

admission to an old men's home. They have no earthly chance against the recruits. Nevertheless, when the season opens we see the old faces back on the job, and the only mention of these youths who have been costing telegraph tolls is that they have been sent to Kalamazoo or Dallas, Tex.

Just why this business of press agenting your players year after year should be continued is hard to understand. The fans don't believe it. They are wise to the game, and know the veterans are content to lay back, get in trim slowly, and be right on the job at bell time.

It isn't fair to many recruits who might otherwise make good. A youngster knows that if he starts out the first day of the training trip and works his arm off he will catch the eye of some correspondent hard up for news and be played up in the home papers. He likes the publicity and cuts loose with mid-season stuff. Then his downfall begins. A cold day breaks into the fine training weather, and by the time the team nears home on its exhibition trip the youngster's arm is "dead." He gets the blue ticket.

President Comiskey of the White Sox went to St. Louis yesterday to visit Chris Von de Ahe, his old boss. Von de Ahe is suffering from an incurable disease. Commy gave the former Browns owner a check.

Frank Lange has signed his contract with the Sox.

Callahan yesterday bought a lot of tennis rackets, tennis balls, a soccer football and a couple of medicine balls to be used by the Sox in California. Seventy-two suits will be sent west with the team. This will enable the players to have clean suits for the exhibition games.

Rube Marquard, piping from Portland, Ore., says he is through with baseball for one year. If McGraw wants him in 1914 the Rube says he will sign. Rube did not announce his weekly marriage to Blossom Seeley, his vaudeville partner.

Bat Nelson walloped Joe Burke, who weighs 150 pounds, at Easton, Pa., in ten rounds. Burke acted like a wrestler, gouging and biting. He bit Bat through the flesh of his right arm in the fourth round.

Jack Denning and Jack Dillon are in Indianapolis to finish training for their match tomorrow night.

Bob Moha of Milwaukee, decisively defeated Cyclone Johnnie Thompson in ten rounds in the Cream City, capturing every round but the first. In the opening session Thompson banged Moha on the nose, starting the blood. The Sycamore man puzzled Moha with his defense early in the bout. Moha broke through in the fourth, and from then to the finish knocked Thompson all over the ring. Moha claims the light heavyweight championship.

Young Erne defeated Tommy Howell for the second time in two weeks in Philadelphia last night.