bender, Coombs; catchers, Doolin, Archer; first base, Chase; second base, Collins; third base, Harry Lord; shortstop, Barry; right field, Bescher; centre field, Birmingham; left field, Campbell.
COMMON PIE-PUL—Pitchers, Johnson, Walsh, Alexander; catchers, Stange, Thomas; first base, Daubert; second base, Lajoie; third base, Baker; shortstop, Wagner; right field, Jackson; centre field, Cobb; left field, Crawford.

The matter of preference between a college and sandlot player is merely a matter of managerial belief or prejudice. Managers like Mack want college men whenever possible, for they figure that these chaps start with the asset of brains, educational advantages and ability to assimilate information and instruction that helps them, where a sandlot chap, unless he be an exceptional mentality, is bound to be more of a mechanical than a brainy player. Again this matter of superiority between collegian and civilian, so to speak, is a purely academic question. Taking the two teams mentioned at the top of this article, and the matter of victory would rest largely with the manager who directed the efforts of the rival aggregations. If a poor manager had the collegians and a Chance or Mack had the sandlots lads, the latter would win. If a Fielder Jones had the collegians or a Fred Clarke or a McGraw, and a poor manager had the sandlots bunch, then the former would win. But to settle a matter of superiority between the collegian and the sandlots offhand is dashing in where angels fear to tread, and they have a very telling name for that sort of a gentleman.

WITMAN'S WAYS.

The Outlaw Chief Claims That There Is Room for His United States League and That It Will Have the Requisites of a Major League.

Reading, Pa., February 12.—"Base ball is like the 'Glory Song,' there is 'enough for all,'" said William Abbott Witman, president of the United States League, the proposed new outlaw league, when discussing the aims, hopes, possibilities and outlook of the new organization. "Our venture," he continued, "should have the same effect on the great national game that the Laymen's Movement has on the Sunday school, and, by the way, who ever heard of a Sunday school picnic without its game of base ball? Even the ministers put aside their clerical dignity and take the chances of being 'struck out.' As I have said, the Laymen's Movement affects the Sunday school in the same manner that the



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THOUSANDS OF PLAYERS

who are the peers of any who are held under ironclad agreements by the two big leagues. While we have offers from more than fifty star players who last year wore American or National League uniforms, we can, if we so desire, fill all of our eight clubs with the brightest and best experts in all departments of the game without causing the violation of a single contract. So, you see, there need be no base ball war, and there will be none through our initiative. But if one is forced upon us we will be on the job, and, knowing our resources, I can say, without boasting, we will not lose. There is

NO DEARTH OF MATERIAL

from which we can, and will, select the superiors of those who are tied up under a reserve clause. We have the grounds, we have the men, we have the money, we have the ability and we have the enthusiasm. Six of our clubs are located in cities that have been designated as either American or National League territory. In these cities the total attendance at all the games played by the clubs of those leagues last year was less than three million, yet the population in that territory exceeds ten millions of able-bodied

citizens who are at home every day during the season. The most striking feature is that there were millions of stay-at-homes from necessity and not from choice, because for half of the days of the season there were no games for them to see. Our schedule is being so arranged that

NONE OF THE DATES WILL CONFLICT

with those of the other two leagues. This means that New York, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Washington, Cincinnati and Cleveland will have base ball games nearly every day from May to September. It means that there will be no days of ebbing interest in base ball while clubs are away from home. It means that we believe that every American citizen with red blood in his veins is a base ball fan, and that we propose to gratify his natural desire for lively contests and good games. We are of the opinion that the fans are not so much interested in who plays the game as they are in

HOW IT IS PLAYED,

and the more they get of good base ball the more they want. For obvious reasons we will not make any announcements concerning the personnel of our clubs for some time. Possibly we will tell of no contracts until after the 'weeding out' process has been completed at the end of our training season in the South. And for equally obvious reasons we will not state where the clubs will be whipped into shape until there is no longer any chance for interference with our plans."

The Umpire's Decision Stood.

The Butte Club now boasts of the only manager who was ever fined \$5 before a championship season started. "Nig" Perrine, ex-Colonel, who was appointed manager recently, was soaked five bones by Umpire Frary, now in the National League, a few minutes before the start of the 1911 Union Association season. Perrine was sitting on his bat, waiting for the mayor to hurl the first ball, when Frary told him that he had been fined \$5 for delaying the game. Despite the fact that "Nig" declared that the game had not been called, the assessment stuck.

EDITORIAL BEE

BUZZING IN THE BONNET OF CHAIRMAN HERRMANN.

The Famous and Popular Chief of the National Commission Heads Company Which Has Purchased an Old Cincinnati Daily Paper.

Cincinnati, O., February 17.—Mr. August Herrmann, President of the Cincinnati National League Club, and Chairman of the National Commission, has become the head of a company which has purchased the Cincinnati "Commercial-Tribune." Associated with him in the publishing business will be Julius Fleischmann, Rudolph Hynicka and several other public-spirited men of Cincinnati. Mr. Herrmann said that the paper would remain Republican in politics. He added that all plans have not been completed, but that he was sure the journal would have life and snap in it. Scott Small, one-time Commissioner of Public Safety in Cincinnati, is to be managing editor.



A. Herrmann

BILLIARD NEWS.

The National Amateur Tournament—Morris D. Brown, of Brooklyn, Champion—Playing Generally Would Have Honored Professional Masters.

BY JOHN CREAHAN.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 19.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The fourteenth game of the amateur tournament, played at the Hanover Club, Brooklyn, New York, was between Dr. Walter G. Douglas, of New York, and Dr. Walter E. Uffenheimer, of Philadelphia, and proved to be one of the most remarkable games in the entire series of this tournament. In the fifteenth inning Dr. Uffenheimer was 127 points ahead of his opponent. With such tremendous odds in favor of the Philadelphia general impression should naturally be that Dr. Uffenheimer never should have lost the game, but more especially when the players must of necessity practically rank about even in artistic ability. While I have been assured that Dr. Uffenheimer is an expert whose nerve never deserts him, and his fine average in this contest justifies such a statement, although the failure to win seems like a contradiction.

It is evident, however, that Dr. Douglas is a very remarkable player, possessing not only a great knowledge of the art of the game, while his uphill work, of nerve power, should entitle him to rank practically first with any man in the tournament. No matter what the result may be. He recalls the era of playing of great professional masters of the game, and is to be more than commended for his masterly work in this contest. The score was 400 to 339 for Dr. Uffenheimer. High runs, 41, 52 and 61 for winner; 36, 39 and 64 for loser. Winner's average under 11. Loser's not 11.

The fifteenth game was between Morris D. Brown, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Charles F. Conklin, of Chicago. It was one of the best contests of the tournament, and deserves to rank both men as great amateur masters of the game. The score was 400 for Brown to 363 for Conklin, the result creating a three-cornered tie between Conklin, Brown and Poggenburg. High runs, 39, 42 and 81 for Brown; 26, 31 and 36 for Conklin. Winner's average under 13. Loser's not 12.

The sixteenth game was between J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, of New York, and Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia. As fair play is a jewel, no one will, I am inclined to believe, think for a moment that Mr. Mayer can as yet defeat so great an amateur master of the game as Poggenburg; making all allowance for the possibilities of improvement on the part of youth and enthusiasm, which must of necessity go hand in hand, like "Junos Swans," and as such, as much through necessity as welcome choice, be grasped by such a neophyte as Mayer is, yet, facts are facts, and it is a fact that Mayer defeated Poggenburg, and it is probably not any more surprising than other contests in this tournament, which has been one of the most remarkable in the history of amateur players.

It has been stated in the public press

that Mr. Mayer won this game by diplomacy; not, it is true, in such considerate language, but "by pounding the balls all around the table." The truth is that Mayer could not possibly have "pounded the balls all around the table" without the aid of either a hammer or a mallet, and these weapons of "warfare" are not permitted in playing the game of billiards. It was quite the custom to say on the part of some goose-quill critics on the daily press whenever Thomas J. Gallagher played in public that he "thumped" out a run of so many points, which obviously Mr. Gallagher could not have done without resorting to his fists instead of the cue; although I have frequently wished to see Mr. Gallagher resort to his fists on the "critics" who reported his professional playing. For while Mr. Gallagher does not pose as be-

from his delicate nursing when the balls are all together. It was simply a question of diplomacy, strategy and head-work, which was resorted to by Mayer, but not by Mr. Poggenburg. The score was 400 to 261 for Poggenburg. High runs, 36, 41 and 42 for Mayer; 22, 22 and 23 for Poggenburg. Winner's average under 9. Loser's under 6.

The seventeenth game was between Percy Collins and C. F. Conklin, both of Chicago. It must have been a great triumph on the part of Mr. Collins to defeat his gifted townsman. The score was 400 to 337 for Conklin. Best runs, 33, 36 and 37 for Collins; 25, 33 and 59 for Conklin. Winner's average under 10. Loser's under 8.

The eighteenth game was between M.

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ing one of the foremost professional experts he can make many of the second-class masters of the game dance upon nothing when they are of the opinion that they can defeat him.

There are various ways of resorting to strategy and diplomacy in playing billiards. The object and mission of one expert should be to find out if possible the weak points of his opponent, and to give him as much of that "medicine" as possible. It is a rule, it is true, which works both ways, and the man who resorts to diplomacy first generally wins—all things being about even. The same conditions were at the disposal of Mr. Poggenburg. If he found out that Mr. Mayer could not (?) count without leaving the balls "scattered all over the table," he should have set them up in a bunch for him. As it was, Mayer was first to discover that to defeat his opponent it was necessary to leave the balls "scattered all over the table" to prevent Mr. Poggenburg

D. Brown, of Brooklyn and Dr. W. E. Uffenheimer, of Philadelphia. As Mr. Brown was in masterly form it was practically a Waterloo for the Quaker expert. Mr. Brown made the highest run of the tournament up to the present time—88. Score, 400 to 193 for Uffenheimer. High runs, 42, 85 and 88 for Brown; 20, 20 and 22 for Uffenheimer. Winner's average under 9. Loser's under 5.

The nineteenth game was between Ferdinand Poggenburg, of New York, and C. F. Conklin, of Chicago. The latter played badly for him during the latter part of the game, while Mr. Poggenburg made runs of 50, 53 and 63. Score, 400 to 332 for Conklin. Latter's best runs were 26, 29 and 31. Winner's average under 11. Loser's not 10.

The twentieth game was between Percy Collins, of Chicago, and Dr. Douglas, of Brooklyn. The Chicago lad seemed to be "under the wand of a magician" to quote

the language of Edmund Burke. His average of nearly 14 was the highest of the tournament to the present time. His best runs were 39, 45 and 56. Score, 400 to 133 for Dr. Douglas. The latter's best runs were 16, 29 and 47. Average under 6.

The tie to decide the championship of this more than interesting amateur tournament was between Morris D. Brown, of Chicago, and Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia. Mr. Brown played the same remarkable billiards on this occasion as he did all through the tournament. His score was 400 to 381 for Mr. Mayer. Mr. Brown also secured the first prize for the highest tournament run—88. Percy Collins, of Chicago, won the prize for the best single average—13, 23, 29. Mr. Mayer, of Philadelphia, who made so fine a record in this tournament, might have defeated Mr. Brown had he not engaged in a controversy with the referee, Mr. Thomas F. Gallagher, as to the decision rendered by the latter. It was fortunate for Mr. Mayer that the late Michael Geary was not the referee. Had he been, he might have hung Mr. Mayer up by the thumbs and kept him suspended until he apologized for presuming to question the decision of the referee. High runs—42, 57 and 75 for Brown; 38, 45 and 85 for Mayer. Winner's average under 10. Loser's under 9.

The play-off for the second place in the tournament was between Ferdinand Poggenburg, of New York, and that gifted young expert from Chicago, Percy Collins. It cannot be said that either player was at his best, as clearly they cannot play masterly billiards always. The game was won by Poggenburg, by 400 to 310, which makes Collins third in the tournament. Mr. Collins had the honor of winning the high average prize. Best runs—42, 46 and 58 for Poggenburg, 19, 21 and 22 for Collins. Winner's average under 10, loser's under 8. This was the closing game of a tournament that might have shed lustre on the regulation of the professional experts of this country. It is to be doubted indeed, if a like number of the professional experts of this country today would have played such masterly billiards in a tournament.

Edward W. Gardner, a former great amateur expert, has challenged the winner of this tournament. Should the contest take place—as no doubt it will, it will attract national attention, as indeed the present tournament is now doing.

F. J. Lyons and William V. Barry, both of the B. B. Collender house, of this city, have been on the sick list. Mr. Barry is suffering from the grip, and Mr. Lyons from a severe cold.

I was informed recently, and rather reliably, that half of the public rooms of this city are on the market for sale. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that two-thirds of the rooms here could be purchased inside of 24 hours, if the owners could get but even half of what the rooms cost them. As there is not, however, the most remote prospect that these rooms can be sold on the terms which I refer to, that is, half of their original cost, it is equally certain that no sensible man who knows the condition of the business in this city today, and the same is practically applicable to every city in this country, would accept any room here as a gift, with perhaps the exception of two, which does not, of course, include the hotel rooms, if such rooms were given away, and the expenses of running them had to be paid.

At New York, February 7, Willie Hoppie, successfully defended his title of world's champion at 18.2 balk line billiards against George Sutton. He defeated Sutton by 500 to 280, the high average being 297-17. His high run was 96 and Sutton's 67. The score:

Hoppie (spot ball)—12 57 36 25 3 0 33 1 4 0 96 14 88 2 46 5 78—500. Average, 29 7-17. High runs, 96, 88, 78. Sutton (white ball)—1 16 47 0 67 0 0 21 1 0 12 36 5 0 3 60 21—280. Average, 16 8-17. High runs, 67, 50, 47. Referee—Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia.

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George Maxwell Captures Professional and Jay Graham Amateur Title—Kimball and Thompson White Flyer Stars.

BY R. S. ELLIOTT.

Kansas City, Mo., February 19.—The eighth annual Interstate shooting tournament at clay birds and white flyers was decided at the R. S. Elliott grounds at Blue River Shooting Park, on February 13, 14, 15 and 16. The event was well attended and was featured by some remarkably high scores. The high average over all at targets was made by George Maxwell, who noted one-armed professional, with 448 out of 475. High amateur honors fell to Jay Graham, the famous amateur from Illinois, who finished one target behind Maxwell. The feature event in the white flyer shooting was the Great Western Handicap, which was captured by P. S. Kimball with 15 straight and eight on the shoot-off, and the Interstate individual white flyer championship, which Riley Thompson won with 20 straight and 17 on the shoot-off. The details and complete scores of the shoot are appended:

TIE ON PRELIMINARY DAY.

One professional and one amateur tied for the high score in the preliminary shoot. Lester German, of Aberdeen, Md., was the high professional and Parsons was high amateur. Their scores were 97 out of 100 each. Preliminary scores:

Peck	23	23	22	22	90
McGhee	21	18	15	20	74
H. Dixon	23	23	22	23	91
D. Ellis	16	19	16	18	69
Casper	22	20	22	23	87
Marshall	23	25	20	22	90
H. Sherman	24	24	20	25	93
Parsons	24	25	24	24	97
Glover	19	21	..	..	..
Cosby	23	21	23	21	88
Maxwell	23	24	23	24	94
Smith	23	22	21	19	85
Gates	22	21	22	21	86
Schroeder	18	22	21	22	83
Bray	20	22	22	17	81
German	24	24	24	25	91
Nicolai	23	24	24	24	95
Gross	24	24	22	19	89
Mastin	21	21	23	25	90
O'Brien	24	24	25	23	96
R. Thompson	21	22	22	24	89
M. Thompson	23	23	24	22	91
Clark	24	23	23	22	92
Fuller	16	18	24	15	83
Kimball	20	20	17	18	75
Graham	22	24	25	24	95
McDermott	23	23	23	24	93
Arnold	22	24	25	24	95
Rankin	21	23	24	23	91
Faurote	22	24	20	..	..
Hill	18	18	..	..	..
Mackie	15	17	20	18	73
Metzger	22	25	18	20	85
Magnusson	..	..	22	19	..
Chat	..	..	12	16	..

KANSAS CITY WINS FIRST DAY.

In a white flyer race between a Kansas City team of marksmen and an all-Missouri team, one of the features of the first day the local team won, 95 to 87. The day was not ideal for shooting over the traps because of the amount of snow, but in the afternoon after the snow storm stopped the scores showed improvement. Considering the weather, however, the scores were good. The Kansas City team was composed of Snyder, Rickmers, Green, Nicolai and Hargrove, and the Missouri team was composed of Dixon, Baggerman, Cunningham, Planck and Riley Thompson. There was also a match between George Nicolai and J. T. Roth, both of Kansas City, which was won by the former, 46 to 41. In the regular sweepstake, 20 white flyers, Snyder, Lawrence and Graham tied with perfect scores, each killing 20 flyers. Kimball, Mackie, Cunningham, Nicolai, Green and Hargrove tied at 19 each in this event. In the regular target program, Ed. O'Brien, of Florence, Kan., was high professional, breaking 122 out of a possible 125, which is a remarkable score, considering the condition of the weather. C. L. Parsons, of Hot Springs, Ark., was high amateur with a score of 119 out of a possible 125. Fifty-eight marksmen took part in the target events. Clay target scores:

Targets	25	25	25	25	25	Tl.
William Peck	20	20	23	20	20	103

O. W. McGee	23	17	16	16	19	91
H. Dixon	23	22	21	23	23	112
Kim Duncan	10	15	16	18	19	78
Guy Cooper	19	20	20	22	21	102
*T. A. Marshall	19	19	22	24	20	104
*H. Sherman	22	20	21	23	21	107
C. L. Parsons	25	24	24	24	22	119
*D. Elliott	16	19	18	18	20	91
W. B. Cosby	18	20	25	21	23	107
*George W. Maxwell	25	23	25	24	22	119
E. W. Smith	23	19	19	20	19	100
L. A. Gates	23	20	21	20	21	105
G. A. Schroeder	22	22	23	18	20	105
D. D. Bray	18	20	23	20	23	104
*L. S. German	23	21	24	21	23	112
*H. E. Snyder	23	22	22	23	21	111
George Nicolai	25	19	24	22	20	110
O. H. Greene	20	20	22	23	19	107
*D. D. Gross	23	22	22	23	23	113
George R. Mackie	18	19	18	18	20	93
*A. M. Mastin	23	20	24	20	23	100
William Bronson	20	19	22	20	24	105
R. Thompson	23	21	21	24	24	113
M. Thompson	23	22	21	21	20	107
*H. Clark	24	20	24	21	25	114
F. G. Fuller	20	22	20	23	23	108
J. R. Graham	22	24	24	25	23	119
Kimball	16	19	20	22	16	93
McDermott	21	22	22	20	19	94
R. A. Metzger	19	17	19	19	17	101
E. W. Arnold	23	24	19	23	23	112
C. T. Rankin	19	21	23	14	23	100
*Ed. O'Brien	24	25	24	22	24	122
William Ridley	24	22	21	23	24	114
J. S. Thomas	18	20	17	20	17	92
H. L. Winzenreid	22	22	23	20	17	88
W. T. Jordan	20	23	20	18	17	108
Joe Grother	17	20	21	14	15	87
Earl Bodenheimer	22	19	15	16	19	91
A. A. Chab	19	13	19	20	18	89
H. F. Magnusson	23	20	29	20	19	102
B. A. Reed	17	19	21	23	19	99

with 20 each, perfect scores. In the shoot-off Thompson won out, killing 17 straight. It was some of the best shooting in the tournament. The day was a bit dark for the targets and the scores were not as high as on the previous day. It also made white-flyer shooting a trifle difficult. In the regular target event, G. W. Arnold was high, with a score of 118 out of a possible 125, while George Maxwell was high professional and second high gun, scoring 117. Target scores:

TARGET SCORES.						
Events	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.
Targets	25	25	25	25	25	125
William Peck	24	22	21	24	23	114
C. H. Ditto	18	22	19	20	22	101
H. Dixon	20	22	22	22	23	109
C. W. Zufelt	21	22	23	21	19	106
Guy Cooper	20	22	22	22	17	103
*Tom Marshall	24	22	22	22	22	112
*H. E. Sherman	20	21	23	20	22	106
C. L. Parsons	20	23	24	22	25	114
*D. Elliott	18	19	14	20	18	89
W. B. Cosby	23	18	25	22	22	111
*George Maxwell	25	24	23	21	24	117
E. W. Smith	18	20	20	22	15	95
L. A. Gates	17	23	19	21	18	98
G. A. Schroeder	22	19	22	20	23	106
D. D. Bray	21	20	20	23	21	106
*L. S. German	20	24	21	25	23	113
H. E. Snyder	23	24	23	22	22	114
George Nicolai	21	20	22	22	22	107
V. H. Greene	16	20	19	21	24	100
*D. D. Gross	22	19	20	24	24	110
G. K. Mackie	20	21	21	21	20	103
*A. M. Mastin	20	21	21	21	20	103
W. Bonson	19	23	21	23	21	107

Kimball	19	Hairgrove	17
McDermott	19	Hayne	16
Harlan, Jr.	19	H. Dixon	16
Beard	18	Baggerman	16
Ridley	18	Magnussen	16
Cunningham	18	Fuller	16
Winzenreid	18	Duncan	16
Roth	18	Davidson	16
Snyder	18	Mackie	16
Bray	18	Buckles	16
Ditto	18	Peck	15

TEAM RACE THIRD DAY.

The Kansas City team, composed of Snyder, Nicolai, Rickmers, Green and Hargrove, won the Interstate Amateur Pigeon cup race, the feature of the third day's shoot. The local team made a score of 68 birds out of a possible 75. Two teams, one from Nebraska and one from Missouri, tied for second place with 67 each. There were two Kansas City teams, two all-Missouri fives, one Nebraska and one Illinois team entered in this event. It brought out some of the best white flyer shooting seen in this section in some time. Nearly every team entered had one or two men who killed 15 straight, making perfect scores. In the regular target program, Ed. O'Brien, a professional, was high for the day, breaking 123 out of a possible 125. J. R. Graham and William Baggerman tied for high amateur, each breaking 118. Scores:



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J. H. Stafford	20	20	19	20	21	100
William Baggerman	21	18	24	24	24	111
William Planck	20	23	18	..
Roth	17	21	21	20	17	96
N. J. Glover	13	16	17	15	..	..
K. Guinotte	20	16	23	16	12	83
Lawrence	20	19	21	22	21	97
Buckles	18	20	13	20	22	83
Davidson	18	16	23	23	18	95
C. P. Seaney	20	20	18	23	20	102
C. W. Zufelt	15	19	23	23	21	101
G. G. Kierolf	..	..	17	..	..	..
E. E. Hargrove	..	..	..	..	..	..
S. Hoyne	23	23	22	21	24	113

WHITE FLYER SCORES.

Jay Graham	20	Bronson	17
Snyder	20	Metzger	17
Lawrence	20	Bray	17
Kimball	19	Schroeder	17
Cunningham	19	Cooper	17
Nicolai	19	Beard	17
Mackie	19	Ridley	17
Greene	19	Baggerman	16
Hargrove	19	Planck	16
H. Dixon	18	Chat	16
R. Thompson	18	Litterbery	16
Rickmers	18	Parsons	16
Gates	18	Davidson	16
Fuller	18	Duncan	15
Peck	18	Magnussen	15
Cockrell	18	McDermott	15
Roth	18	Guinotte	15
Winzenreid	18	Buckles	15

RILEY THOMPSON STAR SECOND DAY.

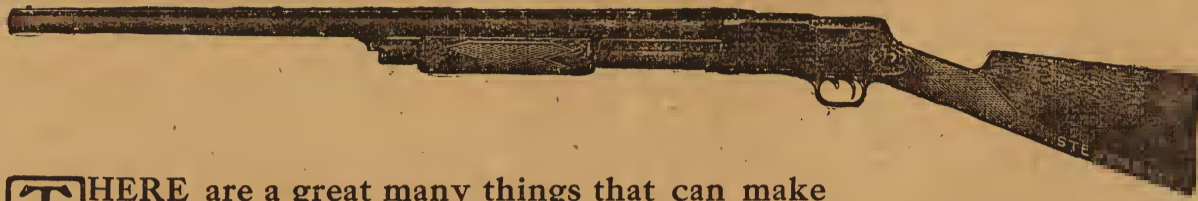
Riley Thompson won the Interstate individual amateur white flyer cup race, the feature event of the second day. Thompson tied with Graham, Nicolai and Gates for high in the regular white flyer race

Riley Thompson	21	21	20	24	20	106
M. Thompson	21	23	22	20	22	108
*H. Clark	23	23	22	23	22	113
F. G. Fuller	23	24	21	21	22	111
P. S. Kimball	21	20	20	21	25	107
J. K. Graham	22	22	23	24	22	113
D. McDermott	22	22	21	20	18	103
E. W. Arnold	25	22	24	22	25	118
C. F. Rankin	21	18	20	23	22	104
B. Johnson	18	23	18	20	19	95
William Ridley	22	24	22	22	23	113
J. S. Thomas	22	22	20	20	19	103
F. B. Cunningham	21	23	17	18	23	102
H. Winzenreid	20	21	22	21	20	104
N. J. Glover	16	20	20	17	..	..
E. W. Stacey	19	19	16	16	..	..
E. Bodenheimer	15	16	..	..	..	..
S. Hoyne	22	20	16	21	20	103
A. A. Chab	20	13	16	22	18	89
H. F. Magnusson	18	20	16	19	17	90
John Culp	16	..	..	..	..	..
F. Luther	20	19	18	21	..	..
William Baggerman	20	24	23	22	22	111
Tuck McPhillian	11	12	16	15	17	71
J. T. Roth	18	17	18	21	18	92
I. C. Davidson	20	20	24	20	20	104
E. E. Hairgrove	18	19	14	19	19	80
J. J. Seary	21	21	18	20	16	96
C. P. Seaney	20	22	22	20	28	107
A. Lawrence	23	23	22	20	22	110
A. W. Buckles	14	16	..	..	..	..
Jess Randall	15	..	..	..	..	..
J. S. Jackson	..	..	..	..	14	..

WHITE FLYER SCORES.

R. Thompson	20	Cooper	18
Graham	20	Johnson	17
Nicolai	20	Cockrell	17
Gates	20	Litterbery	17
M. Thompson	19	Green	17
Parsons	19	Bronson	17

TARGET SCORES.						
Events	1	2	3	4	5	Tl.
Targets	25	25	25	25	25	125
*H. Clark	24	24	21	25	24	118
F. G. Fuller	21	21	23	24	18	107
P. S. Kimball	20	22	22	20	23	107
J. R. Graham	24	24	21	25	24	118
George McDermott	23	21	20	24	23	111
B. W. Arnold	24	24	23	22	22	117
C. F. Rankin	22	19	19	22	20	102
*Ed. O'Brien	25	24	25	25	24	123
William Ridley	24	2				



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D. D. Bray	20	21	21	18	21	101
*L. S. German	24	24	24	24	22	118
H. E. Snyder	24	23	21	25	21	114
George Nicolai	24	20	20	22	21	107
V. H. Greene	19	23	20	20	21	103
*D. D. Gross	23	20	20	23	24	110
G. K. Mackie	22	19	17	21	21	100
*A. M. Mastin	23	22	20	23	22	110
W. Bronson	21	20	21	23	22	108
R. Thompson	23	21	...	...	...	...
M. Thompson	23	18	...	...	...	...
A. E. Thomas	21	23	21	22	21	108
*Hill	15	11	...	...	...	...
G. Hoyne	21	19	21	22	24	107
F. M. Plank	...	20	17	19	20	...
J. T. Roth	...	23	23	19	...	...
L. L. Tucker	...	18	18	20	...	...
W. T. Jordan	...	21	20	20	...	...
O. W. McGee	...	20	16	...	...	...
D. I. Parsons	...	...	...	20	...	...
C. M. Boley	...	...	...	20	...	...
H. J. Schmidt	...	...	...	22	...	...
W. E. Sullivan	...	...	...	22	...	...

Guinotte	20	20	18	19	77
*Clark	24	24	24	25	97
Fuller	23	24	23	24	94
Kimball	21	22	20	18	81
Graham	23	25	25	24	97
McDermott	23	22	20	21	86
Arnold	23	24	22	25	94
Rankin	21	24	23	23	91
*O'Brien	23	23	25	25	96
Ridley	22	24	22	24	92
Thomas	24	25	21	23	93
Wasson	21	22	17	20	80
Wagonroodt	21	18	22	21	82
Johnson	18	17	19	23	77
Renfro	23	22	18	24	87
Roth	21	18	21	22	82
Baggerman	21	22	19	23	85
Tucker	19	21	15	22	77
Glover	21	20	21	21	83
David	24	23	25	24	96
Stafford	22	24	22	23	91
Metz	23	22	21	22	88
Meyers	7	...	...	...	...
Crothers	22	24	22	24	92
Lawrence	24	24	23	22	93
Buckel	25	24	22	23	94
Stone	21	19	23	19	82
Woodmaney	17	16	...	...	...
Plank	...	17	23	40	...

Cunningham	30	14	Greene	30	13
Cockrill	30	13	Litherbury	30	13
M. Thompson	32	12	Fuller	31	13
R. Thompson	32	14	Graham	32	15
Peck	29	12	Faurote	29	14
B 27	30	13	Metzger	29	11
Parsons	30	12	Harlan, Sr.	28	12
Dixon	31	15	Harlan, Jr.	29	...
Crothers	30	14	Johnson	30	14
Nicolai	32	13	Gates	31	14
Roth	30	13	Schroeder	30	13
Cooper	29	14	Kimball	30	15
Wasson	29	12	McDermott	29	14
Baggerman	30	14	Tucker	29	15
Davidson	28	14	Buckels	28	...
Snyder	32	13	Meyer	28	...
Mackie	30	15	Planck	29	14
G. Franke	28	...	Bower	29	14
P. Franke	29	13	Ditto	31	14
Hickmers	31	13	Zafeelt	30	14
Bonson	30	12	...	...	...

W. S. Colfax, Jr.	23	T. E. Doremus	18
J. H. Minnick	22	C. M. Buckmaster	18
D. J. Dougherty	22	Dr. Horace Betts	18
H. H. Lukens	22	J. J. Magahern	18
J. B. McHugh	22	W. Ramsay	18
J. T. Skelley	22	Dr. H. Paterson	18
H. P. Carlon	22	Harry W. Bush	17
Z. H. Lofland	22	L. L. Jarrell	17
Stanley Tughton	22	H. T. Reed	17
Dr. Stanley Steele	21	T. W. Kethley	17
Wm. A. Joslyn	21	N. Stewart	17
J. Edmunsou	21	I. Turner	16
Wm. Hammond	21	W. J. Jensen	16
J. Anderson, Jr.	21	F. H. Springer	15
W. A. Casey	21	Victor du Pont	15
William Coyne	21	Martin	15
A. F. Hickman	21	W. J. Highfield	15
P. D. Guest	20	W. H. Hartlove	15
J. S. Newman	20	W. B. Smith, Jr.	14
H. L. Morgan	20	I. G. David	14
W. Tomlinson	20	Clyde Leedom	13
O. R. Dickey	20	C. N. Scarborough	13
N. R. Smith	20	T. Mathewson	12
R. Whitworth	20	S. Smith	12
R. A. Vance	20	E. H. Lambert	11
R. P. Choate	20	E. Biles	7
Dave Lindsay	20	Dr. C. Jeffries, Jr.	5

KIMBALL WINS WESTERN HANDICAP.
P. S. Kimball, of Waukesha, Wis., won the Great Western Handicap at live birds, the final and feature event of the shoot. Kimball was tie with Jay Graham, Luther Tucker, Harvey Dixon and George K. Mackie at the close of the regular program, each having killed 15 straight. In the shoot-off Kimball killed eight straight, winning out over the other four. Jay Graham and E. W. Arnold were tied for first place in the target handicap shoot, with 97 each out of a possible 100, and in the shoot-off, Graham won out by breaking 23 straight, while Arnold broke 22 straight. Harry Snyder and Jay Graham were tied for high amateur in the regular target program, each breaking 97 out of a possible 100. H. Clark was high professional with 97 out of a possible 100. Scores:

TARGET SCORES.
REGULAR PROGRAM.

Peck	24	23	23	24	94
Ditto	22	21	22	23	88
Dixon	23	21	22	23	87
Bower	21	22	14	25	82
*D. Elliott	21	17	20	20	78
*Marshall	23	24	23	25	95
*H. Sherman	22	18	22	21	83
Parsons	24	24	18	24	90
Cooper	19	22	21	21	86
Cosby	23	24	21	25	93
*Maxwell	25	22	22	25	94
Smith	24	23	23	20	80
Gates	20	25	22	23	80
Schroeder	19	22	21	22	84
Bray	23	22	20	23	88
*German	24	22	24	25	95
Snyder	25	22	25	25	97
Nicolai	25	21	22	21	89
Greene	21	18	18	16	73
*Gross	22	20	21	24	87
Mackie	20	23	21	23	87
*Mostin	22	21	22	23	88
Bouson	19	25	22	21	87
Hoyne	22	22	24	25	93

ELLIOTT CUP EVENT.

Peck	19	21	22	22	84
Ditto	23	23	20	20	86
Dixon	20	23	21	21	85
Bower	21	19	20	23	83
Parsons	22	21	22	24	89
Cooper	20	18	18	20	78
Cosby	21	18	23	21	83
Gates	20	22	19	20	81
Schroeder	23	21	24	21	89
Bray	23	21	23	22	89
Snyder	22	22	21	23	88
Nicolai	21	23	21	23	88
Greene	21	17	...	...	...
Mackie	18	23	22	20	83
Bonson	22	22	18	21	83
Hoyne	22	22	...	...	...
Guinotte	17	18	21	19	75
Fuller	20	24	23	21	90
Graham	25	25	23	24	97
McDermott	21	20	18	21	80
Arnold	25	24	23	25	97
Rankin	20	23	21	20	84
Ridley	23	24	21	25	93
Thomas	19	23	...	...	...
Wagonroodt	20	21	18	17	76
Johnson	19	21	...	...	...
Renfro	24	23	18	23	88
Baggerman	18	23	20	22	83
Tucker	22	20	18	21	81
Glover	20	17	...	...	...
David	23	23	19	23	88
Stafford	25	21	21	21	88
Metz	23	19	16	16	74
Crothers	24	22	25	18	89
Buckel	21	21	...	...	...
Stone	18	17	10	12	57
Planck	17	22	19	22	80
R. Thompson	23	21	22	22	79
B 27	20	20	...	...	...
M. Thompson	20	20	...	...	...
Parsons	19	20	...	...	...
Schneider	19	18	...	...	...

GREAT WESTERN HANDICAP.

H. T.	H. T.		
Hown	28 13 Guinotte	30	...
Hilland	28 12 Ridley	30	12

RICHARDSON DU PONT LEADER.
Former State Champion Tops Field of Sixty-Six Shooters.

BY T. E. DOREMUS.
Wilmington, Del., February 19.—Alden B. Richardson, of Dover, was high man at the weekly shoot of the du Pont Gun Club on February 17. He broke 96 out of 100 targets, missing but one in the first 75. He broke 25 straight. W. S. Colfax, Jr., was but one target behind, making a score of 95 out of 100. William G. Wood and F. H. Springer each broke 25 straight. There were 66 marksmen at the traps, an unusually large number for a February shoot. There were three contests for challenge cups. In Class B, Victor du Pont won the cup from H. P. Carlon, the holder, by a score of 38 out of 50. Carlon's score was 36. J. H. Minnick shot two matches for the cup in Class C. In the first he successfully defended the trophy by defeating W. J. Highfield, 43 to 33, out of 50. He lost the second match to J. W. Anderson, Jr., 43 to 40. These shooters, with handicaps added, made perfect scores in the Eugene E. du Pont contest: Henry Winchester, Stanley Tughton, L. C. Lyon and J. W. Anderson, Jr. O. R. Dickey, a veteran trap shooter, representing the United States Cartridge Company, was the guest of the club. He made a good showing. The scores in detail follow.

A. B. Richards	25	Edward Banks	19
L. C. Lyon	24	J. T. Birch	19
A. H. Lobb	24	Wm. G. Wood	19
H. Winchester	24	John Davis	19
E. E. du Pont	24	Leslie Mathewson	19
J. T. Roberson	24	Geo. H. Mitchell	19

The scores in the Coleman du Pont merchandise events were: Class A, 25 out of 25. A. B. Richardson; Class B, 24 out of 25. L. C. Lyon; Class C, 22 out of 25. J. H. Minnick; Class D, H. L. Morgan.
Other scores were: Class B, challenge cup match, H. P. Carlon, holder, 36 out of 50; Victor du Pont, challenger, 38; won by Victor du Pont. Class C, challenge cup match, J. H. Minnick, holder, 43 out of 50; W. J. Highfield, challenger, 33; won by Minnick. Second match for Class C challenge cup, J. H. Minnick, holder, 40 out of 50; J. W. Anderson, Jr., challenger, 43; won by J. W. Anderson, Jr. Protection race, W. G. Wood, 23; D. J. Dougherty, 23; 46 out of 50. Dr. A. Patterson, 18; L. C. Lyon, 27; 45 out of 50. H. H. Lukens, 28; Dr. Stanley Steele, 18; 46 out of 50.
NOTES.
A. B. Richardson must have been trying out another strange gun.
President William Coyne joined the other "joys" with a pleasing 21x25.
J. T. Roberson is getting ready for a Garrison finish in the league—24x25 is about right.
Henry Winchester broke loose again this week after going through a short slump of "goose eggs."
It's a safe bet that W. J. Highfield and I. Turner had something going again on the team on which they shot aside of each other.
The du Pont boys were especially pleased to have the veteran of the shooting game, O. R. Dickey, of the United States Cartridge Co., with them. He left with his usual feeling of good will.
Harry H. Lukens pleased all hands on Saturday—first when he turned up after a considerable absence, and second when he demonstrated with a 22 that he is there with the real goods. He shoots a "Stevens pointer."
Sixty-six shooters, of whom 33 broke 20x25 or better in the weekly club event, is a beautiful exhibition by a club only a little over a year old, which started with almost all green shooters, and a policy of less targets and more shooters. Their membership was over 500 on the first anniversary.

CURRENT COMMENT By Gun Editor Thomas J. Dando

PHILADELPHIA, FEBRUARY 24, 1912.

PLAN PACIFIC COAST HANDICAP.

THE Interstate Association is making big strides forward in its desire to arrange all its big shooting events for the Summer campaign.

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 14, 1912.—Sporting Life Pub. Company, Philadelphia, Pa.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Please announce to the readers of "Sporting Life" that the Seventh Pacific Coast Handicap Tournament will be held at Portland, Oregon, August 27, 28 and 29, under the auspices of the Portland Gun Club.

NEW INTERSTATE MEMBER.

THE Interstate Association, the governing body of trap shooting, received a valuable acquisition to its forces during the past week, when the United States Cartridge Company, of Lowell, Mass., became a member of the organization.

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 16, 1912.—Editor "Sporting Life."—I beg to advise you that the United States Cartridge Company, of Lowell, Mass., has been elected to membership in the Interstate Association.

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BOSTON A. A. WINS TEAM RACE.

Riverside Shooters Capture First Leg From U. S. M. Gun Club.

Boston, Mass., February 19.—The B. A. A. Gun Club defeated the United Shoe M. G. Club, of Beverly, in the first half of their interclub team match, on February 17, at the Riverside traps by 30 birds.

Table with columns: Targets, T. C. Adams, E. Gleason, B. Farmer, J. L. Snow, J. E. Lynch, Total. Scores: 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 88, 83, 81, 76, 61, 389.

U. S. M. C. Table with columns: Name, Scores. Includes A. T. Foster, A. C. Spencer, S. Winslow, Jr., T. A. Whidden, W. A. Hurd, Total, High gun for B. A. A., T. C. Adams, High gun for U. S. M. C., A. T. Foster, Weeklyn club handicap, 100 targets, expert, Targets, W. B. Darton, W. C. Brooks, C. B. Tucker, R. Smith, H. W. Knights, C. P. Blinn, E. Wigglesworth, F. R. Sweet, F. H. Richards, F. Whitney, L. H. Davis, M. E. Cobb, G. Munroe, E. E. Clapp, *Guests.

LOS ANGELES' BIG TOURNEY.

Merchandise Event Draws Fine Entry—F. B. Mills is High.

BY M. D. HURLEY.

Los Angeles, Cal., February 16.—The Los Angeles Gun Club held its first 1912 merchandise shoot at the Venice Park recently. The attendance was all that could be expected, and every one seemed satisfied with the day's sport.

Table with columns: Name, Scores. Includes William Pugh and J. F. Mallory, Robert Bungay, J. C. McGowan, A. L. Leighton, W. L. Gurrison, G. Persinger, W. Higgins, C. E. Groat, P. E. Peterson, A. J. Williams, F. Grewell, S. C. Miller, J. Truesdale, L. E. Hall, Dr. Thomas, S. R. Smith, Mrs. Thomas, C. W. Hitch, T. W. Neil, Jos. Singer, F. M. McSawyer, D. E. Llewellyn, W. H. Wilshire, H. P. Duesee, L. E. Parker, C. Clement, H. N. Welch, E. H. Boring, F. Kimble, Capt. Du Bray, C. J. Eaton, Mrs. E. H. Bohring, Mrs. J. F. Mallory, S. W. Front.

Springer Star at Stanley Club.

Toronto, Ont., February 16.—Despite the cold weather, quite a number turned out at the Stanley Gun Club on Saturday and some good scores were made, Springer breaking 26 straight.

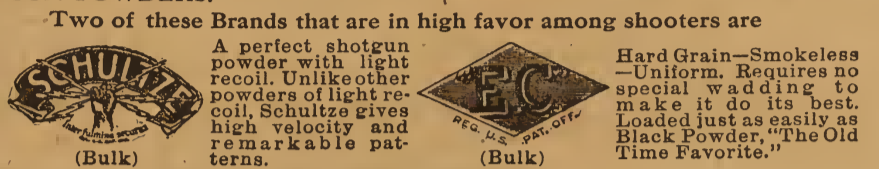
Table with columns: Name, Scores. Includes Macklem, Macdonald, Lundy, Springer, Hudley, Sockett, Sawden, Scheibe, Ingham, Halford, Hogarth, Hulme, Buck, Ten Eyck, Goffatt.

Fairmont Club's Weekly Event.

Fairmont, W. Va., February 17.—Considering the fine weather and conditions, a larger attendance was expected at the Fairmont Gun Club this afternoon. The

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scores were only fair, but considering the lack of practice and 60-yard targets, no one was disappointed. Arrangements are being made to change the conditions at Trap No. 1 by raising the trap about two feet.

SECOND INDOOR TRAP SHOOT EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SPORTSMENS' SHOW. S. M. VanAllen, Wm. J. Poth, Mgrs. March 1st-9th, Inclusive. Madison Square Garden NEW YORK CITY.

Farragut Sportsmen's Weekly Shoot. Camden, N. J., February 19.—But a half-dozen gunners participated in the shoot held by the Farragut Sportsmen's Association on February 17.

Anglers' Casting Tournament. Public School Athletic League's Rifle Shoot. Boys' Camp Exhibit—Boy Scouts. Mountain Ride of Mounted Hunters. Buffalo Jones Lassoing African Wild Animals—Films. Annie Oakley Shooting Clay Pigeons. MAURICE LEVI'S BAND. GENERAL ADMISSION, 50c. CHILDREN 25c.

Table with columns: Name, Scores. Includes Ed. H. Taylor, W. Wiedebusch, J. F. Phillips, R. M. Heite, W. M. Riggs, ED. H. TAYLOR. Also Farragut scores: Duer, Hetteroth, Gehrke, von Nieda, Till.

Interstate Association's Seventh Pacific Coast Handicap tournament, Portland, Ore., under the auspices of Portland Gun Club, August 27, 28 and 29. A Week's Registration. Since our last issue the following additional registrations for shoots have been received by Secretary-Treasurer Elmer E. Shaner, of the Interstate Association:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS. Interstate Association Handicaps. Interstate Association's Seventh Southern Handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Columbus Gun Club, Columbus, Ga., May 14, 15 and 16. Interstate Association's Thirteenth Grand American Handicap tournament, Springfield, Ill., on the grounds of the Illinois Gun Club, on June 18, 19, 20 and 21. Interstate Association's Seventh Eastern Handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Bradford Gun Club, Bradford, Pa., July 9, 10 and 11. Interstate Association's Seventh Western Handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Kansas City Gun Club, Kansas City, Mo., August 14, 15 and 16.

Interstate Association's Seventh Pacific Coast Handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Webster Gun Club, John Sherbino, secretary. June 6, 7, 8—Newark, N. J. New Jersey State Sportsmen's Association tournament. Chas. T. Day, secretary. June 18, 19—Barre, Vt. Vermont State tournament, under the auspices of the Barre Gun Club. Douglas M. Barclay, president. July 22, 23—Crookston, Minn. Crookston Gun Club. W. E. Rowe, president. August 20, 21—Sioux Falls, S. D. Sioux Falls Gun Club. G. Adolph Olson, secretary. August 27, 29—Portland, Ore. The Interstate Association's Seventh Pacific Coast Handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Portland Gun Club; \$1000 added money. The winner of first place in the Pacific Coast Handicap is guaranteed \$250 in cash and a trophy. Elmer E. Shaner, secretary-treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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2nd—H. M. Pope	3rd—W. A. Tewes	2nd—W. Rosenbaum	2nd—W. Keim	5th—W. A. Tewes
3rd—Dr. J. H. Snook	4th—H. M. Pope	3rd—F. C. Ross	3rd—W. A. Tewes	
4th—M. Baal		4th—M. Dorrier	4th—M. Dorrier	

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SHOOTERS IN HOLIDAY SHOOT.

Handlers of Shotgun Turn Out in Force On Lincoln's Birthday.

Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, was celebrated by trap shooters in all sections of the country as a holiday and handlers of the shotgun flocked to the traps. The weather was propitious in most sections and the contests were therefore pleasurable and also productive of high scores. The shooters around the larger cities were especially active, but they were also out in the other shooting centers. The results of these contests are appended:



Gipe Star of Prospect Shoot.

Baltimore, Md., February 16.—A classy shoot was held on Lincoln's Birthday by Harry A. Brehm and Albert B. Gipe at Prospect Park. Although the weather conditions were very severe, the sport was good and the banging continued until darkness set in. The main event on the program, at 20 white flyers, went to Gipe, with a straight run. He also repeated his clever marksmanship in the last race by going straight again. He was tied by George P. Mordecai. Scores:

First event.	
Shaab	8 Mallory
Wilson	7
Second event.	
Brehm	5 Mallory
Wilson	6 Gipe
Malone	6 Mordecai
Shaab	5
Third event, main event.	
Mordecai	16 Shaab
Brehm	15 Gipe
Malone	18 Albert
Wilson	17 Adler
Mallory	18
Fourth event.	
Mallory	7 Shaab
Wilson	9 Brehm
Gipe	10 Albert
Smith	6 Mordecai

Robin Hood Trophy Shoot.

Concord, L. I., February 16.—The Robin Hood Gun Club held its regular holiday shoot on Lincoln's Birthday. Owing to the cold weather only eight gunners were on the firing line and they turned in some good scores. The main event was at 100 targets for the 1912 cup, to be won three times. B. Beyersdep, who has been shooting at the traps less than one year, came along and put it all over the old shooters. Scores:

B. Beyersdep	87	G. Connelley	77
G. F. Hutchings	73	J. Bardes	66
S. Edwards	83	C. Rowley	75
W. L. Bush	72	A. Meyers	78

DU PONT FOB.

Targets	25	Targets	25
C. Rowley	22	G. Connelley	15
G. F. Hutchings	17	W. L. Bush	18
S. Edwards	16	GEO. CONNELLEY.	

Bath Beach Scores Run High.

New York, N. Y., February 19.—Excellent shooting was witnessed at the Bath Beach traps of the Marine and Field Club, on Saturday, February 17. The conditions were perfect, and as a result the different events were taken by high scores. E. H. Lott did the best work of the day, taking a leg on the February Cup with a total of 91 out of a possible 100 targets, and a trophy shoot with a straight score of 25 targets. Mr.

Lott shot from scratch. The other winners included C. D. Sayre, J. H. Emanuel, Jr., and J. M. Knox. The scores:

Events	1	2	3	4
E. H. Lott	0 91	0 25	0 23	0 23
J. H. Knox	16 86	4 23	4 19	4 25
P. R. Towne	0 83	0 21	0 18	0 24
C. H. Camp	8 73	2 19	2 16	2 22
C. D. Sayre	16 73	4 19	4 25	4 23
J. H. Emanuel, Jr.		2 21		

S. S. WHITE'S MONTHLY SHOOT.

Thirty-Six Shooters Compete at Holmsburg for Club Trophies.

BY E. F. SLEAR.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 19.—Saturday, February 17, was S. S. White day on the Keystone grounds, at Holmsburg, Pa. There were 36 shooters, including seven visitors. The usual White program of four 25-target events was run off. The first 25 targets, with handicap added, were for the club spoon, which was won by Billy Severn. The next was the class challenge cups event at 50 targets, with four classes. These cups are yearly donations and the high man in each class every month gets a win on their respective trophy, the man having the most number of wins securing the cups at the end of the shooting season. Landis, in Class A, was best man. Ford beat out the B men, Fontaine the C delegation and Murray was the top scorer in D class. These 50 targets also constituted the competition for the Frank M. Eames cup, another yearly donation, and both Heite and Ford being tied for high gun, each was given credit for a win on the trophy. Tansey, who was runner-up, captured a silver spoon for his achievement. Event three, at 25 targets, totaling 75 targets, was for the Keystone cup, which is a twelve-month test. Heite, Ford, Tansey and Severn all got a leg on this prize with the highest possible score of 75. Landis, Ford and Severn each grasped a win on the William E. Robinson trophy. Harry Landis, shooting the best actual score of the day, with 96 out of his 100, captured the dipper offered for that feat. Ford and Severn gave him a close rub for the honors, with 92 smashes apiece. The former captured a spoon for the best score made on his 75 targets. The excellent scores show that the boys took full advantage of the fine weather conditions. Scores:

Hand	C.	H.	R.	T.	B.	50	T.	75	B.	150	S.
Fontaine	3	20	23	22	46	20	69	23	83	95	
Cook	1	23	24	24	49	21	72	22	85	97	
Westcott	3	23	23	18	47	18	68	20	79	91	
Pratt	2	25	25	19	48	23	73	70	87	95	
Heite	9	19	25	17	54	12	75				
Perry	1	22	23	19	43	19	63	12	82	86	
Freeman		13		18		21		21	73	73	
Ford	3	24	24	24	54	23	75	21	92	100	
Wilson	2	23	25	22	49	21	72	23	80	97	
Murray	4	21	25	18	47	20	71	22	81	97	
Taylor	9	8	17	8	34	5	48	12	33	69	
Hinkson	5	16	21	18	44	13	62	18	85	85	
Landis	1	22	23	24	48	25	75	25	96	100	
Kendall	6	15	21	18	45	17	62	11	58	78	
Watson	5	18	23	15	43	14	62	11	58	78	
Severn	3	24	25	21	51	22	75	25	92	100	
McKean	4	16	22	15	43	19	68	22	72	96	
Keene	1	20	21	15	41	19	68	22	72	96	
Abbott	4	21	25	21	50	19	73	20	81	93	
Slear		22	22	24	46						
Batson		23	23	20	43						
R. Landis		17	17	15	32	19	51	17	68		
Firth		4	14	18	17	39	21	64	22	74	86
Sidebotham		2	20	22	23	47	18	67	20	81	89
Brown		10	12	12	24						
Evans		10	15	10	35						
Miller		8	8	11							
Meng		10	11	13	34						
Knepley		13	13	12							
Rowland		4	20	24	40	16	69	18	75	91	

Tansey	A	2	24	25	23	51	24	75	19	90	96
George	B	3	17	20	18	41					
Robinson	C	4	23	25	19	50					
Edwards		17		23	40						
White	B	3	18	21	19	43	21	64	23	81	93

Tom Tansey broke a 24, 23, 24—then a 10. Latelle White arrived a bit late, but he wound off a 93 at that.

Walter Firth broke an 18, 19 and 22 out of three 25s from 19 yards during the Shannon trophy races—19 yards for Walter hereafter.

Frank Sidebotham and the "Jerseyites" had an all-afternoon contest. Frank came pretty near having the first and last laugh at that.

Our dear Kendall is some coach at the shooting game. He helped Kendall Miller, who used four different guns, to break an 8 and 11 out of two strings of 25 on the first crack at 'em.

This is the first shoot for Chas. Rowland, one of the S. S. White boys, since last November. He shot a very good score. His recent stay in the hospital for an appendicitis operation has brought him out in good health.

Among the visitors were six men who, with the exception of David, Jr., had never shot at the trap before. At the home club meet Friday, when Fred Plum struck a little stump, he threw up his hat for Fred to try something easy. Fred shot and hit his mark, but when he came to investigate he found that Doc had placed Fred's own hat inside of the old one.

One of the most pleasing incidents at the grounds, as the long line of shooters filed into the club house from the 1.08 train, was the pleasing greeting by our long-lost friend, Dave Longenecker, who stood at the entrance and greeted each shooter with a hearty handshake. Dave is looking finer than ever and was one of the most enthusiastic in the bunch. This was his first appearance for about a year.

At the Keystone grounds on Saturday the J. B. Shannon trophy was the centre of interest. The Jerseymen came out in force for Frank Sidebotham's scalp. Frank has been making victims of 'em all ever since November, and practically had the trophy at a standstill, but after he had disposed of Slear, 19 to 20, both from 19 yards, Ed. Cordery, of the South End Club, made a broadside attack. They tied with 21 each. In the shoot-off our big Chief from Frankford took off his hat to the Jerseyite, who smashed 24x25 from 17 yards. The challenge list to date is as follows: Abbott, McKean, Chalmers, Renner, Redman, Soley, Anthony, Wiley, Lindley, Wakenan, Horner, Aiman, W. H. Mathews, R. Waters, Holloway, Pratt, Slear, Sidebotham. The following are the victories recorded to date: Sidebotham 7, Slear 3, Cordery 2, Pratt 2, Abbott 1, Clegg 1. The trophy has only three Saturdays to go, as the contest closes March 9.

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Bergen Beach's Fine Shoot.

Bergen Beach, L. I., February 19.—Twenty-one gunners took part in the sliding distance handicap of the Bergen Beach Gun Club, on February 17. The best score was made by Sim Glover, a professional, who broke 91 out of a possible 100 targets. However, the prize was taken by P. Von Boeckman, who had a total of 89 targets to his credit. The scores follow:

Targets	20	20	20	20	20	Tl.
Sim Glover	18	19	17	20	17	91
P. Von Boeckman	18	19	16	17	19	89
J. Voorhees	17	19	17	18	17	88
D. Sauer	19	18	16	15	18	86
W. Skifforth	18	19	18	17	11	83
A. Griffith	14	12	17	19	19	81
W. L. Skidmore	14	17	17	17	11	76
R. Morgan	17	16	13	17	13	76
H. D. Bergen	16	11	15	17	17	76
D. Judd	16	18	14	12	15	75
A. V. Snydam	10	17	15	17	16	75
C. Brown	18	10	12	14	14	68
Dr. Mac Evitt	10	11	13	16	14	64
Dr. Dunfield	13	11	12	17	11	64
H. W. Dreyer	10	13	14	12	13	62
C. Crawford	10	10	12	14	13	59
W. Sevein	9	12	13	11	10	55
Dr. Moeller	14	11	7	13	8	53
H. Tracey	10	11	14			
G. Gates	17	16				

SPOTTS LEADER AT N. Y. A. C.

His Score of 97 Out of 100 Earns First Honors in Shoot.

New York, February 19.—R. L. Spotts took the majority of the prizes at the weekly shoot of the New York A. C. at Travers Island on February 17. He won the high gun prize with a total of 97 out of a possible 100 targets, shooting from scratch. Spotts also was the winner of the first leg on the Billings Cup. The trophy is a new one, up for competition under the conditions that will govern the Olympic shoot. The scores:

February cup, 25 targets, handicap.	H. T.
G. F. Pelham	4 25
W. J. Simpson	3 25
O. C. Grinnell	1 24
C. W. Billings	2 24
T. Lenane	3 24
R. M. Owen	3 24
R. L. Spotts	0 23
G. J. Corbett	0 22
G. F. McMahon	2 22

Shoot-off, same conditions.	H. T.
G. F. Pelham	3 25
W. J. Simpson	3 22
Lenane trophy, 25 targets, handicap. <th>H. T.</th>	H. T.
R. L. Spotts	0 25
T. Lenane	3 25
W. B. Ogden	2 25
G. F. Pelham	4 25
A. E. Ranney	1 25
G. F. McMahon	2 25
G. M. Thomson	4 25
R. R. Debacher	4 24
B. M. Higginson	2 24
C. W. Billings	2 23

President's cup, 25 targets, handicap.	H. T.
C. W. Billings	2 25
R. L. Spotts	0 24
G. J. Corbett	1 23
O. C. Grinnell	2 23
G. F. McMahon	3 23
G. Lyon	0 23
R. O. Miller	5 23
R. W. Owen	2 22
G. F. Pelham	4 22
A. E. Ranney	2 21
B. M. Higginson	0 21

Lenembeck trophy, 25 targets, handicap.	H. T.
R. L. Spotts	0 25
A. E. Ranney	2 25
O. C. Grinnell	2 25
T. Lenane	4 25
R. W. Owen	4 25
G. M. Thomson	5 25
G. Lyon	2 24
W. B. Ogden	2 23
G. F. McMahon	2 23
R. O. Miller	5 22

Billings trophy, 25 targets, scratch, gun below elbow.	H. T.
R. L. Spotts	23
C. W. Billings	22
G. Lyon	21
W. J. Simpson	20
J. W. Hessian	17

Ten pairs of doubles, scratch.	H. T.
C. W. Billings	17
G. A. Lyon	16
G. F. McMahon	16
J. W. Hessian	15
F. H. Schaffler	15
G. F. Pelham	13
R. W. Owen	13

Distance handicap, 25 targets.	H. T.
B. Higginson	20
Dr. Johnson	19
G. F. Pelham	17
G. M. Thomson	16
W. J. Simpson	18
C. W. Billings	20
G. J. Corbett	20
A. E. Ranney	20
O. C. Grinnell	19
G. F. McMahon	18

N. Webb Winner at Greenwich Club.

Greenwich, Conn., February 19.—Trap shooting at the Greenwich Country Club, on February 17, resulted as follows:

Hp.Bk. Tl.	Hp.Bk. Tl.
N. Webb	24 76 100
E. T. Hall	28 57 85
E. C. Willis	25 74 99
J. Masury	0 82 82
C. S. Willis	12 84 96
G. Pynchon	20 61 81
M. Foster	20 76 96
W. Sewell	20 55 75
von der Ropp	0 89 89
F. Kimbley	20 55 75

Ira E. Eyer, Maryland's State champion at targets, is confined to his bed, but is rapidly improving.

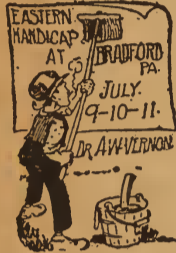
ABOUT SHOOTERS

NOT TOO PERSONAL, BUT JUST PERSONAL ENOUGH.

Gossip and Comment About Sportsmen Whom the Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of Fame.

BY THOMAS D. RICHTER.

Dr. A. W. Vernon, secretary of the Bradford, Pa., Gun Club, is literally "buried with work" just now. The Eastern Handicap of the Interstate Association is slated to be held over the Bradford traps on July 9, 10 and 11, and already plans are under way for the event. Dr. Vernon, fortunately, has had considerable experience handling big events, so that he is not at a loss for methods. The shooters who contemplate attending this event can rest assured they will find every want cared for. Last year the Eastern Handicap, at Wilmington, set a high-water mark for these events and the Bradford men are making an effort to boost this standard.



The Keystone Shooting League of Philadelphia, Pa., held its annual election on February 17, the following officers being chosen: President, Walter H. Sterling; vice president, I. W. Budd; secretary, Frank Eames; treasurer, E. R. Johnson; captain, W. E. Lockwood; assistant captain, W. A. Hendrickson; scorer, J. F. Pratt; directors: F. M. Eames, H. L. David, P. F. du Pont; handicap committee: Sterling, Pratt, Lockwood and Hendrickson.

Ed. H. Taylor writes from Fairmont, W. Va., that the outlook for the Monongahela Valley League is very bright, as is the case with the West Virginia State shoot. An effort is being made to have the E. C. Cup race decided at the latter shoot.

Secretary F. R. Wickes, of the Orange, N. J., Gun Club, announces that his club will hold a ten-man team race with the Newton, N. J., team, on Washington's Birthday. The officers who were recently elected, are as follows: Dr. George W. Dalceley, president; Roland Hopper, vice president; A. Woelker, treasurer; F. R. Wickes, secretary.

In a practice shoot recently at the Los Angeles, Cal., Gun Club, J. F. Mallory, the noted Los Angeles amateur, showed a number of his club members who had gathered for their week-day practice, that he was a great saucer-smasher. Mallory hung up a new record for the grounds by breaking 100 straight targets, using Peters high gun regular factory loads.

O. R. Dickey, the veteran representative of the United States Cartridge Company, was a "Sporting Life" visitor on Saturday, while en route home from a trip through the South, which lasted several months. Dickey was a Grand American Handicap winner in the middle '90's and for a decade was one of America's leading trap shooters. He is extremely valuable as a trade representative owing to his long experience, wide acquaintanceship and his knowledge of shooting.

In preparation for his big white flyer match with J. D. Gay, of Kentucky, Harry Kahler, the youthful Philadelphia, shot a race at 50 flyers with Harry Buckwalter, on February 17, winning, 48 to 40.

William Wolstencroft, Philadelphia's noted all-around shot, is taking a squad of Quaker City white flyer experts to the big shoot at Baltimore, Md., on February 24.

On February 12, the rifle team representing the Cuyahoga Rifle Club in the N. R. A. interclub matches, made a score of 994 out of a possible 1000, equaling the world's record. The individual scores of the team are as follows: F. C. Fry, 200; J. Humphrey, 200; M. M. Foster, 199; W. C. Andrews, 198; G. L. Hale, 197, making a total of 994. The entire team used Peters factory loaded .22 long rifle semi-smokeless cartridges and all declared these loads to be as near perfection as anything could possibly be.

Twenty marksmen took part in a lively flying board shooting match at the

Lorraine, Pa., Gun Club, on February 10, for a bull of 1400 pounds. There was some close shooting and the judges decided that William Williams and John Flannery were entitled to the prize.

An interesting flyer shoot was held at Salisbury Square, Pa., on February 10. There were 20 flyers to the man. M. J. Fisch was high gun, landing all the flyers.

C. A. Lockwood, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won the Lincoln's Birthday trap shoot, at Pinehurst, N. C., with a score of 97. R. A. Bowers, of Philadelphia, and A. H. Pease, of Hartford, Conn., tied for second at 93.

E. S. Richards, the Philadelphian, traveling in the South for the Western Cartridge Company, writes that his company is taking limit orders for the shells that makes limit scores. He expects to be back in the Quaker City in March.

J. Jackson, J. Emerson and J. Bower made straight scores of ten each and tied for first place in the weekly shoot at the Eagle Gun Club, Manoa, Pa., on February 17.

William Clegg, of Philadelphia, and H. Morrison, of Dover, N. J., divided the money in the white flyer shoot at White Marsh, Pa., on February 15, both getting a straight 25. Eighteen participated in the event.

Harry S. Welles, of the Dead Shot Powder Company, has returned to his Boston headquarters after a successful Southern trip.

The Riverside Gun Club, of Red Bank, N. J., one of the famous clubs that died with the killing of live-bird shooting in New Jersey, is now being revived through the efforts of Al Ivins, the well-known target smasher. James Cooper, Jr., John Cooper, Oscar Hesse, Jr., Tabor Parker, R. D. Foxwell, Edward M. Cooper, Asa Whymer, T. Bennett, H. N. Supp and W. R. Clayton are among the trap shooters who are aiding Ivins.

George Hassam, the former Paleface Gun Club star, who is now allied with the United States Cartridge Company, is preparing to start out on a Summer's campaign at the registered tournaments.

Our Southern correspondent, while traveling through Tennessee recently, stopped off at a little town to have a pleasing 30-minute chat with the winner of the 1907 G. A. H., and incidentally, the man who shot the town of Trezevant, Tenn., onto the map—Jeff Blanks. He is looking forward to the 1912 G. A. H., at Springfield, Ill., with much interest.

The Topperweins are taking advantage of sunshine and good weather at San Antonio, Tex., by shooting almost daily on their private shooting grounds, working out some new stunts for the coming season. Mrs. "Top," besides working hard with the rifle and revolver, continues to make good scores with the shotgun. Her latest was 193 out of 200.

At the annual tournament of the 22 calibre Indoor League of the United States, at Brooklyn, N. Y., February 3 to 10, Peters .22 calibre semi-smokeless cartridges kept up its great record of winnings, covering the past 15 years. In the continuous match, expert match, bull's-eye match and honor target, shooters using Peters cartridges won and tied for first place in each. In addition to this, they won second, third and fourth in a number of matches, scored the highest and second highest number of bull's-eyes and won the most premiums. A still further evidence of the superiority of this famous ammunition, evidence which is perhaps the most conclusive of all, is the fact that 60 per cent. of all the contestants used the original and only semi-smokeless kind as manufactured by The Peters Cartridge Company.

J. Franklin Meehan, secretary of the Highland Gun Club, of Philadelphia, has been having a successful quail hunt at Pinehurst, N. C., during the past week.

Harry Buckwalter and I. H. Knowles announce another big white flyer event for March 6, at Fort Washington, Pa., at 50 flyers, entrance \$32.50; purse division, 40, 35 and 25, class shooting. The sliding handicap will be used.

The Huntingdon Valley Country Club marksmen got into action again at Noble, Pa., on February 17, and J. W. Lippincott carried off the high honors.

Ed. O'Brien, the "Dead Shot" professional, broke 122x125 on the first day and 123x125 third day, a total of 245x250, in bad weather and snow storm at Elliott's eighth annual Interstate shoot at Kansas City last week.

The Pomona, Cal., Gun Club has elected the following officers: A. W. Hunsacker, president; J. F. Nugent, vice

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At the 1912 National Indoor .22 Calibre Rifle League Tournament recently held in New York City, two Stevens rifles and two Stevens telescopes tied for first prize in the continuous match—one of the most important matches in the tournament.

Murdock Meadow Spring Winner.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 19.—Secretary Murdock proved to be the "Fred Gilbert" of the Meadow Spring Gun Club shoot held on February 17. He succeeded in winning the Class A spoon by beating out Soley in an extra shoot-off event by 20 to 19, then finished up the day's work by totaling the greatest number of breaks on 100 targets, 87 in all. Thompson, with 21 smashes, was the best B gunner. Dr. Ivins was the closest B man to Thompson. The former smashed 19 of his targets, two less than Thompson secured. Scores:

	C.	B.	B.	B.	H.	B.	B.	B.	T.	
Murdock	A	10	13	6	14	2	22	24	20	87
Soley	A	7	10	10	15	2	22	24	19	85
Thompson	B	7	12	6	10	1	20	21	20	76
George	A	2	13	5	9	1	19	20	20	71
Moore	A	5	14	6	12	3	17	20	..	57
Hogan	A	10	14	..	..	0	22	22	23	67
Keenan	B	9	12	7	11	1	16	17	13	69
Chandler	B	8	12	..	..	1	17	18	..	38
Harkins	B	7	8	2	6	..	21	21	18	62
Hall	B	9	12	..	..	1	15	16	10	47
Armstrong	B	5	6	7	9	4	9	13	14	54
Williams, Jr.	B	3	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Ivins	B	..	..	..	..	4	15	19	11	30
Spaeth	B	..	..	..	..	12	12	14	26	..
Henry	A	7	13	..	..	1	18	19	..	39
Pierce	B	6	12	..	..	..	18	22	..	40
Reinner	B	..	..	..	..	0	17	17	..	17
Dr. Pierce	B	..	..	..	..	..	13	13	..	13

Twelve Shooters at Queens Club.

New York, N. Y., February 19.—Twelve gunners took part in a shoot at 100 targets over the traps of the Queens Club, at Queens, L. I., on February 17.

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W. Simonson, one of the best shooters in the Metropolitan district, was the winner with a total of 96 targets from scratch. He took the event by two targets from J. S. Simonson, who also shot from scratch. The scores:

	H.	T.		H.	T.	
W. Simonson	0	96	Dr. Cleghorn	..	8	79
J. S. Simonson	0	94	H. Stein	..	40	75
D. K. Morrell	20	93	T. R. Chapman	24	74	..
C. Vogel	..	20	S. J. H. Cole	..	28	73
R. Ramapoe	..	0	W. Seaman	..	8	73
C. H. Denton	20	80	K. Kiengle	..	0	68

Sunbury-Selinsgrove Club Shoot.

Sunbury, Pa., February 17.—At the regular practice shoot of the Sunbury-Selinsgrove Gun Club, on February 15, the regulars were all present, with several new men. Howell was getting them in his old form and time. Result, he beat the bunch. Thursday's regular practice shoot; scores all at 25-target events:

Howell	21	20	22	23	19	24
Hartman	22	21	21	18	19	..
Treats	22	22	..	..	..	..
Hawley	18	21	18	20	18	20
Schoffstall	18	23	19	21	..	..
Rhaffner	16	..	..	..	..	..
Shaffer	13	16	..	..	..	..
Troxell	21	17	..	..	..	..

Doubles, 12 pairs—Howell 10, Teats 16, Schoffstall 16.

Scores at Lake Breeze Club.

Salt Lake City, Utah, February 16.—The following scores were made by the Lake Breeze Gun Club on February 10:

	Sh.	Bk.		Sh.	Bk.
A. Hofeling	50	38	H. Allgood	50	26
S. Rumel	50	37	J. Hofeling	50	25
T. Rock	50	30	A. Wilds	50	16
L. Bowman	50	28	D. Williams	50	14



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PACIFIC COAST TOURISTS.

Two-Man Professional Teams Continue Making High Scores.

The two-man professional teams that have been touring the Pacific Coast and the Northwest continue to make high scores and scatter good sportsmanship among the shooters. The results follow:

Portland Gains Third Victory.

Gooding, Idaho, February 10.—Low scores prevailed in the touring trap shooting tournament held here under the auspices of the Gooding Gun Club this afternoon. Portland won out today with 177 breaks against 171 for San Francisco. Willet was again high man, though Morgan broke in with a good score. The scores:

Portland, 177—Holohan 86, Morgan 91. San Francisco, 171—Willet 94, Randlett 77. Spokane, 158—Poston 77, Ackers 81. San Francisco has won nine, Spokane seven and Portland three in the events so far held.

Spokane Wins Sixth Straight.

Walla Walla, Wash., February 7.—Spokane made it six straight victories in the Northwestern touring trap-shooting tournament held here under the auspices of the Walla Walla Gun Club today. E. J. Chingren, the Spokane amateur, was again high man with a score of 99 out of 100, Willett was high gun among the tourists, with 97. The scores were:

Spokane, 191—Poston 96, Berger 95. San Francisco, 188—Willet 97, Randlett 91. Portland, 185—Guy Holohan 94, P. Holohan 91. San Francisco now has won nine, Spokane seven and Portland two.

Portland Wins at Twin Falls.

Twin Falls, Idaho, February 13.—Guy Holohan and E. J. Morgan, representing Portland in the touring trap shooting tournament shoot held here today, were the high guns and won the fourth shoot for the Oregon metropolis since the tour commenced. Morgan was high man, with 95. The scores were:

Portland, 186—G. Holohan 91, Morgan 95. San Francisco, 178—W. O. Willett 92, Randlett 86. Spokane, 168—Poston 86, Acker 82.

AUDUBON'S GOOD TURNOUT.

Best Crowd of Season Shoots in Contests for Trophies.

BY W. C. WOOLTON.

Buffalo, N. Y., February 19.—The warm wave which struck Buffalo helped the attendance at the second February shoot, which was held on February 17. Twenty-four shooters attended the largest shoot the club has had in some time. Kelsey won A class badge, Wacker B class, and Dr. F. M. Burke C class. Class A, spoon was won by President Covert, B class by Wacker and C class by Dr. Burke. The Lambert trophy handicap was won in A class by Covert, in B class there was no entry and in C class by Dr. Burke. The scores follow:

Table with 5 columns: Events, Targets, Lambert, Smith, Wacker, Cox, Blackmer, Eberts, Smith, Jr., Suckow, Tompkins, Savage, Kelsey, Covert, Squelch, Seymour, Porter, Davis. Rows show scores for each event.

Table with 5 columns: Hill, Eberhart, Transom, Fletcher, Singer, Dr. Burke, Frank, Brown. Rows show scores for each shooter.

Event No. 2, badge; No. 4, spoon; No. 5, Lambert handicap.

INTER-CITY SHOOT RIVALRY.

Philadelphia and New York Gunners to Meet Indoor.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 20.—Within recent years the art and science of trap shooting has developed among Philadelphia amateurs until—as the records prove—the Quaker City can boast of a coterie of top-notchers. One result is a rivalry aroused between Quakers and New York gunners for supremacy. The test will be made at the indoor trap shoot of the 1912 Sportsmen's Show, which will open at 1 P. M., on Friday, March 1, at Madison Square Garden. The match will be between five-man teams representing each city. The time will be 6 to 9:30 P. M., Wednesday, March 6. Two thousand targets will be thrown. The details are being completed by Lu-

STEPHENSON STAR AT CRESCENT.

Crack Amateur Is Beaten By Handicaps But Shoots Finely.

New York, N. Y., February 19.—Ideal weather conditions brought out a good field of gunners at the Bay Ridge traps of the Crescent A. C. on Saturday afternoon, February 17. The program was made up of the usual events, with the take-home trophy, at 100 targets, being the principal shoot of the afternoon. Fourteen gunners took part, the winner being C. H. Pulis, who shot with a handicap of 4 in 25 targets. Pulis shot in excellent form and won the event with a total of 98, the highest ever made in a shoot for a take-home prize. F. B. Stephenson, the star gunner of the club, was second with 94. Stephenson shot from scratch. Although he did excellent shooting throughout the afternoon, Stephenson failed to land any of the prizes. Handicaps were entirely too much for the scratch gunner, and long-distance men were the winners of practically every event. The scores:

Table with 4 columns: Name, H. T., A. Everett, H. F. Spooner. Rows show scores for F. B. Stephenson trophy, 25 targets.

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VETERAN FLORISTS HOLD SHOOT.

Members Revive Noted Pennsylvania Gun Club and Meet at Traps.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 16.—The Old Guard of the Florists' Gun Club, consisting of members who helped hold the Wissinoming Club in the front ranks of the shooting world years ago, held their annual reunion shoot and banquet on the grounds of C. G. Hause, in Delaware County, yesterday afternoon. Following the shoot, the gunners enjoyed an elaborate dinner, at which speeches were made by John Bur-

ton, chairman; John G. McCaraher, J. H. Sheeler, T. E. Doremus and others. The veteran George Anderson and C. G. Hause tied for the cup with 76 breaks out of their 100 targets, and left the tie to be decided on some future date. T. E. Doremus finished just one shy of tying with the leaders, and with Bisbing, Sheeler, Haywood, Dorp, Perry, Lewis, Parson and Westcott carried home a silver dipper. Scores:

Table with 4 columns: Name, B., E., B., T. Rows show scores for G. Anderson, C. G. Hause, T. E. Doremus, A. Bisbing, J. H. Sheeler, J. B. Haywood, V. V. Dorp, H. H. Perry, L. Lewis, L. C. Parson, W. B. Westcott, G. Emuser, J. G. McCaraher, J. Burton, W. J. Pechin, J. F. Hause, C. Quinby.

Fisher Leader at Clearview Club.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 19.—Harry Fisher, with 49 breaks out of his 50 targets, led the field in the monthly target shoot of the Clearview Gun Club, shot Saturday afternoon, February 17, over the Darby traps. Gideon, with 44 breaks, was runner-up to Fisher in Class A. Davidson, with 44 smashes, led the B men, and Paulson the C delegation. Scores:

Table with 4 columns: Name, B., E., B., T. Rows show scores for Fisher, Gideon, Bonsall, Perry, Bockius, Paulson, Jack, Kretzberg, Fink, Wehle, Agar, Braum, Davidson, McCullough, Willard, Martin, Holzagle, Kirsner, King, Greene, Elwell, Elsie, Steller, Dooling.

Standing of Touring Professionals

Up to February 10, Fred Willett has shot in every match of the professional two-man team tourists of the Northwest and leads in the averages which follow:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Rows show scores for Fred Willett, I. M. Fisher, C. B. Randlett, P. J. Holohan, W. A. Robertson, Guy Holohan, Hugh Poston, J. E. Reid, L. H. Reid, Fred Berger.

ther J. Squier, of Pittsburgh, and C. H. Newcomb, of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League. The New York end of the match is in the hands of R. L. Spotts, of the New York Athletic Club. For New York's protectors Neaf Apgar and Jack Fanning have volunteered the suggestion of a field of 16 shotgun sharps, from which to select 10 men, who, tried out by a preliminary, will be concentrated to the five-man New York team. The men are: F. B. Stephenson, C. W. Billings, Frank Hall, F. A. Hodgman, H. E. Renning, George J. Corbett, C. R. and F. R. James, J. H. Vandever, J. H. Hendrickson, H. E. Hendrickson, George K. Kouwenhoven, Stewart Scott, Newbold Herrick, George S. McAlpin, H. M. Brigham and D. T. Leahy.

Balmy Beach Club's Shoot.

Toronto, Ont., February 17.—The Balmy Beach Gun Club held the weekly shoot, as usual, on Saturday. On account of the cold weather the attendance was small. The following are the scores:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Sh. Bk., C. Watson, Sh. Bk., E. Hiron, G. Smith. Rows show scores for W. Josellin, T. D. McGaw, J. G. Shaw, C. Watson.

Table with 4 columns: Name, H. T., A. Everett, H. F. Spooner. Rows show scores for A. Bryant, F. B. Adams, C. R. James, Stephenson, Jr., J. F. James, L. C. Hopkins.

Monthly cup, 25 targets, handicap.

Table with 4 columns: Name, H. T., A. Everett, H. F. Spooner. Rows show scores for A. Bryant, Stephenson, Jr., F. B. Stephenson, C. W. Berner, C. R. James, J. F. James, J. P. Fairchild, A. Everett.

Team race, 25 targets, handicap.

Table with 4 columns: Name, H. T., A. Everett, H. F. Spooner. Rows show scores for J. F. James, A. Bryant.

Totals

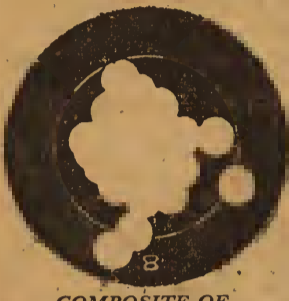
Table with 4 columns: Name, H. T., A. Everett, H. F. Spooner. Rows show scores for C. Blake, F. S. Hyatt.

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Inter-Club Record Again Boosted by WINCHESTER

.22 CALIBER RIFLES AND CARTRIDGES

Wonderful to tell, the phenomenal Inter-Club Record of 994 out of a possible 1000 points, made by the Winchester Rod and Gun Club, of New Haven, Conn., has been beaten, but it took the same club to do it, and the same shooting equipment. The new record was made in the match between the above club and the Bridgeport Club on February 13th. The table shows how and by what members it was accomplished:



COMPOSITE OF THE 100 SHOTS

G. W. Chesley	200
Captain W. H. Richard	199
H. S. Williams	199
M. O. Buttstadt	199
Captain A. F. Laudensack	198 = 995

This makes three times in succession members of the Winchester Rod and Gun Club have broken the Inter-Club Record, and in each instance every shooter used exclusively Winchester Rifles and Cartridges. If anything were needed to further convince informed shooters that Winchester Rifles and Cartridges have exceptionally good shooting qualities, these performances would change their conviction into a dead certainty.



COMPOSITE OF CHESLEY'S TARGETS

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GOOD SCORES AT CHICAGO.

Contests at Windy City Traps Draw a Representative Field.

BY WILLIAM F. MERKLE.

Chicago, Ill., February 16.—The contests at the Chicago Gun Club on February 11 were well attended and the scores ranged high. There was also a fair attendance on Saturday February 10, considering the cold weather. Scores:

SATURDAY SCORES.

Targets	15	15	20	Tl.	15	10	25
O. P. Goode	11	13	15	39	12	8	18
C. W. May	7	8	11	26	7	7	14
A. H. Ammann	14	12	17	43	12	9	21
L. Jeff	8	8	14	30	12	6	20
J. Smith	13	13	12	38	7	24	44
A. F. MacLachlan	9	13	16	38	5	20	45
E. S. Graham	15	13	13	41	6	24	51
J. B. Barto	13	13	11	37	8	8	49
C. W. Frederichs	5	5	11	31	5	5	41
L. M. Fetherston	14	13	16	43	5	5	53

Practice, 15 targets—O. P. Goode 10, C. W. May 10, A. H. Ammann 12, L. Jeff 11, J. Smith 10, A. F. MacLachlan 9, E. S. Graham 12, J. B. Barto 12, C. W. Frederichs 4.

Twelve pairs—O. P. Goode 16, L. Jeff 13, J. Smith 14, A. F. MacLachlan 16, E. S. Graham 15.

Twelve pairs—O. P. Goode 15, L. Jeff 17, A. F. MacLachlan 21, E. S. Graham 15.

NOTES.

Barto, Ammann and Graham each broke 12 out of the 15 in the practice event.

Good, Ammann and Jeff each made the same score on 15 targets following the club event.

Graham did fine work when he broke his 47x50 in the club event. Fetherston and Ammann each scored 43 in the same event.

MacLachlan topped the list on the doubles, breaking 37 out of 24 pairs; Goode and Jeff each scored 31, while Graham broke 30.

With zero weather again on tap and a sharp wind blowing the 10 shooters who came out had their troubles trying to break targets. Cold fingers would not always point the gun in the exact spot where the shooter tried to hold, and consequently many of the targets kept soaring on without a scratch.

SUNDAY SCORES.

Targets	15	15	20	Tl.	20	15	15	25
H. Wolf	15	15	19	49	20	15	15	24
L. M. Fetherston	14	13	20	47	20	15	15	24
J. S. Young	15	13	19	47	20	15	15	24
O. P. Goode	14	15	19	47	13	13	23	49
C. W. May	10	3	10	23	14	13	27	54
B. L. Kammerer	10	14	19	43	13	15	23	51
L. Jeff	11	13	16	40	12	13	21	46
C. R. Seelig, Sr.	14	15	18	47	13	15	23	51
C. F. Seelig	12	13	17	42	13	15	23	51
A. Moore	13	13	15	41	12	11	21	44
E. Malmgren	10	7	9	26	4	3	6	13
G. McDermott	14	15	16	45	13	15	23	51
O. W. Crocker	12	11	14	37	13	15	23	51
L. F. Riley	12	10	17	39	13	15	23	51
W. R. Keller	13	13	19	45	13	15	23	51
C. C. Collins	15	14	20	49	13	15	23	51
W. A. Davis	11	14	16	41	13	15	23	51
R. W. Clancy	15	9	20	44	13	15	23	51
B. Donnelly	15	10	16	41	13	15	23	51
W. K. Cochrane	10	9	12	31	9	10	19	38
E. S. Graham	13	14	20	47	13	15	23	51
F. M. Meisner	13	11	16	40	13	15	23	51
H. S. Hanson	13	14	12	39	12	13	25	52
J. Eck	7	9	12	28	9	10	19	38

Practice, 25 targets—H. Wolf 23, J. S. Young 22, O. P. Goode 23, B. L. Kammerer 22, L. Jeff 22, A. Moore 19, E. Malmgren 12, O. W. Crocker 16, W. F. Riley 19, L. R. Keller 22, C. C. Collins 20, W. A. Davis 23, R. W. Clancy 21, B. Donnelly 22, W. K. Cochrane 16.

Twelve pairs—L. M. Fetherston 13, J. S. Young 19, O. P. Goode 14, L. Jeff 15, C. R. Seelig, Sr. 14, C. F. Seelig 12, A. Moore 7, G. McDermott 17, O. W. Crocker 18, F. F. Riley 15, L. R. Keller 13, C. C. Collins 21, W. A. Davis 13, R. W. Clancy 19, B. Donnelly 15.

Twelve pairs—B. L. Kammerer 10, L. Jeff 15, W. A. Davis 17, R. W. Clancy 19, B. Donnelly 16.

Twelve pairs—R. W. Clancy 20, B. Donnelly 17, W. K. Cochrane 13.

Extra event, 50 targets—O. P. Goode 42, C. W. May 29, B. L. Kammerer 45, L. Jeff 44.

NOTES.

In the practice event at 25 targets Wolf, Goode and Davis each broke 23, while Kammerer, Jeff, Young, Keller and Donnelly each scored 22.

W. K. Cochrane is one of those who is "right at home" with a gun when in the field, but is

just breaking into the trap-shooting sport, and we hope to have him with us quite often in the future.

Wolf and Clancy each wound up their day's shooting by breaking 24 out of 25 in the last event, Goode, Kammerer and Donnelly finishing up with scores of 23.

Most all the marksmen put up good scores, Hardy Wolf being especially well pleased with his 96x100, which was his total for the three events in which he participated.

In the club program event at 50 targets Wolf and Collins tied with scores of 49, Fetherston, Goode, Young, Seelig, Sr. and Graham each breaking 47, while McDermott and Keller each scored 45.

C. C. Collins, our good friend from Indiana, who was in the city for the day, took first honors in the event at doubles by breaking 21 targets out of 12 pairs. Young and Clancy each scored 19, while Crocker brought down 18.

Goode, May, Kammerer and Jeff came out early and had a splendid time in shooting a number of interesting match races, the most important one being a team race between Kammerer and Jeff, who defeated Goode and May, their scores being 45, 44—89 to 42, 29—71, respectively. This is the second time the latter team had to buy the dinners.

During the night the weather grew warmer and in the morning it started to snow, and for a while it looked as though we were in for a snow storm, but by noon it stopped snowing and we had a fine afternoon for shooting, which was appreciated by the 24 shooters, as well as quite a number of spectators. Among the latter was Mr. J. W. Shrigley, who is just able to be out after suffering with bronchitis, which kept him in bed for three weeks.

G. Corbett N. Y. A. C. Winner.

New York, N. Y., February 16.—Holiday shooting brought out the usual small field of gunners at the Travers Island traps of the New York Athletic Club on Lincoln's birthday. The feature was the special Lincoln's Day cup at 100 targets. The prize was won by George J. Corbett, who returned a full score, shooting with a handicap of 12 targets. He also was the high scratch gunner of the day, as well as scoring legs on the February and Lembeck trophies. Scores:

February cup, 25 targets, handicap.	H. T.
G. J. Corbett	2 24
C. W. Billings	2 20
E. M. Thomson	4 24
E. F. Crowe	3 20
F. H. Schaulffler	2 23
C. Smith	3 19
A. E. Ranney	1 22
E. M. Huggins	0 18
W. B. Ogden	2 21
E. M. Huggins	5 17
G. F. Pelham	4 21
R. R. Debocher	5 23
E. F. McMann	2 21

Shoot-off, same conditions.

G. J. Corbett	2 24
E. M. Thomson	4 23

Lenape cup, 25 targets, handicap.

R. R. Debocher	5 25
E. F. Crowe	3 23
G. F. Pelham	4 23
E. F. McMann	2 21
W. B. Ogden	2 23
E. P. Lawson	0 18
F. H. Schaulffler	2 23
C. Smith	3 17
C. W. Billings	2 23
A. E. Ranney	1 23
E. M. Huggins	1 17
G. J. Corbett	1 23
E. M. Huggins	5 16
E. M. Thomson	4 23

Shoot-off, same conditions.

R. R. Debocher	5 22
G. F. Pelham	4 21

President's cup, 25 targets, handicap.

R. O. Muller	5 24
C. Smith	3 21
G. J. Corbett	1 23
R. R. Debocher	4 21
F. H. Schaulffler	2 23
E. F. McMann	2 21
E. P. Crowe	3 23
E. M. Huggins	5 20
A. E. Ranney	1 22
E. M. Thomson	4 20
C. W. Billings	2 21
E. P. Lawson	0 19
G. F. Pelham	4 21

Holiday shoot, 100 targets, handicap.

G. J. Corbett	12 100
W. B. Ogden	12 87
G. F. Pelham	20 97
E. F. McMann	12 85
R. R. Debocher	25 95
E. M. Thomson	16 85
E. F. Crowe	16 95
C. M. Smith	20 80
C. W. Billings	12 92
E. N. Huggins	25 71
A. E. Ranney	12 91
E. Brownie	16 71
F. H. Schaulffler	12 91

Lembeck trophy, 25 targets, handicap.

G. J. Corbett	1 25
R. R. Debocher	4 19
E. F. Crowe	3 25
C. Smith	3 18
C. W. Billings	2 24
E. M. Thomson	4 18
A. E. Ranney	1 22
E. F. McMann	2 17
W. B. Ogden	2 22
E. P. Lawson	0 16
F. H. Schaulffler	2 20
R. O. Muller	4 16
E. M. Huggins	5 20
G. F. Pelham	4 23

Shoot-off, 25 targets, handicap.

G. J. Corbett	1 24
G. F. Pelham	4 23
E. F. Crowe	3 23

TRAP WORK IN MILWAUKEE.

Captain Jack Wins at Parker Club—North Side Results.

Milwaukee, Wis., February 16.—The snow storm of February 11 did not deter the marksmen of the Parker Gun Club from participating in their weekly shoot, and some creditable scores were made in spite of the inclement weather. Capt. Jack, who has just returned from the East where he took part in the big shoot at Pinehurst, N. C., was high gun with a score of 96. Klapinski pushed him hard for first honors, and registered 95. Of the professionals, H. R. Patterson was high with 88. The scores:

Sh. Bk.	Sh. Bk.
W. Kroening... 100 84	Spade 100 71
H. Patterson... 100 88	Held 100 83
H. Kroening... 100 86	J. Patterson... 100 82
Klapinski 100 95	Zwister 100 67
Krause 100 75	Dr. C. Mortar... 100 81
Ireink 50 31	Capt. Jack 100 96
Klotz 100 80	Felle 100 68
Odenburg 50 29	Marlinton 100 69
Lempke 100 59	Clark 100 74
Farmer 50 22	Shendel 100 76
Newsome 100 76	Dr. Thompson... 50 38
Harrington... 100 62	Austin 50 22
Pegler 100 68	Rosche 100 77
Melms 50 36	Ellwitz 50 34
Stump 100 82	Luedke 50 36

NORTH SIDE GUN CLUB SCORES.

Piepenhagen and Groffy were high at the shoot of the North Side Gun Club with 44 out of 50, the blinding snow storm interfering with the scores. Himmelstein was second with 42. The scores:

Sh. Bk.	Sh. Bk.
G. Sell 75 42	R. Hohnbach... 75 34
C. Groffy 50 44	A. Piepenhagen 75 65
G. Himmelstein 75 52	L. Pietsch 75 38
E. Eddy 75 37	F. Barks 75 34
B. Thien 75 49	

Stephenson Crescent Club Leader.

New York, N. Y., February 16.—Trap shooters of the Crescent Athletic Club started their annual championship at Bay Ridge on Lincoln's Birthday. The event was at 200 targets, with each gunner shooting from scratch. One hundred targets were trapped for each contestant, and the balance will be thrown on Washington's Birthday. F. B. Stephenson, who has won the championship upon more than one occasion, led the field, breaking 85 of the flying targets. He also took the Stake trophy with a straight score of 25 targets, a run that gave him another mark on the honor roll of the club. Scores:

Championship match, 200 targets, 100 on February 12 and 100 on February 22, first 100 targets.

Targets	25	25	25	25	Tl.
F. B. Stephenson	22	22	23	18	85
M. Stiner	20	21	22	20	83
F. S. Hyatt	20	20	21	17	78
J. F. James	19	22	16	20	77
J. P. Fairchild	14	15	17	21	67
J. E. Murray	15	14	17	17	63
G. E. Brower	14	18	13	15	60

First leg won by F. B. Stephenson.

Take-home trophy, 100 targets.

Targets	25	25	25	25	Tl.
L. C. Hopkins	23	21	23	23	90
W. W. Marshall	25	22	23	19	89
C. H. Pulis	20	20	23	25	88
F. B. Stephenson	24	23	23	18	87
*O. R. Dickey	21	22	18	19	80
J. F. James	18	22	20	18	78
A. E. Everett	19	17	20	22	78
F. W. Hassam	24	21	14	17	76
C. R. James	24	22	17	18	75
J. P. Fairchild	20	22	17	18	75
J. E. Murray	15	21	15	19	70
G. Stephenson, Jr.	13	16	22	18	69
G. E. Brower	16	14	14	23	67
T. W. Stake	13	17	16	14	60
A. F. Hebbard	15	12	8	14	49

Won by L. C. Hopkins.

J. E. Murray trophy, 50 targets on February 12 and 50 on February 22.

W. W. Marshall	47	C. H. Pulis	41
H. P. Marshall	47	A. Everett	40
F. B. Stephenson	46	J. P. Fairchild	39
L. C. Hopkins	44	J. E. Adams	38
J. F. James	43	George B. Brower	37
F. S. Hyatt	42	G. G. Stephenson	36
O. R. Dickey	42	J. W. Hassam	35
C. R. James	41	T. W. Stake	32

*Guest.

Stake trophy, 25 targets, handicap.

H. T.	H. T.
F. B. Stephenson	0 25
F. S. Hyatt	1 18
L. C. Hopkins	6 23
Geo. E. Brower	4 18
W. W. Marshall	7 23
J. E. Murray	3 17
A. E. Everett	4 20
J. F. James	4 20
George B. Brower	3 17
C. R. James	0 19
J. P. Fairchild	1 12
C. H. Pulis	4 19
J. F. James	0 10
T. W. Adams	6 19

Leg won by F. B. Stephenson.

F. B. Stephenson trophy, 25 targets, handicap.

F. B. Adams	0 24
J. P. Fairchild	1 20
Stephenson, Jr.	3 23
J. E. Murray	3 20
A. E. Everett	4 20
C. R. James	0 22
T. W. Stake	6 19
G. E. Brower	4 22
W. W. Marshall	7 19
C. H. Pulis	

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