

The WORLD of SPORT

And the team with the best pitchers, other things being equal, is going to win.—Cleveland Press.

Walsh, White, Smith, Owen, Altrack, Manuel—why, indeed, should not the White Sox be leading the American league in the race for the flag?

Connie Mack has Plank, Bender, Schlitzler, Vickers and a few more, but it bothers the old "fox" to pick four pitchers for four consecutive games.

"In my opinion Hal Chase is of little value to Elberfeld this summer," remarks a St. Louis roofer. "Hal is so good that the other Yankees cannot keep up with him."

The Sox play a steady sort of game, field finely right along, get remarkable results from their few hits, play inside ball with the best, and have a set of pitchers who are just now working superbly.

The Naps have six good pitchers in Joss, Liebhardt, Check, Berger, Thielman and Rhoades. If all of them had the ambition of the White Sox sextet, the Cleveland team might be in first place today.

"Chance is the same star day in and day out. Then Frank will hit and run the bases with the best of them. It makes me tired to read about Chase being the king. He's a good man, a star. But Chance is his complete superior doing everything."

"A big, lumbering chap like Anderson or Hickman would be of far more use to him. Chase is too fast, both mentally and physically. When he really hustles he has all his teammates up in the air. The New York team would be better off without him."

By playing magnificent ball, Detroit continues to hold her lead in the American league but St. Louis is also plugging right along and is but a couple of games behind the ambitious boys from Michigan. It promises to be a battle royal with the chances in favor of Detroit on account of her wonderful sluggers, Cobb, Rossman, Crawford and Schaefer.

The Sox have raised their percentage of games won to a notch which, if maintained for the rest of the season, will win the bunting. The minions of Comiskey and Fielder Jones have averaged three victories out of every five games and this is about good enough. It has proved nearly sufficient to win in past years and this season the race is closer than ever.

The National league is, this season, putting up an even closer and more exciting race than the American. Pittsburgh is still in the lead but is crowded by New York who finally succeeded in crowding Chicago back into third place. But three games separate the first and third teams and a bunch of double headers might change the entire standing in one day. In the meanwhile, Philadelphia is coming right along and might yet be a material factor in the pennant race of the old major organization.

ATTEMPTS TO EXTORT MONEY FROM HOBSON

C. J. JONES' EFFORTS TO GET EASY MONIES PROVES UNSUCCESSFUL.

From present indications, the efforts of C. J. Jones to get a little easy money is likely to have about the usual ending, the penitentiary for Mr. Jones.

Jones is now in jail and the state has a good case against him. That the case can be yet further strengthened is the opinion of the county authorities.

Wanted Two Thousand.

Along toward the end of June, Mr. S. S. Hobson, president of the Bank of Fergus County and one of the wealthiest men in the county, received a letter signed "Black Hand," and demanding that the banker leave \$2,000 in a cabin located about a mile west of the city.

Mr. Hobson told only his attorney and one or two intimate friends of the receipt of the letter. He immediately wired for a detective and it would appear that he made a mistake in doing this instead of giving the case into the hands of Sheriff Martin at the beginning. The detective came over from Helena and put in some time here, watching the cabin and working on other phases of the case. But he was not smooth enough for the black hand artist who

The Detroit catchers are charged with only one passed ball.

The best batting team in the league would comprise Mullin, Warner, Rossman, Delehanty, Turner, Lord, Stone, D. Sullivan and Cobb.

Elberfeld's pitching force includes Chesbro, Newton, Lake, Glade, Doyle and one or two others, but of the lot Chesbro is the only veteran and the only reliable man.

"Yes, and speaking about first basemen, it's a joke to class any of them with Frank Chance," says a second roofer. "A first baseman should be reliable. Chance is brilliant, but erratic."

Detroit has a first degree satellite in Bill Donovan and some brilliant auxiliaries in Mullin, Willet and Kilian, but the cluster looks dim when put along side the White Sox luminaries.

Of the Red Sox twirlers only old Cy himself is absolutely dependable. How immensely McGuire's team would be strengthened were Pruitt as reliable as White; Cicotte as Owen; or Morgan as Walsh.

Cantillon has a sterling group of pitchers in Hughes, Keeley, Smith, Johnson, Tannehill, Falkenberg, Cates, and the rest, but even these are not to be spoken of above a whisper with Comiskey's bunch in point of reliability.

How about St. Louis with Powell, Howell, Peltz, Graham, Bailey, Waddell and Dineen? Not to be compared with the Chicago bunch for a moment, and inferior, in all probability, to Cleveland's staff, with less fielding perfection and batting strength behind them.

It is admitted by baseball men of high and low degree that the club with the pitchers stands far and away the best chance in a grueling race. What, then, have the other clubs to offer against the five seasoned twirlers and the sensational young recruit, Manuel, on Comiskey's staff.

Chris F. Wall, of Toledo, Ohio, secretary-treasurer of the Boody House Hotel company, announces that Roger Bresnahan, the great catcher of the New York National league baseball club, will retire from the game for good at the end of the present season. Bresnahan is a stockholder in the company and desires to devote his entire time to his commercial enterprises here.

A feature of the season in both big leagues is the remarkably large number of pitchers that have been used. In half of the American league games up to the first of June a change of twirlers was necessary. The proportion of games in the National league for the same length of time in which a change of pitchers has been made is still greater, being fully a third more than contests in which no change in the pitchers was made. There have been all the way from three to seven pitchers to a game. The man who has to keep record officially of pitchers' wins and losses has a mammoth and intricate task on his hands.

kept in perfect touch with the Pinkerton.

On the date set by the letter for the delivery of the money, a bundle of old papers was left in the cabin, but this ruse only had the effect of bringing a second and more threatening letter from the would-be extortionist. Former City Marshall J. C. Bebb, kept watch at the premises for several days but, being unable to discover anything, gave up the job and it was then that Mr. Hobson placed the matter in the hands of Sheriff Martin.

Watches Day and Night.

The sheriff immediately devised a plan for keeping the cabin under surveillance day and night. He and two of his deputies worked one shift of eight hours each every day. They used the utmost precaution in going to and leaving their hiding place, which commanded a good view of the cabin.

Jones Is Arrested.

Martin got his man about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening just as he was being relieved, after watching for several hours, by Deputy Biglen. As Martin was getting ready to leave, a man came along with a gun under his arm, making for the cabin. Without any preliminaries, Martin stopped him and asked the fellow what he was going to the cabin for. The fellow replied that he was merely going down to the creek to take a bath. This story did not "listen" very good to the sheriff who placed the man, who said his name was Jones, under arrest.

Jones, it appears, has been working ever since he came here from Nebraska two months ago, on one of Mr. Hobson's ranches which is located a mile or two west of this city and leased by Nick Walter. The letters were written with an indelible pencil and it is said that a search of his rooms by the officers showed up sufficient evidence to connect him

name with the attempted extortion. A young man with whom Jones was closeted on the Sunday prior to writing the second letter, was arrested but soon convinced the officers that he was not connected with the affair.

Jones was arraigned before Justice Brassey Friday morning and entered a plea of not guilty. His preliminary hearing was set for 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but was postponed and set for next Saturday afternoon at the same hour.

The first letter to Mr. Hobson was as follows:

Lewistown, June 28.
Mr. S. S. Hobson, Dear Sir: On June 30, Tuesday, at 9 o'clock p. m., you take two thousand dollars and leave it in the northwest corner of the old log house standing on the old Wm. Hall ranch, about one mile west of town. It now belongs to you, and do not return there for two weeks after. Providing this is not done we have your days numbered from June 30, or if you ever mention this to any one else one of us will get you. This money will be returned to you in the same way in the near future, providing there is nothing said.

BLACK HAND.

The second letter received by the well known banker was of a decidedly threatening nature. It reads:
S. S. Hobson: On Monday night, Aug. 3, you take the amount as you were told to in our other letter, only half of it in gold, \$1,000, and put it in the same place as the other should have been. We cannot use your dam newspaper and don't you mention it to any one this time. And we will not forgive you for anything if we find any one there when we go and don't get the money it will be all day with you. We mean biz and will not monkey with you any more. We were there several times before and found you had a man there. We could have gotten him very easy but you are the guy we want, and if you don't come across—you know the rest. You had better let your friends alone in a case of this kind, for they make it the worse for you. If you had let them alone before and done as your own interest told you you would never have heard from us again, but if you don't do it it will soon be all day with you. Hoping we have given you warning we will expect you to do as we say.

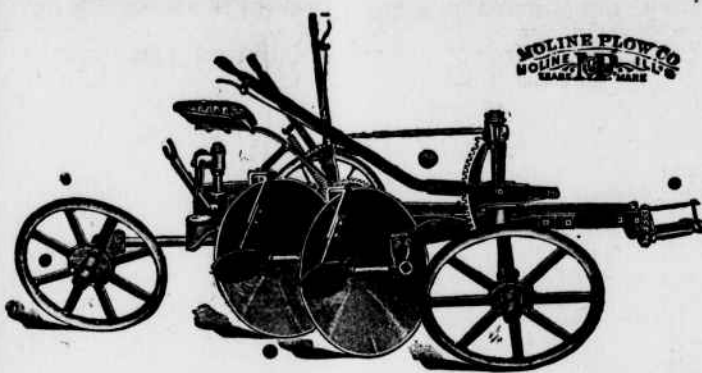
BLACK HAND.

AGED SALON IS DEAD.

Senator W. B. Allison, of Iowa, Passes Away at Dubuque Home. Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 4.—United States Senator William B. Allison died of heart failure at 1:40 p. m. today.

The death of Senator Allison removes from the senate a man who for more than a quarter of a century has been one of its most prominent members. He had served continuously since 1873, and for the greater part of his term of services he was recognized as one of the most influential members of that body. As chairman of the committee on appropriations much of the final legislation passed through his hands. He had not been in good health for some time and this fact had given rise to some speculation whether he would be a candidate for re-election, his term expiring March 3, 1909.

Mr. Allison was born at Perry, Ohio, March 2, 1829, and removed to Iowa in 1857. He served as a member of the house of representatives, 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st congresses, prior to his election to the senate. The cause of death was heart failure. The end came as the result of a serious sinking spell due to pros-



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tatic enlargement, complicated with kidney disease and during a period of unconsciousness which lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the aged senator left his home in the city to escape the heat. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family living on the Ashbury road a few miles from the city. For a few days his condition seemed to improve but he later began to grow worse. Medical advisers urged that an operation be performed to relieve the prostatic enlargement which was bringing his condition to a crisis. This morning the senator was brought to his home in this city, soon afterwards relapsing into a condition of almost unconsciousness. With brief spells, when he recognized those about him, he remained in this condition until death came to his relief at 1:33 p. m.

News of the serious illness of the senator was kept from the public as much as possible and his death came as a sudden and almost totally unexpected shock to his friends.

WHEN PUTNAM WAS YOUNG.

Well Known Wool Buyer a Brave Deputy Sheriff in the Wild West.

Great Falls Leader: Most people in Montana and other northwestern states who are acquainted with the genial dean of the Great Falls wool exchange, F. H. Putnam, of the Boston firm of Hecht, Liebman & Co., are under the impression that Mr. Putnam is a thoroughly eastern man and that he has always been a most ardent consumer of the Boston bean. Such, however, is not the case and many, who consider themselves westerners, will be surprised to learn that Mr. Putnam was once a wild and woolly westerner in the days when the west was in its wildest and wooliest.

Few realize that there was a time when Mr. Putnam traveled around with a couple of 6-shooters strapped to his side and devoted his time as a western deputy sheriff in preserving the peace of a mining camp, but it is true, nevertheless, and even today if "Put" was in a tight fix with a gun conveniently situated in his hindmost pocket, he would no doubt draw and bring down his man without batting an eye.

Mr. Putnam has been knocking around this big country quite a considerable in the 50 years of his existence and he has not spent it all in dealing in wool, either.

The west knew him before he went into that business and he had made and lost a fortune before he began to figure the grease and shrinkage in fleeces.

It was in Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico that Putnam spent the early days of his manhood and he was there for a number of years engaged in mining. When he was 21 years of age he was a deputy sheriff in Nevada and his experiences about some of those early day mining camps would prove interesting reading if he would only tell them.

The other day while sitting in the Park hotel conversing with a newspaper man, Mr. Putnam picked up a magazine upon the cover of which was pictured a real bad man mounted upon a saddle horse and carrying a Winchester, evidently looking for trouble. "If that fellow had ever met 'Billy, the Kid,' his finish would have been real sudden," said Mr. Putnam. "Billy, the Kid," was one of the quickest and most accurate shots I

ever saw, and I knew him when he was nothing but a kid around his father's mine in Nevada. Many a time have I seen him throw a little cartridge into the air and stand with his hand at his side until he saw it turn in the air and then descend. As quick as a flash he would jerk out his gun and would put two or three bullets through it before it reached the ground. He was 24 years old when he got his finish and up to that time he could count a man for every year of his life."

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