

# Old Faces Will Be Missing from Omaha Line Next Spring Chicago Reports that Federal League Will Leave the Windy City

## Rourke Makes Clean Sweep of the Infield Jobs on Omaha Team Gilmore of the Feds Has Good Record as Soldier and as Sport

After many weeks of suspense and hope, Omaha fans are to learn the ever-desired information that Pa Rourke is to take a clear side swipe at his old 1913 base ball machine preparatory to fitting new parts which will make the 1914 engine look as if it had just arrived clean and fresh from the machine shop. For Pa has come out of his shell of reticence to announce that about six of the old war horses will depart to other climes when spring arrives in order to make way for new material which will arrive about March 15 to train for the approaching season.

Harvey Grubb, the dapper youth who threw three-base fans into convulsions daily last year, is a thing of the past, as far as Omaha is concerned. For Harvey will embark for the sunny south of a Texas league when the call goes out in the spring. And just to make your mouth water, Pa says he is to get a perfectly good player in exchange for Mr. Grubb, an event which many sport writers of more or less expert caliber about the Western circuit were prone to believe impossible.

### Thomas Replaces Justice.

Eddie Justice, who played at shortstop for two seasons and acted as manager for a bit during the latter part of last season when Babb was given permission to take an extended vacation with the folks at home, will be compelled to drop into the background in favor of Thomas, a youngster from the Wisconsin-Illinois league, where he burned up the league by his sensational stops. Thomas, according to George Huff, a scout of the first water, is a faster fielder than Justice, who, it must be admitted, is some fielder, and, better than all, he can hit. Thomas hit a half dozen degrees below .500 last season, and he hit when hits were most to be desired. Thus Justice, who is a weak hitter and not as fast a base runner and no better fielder than Thomas, if as good, will not be found at the half-way station next year.

### Coyle to Be Absent.

A new left fielder is also due. Who that will be depends upon the course of circumstance. Rourke has at present six prospective outfielders. They are Coyle, Thomson, Congalton, Bell, Krug and Payne. All will be in Omaha this spring to train, with the probable exception of Coyle. Rourke will trade Coyle if he can get an infielder, a pitcher or a catcher for him. Even though a trade is not completed, it is not likely that Coyle will be the left fielder next year. Krug will be the logical man for the position, unless Rourke decides to play him at an infield position, which he does not wish to do, as Krug is better in the garden positions than in the infield.

### One More Outfielder.

Payne is also an outfielder although he was forced to play in the infield some last season because of the weak spot at second. Rourke believes Payne will make a good outfielder as he is a fair hitter who can be developed with training and he is a rattling good base runner. If Thomson and Congalton both jump to the Feds, and one or two fans in Omaha have rumors to the effect that they have received tempting offers from Federal magnates, Rourke will not be overly downcast because of his new men. Rourke has heard nothing from Congalton or Thomson lately, and has not received any inkling as to whether they have been approached by the Feds or not. Schiltzer, the combination spit ball and slow ball artist who was purchased late last year to fill the vacancy made by the hasty departure of Stevens, will not be with Omaha next year. Schiltzer will be traded as soon as possible, but even

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## York Base Ball Team Engages Manager

YORK, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—At a well attended meeting of York base ball fans of this city, at the court house last evening a new board of directors was elected. It consists of W. G. Liggett, W. W. Cook, E. S. Clark, W. A. Miller and Dennis Meehan.

James Pierce of Indianapolis, Ind., has been engaged as manager and he already has signed up several promising youngsters. The best of last year's players will be sent contracts in a few days. The finance committee will get busy shortly and begin the campaign of raising the necessary funds. York's league team for the year 1914 is now assured.

## REFUSE TO ALLOW WOMEN TO TAKE PART IN GAMES

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The Amateur Athletic union, in a small vote completed today, decided by an overwhelming vote to refuse registration to women athletes in all sports competitions controlled by the organization. This effectively bars women from competing or giving athletic exhibitions in open games or meets where men or boys are entered in any part of the program. It is recorded that notwithstanding the rule proposing such mixed competitions one association of the American Athletic union permitted the union laws to be violated.

In order to get an official interpretation from the national registration committee, Chairman James E. Sullivan sent a small vote to all members of the committee, asking them to vote on the resolution.

## NOONE WILL ENTERTAIN THE TOWNSEND BALL TEAM

Thomas Noone, manager of the Townsend Gun company base ball team last season, will entertain the members of the team at his home next Thursday evening. The Townsend are not planning on entering the local amateur base ball field during the coming season.

By HARVEY T. WOODRUFF.  
James Alexander Gilmore, the fighting president of the Federal Base Ball league, has been to the front before. As a veteran of the Spanish war and of service in the Philippines, he knows military tactics. As a successful coal dealer and manufacturer he knows something of business warfare. Therefore he may be regarded as equipped for the duties of his present position in the battle against organized base ball. Certainly none of the Federal outposts have been caught asleep on sentry duty as yet.

## FEDERALS NOW BUSY ON ARTE FLETCHER'S TRAIL.

Carrying this little pleasantry farther, it may be interpolated that Friend Gilmore was a commissary sergeant in the Philippines and learned something of foraging. Predatory raids with diamond stars as the booty are being practiced by his lieutenants with skill and precision. Even guerrilla tactics might not be unfamiliar if necessary, and some of the embittered opposition already stigmatize the Federal attack as guerrilla. Whatever friendly critics or hostile skeptics may think of the ultimate success of the Federal movement, it must be admitted the new league has caused a rumpus greater than any since the American league launched its successful attack against the National league in 1901 and gained as its victory a place as an equal power in the government of the national pastime.

These Federal leaguers take themselves seriously. They have gone farther than any except those on the inside thought probable or even possible at the start. They have made good on many of their promises. They have been a little slow on others, but still have time. Until they fail to deliver promised goods, they must be accepted for what they have accomplished. When the season opens and the "battle of the turnstiles," as President Johnson of the American league chooses to term it, begins in earnest, the answer as to whether or not there is room for a third big league in these United States will be answered on the ledgers of the eight clubs forming the circuit of the belligerent body.

Gilmore became president of the Federal league as an emergency man until some leader of ability could be selected. He plunged into the problems of the new organization with such enthusiasm and energy that the other magnates were convinced he was the "leader of ability" needed to carry on the work. Inducing two of his friends, Charles Weegham and W. M. Walker, to take up the burden of active work in behalf of the Chicago club, he was left free to work for the success of the central organization.

The present president was not identified with the organization at the start. When the Chicago club was supposed to be on the rocks last season Gilmore and a syndicate of friends took over the franchise. The club finished the season. According to Gilmore's own admission, it cost them \$12,000.

"But it was a cheap \$12,000," says Gilmore. "We got more than \$12,000 worth of experience. We may have to buy more experience before the turning point is reached, but the Federal league is composed of game fellows, who think they have a right to be in base ball and they will stick."

Jim Gilmore—"Long Jim"—to his friends for reasons which are perfectly obvious for the first time you meet him—was born on March 2, 1876, at Portsmouth, O., where his father was in the dry goods business, a brother in the ribbon business and a married sister, all residents of Chicago, comprise the family. Young Gilmore attended the Marquette school on the west side and was changed

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## WEEGHAM TO STICK TO FERS Will Stay in New Organization, Despite Rumors to Contrary.

Chicago Angel Reported Not to Be Satisfied with Caliber of Some of Teams in Upstart Base Ball League.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—"Chicago will not be in the Federal league—and this means that there will really be no Federal league—when that meeting is over tonight," declared a major league leader in this city this afternoon. The magnate declined to allow the use of his name, but asserted repeatedly that his information was authentic beyond a doubt. The Federal league magnates are "meeting here tonight."

State of the Federal league, so far as the support of two of its backers—Charles Weegham and W. M. Walker—of Chicago is concerned, hung in the balance at its meeting here. At an executive session reports from the club owners were presented to satisfy the demands of Weegham and Walker that the teams to enter the campaign next spring must contain lineups of "major league caliber." Weegham declared, after a long session, that three clubs, including his own in Chicago, had been shown satisfactory. If three more show the same "class," he said he would be more than satisfied.

Offer Rumored Made. Meantime it was rumored that Weegham and Walker had been offered a chance to get control of the St. Louis American league club, and while this could not be confirmed at once, it was said this offer had been made to give them their chance to get into base ball and at the same time keep their purses on the side of the organized game.

Weegham said three teams were shown strong enough. President Gilmore said five had been considered of major league caliber. The difference in their estimates was taken to indicate a difference in opinion as to the qualifications of the teams.

Weegham said he was surprised at the strength of the three teams. He had considered that the Chicago nine was the

## Trophies and Medals Awarded to Runners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Knox trophies and medals, offered by the Sons of the Revolution of Massachusetts to federal and state troops and seamen for efficiency in gunnery, were awarded today at the annual meeting of the organization. The prizes are in memory of General Henry Knox of revolutionary fame and are to be given annually.

Two trophies were awarded to Companies 63 and 143 of the United States Coast artillery for excellence in mortar firing in Hawaii. For the highest rating in the school of artillery fire at Fort Sill, Okla., a medal was awarded to Sergeant Major Basil Corliss of the Sixtieth company of field artillery, U. S. A. For excellence in gunnery practice by battalions a trophy went to the Idaho and was received by Captain W. L. Howard. The trophy for the Massachusetts Coast artillery was won by the Seventh company, of this city.

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## The Cream of Distance Runners for 1913



ABEL KIVIER. JOHN PAUL JONES. HANNES KOHELMAINEN.

Of the fifty-seven new records set up on the cinder and indoor tracks during the year just passed, Hannes Kolehmainen, the great Finnish distance runner, is credited with forty-four. Kolehmainen broke more records and attracted more attention than any track athlete has in several years. At all the distances between two and ten miles the Finn proved to be a marvel. When he stepped off the five miles at Madison Square garden during the meet held by the New York Athletic club on February 12, in the remarkable time of 24:20, he knocked more

than 20 seconds from the previous record held by George Bonhag, and hung up a mark which is likely to stand for some time to come. Kolehmainen's record for the ten miles out-doors is 51:30, while indoors he is credited with 51:30, both world's records.

Although Kolehmainen broke more records than any other man on the track, the greatest individual performance must be credited to John Paul Jones, the champion miler from Cornell. In the intercollegiate championships in the Harvard Stadium, on May 31, Jones knocked a full second off his own previous world's

record for the mile by covering the distance in 4:14. Only once in the history of running has this record been exceeded over a measured mile, and that was when W. C. George, the English professional, did the distance in 4:12 over a generation ago.

While Jones covered himself with glory by making a record for the mile outdoors, it remained for Abel Kiviat to hang up a new mark for the indoor mile. At the Columbia university games last spring Kiviat reeled off a mile of 4:18, which now stands as the world's record for the distance indoors.

## CLOTHIERS LEAD LEAGUE Magee & Deemers Retain Supremacy in Commercial League.

With the season well under way all the teams of the Commercial league are getting down to business. Several of the teams which seemed to be strong at the beginning of the season have started to lag behind while others that showed small promise of keeping in the fore are more than holding their own. As yet some of the stronger teams have met only the weaker quietest and their true strength cannot be estimated at this early stage in the season. The scheduled games of the next few weeks will bring the teams of the first division together for the first time so that a line on the possible contenders for the championship may be reached.

During the last week of play a number of the teams changed places in the league standing. Perhaps the greatest surprise of the season took place when the Pirates defeated the Omaha High school. The undergraduates, who were going strong in the league, met defeat for the first time of the year and as a result they have come down the ladder from first place to that of third. The defeat of the school boys at the hands of the Pirates showed more than ever the strength of some of that five. All during last year the Omaha High school never lost a single contest in the Tri-City league and as a result were easily the champions. The Nebraska Telephone Company has been on the toboggan during the last few

## Two Places Tie for First Place in Class "A" in Rifle Match

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The District of Columbia and Warren, Pa., are tied for first place in class "A" of the interclub rifle matches, each having four wins and no defeats. In class "B" three teams are tied for first place, Stillwater, Minn.; King's Mills, O., and Bedford, O., each with four wins and no defeats.

District of Columbia made the highest score this week, making 994 out of a possible 1,000. Scores: Class A: Cleveland, O., 990, against Manchester, N. H., 970. District of Columbia, 994, against Bridgeport, Conn., 992. Warren, Pa., 991, against Bucyrus, O., 989. Dickinson, N. D., 985, against Wisconsin Old Guard, 973. Birmingham, Ala., 986, against Adrian, Mich., 984. St. Paul, Minn., 984, against Youngstown, O., 961. Milwaukee, 948, against Tacoma, Wash., 932. Class B: King's Mills, O., 980, against Minneapolis, 953. Marion, O., 949, against Hopkins, Minn., 929. Bedford, O., 912, against Louisville, Ky., 895. Stillwater, Minn., 907, against Madison, Boston, 894, against Walden, Colo., 890. Helena, Mont., 918, against Rochester, N. Y., 890. New Orleans, 919, against San Francisco, 796.

## FREMONT TO RETURN TO THE STATE LEAGUE

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—It looks now as if Fremont will be in the State base ball league for 1914. The action of the fans at the meeting held this week appears to be approved and the new officers and directors show every indication of being able to put the team back where it belongs. North Platte is still after the franchise, should it be for sale. John Dexter is president of the new board; Fred Pierce, vice president, and John Martin, secretary and treasurer.

## MAGNATES PREPARE FOR MERRY LITTLE SCRAP AT MEETING

All Club Owners Will Voice Grievances at Session of Western League.

## TO BE HELD HERE IN FEBRUARY Managers Will Present Schedules to Their Own Particular Liking.

ALL SEEKING THE BEST DATES Every Club Will Demand Holiday and Sunday Games.

## WEAKER CLUBS KICKING NOW

Sioux City and Others Already Yelling for Short Schedules, but Will Be Overruled by Stronger Cities.

One of the merriest little base ball scraps ever perpetrated in this part of the land is anticipated by Pa Rourke and other base ball magnates when the Western league meeting is held here next month for the purpose of adopting a 1914 schedule. Every club in the league will have prepared a schedule which will give the home club every holiday date and a surplus of Sundays and Saturdays at the expense of the other clubs, and it will only be after vociferous outbursts and threatened desertions from the league that the representatives of the various ball clubs will be content to return to their native hearth with an endorsed schedule in their pockets.

Another source of argument will be the long and short schedule plans. From Sioux City comes an outburst of eloquence to the effect that President Hanlon of that club had, through his own marvelous business foresight, succeeded in impressing on the other club owners that each had guaranteed to accept the shorter schedule. Wichita and Topeka also seem to advocate the shorter season, while Holland, Iabel, McGill and Rourke are stronger for the longer season. Wichita, Topeka and Sioux City are in no position to make demands. In those cities the amount of capital invested in base ball is much lower than that invested in Omaha, while St. Joseph, Des Moines and Denver and the owners of the latter clubs ask that they should be given preference as to the business management of the league because they have more at stake. But the others can't see it that way and they will come to Omaha to the meeting with the firm intention of creating a disturbance if they can't have their own way about it.

The eventual outcome will be that the bigger magnates will be given judgment. The Western league is a commercial proposition and must be run on a basis which is agreeable to the men who have invested their money. Holland, Rourke, Iabel and McGill are not going to permit Hanlon or anybody else who has been making constant assertions of what they are going to do at the meeting jeopardize their finances. The meeting will be held in this city some time during the first two weeks in February. There is some dispute as to the location of the meeting around the circuit. It has been one of the primary objects of discussion among sport writers. Most magnates and most sport writers admit that they are not positive where the meeting will be held, but latest advice from headquarters indicates that the secretary for Tip O'Neill, who is touring the world with the Giants and Sox, will issue a call presently for a meeting in this city.

## Denver Deal for Indianapolis Club May Fall Through

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 17.—It appeared today that there might be a hitch in the sale of the Indianapolis American association club to James McGill of Denver and William C. Smith of New York. The purchasers some time ago paid \$15,000 to Sol Meyer, the principal owner of the club, to bind the trade, but it was said today by a man close to McGill and Smith that the latter were disposed to stand the loss and let the deal fall through. This was the day set for making the final payment on the club.

The hitch in the plans, it was said, is due to the activity of the Federal league. Jack Hendricks of Denver, who was to manage the club, and Mr. Smith, conferred with their attorney here and with Mr. Meyer this morning and were to have another conference later in the day. Mr. McGill did not attend the conference and it was said he was in Chicago.

## STIEHM DENIES CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN AGGIES

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 17.—The report that Nebraska and the Michigan Agricultural college foot ball teams would meet October 24 at Lansing is denied by a statement. The Nebraska athletics director stated that some correspondence had been had with the Michigan institution over a game next fall and a telegram received yesterday offered him the October date. Coach Stiehm announced that if the game was arranged it would have to be played at Lincoln.

## STROMSBURG DEFEATED BY YORK HIGH QUINTET

YORK, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Stromsburg basket ball team was defeated by York High school last evening, 24 to 28.

English Defeat Welsh. LONDON, Jan. 17.—The English fifteen today defeated the Welsh fifteen, 10 to 9, in the first international rugby foot ball match of the season. The game was played at Twickenham on the Thames, above London, before 60,000 spectators. The Welsh team was captained by a clergyman, Rev. Albert Davies.

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