

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

Baseball Gleanings Gathered From Winter Quarters of the Great and Near Great.

Doc Green, former trainer of the Boston Red Sox, who was replaced by Joe Quirk under Jimmie McAleer, again has been chosen trainer.

The Louisville Club, of the American Association, has asked for visitors on Al Burch, outfielder. If visitors are received, he will be sent to the Pacific Coast League.

Manager Mike Lynch, of the Spokane Indians, has signed Danny Shea, former catcher for the Victoria team of the Northwestern League. Catcher Altman is to be released by Spokane.

The Spokane Club, of the Northwestern League, has secured the services of Walter Croll, a third-baseman from California. While playing semi-pro ball, Croll averaged well as a heavy hitter.

Walter Lyons, shortstop, Lacy DeMaere, catcher, and George Fritz, pitcher, have signed contracts with the Bloomington Club. The three acquisitions have averaged well in semi-pro baseball.

The sum of \$1,500 is needed to insure the safety of the Kewance, Central Association, franchise. The fund of \$2,500 has been subscribed, but it is asked that the stipulated sum be raised immediately.

John Henry, catcher for the Washington Senators, has been appointed chief coach of the Amherst hockey team. Henry was graduated from Amherst in 1910 and while attending college, was one of the best hockey players in the school.

Tony Marhefka, shortstop, has been sold by the Wilmington Club, of the Tri-State League to the New London Club in the New England League. Marhefka batted for a .268 average last season and led Tri-State shortstops in fielding.

Dan Howley, the catcher who was with the Phillies during the early weeks of the 1913 schedule and who turned to the Montreal Club of the International League, will not go to the Coast next season as it has been announced.

The St. Paul Club, of the American Association, has added George Whir, a right-hander to the 1914 payroll. Whir comes from San Mateo, California, and is reported a coming wonder. He is six feet tall and performed well while hurrying along the coast.

If a suitable base ball location may be found, Reading, Mass., will be admitted to the Tri-State League when the directors of this organization meet in January. George W. Heckert, a supporter of the proposed Reading venture, filed application for the franchise.

The Boston Red Sox have released Bill Mundy, who played first base during the close of last year's schedule. The Worcester Club, of the New England League, grabbed him immediately upon his release. Mundy came to Boston from the Portsmouth, Va., club.

Lou Nordyke, former first baseman for St. Paul American Association, will coach the University of Washington base ball team next spring. Nordyke has played professional base ball for the bush leagues to the majors and was offered the position as head collegiate coach.

The Grand Forks Club of the Northern League, has signed Eddie Wheeler, of South Bend, Ind., as its manager for the 1914 season. For several years Wheeler played with St. Paul, of the American Association.

Earl Mack, son of the famous Connie, has signed to coach the baseball team of the University of North Carolina League last season and his eager work attracted the eye of the collegiate governors.

The Chicago Cubs have purchased Catcher Hyre, from the Terre Haute Club of the Central League. Terre Haute drafted Tyree from Champaign, where he showed enough style in an exhibition against Chicago to attract Manager Evers.

Larry McLean, former catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals and now a member of the Giant camp, has marooned hopes of receiving that \$800 from President Schuyler P. Britton has accepted a position as base ball comedian in a moving picture theatre in New York. Larry says acting is great.

John Farry, of Cleveland, O., has filed suit for damages against Geo. H. Paskert, outfielder of the Philadelphia Athletics for \$20,000. While driving his automobile Oct. 28 last, Paskert struck Farry and hurt him badly. It is claimed in the suit. Paskert has not responded to the claim.

Grover Hartley, recently released by the New York Giants to the Cincinnati Reds, quietly wedded Miss Marie Wrede of New York, at the home of Hartley's sister in Oskood, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley have arranged a tour of the East before brushing the uniform for the opening of the 1914 season.

Otto Burns, the former Decatur outfielder, has been purchased by the New Orleans Club, of the Southern Association. The Toledo Club of the American Association sold Burns as it was thought he was skidding downward in the percentage column. Burns is a heavy hitter when at his best.

Manager Jack Dunn, of the Baltimore Orioles, has received the signed contracts of three veterans for the season to come. Frank J. Ryan, pitcher, Morrisette Allen Russell and Lefty McTigue are the old men again assured as members of the club next spring. Dunn is scouting hither and yon for an outfielder and infielder.

George Stallings, of the Boston Braves, offered to purchase "Cozy" Dolan from the St. Louis Cardinals. No sooner did Messrs. Britton and Huggins complete the deal when up bobs Stallings with an offer. Britton has refused to sell his new acquisition, but the Cards are willing to figure in any kind of a trade.

E. J. Coleman has been elected president of the Scranton, Pa., Club. Bobby Allen is the treasurer. Dr. P. H. Walker vice-president and James Coleman, brother of the president, has been named secretary of the newly incorporated association.

SUTTON TO TRY AGAIN FOR BILLIARD TITLE



GEORGE SUTTON

Right in the face of a prevailing opinion that Willie Hoppe will defeat him again in their title match for the 182 ball line billiard championship, to be held in New York city in February, George Sutton, according to advices, has a sincere belief that he is about to remove all evidence of a championship from the possession of the present youthful title holder. The Chicago veteran has made several attempts for the title in the past few years, which did not take noticeably, but he declares that this time it will be sure fire.

Johnny Kelly will manage the team in 1914 and deals are pending for additional players.

John Rely, a "rah-rah" player on Yale's collegiate team and formerly captain of the Andover Academy team, has been offered a contract to play with the New York Giants next season. It is reported that McGraw has offered Rely \$5,000 per year. The Yale product has three brothers, Barney, James and John, who are baseball experts.

Hans Wagner, faithful shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates will stack his uniform in the Pittsburgh lockers until his whiskers touch the ground. Such is the assertion of Barney Dreyfuss, who claims Hans has rendered local service to the club and will not figure in the trade market. Dreyfuss states that Wagner again will assist Clarke next spring.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, nemesis of all aspiring hurdlers and a picturesque ball veteran is 27 years of age. Tyrus had a birthday last week and upon seeking past records discovered that he had seen 27 summers. Cobb was born at Royston, Ga., December 18, 1886. He came to Detroit in 1903 and enlisted as a regular under Jennings in 1906.

Fred Lake has been granted permission by President Tim Murnane to transfer the franchise of the New Bedford club, of the New England League, to Fitchburg. The latter city has promised to assist the magnates in street car facilities and grounds. It is expected that Fitchburg will support the team more generously than did the New Bedford fans.

Chicago and New York fans have joined hands in planning a cordial reception when the globe trotting Giants and White Sox reach home soil from the long exhibition tour. A special train will carry the Chicago rooters to New York, where the big blow-off is planned. Brass bands, bouquets and a general joy feast will welcome Comiskey and McGraw.

Theodore Brzozowski, a Louisville boy, has been granted a trial with the champion Athletics next spring. Brzozowski entered the national game while a member of a high school team in Louisville, and has played throughout the state of Kentucky in semi-pro circles. Rufus Gilbert, manager of the Terre Haute club, instructed the youngster on the fine art of pitching.

Art Shafer, infielder on the New York National League team, has but one more year to serve with the Giants. It is reported that Shafer will not play under McGraw next season, although it is assured that he will report for spring practice at Marlin, Texas. Shafer writes that he's in business with his father in California and prefers to quit the national game for good.

Ward McDowell, who was a member of the waiting list of the Cleveland Naps, has been judged unfit for the major ranks. The former Portland infielder was recently traded to the Mobile club of the Southern Association. McDowell, while a member of the Portland club, Northwestern League, last summer, batted over .300 but a Nap scout decided additional seasoning is necessary.

Statisticians are enjoying interesting amusement comparing the value of Joe Tinker and Eddie Collins. Experts declare if Tinker is worth \$25,000, Collins' value will reach the \$100,000 mark. Figures prove that the Athletics' second baseman, for six years a regular, has batted under .300 but one season. This was in 1908, his first trial in the majors. Tinker has crossed the .300 column but once

in twelve years in the big arena. Collins is faster and brainier than Tinker, say the critics, and is one of the most valuable men in baseball.

John McGraw will life Fred Merkle from first base in the 1914 race. The failure to secure First Baseman Ed. Koney has not daunted the New York chieftain in his desire to accumulate more enthusiasm around the pitcher's box. It is believed that Snodgrass will be brought in from the outfield and stationed at first. Snodgrass has plenty of life and get-up and will fill in the vacancy creditably.

To Cobb, the mighty and Donnie Bush have asked the National Commission to trail thieves who stole their favorite bats when the house of a friend where the goods were stored was ransacked last week. Bush also is minus a brand new glove and threaten to raid every jail in the universe to discover the burglar. Geo. Mullen, Edgar Willett, Joe Lake and other Detroit players lost their tools in the big loot.

George W. Wearn has been elected president of the Charlotte Baseball club, succeeding P. M. Cave, who tendered his resignation recently. T. R. Pegram was named vice-president and Julian S. Miller, secretary treasurer.

Harry Tuthill, trainer of the Detroit Tigers, is recovering from severe medical operations and is in shape to care for Jennings' players next spring. Tuthill supervised the training of the West Point football eleven during the past season, but has been confined to a hospital since the Army-Navy game in the East. Tuthill has been discharged from confinement and was recently the guest of honor at a banquet given by the cadets of the government academy at West Point, N.Y.

Pitcher Ralph Glaze, formerly of Spokane, Northwestern League, has been approached by the directors of the Indiana University with a proposition to assume duties as chief athletic supervisor at the Bloomington institution. Charles C. Carr, leader of the "School of Base Ball," was the first to suggest the nomination. Glaze was graduated from Dartmouth University and ranked well in base ball, foot ball, and other college athletics. It is reported that Glaze owns the best chance to land the position.

Larry McLean, former catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals and now a full fledged Giant player, is in hard luck. When Prexy Brittain sold McLean to New York last summer, Larry was promised \$800 for good behaviour. McLean lived up to the agreement, but Brittain refused to pay the sum. When in New York Huggins offered Larry \$300, but he spurned this little purse. Hug then offered \$500 as a compromise, but McLean declared he was dead broke and would have the promised amount or nothing. Larry is still waiting.

PUCKERINGS. Barrie and Orilla intermediates will play an exhibition game at Orilla on Monday night.

Queen's University team and the Nipissing Miners team played a six goal game at Cobalt on Christmas night.

Jack Laviolette has not signed with Canadians yet, but has been in uniform at several of their practices.

Geo. Harmon, New York, is in Toronto representing the Irish-American A. C. He is anxious to arrange games with the Canadian teams to be played at the Toronto Arena with his Irishmen.

GLEASON TO PILOT SOX, STRENUOUS TRIP AHEAD

Kid Gleason will be some gazabo at Paso Robles next spring, where he will direct the whole show, for no one else dares butt in on the "Kid." Judging by the experience of ball players of last season, the athletes under Gleason's care will have no picnic. The routine, if things go along true to form, will be early hours, up with the sun and plenty of work for everybody.

Comiskey and Callahan knew the manner of man they were leaving in command when they went on that long world tour, and it is putting it mildly to say Gleason has their well wishes and approval in anything he may plan or do to condition the athletes.

There will be no dillydallying or loafing at Paso Robles and no flimsy alibis will go with the general of Comiskey's forces at the California health resort. The ball players who accompany Gleason know what is in store for them. The ones on the world tour, probably will invent some excuse to delay their arrival for fear Gleason, with his iron clad training trip rules, may get them if they don't watch out.

Training trip plans for the Sox include a strenuous routine, according to information divulged by Secretary Grabinger, at the South Side Park, which looks deserted these days. All the signs point to a lively time at Paso Robles when the Sox hopefuls arrive upon the scene of their training activities under the protecting wing of Callahan's famous aide de camp.

The routine of Grabinger may be announced with the best of intentions as to its genuineness, but any one who knows Gleason may well imagine the feelings of Ping Bodie, Joe Berger and some other celebrities as they contemplate the siege of training under the assistant manager of the Sox who seems to have discovered the most sought elixir of youth. There certainly will be no rest for the weary when the long grind sets in.

Gleason believes that one must exercise in strenuous fashion to condition himself for a hard campaign, and the assistant manager of the White Sox is thinking, pondering, scheming and dreaming of the time when the emblem of world's champions will be floating from the flagpole at Comiskey Park. He believes this can

be accomplished only through unremitting endeavor, and there will be no picnics for the Sox at Paso Robles—not if Gleason can help it.

There will be no sinecures for Bodie, Collins, Fournier, et al., and if the globe trotters arrive in time for a few days in camp they will be shown no clemency if Gleason has his way, and he usually does. Buck Weaver and Joe Benz will have to show the "Kid" that they are "right," and even Callahan may have to brush up on the A. B. C's of the game, just to prove to Gleason's satisfaction that he has not got stale. Jimmy Scott, too, will not be exempt from a tryout, as Scotty is an important factor in Gleason's scheme to upset Connie Mack's plans in 1914.

Gleason's specialty is conditioning pitchers, and in this he is an adept. There isn't a wiser trainer in the business in the advanced art of putting hurlers in condition for a big league season.

When the statistician announced the pitching averages of the American League recently he unwittingly paid a great tribute to Gleason. His averages told the tale of the Sox's superiority in the pitching department. It showed that the White Sox had by far the best pitching staff in the American League in 1913 in the persons of Scott, Russell and Cicotte, and Gleason has the honor of having all three of these men on his squad last spring.

BAD FEELING EVIDENT IN GAME AT CLEVELAND

Ottawa College Beaten by 2-1—Fist Fights Narrowly Averted.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—The Cleveland hockey team took the second game of the series from the Ottawa College team last night by the score of 2 to 1 in a fast and very rough contest. The game was marked by the display of the utmost bad feeling between players, and fist fights were narrowly averted several times. No less than nine penalties for violations of the rules were inflicted by the officials, and many fouls were overlooked at that.

WILL TINKER JUMP TO THE FEDERALS?

Player and Outlaw League President Held Conference in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Joe Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati team, and President Gilmore of the Federal League held a conference yesterday afternoon with reference to bringing Tinker into the new league. According to Tinker the conference was without result, except that they agreed to continue negotiations today or Monday.

Neither party to the meeting would divulge the terms considered. Followers of the game asserted that Gilmore at the last, must outbid the Brooklyn club, despite Tinker's preference to remain in Chicago.

Tinker refuses to confirm or deny the report that he had been offered \$35,000 for three years in the Federal League. In discussing the affair, however, he remarked that he could not make that much money in three years in the National League.

"There is money behind this Federal League," Tinker said, "and the proposition they made me is a good one. I know I can make more money than if I stayed in organized ball. They have offered me some stock on which I now have an option, and if the arguments can be made I will take it the same as Chance did his. He was given ten shares and paid for it out of his dividends."

If Tinker signs with the Federals, he may be enjoined by Chas. Ebbets, of Brooklyn, according to Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Club. Murphy said to-day that the reserve clause in a player's contract will be made the basis of an injunction suit that will prohibit the players being used by the Federal League.

Governor John K. Tener, newly elected president of the National League, is a great golf lover. Adrian Anson, who discovered the baseball knowledge of Governor Tener, is visiting the executive at his home in Harrisburg, Pa. The two pals, who played together 30 years ago, have hurled a challenge to Ray, Vardon, Traversie, Ouimet, or any of the golfing peers, to a 9-hole match. It is said Governor Tener can hit the ball and sprint to the first hole before spec'ing his egground.

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