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Pirates Seem to Be Up Against It For Man Who Answers All Requirements—Chicago White Sox and Boston Nationals Are In Same 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 bagman's glove.



HAL CHASE, NEW YORK AMERICANS' CRACK FIRST SACKER.

Is about through. Merkle has been subbing 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 boss, is not a chicken, having first bused 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 basemen 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 Konetchy 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 zenith 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 basemen, but is also useful in other places, and Jimmy would be delighted to land a fresh and ambitious juvenile.

Comiskey's two great first basemen, Isbell and Donohue, 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 basemen, Stovall, has put Lajole on the base so that Turner can work on second.

The champion Detroit Tigers are worried, inasmuch as Tom Jones is slowing 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 youngster in reserve.

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

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Auto Went Dry.

Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker had an awful time last evening about six o'clock with his chug wagon. Finding the most prominent place in town the engine ran out of fuel leaving the car standing in the middle of the street at Sixth and Main. It was soon evident that all the machine needed was a little "Rockefellow Fluid" and the occupants deserted the car in the quest of necessary fuel but it was some time before the red can with the potatoe stopper arrived on the scene and the thirst of the motor was quenched. After the gasoline was in the tank, the drivers found it much easier to make their way up the street.

In an address at Philadelphia, April 6, Dr. T. A. MacNicholl, surgeon at the Red Cross hospital at New York, presented this striking comparison in the study of two separate groups of families: "Through a long line of successive generations I have made a study of two separate groups of families. One group, children of drinking parents; one group of children of abstaining parents. In ten families of drinking habits, there were fifty five children. Thirty died in infancy, three of heart disease, four were insane, seven were anemic eight were tuberculous, one had diabetes, three had very poor teeth, three had adenoids. Only four of the number were normal. Of the total, two were excellent, six were fair and seven were deficient in their studies. In ten families of abstaining parents there were seventy children. Two died in infancy, two were neurotic and anemic, one had rheumatism, one was tuberculous and sixty four were normal. In study fifty six were excellent, ten were fair only two were deficient. Of the children of total abstaining families, 90 per cent were normal; of the total of children of drinking parents, 93 per cent were abnormal. Eighty per cent of the children of regular drinkers had convulsions while teething. Of children dying from such diseases as measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and other infantile disorders, a large percentage are children of drinking ancestry—Lincoln News.

SOUTH BEND

F. D. Hill of Omaha came in from Omaha Saturday evening to spend Sunday with the home folks.

E. N. Green and family of Murdock spent Sunday in the berg.

D. I. D. Jones of Murdock made a few professional calls in town the past week.

Miss Hamilton attended the local teachers meeting in Louisville Saturday.

Royal Neighbors lodge will give a social at the hall Thursday night. A good time is assured all who attend.

S. Long and wife were Murdock visitors Saturday afternoon.

E. Sturzenegger visited in the capital city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. D. Richardson went to Omaha Monday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. H. P. Long and Mrs. H. A. Tool were Omaha passengers Wednesday where they went to see Maude Adams.

Chas. Brown bought the H. Tarpenning place in town last week and expect to do some remodeling before occupying the building.

Haefmeister Bros. purchased a team and the necessary implements to farm their land in Colorado in Omaha the first of the week.

Sofa Hansen was a passenger for Omaha on the Schuyler Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Campbell and the Mesdames Chas. and John Campbell, M. E. Lansing and J. E. McHugh went to Murdock Tuesday evening to see the work put on by the Royal Neighbor team in initiating.

J. T. Evans visited in the berg Tuesday. He and family returned from their winter home in old Mexico Friday.

J. E. McHugh and wife were passengers for Lincoln Saturday evening where they saw "Taming the Shrew" at the Oliver.

H. Tarpenning and sons and Haefmeister brothers expect to leave the Bend Thursday for their future home in Colorado.

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