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FIELDER JONES TO RETURN.

Former White Sox Manager Contemplates Move, Says Ban Johnson.

Fielder Jones, the former manager of the Chicago Americans, contemplates returning to baseball next year can league club.

President Johnson of the American league is authority for that statement. Willard Jones, the Fielder's brother, recently called on Mr. Johnson for the purpose of learning if there would be He was noted for being as shrewd in any opposition on the part of Mr. Johnson or any of his associates individually or collectively to the Fielder's returning to organized baseball. He explained that his brother, although successful in his business ventures, was unable to shake off the lure of the national pastime and was getting more uneasy with every month he kept away from it.

"I told him," said President Johnson recently, "that there not only would not



PIELDER JONES, FAMOUS BASEBALL MAN-AGER, WHO MAY RETURN TO GAME.

be any personal objection to Fielder Jones returning to baseball, but that he would be welcomed and that I would help in so far as I could. Baseball needs such men as Fielder Jones, and his retirement was a loss to the

Whether or not the former Sox leader's plans have gone any further than to put out this feeler for the purpose of ascertaining how he stood is not apparent. It is practically certain, however, that he would not return to the game in the role of player-manager only. It is doubtful, indeed, if his days as an active player are not over, on account of the difficulty he would experience in getting back to anything like playing weight after two years of care free prosperity.

How Jones' return to baseball can be arranged is not known. Under the rules of the business end of the game President Comiskey still has first claim

on his services as player and manager. Whether or not he would be willing to surrender that claim in order to permit Jones to buy into and manage another American league team only Comiskey knows, and he is keeping his own counsel. Two years ago the master of the Sox refused absolutely somewhere and somehow, probably as to entertain any proposition to sell part owner and manager of an Ameri. Jones a part of the White Sox stock in spite of an earnest desire to retain him as manager of the team. It is doubtful if the Old Roman has changed his mind on that proposition.

That Jones is in a position to become a partner-magnate is unquestioned. business as in handling a ball team before his retirement and had been successful enough in oil and timber deals to make his offer to purchase a large holding in the White Sox genuine. In the two years since he quit the game he has been even more successful in a business way and has no need of resuming baseball as an occupation; hence the practical certainty that he contemplates returning as part ewner. Baseball always has as strong a fascination for Jones as checkers, chess and bridge whist, his pet amusements, although he would not admit it, and he made a deeper study of the science of baseball than of any other

Before he retired from the game in the fall of 1908 Jones was considered to be one of the greatest managers baseball ever produced. As a diamond strategist and tactician he had few if any superiors. In spite of deficient batting, he kept his team among the leaders for many seasons. In 1906 he won the American league pennant and the world's championship from the Jones' return to the game will be hailed with delight by the fans.

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