made: 1—That umpires who default in their assignments shall be fined one day's pay instead of \$12, as previously. 2—That a postponed game need not be played off on the grounds where postponement was made, but if such is not done, "must be played off on the opposing club's ground." 3—That the schedule meeting of the League shall be held annually in New York on such as date in Tebruary as the president of the League may decide. Ten days' notice shall be given to each club. The minor changes in the wording of the constitution took up much time, and new phrases were inserted in place of clauses which have outlived their usefulness.

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Some time was spent in discussing the question of syndicate ball and a resolution on the subject was presented by Mr. Herrmann. It was finally decided that Mr. Herrmann's resolution was too radical and a new resolution, prepared by Mr. Brush, was adopted, which reads as follows:

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"Resolved, That this League is opposed to what is denominated as syndicate ball and will not permit dual ownership where one club owner owns or controls another club in this League."

This resolution, moved by Mr. Brush and seconded by Mr. Murphy, was unanimously adopted. The above resolution does not go quite as far as the American League resolution on the same subject, as the junior league's rule prohibits syndicate ball, except as an emergency measure, and even then only with the consent of the president and the directors can a stockholder in one club own or control stock in another.

THE FINAL BUSINESS.

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Mr. Lynch, president of the National League, was authorized to confer with Mr. Johnson, president of the American League, relative to a new method of adopting playing schedules. The two presidents will formulate a plan which will be presented to both league meetings next December. Resolutions on the death of Harry C. Pulliam, late president of the League; I. E. Durham, president of the Philadelphia Club, and George B. Dovey, president of the Boston Club, were passed. A request by the Philadelphia Club for permission to play 20 championship games in Atlantic City this year was refused. The National League then adjourned sine die.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NOTES.

Outfielder "Red" Murray has accepted the New York Club's terms.

Mordecal Brown played in an Elks' bowling tournament recently and made a good record.

Frank Schneiberg, the former Brewer pitcher, has sent his signed contract to the Brooklyn Club.

Pitcher Floyd Kroh, of the Cubs, has been employed during the Winter in a sash factory at Friendship, N. Y.

Miller Huggins will go to Hot Springs about March 1 and work out for 10 days or so before joining the Cardinals at Little Rock.

Dots Miller, second baseman of the Pittsburg Club, has signed a contract for the season. His contract is said to call for \$3,000.

Outfielder A. C. Downey, of Aurora, Ind., and catcher Fred W. Ulrich, the New Bedford recruit, have signed with Brooklyn,

President Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, has signed a lease on Whitington Park, at Hot Springs, Ark., for 10 years as a Spring training ground.

Ed. Konetchy's new contract is for three years and according to President Robison is "for as big a salary as any first baseman in this league."

Manager Fred Lake, of Boston, has made a proposition to Pittsburg for one of their extra first basemen and will get him, but he doesn't know which one.

Manager Lake, of Boston, takes no stock in the port that pitcher Cecll Ferguson is to retire to de-te himself to a country store business in Ellsworth,

Edward Lynch, of Pittston, Pa., who was a pitcher in the Ohio-Pennsylvania League last year, has forwarded his signed contract to Manager Griffith, of Cincinnati.

Pitcher Jack Doescher hopes to get a trial with the New York Giants. President Herrmann will sell Doescher's release for a small sum if the player can catch on.

President Dreyfuss said that Fred Clarke had de-ided to let Bill Abstein out as soon as the season as over. The matter was fully determined long efore the World's Series.

Catcher Moran, outfielder Schulte, pitcher Hagerman, outfielder Beaumont, utility player Kane and recruit Davidson last week sent in their signed Chicago contracts in a bunch.

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President Robison, of the Cardinals, announces that all of the extensive improvements at the St. Louis National League Park will be completed before the championship season opens.

Pitcher "Bugs" Raymond last week sent his contract to the New York Club by special delivery. He probably reasoned that the sooner it reached its destination the quicker he could "draw."

During the week President Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, announced that his club had taken a 10-year lease on its training grounds at Hot Springs and will make that point its permanent Spring camp.

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The Boston Club proposes to give a thorough trial to William Burke, the Notre Dame pitcher who played with the Lynn (New England League) Club last season under the name of Conway.

Managers Bresnahan, Griffith and Dooin each claims to have had the best of the three-cornered trade that was recently pulled off. The fans will reserve judg-ment until the season is well under way.

While many of the big league ball parks will be turned over to theatrical amusements next Summer, ('harley Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, will hold professional foot races in his park on the Summer evenings.

Mayor Tom Rellly, of Meriden, Conn., formerly manager of the Jersey City Skeeters, and one-time Connecticut League magnate, was a visitor during for a title, and had 3,762 letters from enthusiasts.

President Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn Club, proposes to utilize Washington Park on Summer nights with foot races, including Marathons, run under the auspices of the Professional Foot Racing Association.

Bill Dahlen, the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, 175 he is going to Hot Springs to train as he never id before. He declares he will play second for the am if he is forced, and Bill says he can fill the

hotel pending the time when he can find a suitable apartment.

With the signing of catcher Mike Konnick by Cincinnati, Manager Griffith has completed a Polisibattery, the only one in the big leagues. The other half of the battery is Coveleskie, the former Philites' pitcher.

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The Chicago Club has for 30 years been singularly fortunate in developing and possessing star catchers, as witness such men as Flint, Kelly, Tom Daly, Farrell, Kittredge, F. Donahue, Chance, Kling and Archer.

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The veteran player, "Bug" Holliday, formerly a player of the Cincinnati and St. Louis teams, and later an umpire, died in Cincinnati, February 15. His death had been expected, as he had long been incurably ill.

The Glants' Indian catcher, Jack Myers, in conjunction with Dave Altizer, of the White Sox, has secured a franchise in the Southern California Association, plans for the launching of which are virtually complete.

Lester Backman, the new young pitcher signed by Manager Bresnahan, of St. Louis, is a student at Rose Polytechnic School in Indiana. He will quit his studies in time to report to the Cardinals on March 6 for the trip to Little Rock.

Christy Mathewson has finally hit on a title for his new novel, which is to be published next week. The book is called "Won in the Ninth." Mathew-son's publishers asked the fans to send in suggestions for a title, and had 3.762 letters fro menthusiasts.

Fresident Herrmann, of Cincinnati, has purchased a Thomas limousine for the use of his family. It will be delivered in about six weeks, and will be one of the finest cars in the city, being equipped with all the most modern conveniences and elegant fittings.

Manager Fred Clarke will ride easy with his world's champions in Spring training. The team will not begin preliminary work, with the exception of the battery men, until March 20 in Hot Springs. Only four exhibition games will be played, two in Memphis and two in Chattanooga, April 8 to 12 inclusive.

The resignation of Harry Curls as base ball coach and manager of athletics at Notre Dame has been accepted by the university. Curtis is under contract with the New York Nationals and will leave the university in a few days to join the Glants at Marlin Springs.

President Arundel, of the Lawrence (New England League) Club, was present at the meeting and made a couple of player deals. He announced that he is getting up a banquet in honor of Manager Lake, of the Boston Doves, to be given in Boston within a few weeks.

Will Temple, who pitched for Norfolk last year, signed with the Giants last week and will be among the early arrivals in Marlin. Temple is a collegian and formerly pitched for the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina. His home is in Sanford, N. C.

During the meeting the Pittsburg Club sold the seteran pitcher, Vic Willis, outright to the St. Louis Club. President Dreyfuss had other offers for the man, but refused to sell him to any but a second-division club, with a view to helping the weak rather than the strong.

Manager McGraw sald he thought that Donlin would play this year and expects to see him at Marlin by the middle of March at the latest. He added that Mike is in good shape and that he did not think that the great slugger has gone back any in his batting ability.

Chick Brandon, the young pirate pitcher who fea-tured in the American Association as a rival of Rube Marquard, will have to submit to an operation. One of his toes is crooked, and this interferes with his work in the box. Recently the bad toe was jammed, and Brandon thinks it's about time to get rid of the hoodon.

Manager Griffith, of Cincinnati, has devised a machine to help his pitchers to gain control while training at Hot Springs. It is a sort of a shooting gallery with moving swings, in which two discs are made to swing. The pitcher takes his stand at the regulation distance and tries to hit the spot on the target.

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In securing pitchers Coveleskie and Beebe and infielder Storke Clark Griffith believes he has made the Cincinnati Reds more formidable as pennant chasers than ever before. Griffith has always maintained that a powerful pitching corps backed by an ordinarily fair lot of fielders and batsmen produces a winning team.

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Harry Davis, the Pittsburg theatrical magnate attended the meeting to round up contracts for his hippodrome Summer circuit on all ball parks of the country. He has signed leases with Pittsburg and Cincinnati and wants about four more good towns to complete his circuit. He expected to close a deal with Boston, Philadelphia and possibly Brooklyn.

Not a deal of any importance was made by either the visiting or local managers. Manager Lake, of Boston, went home Thursday without having secured either the first baseman or third baseman he was after; and Manager McGraw, of the Glants, started for Marlin Springs, Texas, on Thursday accompanied by Mathewson, Latham and Secretary William M. Gray.

Chairman Herrmann said during the meeting week that he had received a letter from the manager of the Japanese Base Ball Club, now en route to this country to play exhibition games, asking the National Commission to decide whether members of the Japanese club could be signed by minor leagues. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the Commission.

Commission.

George F. Cahill, inventor of the Cahill lighting system, was at the League meeting to boom his illumination and expects it to be adopted in all parks where evening shows are to be held this Summer. He has secured a contract with the Pittsburg Club, and other clubs are looking with favor on the system, which is the best yet devised for lighting a large area like a ball park.

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A summons and complaint was served on President Murphy, of the Chicago Club, during the meeting, in a suit brought by pitcher Andy Coakley to recover \$3,280, claimed as salary for last season. Coakley was sold to the Louisville Club, of the American Association by the Cubs, but refused to play in Louisville and managed a semi-professional club in New York.

Pitchers Ralph Bell, R. H. Buck, Arthur Kla-witter, Rube Marquard, W. E. Parsons and "Bugs" Raymond, infielder Arthur Fletcher, catcher Arthur Wilson and outfielders Josh De Vore, F. Kommers, Charles Spencer, Al Shaw, Ed. Williams and W. S. Collins, all of the Giants, met in St. Louis, Mo., Pebruary 18, and at once departed for Marlin Springs, Texas, for their Spring training.

sam if he is forced, and Bill says he can fill the fob.

Mike Mitchell has discovered a new wood for bats, and says he will make a big effort to annex the honor of champion slugger of the league in 1910. He will not have to improve much on his last year's work.

President Thomas J. Lynch won't do any more daily traveling between New Britain and New York.

J. Las engaged a suite of rooms in a New York.

DETROIT DOTS

THE TIGERS READY TO START FOR SAN ANTONIO.

Manager Jennings on Deck, Superintending the Work of Preparation-No More Deals for Players Likely at Present.



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the list will include Catchers Beckendorf and
Casey; Pitchers Mullin, Browning, Hardin,
Lelivelt, Pernoll, Savidge, Smith, Stroud,
Vance and Works; Infielders Lister, Ness,
Kirke and Simmons; Outfielders Drake and
Ball. Joe S. Jackson, of the "Free Press";
H. G. Salsinger, of the "News"; Joe S.
Smith, of the "Journal," and the writer go
along as newspaper correspondents, and
Trainer Harry Tuthill, to be on deck to look
after the sore arms of the over-ambitious.
Most of the recruits will report here for the
trip South, only a few going direct from
their homes to the training ground. Of those
mentioned in the above list there is one man
not yet signed. "Ducky" Drake, at this
writing, is outside the breastworks and will
have to sign before securing passage. The
Tigers have secured the same hotel they used
last year—the Menger—and the trip looks
even more inviting to the men who took it
last year than it did before the facilities of
the South Texas resort were inspected on
the trip of 1909.

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MANAGER HUGHIE JENNINGS has been in the city for several days, perfecting the arrangements for the trip, but left Monday for a few days at Buenoadventure and Cornell. At the latter school he is scheduled for an important duty February 24. This is nothing less than the toastmastership at the annual Cornell Junior smoker. This is the affair at which the school's favored athletes receive their emblems and rewards, and is by all odds the biggest event of the year at the school. It is consequently no small honor to be offered any alumnus, and Hughie has been digging up all sorts of chatter to unload on the alumni and undergraduates. The little manager is at his very best as an after-dinner speaker. He doesn't saw the air nor wax oratorical, but says what he has in mind in a quiet, effective way that always makes a hit.

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Hughie arrived in Detroit during the league meeting at Chicago and did not take the trouble to attend that affair, though there would have been plenty of time. That duty fell to President Navin, unassisted, and developed nothing which seemed of particular local interest. The news that the Cleveland Club was endeavoring to use George Stovall in a trade with St. Louis started a local rumor that George might become a Tiger. I imagine that the Nap owners could have secured a pretty fair sort of a dicker with the Tiger Club on any proposition in which Stovall is involved. George doesn't seem to be in very happily at Cleveland, but has always looked mighty good in Detroit, where his hitting and fielding, as well as his agility on the sacks, have always won him golden opinions. I note that later on Manager McGuire of the Cleveland Club, said that Stovall would be kept for utility roles. In spite of the player's 1909 slump, that seems a position far below his ability, but Jim doubtless knows what he is doing.

big league club, for he is by all odds the most promising player developed in the history of the game at the Ann Arbor school. He batted well over .400 in both his years with the team, fielding third base with all the enthusiasm and dash of the most brilliant and running bases in most approved fashion. Of course, it is as a batter that young Lathers shines. He is not only a good and often hitter, but slams them far, a very pronounced proportion of his hits with the college team being for extra bases. ''Chick' is nearly six feet in height, is a left-handed sticker and is just at the age where he ought to step. in and give some big league ball club a startling addition to its playing personnel.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

Manager Tommy Dowd, of New Bedford, Has Been Hustling to Such Good Purpose, That He Has a Complete Team



New Bedford, Mass., February 21.—Since the reorganization of the New Bedford Club Manager Dowd has been pulling wires for players and today he has 18 men on the list. Of these nine are last season's men. The drafting of Roland, Barrows and Crum made a big hole in the outfield, but Dowd has signed a couple of speedy youngsters in the expectation of their plugging up the hole. Ed. Small, of St. John, N. B., is scheduled to burn up the league with his speed. He is said to be the fastest runner in New Brunswick, while he is also a good hitter and bunter. Tom Wade a Bates College man, is a fast player who is expected to make good in the outfield, and with 'Buster' Brown, of last year's team, to cavort in centre, the outer gardens ought to be well looked after. There are seven pitchers on the list. Four are left-overs from last season, and of these Armstrong and Griffith will probably make the team. Dan McDonald, of Medford, is another pitcher of whom great things are expected. Leon Webb comes from Endicott, N. Y. He is a husky specimen of a youngster, said to have sweeping curves and lots of speed. O'Connor, of last year's team, makes the seventh twirler. C. E. Sweatt, of Medford, has been signed to take the place of ''Dutch'' Ulrich, drafted by Brooklyn. He has been playing in the South and West and recently toured the country with the Cherokee Indian team. The new infielders are Frank McPherson, of Lowell, and Harry Crandall, of York. McPherson played in Biddeford, Me., last year, and is said to be a clever youngster.

News Notes

First baseman Bill Kincald, of Dover, N. H., has signed with Haverhill for trial.

The Lynn Club has just signed catcher Billy King, of North Adams, Mass., and first baseman F. W. Davis, of Bridgewater, Vt.

Tom Stankard, the hard-hitting second baseman of the Denver Club, of the Western League, has been purchased by Manager Flanagan for the Brockton team.

Nate Pulsifer, the former Haverhill and Llynn play-er, will not play this season because of husiness in-tererts.

Manager Dowd, of the Whalers, is figuring on a trade for third baseman Garry Wilson. He may go West in return for some player.

Springfield does not want Mike Flynn, the former Lawrence player, whose speed on the bases set records in the New England League two years ago for runs and stolen bases. Mike was out of form last year. Jesse Burkett, four times winner of the New England League pennant with his Worcester teafit, announces that he will not be in the game this season unless some of his outfielders are laid up with injuries. Jesse says he will direct his team from the

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DONOVAN'S SALARY ARM.

About the only live news of the week was the announcement by Wild Bill Donovan of his intention of visiting Dr. Harley Parker, in Chicago, and having his arm 'cupped.'' Parker, who is the veteran Chicago pitcher, has gained a repute in fixing up frayed muscles that has induced Donovan to give him a chance. Beaumont, Bowerman and several other big leaguers have found the cupping process effective, Donovan hears, and he is game enough to undergo whatever Parker prescribes. The treatment is of the vacuum character and is said to be quite painful, at least one of the veterans of many a hardfought base ball field having lost consciousness on the first annihication of one of the cup to his leg. Bill expects to spend several days in Chicago and will then leave direct for the training camp in order to get the full benefit of the Springs. Ark. from Donovan's itensified the first time in three seasons.

A PROMISING YOUNGSTER.

There has been some talk to the effect that the Detroit Club will take South "Chick', Lathers, the University of Michigan's sensational third baseman. As yet this does not partake of a definite announcement, as Lathers the University of Michigan's sensational third baseman. As yet this does not partake of a definite announcement, as Lathers the University of Michigan's sensanity and the partake of a definite announcement, as Lathers the control of the parta