

# PIRATES PICKED.

## THE NEW PITTSBURG TEAM PRACTICALLY MADE UP.

### Manager Fred Clarke Selects His Team From the Consolidated Pittsburg and Louisville Players, Leaving Quite a Bunch of Discards For Sale.

The new manager of the consolidated Pittsburg and Louisville teams has made up his selections and will make up his new Pittsburg team as follows: Catchers, Boverman, Schriver and Zimmer; pitchers, Waddell, Leever, Cunningham, Tannehill, Philippi, Wood and Flaherty; infielders, Kelly, Ritchey, Leach, Williams and Ely; outfielders, Clarke, Beaumont, Wagner, Donovan and McCreary. Dexter, Clingman and McCarthy have been sold to Chicago, leaving the following bunch to be disposed of; Pitchers, Hoffer, Dowling, Chesbro, Sparks, Gould and Doyle; catchers, Deal, Lattimer and Fox; infielders, Wills, Dillon, O'Brien, Reitz and Madison; outfielders, Hoy and Ketcham. This lot of players, added to the discards from the League clubs to be retired, will doubtless cause quite a glut in the player market, thus lessening the demand and decreasing the pay. It is easy enough to foresee how the players will fare, in a pecuniary way, should the new scheme of one major eight-club league and two big minor leagues of eight clubs each, go through.

### PITTSBURG POINTS.

**Base Ball Men in the Smoky City Enjoying a Rest—Eagerness to Hear of the Special Committee's Doings.** Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The past week was marked by the biggest lull that has occurred in base ball circles here since the season closed. Nothing turned up which could be called a news item. Captain W. W. Kerr said that he had not heard anything as to the game since he left New York. He scans the papers each and every morning in hopes of noticing some move by that Special Committee. The owners of the club are almost believers in the idea that they will first learn through the newspapers the action of the committee. It will be a difficult matter to keep that decision quiet. Of course the affair will have an effect on the base ball world. A man in possession of the news might be able to profit by it. For instance a local man said the other day that if he could get the tip at the right time he would be sure to make a play on the strength of the same.

### WANT DILLON RETAINED.

That well known traveling man who has often figured in my letter as a recommender of good ball playing talent in the Eastern and New York State Leagues has arrived here after a jaunt to Buffalo. He says, "I was held up by a number of base ball people there who said that in their opinion the Pittsburg Club would make a great blunder if they did not try out Dillon on first base. He is just the man for that position in the minds of the Bisonites! They are sure that he can play the base better than John Hanus Wagner. They admit that he cannot hit as well as the big fellow, but then the team has a bunch of swatters and could well afford to put a man on the base like Dillon. The latter is certainly a clever first bagger and is also bound to improve in playing the bag. He has not had so much experience in fast company and yet he showed that he was all there when it came to one of those plays which are trouble-makers for the man who guards the bag."

The traveling man met Captain Kerr and put in a plea for Dillon. Mr. Kerr said that the matter of making up the team was in the hands of Manager Clarke. He did not want to interfere. He was sure, however, that Clarke would not allow personal friendship to influence him when he was making up the Pirates of 1900.

### DONOVAN'S CASE.

Speaking of pleas for the retention of various players on the team it is said that Donovan's friends are well pleased with the chances of keeping their favorite on the team. Since it was generally known that the Philadelphia Club was anxious to get the ex-Pirate chief the veteran's value has taken a brace. It is thought that if any club has an idea

now that they can get Patrick John for the asking they will be badly fooled when they try the game. The fact that Donovan has been a twice tried manager of the team is seized upon by some people as being a certain cause that he will not be kept by the new manager. There are people, however, though who think that Clarke would not be afraid to put the man on the team. Freddy is not fearful of any man taking his position away from him. He is not a man who scares at trifles. His friends say that if he is convinced that the team will be improved by the presence of Donovan on it he will not hesitate to put him there.

### DONNY'S DEFECT.

As far as Donny is concerned, it is hardly possible that, even if anything should happen to Clarke that would put him out of it as a manager, Donovan would be the selection of the club owners as a chief. Donny's nature after two tests was voted not fierce enough to handle some of the men who figure as professional base ball players. In other words, he was too kind to them. Of course he was imposed on. There are some ball players who will do this every time they get a chance. It was told here the other day that one reason why the ex-Pirate chief had lost his grip with the owners of the club was because he allowed a certain player too much room. Donny in defense says that the man informed him that he was not in shape for work, and he had to accept his assertion. He took the stand that it was perhaps better to save a valuable piece of base ball property than ruin it. If the man was not in form, as he claimed, it would be the height of folly to insist on him working, and thus run the risk of spoiling him in his specialty. The player in question was a leading man on the team. He worked hard in early season and went in games to help out on more than one occasion. He changed his mind later on in the year and declared that he was unfit even to take his turn. Some folks think his tale of woe was not all there. They intimated strongly that he was shamming as to the injury. Toward the close of the season a breach widened between Donovan and employers over the matter, which was never healed.

### UNCLE AL SCANDRETT.

whose name was associated with base ball here for many years, was seen on Fifth avenue the other afternoon. He had just finished reading a bulletin relative to an action by the League. "Well," said Scandrett, "what do you think they will do? Nothing? Yes; I think the same." The veteran then talked on the famous meeting at Indianapolis, when the League tied itself up with an agreement which cost the old Leaguers many a dollar at the time and hundreds since. Al. was there and voted on the noted resolution. He said that he recalled the meeting every time he sees a story of a reduction of the circuit. Scandrett still holds down a position of trust in the Register's office, in this city. He takes in a game now and then.

### WILLIAM C. TEMPLE HONORED.

One event in business circles the past week was the well-founded report that Mr. William C. Temple, the famous base ball man of three years ago, and donor of the Temple cup, was to take charge of a department of high order in the big Carnegie Steel Company. He was to be the general sales agent, etc., a position requiring the outlay of millions each year. Mr. Temple said he had heard the rumor, but knew nothing about the matter. Mr. Temple is rated high in steel circles, because of his sound ideas. He was forced out of the agency of a boiler company a few years ago because he insisted on dabbling in base ball. Mr. Temple took charge of a rival concern and by splendid business ability forced it to the fore. Last week an iron paper said that the concern had sold \$4,000,000 worth of boilers in 1899.

### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

Several times during the week there were reports that Colonel Dreyfuss had returned and was in possession of a crackerjack story about base ball. The reports in all cases were unfounded. Mr. Dreyfuss sent word that he was arranging his affairs so that he could move to the Smoky City and hereafter have charge of the reins of the club in all departments.

Tim Hurst looks to be at least thirty pounds heavier than when he was on the umpire staff. He said he knew nothing as to the intentions of the League regarding the umpire matter. Hurst was not pleased with the shut-down of the boxing game at St. Louis. He had a nice chance to scoop in a lot of easy money this winter. It was hard luck beyond doubt when a boxer was killed in the ring.

Uncle Al. Pratt says that after the Christmas season is over he is going in to wallop some of the members of the Keystone Bicycle Club, who have an idea that they are good at the game of cocked hat. Pratt is rated as one of the best players in this sport in Pittsburg.

Boss Grove, the well-known local

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player, tells me that there is no truth in the report that he has signed with the Richmond Club. He had some dealings with the management, but they did not clinch him any way. He is free to sign where he pleases. Grove made a good reputation in the batting line last year.

Dr. Mark E. Baldwin is expected home on a visit this week. Baldy had a speedy fall. He was the boss of a college foot ball team. When the eleven enjoyed a banquet the other night bouquets went sailing Baldy's way so fast and often that Schley-like he called a halt and said: "I've got enough. There's credit enough to go around."

Brush's three league scheme is thought a good one by many of the local followers of the game. He put strong clubs in each union. That post-season plan would be a failure though. Few events of this nature have ever been successful. It would be difficult to stir up local pride. That's what is wanted when the game is played.

Billy Clarke keeps close to Lawrenceville these days. There is a political fight to come off in his diggins soon. He will be there when the battle is the warmest.

CIRCLE.

### A VETERAN DEAD.

**Cal Hawk, a Noted Player of the '70's, Called Out by the Great Umpire.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Editor "Sporting Life."—W. Cal. Hawk, aged 52 years, died at his home, on Washington street, Freeport, Pa., from traumatic meningitis, superinduced by concussion of the brain, produced by a fall. Hawk was an employe of Guckenheimer & Bros., and early Saturday morning, while at work in the yeast room, he fell about 12 feet, alighting on his head on a cement floor, causing the trouble that resulted in his death.

### A NOTABLE CAREER.

Hawk will be remembered by the old-time base ball players of the early '70's. He first became prominent with the old Senecas, of Oil City, as the pitcher of the famous battery of Hawk and Hall, a pair whose fame extended as far as the game was known. Hawk and Hall later joined the famous Neshannocks, of New Castle, a team that had such men as Ed. Williamson, George Cramer and Charley Bennett.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of a decree made by the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne in Chancery, in a cause lately pending therein, wherein Mary Hamilton Van Derbeck was complainant and George Arthur Van Derbeck was defendant, I will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the westerly front door of the City Hall, in the City of Detroit, Michigan, all of the base ball interests of the defendant, George Arthur Van Derbeck, which includes his franchise and all rights connected therewith, in the American League of Base Ball Players, formerly known as the Western Association of Base Ball Players, together with the lease of the base ball grounds in the City of Detroit (Bennett Park), and all improvements made thereon or connected therewith, and all rights and assets of every kind in connection with said base ball franchise and property, including the rights to players reserved or under contract, or for whom any arrangements exist, completed or uncompleted, that would enable the holder of such franchise or the said defendant to secure such players for the coming season; and also all rights of the defendant players contracted to be sold to any person or persons, including the right of said defendant to receive any money that shall be payable for players bargained or sold if the sale be completed, and if not completed all rights said defendant would have to such players, bargained. Also all of said defendant's rights and interests connected with the River Rouge Base Ball Park.

Such sale will be for cash, and will be subject to the approval of said Court.

Dated Detroit, Mich., December 12, 1899.

HARRY S. COLE, Receiver.

Hawk was also with the Bradford team for a time.

### BROKE BENNETT IN.

He was the first professional pitcher caught by Charley Bennett, Boston's famous old catcher, who lost both legs in a railroad accident some years ago. Cal quit fast ball playing in 1877, but took part in many games at Freeport up until a few years ago. He was one of the first twirlers to pitch a curve ball, which in his time was considered a wonderful feat. The old pitcher was also a No. 1 wing shot, and a lover of the rod and line, these being his greatest sports. Hawk leaves a widow and son and daughter.

—There has not been a year since the organization of the old Western League that G. A. Vanderbeck, the Detroit magnate, has escaped a lawsuit at the close of the season.

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