

Who's Who on the Diamond

ABBATICCHIO, EDWARD J.—This clever second baseman of the Pittsburgs is of Italian parentage, and was born in Latrobe, Pa., thirty-four years ago. He first came into prominence as a football player; then he did so well as second baseman of the Greenburg, Pa., club that he was recommended to President Al. Reach of the Phillies in 1897, and was given a trial, but met with an injury and was unable to complete the season. He played with Milwaukee in 1900, in Nashville 1901 and 1902, and was then secured by Boston. He quit baseball in 1906 to give his entire attention to his hotel in Latrobe, but figured in a deal the winter of 1906, by which he was traded to Pittsburg.

BANCROFT, FRANK C.—The popular business manager of the Cincinnati club has been in Cincinnati since 1890. Then he handled "King" Kelly's team, and the following season looked out for the interests of Mr. Brush's American Association club, so he has been with one club eighteen years—a record in his line. Mr. Bancroft was born at Lancaster, Mass., May 9, 1846, and is therefore sixty-three years of age, and very active at that. He was proprietor of Bancroft's Hotel in New Bedford prior to his entry into baseball. In 1877 he organized a club in New Bedford that won the state championship, and also managed that club in 1878. He handled the Hop Bitters team in the winter of 1879, and with it visited New Orleans and Cuba. In 1879 and 1880 he was in Worcester, and brought Arthur Irwin and the great left-handed pitcher, J. Lee Richmond of Brown University, to that city. In 1881 and 1882 he was in Detroit, and handled that club very successfully. In 1883 he was in Cleveland, and engineered that club successfully, and in 1884 he landed the pennant in Providence. He remained with Providence in 1885, and was in Rochester in 1886, Philadelphia Athletics in 1887, and after a season in the theatrical business in 1888, came back to go to Indianapolis. In 1889 he was with Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

When Mr. Bancroft had the New Bedford club in 1877, Jim Mutrie, afterward manager of the New York Giants, was shortstop and captain, and was paid sixty dollars per month; Harry Stovey, afterward a great star, was hired as change pitcher at fifty dollars per month. George Washington Bradley, the pitcher, was paid the enormous salary of ninety dollars, and his catcher, Charley Rutly, got fifty dollars. George Gore, Jake Evans and Roger Connor, afterward crack players, received corresponding salaries. In a benefit in 1878, George Wright gave an exhibition on a rowing machine; his brother Sam swung Indian clubs; Harry Stovey gave a negro impersonation; Charley Foley (Curry) the pitcher, sang Irish songs; Jim Mutrie and George Gore engaged in a ten-mile walk.

CALLAHAN, JAMES J.—This clever manager of the Logan Square independent club of Chicago is a native of Fitchburg, Mass., and turned his thirty-fifth year March 14 last. By trade he was a plumber, and he devoted as much time to baseball as he could when not working. Pitching was his forte, and he made such progress that he became noted for his proficiency. In 1891, when he was but seventeen years of age, he won twenty-eight games, lost one and tied two as a member of the Pepperell, Mass., club, and had a record of twenty-two strike-outs in one game. He played in Northampton, Mass., in 1892, New Bedford, 1893; Philadelphia, 1894; beginning that season with the Phillies of the National League, and finishing with the State League team. In 1895 Callahan played with the Springfield, Mass., club and made a fine showing there. In 1896 he was with Kansas City, and batted for .323. Chicago drafted him in 1897, and he was then but twenty-three years of age. He joined Comiskey's team in 1901, and helped land the first American League pennant since that body expanded. He quit the club in 1906 to assume the ownership of the Logan Squares, being quick to see the opportunities for making money in Saturday and Sunday ball, and he has been very successful. He is bright and brainy, and a hustler. No one has a larger personal following or carries with him so many good wishes for success.

CLARKE, FRED C.—The brilliant manager of the Pittsburg club was born October 3, 1872, at Des Moines, and is therefore in his thirty-seventh year. He began his professional career in 1892 with Hastings, Neb. In 1893 he started with St. Joseph. That club disbanded in June, and he finished the season with Montgomery, Ala. In 1894 he played with Savannah, until the Southern League disbanded, then he went to Louisville and played there until 1900, when he went to Pittsburg, where he has since played. Clarke started in his business career as a lather, but soon made more money in baseball, and thus overcame parental objection to baseball playing. He now makes his home in Winfield, Kan., where he has an extensive farm.

DOOLAN, MICHAEL J.—The clever captain and shortstop of the Phillies is one of the best ever. He was born in Ashland, Pa., 29 years ago, and played with the Villanova College team in 1900 and 1901, thence going to Jersey City under Manager Billy Murray. In 1903 he was drafted by Brooklyn, but that club lost him, erroneously drafting catcher Dillon instead. Philadelphia then made a trade for him, surrendering Keister and \$2,500 to make the deal. Doolan has played with the club ever since 1905, and will therefore begin his fifth season with the club.

JONES, FIELDER ALLISON—The former manager of the Chicago American League team is a native of Shinglehouse, Pa., where he was born August 13, 1871. He started his baseball career in 1893 with the Oregon State League as catcher and fielder. The following season he was in Corning, N. Y., and in 1895 he played in Binghamton, N. Y., and in Springfield, Mass. His work was of a caliber that attracted the attention of the major leaguers, and in the next five seasons he played in Brooklyn, casting his fortunes with the Chicago Americans, when the American League invaded the Eastern country. When Jimmy Callahan left Comiskey to seek his fortune as manager of an independent team, Jones was chosen his successor, and ever since June 8, 1904, has been in charge of the fortunes of the club. Jones is a rare outfielder, being possessed of remarkable judgment in caring for the most difficult of drives, and he has handled his club with rare ability. Three times his club has finished third, once second and once first under his stewardship.

KEELER, WILLIAM A.—This popular, quiet, unassuming ball-tosser of the New York Americans was born March 3, 1872, at Brooklyn, and has therefore started for his thirty-eighth milestone. He played with the Flushing, Arlington, Acme, N. Y., and Plainfield, N. J., teams before starting in with Binghamton, N. Y., in 1892. He led the Eastern League in batting, and was signed for the New York club, but was injured and unable to play, and so was secured by Brooklyn for \$800. At the close of the season, Ed. Hanlon of Baltimore gave Shindle and Treadway for Keeler and Dan Brouthers. Keeler played with Baltimore until 1898, figuring in three championships, and then came to Brooklyn, where he was again a member of two more pennant winners. Since 1903 he has been a member of the New York Americans.

LEACH, THOS. W.—This sterling ball-tosser, equally at home in the out or in fields, hails from Cleveland, O., and started out as a pro. in the New York State League in 1888. Louisville then secured him and since that time he has played under President Dreyfuss in that city and in Pittsburg, going to the latter city in the consolidation of the two teams in the season of 1900.

MORAN, PATRICK J.—This prominent member of the catching staff of the Chicago Cubs was born at Fitchburg, Mass., February 7, 1876. He played with Lyons, N. Y., in 1897, and was with Cortland, N. Y., the following season. He advanced to Montreal in 1898 and 1899, and then played with the Boston Nationals for five seasons, being exchanged for Pfeffer and O'Neil of the Chicago club. This will be his fourth season with Chicago. Moran stands five feet, ten and one-half inches and weighs in condition 170 pounds.

POWERS, MAURICE R.—"Doc" secured his nickname from the fact that he is an M. D. and will undoubtedly follow that pro-

fession when his baseball days are over. He is a Massachusetts man by birth, and first saw the light there in 1873. He was educated at Holy Cross College, where he showed rare form behind the bat. He graduated in 1896, after playing three seasons on the college team and then went to Notre Dame, Ind., for two years. His fine work in baseball secured for him the attention of several managers, and Louisville secured his signature to a contract in 1898, but his stay there was short, as he was afterwards released to Washington, playing there in 1899. He played with Indianapolis in 1900, and became a member of the Athletics of Philadelphia upon the entrance of that club into the American League, and he has since been with them.

SCHRECKKONGOST, OSEE F.—He is generally known throughout the baseball world as "Schreck," and has had a long career on the diamond. He was born in New Bethlehem in 1875, and played with the Williamsport, Pa., club in 1895 when he was twenty years of age. The next season he played with the Fall River, Mass., and Augusta, Me., clubs of the New England League, and in 1898 was with Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Youngstown and Cleveland. In 1899 he played with St. Louis and Cleveland, and he played with Buffalo the following season. In 1901 he was selected to play with the new American League of Boston under the management of "Jimmy" Collins, but he remained in Boston but one season, thence going to Cleveland. He joined the Athletics in 1902 and played in ninety games that season, batting for .317. Last season he was released by Connie Mack to the Chicago American League club, which found itself crippled in the catching department.

SEYBOLD, RALPH A.—This stalwart right-fielder with the Athletics of Philadelphia eight seasons answers to the nickname of "Socks" and was a great favorite throughout the American League circuit. He is a native of Washingtonville, O. His professional career began in 1882 at Altoona, Pa. Thence he played in Johnstown, Pa., in 1893, Franklin, 1804 and Lancaster, 1895, 6 and 7, and in Richmond, Va., in 1898. The next year he joined the Cincinnati club and in 1900 was with Indianapolis. In the following season he became an Athletic, his brilliant fielding and powerful hitting playing an important part to keep that club well to the front in the race. He will be with the Toledo club of the American Association in 1909 and his abilities as a batsman and fielder will doubtless make him a very valuable man for that club.

WILLETS, EDGAR R.—This young man did a whole lot during the season of 1908 to enable his club to land the American League pennant. The season before, he was a mere sub. In 1908 he landed fifteen games and lost nine. He is a native of Norfolk, Va., and is but twenty-two years of age. He pitched for the Wichita, Kan., team in 1905, and was purchased by Detroit in the fall of 1906.