

## PLAN CHANGED

FOR THE SPRING TRAINING OF  
THE WHITE SOX

Pasadena, Cal., Will Be Substituted for Los Angeles, Cal., and Each of the Two Squads Will Play at San Francisco.

Chicago, Ills., February 10.—Quite a change has been made in the Spring training plans of the White Sox. It



Chas. Comiskey

was learned recently that Pasadena will be the training spot instead of Los Angeles. The entire squad will go to Paso Robles for the first ten days, as previously arranged, then it will be divided into two sections, the regulars to go to San Francisco for two weeks, while the second team will go to Pasadena. At the end of the two weeks the second team will exchange places with the regulars. Owner Comiskey explained this by saying that at Pasadena the Sox will have entire use of a ball park for training purposes while, should they train at Los Angeles, they would have to divide the time with the Los Angeles players. Consequently hotel accommodations have been engaged for the Chicago party at Pasadena. This is only 18 miles from Los Angeles and the Sox will play some games in the latter city, while the Los Angeles team will be brought to Pasadena for 16 games all told, eight being played with the second team and eight with the regulars. As Pasadena is considered one of the most beautiful spots in California, Comiskey is delighted with the new arrangements. President Comiskey, of the White Sox, will not initiate President Murphy's radical game-starting move. "The games at the White Sox park will begin at 3 o'clock as before," says the "Old Roman." "I have a lot of patrons who are employed at the stockyards and they cannot get to the park before 3 o'clock."

### AT THE CAPITAL

All But Two Washington Players Signed—  
Washington Club's Officers Re-elected—  
John Henry Suffers a Relapse—Training  
Plans and Schedule Prospects.

Washington, D. C., February 10.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The work of signing the Washington team is practically over. Regulars Frank La-



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porte, Alva Williams and Tom Hughes sent in their signed contracts during the week, and all the recruits who had not been previously heard from did the same. Only Milan and Schaefer remain outside the tepee, and of these Milan is as good as signed and Schaefer couldn't be driven away from Washington with a club. As everybody knows, the German nobleman is a very busy personage, and probably he is so engrossed in counting his money that this contract business has escaped his mind. Clark Griffith is the first of the big league leaders to get away from the hold-out stuff. On the 20th of this month the advance guard of the Washingtons, consisting of Griffith's corps of

#### YOUNG PITCHERS,

will report here. They will work out daily at the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. from February 21 until March 2, and will leave for their training quarters at Charlottesville on the latter date, leaving the vets to participate in the inauguration frivolities on March 4 and start for camp on March 5. Griff wants to send his batters against some real pitching, from the first day they are at Charlottesville, and figures that with the genuine batting practice they will thus get they will be ready to start at full speed. Tom Drohan, the young twirler secured from Kewanee, was claimed by seven minor league organizations in the drawing for the services of big league recruits which took place during the week. Columbus will get him should Washington let him go, but

#### DROHAN'S RECORD

makes him look more like a comer than a goer. He won 26 games and lost four last year, and it was his work that enabled Kewanee to finish second in the Central Association. Drohan is a natural pitcher. He won 23 of his last 25 games, and one of his two defeats was by 1-0. He is a big youngster and is considered an unusually good prospect. He is from

Woonsocket, R. I., a town whose entire population Washington tried to draft last Fall. It is the home of Joe Connelly, who hit .316 in the International in 1912, .355 in the Central League in 1911, and will try to do the same for the Capital in 1913. It is also the abode of catcher Rondeau, the very healthy looking backstop whom Washington sold to Detroit after getting him in the draft. Griffith may wish he had him back if

JOHN HENRY

should not be ready when the race begins. This now seems doubtful, and the question is a most serious one for the local team. Henry has suffered a relapse after he seemed to have nearly recovered from the effects of an operation on his knee for the removal of a floating cartilage. Two days ago the club's physician was surprised to find the knee painful and badly swollen, and the brilliant young catcher returned to the hospital for further

## Latest News By Telegraph Briefly Told

SPECIAL TO "SPORTING LIFE."

It is illegal to strike a base ball umpire in Illinois. This view was held by the Appellate Court of Chicago, in sustaining a decision of the Municipal Court, rendered on November 21, 1908, by which Robert Cantwell was fined \$75 and costs for assaulting Umpire Kerin, of the American League. The assault took place at White Sox Park late in the Fall of 1908, after a heated game. Cantwell, who is an attorney, is known as an ardent follower of base ball.

Charles ("Chic") Fraser, formerly of the Chicago National Club, has signed to manage the Pittsfield, Mass., Club, of the Eastern Association.

The application of Orval Overall, former pitcher for the Chicago National League Club, for reinstatement, has been received at the headquarters of the National Commission in Cincinnati. Overall refused to report to the club in the Spring of 1911, saying he had finished with base ball. If reinstated, as is likely, Overall will probably be transferred by the Chicago Club to some other club.

President McAleer, of the Boston American Club, announces that his club will adhere to last year's game-starting time, namely, 3.15 daily.

The South Bend Club, late of the Central League, will apply to the I. I. League for a berth. Arrangements have been made for the use of the Central League park. Civil action probably will be started against President Heilbroner and the Central League to recover \$4000, which was advanced by South Bend men last Fall to take care of the indebtedness of the Central League club. These men were given a mortgage on the franchise and players and claim that if they are not allowed to retain the same the Central League must settle their claim.

A San Francisco dispatch, under date of February 7, says: "Umpire 'Bull' Perrine is suffering at his home from locomotor ataxia. It is said that his days as an umpire are over. He has been ill since last June, when he resigned his position with the American League."

President Heilbroner, of the Central League, announced on February 7 that the franchise for a sixth city in the Central League has been awarded to Evansville, where a company with \$7500 paid up capital has been formed by Harry Stahlhoefer as president.

Del Howard, of the San Francisco (Pacific Coast League) Club, has been appointed a scout for the Chicago National Club.

President Charles W. Murphy, of the Chicago National Club, announced last week that he had insured the lives of Manager John J. Evers and catchers James Archer and Roger Bresnahan for \$50,000 each for the present year. "I do not think I could replace either of the three players for \$50,000, and as a business proposition I decided to insure their lives for \$150,000 for my own protection," said Murphy.

The Reading (Tri-State League) Club has signed third baseman Bill Cranley, a youngster, late of the Sharon (O. & P.) League Club.

President John H. Myers, of the Atlantic City (Tri-State League) Club, announced on February 8 that the Spring training will be done at Lancaster, Pa. The Franklin and Marshall diamond has been engaged for the purpose, and all the work will be done there. Efforts will be made to get a few exhibition games. The men will report in Lancaster April 7, and will remain there until the season opens, April 30.

The Missouri-Illinois Trolley League will expand this season and Centralia and Mount Vernon in all probability will be included in the league. St. Louis, Belleville, Alton and Grafton also will be members.

The University of Pennsylvania is trying to arrange a series of exhibition games with the New York Americans to be played in Bermuda in 1914. Business Manager Irwin, of the New Yorks, will take the matter up with Frank Chance as soon as the latter arrives from the Coast.

er treatment. It is feared that the knee has become infected in some way, and that it may keep him out of the game for some time. Speaking of Detroit, Hugh Jennings presented his vaudeville act here last week. He is batting over 1000 in the stage league, and it is certain that he made a bigger hit with local fans as an actor than he did as a prophet, as he predicted that the Washingtons will not finish as high as last year. All the local experts curbed themselves sufficiently to refrain from coming back with a "same to you" retort, although there is an impression in this bailiwick that New York and St. Louis will win many more games in 1913 than they did last year. A little adverse criticism sometimes acts as a stimulus, and is preferable to the unseasonable combination of bouquets in Winter and frosts in Summer that used to prevail in Washington. At a meeting of the directors of the Washington Club, which was held at Manager Griffith's office Wednesday, all the club's

OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED,  
and as they have been elected three times within a few weeks, they ought to stick pretty well this time. As stated on the former occasions, they are: Benjamin S. Minor, president; Rudolph Kauffmann, vice-president; W. H. Rapley, treasurer, and Edward J. Walsh, secretary. All are very prominent and exceedingly popular citizens of Washington and enjoy the full confidence of the fans. Manager Griffith and President Minor will go to New York today where they will attend the meeting of the American League on Monday. There is the usual amount of red-hot excitement about the conclave of this husky organization, and betting is even that it will lower the record it now holds for short sessions. Griffith has no trades in view, and not even an offer of Jim Thorpe would tempt him. If the latter fails to inflame the base ball world, he should accept the

Chief Griffith by arriving in Washington on Friday. Gandil and his family are at the Dewey, and will remain there until it is time to go to Charlottesville. Gandil says he is going to play the game of his life this year, and he looks it, too. He is confident that, if one of the Washington twirling pickups make good, Clark Griffith's commando will be the one best pennant bet. He thinks this will happen, too, and that Drohan may be the pitcher sought, with a good dark horse or two in reserve in case he should not reach.

PAUL W. EATON.

### CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The Transfer of Infielder Griggs, and the Reason Therefore—The Battery Men and Veterans to Constitute the First Squad to Go Into Training.

Cleveland, O., February 10.—Editor "Sporting Life."—One of the predictions of the last letter came to pass during the

week when the Cleveland Club disposed of Arthur Griggs to the Montreal Club, of the International League. Griggs came to the Naps originally from St. Louis in trade for catcher Nig Clarke. After it was figured he had outlived his usefulness as a Cleveland player he was sent to Toledo, only to be recalled in mid-season last year. After the Naps had done a heap of experimenting at first base Griggs looked like the Moses to lead them out of the second-division wilderness as he fielded without the semblance of an error for a number of games and was batting the pill at a .300 clip. Then he fell



Ed. Bang

#### VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT

which put him out of the running for what appeared a few days at the start, but which eventually put him out of the American League for he never again got a chance at first base as a Nap. Doc Johnston, who came to the Cleveland Club by way of New Orleans, was purchased in mid-season and reported just about the time Griggs was hurt. He was stationed at the initial sack and never gave up the job thereafter. Griggs should make a very valuable man for the Montreal Club. He is a grand fielder and is a hitter of the clean-up type. It would not be surprising if he was placed fourth in the batting order by the Montreal management. It was also predicted a week back that

#### THIRD BASEMAN GRUBB

was another player on the Napland roster who would not accompany the team to the Spring training camp at Pensacola, Florida. Manager Birmingham has not come out flat-footed with the statement that Grubb will be disposed of to a minor league club, but its a cinch bet that Birmy has that move in mind. Another 10 days and the first squad of Naps will be enroute to the training camp. The contingent will include all of the battery men, about 17 in number, Manager Birmingham, Napoleon Lajoie, Terry Turner and Jack Graney. The last three are the veterans of the team and Birmy is especially anxious to

#### GIVE LARRY AND TERRY

all the time they desire to get into shape. There was some talk of both Lajoie and Turner putting in some time at Hot Springs, Ark., but neither of the veterans thought that the baths would prove of benefit to them and passed up the jaunt entirely. It would not be surprising if Larry, Terry and Graney helped Birmingham in getting a line on his youthful pitching and catching material. The big Frenchman ought to be in position to pass judgment on pitchers if any one is, as he has batted against 2000 or more in the 17 years he has been in fast company. Not that Larry is keen on trying his batting eye against the recruit twirlers for there is ever danger of him being beamed by one of the wicked shoots of

#### THE OVER-AMBITIOUS YOUNGSTERS.

But Larry can pick out good curves, smoke and jumps as well as the next one and if he should drop a hint to Manager Birmingham that this or that kid had the goods it certainly would carry a lot of weight. Two of the Naps' hurlers will be late in reporting, Leroy Walker because he is serving a 90-day workhouse sentence at Nashville, Tenn., and Jim Baskette owing to the fact that he became mixed up in a cutting scrape at his home in Athens, Tenn., and unfortunately got his neck in close contact with the sharpest part of the razor or knife.

ED BANG.

#### Ain't It?

In Chicago they are cheering for a lad named John McGraw; In New York, whenever Chance is named they up and yell "Horraw!" It was only last September when they hoped his neck would break— Ain't it funny what a difference just a few months make?

James Thorpe, the Indian athlete, denies the report that he was under contract with the Oklahoma City team, which was transferred to Beaumont, Tex., last Spring. He will join the New York team on its trip South.

Infielder Nutter, of Roseville, O., has signed with the Zanesville Club, of the Interstate League.

The Louisville Club, of the American Association, which began the 1913 season with 43 stockholders, has been entered in control of President Otto H. Wathen and his relatives, to an extent estimated at 90 per cent. Mr. Wathen has acquired the holdings of half a dozen of the minority stockholders.

Outfielder Chris Mahoney has signed with the Portland Club, of the Northwestern League.

In the Michigan State League catcher Henry T. Keller has been traded by Ludington to Cadillac for infielder Wallace Reddick; and pitcher Herbert Jewell has been sold by the Ludington Club to the Denver Club, of the Western League.

President Meyer, of Indianapolis, has received the signed contracts of pitchers Hixon and Kiesel and infielder Brougan. Hixon, who was one of the mainstays of last year's staff, has been working in a factory at Springfield, O., this Winter and reports that he is in excellent condition.

Pitcher Bill Otey has signed with the Dayton Club, of the Central League.

A dispatch from Calumet, Mich., says: "There will be no Iron-Copper Country Base Ball League next Summer. This league last year was composed of Calumet, Ishpenning, Negaunee and Marquette. The venture, however, proved too expensive, and Calumet has dropped out."

The Decatur Club, of the I. I. League, has signed William Gray, a pitcher, hailing from Louisville, Ky.

President Justice, of the Central Association, has announced the following official scorers: Keokuk, Don W. Hutchinson; Kewanee, Harry C. Rose; Burlington, Lyman C. Hodge; Ottumwa, E. G. Dougherty. The Keokuk Club has raised sufficient money to see it through the 1913 season and has appointed first baseman George Manusch as team manager. Manusch played with Ottumwa last year and in 108 games hit .375.

Manager Angus Grant, of last season's South Bend (Central League) Club, has been appointed a doorkeeper for the Indiana State Legislature.

The Vernon team and franchise in the Pacific Coast League, have been officially removed to Venice, Cal., where, however, only Sunday morning games will be played, for which purpose a new ball park will be built. All other games of the Venice Club will be played at Washington Park in Los Angeles.

Pitcher Frank Schneiberg, former Milwaukee and Brooklyn pitcher, after a retirement of three years, has agreed to pitch for the Memphis Club, of the Southern League.

The Guelph Club, of the Canadian League, has received the signed contracts of outfielder Jack Fryer and William Wright and pitcher Roy Schuyler. Schaefer, of last year's team, states that he is not satisfied with the figures in his contract and has refused to sign.

Secretary Foster, of the New York National Club, has received through the foreign mail a base ball guide printed in Sweden and in Swedish. The Base Ball Regler was its title and whatever that means it appears that the Swedes are considerably interested in the game. Which is appropriate, for W. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and Coffeyville, Kan., is a leading light of the sport.

Catcher Rondeau, a recruit, has turned in his signed 1913 Detroit contract.

Substitute outfielder Walter P. Rehg, of Wichita, Kan., has signed a 1913 Pittsburgh contract.

suggestion that he enter the ring and become a Red Hope. From that he would work up to a Yellow Hope, and perhaps finally to a White Hope.

#### SOME JUICY PLUMS

for the Washington team are anticipated if apparently well-founded schedule rumors pan out. It is expected that the locals will open at home with New York, thus getting the benefit of Frank Chance's first appearance as an American League manager, and probably a player-manager at that. Then the agreement bringing forward the opening National League game in Brooklyn will, it is expected, leave Washington without an opposing attraction in Greater New York, to be the party of the other part in Frank Chance's debut in Gotham, and on the Polo Grounds, too. Some crowds will view these contests unless pickled weather should prevail, and many simoleons ought to be amassed in consequence thereof.

CHICK GANDIL,

first baseman extraordinary, surprised