

FIRST SACKERS A SCARCE ARTICLE

Several Major League Teams Hot After Men for the Initial Base.

PITTSBURG NEEDS ONE

PIRATES SEEM TO BE UP AGAINST IT FOR A MAN WHO WILL FILL THE BILL—WHITE SOX IN THE BOAT.

Good first basemen have the call this season. Several major league teams are all to the bad without them, and you can't extract one of the live ones from his present employers for any money. Among the clubs that need a first bagger are New York and Pittsburgh, and there are others.

While the New Yorks have two professional first basemen and some eager young subs, the team is nevertheless up against it proper. Fred Tenney, once one of the greatest players that ever drew on the first baseman's glove,



HAL CHASE, NEW YORK AMERICAN'S CHANCE FIRST SACKER.

is about through. Merkle has been wubbing on the station for two years or so, but he has not even yet shown that he classes with the masters of the job.

Brooklyn has big Tim Jordan, who is all O. K. when right, but his knees are bothering him. Still, the Superbas have a good minor leaguer named Daubert. Daub, old how, is not a chicken, having first based for many years, but he is said to have the goods and to be ready to deliver them.

The Boston Nationals don't even know yet just what they will do for a first baseman and are crying aloud for one. They need a lot of other players on that Boston team, but they surely do need a first bagger.

The erudite and foxy leader Frank Chance of Chicago isn't shy on first basemen, though. He is all there himself, of course.

Cincinnati is all right. Dick Hoblitzel is the real walloping kid and can play the base besides. Philadelphia is fairly well off with Bransfield.

The champion Pirates are in trouble. They fired their first bagger, and now they don't know whether Flynn, the man they are trying out, will do or will prove a flivver. The St. Louis Nationals are all to the good, for Eddie Konechky is a star both on the bag and at whanging the leather on the heavy pedal.

The New York Americans are all right, for Hal Chase is right in the south of his playing powers.

Boston's Red Sox are well off with Jake Stahl. The big boy can cover the bag superbly and seems to be getting better all the time as a slugger. Connie Mack still relies on Harry Davis, a most artistic and capable player, but one who is beginning to grow old.

McAleer, at Washington, is perplexed. Bob Unglaub is a pretty good first baseman, but is also useful in other places, and Jimmy would be delighted to land a fresh and ambitious juvenile.

Cumiskey's two great first basemen, Inell and Bonchuck, are both gone now, and he is trying to train a new star from a bunch of candidates, with only problematical success. At Cleveland McGuire, although owning a good first baseman, Stovall, has put Lajoie on the base so that Turner can work on second.

The champion Detroit Tigers are worried, inasmuch as Tom Jones is showing up and getting a little listless. Jennings would be glad to hear from a lively kid with first base ability.

St. Louis will try a National league discard, Abstein, and may make good with him—or may fall. O'Connor wouldn't mind having a sturdy young star in reserve.

Great chances for young first basemen these days if there were only a few such to be found.

No Was Not Mercenary. She—So many men nowadays marry for money! You wouldn't marry me for money, would you? He (absently) No, darling; I would marry you for the money in the world. She—Oh, how I should love to be a rich woman!—He (sighing)—I would marry you for the money in the world. She—Oh, how I should love to be a rich woman!—He (sighing)—I would marry you for the money in the world.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	7	2	.778
Pittsburgh	5	2	.714
Chicago	5	3	.625
New York	7	3	.700
Cincinnati	3	4	.420
Boston	3	6	.333
St. Louis	2	7	.222
Brooklyn	2	8	.200

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Detroit	6	3	.667
Philadelphia	5	3	.625
New York	4	3	.571
Cleveland	5	5	.500
Boston	5	5	.500
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Washington	4	7	.364
Chicago	2	5	.286

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Paul	8	3	.727
Columbus	7	4	.636
Minneapolis	7	4	.636
Toledo	6	5	.545
Indianapolis	5	7	.417
Louisville	5	7	.417
Kansas City	4	6	.400
Milwaukee	1	7	.125

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.	
Boston 5; Brooklyn 1.	
Chicago 1; Pittsburgh 0.	
New York 3; Philadelphia 2.	
American League.	
New York-Philadelphia—Rain.	
Cleveland 3; Chicago 2.	
Boston 11; Washington 1.	
Detroit 7; St. Louis 1.	
American Association.	
Columbus 2; Indianapolis 1 (10 inn.)	
St. Paul 8; Kansas City 4.	
Minneapolis 7; Milwaukee 3.	
Louisville 2; Toledo 1.	

GAMES TODAY.

National League.	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.	
Brooklyn at Boston.	
New York at Philadelphia.	
St. Louis at Chicago.	
American League.	
Detroit at St. Louis.	
Boston at Washington.	
Philadelphia at New York.	
Chicago at Cleveland.	
American Association.	
Columbus at Indianapolis.	
Minneapolis at Milwaukee.	
St. Paul at Kansas City.	
Toledo at Louisville.	

DIAMOND CHIPS

Frank Smith is doing the best pitching for the White Sox. He held Cleveland down to three hits Monday.

Cleveland's winning streak was shorter than usual this spring. The Naps seem to be the same old crowd after all.

McGuire used fourteen of his players against the Sox, but could not get a run across the plate.

Tom Jones of the Tigers will be out of the game for some time. A line drive from Hartzelle's bat broke the big first baseman's nose. Wonder where he was looking. Crawford will play the bag during his absence.

Collins and Baker are as valuable to Mack's team as Cobb and Crawford are to Jennings. It is their batting that gives their respective teams most of their runs.

How long will the Quakers maintain their present burst of speed? Give that gans a running start and they are out to keep in the van for weeks to come.

Speaking of long-hit balls at the Polo Grounds, Cy Seymour once put a fair drive into Manhattan Field, this in the nineties. Tom Daly made a home run off Rusie which landed on the elevated tracks across the left field fence.

Daubert, Brooklyn's new first baseman, is one of the numerous crop of left handed men who are now taking jobs on first.

He is not a Hal Chase in speed, but is a wonder on long foul flies and a whale of a batter.

What is the matter with Hamilton Hyatt? Campbell is playing right field for the Pirates during Wilson's disability and Hyatt doesn't seem to figure.

Merkle is rather fond of touching runners coming into first base. He does this sometimes when he could keep his foot on the bag and make the catch. The latter when possible is the safer way. Mr. Merkle should make use of his long reach.

Boston has not won a game since the Nationals left there, and that was one of the teams that was figured to have a chance for the flag this year.

If Jack Knight keeps up his present clip Foster is likely to wait some time before getting in at short again.

Most triple plays are made on line hits and the players making them fall into them naturally.

A thrown bat hit Hank O'Day the other day and kept Wagner from stealing a base.

Mordcael Brown, not generally at his best until hot weather, is as fit right now as any of them.

Hard to Move. A little boy of six had complained of a pain in his knee. His mother, fearing it might be rheumatic trouble, inquired as to just how it felt.

"Why, mamma," said he, "it feels as if it would squeak if it could."—De Lineator.

GRIFFITH'S REDS A LIKELY OUTFIT

Cincinnati Has Become a Logical Factor in National League Race.

TEAM LOOKS FORMIDABLE

PITCHING STAFF IS STRONGER THAN EVER AND THE ONLY CAUSE OF UNEASINESS IS AT SHORT FIELD.

Look out for Clark Griffith and his band of Cincinnati Reds this season. Watch out for them from the very jump, and don't let your vigilance slacken anywhere along the route. A little carelessness, a little bullheadedness, a lack of precaution in dealing with this formidable baseball outfit, and the pennant will be floating over the park near the Ohio river. The Cincinnati aggregation lacks a few numbers of being of championship team caliber, and any slackness in fighting the Reds will mean a jolt that will make Pittsburgh, Chicago and New York howl like lions.

Batting counts terribly nowadays, when there isn't much of it, and the Reds will come very near being the best batting team in the National league this season. A little money can be found, if need be, that they will outfit Pittsburgh on the official averages when the count is taken. Base running? They are the best base running team in the National league right now, and they are not going to lose any of their speed. Fielding? They were not as good in the field work last season as they should have been, but this year they are going to be there with the stops and pickups almost as accurately as even the Cubs, who are the smoothest and flossiest machines in baseball. The pitching department of the Reds held them back last season and now Griffith thinks this has been corrected. Not result: The Cincinnati team comes pretty near being the one best bet in baseball today if anybody offers decent odds. While it is generally accepted as a solid proposition that Pittsburgh and Chicago will fight it out, Cincinnati will be the dark horse.

The batting strength of the Cincinnati team, as Griffith has doped it out, is tremendous and is sure to be much better this season for several reasons. Be it remembered also that both Robert and Downey are great base runners naturally and that if they come back to their proper batting form this year they will also steal a heap of extra cushions.

Hoblitzel, on first, a magnificent batsman, a mere boy, and likely to hit better as he gains muscle. Egan, on second, is a splendid hitter and one of the classiest base runners in the game. Robert and Downey, as has been said, are almost certain to come back to form. These four men were new to one another last season and played the infield raggedly. All of them are natural fielders, and this year they will play infield ball of the machine pattern. Egan in particular will teach the ginger and speed and will mold them into a quartet of winners.

Mike Mitchell, in right, is a fine fielder, swell thrower and one of the best batsmen in the country. In center Griffith has his choice among Paskert, Miller and McCabe. Paskert is a neat batsman and fast fielder. Miller is easily the master of the lot with the stick and the best base runner, but has had an almost useless throwing arm. If the wing gets well he will yet nail the regular job; if not, Paskert will take it at the start, as McCabe, though a fine hitter, is crude and also a slow runner for so young a man.

Another element of added power is found in left—Bob Bescher. This man, new to the big league, was the leading base runner of the circuit last season, though he hit lightly. Bescher is by rights a fine hitter and should return to form without fail.

It will be seen, therefore, that Griffith can count on all the batting and base running strength he had in 1909.

The catchers, McLean, Clark and a new man named Konnick, are all good. McLean is a corking catcher and swell hitter when in good condition. Konnick is touted as a sure corner, and Clark showed more than common quality last autumn.

Fromie, Spade, Gasper, Rowan, Beebe and Covaleski make up a pitching staff that is good enough to win with—and more than good enough with a team of sluggers back of them.

Give the Reds the least bit of luck, start them on a winning streak, and it will be almost impossible to choke them. Pin a deep tack right here: The Reds are going to be the heavy hitters of the league, and if Pittsburgh or Chicago lets go the traces for even a little time that Red team is going to win the flag.

Steinfeldt in Great Shape. Harry Steinfeldt, the Cubs' star third sacker, is faster than he was in 1909. Instead of going back he is displaying more ginger than ever. He attributes his fine condition to his workout at Marlin Springs. "Finest place in the world to train," he says.

Western Handicap Shoot. The great western handicap shoot will be held in Des Moines, May 24 to 26.

Easily Remembered. Waiter—Beg pardon, sir, but the gentleman at this table usually remembers me. Mr. McTavish—I've seen you somewhere, but I can't remember where. Waiter—London Telegraph.

Who has deceived thee as often as thyself?—Franklin.

PALLADIUM WANT AND PAY

KLAUS TO MEET PAPKE

Pittsburgher and "Illinois Thunderbolt" Will Travel Over Long Route May 14. With the understanding that the winner will be matched to meet Stanley Ketchel for the middleweight championship of the world, Frank Klaus of Kewanee, Ill., will exchange jabs and uppercuts before Jimmy Coffroth's club at Colma, Cal., May 14, in a battle that will be practically to a finish, as the men have agreed to battle forty-five rounds.

The coming meeting between Papke and Klaus will be their second, but the previous bout was merely a trial spin, as neither man could show what he possessed in a six round journey. In that bout, however, critics gave the Pittsburgher an even break with the one time conqueror of Ketchel, and friends of the new contender for the middleweight crown are inclined to believe that he has a good chance to defeat Papke and get a meeting with Ketchel over a longer route.

Klaus never has been asked to go more than ten rounds, and for that



BILLY PAPKE, THE "ILLINOIS THUNDERBOLT."

reason it is a matter of conjecture whether he will be able to stand the grind of a battle over the derby route. Most of his work has been confined to the six round game around Pittsburgh. As yet he has not shown the public that he possesses the ability to assimilate the grueling administered to the campaigners in the vicinity of the Golden Gate.

Papke has all the necessary experience after years of hard work in California, and this probably more than any one thing will win for him. Some will argue that "youth will be served," with the youth on Klaus' side, but no one can deny that Papke is still a young man in years, with the added advantage of living a clean life. Giving Klaus all due credit, it looks from here as though Mr. Klaus had been rather hasty in matching with a bruiser of the Papke type, and for his folly he may pay the penalty if the dope runs to form. However, the short end in the betting game the dopsters are jolting just received in the Wolgan-Nelson fight, and the same thing may happen again. But until after the fight Papke will have to be conceded the best chance.

OVERALL ANXIOUS TO CATCH.

One of Cuba's Star Twirlers Bogs For Chance Behind Bat.

Orval Overall, the Chicago Nationals' giant pitcher, wants to become a backstop. So overwhelming has the desire become that he actually begged Manager Chance for an opportunity to work behind the bat this season.

During his college days at the University of California Overall had some experience as a catcher, and his ambition is said to date from those days. He and Nick Williams, now with the



ORVAL OVERALL, CUBS' GIANT PITCHER.

San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league, composed an interchangeable battery that was the despair of all the other "rah-rah" nines and half the professional clubs on the coast.

Overall never misses an opportunity to don a big mitt in practice and never is so happy as when receiving the speedy slants of Mordcael Brown. Although Chance turned down the application without consideration, Overall declared that when his useful days as a pitcher were over it would be the mitt and mask for him.

MINISTER IS HURT

The Rev. Charles Tebbetts was painfully injured yesterday afternoon while riding his bicycle down the Main street hill. The frame broke and he was thrown to the ground. No bones were broken, but he wrenched several muscles.

SHOECARDS: Gold Medal Flour pleases the cook.

Foxy Thomas Taggart Met With Most Unexpected Defeat Today



THOMAS TAGGART.

GOVERNOR MARSHALL DEFEATS T. TAGGART

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It commends Senator Shively and Governor Marshall.

A plank favoring a modification of the present county local option law, so as to make the unit incorporate cities and townships, instead of counties, is also embodied in the majority report. It provides that such modification shall preserve the present remonstrance laws and that all territories already voted dry shall remain so two years from the date of elections. (A minority liquor plank will be submitted.)

The election of senators by the direct vote of the people is also favored.

TO DISCUSS CREDIT

(American News Service)

New Orleans, La., April 28.—Considerable interest is attached to the coming annual meeting of the National association of Credit Men to be held in this city May 17, 18, 19 and 20. This organization is composed of representative business men in every section of the country and the reports of the various committees on legislation and other subjects of public interest are looked forward to. One of the principal reports will be that of the federal incorporation law committee.

Mayor Behman of New Orleans, will welcome the delegates at the opening of the meeting on Tuesday morning. Both the president's and secretary-treasurer's reports will be delivered on Tuesday afternoon, and addresses will be made by Wm. A. Pendergast of New York, Mr. Newman Essick of Los Angeles and Mr. Guy P. Miller, of Bridgeport.

At the session on Wednesday morning, Mr. Harold Remington of Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver an address on "The Credit Man and the Bankruptcy Law."

On Thursday morning the reports of the banking and currency committee and of the federal incorporation law committee will be made. Friday will be devoted to the completion of unfinished business and the election of officers.

STILL THE CENTER

New Census Will Show Indiana Still the Hub of the United States.

MOVES WEST FEW MILES

The center of population of the continental United States, which at the time of the first census was twenty-three miles east of Baltimore, has been traveling westward with each decade. In 1900 it was located near Columbus, Ind., about forty miles south of Indianapolis. In 1800 it was twenty-six miles farther east and in the two previous decades it kept rather near to Cincinnati. With each decade it has moved a little farther west, but has continued to keep very close to the thirty-ninth parallel, the latitude approximately of Baltimore and Cincinnati.

With the development and spread of population in the west the wonder is that the center of population keeps so disproportionately far to the east of the center area. It now stops at about one-fourth of the entire distance from coast to coast. The present census will doubtless carry it a little farther west and perhaps a little to the south, because of the new population in Oklahoma. Other western states have made large additions to their population, but they have lost much by migration to Canada and latterly to Mexico.

It is not likely therefore, that the center of population will move out of Indiana, or indeed get very far from its last stopping place. While the west is growing the east is not standing still. The great cities particularly are growing at a rapid rate, which shows no sign of abating. Of the twelve largest cities in the United States, by the census of 1900, eight were east of the center of population. The prodigious growth of New York city alone, will almost balance the development and settlement of new area in the west. Therefore while the west booms along at a gait that promises to put everything behind it, the center of population insists on staying at each decade, just a few miles further west of its camping ground ten years before, showing that while the whole country is growing the old east increases in population almost as rapidly as the new west.

Matrimony Tarts. Matrimony tarts is the old name to an apple dessert of which there are many varieties. This particular apple tart, or pudding, calls for one dozen apples, a quarter pound of currants, pitted, washed and dried; two ounces of candied peel, chopped fine, a little grated nutmeg, some sifted sugar and puff paste.

Pare, core and quarter the apples. Put them into a saucepan with a little water and stew them to a pulp, stirring frequently. Then add the currants, the chopped peel, sugar to taste and nutmeg.

Line a pudding dish with puff paste; pour the fruit, when it has cooled a little, into it; cover with crust, press the edges together all around, make a hole in the center and bake.

"Tried and True Layer Cake." Cream one and three-quarter cups of sugar with one-half cup of butter, add three eggs and beat the batter hard. Stir in a cup of sour milk into which a generous pinch of baking soda has been beaten. Last of all, whip in lightly three cups of flour that has been sifted with two teaspoonsful of baking powder. Bake in three layers and put together with any kind of icing or filling.

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