

their own floor. South High defeated is. Granting that on the surface Johnson's suggestion has every appearance of a benefit to the organized game, the players' fraternity might do well to investigate Ban's motive. The American league executive has never in the past exhibited signs of philanthropy and play for the remainder of the season. granting concessions to anybody, especially the players, has never been one of his virtues. Perchance, Ban is sincerd, but preparedness is the keynote trice and South High meet next Friday of the times.

the future.

C. Statement

night on the Magie City floor it will be some battle, outside of the fact that Ban Johnson has been quoted in the it is the real test of the season for the news dispatches as saying that Kansas packet quintet.

City is a major league city and in the So it is that Magie City rooters are course of two years will have a place thinking of the state title. Central High are offering guarantees and purses which in a major league. Apparently the men was defeated by Council Bluffs by prac- are sure to result in heavy losses. of the majors are preparing for the fu- tically the same score as the packer ture with an eye to preventing the or- team. Also they were played to a tie- eral league the magnates on both sides ganization of any more outlaw leagues. game by Coach Jones' Queen City ath- of the fence were forced to The only way Kansas City can become possessed of a major club wil be by expansion to ten clubs will do the work.

Fremont by a score of 39 to 21 earlier

up, having played four full years on the

Bluffs quintet. He was barred from the

a score of 28 to 22 two weeks ago, was

walked over by the South team last

week by a score of 31 to 17. When Bea-

Also this expansion will admit a second Also this expansion will admit a second team in Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cincin- Finn Buys Apples nati or Cleveland. This would most cerfrom Orchard with tainly establish a blockade against raiders, for an outlaw league could not be started on a major league basis without placing a third team in every city. Cer-

tainly cities like St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnail. Pittsburgh or Boston will not Mike Finn, former Southern league support three teams. Mr. Johnson, ap-While professionalism in amateur sports is occupying its prominent position be-fore the spotlight why not direct a few Mobile and figured that he could not hold him at the proposed new limit. of the rays of the calcium before college foot ball. Organized systems of defeating meeting against the individual limit the eligibility rules exist in many instituproposition, when it came up at the tions and among the alumni of the institime. He told why. He gave figures he tutions. Extensive and wealthy alumni make it a practice to induce by various was paying Starr and said he could not

hold him and would not try at a lower salary. It brought out a discussion of club limit violations, and many a sidelong glance it was that Mike got.

Some time later the late Judge Kavansugh, a stickler for strict adherence to billity rules and the Missouri valley is not the salary limit law, asked Finn what he had done to Starr's salary to keep inather conferences and many non-confer- side the limit and still hold Starr. ened schools which are sadly in need of "Well, It's this way, judge; Charley has an orchard and I made him a fancy offer it due to a superabundance of activity on for his season's apple crop and he figured he could stick with me if I took his apples off his hands."

Western league fans are pretty much The judge appeared to "smell a mouse." It alarmed Finn, who was not up is the air with regard to the approaching Western league campaign. There isn't courting any inquest over his salary figa team in the league that is a known ures. He could picture himself buying park. quantity. New players have augmented apples in carload lots from Charley's every nine in the loop to such an extent that no kind of an estimate of the play- Starr that day. ing strength can be made. That the brand "Stick to that apple story," cautioned of base ball exhibited will be superior to Mike, when he had told Starr the de- league, therefore, must finance Somers that of last year is evident. The entire tails. His jaw dropped on Starr's releague will be better, that is certain. But joinder: no seer can prophecy which city is so

fortunate as to possess a superior club. that farm of mine and that's a syca-This air of the uncertain should add to more. the interest in the Western league race this year, especially during the earlier MEMPHIS CLUB ASKS FOR months, for only by seeing all of the teams in action will the fan be able to select his favorite.

tempting methods students of athletic

ability to enter their institutions. As far

as this section of the country is con-

cerned the Missouri valley is probably

the cleanest foot ball center in the

country in respect to observance of eligi-

in need of a house cleaning. But there are

the part of alumni.

House Eard Sinclair says he is through of claims on nine men, including Bill with have tall. And as he makes his de-parture from the game, this Henry Ford Ted Baldwin, Charley Leonary, Jack can say his peace campaign was a suc- Bushelman, George Hancock, F. Wheeler and Theodore Goulait.

with Coin in Anticipation of Boom in the Game.

BIG PRICES FOR ATHELETES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 .- If some of the base ball magnates and fight promoters don't curb themselves they will run into bankruptcy proceedings. The magnates, having squelched the Federal lengue, seem to have an idea that the national game is due for such a great boom it is safe to spend record-breaking sums for overrated players. The fight promoters, in their wild desire to work the sporting public to the limit, are throwing business judgment to the winds. They

During the late rumpus with the Fedpay exorbiletes. Let Patton's quintet defeat the tant salaries to many of their players. Beatrice team and their honor and lead- Ball clubs, which once were considered pansion of the present circuits. An ex- ership will not be a thing to be proven. gold mines, finished with such large deficits that their owners either sold out or will be ready to quit if the coming season proves disastrous for them. Yet, in spite of the top-heavy salary lists and the financial obligations which have been No Apples in Sight to reduce the exaggerated values of playincurred, the magnates are doing nothing ers and franchises.

Since the warring leagues made peace in December, three major league clubs magnate and manager, knows some of have changed ownership. The Cubs, sold parently, is casting his orbs well toward the problems of salary limits. He was one by James A. Hart for \$106,000 to Charles of the opponents of individual salary P. Taft and C. W. Murphy a dozen years limit that was adopted by that league. ago, have been turned over to Charles Mike had some reasons. He had Charley Weeghman and his friends for \$500,000. Starr as field captain for his club at The Boston Braves, purchased by James E. Gaffney four years ago for \$188,000, recently were sold to Percy Haughton Finn was outspoken at the directors' and others for \$460,000. Phil Ball and partners also paid \$500,000 for the St. Louis Browns, a club that was organized by Robert Lee Hedges nearly fifteen years ago with a \$20,000 bank roll.

Here is Some Jump. Although the late Andrew Freedman

hought 51 per cent of the Giants' stock in 1895 for \$43,000, H. N. Hempstead rebination for \$1,400,000. Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston, who secured the Yankees a year ago for \$400,000, named \$ 00,000 as the price of their holdings when Sinclair asked for the figures last month. Sinclair secured an option on the St. not expected to close the deal, inasmuch as the Brittons now demand nearly \$350,000 for the franchise, without the ball

On top of this comes the news that C. much talked of orchard. He hunted up W. Somers probably will remain in control of the Cleveland club because nobody will fork over \$660,600. The American with \$100,000 to tide his club over until 1917. Of course, the Clevelands are not "Why, Mike, I ain't got but one tree on worth \$500,000, when it is figured that the Cubs have been sold for \$500,000. In fact, conservative base ball men insist that the sums paid for the Cubs, Braves and Browns were sidiculously high and that WAIVERS ON NINE PLAYERS the new owners will soon realize that frenzied finance pervades the national

antim The Memphis club caught the waiver fever from Atlantic and asked for release C.

winning team. So the Giants put up \$15,000 for Kauff, who may not be able to hit .350 against National league pitchers

this year; \$10,000 for Rariden, a catcher who was allowed to jump the Braves/be cause Stallings would not grant a demand of \$100, and \$10,000 for Anderson, a splt-

ball pitcher who must be regarded as an experiment. Then the Yankees jumped in counted out \$25,000 for Lee Megee, a young man who has been highly praised, who, like Kauff, may find the pftch ing in the American league far more puzzling than the effectiveness of the Fed hurlers last season. Magee played good ball before he deserted the Cardinals at the end of the 1914 season, but

wasn't the kind of ball that would warrant the payment of \$25,000 for his

If it is true that the Yankees paid \$12,500 for Cullop, a left-hander of rather doubtful ability, it cannot be denied that Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston are taking big chances. A year ago Cullop, unable to stick with the Clevelands, was sent to the minors after all the majors and waived. If Magee and Cullop deliver the goods, however, the Yankee magnates will be satisfied, believing, meanwhile, that the patronage of the fans at the box office will make up for

these expenditures. Sinclaid, on the other hand, is running no risks, and is probably wondering how he has been able to get away with such a bundle of easy money.

In their frenzy to buy alleged stars or inflated franchises, some of the magnates evidently forgot that only two clubs can win major league pennants next fall, together with the right to take part in the juicy world's series. Fourteen clubs must be disappointed and eight of them cannot escape the second

to the rear because of accidents or trou-

ble in the ranks. Take the Cubs for example. Weeghman of Chicago has just delivered 500,000 iron men to Taft and Murphy. Weeghman feels sure that the cently offered to sell 62 per cent of the Cubs, managed by Tinker, his bosom stock to the Gaffney-Davis-Sinclair com- friend, will win the National league championship. But outside of Weeghman's set in Chicago this belief is laughed at. The merriment will continue, too, as long as Tinker remains fixed in his determination to play Yerkes on second base and Doolan at shortstop, Louis Cardinals the other day, but he is at the same time depending on Miner Brown and Reulbach to pitch in old-time form. Yerkes, Doolan, Brown and Reulbach were through in the major leagues two years ago. If the Cubs, therefore, do not finish on top Weeghman, it is predicted, will find that being a major

league magnate isn't such a soft thing after all

EIGHT UMPIRES HAVE JOBS

Eight umpires, ex-umpires or allegedto-be umpires have jobs in one depart-

10,00 for Kauff, Rariden and Fred An- ball field. However, that may be, here financial reverses. derson under conditions that existed in are the names of the floor walkers: Steve But Somers can still smile. As Mr. 1912 he would have ridiculed the proposi- Cusack, Harry Howell, Frank Johnston. Tutbill would remark, "He's a pretty maybe Moran will prove the exception tion. Yet the Giants that year made Garnet Bush, Gus Shaffer, Guy Colgate, game guy; you got to give him credit for if they should meet in a championsh \$356,000. But with the Giants finishing in Harry McCormick and Jack McNulty. that."

Cage and Crew Candidates Labor on Machines.

PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS GOOD

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 .- Cornell is preparing for the spring athletic season. The battery candidates will soon begin work in the base ball care and in the meantime the cutire base ball squad is holding weekly meetings at which Dr. Sharpe, the caoch, presides. Veterans of last year's team which are now in the university are Mellen at third base: Clary, the catcher, and Gordon, Sutterby, O'Connell and Whitney, outfielders. Bryant, an excellent pitcher, has been graduated, and Rogan, one of the best university pitchers, left college last year.

The varsity crew men are working out mildly on the machines each day. John Hoyle is in charge of operations-Courtney still being confined to his home. He hopes, however, to be able to go out and oversee the work of the oarsmen when the departure of ice from the inlet permits the candidates to launch their shells. Whether he will do this or not is a question which his physicians decline to answer just now.

The crew certainly should be a powerfuly outfit if veteran material means anything. Seven members of last year's Again the "outsider" won. outfit, together with six of the junior eight and practically all of the freshman crew, are available. With Courtney rounding into condition sufficiently good permit to work with the oarsmen the Ithacana should have little concern over the showing of the eight this season. The Cornell awcepsingers will meet Yale and Princeton on Lake Cayuga and Harvard on the Charles before they go

to Poughkeepsie for the anual intercollegiate affair on the Hudson.

division. Base ball is so uncertain that clubs picked to win pennants often drop Somers Some Guy; He Can Still Smile, Though Money Gone

> Charles W. Somers, owner of the Cleveland Amierican league club and several dubs in several minor leagues, is nearly broke. He is to lose his base ball holdings and most of his other holdings. A committee of bankers, looking after Somers' reditors, is trying to sell the club.

But the man worth while is the man who can smile when everything goes wrong," or something like that, wrote a poet or poctess. And Somers smilles. He emains at his desk, transacting business for the club to which he no longer holds a clear title.

When the American league was started it began its life on money that Somers furnished. Other owners made big money but Somers never hauled down quite AS FLOORWALKERS IN CHI as much as some of his fellow magnates. He really made their opportunities possible, but could never reach a high state of profit sharing himself.

Somers was a liberal investor. He ment store in Chicago as floor walkers, bought ball clubs, oil lands, coal mines, The store management fancies that um- real estate and dabbled in other venpires have been trained in quick action, tures. His fingers punched too many have fine tempers and good judgment. pies. A few of them vanished, and Som-Evidently that management hasn't seen ers' wealth went with the failures. He remove his championship aspirations in If John McGraw had been asked to pay some of our umpires in action on the had invested too heavily to withstand the short order. Maybe Willard will parade

scalp belt for some years to come. But bout

Schedule This Week over age when Jess Willard ascended to the throne over the prestrate body of Jack Johnson at Havana on April 5, last YEAN.

Accepting these five fights as the outstanding examples, it is found that a total of \$27 rounds of fighting have been consumed for the crown to change hands at Symes billiard pariors, will be as folfive times. This makes an average of a fraction more than seventeen rounds per fight. However, what is of more moment than this is the fact that what might be termed an "outsider" has in each instance plucked the coveted title. This is of more

importance, for the belief seems to obtain that even were the bout to be Get twenty or more rounds Moran would not have a chance against Willard. Outsiders Often Win.

When trim "Jim" Corbett, the Califor nia bank clerk, was matched with John Sullivan it was generally believed that Sullivan was invincible, and that he would decisively dispose of Corbett and retain the championship honors. Odds of to 1 were liberally quoted, and much Sullivan money went begging even at these attractive figures. What was the result? The "outsider" won. When Fitzsimmons essayed to grab the

prize from Corbett's grasp Corbett was rated a 10 to 6 favorite in the betting.

And when Jeffries, with nothing but his ability to assimilate punishment and his. powerful punch to support him, came forth to do battle with Fitzsimmons there were comparatively few who conceded Jeffries more than a fighting chance, and the odds were 2 to 1. For the third time the "outsider" punched his way to the top.

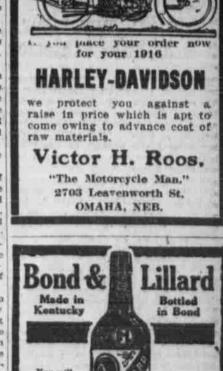
Even though he had worn the cloak of retirement for several years and none knew whether he was the Jeffries of old or a fattened replica of his former self. Jeffries stepped into the ring to defend the championship against "Jack" John son liberally supported as a 10 to 6 favorite. Did the favorite win? There are many whose purses still feel the ravages wrought by the ultimate outcome of that fight.

Finally, when Willard was matched to box Johnson for the crown, how many were there who candidly believed that the cowboy had even the most remote chance of lifting the championship from its place on the furrowed brow of the negro? They are mighty few. Everywhere the match was regarded as pretty much of a joks; that Willard was just another lamb being offered as a sacrifice to the champion. Willard had acomplished nothing to warrant his being supported by "fandom." His few appearances in the ring had shown him to he a big, powerful man with no science and apparently no generalship. For wily craftsman of the Johnson type. Wil lard seemed to be "made to order

Johnson at first was quoted as high a 4 to 1. But when reports of lax training methods and poor condition began to link themselves with the name of the cham plon, those inclined to wager becam wary and odds of 8 to 5 obtained at the

ringside. And the "outsider" won. Now it is said Moran hasn't a chance Maybe he hasn't. Maybe Willard will with the championship dangling from hi

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