

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CRAVATH'S RETIREMENT FROM PHILLIES FEATURE OF N. L. GATHERING

CRAVATH'S STAR WAS WANING; STILL THE PHILS WILL MISS THAT GREAT CIRCUIT HITTER

Pat Moran Anxious to Have Frank Schulte Play Right Field Instead of Gavy—Bender May Make Good as Manager

KNOCKERS may band together, form their avil chorus and beat out strains that tell of the shortcomings of Gavy Cravath during the season of 1916 and in the world's series of 1915, but the fact remains that the Phillies will miss the famous, fence-bogging Native Son.

Moran in his announcement of Cravath's retirement remarked that he thought Gavy was "through." No doubt Gavy was near the end of major league efficiency last season, nevertheless there will be many times in 1917 when the much-feared big stick will be sadly missed when the Phils are jammed in a pitcher's battle in the last stages of a close contest.

Cravath Prefers Playing Nearer Home

CRAVATH has remarked more than once during the last two seasons that he would like to be nearer his home on the Pacific coast. He began his great baseball career there and the chances are that he will end it there also.

Moran admitted that one of the reasons why he thought there was no chance for Cravath to return was that the contract offered the right fielder for 1917 was smaller than it was during the last season.

Frank Schulte Not Through Yet

IN SPITE of the fact that he was one of the last of the famous Chance machine of 1910 to remain on the Cubs' roster, Frank Schulte is still a great baseball player. Naturally he has slowed up considerably since the days when the Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance combination was electrifying the baseball world.

Should Pat Moran land Schulte, as he is trying to do, he will get the man on the market. We do not mean to say that Schulte is the best outfielder to be obtained where money is absolutely no consideration, but he is the best player that can be got for a reasonable trade or purchase price.

One of the most noticeable features of Schulte's play is the gracefulness with which he handles a bat. There has never been and probably never will be a man in the game who bats with such real grace as the once famous Cub player.

Charley Doolin's Success Is Problematical

WHETHER Charley Doolin will make a success as the leader of the Rochester club is a problem that only time will tell. Doolin proved when he was at the helm of the Phillies that he is one of the shrewdest traders the game has ever seen.

There is no doubt that Doolin will be able to get together a band of good players for Rochester, but whether he will lead them to a pennant in the International League is another matter. He has a much better chance to make good in the minors, from the mere fact that he will not be as close to the players there as he was here.

New Role for Charles Albert Bender

CHIEF BENDER is good at everything he attempts. Besides his baseball Bender is an expert swimmer, one of the best shots in the country, a pool and billiard player of rare ability, football and basketball player, to say nothing of being a splendid golfer.

Bender came to the Phillies last year as an experiment. He did not do as well in the box as Pat Moran would have liked; still he earned his salary, which was a liberal one, by his tactical knowledge of the game.

Bender's disposition is not that which makes a great, or even a successful manager. Still it is possible that the Chief's wonderful baseball knowledge and his own ability may overbalance his lack of managerial ability sufficiently to enable him to make good in the International League.

Stallings Will Stay Where He Is

THERE were wild rumors floating gently down Peacock Alley in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York city, yesterday, to the effect that after all Fred Mitchell would not be the manager of the Cubs because George Stallings would very likely take the reins.

There is a rupture in baseball in the near future, the cause will be unrest in the minor leagues. It is declared by those who purport to know that unless the demand of the Newark Club for \$9000 against the Brooklyn Dodgers is paid, there will be a revolt of the minors, followed by their withdrawal from organized baseball.

Minor Leagues Still Causing Trouble

THIS would be one of the biggest blows that ever hit baseball, but the matter is not likely to happen because, even if the minors at the meeting later on should take any such drastic action, no doubt the National Commission would see that the money was paid, regardless of the negative vote of the National League, and regardless of what the American League does at its meeting regarding the matter.

Tener's World's Series Plan Not Bad

FOR once John K. Tener has come through with a regular idea. He plans to have all the clubs in the major league share in the world's series money. He declares that the players on the clubs competing for the world's championship should get a certain percentage, which would be larger than any other club, and then that the other seven clubs be given shares proportionate to the order in which they finished in the race.

Tener's plan is far better than Garry Hermann's. The latter wanted only the clubs in the first division to split the series money. It is obvious that Garry's idea was not an idea at all. It was simply a guess toward a plan that would cause the series to be played under different conditions from those under which it is played at the present time.

IT IS virtually certain that about 2500 of the 5000 twenty-five-cent seats at the Phillies' park will be raised to fifty cents before the beginning of the season of 1917. This is going to cause a howl from the local multitudes.

BOB FOLWELL'S success at Penn can be attributed to his versatility. If one method of development does not suit either the team or the individual, he is there with something else, different but equally as good.

THEY citizens who are fond of athletics and who are a progressive thinker, and who usually go hand in hand, will await with interest the selection of the stadium committee of the board of directors of the Athletic Association of the University of Pennsylvania.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?

Illustration of a man and a woman in a room. The man is sitting on a bed, looking thoughtful. The woman is standing by the bed, looking at him. Text bubbles around them contain humorous dialogue about a 'bug on lovely nature' and 'a grand and glorious feeling'.

N. L. MAGNATES ARE AGAIN IN SESSION

Dreyfuss, McGraw and Weeghman Still Have Nothing to Say

MORAN ALSO IS QUIET

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—When the National League magnates went into session for the third day here this afternoon virtually nothing had been accomplished so far as "for publication" was concerned.

DR. ORTON TO HELP COACH HOCKEY TEAMS

PHILADELPHIA will have a chance to enjoy hockey for the first time in many years beginning after Christmas at the Quaker City Ice Rink.

HARVARD-CORNELL MEET OFF

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 14.—Following Harvard's dropping Cornell from its football schedule, the track advisory committee intends severing track relations with the Ithacans as soon as the present contract expires.

RAFFERTY W. & L. COACH

LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 14.—According to an announcement made here by Dr. J. W. H. Pollard, faculty director of athletics at Washington and Lee, W. C. Rafferty, assistant coach of the eleven in 1914 and 1915, will pilot the general's next fall, succeeding Walter B. Eloczek, who retired from football to devote his whole time to business.

DONLIN A FIGHT PROMOTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mike Donlin, ball player and actor, is going to branch out and enter the fight game.

FARNUM BROWN'S CAPTAIN

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 14.—Mark Farnum, 18, of Georgetown, R. I., has been elected captain of the Brown football eleven by the coaches.

Advertisement for a suit or overcoat for \$11.80, featuring Peter Moran & Co. Merchant Tailors.

Advertisement for Berry's Challenger, featuring Fred C. Kelly of the University of Southern California.

FIRST SKATING OF SEASON ON MERION GOLF COURSE

HAVERFORD, Pa., Dec. 14.—The first skating of the season in Philadelphia and vicinity was witnessed here this afternoon when an army of lovers of the ice game swarmed out over the Merion Cricket golf course at Ardmore avenue.

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VICTORY FOR READING OVER JASPER TONIGHT WOULD PUT CAMDEN ON TOP OF LEAGUE

Skeeters Will Lead Race by Half Game if Bears Beat Kensington Five—De Neri Shows Big Improvement

Table titled 'EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING' showing team records and scores. Includes teams like Camden, Reading, and various players.

As predicted, but not exclusively in the Evening Ledger, Camden won from De Neri last night at the Armory beyond the ferries. But the game was not what the Camden rosters expected.

COMMITTEE BEING CHOSEN TO MAKE STADIUM PLANS

Five Men to Be Chosen by President Geyelin, of Penn. A. A. Plans for a stadium in Philadelphia are well under way.

WOOD CHIEF SCORER

The official figures of the American League show that Wood, of the Hancock team, is the leading scorer with seventy-four points.

Who's Your Tailor?

Advertisement for Billy Moran, 1103 Arch Street, The Tailor, One Excelsior.

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