

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

## THIS SEASON HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

For Baseball Managers in the Big Eastern Leagues.

THEY HAVE MADE BIG MONEY.

The Boston Americans Have Played To Over 30,000 Fans—What Tim The Murnane Says.

With two months left of the major league season, 1904 must be counted one of the most successful, financially, ever known to baseball. The big salaries and heavy expenses of running the clubs and leagues will keep the profits small in most of the cities, while at least half a dozen clubs will make big money.

As a whole both leagues will come out big winners, showing the advisability of working in peace, or under a set of rules, even if not willing to break bread when the warring magnates come together.

The Boston Americans have played to over 30,000 people on their own grounds this season with the largest average attendance ever known in this city. The Cleveland team did the best business here aside from the holidays. St. Louis is the only American League club to draw poorly in Boston, and this season they have put up fine ball, winning five out of seven games there.

In sizing up the situation in the big eastern leagues, Tim Murnane, one of the best posted writers on baseball in America, writing from Boston, says: "The attendance at the National League grounds here has fallen off and will not come up to last season. The visiting clubs are finding the trip from New York to Boston a very expensive one. Interest in the games at the South End grounds is a thing of the past. Clubs come and go, the papers give full accounts of the games, but the public will not show out. Even the minor league clubs of New England are not getting the crowds of former years. The National League clubs that come here, the very same conditions seem to prevail in Philadelphia, where the National League has utterly failed to furnish a club even up to the best minor league standard. Here are two famous old ball parks, when the city's greatest ball played in this country took place, now doing no business, practically abandoned, a dead weight for the old league, and a handicap for the game from one end of the land to the other.

Over in New York the National League has played good ball, hustled for players and has done the business. The American league went to New York and a big handicap, but by putting up for the best talent in the business and finding out that they have a great club at the Highland grounds, and when the autumn is finished this fall the public will have a splendid opportunity to see the very best ball played in this country, for any season. The American league article of ball played by the American league is fully 20 per cent stronger than that put up by the National league.

This being the case and the baseball public being what it is, the conditions, natural they will want to see the best ball played? This makes the outlook for the New York Americans very bright, while the whole American league will benefit that at the National does now with the games at the polo grounds.

Brooklyn can never become a big money maker, and with two great clubs, the New York and the Brooklyn, the latter is the one that is brighter than the Boston and Philadelphia. New York must hold the National league together in the east, and Mr. Brush becomes a strong factor in the game. For the American league Washington alone is the sick baby. They have the city to themselves, however, and cannot blame the opposition for poor business.

Over in New York the National League has played good ball, hustled for players and has done good business with the team going to pieces. Cleveland has done better business than ever, so the directors of that club tell me, and no team is the attraction on the road that Cleveland is with "Larry" Lajoie in the game. Cleveland has experienced a new sensation this season in being ahead of the game and drawing well.

Both Chicago teams are doing well, and Comiskey is slated to make a big year this fall with his boys fighting for first honors, for it has been a long time since anyone but Comiskey pulled off a pennant for the lake city. Chicago claims the attendance at the New York games was a record breaker for the attendance at once series, but fails to give the figures.

When the Boston Americans strike Chicago in a few days I have an idea that some swell crowd will take in the game at the Comiskey grounds, and no genuine lover of baseball will do other than rejoice at the "Old Comanches" good luck in getting the money this season. I name the fact that a magnate so well liked by his players, and it speaks well for the old player.

### LAWSON IS DOING WELL.

He is Regaining His Old Time Form in Europe.

According to reports from abroad, Iver Lawson is regaining his old time form and is winning his share of the races. In Manchester, England, he defeated Henri Myers and Sid Jenkins in a match race, winning two heats after Jenkins had won the first. At Reims he scored over Mayer in the semi-final and won the final from Myers and Schilling. It will be remembered that he suffered defeat at the hands of Myer in his first race abroad.

### P. N. LEAGUE AFFAIRS.

Story That the Organization Will Be Absorbed by Coast Crowd.

During the present baseball season, there have been half a dozen or so rumors to the effect that the Pacific National league was on its last legs, and could endure for more than a few days. First it was Boise that was doomed to dissolution. Then Spokane was to sell out to the Pacific coast people. This rumor was followed by the statement that Salt Lake was suffering the death agony; that the team could not last but a few days, and that it would never leave Salt Lake for the last series away from home. All of which has proved to be so much baked atmosphere.

## LEON AMES IN GAME ONCE MORE.



After a severe illness, Leon Ames, the brilliant pitcher of McGraw's pennant chasers, is once more playing. His work in the box is characterized with all his former dash and cleverness.

The latest story is to the effect that the Butte team was on the verge of destruction. The team was and is in a bad condition financially, there may be some reason for believing, but that Walter Wilcox is capable of extracting the club from its difficulties there can be no doubt, and it reports from Butte are true, Walter is doing all he possibly can in that direction.

In addition to this story, one comes from the coast (published in Los Angeles papers), to the effect that the "outlaws" would absorb the P. N. organization.

The latter outfit may break up into a thousand pieces. Butte club may be wrecked on the rocks and all that sort of thing. The Salt Lake club may go under, so might Boise and Spokane, but it does not follow that the coast people will take up the burden and throw their protecting arms over the "magnates" of this neck of the woods.

Why?

Because it costs a little more money than the coast people care to throw away just now.

### ED GEERS, REINSMAN.

Has Participated in Sensational Harness Events for a Decade.

Ed. F. Geers, the famous Tennessee reinsman, has participated in nearly every sensational harness horse contest of the past decade, and the plaudits and ovals tendered him on his brilliant victories have been accepted in a most unassuming manner for which he is noted.

But his victory with Stanley Dillon in the M. and M. stake probably brought Geers more pleasure than any event he has won. A thorough judge of everything pertaining to his profession, an indefatigable worker, a careful conditioner, and holding the confidence and affection of his horses, he possesses the generalship and skill which have won for him so many brilliant turf battles.

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