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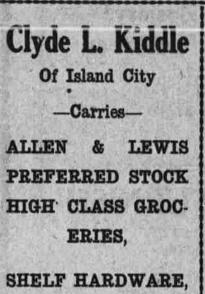
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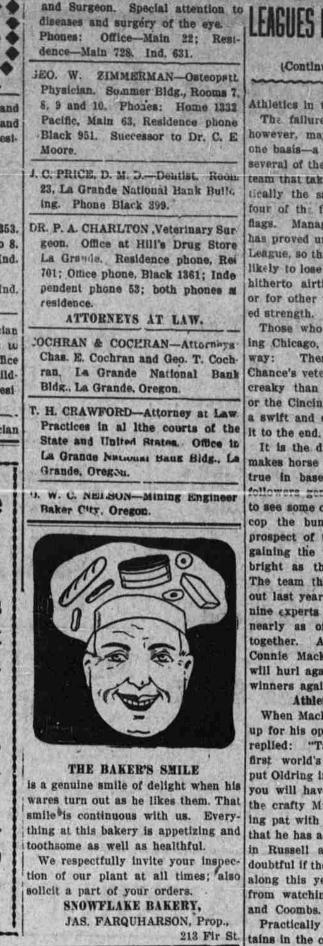
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LEAGUES RUN UP PENNANTS (Continued from page one)

Athletics in the world's title series. The failure of the Cubs to repeat, however, may be predicted on only one basis-a fall-down on the part of several of the old stars. The Chicago team that takes the field today is practically the same team that has won four of the five last National League flags. Manager Chance's combination has proved unbeatable in the National League, so that the only way it is very likely to lose this year will be for the hitherto airtight machine to "blow" or for other teams to show unexpected strength.

Those who are pessamistic regarding Chicago, put the proposition this way: There is more liklihood of Chance's veteran team becoming a bit creaky than the Glants, the Pirates or the Cincinnati Reds will not strike a swift and deadly gait and maintain

It is the difference of opinion that makes horse races and the same holds true in baseball. National League ollowers generally, would not reg to see some other team than the Cubs cop the bunting, for otherwise the prospect of the National League regaining the world's title is about as bright as the Alberta orange crop. The team that Connie Mack turned out last year would, in the opinion of nine experts out of ten, trim the Cubs nearly as often as they would get together. And this is the team that Connie Mack, if fortune goes well, will hurl against the National League winners again.

## Athletics Change Little.

When Mack was asked for the lineup for his opening game this year, he replied: "Take your scorecard of the first world's series game last year. put Oldring in the place of Strunk and you will have it." This means that the crafty Mr. McGillicuddy is standing pat with a vengeance. It is true that he has added a couple of pitchers in Russell and Callimore, but it is doubtful if they will do more than trail along this year and learn something from watching such stars as Bender

and Coombs. Practically the same situation obtains in the camp of the Cubs. Manager Chance has added pitchers Toney and Griffen and outfielders Doyle and Shean, but they will probably be for emergencies and fail of regular jobs T on the team. Toney looks to be the Special Sale to Introduce the Latest Improved Standard Model 'A' Talking Machine



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Second Division Dope. There is the



real goods, and Manager Chance is cer like "King" Cole. If Toney and Griffen make good the oft-repeated cry that Chance's pitching staff was cracking my be found unfounded. One thing in the Cubs' favor is the improved form this year of big Ed. Ruelbach. who was out of the game last year from an attack of diptheria. Ruelbach is now hurling in his old time form and Chance says he expects to use him in at least fifty games, counting the pieces, this year.

Giants Unchanged, Too. The Giants are still another team that take the field just as the left it iast year, with the bare possibility that Becker may find a place in the outfield at the last moment, in place of Snodgrass. The Giants got a miserable start last year, to which fact Manager McGraw attributes the loss of the pennant. This year he counts on a better beginning, and has fortified his team against reverses as far as it is possible for human ingenuity to do so.

New York's chances are considered particularly bright this year because of the belief that Mathewson is as good as ever, and that Pitchers Raymond and Marquard will be of tremendous service to the team. If these two boxmen meet specifications, Mc-Graw will have about the niftlest pitching staff in the National League.

Hunter Clarke's Find. The only change in the Pittsburg lineup is the placing of Hunter at first, in place of Flynn. Hunter is the umptyumpth man who has tried to play first for the Pirates since Kitty Bransfield quit Smoketown. Some of these days Manager Clark is bound to find a good man for this bag-on the law of chances-and those who have seen Hunter say he is the man. Cincinnati and Philadelphia will show about the most changes of any of four players. Eddie Grant, according to reports is playing a bangup game at third for the Reds, and Pitcher McQuillen, another Quaker cast-off is showing great form. That Cincinnati has a good team-even a dangerous team-no one will deny, but

and St. Louis breaking into the first tain he has uncovered another wonder division this year, but if either of them does, it will be the surprise of the season. As for Boston, the verdict of baseball writers is almost unanimous that she will win the booby prize, hands down. There doesn't seem a chance for any of the others to rob her of the dishonor. If any team other than Chicago, New York. Pittsburg and Cincinnati enters the first division, the dope all points to Philadelphia, but Philadelphia is a great deal like Cincinnati, in failing to measure up to expectations.

Chase Changes Men. Manager Chase's New York Highlanders, runners-up last year, are generally picked to repeat this trick atthough it will not be the same tram this year. Austin at third and Laporte and Gardner at second are gone from the lineup this year. Jack Knight. who played short last year, is doing well at second and Johnson Hartzoll and Elliott are fighting it out for the positions of third and shortshtop. It

is divulging no secret to say that many New York fans doubt the managerial ability of Hal Chase. They say that a man who once deserted his team and brought about his own elevation through the medium of disorganizing cliques, is not the man to hold a team together during an entire season. The Highlanders look strong, especially in their batteries, and have a lot of pep-

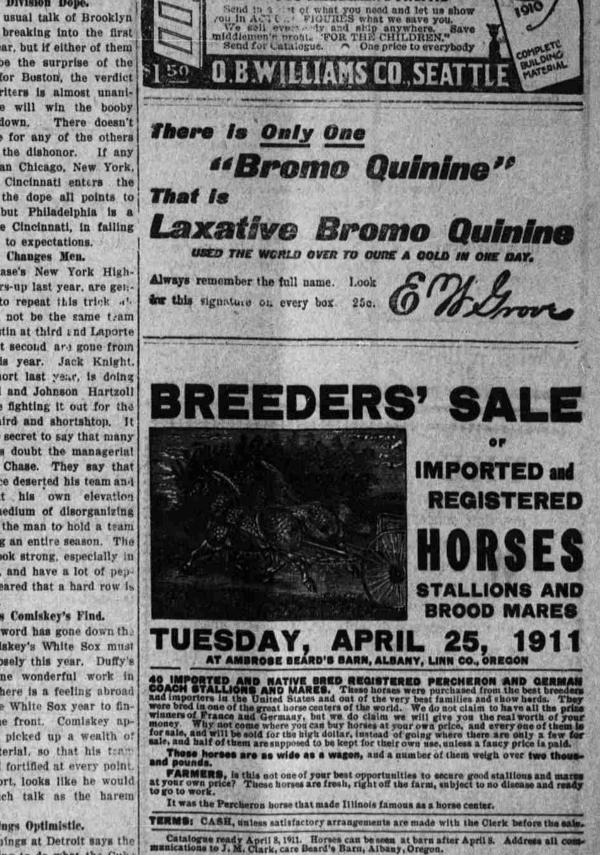
per, but it is feared that a hard row is ahead of them.

Corhan Is Comiskey's Find. Already the word has gone down th. line that Comiskey's White Sox must be watched closely this year. Duffy's men have done wonderful work in practice and there is a feeling abroad that this is the White Sox year to finish well to the front. Comiskey appears to have picked up a wealth of good new material, so that his team should be well fortified at every point of the leading trams, due to the swap Corhan, at short, looks like he would create as much talk as the harem skirt.

Jennings Optimistic.

Hughey Jennings at Detroit says the Tigers are going to do what the Cubs

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