

Goes to Work.

For a time last season Bender dubbed around, pitching for semi-pro nines in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He would pitch one or two games a week and he made a comfortable little under one "lamp," but it failed to Finally, with the season about half gone, the chief started to show up at "Fulton was becoming restless and the Phillies' park to pitch to the batters in practice and one day he went eye when he pitched in batting sessions and he agreed to give Bender one more trial. So the chief signed Then began a great comeback. The chief proceeded to hang up a string of victories, and he accomplished the feat of pitching three straight shutouts. His work helped the Phils greatly in their dish after the pace-

making Giants. He proved to the satisfaction of Moran that he had come back, and that he was leaving the "merry mucilage" alone.

Bender may not be able to put the may not be able to win as many games as a lot of the high-salaried stars, but if he stays away from the a good job with Pat Moran, and that's

something. Mackmen Lose Big Crowd.

base ball machine ever assembled in either of the major leagues. Mcshore declares these scraps cannot be Innis, the last cog in the combina-It is entirely likely that Dempsey tion, moves on to a rival team which will have to fight his way up before has absorbed 50 per cent of the play-Willard will pay much attention to ers whom Connie Mack welded into him. Matches with Brennan and Smith are in prospect and, as long as an invincible group of diamond stars, supreme holders of pennants and had been given Carlo on an alleged about. I thought I saw the way to Fred Fulton seems willing to take

on all comers, it is not unlikely that Dempsey will get a chance with the Dempsey has a good record in the four-round game on the Pacific coast. His most notable achievement was a victory over Carl Morris, Dempsey also claims a decision over Gunboat

Dempsey is six feet two, and when in condition scales a few pounds more

## Boost for Darcey.

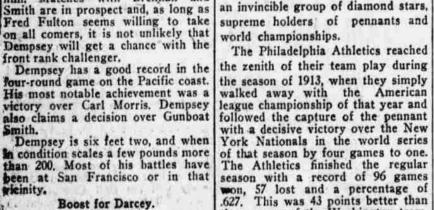
arranged too soon to suit him.

front rank challenger.

Smith.

It will be a long time before a fighter appears who was the equal of Les Darcey, in the opinion of Eddie McGoorty, the Oshkosh lad who has been sojourning in Australia for the last three years. McGoorty has returned to the United States and immediately kicked in with a great boost for the dead Australian boxer.

"The death of Darcey was a crushing blow to everybody in Australia," said McGoorty. "Everybody there thought he was a world's wonder in a fighting sense. And in my opinion he was, too. I believe his like is un-covered once in a hundred years and the lineup against the Giants in the



.627. This was 43 points better than the average of the Washington team, which closed the year in second place. Connie Mack's players took the lead in the pennant race during the second week of the season, which opened about the middle of April, 1913, and were never headed or tied in the struggle for the title thereafter. The records show that the Athletics led the league in team batting with .285 and in fielding with .966.

All Are Gone.

**Gossip Gathered** would naturally present his strongest combination in the world's series and

"This set me thinking and I cooked up a scheme that I thought might do some good. I figured that if we early last June, trying in vain to get a match. New York wouldn't have anything to do with us, because cap; and that if he even stayed 12 could get a draw with Langford it condition on his side, it appeared no

### Lived Through Tortures.

rounds it would be favorably talked "But for two minutes in the first I won't waste time detailing prevent a knockout; but I did not that Morris, not Fred, was proven to dare dream that Fred, with his lack be the foul fighter in two subsequent of long experience, could defeat the "I wired acceptance of the bout and was wired some advance money, which paid us out of hotel hock. We off with extended arms and Samuel went to Boston, where I spent the few remaining days in practicing Fulton in the use of his left hand alone. I in his corner. told him again and again never to

"Stop that, you crazy fool," I yelled. But he continued to grin, and use his right, for if he did langford would counter with that dreaded left and they would have to carry Frederico to his corner. I thought I had the main idea drilled into his brain. "Fulton, however, at first glimpse of Langford, developed startling symptoms. Bundled up in his big robe, Fred stared across the ring in a round.

lighthouse above the stodgy black ugliness of his foc. With an advantage of 12 inches in height and almost as much in reach, with a big margin in weight and with youth and

would be a great feather in Fulton's match.

round I lived through tortures, expecting Fulton to be knocked out any minute. He escaped it by two inches. Stepping confidently out toward Langford, Fulton's long left poked and jabbed Sam in the face at will. In vain Sam's short, black mitt-wielders hooked and jabbed. Fulton held him battered the ozone fearfully, but that was all. Fulton began to smile at us

poke Sam with his left. But I read what was passing through his mind and saw with a sickening feeling inside me that he had about concluded that it was about time to shove over the right and end Sam in less than

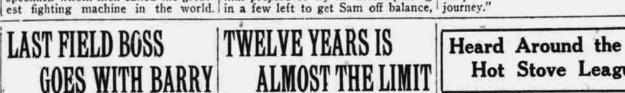
amazement at the pudgy, fat little "I almost trembled while I watched from his understanding if he had at-specimen whom men called the great- him prepare to try it. After putting tempted to continue the 12-round

"And the great Sam! Man, it was pitiful. With the regularity of a piston, Fulton's left ground into the Langford landscape, smearing it badly. In the fourth round one eye was closed and in the fifth period the other was beginning to go. In the fifth round Bob Armstrong, in Lang- wad of dough doing it, though nothford's corner, lanced the swelling ing like the salary he used to earn.

wanted to send his right hand home and finish Langford, but I would not let him take a chance. 'Close the other' trial. Foxy Pat had been watching eye; close the other eye,' I cautioned the Indian out of the corner of his him as he went in for the sixth period. Fred followed the advice and the job was done in a workmanlike manner. Fulton now had Sam at his a contract and went to work again mercy. The colored fighter was practically blind, as he groped his way to his corner, and was badly punished,

besides. "He was game, too. But his seconds and manager, after looking him over, decided that it would be impossible for him to continue. There was not the slightest doubt but that Fulton would have knocked him loose from his understanding if he had at-

Phillies in another pennant race. He joy stuff he will be able to hold on to



probably in our time we will not see another like him.

There wasn't a thing that good boxer should have that Darcey did not possess. With experience he would have been an unquestioned champion. He licked me twice, did it fair, and square, and I know a lot about him. Not only did I like him personally, but admired him sincerely as a lighter."

McGoorty is not in the best physical condition right now because of a recent operation for hernia, but will take things easy for a few weeks, and when he feels right again may get back into the game in this country. Moore on the Jump.

Pal Moore, Memphis bantam, appears to have hung up a record in the last few months that is unique in the annals of boxing, at least for a bantamweight who is not a champion. Inside of 30 days this laughing Memphis kid covered 8,000 miles of ground and fought four strenuous battles, aggregating 60 rounds.

# Detroit May Lose Heilman;

**Pull Strings for Coaster** The Portland Northwestern league club is reported to have a deal on by which Floyd Farmer, formerly with the Pittsburgh Pirates, will be sent on an optional sale to the Detroit Tigers. Farmer played the outfield for Portland last season and did it well, and the Detroit club may find it-self short an outer gardener if Harry Heilman enlists in the army, as it is

# **Ball Player Seeks Police** Bureau Job in Pittsburgh

reported he may do.

John C. (Red) Calhoun, who man-aged the Wilkesbarre team to a pennant in the New York State league last season, is a candidate for police missioner in Pittsburgh, his home Me has been a detective on the Pittsburgh force during the winter for several years. He has been in base ball since 1902 and since 1903 has been a minor league manager or team captain.

# Johnnie Dobbs Will Lead New Orleans Club Again

About the first announcement of A. J. Heinemann, when re-elected presi-dent of the New Orleans Southern league club by the directors, was that John Dobbs would be re-engaged as manager. That hardly was news, however-no more, in fact, than the re-election of Heinemann.

# Aragon, Cuban Player, Is

Sent to Memphis by Yanks

The Memphis Southern league club announces the purchase of Angelo Aragon, the Cuban infielder who had a couple of trials with the New York Yankees, played several engagements in the International league and wound up last season with Toledo in the American association.

# More Scandal in the Air:

Rajah and Millier Hook Up Here's an odd one: Report from Toledo has it that Roger Bresnahan will train his battery men with the New York Yankces at Macon. It Huggins were not even on speaking terms. Time, however, heals all pores and they may have made up.

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battle for the premier base ball hon-Joe Stecher's invasion of the east ors of 1913 may be taken as the best will take him as far as Norfolk, Va. and most powerful arrangement avail-He has a match there the last of the able. This combination, which demonth. Joe also will stop off at Defeated the New York team four out troit and one of two other cities in of five games, played as follows: E. the east. Most of Stecher's matches Murphy, right field; Oldring, left field; Collins, second base; Baker, third base; McInnis, first base; are to be handicap affairs. The easterners saw Joe coming. Strunk, center field; Barry, short-stop; Schang, catch; Lapp, catch Louis Stecher, brother of Joe and catch; Bender, Plank or Bush, pitch.

Anton Stecher, has become a benedict. Louis is an officer in Uncle Today not one of these 12 players Sam's navy and now is in the submais a member of the team and Connie rine service. The maid of his choice Mack is engaged in an attempt to reis a New York girl. build his base ball machine with new material. Murphy was sold to the

Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, tells

"Fulton and I were in New York,

of the Morris-Fulton fiasco, which

Fulton's unpopularity, simply killed him as a drawing card. Nobody

"We were in hock to a New York

hotel deeply. I had Al Ealzer and Harry Wills helping Fulton; and

every time the three of them sat down

to a meal table-which was as often

as I would let them-they made a

\$10 bill look like a canceled postage

stamp. I certainly was nervous about

Langford Match Not Wanted.

"Our only prospect was a fight with

Sam Langford, and that didn't look

good to me. I wanted Fulton to come

along a little more slowly. One day

I received a renewal of the offer to

meet Langford, from Miah Murray of the Atlas Athletic club, Boston.

Among the Mat Men

scraps. But the ruling, coming atop wonderful black punisher.

the story this way:

foul.

would sign us.

that stable.

'Tis rumored in Omaha mat circles Chicago Americans for \$6,000; Colthat Rudy Warner, well known Omalins went to the same club for \$50,ha heavyweight, has been struck by 000, as did Lapp without cash conone of Daniel Cupid's invincible sideration. The Boston Americans darts. Rudy's pulchritude ever has took five men of the combination at been fatal to him. The young womone time or another. Strunk, Schang an is said to be well known in Omand Bush became the property of the Red Sox in the recent \$60,000 deal. aha. Rudy, however, denies the report and insists that he first must McInnis has followed his former take care of John Pesek, Warren teammates as the result of the latest Miller, Charley Peters and several trade, although so far as is known no others before engaging in a joust money consideration is involved. Barry preceded these players to Boswith Daniel,

bringing the Philadelphia club ton, John Pesek, the Buffalo county lad \$8,500, and last season managed the who has been inactive several months Red Sox. on account of a broken ankle, will

### High Finance.

the group was at its best:

take part in his first important match since the injury when he meets Jack It will be seen that if the publicly announced figures in connection Taylor February 1.

with these deals are correct the Bos-Tom Ray, Omaha middleweight ton club paid \$68,500 in addition to who will appear in the main wrest-ling card Friday night at the Fred some players for these five Athletics. The Chicago White Sox paid \$56,000 Fulton exhibition here, also will be for Murphy and Collins. The New a part of the Fulton show at Beatrice York Americans also contributed to Tuesday night. He wrestles Moorthe Philadelphia strong-box, as the Yankee club owners gave \$37,500 for meier at Beatrice.

Baker and \$5,000 for Oldring, al-Rudy Warner, Omaha heavyweight, though it was reported later that the has styled himself "open to meet any wrestler in the world." Rudy wants Philadelphia club returned this sum, or a portion of it, when Oldring failed it understood that he has so imto continue with the New York team. proved in the last three months that The two pitchers, Bender and Plank, he now is willing to tackle 'em all. Among others Rudy "chooses" are John Pesek, Charley Peters and War-ren Miller. "I'll take any of 'em on and on any kind of a basis," says were unconditionally released by Manager Mack, thus completing the breaking up of the famous combina-

The disruption of the Athletics also Rudy. Warner also says he is not formed one of the most sensational averse to meeting Earl Caddock or Joe Stecher should either of them features of modern base ball history. The team started poorly at the begincare to mix a little with him. ning of the 1914 season, but swung into its stride early in June, and again Ice Stecher and Bill Hokuff, both

cantered homem an easy peanant win-Nebraska wrestlers, will be the stars at a Bohemian athletic carnival in ner. The Athletics were favorites to defeat the Boston Nationals in the Chicago tonight. Stecher will take the base ball world by defeating the Mackmen four straight games, thus establishing a record in this depart.

establishing a record in this depart-The Miller with whom Tom Ray ment of the national sport. Manager Mack did not attempt to hide his chawill mix in the finish wrestling match grin at this unexpected setback and at the Auditorium Friday night is without entering into a discussion of Barney Miller and not Gus Miller as grin at this unexpected setback and the causes of the downfall decided first reported. Barney and Tom are 1904 Jim Collins, a playing manager, that drastic changes were necessary. reported to be deadly rivals and that won with Boston. Connie Mack won that drastic changes were necessary. reported to be deadly rivals and that It took him three years to complete the enmity existing between them is the dispersal of the famous base ball likely to lead to a warm combat Frimachine, but the passing of McInnis day night.

closed the final chapterr in the his-A Rudy Warner-Charley Peters go tory of a great aggregation of diamay be arranged for Columbus. Neb. mond stars.' The ability of the players who formed this team may be Al Hastings is trying to book the seen from their batting and fielding bout. Al's idea is for the winner to wrestle John Pesek. records made during the pennant and world series play of 1913, when

# Former Blue Ridge Leader

Eugene Hanks, former manager and umpire in the Blue Ridge and for several years base ball coach in the spring at Mercerburg academy, has been named base ball coach for the Carlisle Indian school. Last year the **GOES WITH BARRY** 

Every Club in the Two Major Few Players in the Major Leagues Will Have Bench for a Dozen Manager This

Season.

LAST FIELD BOSS

Langford Match Accepted.

The naming of Jack Hendricks to manage the St. Louis Cardinals one may base his estimate on some left but one leadership in the major statistics furnished by a base ball leagues in doubt. That one concerns the Boston Red Sox, where President Harry Frazee still holds to the idea that Jack Barry will be available by April 1. However, no one else seems to agree to that and general opinion savs: is that Barry's place must be filled, It seems scarcely possible that out for Barry is in the navy, and there of 330 men drawing salaries in the seems little chance that he will get American and National leagues in back into base ball for the coming-

season. The passing of Barry as a manseen in 1918. And that is the space of ager is one of the most interesting only 12 years. phases of the coming base ball year, for it will mark the displacement of the last player-manager in the big Joss, Chesbro and others, only three, leagues.

The passing of the player-manager is one of the most interesting subjects in base ball. A few years ago magnates would have none of the league club. bench manager. He was not a direct asset on the field and meant an additional financial load. Player-managers could be hired as cheaply as bench managers and filled their regular place in the lineup, thus dispensing with the salary of a player.

It is not many years ago when the Reds. practically every manager filled his place upon the ball field.

Then the magnates began to fig-ure that perhaps a manager would be more successful if he could devote his entire time to directing the club on the field and not be forced to divide his generalship with mechanical playing.

### Barry Was the Last.

When the 1917 season opened there was only one playing manager-Jack Barry-and there are many who believe Jack would have been more successful had he devoted his entire time to managing his team.

One of the best arguments in favor of a bench manager is a list of men who have won pennants in both leagues during the last 17 years, since the American league was organized. In 1900 the White Sox managed by Charles Comiskey won the pennant. The next year Clark Griffith won Sherwood Magee. with the same club. Griffith at that time was a playing manager. In 1902 Connie Mack, bench manager, won with the Athletics, and in 1903 and but only as a coach. the enmity existing between them is again in 1905, and Fielder Jones, a playing manager, won the next year

with Chicago. The next three years Hugh Jennings, a bench manager, won, and Mack repeated in 1910 and 1911. Jake Stahl, a bench manager, came across with Boston in 1912, and Mack repeated in 1913 and 1914. Bill Carrigan, a playing manager, won in 1915 and 1916, and Clarence Rowland, a bench advocate, in 1917. The count in Will Be Coach at Carlisle the American league is 11 to 6 in favor

of the bench manager.

# Fluhrer Gets Chance.

Jack Fluhrer, outfielder with the Toledo Association team last season. a club backer. Frank Dillon, former who has been in camp with the na-manager of the Los Angeles Coast

Hot Stove League The fate of the Western association, which is of considerable importance to the Western league, will be decided today. A meeting of the league will be held at Oklahoma City. The Western association magnates will de-Rowland. He was Emory Titman, this year. If the decision is to stick with the ship, the Western league loses its chance of getting Oklahoma City and Tulsa, as President Bell of the association announces his league have lost Emory, who is a big crowd

the Western association finds it can-

If Oklahoma City is admitted to the Western league, Jimmy Humphreys, who managed McAlester, Okl., last year, will be the pilot. President 1906 only 15 played ball in 1917 and Duncan of Oklahoma City has pur-four of these probably will not be chased Humphreys from McAlester and he announces Jimmy will lead the team whether it be in the Western league or Western association. Humphreys was married the other day 1916, who included Waddell, Mullin, to Miss Beatrice Nelson,

Bender, Plank and oCombs, were able Western league fans believe the to pitch regularly last year and Plank Western association will vote to disretired in the middle of the season. band at the meeting today. McAles-ter, Ardmore, Sherman and Denison One other, Donovan, managed a big are reported to be entirely through. Of the National league pitchers Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Fort Smith and 1906, Reulbach and Ames were the only ones who saw service in 1917, Muskogee may vote to resume, but and Reulbach pitched very little at with only four clubs willing to take Boston and has been given his un- a chance, it is believed the league vote

conditional delease. Mathewson was will be to shut up shop. still active in base ball as manager of Peoria reports that the Western Not a catcher of the 1906 troop was in the harness 11 years later, except Gibson, who did a little relief work Of the infielders six remain of the

cinched. 1906 crowd, providing Lajoie is counted, for Larry, after a year's so-Henry Reidel, backer of the Hannibal, Mo., club, has made a proposition to the Western league. His plan is to place a club jointly in Hannibal and Quincy, playing half of the games

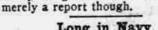
in each city. President Henry Stahlhefer of the Central league, has advised the club owners of his league to suspend operaions during the period of the war. If the magnates follow his advice, the that he has secured the service of First Illinois territory will be absolutely Baseman Joe Mathes, who played onen to the Western League. with Grand Rapids last season. open to the Western League.

The others are Crawford, who has about reached the end of the road; Norman Coyle, who learned his base Hinchman, Schulte, who had an unball in the Nebraska State league, and satisfactory season last year, and Others still in the game, but not tered the aviation section of the army. turned to first base and made good actively, are Fielder Jones, manager Coyle last played with Waco in the

of the Browns, and Bob Wallace, who Texas league. He was sold by Omaha three years ago to Memphis of the will be back in the big tent next year, Southern association.

John Savage, it is reported, is trying o sell a half interest in his Joplin club, so that he can give his attention to his duties as secretary of the Kansas City American association club. Several other Western moguls probably would like to sell a half interest. too.

Reports have it that Ham Patter- until next June. son, former Western leaguer and now



Long in Navy.

Columbus in the South Atlantic league Indians abandoned base ball, but it tional army, at Camp Sherman, has been appointed as a student in the game been appointed as a student in the officers' training camp.

Fans who saw the world's series games at the Polo grounds, or those who saw movies showing scenes of the games, will remember a great, big fan who walked out on the diacide whether or not they wish to play Philadelphia's 400-pound base ball enthusiast and sportsman.

Well, the Athletics never considered a game a success unless Emory Titman was at Shibe park, but the A's will refuse to release the oil towns. If all by himself. John D. Shibe recently started suit against Titman over not start the season, these towns will the sale of a yacht.

# Bert Whaling Seeks Job **On Pacific Coast Again**

Bert Whaling, who caught for Ver-non during 1916, and who was incidentally battery mate with Bill James when the Braves won the 1914 championship, is seeking a job in th Coast league again. Whaling was n of much value to Vernon, being hand capped by a sore arm. He was neve much of a hitter. Released by Vernor he spent the last season in the Cop per league of Arizona, and it is sai the hot weather there took the kink out of his whip and put it into shap again. He believes he can deliver th goods now and is anxious for a triai He would like to land either with Sat Francisco or Sacramento.

# Tinker Angling for Vets For His Club at Columbus

Report from Columbus has it that eague has dropped negotiations with President-Manager Joe Tinker ha Oklahoma City and Tulsa, although two deals under way for his club. On his report is not confirmed. This has of them would land Pitcher Geory ed the Peorians to say that Peoria's McQuillan from Kansas City for his position in the Western league is and the other would add Bob Besche of the Milwaukee Brewers to his out field. It is further reported from Columbus that Catcher Bob Coleman is to go, Grover Hartley being depended on to do the bulk of the back-stopping for Tinker's team.

# Essick Buys One of Old

Athletes for New Team Manager Bill Essick of the Vernon Tigers of the Coast league, announces Mathes has been one of the prime sluggers of the Central league for two years. He had a trial with Connie later was star outfielder for the Mack a couple of years back as a third Rourkes for several seasons, has en- baseman, but fell down. Then h

### Refuses Army Job.

Report that Infielder Morley J nings of the Minenapolis Millers hi enlisted in the army is not quite cor rect. Jennings, who is coaching ath letics at a college in Arkansas, wa offered a position as physical direct at an army camp, but declined it, cause, first, he wants to get into ti army Young Men's Christian assoc ation work, and second, because 1 does not want to leave his college

## Dixie Loop Through.

A statement comes out from Mo trie, Ga., that the Dixie league suspendid on account of the war. C eral opinion was that the Dixithrown up its hand before wa John E. Long, formerly with fairly started, so far as Uncle Sa concerned. The club backers hope

This is a striking picture of the length of time a big leaguer may hope to remain in fast company. Most of them are gone and all, with the exception of Cobb, are fading. Twelve years means a great deal to'a ball player.

A rumor comes out of Los Angeles, manager of the Dallas club of the Texas league, would like to land Marty Krug of the Rourkes. This is

reorganized Northwestern league as

Kelly and Dillon Look Over Northwestern Field

winter home of many vague base ball reports, that Mike Kelly, manager of the St. Paul American association team, has expressed a desire to quit St. Paul and take a franchise in the

with Cleveland, and Chase. The latter was the only regular of the outfit. In the outfield we find five still in the game. Cobb is among them and is still the greatest of all ball players.

the game a great part of the season; Turner, who played in a utility role

journ in the minors, is likely to wear a big league uniform next season. The others are Wagner, who only played part of the season; Lobert, who was in less than 20 games at New York; Evers, who was out of

for the Giants.

dopist, who has compiled a record that shows how few players in the majors in 1906 can still be counted be open to invasion by the Dickerson actively in the game. Commenting circuit. on his own record the statistician

Of the American league pitchers

Twelve years is a long time in the life of a major league ball player, if

Leagues Survive the Pace

Seasons.

