

# NEW YORK NUGGETS

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LOCAL CLUBS NOW WAITING ONLY FOR STARTING SIGNAL.

The New York Nationals' Long California Trip Mapped Out—Clarke Griffith on Deck to Assume Command of the American Forces.

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New York, Feb. 17.—Editor "Sporting Life."—Secretary Knowles has completed all arrangements for the long trip to Los Angeles which is about to begin. As usual the local Nationals will again be the first to take the field. A letter from Manager McGraw, who is now quite at home in Los Angeles, states that he regrets that he has not made the move before, as he has never experienced such delightful conditions for getting a team in shape. The thermometer registers about 80 degrees daily. McGraw believes that in three weeks' time all hands will be in good form and recalls with regret the team's experience in Memphis last year, when out of the three weeks spent in that city there were only eleven days when it was fit for the players to be out in the open.

### How the Men Will Assemble.

On February 24 Secretary Knowles will pilot the Eastern delegation, which will leave here for Chicago. The party will include Christy and Hank Mathewson, Bill Dahlen, Si Seymour, John Hannifan, Frank Burke, Tom Corcoran and Trainer Harry Tuthill. At the Victoria Hotel in the Windy City the party expect to find Frank Bowerman, Dan McGann, Mike Donlin, George Brown, Leon Ames, Sam Strang, Cecil Ferguson, Fitzgerald and Mullen. On February 26 the start will be made from Chicago via the Santa Fe route. Luther Taylor will board the train at Kansas City and Joe McGinnity at Newton, Kan. One day will be spent at Grand Canon and the party is due to arrive at Los Angeles on March 1 where Manager McGraw, Spike Shannon and Arthur Devlin will be on hand to greet them. This trio is now on the training ground and have been working out of doors for over a week. Thus McGraw and his men will be on the training ground many miles from New York before most of the other clubs start for the South. After three weeks of steady work in California the club jumps to San Antonio where they play the St. Louis Americans, and after that comes the series with Mack's Athletics in New Orleans. From the Crescent City the club will play its way home as previously announced. The team will cover about 8000 miles from the beginning to the end of the trip and it will be the most extensive, elaborate and costly trip ever made by a local club.

### Griffith's Training Plans.

The "Old Fox" is adverse to taking long railroad trips during the training season. Arrangements have been made to start for Atlanta on March 4 and the party will include besides Manager Griffith, Jack Chesbro, Willie Keeler, Walter Clarkson, Danny Hoffman, Jack Kleinow, Ira Thomas, George Moriarity and Trainer Mike Martin. The other players will go to Atlanta direct from their respective homes, as follows: Hogg, from Pueblo; Hughes, from Salida, Cal.; Keefe, from Folsom, Cal.; Chase, from San Jose, Cal.; LaPorte, from Ulrichsville, O.; Yeager, from Delray, Mich.; Brockett, from Norris City, Ill.; Doyle, from Clay Center, Kan.; Castelton, from Salt Lake City; McGuire, from Albion, Mich.; Delehanty, from Cleveland, and Elberfeld, from Hot Springs, where "Little Tobacco" is now preparing for a strenuous campaign. Orth will board the train at Richmond. Conroy will be picked up at Philadelphia and Williams at Washington. The club will remain in the big Georgia city until April 6, playing exhibition games with the Atlanta Club. On March 22 and 23 games will be played in Macon by Griffith's second team, which will also play two games in Richmond on April 5 and 6. On the way home the regulars will play one game in Lynchburg, Va., on April 8, the second team playing at Roanoke on the same day. On April 9 and 10 the regulars will meet the Eastern League team in Baltimore, and Griffith's men will not be seen here until they open the regular season at American League Park, which will probably be after the opening series in Philadelphia. It was announced that up to date signed contracts have been received from the following: Griffith,

Orth, Hogg, Elberfeld, Thomas, Keefe, Doyle, Kleinow, Hoffman, Yeager and Keeler.

### Donlin Balks.

The distinguished outfielder of the former champions, Mike Donlin, has taken the center of the stage and is basking in the limelight of publicity, but somehow or another the club management shows no signs of loss of sleep. Donlin wants \$600 more for his services than he received last season, when, owing to an accident on the first Western trip, he was practically out of active service during the entire season. Donlin spoke his little piece to the scribes and seemed to feel badly because the club had not paid a \$75 doctor's bill which was run up here upon his return here from Cincinnati, where his injury occurred. The hard-hitting man declared that unless his request, which he considers very reasonable, is granted he will not be on the job this year; at least not in a New York uniform. Donlin says he has other opportunities and will be ready to leave Chicago with the club if his terms are met. Since Donlin left for Chicago rumors have been heard of his intention to either jump to the new outlaw league or join one of the independent clubs in Chicago if he does not agree upon terms with the local club. Secretary Knowles' comment on the Donlin question was as follows: Donlin's contract was made out as usual and handed to him two weeks ago. It was the same as his contract last year. It is true that he asked for an increase, but that is nothing extraordinary. There is no trouble between the New York Club and Donlin. He simply has his contract and it's up to him to sign it and return it if he expects to play this season. "It is simply a business proposition," quoth Mr. Donlin, and the club regards it in about the same light. As a betting proposition it is about a 20 to 1 shot that Donlin plays ball on the Polo grounds from the start. This affair, which it is hardly fair to dignify by terming it a controversy, recalls Sam Crane's recent declaration that no ball player in the country is indebted to Manager McGraw more than is Mike Donlin.

### Miscellany.

Manager Griffith has received a letter from Hal Chase, who is coaching the base ball team of St. Mary's College in Oakland, Cal.

The death of Martin Kirby has left an aching void at the Hotel Winthrop, where so many fanning bees were held with Kirby as the predominating spirit.

A novel souvenir will be presented to the patrons of the Polo grounds this year in the shape of a fan containing a picture of members of the team and with the inscription, "A fan for a fan."

As soon as the weather permits work will be resumed at American League Park with a view to filling in all shallow places. In time the park on the hill will have a field as nearly perfect as possible to play on.

It is five years since the American League first secured a foothold in New York and of the original team, which cost a small fortune to get together, there remain only Keeler, Chesbro, Conroy, Williams and McGuire.

Col. Perrine, head of the Trenton Club, of the Tri-State League, has written Secretary Knowles a letter inviting McGraw's men to play one game in Trenton prior to the opening of the regular season. If possible the request will be granted.

Willie Newson has signed again as official mascot to Griffith's team. Winsome Willie is said to have had several rivals for the job. He will be measured for his uniform with the other players and will, of course, wear his new togs in the parade on opening day.

With Shannon, Seymour and Browne on deck, Mike Donlin's absence would hardly put McGraw in a hole, although the batting of Donlin, next to the return to form of Mathewson, is most counted upon to redeem the lost fortunes of the Polo ground club.

Billy Gilbert gave an elaborate beefsteak dinner at his new cafe on Columbus avenue the other night. Gilbert's friends say that he is considering a proposition recently made to him and also to Mike Donlin to play with a high-class independent club in Chicago. It is said that Jimmy Callahan has a hand in the negotiations.

Manager Griffith is fully confident that "Happy Jack" Chesbro will regain his form this year. "Chesbro pitched many good games last season, but he had difficulty in going the distance. He would weaken often about the seventh inning," said Griffith. A more willing and earnest worker never tossed a ball in New York than Chesbro.

### WELL WORTH HAVING.

#### Group Picture of the Columbus American Association Team.

On the first page of this issue we publish a group picture of the Columbus Club of 1906, champion team of the American Association. For the benefit of readers who desire to frame the picture, we have had same printed on heavy plate paper, size 13x14 inches, a copy of which will be sent postpaid to any address securely wrapped in a mailing tube, for three two-cent stamps. Particular attention is called to the clearness and brightness of our framing pictures. No guesswork about who the players are. Each one posed specially for these groups. We also have 1906 group pictures of the following clubs:

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## PHILADELPHIA WRITERS

### Will Give Another of Their Famous Dinners—Connie Mack and Billy Murray to be the Guests of Honor.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 19.—Manager William Murray, of the Phillies, and Connie Mack, manager of the Athletic Club, will be tendered a dinner by the sporting writers of the city, Thursday, February 28, at the Majestic, Broad street and Girard avenue. Mr. Murray is the new manager of the Phillies and the sporting writers wish to pay their compliments to him and to meet him formally. They also consider it fitting that they and as many of the fans as wish to attend the dinner should bring Mr. Murray and Mr. Mack together in a friendly handshake over the festive board. This is the third annual dinner of the sporting writers—the first to Managers Shettsline and Mack, at the Bellevue-Stratford, and the second to Lave Cross, a planked shad affair at Washington Park. The invited guests will include President Johnson, of the American League; President Pulliam, of the National League, and President Carpenter, of the Tri-State League.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE NOTES.

Pitcher Lee Quillin has re-signed with Chicago.

Catcher Harry Bemis has re-signed with Cleveland.

Clark Griffith claims to be the originator of the squeeze play.

Catcher Carrigan has refused to re-sign with Boston at his 1906 salary.

Detroit is the bugbear of the schedule makers, owing to the trotting races there.

"Bob" Leadley, formerly secretary of the Detroit Club, is engaged in business in Mexico City.

Bobby Lowe has been secured to replace Lew McAllister as Michigan University's base ball coach.

Umpire Evans, of the American League, is still refereeing in the Interstate Roller Polo League.

Pitcher Harry Howell, of the Browns, is coaching the St. Louis University base ball squad.

Catcher Lou Drill, the ex-Tiger catcher, is making so much money at law that he intends to quit base ball.

Catcher Frank Roth, of the White Sox, is out of the hospital quite recovered from the appendicitis operation.

President John I. Taylor, of Boston, is coming from California to attend the American League schedule meeting.

Milwaukee fans think Jiggs Donahue the greatest ball player in the world. He once played in the Brewery City.

The Detroit pitchers, Donovan, Mullin, Siever, Killian, Coughlin, O'Leary and Schmidt, started for Hot Springs on February 23.

Pitcher Joe Harris, of the Boston, intends to go to the Hot Springs one week ahead of the members of the regular party.

New York again hints at a deal for Matty McIntyre. Manager Jennings discredits the rumor and says there is no chance.

Tyrus Cobb writes a Detroit friend that he will make a determined bid for base running honors in the American League this year.

"Jim" Manning, who handled the Washingtons in their first year in the American League, is prospering in business in Kansas City.

Three more Washington players—catcher Blankenship, second baseman Schafly and infielder Perrine—have turned in signed contracts.

Pitcher Bernhardt, of Cleveland, had the misfortune to lose by death his young daughter Marion during the past week at Lockport, N. Y.

The Cleveland Club has turned Clark, of Baton Rouge; Woodruff, of Vicksburg, and O'Leary, of Des Moines, over to the Des Moines Club.

Pitcher Walsh considers as one of his best pitching feats last season the striking-out of Willie Keeler for the first and only time during the season.

President Johnson has officially given out his list of umpires for 1907. The list comprises Sheridan, Connolly, Evans, Hurst, O'Loughlin and Stafford.

According to Comiskey the Chicago White Sox will divide into two teams after leaving New Orleans and play every day from March 30 to April 9.

Shortstop Turner, of Cleveland, warns base ball players against two popular forms of winter amusement and training, bowling and indoor base ball.

The Boston Club has transferred outfielder John Godwin to the Minneapolis Club. Godwin is wintering in Wellsville, Pa., where he is the owner of a big fruit farm.

Pitcher Frank Smith has signed with Chicago. He has been working out at the Grove City College gymnasium and assisting in coaching the college base ball team.

First baseman Chris Lindsay, of Detroit, has gone into the carpenter and building business with a partner at Monaco, Pa., and will play professional ball no more.

Catcher Ira Thomas has signed with New York. He has been spending the winter in New York City and has been working in a machine shop to keep fit and fine.

Six young catchers made good in the American League last year. The best of these were Ira Thomas, of the Highlanders, and "Nig" Clarke, of Cleveland. Detroit had two good ones in Payne and Schmidt. With Washington

Howard Wakefield did well, and Branch Rickey performed like a veteran for St. Louis.

Catcher Clarke, of Cleveland, says that pitcher Hess is the hardest man in the league to catch, not excepting even Waddell. Hess broke a finger for Clarke in 1905 and again in 1906.

Jimmy Collins reports himself as down to 179 pounds—about 20 pounds lighter than he was this time last year. He returned last week to Buffalo, there to remain until the Bostonians start South.

Danny Hoffman looks like he will be a big factor in center field for the Yankees next season. Danny was getting his eye on the ball during the close of last season, and his base running was superb.

Just two Boston American fielders led their positions in six seasons—Warner, the catcher, in 1902, and Lachance, the first baseman, in 1904. Warner had a fielding percentage of .979 and Lachance of .991.

Pitcher Bill Hogg, of the New Yorks, writes that he is holding down a job with a street paving company out at Pueblo, Col. He is boss of the job at \$5 per day, which he thinks is not so bad in snow ball time.

Ted Sullivan is quoted as saying that from his personal knowledge the Washington Club will pay Manager Joe Cantillon "nearly twice the salary of a United States Senator, and twice the salary of any bench manager in the East."

"Jiggs" Donohue says he is going to hit over .290 this year. He drove in as many runs as any of his teammates last year, being the best pinch hitter on the team, but he is not satisfied with that and now wants to get closer to the .300 class.

Manager Griffith, a member of the Joint Rules Committee, says: "I have looked over the rules very carefully and I don't see where there can be any improvements aside from making the wording more plain." He endorses the arm-signal idea.

Manager Hughie Jennings, of the Detroit Club, announces he is willing to trade outfielder Matty McIntyre, for whom several clubs are signing, on condition that he can get a pitcher or two, satisfactory to Jennings, for the Staten Island boy.

Dr. G. Harris White, the crack southpaw of the White Sox, last week received a degree of Master Mason in the Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F. A. A. M., at Masonic Hall, in Washington. The other Masons on the White Sox team are Felder Jones, Frank Isbell and Jay Towne.

The first application for a pension under the new service pension law to be made in New Philadelphia, O., was that of Denton Young, father of "Cy" Young, the well known ball player. He is seventy-four years old and under the provisions of the law will receive \$15 a month.

The Detroit catchers had but nine passed balls last season, leading the American players in that position, and the catchers of the White Sox ranked second with sixteen. Payne and Schmidt had four each, and Jack Warner had but one. Detroit also had fewest wild pitches, twenty-three, Boston ranking second with twenty-five.

The marriage of shortstop Turner enables Manager Lajole to place an entire team of benedicts in the field should he so desire. With Bemis as a catcher he would have Joss, Bernhard or Moore as twirlers, Stovall for first base, himself for second, Turner for short and Bradley for third, while Congalton, Bay and Flick, the outfielders, have enjoyed the felicities of married life for several years. It was only a few years ago that Cleveland's infield was composed entirely of bachelors. Stovall was the first to take the jump into matrimony, he being followed by Bradley, Lajole and Turner.

## BECKWITH DIVORCED.

### Granddaughter of Abraham Lincoln Abandons Ex-Player.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Feb. 13.—Warren W. Beckwith, professional ball player, was yesterday given a decree divorcing Jessie Lincoln Beckwith, daughter of Robert T. Lincoln. By a coincidence the separation of the matrimonial bonds came on her grandfather's birthday. Beckwith charged desertion. She left his home in Riverside, Chicago, in January 1905 and has since lived with her parents.

Mrs. Beckwith entered an appearance and by way of answer said it was true that she left her husband and that she has now the custody of her two children, who are now living at the home of her parents, where they receive the best of care and attention.

She asserts that her husband has no home except hotels and boarding houses in different parts of the country and that she is better situated than he is to care for the children. The court gave Mrs. Beckwith control of the children. The couple eloped and were married in 1897.

## Youngstown Franchise Sold.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 18.—Youngstown's franchise in the Ohio and Pennsylvania League was sold today for \$3000 to Zanesville. The deal includes the players already secured. Marty Hogan will manage the team.

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