

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

TRADES
LIST FOR
BALL MARKET

With Roger Bresnahan, Miller Huggins and Charles Herzog, three of the Western National League managers, headed down with certified checks, are a New York. Bresnahan declares he wants an infielder who can field and a outfielder who can hit, and he mentions that \$30,000 is burning the pockets of his employers. Also the new club leader asserts that he still has 18 articles of ball players he is willing to trade for one real star.

Huggins and Herzog, reports have it, are in the market for pitchers, fielders, hitters, but carriers—in fact any kind of a diamond star that can twinkle for the fans at home. The St. Louis and Cincinnati managers have tried to out-David Harum each other and, finding the going too rough, they now are seeking some trading in the eastern market, where auctioneers are said to be a trifle more glib.

Moran Eager to See Herzog.

"Pat" Moran of Philadelphia, will welcome Herzog with open arms—that is, if Herzog does not see him first. The new Philly manager is anxious to know just what kind of "stock" the Reds are going to loosen in the trade for "Red" Dooin. Herzog is said to have promised to send two established players to the Phillies. Also Moran probably will learn the names of the ill-fated Braves who will be given to the Phillies in exchange for Sherwood Magee.

John McGraw was expected to return for the meeting, but at the last moment notified John B. Foster he would be unable to get back. McGraw is in the market for a pitcher, broken to saddle and harness, guaranteed sound and in good working order, and does not care what price is labeled on this pitcher. Should Bresnahan care to let go of "Jim" Vaughan or "Larry" Cheney, he probably can get a load of young, but promising, material, in exchange from the Giants.

There seems little doubt that the player limit rule, recently placed on the laws of the league, will be rescinded, since the American League decided the old rule of 25 players was the better. James Gaffney, president of the Braves, favors the 21 player limit, but he seems to be alone in this respect. Also the restriction on trading next season, as none of the owners are in favor of allowing any of their territory to get away at present.

SOX AFTER PENNANT

"I have every reason to believe that the White Sox will be factors in the pennant race this year," says Owner Comiskey. "Eddie Collins will put new life into the infield. He will increase our batting and base running strength and also will develop a style of baseball that wins games. Clarence Rowland, the new manager of the White Sox, is a young man, but he knows the game from every angle. He comes from the minor leagues with a splendid record and I have perfect confidence in his ability to handle my team successfully. Simply because Rowland has not enjoyed experience in major league company cuts no figure. He is a fine fellow and is bound to be popular with the players. We have a great pitching staff, the best catcher in the business, a star shortstop and the king of second basemen. Watch our smoke!"

SKATERS SUSPECTED

Several Canadian skating stars, both in Montreal and Toronto, are under suspicion of having violated the amateur code and that an investigation now under way will likely result in the debatement of three performers from amateur events has been indicated by Louis Rubenstein, chairman of the International Skating Union of America. Mr. Rubenstein has returned from Saranac Lake, where the annual meeting of the union was held.

"When we get our facts," said Mr. Rubenstein, "we will explode a bombshell in amateur ice circles, both here and in the United States."

GIANTS' HOPES PINNED ON THESE RECRUITS.

ALDO KIRMAVER.



Fred Cook and Aldo Kirmayer, two recruits whose records in minor leagues place them among the players of exceptional merit, are among the many pitching candidates for regular positions on the Giants next season. Both of them are right handers and are the principal hopes of John McGraw in the coming campaign.

LOCAL
BOWLING
YESTERDAY

FIVE MEN LEAGUE.

Last night on the Victoria alleys in the Five Men League, No. 2 team won three points from No. 3 team. The scores follow:

No. 2 Team.			
McKee	99	78	266-88-2-3
Henderson	92	83	110-285-96
Stevens	75	86	89-249-83
Cunningham	97	104	75-276-92
Steen	82	83	103-268-89-1-3
435 454 455 1344			
No. 3 Team.			
Morgan	107	88	71-264-68
Norris	79	89	83-251-83-2-3
McKee	90	94	97-281-93-2-3
Coughlan	96	96	85-277-92-1-3
Carleton	94	87	85-266-88-2-3
466 452 421 1339			

FAST BASKETBALL.

St. Andrew's Juniors took the East St. John Juniors into camp in a fast basketball match in St. Andrew's Sunday school last night. The final score was 33 to 10.

The line-up of the opposing aggregations was as follows:

St. Andrew's		East St. John	
J. Christie	Forwards	Phinney	Center
Scott	Center	Jeslyn	Center
J. White	Defense	Mahony	Defense
G. Innis	Defense	Dickson	Defense
M. McIntosh	Defense	Sterling	Defense
M. White	Made an efficient referee.		

"SANDY" FERGUSON FINED.

Clinton, Feb. 9.—"Sandy" Ferguson or as his name appeared on the police blotter, John Alexander Ferguson, pugilistic, 35, weight 245 pounds, height 6 ft. 3 in., appeared before Judge Jonathan Smith in the District Court this morning, charged with assault with a knife upon his brother, James Ferguson, at the latter's home in Berlin, on Sunday.

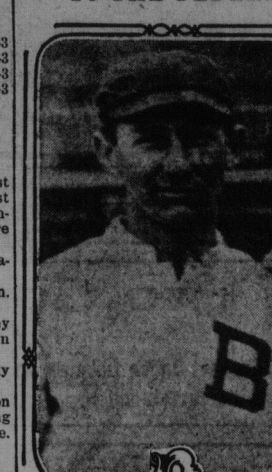
He pleaded not guilty, but, after a hearing in which he and his brother were the only witnesses, he was found guilty and was fined \$25. He took an appeal and was held in \$100. He was not able to secure bail at once, and expressed wonder why his wife would do should he have to work out the fine as he is paying her \$8 a week separate support.

The evidence submitted by the brother James was to the effect that he had company at his home Sunday.

and his wife was getting dinner when Sandy appeared. Their dining room is small, and Sandy occupied so much of it that he was invited to occupy an easy chair in the parlor. He resented being asked to vacate the dining room and picked up James and threw him into the sink and then cut his lip with a knife. Sandy told the court that James grabbed an iron and attacked him, but James said that he had no chance to use the weapon, even though he did grab it.

THISTLES AND FREDERICTON.

The Thistle curlers were scheduled to go to Fredericton today to curl a match with the curlers of the capital, but the trip has been postponed as the Thistles received word yesterday that the Fredericton Club will be unable to meet them today.

STAR WHO JUMPED
TO THE FEDERALS

CHARLES DEAL

"Charlie" Deal, who won fame in the world series last fall by stepping into the breach at third base after "Red" Smith was injured, jumped to the Federal League because of a disagreement over salary. George Stallings set the price which he thought Deal was worth, naming a slight advance over his salary of last season, and James Gaffney said he would not increase it. It is understood Deal was told that every club in the National League had waived claim to his services. Mr. Gaffney said he assured Deal that if he wished a change he would do all he could to find him a satisfactory berth, and that he had a contract prepared to cover such an arrangement.

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR
FIRST-CLASS FIELDERS

When John M. Ward recently spilled the startling information that the country is "swarming with good ball players" and threatened to inflict another so-called "major" league on the fans, he couldn't have been thinking of outfielders.

In the American league alone there are now vacancies for about nine good gardeners, while twice that many really great ones could break in this spring. There are only three clubs in the circuit which couldn't place an outfielder of just fair all-around ability and there isn't a single outfit that would refuse to let a new star work every afternoon.

Detroit, Boston and Philadelphia are the three clubs that have good enough outfielders to be able to hang out the sign, "Only Stars Need Apply." The Tigers have the greatest suburbanite in the game in Cobb, a wonderful player in Crawford and an exceptionally good one in Bob Veach, taking Robert's 1914 performance as standard. Veach is not a good base-runner, but his hitting and fielding were strong enough to have lost some of his pepper, but few men in the league were more timely in their thumps than the Horn boy.

Boston has one great outfielder in Speaker, who is the best defensive gardener who ever has played in the American league and one of the best hitters and base-runners. Hooper escapes being classified as a "great" only because he does not bat much. He is a wonderful fielder and thrower and is very fast, but he doesn't connect often enough to rank with the creme de la creme of the circuit. Duffy Lewis is another good ball player, who hits better than Hooper, but is not Harry's equal as a fielder or on the bases. Duffy seemed to be at last season, but to have lost some of his pepper, but he isn't in any immediate danger of losing his job.

None of Connie Mack's three regular outfielders ranks as a star of the first magnitude, but they are all good men hitting between .272 and .277. Strunk is one of the fastest men in baseball, a wonder at covering ground, but a little erratic and only an ordinary thrower. Oldring is a sensational fielder, fast on the bases and a good hitter until the pitchers learn his weaknesses. Murphy is not up to the other two in any department, but is a fine waiter and an ideal lead-off man.

Washington has one great player in its outfield, Clyde Miller. The Tennessee boy is only a shade behind Speaker as a fielder, is as good a base-runner as anybody living and has a great arm, but he doesn't hit like the Boston man, nor like Cobb and Crawford. Shanks, the Nationals' left fielder, is a wonder on defence. He has no equal in the league in handling ground balls and he throws rarely. But Howard can't hit, his average for 1914 being only .224. So it would be an easy matter for one of these splendid athletes with whom Mr. Ward says the country is swarming to oust him. Moeller, the right fielder, is just a fair man, though he looked like a wonder for a time. He is practically hopeless against left-hand pitchers, which is a very serious drawback. Griffith would be tickled to death to get one of Ward's stars to replace Danny.

The best that Chicago can claim in the way of a star outfielder is John Collins. He isn't great by any means, but he is a good hitter and a fair fielder, and it would take a man of considerable ability to win his job away. There is nobody else on the Six payroll who is anywhere near satisfactory as an outfielder, though Demmitt had a flash of form last spring and looked like he might develop into a top-notch. Ray fell off badly toward the close of the season, however, and only batted .250 in the final summing up.

Bert Shotton, of St. Louis, deserves to be classed as a star, though he is a long way from a Cobb or a Speaker. He is a fine fielder so long as the ball stays in the air, but is very bad on grounders. He does not bat to any fancy figures, but walks a lot and is a streak of lightning on the bases. Clarence Walker, the Browns' left-fielder, is a strong hitter and has a wonderful arm, but he is only an average fielder and a poor base-runner. Gus Williams is clumsy and more or less erratic, and at bat, though he hammers out a lot of long drives, cannot be depended on in a pinch. He is the champion strike-out of the two major leagues, which is a title that nobody wants to win away from him. If outfielders of real ability were as

numerous as Ward would have us believe, Williams wouldn't be able to hold his job very long.

New York hasn't a single outfielder of proved worth. "Birdie" Cree can hit, hitting better than .300 for 77 games last season, but he is an anchor on the sacks, stealing only four in 1914. His arm seems to have lost its cunning and he is not speedy enough to cover much ground. Three real outfielders could clinch jobs with Bill Donovan's club without half trying.

Cleveland has a great ball-player in Joe Jackson. As a batter, the Carolina comber ranks with the best. His arm is strong, but he is not a particularly brilliant fielder, nor is he much good on the bases, in spite of his great speed. Graney is a fine defensive player, with an exceptionally good arm, but he doesn't hit as much as an outfielder ought to. The same goes for "Heinie" Leibold, who batted one point lower than Graney in 1914 and had a poor fielding average. Both of these men are fair waiters and both cover a lot of ground. It wouldn't take such a wonderful gardener to chase either of them, however.

Considerably less than half of the outfielders in the Ban Johnson circuit managed to bat .275 or better in 1914, and this fact in itself would prove that there is room for improvement in this position. It isn't asking much of a garden custodian to reach that mark.

SUSSEX
WON FROM
MONCTON

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 9.—One of the fastest and best contested games of the season was played tonight between the Sussex and Moncton hockey teams, the former winning ten to six. The line-up of the respective teams as follows:

Moncton—Fogarty, goal; Dupois, point; Murphy, cover point; Jones, centre; Ingraham, left wing; Coles, right wing.

Sussex—McCully, goal; Hay, point; John Leclair, cover point; Magee, centre; Joe Leclair, left wing; Whittier, right wing.

In the first period the play was four to two in favor of Sussex, second period three to two in favor of Sussex, third period three to two in favor of Sussex, total ten to six. Hanford Doyle refereed in a most satisfactory manner. Two penalties were handed out to each team.

SHUGRUE AND GRIFFITHS MATCHED

Akron, O., Feb. 9.—Joe Shugrue who will meet Freddie Welsh in New York tomorrow night, was matched today to box Johnny Griffiths twelve rounds in this city Feb. 22.

KID PITCHING STAFF.

For a "kid" pitching staff Connie Mack has the prize bunch in the major leagues. Here are the ages of his five pitchers, as stated by J. C. Kinninger, the Philadelphia sports writer: "Bob" Shawkey, 24; Leslie Bush, 21; J. Weldon Wyckoff, 23; Raymond Bressler, 20, and Herbert Pennock, 21.

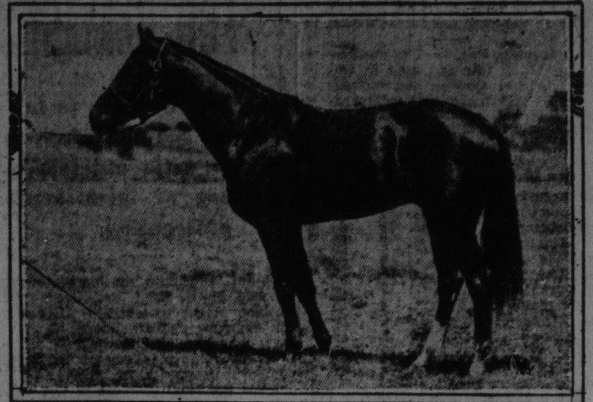
REULBACH WITH FEDS.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—James A. Gilmora, president of the Federal Baseball League, today announced that he had signed Ed Reulbach, former pitcher for the Brooklyn Nationals and for the Chicago Nationals. Reulbach's contract with the Federals is for one year. According to Gilmora, he will be assigned to a club later.

ABOUT THE BOXERS

Tommy Burns is to be the referee at his own club at New Orleans. Johnny Griffiths of Akron considers himself as good a drawing card in his home city as a Coney Island attraction and when the promoter there agreed to give White \$3,000 to box Griffiths, the latter asked the same amount. The promoter does not believe in running bouts and then going down into his bankroll to make good; so he called off the match.

FAMOUS PACER SOLD FOR \$45,000.



DIRECTUM I

The transfer of Directum I, (158) to Thomas W. Murphy's training stable after his sale by James Butler to M. E. Sturgis for the reported price of \$45,000 puts the fastest of all pacers into the hands of the most successful driver of the day, and many horsemen will now look forward to new sensations in the way of record breaking by the trotting bred son of Directum Kelly (2:38 1/4) and Isetta (2:44 1/4), by Pactolus (2:12 1/4). Murphy has been wonderfully successful at taking horses from the hands of other trainers for further development, and some of his admirers are saying he will drive Directum I a mile in 1:56 or better before the close of next season.

WON AND LOST

The Ramblers bowling team returned yesterday from their Calais trip where they played at St. Stephen and won with a pin fall of 1329. After this game they rolled the St. Croix team of Calais and were defeated by 123 pins. After the latter game the boys were entertained at the club rooms of their visitors to an oyster supper. The scores in the St. Stephen game were 1329 to 1265, and at Calais 1239 for Calais to 1219 for St. John. Wilson was high for St. John with ninety-four in the first game, and Covey in the second with eighty-nine.

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ON BLACK'S ALLEYS.

The second series of the City League will be commenced on Black's alleys tomorrow night. Yesterday Roy Morrell won the daily roll-off with a score of 135.

Says the Judge:—

"Yes, I am spoiled, I'll admit I can't relish a drink of whisky just because it comes out of a bottle labelled "Scotch." I like my bracer but it's got to be the only whisky that I've never found equalled

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