TRIO OF ORIOLES ARE HEARD FROM

ONE SIGNS, ANOTHER KICKS AND THIRD AGREES.

READING CLUB FOR A FARM

Infielder George Twombley Comes Across With Signed Contract, Shortstop Downey Writes Asking for More Money, and Pitcher Danforth Announces That His Salary Is Satisfactory—Dunn to Visit Dissatisfied Player.

Three of the Oriole contracts sent out New Year's eve were heard from yesterday. The signed document of George Twombley, utility infielder, on trail of a regular job, arrived in the first mail in the morning from New Bedford, Mass. An hour or so later, Dandy Dave Danforth, D. D. S., who is wintering in this city, blew into Manager Jack Dunn's office at Oriole Park with the pleasing intelligence that the salary he will pull down monthly is satisfactory to him and that he would bring in the signed paper Monday or Tuesday. From Bridgeport, Ct., came the expected letter from Tom Downey, former Cub shortstop, asking for more money. Another piece of news dispensed at local baseball headquarters yesterday was that the Reading club, of the Tristate League, will be used by Dunnie as a farm for aspiring young Birds in need of a little seasoning to fit them for active campaigning in the International League.

Tom Downey, as was exclusively told in The American of Friday, was not pleased with the figures on the contract sent him and informed a correspondent of this paper in Bridgeport that he would write Dunnie asking for an increase. After learning the demands of Tom, Manager Dunn opined that the new Oriole would not be a holdout very long. It is very likely that Jack will make a trip next week to Bridgeport for a personal interview with the dissatisfied infielder. Dunn's confidence in his ability to get Downey's autograph indicates that the player's demands are not out of all reason or above the salary limit of $400 a month agreed upon by the magnates of this league.

Glad to Be an Oriole.

While Downey wants more money for his services, he gave out in the interview in his home town that he is glad of the chance to play in Baltimore. "I have been utility man for a couple of seasons and am tickled at the idea of being a regular," declared Tom. "There is nothing in the report that I had decided to give up baseball, although I believe it would have come to that had I been forced to go to the Oakland Club, of the Pacific Coast League."

In addition to imparting the information that his contract would be turned in early next week, Danforth admitted that it is his ambition to provide Texas, his home state, with a southpaw dentist. The graceful pitcher is studying at the Baltimore Dental College and declares he is gaining knowledge of molars, etc., faster than he got "hep" to the mysteries of a curve ball. For, as has been told before, Dandy Dave possessed only wonderful speed and a world of confidence when the Athletics turned him over to Jack Dunn last spring. At first the tall Texan didn't find the going in this league any too soft, but he soon developed a curve, increased the hop of his fast ball and started to win. He wound up the season with 12 victories and 10 defeats and unless all dope goes wrong, will win at least eight more games next season than he did in the past year. The 822 men who faced him Dave fanned 9.

After a Regular Job.

Though nine other Orioles have signed up, Twombley's contract was the first to return of those mailed out New Year's Eve. It bore the postmark New Bedford, Mass., and the quick return indicates that the utility infielder was so tickled with the figures which met his eyes when he scanned the official document that he grabbed a pen, affixed his John Hancock and rushed to the postoffice.

Accompanying the contract was a letter from George, who expressed himself as follows: "Am putting in a busy winter at basketball, so as to be in good physical condition when the season opens. Am determined to make a regular position on the infield. Despite my exercising, have put on 10 pounds, tipping the scales close to 170 pounds."

Manager Dunn expects to retain Twombley next season, feeling confident he will make a swell utility man. George was farmed out to the Tristate League last season, and did great work at the bat and on the bases.

The Orioles now under contract are: Catcher Lidgate, Pitchers Shawkey, Roth, Banker, Davidson, Russell, Reisberg and Schuyler; Infielder Twombley and Outfielder Mickey Corcoran.

The Reading Club of the Tri-State League should reap great benefit from the arrangement to get the squab Birds not quite up to International League caliber. Dunnie has announced that he will carry 17 or 18 men, which means that from eight to ten will give up their Baltimore uniforms after returning from the spring training trip to Fayetteville, N. C. There are now 27 on the roster of the Baltimore Club, and fans may amuse themselves guessing who of the following will get canned:

Pitchers—Dave Roth, Bob Shawkey, Dave Danforth, Rube Vickers, Davidson, Guy Schuyler, Lefty Smith, Johnson, Banker, Harry Reisberg, Allen Russell, Lefty Ostendorf, Doc Adkins and Barney Pelty.

Catchers—Bill Bergen, Freddie Payne and Lidgate.

Infielders—Ben Houser, Freddie Parent, Fritz Maisel, Tom Downey, George Twombley and Tony Citrano.

Outfielders—Bris Lord, Cooper, Mickey Corcoran and Uncle Jake Gettman.

Chase Praises Banker.

Hal Chase, peerless first-sacker of the New York Yankees, is among the many baseball men who believe Jack Dunn has picked up a winning pitcher in Fred Banker. Hurling under the name of Ritter for the semi-professional club at New Brunswick, N. J., last summer, the new Oriole faced the Yanks in an exhibition game. Banker lost his contest to the big leaguers by a close score, but had the satisfaction of fanning Chase three times in a row. After the contest Hal is said to have remarked that unless he missed his guess the young pitched would be heard from in a season or two.

Even should the new owners of the Phillies decide not to train in North Carolina, there is a possibility that the Orioles can arrange a series of four or more games with another big league club. On learning that the Phillies might not train at Southern Pines, the boosters of that place invited the Washington Americans to train there and Manager Clarke Griffith is now considering it. Should the Nationals decide to go to Southern Pines, Griffith no doubt would be glad to play the Orioles, who will be at Fayetteville, only a short distance away. The games between the Phillies and Orioles have been all arranged, but the new owners of the National League Club, which is expected to change hands in a day or two, are said to prefer Hot Springs, Ark., as a training ground.

It turns out that Sammy Strang, once of the New York Giants and of the Orioles, and noted for his ability as a pinch hitter, will soon blossom forth as a singer under his real name of Sammy Nicklin. He has been studying abroad and making rapid progress. He will return some time in February to finish out his contract as coach of the baseball team of the United States Military Academy, following which he will turn to the stage.

NEW INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE

Gerald Hayes, formerly of the American Association, who will handle the indicator in Ed Barrow's circuit during the coming season. He is considered one of the ablest arbiters in the business.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE DOINGS

PROVIDENCE LANDS SHALLER FROM KANSAS CITY.

Montreal and Buffalo Clubs Are Strengthening With New Players, Both Having Made Several Purchases the Past Week—Manager Joe Kelley Returns Catcher Breiger to Wilkes-Barre.

President Van Dusen, of the Providence Club, announced yesterday that Walter Shaller, a left-handed batsman who roamed the American Association pastures in a Kansas City uniform last season, would be fighting for a berth under Bill Donovan when the Grays hike South in the spring for the boiling-out work.

Shaller went forth to battle in 89 games on the Chivington circuit in 1912, being out of harness during the latter part of the campaign with an injured leg. In these contests he made a name for himself as a hard and timely hitter and earned a wagon tongue rating of .313. Fifty-one of his drives were of the extra-base brand and included 23 doubles, five triples and six homers. He ranked high as a run getter, crossing the plate 61 times.

If Shaller can club the ball around the .300 mark under Wild Bill, he will be a very welcome addition to the ranks, for it looks as if the team could stand a few good stickers to take the place of Schmidt, Drake and Elston.

A recruit has been added to the holdout class. He is Bill McTigue, the clown twirler, who alternated in right field and the pitcher's box for the Royals last season. McTigue was called back by the Boston Nationals at the close of the International League season. Manager Stallings has sent McTigue a contract that calls for more than he received last season, the Royals taking over the Boston contract, but the lefthander thinks he is entitled to a larger sum. McTigue does not threaten to quit the game, but has informed the Boston management that he is willing to arbitrate.

Joe Breiger, who was drafted from the Wilkes-Barre Club by Toronto, has been returned to the Barons. Breiger is a catcher, and Manager Joe Kelley, of the Maple Leafs, did not have room for the player. Bill Clymer, owner of the Barons and manager of Buffalo next season, had a talk with Kelley recently and the Toronto leader consented to return the player to Wilkes-Barre.

In strengthening the pitching staff of the Newark Indians for next season Manager Harry Smith is not overlooking a bet. He beleives in trying all the available material and then picking the best. With the idea of giving the youngster a chance he has signed Arthur Wendt, who lives in Jersey City. This lad pitched the last game for the Tigers against the Skeeters last season and he came mighty near winning the game, too, a slip by Harry Swacine proving his undoing. Wendt is five feet six inches in height and weighs 160 pounds. He has had considerable experience with New York semi-professional clubs.

Al Scheck, a New York semi-pro, is another twirler whom Smith is going to try out. He has the reputation of having shut the New York Giants out in an exhibition game with two hits. He is recommended by Harry Bailey, of the Bronx Theater, in New York.

Buffalo is trying to trade Outfielder Otto Deininger for Infielder Russell Blackburn, of Milwaukee. Blackburn was taken to Chicago White Sox from Providence by Hugh Duffy. He cost the Sox $11,000, but met with a series of accidents, and, in addition, was afflicted with failing sight.

Buffalo has bought Catcher Stephens from the St. Louis Americans. He has been with the Browns four seasons. Last year he caught 74 games, batted .249 and fielded .954. He is considered a valuable backstop, and is reported to have cost the Bisons a pretty penny.

A pitcher, Barvenkamp, who led the Northwest Canadian League last season, has also been purchased. He pitched 15 games and won 12 of them last season. He is a young giant, weighing 200 pounds, and standing six feet tall.

Pitcher Ralph Stroud has been sold to Sacramento.

Buffalo and Montreal are beginning to strengthen their works for the pennant chase in the International League next season. George Stallings, who led the Bisons last year and who is to manage the Boston Nationals next season, has sent Arthur E. Schwind to the Herd as a little peace offering for taking away Arthur Bues, the slugging third baseman. Montreal also has seen fit to get two National League players. Frank Gilhooley has been transferred to the Royals by the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds have sold Howard McGraner to Lichtenhein's club.

NEW BASEBALL RULE SUGGESTED

FANS SURE TO ENCORE SAM CRANE'S SCHEME.

Veteran Writer Believes All Balls Batted Into Stands Should Be Put Out of Commission So Far as the Game Is Concerned and Become the Property of Rooters Getting Them—Spectators Abused.

BY SAM CRANE.

New York, January 4.—If it is within the province of the rules committee of the National League, it would be a good and sensible move for the three members of it to take action and offer a recommendation to the league that all baseballs, new or old, that are batted foul into the grandstands be put out of commission and not returned to the diamond to be played with thereafter except for practice purposes only.

The extra expense for more balls would be a mere bagatelle when the comfort of patrons is taken into consideration, as by all right it should be.

It is rather disconcerting, if not inconvenient, for a fan who is in the throes of all the excitement that a close contest entails to have his pet corn tread and trampled on by a big, clumsy, lumbering special policeman, whose feet are as wide, thick and heavy as an elephant's, come charging through the aisles and packed side rows in a frantic and usually unsuccessful endeavor to capture a ball from the grasping clutches of a relic-seeking old gentleman or a small boy who wants to show his playmates a "real dollar-and-a-half big league baseball."

Again, it gives one a chilly feeling and irate mentality to have the contents of an ice cold lemonade or ice cream cone poured down one's spine by a too enthusiastic red-capped waiter, who, with the exuberance imbued in those who are employed at the Polo Grounds by the hustling Harry Stevens, had rather retrieve a stray foul ball than dodge the danger of spoiling gorgeous feminine apparel or expensive masculine raiment.

If nine out of ten foul balls hit into the grandstands were recovered, or a winning average of them, in fact, that would not be a panacea for all the ruffled feelings, crumpled corns and general destruction of patrons' wardrobes that are caused by the wild stampede of cops, waiters and club employes to secure the scooting, bounding horsehide that performs more funny and eccentric gyrations than an elusive jack rabbit chased by a greyhound before it finally lands under myriads of shuffling feet.

There is an inordinate desire embedded deeply in the average human heart to see a cop foiled or fooled even in the performance of duties much more important than the recovery of a free and loose baseball, consequently the rough endeavors of the "Pinks" at the Polo Grounds and special policemen on other ball grounds to recover the balls are resented strongly and rows are very frequently occasioned that detract not only from the dignity of the game, but from the interest of the spectators in the contest.

The expense to a home club through the total loss occasioned by the nonrecovery of any foul balls is too ridiculously small to have any patron discommoded in the slightest degree, and that clubs with the drawing capacity of the two big leagues should allow such extreme measures to be used by their employes, waiters and others, that they do to recover the stray balls, seem altogether too cheap.

By the adoption of a rule putting foul balls hit into the stands out of commission would also prevent the many squabbles that are occasioned by home captains and players of clubs shouting instructions to stray ball scouts to "throw it in" or "hold it out," according to a real or fancied idea that an advantage could be gained.

The rule, if passed, too, would have a tendency to shorten games, for umpires take up a whole lot of useless time in waiting for foul balls that are thrown back on to the field and arranging them in their none too capacious pockets in proper rotation to be tossed to the pitcher.

Brehm's Team Captures Two.

Welch's fine bowling enabled the Brehm's tenpin artists to defeat the Irmas two games out of three in the Brehm's League. He had an average of 193 for three games. The Irmas won the first contest, but the Brehm's came back strong in the next two and won easily. The scores:

BREHMS.				IRMAS.			
Gossman....	116	178	162	Fuchs.....	138	212	151
Hock.....	174	163	168	Rains.....	187	160	148
Turner.....	139	151	169	Couglar.....	157	133	150
Welch.....	214	168	195	Ruth.....	178	153	188
Lingmer....	167	169	151	Bushmann..	237	141	173
Totals.....	810	829	845	Totals.....	897	799	793

THINKS STALLINGS A GREAT MANAGER

MACBETH CLASSES HIM WITH McGRAW AND MACK.

HAS TOUGH JOB ON HANDS

It Is Up to the Big Chief to Lift the Lowly Boston Braves From the Cellar Position in the National League—Will Be Given Every Opportunity by Owner Jim Gaffney to Make Good.

BY W. J. MACBETH.

New York, January 4.—Three strikes and out, is one of the principal rules of baseball. But the last strike is far more important than either of the two preceding ones or both together any way you take them. Some first ball hitters are as good as nailed up the minute a pitcher gets two strikes on them. Other free hitters like Ty Cobb, Hans Wagner or Larry Lajoie, do not begin to get a pitcher's "goat" till he has them in the hole. For it is then that such a demon is liable to step up on one and clout it into the next county.

Which little preamble has no reference whatever to any Cobb or Wagner or Lajoie, but to one who deserves more sympathy, a poor, oppressed baseball manager, to wit, "Big Chief" George Stallings, of the Boston National tailenders. For George is up in the pinch with two strikes called by Umpire Hard Luck, the bases choked, two down and a home run needed. Organized baseball will await breathlessly the outcome of the 1913 campaign to see whether or not the "Big Chief" fans, a humiliation he has never yet suffered in his 20 years of baseball.

Some pretty wise baseball men will be mightily surprised if Chief Stallings makes a failure of it as skipper of the Hub trailers. It is true that he is up against a rather blue outlook for the immediate future, but he could be situated worse and not have to travel out of his own circuit. His lot should be easier than that of any one of three new rival managers—Johnny Evers, Joe Tinker and Miller Huggins. Tinker and Evers have something to work with at the start, for they take the helm of first division clubs.

Has a Ruck Runner.

Miller Huggins, who succeeds Bresnahan, has a club that ranked sixth in a flight of eight. But Stallings takes hold of an absolute ruck runner. He cannot possibly do worse than his predecessors and any improvement in the final standing of his club will redound to his credit.

I would like to lay a little bet on George Stallings. He's just the kind of a fellow who rises to emergencies. As a baseball leader I do not hesitate to class him with John J. McGraw and Connie Mack. Neither of these shrewd wizards knows more inside baseball than the Georgian; neither is a better judge of young talent. Stallings has not perhaps the general magnetism of McGraw so far as the general baseball following is concerned. He has never "played to the stands." He has always kept away from the noisy acclaim of the populace; contenting himself with working in secret with his players; of sneaking unobserved onto the bench just before playing time. He is a bench manager of the Connie Mack stamp, not so reserved as the Athletics' boss by a long way, but still a man who commands every respect from his disciples. Players who have worked under him have told me that Stallings is nothing short of a mad man during the most exciting periods of a hard-fought game. He fights out within himself every move. And in his zeal he sometimes forgets himself and applies hard names. But these are forgotten the moment the last man has been retired and his followers, once they understand him, are willing to forgive any little offenses in the light of such exceptional zeal. For the one great doctrine of Stallings is to win, win, win at any cost.

Always Behind Winners.

In his long experience Stallings never yet has been at the head of any joke ball club. That is, he hasn't been for long. He has converted any number of jokes into real classy aggregations. In 20 years he has never finished worse than fifth in any company and has had the satisfaction of winning a great many minor league pennants. Every one is willing to concede that the "Big Chief" is a minor league marvel. They will not go so far when a question of big league class bobs up.

The only way to judge a man is by his records. Let Stallings' speak for itself. Stallings took hold of the New York Americans in the spring of 1909. The previous year, under the direction of Clark Griffith and Kid Elberfeld, a sorry mess, indeed, had been made. Griff, broken-hearted, threw up the sponge in mid-season. The team started out like a world's champion, stumbled, collapsed and finished the most horribly outdistanced last ever seen in the American League. It was a far more discouraging season than the Wolverton regime of sad memory, for some of Harry's woes may be laid to the most persecuting train of hard luck known to the game.

Well, Stallings tood hold of that terrible wreck of 1908. Frank Farrell had absolutely no outside resources. He had just one claim in the minor league, an option to pick from the Atlanta team. That option brought Russell Ford to the Hilltop. By dint of scheming and hard work Stallings gathered together, little by little, some sort of halfway decent representatives. Cree, Warhop, Engle, Gardner, Austin, Laporte, Quinn, McConnell and a number of others that escape memory were added immediately. Though the team was harrassed by the unfortunate attack of smallpox upon Hal Chase, such an improvement was made the first year that Stallings was barely nosed out of the first division. He finished a good fifth. The next year Fisher, Caldwell, Wolter and Daniels were snared.

Drifts Back to Minors.

Again the Stallings aggregation was buffeted about by sickness and injury, and though the Big Chief was dropped like a live coal three weeks before the end of the season the team finished a bang-up second, right in the hunt till the last three weeks. That is the first year the Athletics made a show of the field.

Stallings, almost broken-hearted, went back to the minors for the second time from the American League. Ban Johnson willed it; Ban is absolute in his bailiwick. Once before he had put the bee upon the Georgia planter. That was some 10 years ago, after Stallings had taken the erratic Tigers, of Detroit, to second place in a whipping drive. Ban believed or imagined that George was trying to sell out the American League. He never forgave him. If he has, no one has learned of it. They do say that Ban Johnson forced Farrell to get rid of Stallings. Frank signed the Big Chief to a two years contract without consulting the czar. He didn't know that Stallings stood so badly in the graces of the big poo-bah.

So Stallings has taken two strikes as a major league manager. He's back there again at the plate with a new bat, a new umpire and against a new kind of pitching. Tom Lynch, "the king of umpires," admires the ability of Stallings. George will get none the worst of the decisions. If he whiffs it will be his own fault. He will have lots of opportunity to foul off a lot anyhow, for he has a five-year contract, if contracts are any good in the National League. For reference in that line consult R. Bresnahan, late of St. Louis.

Gaffney a True Sportsman.

Stallings has a host of friends in the game and out of the game, and all are pulling for the success of his third dip into the big show. They are pulling no less for him than for Jim Gaffney, his employer. There is a sportsman, unhappily too few among the magnates of today. A prince of good fellows, Gaffney will lend every encouragement to his pilot. He is no tinhorn who wishes to run a shoestring into a million in no time. Jim Gaffney expressed his modest hopes in a manner that spoke the man during the annual meeting of the National League in New York recently. Some friends expressed the hope that he would be up among the leaders the coming year.

"Now listen," replied Mr. Gaffney. "I am not foolish enough to expect a pennant winner or even a first-division club the first year. I will be quite satisfied to improve our present condition. Seventh place is far more honorable than last place. If we should by any good fortune finish as well as sixth I would be the happiest man in baseball. I have every confidence in George Stallings and will tender him every aid in the uplift of the team, which I realize must be slow. But no matter where we may finish, I would not dispose of the Boston franchise for double what I paid. I am out to give the town a winner and I think I can do it with Stallings' aid. We're not going to shoot at the moon. We're going to rebuild from the bottom. And in time—well, I think there will be more than one worthy baseball club in the Hub."

And everyone who knows Gaffney and Stallings sincerely says "Amen."

WANTS RECORD SALARY

Frank Chance Not a Bit Backward in His Demands.

New York, January 4.—That Frank Chance, the former manager of the Chicago Cubs, and who was incontinently dropped by Charles W. Murphy, has asked Frank Farrell for the largest salary to manage the Yankees that was ever demanded by a baseball manager, is now put beyond the pale of quibble by Chance himself.

In a letter to Charles Williams, treasurer of the Chicago Nationals, Chance gave the first authentic news of his negotiations with Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Club.

Chance wrote that he really intended to retire from baseball, but since given the opportunity to manage the Highlanders, "he wants enough money to make it worth while."

"I do not think I will get what I have asked for," writes Chance. "My price is steep; in fact, the highest ever demanded by a manager, but I intended to quit the game and now I want to make it worth while.

"It is a good bet, though, that I will be right out here on my ranch next summer instead of on a ballfield. It is paying me better than ever and I am contented. Still should Farrell grant me what I want, the probabilities are that I will go."

Mordecai Brown Pleased.

Chicago, January 4.—Mordecai Brown expressed satisfaction today over the deal that will add him to Joe Tinker's pitching staff at Cincinnati. The three-fingered one, who is spending the winter in teaching young Fowler McCormick, John D. Rockefeller's grandson, how to pitch, is rejoicing over his escape from the minor leagues. Brown, who has been the property of the Louisville Club, was traded to Cincinnati in exchange for Grover Laudermilk.

HAMBURGERS' ROUSING JANUARY SALE

Rousing January Sale

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50c Cotton Rib Shirts and Drawers 38c

Men's Fine $1.50 Worsted Rib Shirts and Drawers; slightly imperfect 95c

Men's Stuttgart finish and Wear-well Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers. Regular $1.50 stock. Now $1.15

$2.00 Per Suit.

Men's $1.00 Cotton Rib Shirts and Drawers 79c

$1.50 Suit.

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Our entire stock of Men's White Wool Sweaters that sold at $2.50, $3.50 and $5. Now..... $1.95

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Nearly 1,000 Men's Imported Bosom and Russian Cord Negligee Shirts; none worth less than $2.00. Now..... $1.29

3 for $3.75.

Entire stock of $1.00 Negligee Fancy Pleated or Stiff Bosom Shirts; attached or detached cuffs. Now..... 79c

3 for $2.25.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Men's Finest Cambric Handkerchiefs. Very special at, each..... 14c

Our regular banded 2 for 25c Handkerchiefs. Now 3 for..... 25c

Men's 10c White Handkerchiefs. Now 7c

4 for 25c.

GLOVES

$1.50 Tan Walking Gloves, all perfect, and in the following sizes: 7, 7¼, 7½, 7¾ and 9½. Now..... 95c

$1.50 Gray Suede, in all sizes $1.15

41 pairs $1.00 Astrakhan Back Lined Gloves and Caster Unlined Gloves 79c

Men's $3.50 Gray Mocha Lambs Wool Lined Gloves..... $2.25

A cleanup of over 2,500 pairs of Men's Kid Gloves of all kinds. Not all sizes in each kind, but all sizes in the lot. These Gloves sold all season at $1.50 and $2.00. Now..... $1.15

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ROUSING JANUARY Clearance MEN'S HATS

Entire stock of Derbies and Soft Hats (except Stetson) reduced as follows:

All the $2.00 Hats. Now..$1.65
All the $3.00 Hats. Now..$2.15
All the $4.00 Hats. Now..$2.85

Our Entire Stock of Cloth Hats at Exactly HALF PRICE.
$1.00 for the $2.00 Hats.
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Including every Cloth Hat we have.

Men's and Young Men's Golf Caps, including many heavy chinchillas worth $1.00 and $1.50..... 55c

Special lot of Men's Black Fur Caps, full shape and all perfect:

$3.50 Fur Caps. Now.....$2.25
$5.00 Fur Caps. Now.....$3.95

—First Floor.

The Time for Clearance Has Come

This sale, which was launched on Saturday, is unquestionably one of the most interesting of sales. Our winter stock is by far the best made, the best fitting and the best style of Clothing we have ever manufactured. This sale, which embraces the entire store—all departments—is most seasonably opportune, and it will certainly be to your advantage to visit the store Monday. Honest Price Reductions prevail throughout the whole house.

Men's Suits and Overcoats

Men's $12 and $15 Suits and Overcoats $9.95

Men's $15 and $18 Suits and Overcoats $12.75

Men's $18 and $20 Suits and Overcoats $14.95

Men's $20 and $22 Suits and Overcoats $16.95

Men's $25 Suits and Overcoats $19.90

FUR-LINED OVERCOATS

These Coats have black cloth shells and Persian lamb collars:

$35.00 Pieced Marmot-Lined Coat..... $27.00
$50.00 Pony-Lined Coat..... $40.00
$50.00 Muskrat-Lined Coat..... $40.00
$75.00 Natural Muskrat-Lined Coat..... $60.00
$100.00 Fine Muskrat-Lined Coat..... $75.00
$200.00 Mink-Lined Coats..... $150.00

—Third Floor.

Entire stock of Light-Weight FANCY OVERCOATS at HALF PRICE. Alterations Charged for.

50 Men's Fancy OVERCOATS; values up to $25 Alterations Charged for. $10

—Third Floor.

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$5.00 and $6.00 Suits.....$3.95
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$7.50 Suits.....$5.95
$10.00 Suits.....$7.75
$12.00 Suits.....$9.75

YOUTHS' LONG TROUSERS SUITS.

Sizes 15 to 19 years.

$12.00 and $15.00 Suits.... $9.95
$15.00 and $18.00 Suits....$12.75
$18.00 and $20.00 Suits....$14.95
$20.00 and $22.00 Suits....$16.95

BOYS' SEPARATE KNICKERBOCKERS.

$1.00 Knickerbockers..... 79c
$1.50 Knickerbockers.....$1.15
$2.00 Knickerbockers.....$1.45

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Sizes 3 to 18 years.

$5.00 Overcoats & Reefers.$3.95
$6.00 Overcoats & Reefers.$4.95
$7.50 Overcoats & Reefers.$5.95
$10.00 Overcoats & Reefers.$7.95
$12.00 Overcoats.....$9.95
$15.00 Overcoats.....$11.95
$18.00 Overcoats.....$13.95

BOYS' $15 AND $20 TUXEDO SUITS HALF PRICE.

Sizes 13 to 16 years.

BOYS' PRIESTLEY CRAVENETTE RAINCOATS—Stylish gray and brown cheviots; can be used either as overcoats or raincoats. Sizes 12 to 17 years.

$12.00 Coats..... $9.50
$15.00 Coats.....$11.50

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Boys' 25c Fashioned-foot FAST BLACK HOSE. 17c

Sizes 9½ and 10 only.....

Boys' 50c SOFT BLOUSES, in neat stripes, with collar attached. Sizes 8 to 15 years 39c

Boys' 10c WHITE CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS. 7c

Boys' 25c Cross-striped KNITTED TIES..... 15c

All of our Boys' BATH AND LOUNGING ROBES, 20 per cent. off regular prices.

—Second Floor.

Rousing January Sale

SUSPENDERS AND GARTERS

Men's 25c Suspenders.....18c

Men's 50c Silk or Lisle Web Suspenders 25c

25c Paris, Brighton or Boston Garters 15c

VESTS

Men's Street Vests, mostly light colors; all sizes, regulars and stouts; worth $3.50 and $5.00. Now, each $1.95

115 Men's Cloth Vests; blacks, blues and fancies; worth up to $3.50. Now 95c

NECKWEAR

Nearly 4,000 Four-in-Hands in both silk and silk knitted, plain colors and fancies, stripes and figures; a general cleanup of this season's goods. Hundreds of good patterns to select from and worth 50c and $1.00; each..... 25c

A cleanup of high-grade Neckwear, including a fine line of Sample Pure Silk Knitted Ties at exactly half price.

50c for the $1.00 Ties.
75c for the $1.50 Ties.
$1.00 for the $2.00 Ties.
$1.25 for the $2.50 Ties.
$1.50 for the $3.00 Ties.

JEWELRY

500 Tie Clasps and Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons, worth up to $1.00. Now 15c

HALF HOSE

Men's 15c Black Half Hose.....11c

5 for 50c.

1,000 pairs Men's 50c and $1.00 Half Hose, including many pairs of silk. Pair..... 25c

NIGHT SHIRTS AND PAJAMAS

Men's 75c and $1.00 Sample Night Shirts; some slightly soiled. Each 55c

Men's $1.50 Plain Color Cheviot Pajamas, made with silk frog. Special at $1.15

Men's $1.50 and $2.00 Domet Pajamas; plain colors and fancies $1.35

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ROUSING JANUARY Clearance Men's & Boys' Shoes

Men's Patent Leather, Gunmetal and Tan High Shoes that sold at $2.50 and $3.00. Now..... $1.95

Men's $3.50 Patent Leather, Vici Kid, Gunmetal and Tan Shoes; all sizes and all widths. Now.... $2.95

Men's House Slippers in several shapes that sold at $1.50 and $2.00. Now..... 49c

Boys' $2.50 Shoes, in all leathers $1.95

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WIFE HAS AMOS RUSIE ARRESTED

FORMER GIANT CHARGED WITH THREATENING LIFE.

Old Pitcher Locked in Jail in Seattle After Driving His Wife, Who Is an Invalid, and Her Little Daughter Into the Street—Frank Chance Off for Chicago to Meet Frank Farrell.

Seattle, Wash., January 4.—Amos Rusie, once pitcher for the New York Nationals, is in the county jail here today on a charge of threatening to kill his wife, who swore to the complaint. It is alleged that Rusie drove his wife, who is an invalid, and her little daughter, into the street. Last summer Rusie was gatekeeper at the Seattle ball park. Since the close of the ball season he has been working as a laborer.

Los Angeles, Cal., January 4.—Frank Chance left today for Chicago, where he expects to meet Frank Farrell, of the New York American League Club, next Tuesday. Before his departure he said he had never received a direct offer from Farrell to manage the New York Club.

"I do not know what kind of proposition Farrell will put up to me," said Chance. "If his terms meet mine I will manage the New York team next year.

"As far as signing up with New York is concerned, I would say that I would rather play there than any place else, with the possible exception of Chicago. If I sign with New York I intend to run the team from the bench. Although I feel fine in every way and may play once in a while, my active playing days are over."

Cleveland, O., January 4.—Bill James, the elongated right-handed pitcher acquired by Cleveland from Toledo, has been released to Portland, Ore.

TRICOUNTY AVERAGES

Newark Team Had Hardest Hitters During Past Season.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Elkton, Md., January 4.—On account of the dispute between the Port Deposit and Aberdeen teams over the pennant, the official standing of the Tricounty League has been delayed in being made public. The final decision of the managers not to throw out any of the games played and to allow the clubs to retain their standing, Aberdeen and Port Deposit tied for first place, has enabled the secretary of the league to compile the percentages. The Newark (Del.) team leads the league in batting, with Oxford, Port Deposit, Aberdeen, Northeast, Elkton, Havre de Grace and Elk Mills in rotation. The official hitting figures follow:

CLUB AVERAGES.

Newark, 28 games, .255 per cent.; Oxford, 28, .240; Port Deposit, 28, .234; Aberdeen, 28, .233; Northeast, 27, .232; Elkton, 28, .214; Havre de Grace, 28, .202; Elk Mills, 28, .195.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES.

Newark—Marsey c., games 28, per cent. .388; Vic Willis p., 21, .342; Herdman, 17, .379; D. Willis 1b., 28, .268; Johnson 2b., 23, .263; Gregg cf., 10, .350; Morris ss., 28, .241; Montgomery lf., 24, .230; Jackson 3b., 28, .200; Green 3b., 5, .200; Ellison rf., 19, .156; Geoghegan p., 13, .152; Murray p., 10, .120; Roberts rf., 10, .118.

Oxford—Duborrow 1b., games 4, per cent. 353; Devon c., 5, .350; Hanson 1b., 24, .340; Rogers 1b, 5, .310; Alexander 2b., 27, .305; Stubbs 1b., 27, .272; W. Reynolds ss., 27, .258; Thomas c., 20, .247; Woodruff cf., 8, .241; Kirk lf., 27, .224; C. Reynolds 3b., 27, .215; McIntire p., 4, .214; J. Reynolds p., 27, .172; Barr rf., 14, .143.

North East—I. Reynolds, c., 26 games, .323 per cent.; M. Thompson, cr., 21, .293; Jenkins, 1b., 11, .273; O. Reynolds, 3b., 25, .270; Finn, p., 24, .261; Rose, rf., 7, .259; R. Thompson, 1b., 5, .250; Coslett, ss., 24, .242; Goodnow, 3b., 13, .220; Mc. Kinney, c., 13, .208; Wilson, 1b., 4, .200; Biddle, c., 12, .181; Blackwell, rf., 7, .159; Hall, lf., 21, .125; Sweet, 2b, 7, .120; Ewing, ss., 7, .115; Racine, lf., 5, .053.

Port Deposit—Snyder, ss., 27 games, .364 per cent.; Brickley, 3b., 26, .350; Russell, ss., 18, .269; Angevene, c., 11, .237; Buck, 1b., 20; .218; Barr, 2b., 25, .228; McCardell, lf., 26, .200; Caldwell, 1b., 9, .194; Taylor, p., 27, .180; Hulse, c., 17, .167; Smith, rf., 22, .165; Hindman, cf., 4, .154; Atkinson, cf., 12, .095.

Aberdeen.—Harrier, games 24, per cent. .333; Cole, ss., 18, .263; Reasin, rf., 7, .261; Nealon, cf., 22, .254; Herring, ss., 19, .250; Creeger, ss., 18, .250; Jacobs, 3b., 27, .250; Bonnet, p., 27, .200; Cage, ss., 27, .191; Tarring, 2b., 27, .184; Schmickel, lf., 15, .184; Tweed, cf., 12, .184; Asher, rf., 4, .182; W. Cage, c., 6, .125.

Elkton.—Watson, p., games 22; per cent., .288; Marcus, lf., 25, .242; H. Scott, rf., 26, .240. Peterson, rf., 21, .222; Potts, c., 26, .216; Morgan, 2b., 15, .207; Clay, p., 14, .200; Garrett, 1b., 16, .164; Sloniker, 3b., 28, .164; Rudolph, 1b., 13, .149; W. Scott, ss., 20, .120; Lewis, cf, 14, .102.

Havre de Grace—Nichols, c., 23 games, .270 per cent.; Foster, 2b., 23, .264; W. Heimiller, cf., 13, .255; Ray, rf., 13, .238; Flowers, p., 11, .230; Richardson, 1b., 12, .227; T. Heimiller, rf., 26, .216; Wilson, 3b., 27, .200; Gibson, 2b., 25, .190; Walker, lf., 13, .170; Barrett, ss., 22, .160; Davis, lf., 11, .146; Santmyer, 1b., 14, .125; Sweitzer, p., 14, .115.

Elk Mills—Barrow, c., 4 games, .285 per cent.; Moore, c., 22, .275; W. Reynolds, 2b., 21, .271; Steele, 1b., 14, .258; Hoffecker, p., 20, .257; S. Jackson, c., 8, .250; McDaniel, rf., 6, .250; M. Jackson, ss., 21, .220; Miller, 3b., 25, .207; A. Jackson, p., 11, .189; Lawrence, 1b., 4, .187; Grant, lf., 24, .174; R. Jackson, 1b., 21, .154; Houck, cf., 16, .148; Hornberger, c., 4, .123; P. Jackson, lf., 9, .103.

BASEBALL GOSSIP

Joe Tinker will have his old side kick, Three-Finger Brown, with him next season. The once famous pitcher was sent to the Reds in exchange for Laudermilk.

Hughie Jennings says the Pirates will win the pennant next year. Hughie's opinion will have no bearing on the result of the race for the flag.

Charley Murphy has just discovered that he could be richer today by $10,000 if he had held onto Frank Chance. Farrell would have willingly paid that much for the Peerless Leader's release. Don't turn on the gas, Charley, try drowning, it's less painful.

The Reds had 24 pitchers at various times last year. Seven did not get into a single game, and seven pitched only once. Of the whole lot only four worked in more than four games. George Suggs, former Southern Leaguer, was the only one who won more than half his games.

Ducky Holmes is to become captain, manager and half owner of the Saginaw club of the South Michigan League.

Intercity Racquet Matches