

Only Seven Climbers Have Signed 1913 Contracts---Manager Griffith to Visit Charlottesville

MANAGER GRIFFITH ON JOB AGAIN AND PROMISES SPEED

Will Visit Charlottesville Soon to Prepare for Training Camp.

MAJORITY OF TEAM MUST SIGN PAPERS

Decides To Cut Out Trip to West Baden in Spring.

By "SENATOR"

Manager Clark Griffith is on the job again. He remained at his office all day, trying to get ahead of his correspondence, which has been piling up ever since he left for the windy wastes of Montana.

"I have plenty of work ahead of me," said he to the writer today, "but I don't want any time and expect to be cleaned up in a few days. I shall run down to Charlottesville, Va., to look over the prospects of train there again this year. I have decided anything yet, but shall go so within a few weeks."

Griffith looks well after his vacation and says that he never felt better in his life. He returned last night, coming through from Chicago, where he had rested for a day or so, calling on Ben Johnson, the American League boss, and few other friends.

Must Sign Players.

But seven of the Climbers have signed up for the coming season. The boys already in the fold are Walter Johnson, Bob Groom, Carl in charge, Chick Gandil, Eddie Foster, George McBride, and Danny Moeller. Owing to the treatment given them last year, no trouble is expected from any of the unsigned players. Zeb Milan, the Linden Byer, may delay affixing his precious scribble to the paper until after that's only to prove that he is a deep thinker. Zeb will be in line by the time the team shows up in the capital.

Griffith has practically decided to cut out that trip to West Baden, adhering to his plan of last year. The pitchers and catchers will go to Charlottesville about March 1, and a week later the rest of the squad will be in the college town. Three weeks is expected to finish the preliminary work in Virginia. The team will return for its exhibition games at Florida avenue.

The New York Giants, Griff says, will surely play two games here with the Climbers in the spring. They have an option on two sets of dates, and will soon make their choice.

Carlich a Regular.

Joe Birmingham, manager of the Cleveland Napslanders, realizing the principal weakness of his club last season, is setting about strengthening his backstopping brigade. He had let a couple of his worst-looking youngsters and has signed a new one, Shields, a husky youth just out of college. Fred Carlich, the former Toledo catcher, will be the regular wild-paddler for the Naps in 1913. Shields, Birmingham wants to break in a promising youngster, and has picked Shields to be the goods.

Shields is a six-footer and weighs 180 pounds. He played with a Southern college team last year and in the summer worked behind the bat for an independent team in Mississippi. Willie Mitchell, the Naps' southpaw pitcher, saw Shields playing football this fall, and at once recommended him to Birmingham.

Birmingham is now in Cleveland preparing for the coming training season. He will be his old position as manager of a team, and is going to put into effect a few ideas wholly his own. He now has thirty-five players on the roster but intends cutting this number down to about twenty-five before the warm winds blow again.

Wants Small Squad.

Birmingham has a small squad in the Southland, and is now in the taking an army to the training camp. He believes, and rightly, too, that he can't see enough of the individual players in a large squad. Therefore, the ax is due to fall, and fall soon in the camp of the Napslanders.

"Gregg and landing should be stars next season," Birmingham tells the inquiring scribe, "while Mitchell and Kahler are sure to improve wonderfully with better catching. Basketball is a handy man to have around, and Bill Steen pitched enough regular last season to warrant his being kept for another year. I don't know much about the other fellows, but I must learn on the training trip."

Jack Onslow and Bradley Kocher, two young bachelors, have been signed to the Providence (International League) club by the Detroit Tigers, their sales being outright and dooming them to the minors forever, unless some other club brings them back. Eddie Onslow, the catcher's brother, has been signed along on an optional agreement. Bill Donovan, the Providence manager, will try to teach him the ins and outs of the base play so that he may return to Detroit in the coming fall for further trial.

Johnstone Will Quit.

If Tom Lynch, chosen president of the National League again, Empire Johnstone will quit. Yes, he declares that Lynch treated him shamefully last season, and that he will not work for him again. In his dispute with Lynch, Fogel introduced a letter from Johnstone, scoring the league president. When Lynch summoned the umpire to attend the recent investigation, he refused.

"I have been treated shamefully by Lynch," said the umpire, in discussing his case. "There are some umpires who are breaking in the league now who are getting much more money than I am. I have put in a long time as an umpire, and do not make enough to keep a family."

"As for Lynch and myself not being on good terms, there is no doubt about that. In fact, if Lynch was president of the United States I would move out of the country. Now, that is how we stand."

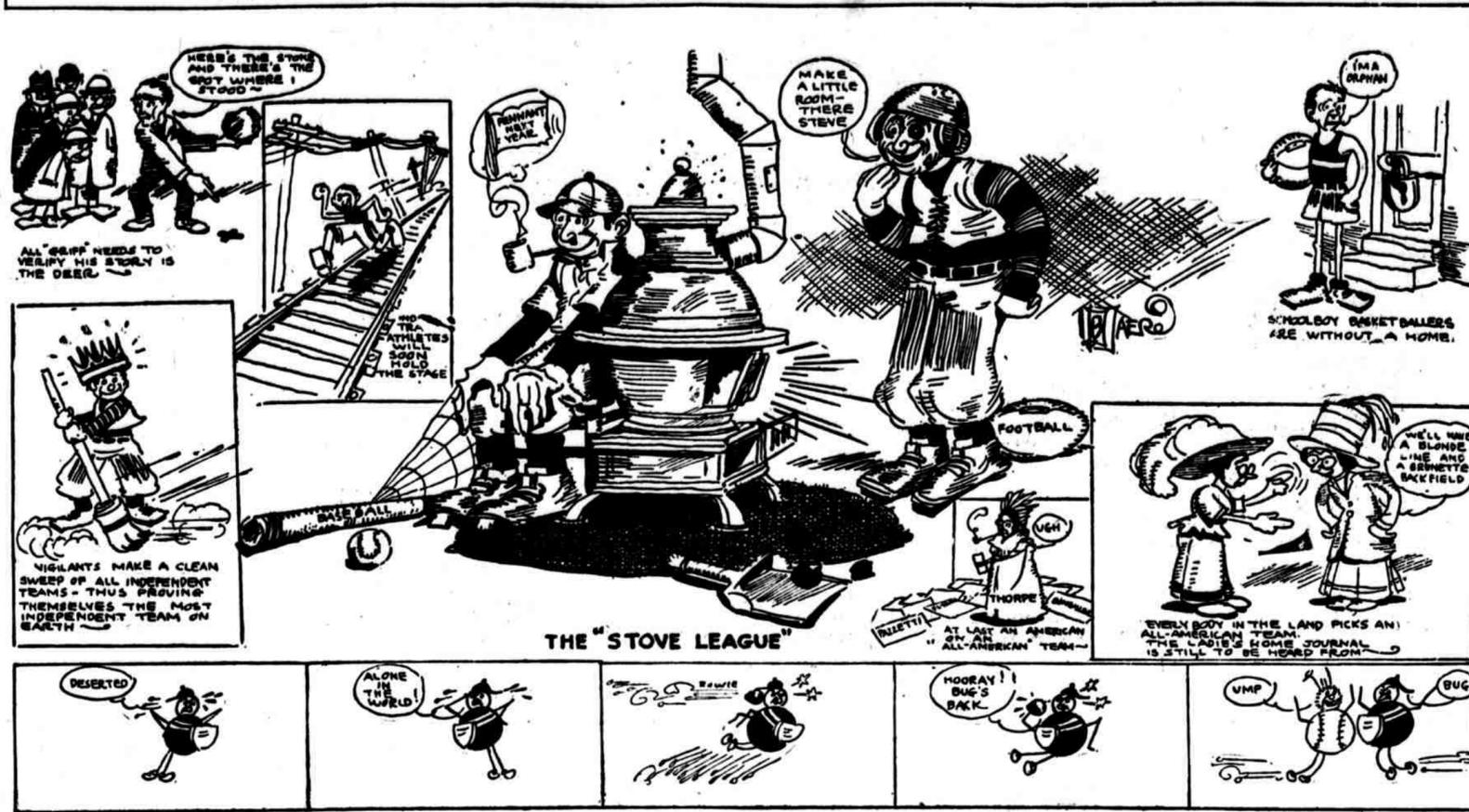
Ping Bodie Will Go.

Ping Bodie, the Prince banana merchant and alleged fence buster, will not be used in the White Sox next year, but may be allowed to drop back to the minors, where he has always been a terror with the willow. At the Milwaukee meeting, Charlie Comiskey tried to get rid of him by auction, but the bidding was too low to quit him.

Harry Campbell, once with the Cincinnati Reds, and last year with Toronto, has quit baseball. He will hereafter devote his entire time to his photographic gallery in Waterloo, Iowa, his home.

It is believed that Harry Lord will be used in a trade this winter by Manager Callahan, of the White Sox. Lord's peppy temper got the better of him several times last season, and he had several squabbles with Callahan. Now he is to change his uniform.

Outdoor Sports Have Died Away, The Stove League Now Will Hold Full Sway



STARTS SOUTH TO LAY OUT DIAMOND FOR DETROIT TEAM

Groundkeeper Halsman Leaves for Gulfport, La., to Make Ready.

Johnny McGraw May Be Giants' President

Nationals and Arcade Play Indoor Baseball

Johnny Kilbane May Be Arrested Today

Will Drop Suit

Sixteen-Get Letters

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice

Lines to a Halfback.

You fought your way down Harvard's field And whined along through Yale; You hit the floor like an off For fifty yards set sail. But now, thrown back at every play, You moan within your den, For circling old Calulus, pal, Is something else again.

You whirled by Brickley on the run And decked your way by Flynn; You made the great Bowdler charge But now, a wreck amid the fight, You wall within your den, For bucking Calulus, old top, Is something else again.

The Comparative Dope.

As to what play comparative form is worth, you can frame your own answer from these returns: The American tennis team trims England, Australia trims America, and England upsets Australia. The Cubs whaled the padding out of the Giants; the Giants thumped the wadding out of the Pirates; the Pirates mauled the Cubs to death. Brown beat Penn 30 to 7; Penn beat Carlisle 34 to 26; Carlisle beat Brown 32 to 0.

Now go to it.

Tinker vs. the Cubs.

Conceding Messrs. Murphy and Evers one-third of average common sense, Joe Tinker will be the next leader of the Redland cause. Joe has become fairly well set upon launching out as a leader and, in addition, he has seen about as much of Messrs. Murphy and Evers as he cares to see for several centuries to come.

For this reason it isn't likely the two Cub promoters will kill the Redland trade to a finish, as they know a trifle better than anyone else that Tinker has peddled off his old Cub uniform for the last time. "And they'll either go through with the trade or find an open gap at short next spring. I've played my last game with Chicago, and Murphy hasn't made money enough to pay me to at."

A Rebuttal From Yale.

Yale University Club, New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir--Aren't you a trifle harsh in your dealings with Yale coaches? The trouble is we have always been the king, and all you newspaper writers have harped on the "latent possibilities and power of the Yale team" throughout the season. It is a good thing to have you pulling in our direction, but unwarranted criticism in the hope of vindicating past prophecies isn't exactly just. Did you accuse McGraw of being the worst ever for not teaching his own felders the fundamentals when Snodgrass made the Hudson Bay Company wake up to the value of senkisen hand warmers? Then why shoot the headlines into Yale's coaches because Felton's punts were

League Directors to Fix Bresnahan's Status

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.--Buck Weaver, shortstop of the White Sox, and Oscar Vitt, utility infielder of the Detroit Tigers, are still enjoying a hunting trip in the mountains and foothills of this State.

These two clever ball players have been paid for years during the winter time. When summer comes around they are bitter rivals and never has it on their minds to meet. Weaver has it on his mind to meet his mate, who are to train south of San Francisco. Vitt will make the journey to the Southeast to rejoin his Detroit mates.

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Bresnahan has a five-year contract to manage the St. Louis club, four years of which remain unfulfilled. It calls for \$200 a year salary and 10 per cent of the yearly profits of the club.

Weaver and Vitt Are Still on Hunting Trip

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.--The directors of the National League will meet here next Monday to determine the status of Roger Bresnahan's contract with the St. Louis club. Their decision will be based on the report of the former manager of the Cardinals continues in his actions against Mrs. Helene Hathaway Britton, who has a year salary and 10 per cent of the yearly profits of the club.

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Another tribute to his ability as a basketball referee has been paid to "Shorty" Hughes, who officiated in so many of the games on local gymnasiums last year; in his selection for official referee of the Georgetown University basketball team. Manager James Madigan has signed Hughes to referee all of the local games of the Hilltop quint which will be played on the Arcade floor.

Hughes' work last winter in the Washington City Basketball League was mutually satisfactory with all the team captains, and it is likely that he will also be connected with that organization this winter. He will, however, give the Georgetown five first choice for his services.

For many years, Hughes has acted as a referee in the Washington amateur basketball leagues. The past season was probably the most successful he has seen, his work having attracted the attention of some of the big league players and scouts.

Watching Cornell.

Cornell has come in for quite a bit of joshing in these dispatches through the late campaign, but we are more than willing to admit that with a proper system installed the dream of Ithacan conquest upon the gridiron will be soon fulfilled. A campus which can turn out such athletes for the track and crew has the stuff to go the full distance, and once upon the correct trail, as Cornell now seems to be, this material is likely to create as much of a football monopoly as the Ithacan stronghold maintains in other lines.

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JENNINGS FAVORS TAKING ALL CASH OR NONE IN SERIES

Detroit Manager Does Not Favor Herrmann's Plan of Club Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.--Manager Hugh Jennings, of the Detroit Tigers, likes some other managers, does not favor Garry Herrmann's plan of letting all players share in the world's series receipts.

Jennings, who has made a hit in vaudeville this winter, expresses the following views on the subject: "The present plan is good enough. A manager has something to point forward to when he wants his players to get in and battle for hours during the long season. When a team is fighting for the championship it is an incentive for the boys to consider that when the league season is over they might have a chance to share in the proceeds of the big series.

"Interest would be lost in the series if the plan suggested by Herrmann was adopted. It may be five years or more before we get another chance at the big games or it might be the next season. The boys would consider that when the league season is over they might have a chance to share in the proceeds of the big series.

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Gibbons Is Favorite To Defeat McGorty

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.--Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Middleweight, is being favored to defeat Eddie McGorty when they clash tomorrow night in Madison Square Garden. Gibbons is showing all his phenomenal speed in training, and the wise ones are putting their money on him to win by a wide margin from the Oshkosh lad.

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Shannon Stars.

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