



HUB HAPPENINGS.

THE BEAN-EATERS TO SPEND SPRING AT ATLANTA.

The Outfield Make-up Still a Problem With Manager Selee—The Louisville Club's Surprising Change—Commendation For McGunnigle.

Boston, Jan. 14.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—Atlanta, Ga., and not Augusta will be the stamping place of the Bostons for about three weeks in the spring. President Bosche, of the Southeastern League, wrote Manager Selee a very nice letter, in which he said he regretted that the Bostons could not have Augusta, as he had arranged in good faith. It seems that Manager Stallings recommended Augusta to Mr. Selee before the former was chosen manager of the Philadelphia Club. Selee had no inkling at any time that the Philadelphia Club was going there. Mr. Bosche wrote that he was given the power to have the League clubs come south and, therefore, wrote to Mr. Selee that the Boston Club could have the Augusta grounds. Then Stallings got his work in, and as a result Mr. Bosche was compelled to withdraw from a contract already made. Selee lost no sleep at all in the matter. He said that he would as lief go to Atlanta as to Augusta, and has written Mr. Bosche to that effect. He has received a very nice note from President Moyers, of the Atlanta Club. Friday, April 9, the Bostons will play in Norfolk, and Saturday, April 10, in Richmond, and Wednesday, April 14, in Middletown, Conn., with the Wesleyan University Club. The following day will probably be filled in Springfield, Mass.

THE OUTFIELD.

Selee has got applications from young outfielders who want to be with his club next season. Somehow it has spread about that there will be an opening for ambitious material of this sort in the Boston Club, but the truth is that the team is entirely made up with the exception of the catchers. Here some changes may be made, and it is evident that the manager is not feeling as strong in that position as he would like. What will be done is the merest speculation. Selee would like to make a deal on fair terms, but thus far has been unable to do so. The outfield will be selected from Duffy, Hamilton, Tenney, and Stahl, and if there is any doubt at all it is about right field. We all know that Tenney did finely in that position last season. Stahl will have a chance to bid for the place, and if he can show superior speed why he will have the place regularly.

GOOD WORDS FOR M'GUNNIGLE.

Naturally we all feel sorry that Mr. McGunnigle has lost his job. Mac has many friends here, and all will hope that it will not be long before he will be able to show that he is a competent manager. Now, Mr. Jacob C. Morse, with all due respect to Mr. Saunders, never maintained that he knew more about the Louisville Club than Mr. Saunders, or anybody else, but he claims that he knows more about big-hearted "Bill" McGunnigle than Mr. John J. Saunders or anybody else in Louisville. Why I should be misrepresented in this matter I do not know. I have made no comparisons between McGunnigle and any other player or manager. I simply quoted what Mr. McGunnigle said, and for that an attempt has been made to make a mark of me. There was no necessity to bring me personally in this matter. Surely, a friend, and I am proud to call myself such of Mr. McGunnigle, can say his little say for a friend, without being called a know-it-all, a busybody or an interferer. I am sorry that Louisville has let Mac go, and I only hope that his successor will prove as good, faithful and energetic a man. Did Mr. Saunders notice that in the "Sporting Life" of three weeks ago Mr. Heydler, of Washington, had a long article containing views of Mr. Selee. Heydler was not accused of minding other people's business in so doing. Selee was in the city and Heydler was welcome to whatever matter he could secure. So with Mac, certainly when in Boston a writer's pen is not to be silenced simply because he is a Louisville manager. This, however, had Mr. McGunnigle received any intimation that his services would not have been required in Louisville in 1897 he could have secured a better paying position with either one of two clubs.

A MISTAKE.

It is not for your correspondent to criticize the change that has been made. Others can do that, and doubtless will. Mr. Rogers has an excellent record as a hustling and successful ball player. He has the hardest possible kind of a row to hoe to improve upon the record of a tail-ender. When asked what he thought of the change Manager Selee said he had no hesitation in desiring to be quoted as saying that it was an egregious mistake, and this would be found out before the season had advanced very far. Selee makes no bones whatever in saying that to his mind McGunnigle is one of the ablest managers in the country, and

that any club is to be congratulated in commanding his services.

SPOKES FROM THE HUB.

"Jimmy" Canavan is not at all enthusiastic about going to Brooklyn. He was very well satisfied to go to Providence last season, and especially because it was so near home. He made a royal record there, and was splendidly treated, and it is not at all surprising that he is not especially enthusiastic to go where more will be demanded and the surroundings not as pleasant as where he is now situated.

Manager "Billy" Murray, of the Providence Club, is now sole proprietor of the Providence Roller Polo Club. His abilities will stand him in good stead and there is no doubt the club will be a better money maker than ever in his efficient hands.

Manager Fred Doe and the New Bedford Lodge of Elks have been working valiantly and faithfully to make a success of the benefit of the family of the late Holman C. Dunning, the roller polo player, who was also a base ball player of no ordinary ability.

Captain Duffy, of the Boston Base Ball Club, was the guest at Harvard last Tuesday of Mr. John R. McVey, of Harvard University. The little captain received a warm reception as he entered the Memorial Hall for dinner. He had a most enjoyable time while with the collegians.

So Willie Mains is to go to Buffalo. "Billy" has been keeping in fine condition all winter and should hold his own with any pitcher in the Eastern League in 1897. The Boston boys will wish him lots of luck.

Fred Tenney is now stationed at Brown University, and will try to coach a team that will make matters warm for Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Brown will play Princeton for the first time since 1895.

Isn't that a little rough on the part of your Louisville correspondent to say that "Perry Werden seems doomed to come to Louisville?"

George Wheeler, of the Phillies, was in town last Friday, looking out for roller polo material, with which to strengthen his team. George has been doing very well, indeed, with his new venture.

Manager Burnham was unfortunate enough to lose a pocketbook containing \$160 last week. That's a pointer for the way his pockets are being lined these hard times. He has had to enlarge his seating capacity on account of the excellent patronage he has received.

Few managers can show such a varied League record as that of Arthur Irwin. He has managed clubs in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Young Standish, of the New Yorks, comes from Burlington, Vt., and acquitted himself well under John Irwin in Lawrence, of the New England Association, in 1895. He pitched for Fall River the last part of last season. He would have gone to that city again this year had he had the opportunity before New York determined to try him.

The item about the appointment of Mr. Moran, of Rochester, N. Y., as New England League umpire is a mistake. No umpires have been yet appointed for 1897. Doubtless Messrs. Connolly and Hunt will be reappointed.

Tommy Leahy, who was drafted by Pittsburgh, was the only member left of the Springfield Club of 1893.

The veteran Sid Farrar is surely not forgotten in Philadelphia. Sid lives in Melrose and Frank Selee is his townsman. Sid occasionally attends a game, but his favorite sport is bowling, and he is one of the high rollers.

Our friend, Arthur Dixwell, is a king of first nighters.

J. C. MORSE.

LANCASTER'S TEAM

Has Been Almost Completed by Manager Rinn.

Lancaster Pa., January 12.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—Since writing my last letter there is little new in the way of base ball in this city. Manager Rinn is busy getting a team together, and he thinks he will have a winner by the time all the men are signed. He has great faith in the men already under contract, and of course he knows what the old men of last year can do. He is now after a good short stop, an ex-National Leaguer, and a good pitcher, and with these men he will have the team complete. The people up this way have great faith in Mr. Rinn as a manager, and they have great confidence in the men he has selected. The good-natured and jolly manager says he has a team that will give all of them in the Atlantic League a chase for the flag.

On Saturday he received the signed contract of Sam La Roque, who played a portion of last season in this city. La Roque is an old ball player, and knows a thing or two about the game. He is a hard and scientific hitter, a good fielder and a fast man on the bases. With the signing of this player Manager Rinn now has the following players under his ban: Catcher, Andy Roth, center fielder George O. Leidy, short stop Madison, Frank Ward and Jas. Graham. This is a pretty good aggregation taken with the old players under reserve, and not yet signed. The drafting season for the League having ended last Thursday the management will immediately begin to get the reserved players to sign contracts, and it is expected this will be accomplished in a short time.

Robert Rothermel, the well-known short stop, was in town last week several days. He wanted to secure a job here, but the management thought him too light for the rest of the team.

John Buttermore, the brilliant right fielder of last season's team, arrived in this city Monday evening, accompanied by his wife. He has not yet signed, but will do so in a short time, and he will remain here until the season opens.

Mr. C. F. Stoner, who is secretary of the Lancaster Base Ball Club, has been reappointed deputy register by the present incumbent, Mr. M. G. Mussen. No better appointment could have been made, as Mr. Stoner is popular with all who know him. He is a great friend of the ball players, and he is daily receiving letters from players who would like to play here the coming season.

I see by your Dubuque correspondent, Marty McQuade has been signed by that club. They get a good man, as Marty's record is known in this city.

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NEW YORK NUGGETS.

THE GIANTS' TEAM STILL BEING ADDED TO.

The Engagement of Pitcher Standish—Manager Joyce Expected Soon at Headquarters—A Chat With Tommy Dowd, Etc.

New York, Jan. 11.—Editor "Sporting Life:"—There was a little base ball talk hereabouts last week, and another pitcher was signed. Jack Doyle, George Davis and Tommy Dowd were in town, and all managed to get into print. When Bill Joyce arrives we expect to wade right into it. So far as signing players is concerned, that job has been finished. All the New Yorks with one exception have been signed, or accepted terms, and it is understood that George Van Haltren is the exception. Perhaps as spring approaches the lengthy Californian will send on his contract in due and ancient form. So, when "Scrappy" takes the reins there will be nothing to cause any loss of sleep.

JOYCE EXPECTED SOON.

President Freedman says that he expects Manager Joyce will arrive in this city some time between Jan. 15 and Feb. 1. "Until Joyce's arrival," said the magnate, "all matters pertaining to the spring practice will remain at a standstill. All of the players, with the exception of Rusie and one other, have either signed or accepted terms."

Joyce will of course attend the Baltimore meeting, and it is hoped that something will happen that will bring New York a very desirable player. The Chicago meeting was a disappointment to the cranks, who looked for some deal in which New York would cut a large quantity of frozen water. The prospect of a deal has a certain indescribable fascination for a base ball follower. The hope of some improvement upon which to base additional confidence is always looked for by the partisan in base ball. When President Freedman and Manager Joyce put their heads together, something pleasant may materialize.

MILES STANDISH.

Last week the New York Club signed Miles Standish, the young twirler from Vermont who made such a favorable impression during his rather short career as a member of the defunct Metropolitans. Standish pitched some good ball for John Irwin's team, and when it was announced that he had been released considerable surprise was manifested by the followers of the Mets, who put up a very plucky game during their career in the Atlantic League. But releases were quite common at that period in the brief history of the Mets. This youngster is only 18 years old, and weighs 180 pounds. While the Vermont lad was with the Mets he played in the outfield occasionally, and became a great favorite because of his heavy batting proclivities. In fact, for a time young Standish was hailed as a coming star. After he was released he returned to Montpelier, and later joined the Fall River Club. He did good work for that club, winning six out of nine games, and he also pitched the Fall River Club to victory in the decisive game of the championship, thereby landing the New England League pennant for Fall River. When Standish joined the latter club he did so with the understanding that he was not to be placed upon the reserve list. He is an ambitious youngster, and had his heart set on playing in New York. Accordingly he wrote to the local club, and after communicating with Manager Joyce President Freedman signed the young Vermonter.

GOOD POINTS.

Standish's batting average in New England during the twelve games in which he participated was .425, which indicates that the splendid showing the young man with the historic name made as a batsman with the Mets has not diminished. It is said that several clubs were anxious to sign the Vermont lad. Of course he cannot be expected to be a terror to the League's many sluggers at the start, but he is, nevertheless, a very promising young player, and if he follows Bill Joyce closely he may make his mark in fast company. As he shows great skill as a batsman and plays the outfield fairly well he is likely to develop into a very useful man for the New Yorks. Standish is just the kind of a man that Ned Hanlon clings to, and while at first he does not fill in, he essentially develops into a useful man. It will not take Bill Joyce very long to see that, while Standish has much to learn, he will repay any effort spent by the hustling leader in putting him on the right track.

BEAU BRUMMEL IN TOWN.

Thomas Dowd, manager of Chris Von der Ahe's team passed through this city last



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Friday on his way to Holyoke, Mass. Tommy, as he is familiarly known to the cranks, was rigged out in gay style and simply paralyzed the scribes who interviewed the little manager. When it comes to neckties, variety and hue, Tommy Dowd is in a class by himself. Dowd has held on with Chris, much longer than was expected, and if he manages to keep his place much longer we will, indeed, believe that Chris has turned over a new leaf. Dowd says that the Browns will get in condition somewhere in the South and that President Von der Ahe has given up racing and will devote his time exclusively to base ball. "The loss of Breitenstein," said the dapper little manager, "will not hurt us much, for he was discontented last season and wanted to get away. In Hutchinson, Donahue, Billy Hart and Klissinger and several other pitchers we have in view we will be all right. Morgan Murphy and young McFarland will look after things behind the plate. I don't believe that Roger Connor will be traded to Cincinnati. For third base we have Hartman, and Monte Cross will take care of short field. The unsettled position is second base, and we have several deals pending for a good man. I want to play in my old position and have Tuck Turner and Joe Sullivan with me in the outfield."

MERCER WANTED?

It seems that Mercer is the man Bill Joyce wants to secure, and rumor has it that President Freedman is being urged to exchange Rusie for the clever Senator.

The "World," which has been partial to Rusie in his fight against the local management, says this morning, "Rusie has gone too far in his obstinate stand, and has largely lost the following he had in this city." It is to be hoped that the rumored deal will materialize and the big Hoosier will be shifted to Washington.

MISCELLANY.

There will be a special ticket office for bicyclists at the One Hundredth and Fifty-ninth street entrance at the Polo Grounds next season.

John M. Ward is chairman of the Reception Committee for the entertainment and reception of New York Lodge of Elks. Associated with the popular ex-player are Uncle Nick Engel, Charley Genslinger and Cornelius Van Cott.

Bottenus, of the Hartford Club, who slings ink for a railway corporation in this city, finds his football hair quite serviceable by utilizing the same for a penwiper.

Manager Lamar, of the Cuban X Giants, says that in looking over the different League teams he came to the conclusion that Joyce's team is the greater—New York.

President Freedman has signed Ernest Beam to pitch for the New Yorks. Beam made his initial appearance in the big League with the Phillies. He will be given a fair trial.

W. B. Wheeler, formerly a director of the local club, who fell a victim to the big bear raid of last summer on the stock exchange, has paid off all of his obligations and has been reinstated on the exchange, much to the delight of his many friends.

Arthur Irwin was in town last week, and said that while all arrangements for buying the Toronto franchise had not been complete he expected that they would be very soon.

Jack Doyle, the Holyoke Orfale, was in town the other day. Jack likes New York so well that he says there is no other place like it on earth. Of course, Jack thinks the Orioles have a cinch on the pennant, and he added that the Baltimore Club is the best managed team he ever played with or saw. Under Joyce's lead he thinks the New Yorks will be well up in the race.

WM. F. H. KOELSCH.