NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

NEW PLAYERS ARE PROMISED

Johnson Hints at Deals to Come.

GONE, BUT RETURNS MONDAY

New Manager Will Then Be Announced. Ban Considers Manning Best Director in Baseball.

At the station when he left this city for New York, Ban Johnson said: "I will return Monday, and it is entirely probable that upon my arrival I will announce the name of the manager of this season's Washington baseball club."

Ban realizes that it is getting late and that something will soon have to be done or the season will be on before the Washington players or the public will "know where they are at."

Players in Stock.

Before departing Ban gave out the pleasant information that he had several players up his sleeve who have not yet been mentioned in regard to the Washington club, who would probably be found here when the time arrives for the men to don their baseball toggery.

Who they are Johnson would not say, as it is bad policy to give out any information of this kind until the trade or sale, whatever it may be, is consummated. Barrett, the shifty Detroit outfielder, who, it was rumored, would come here this season, is not included in the list, says Ban. Washington could have done business with Barrett earlier in the year, but at that time its hands were practically tied, and it is now so late that Barrow has made plans for his Detroit team, and included Barrett on his roster.

Manning Better Than Hanlon.

The question of the management of the Senators is now the question of interest to the fans. The three most likely candidates still remain the same as those published a few days ago, Manning, Donovan, and Lowe. Lowe is considered to have the least chance of obtaining the position. That practically leaves it between Manning and Donovan, but there is still a bare possibility that another man will be obtained.

The chances of each look about even, but Ban said before he left for New York that he considered Manning much the better manager of the two.

Ban talked rather freely as to the relative merits of the many managers in the country, and he places the popular Kansas Cityan high up on the list.

"In my opinion," said the American League president, "Connie Mack is the best bench manager in the business, and next to him ranks Jimmy Manning. Yes," he continued, when questioned:

"I think Manning is a better manager than either Frank Selee or Ned Hanlon. He has not been in the majors long, but in nine cases in ten he had a team which finished among the first three in the Western League. Excepting Mack, I do not think anyone could have possibly managed the team Manning brought to Washington from Kansas City any better than did Jimmy."

Mind Not Made Up.

"Then why don't you get him?" Johnson was asked. "Is it because his terms are too steep, or because you are averse to a three-year contract which Manning insists upon?"

"No, that is not the reason," answered Johnson; "a good manager is cheap at almost any price, and Manning is certainly a good one, but that is about all I can tell about the matter. As I have not definitely decided upon the manager myself as yet, I cannot, of course, say who will get the job."

When asked if there were any new developments in the negotiations with Earlie Wagner for the sale of the club, Johnson would only say, "Do you think the Washington public would stand for him?"

Earle Wagner, every fan knows, is none too popular here, but some who have followed the workings of the American League close enough to know what liberties the Philadelphian would have are inclined to think he might make a good man. In the past Wagner sold all of his good players for big prices and incurred the displeasure of the fans. In those days the local club was tottering on the brink of a precipice. The National League had threatened to drop it, and Wagner unloaded his goods so as to come out of the big end of the horn.

Now, it is argued, if Wagner bought the local club and wanted to sell or trade a player to any other team in the American League, the deal or sale would have to be personally sanctioned by Ban Johnson. If the player were to be traded or sold to any club in the National League, the deal or sale would have to meet with the approval of every club in the American League. So no more indiscriminate selling of players for Wagner.

Wagner Foxy Chooser.

One thing in Wagner's favor, think baseball people, is that he can get good men. He is an excellent judge of a ball player, and during his reign here corraled many good men. If he could get good players then he can get them now, it is thought.

Ban's visit to New York is in connection with routine matters of the American League, with which the Washington club is in no way connected. But Ban promises to make up his mind between meals within the next two days and return to Washington with the news that everything has been arranged, and announce "Who's Who" in the managerial line.

The Washington players are muttering mightily about the reductions in salary, of which Tom Loftus is notifying them, but Johnson says the kicks will avail nothing.

CARROLLS SMOTHER CUTHBERTS BY 78 TO 4

The champion Carroll Institute team, in the District League, had as its opponent and guest last night the Cuthbert Class Athletic Association, and scored an easy victory, defeating its opponent by the score of 78 to 4. In the first half the Cuthberts never once got the ball near Carroll's basket, and at the end of the half the score stood 28 to 0.

Between the halves, James Collins and Tony Gulli met in an exhibition wrestling match. Gulli pinned the shoulders of his opponent to the mat twice within five minutes. The scores of the Carroll-Cuthbert game follow:

Cuthberts.	Goals.
Chism, rf	0
King, lf	0
Kettner, c	1
Armstrong, rb	0
Haller, Swope, lb	1
Total	2

Carrolls.	Goals.
Cullen, rf	13
James, lf	9
Kerr, c	7
Whalen, rb	9
Swope, Holland, lb	1
Total	39

Total score—Carroll Institute, 78; Cuthberts, 4. Referee—Mr. Finnegan. Timer—R. Hoy. Scorer—Mr. Tenley.

TOM LOFTUS.

Managed Washington Team Last Year, and Is Conveying to the Players the Sad News of the Cuts in Salary.

Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

It was a good move on the part of McAleer when he surrendered Powell to the New York Americans for Harry Howell and $8,000, which are said to have been the terms of the deal. Howell is not only a good pitcher, but an active infielder, and does well in the outfield. He is also a stick artist of renown. He can knock the ball out of sight when he lands on it, but he is not a remarkably brainy or careful batter. With it all, Harry is a quiet, pleasant, obliging fellow on and off the field, always willing to jump in and help the cause.

Capt. Pat Carmody is moving around among the horsemen at New Orleans in an effort to get material for his outlaw meeting at St. Louis this summer. Among the inducements he offers are a season of continuous racing and clemency from the Eastern Jockey Club.

The captain is making a pretty brash promise on that clemency proposition. It's a whole lot easier to get suspended than it is to get reinstated, as some of the very owners he approached know full well. Little encouragement was received by the captain, and his luck in the future is not apt to be much better than it has been in the past.

Marvin Hart announces that he thinks he ought to be given a chance at Jeffries. For pure nerve that comes pretty near the limit. Challenging champions is doubtless a great way to gain cheap advertising, but sometimes the challenge is so out of reason that the fighter makes himself ridiculous instead of creating an impression about his importance.

Jack McCormick writes to a Philadelphia paper that Hot Springs is the greatest place in the world for a fighter. How does he know? He never was a fighter and can't talk from experience.

The Penn Park baseball team, with George Eckert, manager, at York, Pa., is making a nasty record for itself. Nearly every man on the team is a contract jumper or is blacklisted in reputable leagues. As long as contract jumpers and the scalawags of the business find refuge in such places it will be impossible to keep the sport clean.

No manager who has the interests of the game at heart would allow his team to go against such a combination of undesirable characters.

Joe McGinnity is said to have a brand new curve that will knock the spots out of batting records. If Joe can just keep using the old curves he has been doing for some years, his salary will go right along without any necessity for new-fangled schemes.

President Edward Grillo, of the American Association, is either one of the greatest hot-air artists or one of the brightest men in the baseball business.

In the coming season, he says, he will travel around among the cities in the association, sounding public opinion and finding out what the people want. That certainly is good talk, if he makes good in his promise. Grillo seems to be about the first of the baseball presidents for many a long day who has thought that the public had anything whatever to do with baseball or had any say in the matter of players or policies. The president of every association and league in the country ought to take a leaf out of Grillo's book and learn it by heart.

The National League years ago came to the conclusion that public sentiment was not to be considered. It was a little error that has cost the league some hundreds of thousands of dollars. The American League seems destined to be a worthy follower of the National in this mistake. It would not be a bad idea for Ban Johnson to hunt up Grillo and have a heart-to-heart talk with him.

Fitzsimmons says Kid McCoy tried to jolly him into a six-round match at Philadelphia on the plea that it was easy money and would require no training. If the Kid thought to josh Ruby Rob into a game of that sort he made a sad mistake. Robert gum-shoed around, found the Kid had been training for six weeks and was down to first-class fighting form. Then Robert made a few remarks. He was wise to the game, and told McCoy to run along. Fitz saw Munroe make a showing against Jeffries in Butte because Jeffries was not in condition, and if an untrained miner could do stunts with Jeff, what would the foxy Kid have done to Fitz?

TOM ROLAND.

AMATEUR BOXERS FOR EXPOSITION

Week in September to Be Devoted to International Championship—No Slugging Allowed.

World's championship boxing matches will be one of the features of the St. Louis Exposition.

Chairman James E. Sullivan of the national championship committee of the A. A. U., has called a meeting of the national committee to be held at the New York Athletic Club on next Saturday evening to arrange for the different championships which will be held at St. Louis. The following members of the committee will attend: Walter H. Liginger, Milwaukee, Wis.; James E. Sullivan, chairman, New York; John J. O'Connor, St. Louis; Edward E. Babb, Boston; Harry McMillan, Philadelphia; Bartow S. Weeks, New York; T. F. Riley, North Cambridge; Dr. George K. Herman, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Sullivan has had so many requests from all sections of the country for Olympic boxing championships that the department has decided to devote one week in September to amateur boxing in order to bring together the amateur boxers of the world, so that the question of who is the real amateur champion can be settled. This will give the Englishmen a chance to try their experts with the American youngsters. The A. A. U. amateur boxing championships are to be held in Boston this month, and the committee will arrange to have all the winners enter and try for the world's honors. The rules of the A. A. U. will prevail, and each bout will be limited to four rounds. There will be no brutal work, as the A. A. U. rules will not permit it.

The most expert amateur judges and officials of this country will be selected to pass upon the merits of the aspiring youngsters. Many believe this will be one of the most popular features of the Olympic games.

DUFFEY TO COMPETE IN GOTHAM TONIGHT

Entered in Fifty-Yard Dash—Georgetown Law and Prep Teams Off for Baltimore.

Arthur E. Duffey, of Georgetown, left Washington this morning for New York, where he will participate in the indoor games of the Irish-American Athletic Association, which will be held tonight at Madison Square Garden. The "Georgetown Flyer" is entered in the 50-yard dash, handicap.

Duffey ran at the New York Athletic Club meet on Tuesday, but his handicap was too great and he was beaten. Tonight, however, the other runners will not be given so great an advantage over him and he will have a much better chance of finishing in front. Most prominent among the men he will meet are Walsh, of the N. Y. A. C.; Sears, of Cornell, and Knackle, of Columbia.

Duffey is the only Georgetown man who will be represented in New York tonight, but the law school and prep relay teams of Georgetown will compete tonight at the Johns Hopkins meet. The law school quartet will meet the Hopkins four in the feature event of the games. The local team will be composed of Preston Edmonston, captain; Mulligan, Yoder, and Brennon. These two teams met at the Georgetown games on February 20, and the Blue and Gray embryo lawyers secured an easy victory. The Baltimoreans claim to have a greatly strengthened team now, and are confident they will give the Georgetowners a run for their money.

The preparatory school relay team will have as its opponent tonight in the games at Baltimore, the Western High School, of this city. The prep boys will also run in scholastic events.

Munroe Knocked Out By Fall on the Ice

Got Too Gay on Skates and Bunch of Cold Hit Him in the Head---Will Meet Ruhlin in Pursuit Race.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Jack Munroe, the miner-pugilist, now matched to meet James J. Jeffries, made his debut yesterday afternoon as a skater, and after the ice had scored two knockdowns the contest with the elusive steel blades was called a draw.

Munroe visited the Clermont Avenue Ice Skating Rink, Brooklyn, and first tried a pair of up-to-date hockey skates. He wobbled about for half a lap and then went to the ice, taking the full count. He came up smiling, however, and tackled another pair of steel blades. This time he made three laps before another clean knockdown. Finally with a pair of all-clamp rocker skates Munroe was more at home. He practiced some time, and finally in response to a wager that he could not skate a half-mile in less than two minutes, won the money by skating the seven and one-half laps in the good time of 1:54.

Munroe is the favorite over Gus Ruhlin in their half-mile pursuit race at the Clermont rink Monday night. Manager Mosher will hold an all-night session for the skaters, and, as Munroe and Ruhlin will get an early start, it is probable that one will catch the other (starting from opposite sides of the rink) before daylight.

INVADERS GINGERY IN THEIR PRACTICE

All the Men in Good Shape and Full of Confidence. Giants Arrange Many Exhibition Games.

ATLANTA, March 12.—New York adherents of the American League may feel greatly encouraged by the reports coming from the Invaders' camp at Atlanta.

All of the men are in excellent shape, and the majority of them appear ready to start at once upon a long season. They are displaying commendable energy and enthusiasm, and are working unusually hard because they will be supported much more liberally by the New York public this year than they were last year.

There was vigorous batting and fielding practice and a five-mile walk to and from the field accomplished this morning. Unglaub was at second base and Anderson in left field, with the team otherwise as it lined up last year.

Griffith Cheerful.

"There was lots of ginger for an opening day's practice," said Manager Griffith, "and the bunch shapes up well to me. Only one or two men have any weight to take off. I only hope we keep on having such weather as we had today. It can't be beat for getting players in condition."

Elberfeld and Ganzel were the heaviest men in the field today. The former is throwing in midsummer form and is the envy of his associates, who do not dare cut loose so early. Bliss and Pullman did the pitching today for the batting practice. A sharp grounder raised a swelling on the former's leg yesterday.

Powell on Hand.

Jack Powell, the big pitcher for whom Griffith gave $8,000, and another pitcher got in from St. Louis. He will begin work tomorrow, as will Williams, McGuire, and Hughes, who also joined the squad today. "I've only got ten pounds to get off," said Powell.

Kleinow's father is dead in Malwaukee and the new catcher will be here as soon as he can get away. Exhibition games will be played here between New York and Atlanta on March 18, 19, 22, 24, and 26.

Giants Play Minors.

SAVANNAH, March 12.—The New York Nationals believe that the best spring training is in playing actual games with strong minor leaguers. With this idea in view Manager McGraw has arranged to leave Savannah today for six games with Birmingham. Little Rock will be visited on March 30 and 31, and Memphis will be taken into camp on April 1 and 2. So many of these exhibition games have been arranged that the team will have had only three days practice in Savannah when it gets back to New York.

SAENGERBUNDS CINCH DISTRICT LEAGUE FLAG

Saengerbund bowlers took three games from the Rathskeller quint last night, thereby cinching the pennant in the District League, as so few games remain to be played that it is impossible for the Jolly Fat Men to overtake the Germans. In the last game the Saengers made the next highest total of the season, spilling 1,019 pins. Eiker, with 224, had highest single. The scores:

Saengerbund.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Krauss	191	190	202
Burdine	173	160	213
Schuerman	123	178	189
Eiker	203	191	224
Miller	162	212	191
Totals	952	931	1,019

Rathskeller.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Allison	203	220	207
Crosby	158	185	168
Jacobs	210	155	174
Cooper	154	194	165
Ray	174	148	192
Totals	898	902	902

EASTERN FIVE GETS TWO OUT OF THREE

The Eastern five, which leads the Railway Relief Association Bowling League, had as its opponent last night the Mechanical team, and experienced but little difficulty in winning two games of the set. Ferguson knocked down 209 pins and had the best single. The scores:

Eastern.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Dodson	168	181	143
Ferguson	169	138	209
Anderson	165	156	141
Hamel	111	129	180
Wynkoop	170	181	179
Totals	783	785	852

Mechanical.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Horning	170	161	160
Wilson	146	183	139
Millington	165	101	126
Mayers	145	189	118
Wenner	139	166	146
Totals	765	800	689

COLUMBIAS DEFEAT WASHINGTON TITLE

Columbia Title won each of the three games bowled against Washington Title in the Title Insurance League last night. Miller's 213 was best single. The scores:

Columbia Title.	1st.	2d.	3d.
McKnew	138	190	198
McElwee	152	148	143
Phelps	166	156	113
Marsh	125	176	160
Miller	213	151	157
Totals	749	821	771

District Title.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Becker	141	156	120
Roth	150	130	116
Thomas	183	155	145
Leary	168	109	130
Dryden	136	155	144
Totals	778	705	655

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OURAY COUNCIL TEAM WAS TWO MEN SHORT

The Ouray Council team was two men short in its series with the National Council five, in the Royal Arcanum Bowling League last night, and, according to the rules, forfeited the full set. The team was filled out with other players, however, and the series played to keep up the individual averages. The Nationals won all three games. De Yo carried off the individual honors. The scores:

National Council.	1st.	2d.	3d.
De Yo	204	222	224
Billings	161	154	161
Mitchell	133	190	154
Baum	151	158	182
Elliott	192	195	159
Totals	841	979	880

Ouray Council.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Rollins	153	124	151
Lenz	118	134	118
Campbell	232	176	219
Hurley	190	176	159
Gray	146	168	176
Totals	839	779	814

NAVY YARD HANDS IT TO AGRICULTURISTS

The Navy Yard and Agricultural teams met, in the Departmental League, last night, and the boys from Capitol Hill won the full series. Brown bowled the highest single, 206. The scores:

Navy Yard.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Brown	206	173	179
O'Donnell	197	178	171
Lee	183	153	142
Bowsher	188	199	180
Crist	157	181	182
Totals	931	884	854

Agricultural.	1st.	2d.	3d.
Gorman	186	173	178
McLennan	185	170	185
Williams	187	164	166
Drake	174	139	166
Field	151	165	147
Totals	883	811	842

"BLACK BILL" DRAWS WITH YOUNG JACKSON

"Black Bill," the Pennsylvania negro heavyweight, won distinction last night before the Eureka Athletic Club in Baltimore by getting a draw with Young Peter Jackson, Al Herford's crack welterweight.

The fight was fast for the entire fifteen rounds. Jackson went to the floor twice in the second round from savage right swings to the jaw, and for a while his prospects were anything but bright. It is said that they were the first clean knock-downs Jackson has ever experienced in the ring.

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Benning will have the best meeting in its history this year.

Not that the class of horses will be so far superior to those which raced here last fall, however. The matter which will help along and tend to elevate the game here is the poolroom war which is raging in New York between the Gotham poolrooms and the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Tampered With Wires.

This war has been caused by the action of the Western Union Company in advancing rates for poolrooms because the New York men refused to take the wire on the California races, in view of the fact that the pencilers had lost on them in previous years. It is a long distance from New York to San Francisco and the other cities where racing is conducted in California, and poolroom men say there are too many chances for "leaks." They claim the wires have been tampered with, and so many "killings" made by plungers that it does not pay them to make a book on the ponies running in the Pacific Coast State.

Because of this loss in patronage to the company, the Western Union has increased its rates. The Western Union Telegraph Company has control of all the racing wires in America and thinks itself strong enough to demand anything it wants; but the poolroom men refuse to submit. The affair, it is safe to say, will not be patched up before the beginning of the Metropolitan racing season, at least, and many followers of the turf who have heretofore remained in New York and played the races at Benning through the poolrooms will be obliged to come to Washington to risk their money. Of course, bartenders and other such persons will "telegraph" odds on races. This is an unsatisfactory way of betting to a turfman who is supposed to have any brains. There is no way of knowing what jockey will ride the horse on which he desires to bet, and as the jockey is about as important a matter as the horse nowadays, the bettors do not wish to buck against a game which, it is said, "can't be beat, nohow." To obviate these obstacles they will have to come direct to Benning if they desire to play the races. This will increase the attendance at the local course about 15 per cent, it is thought, and there will be more betting than ever.

Hoy Has Gone Away.

J. S. Hoy this morning left for Hot Springs with several horses which are supposed to belong to J. J. Ryan. They are the three-year-old chestnut gelding St. Martz, out of Margin, by Sylvia Plains; the three-year-old bay gelding, by Hollander-Ebb Tide; Cloudburst, a half brother to Rain or Shine, out of Hollander-Rain Drop; the bay gelding, Seventh Ward, by Hollander-Maggie Ward, and the five-year-old chestnut gelding Worry, by The Friar-Suspense. The last named is a half brother to Grey Friar, which, as a two-year-old, was considered the equal of either Irish Lad or Africander.

Jimmy McLaughlin has also arrived here, with the following string:

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Information for Fishermen

The water at Great Falls this morning was cloudy, registering 35.

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Many of the regular fishermen will go up the river tomorrow.

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