

COMISKEY UNABLE TO SWEETEN JONES

Owner of Chicago White Sox Interviews ex-Leader and Departs Without Him.

BRIEF CHAT IS SUFFICIENT

Old Roman Soon Convicted Fielder Is in Earnest—Looks Over City and Promises to Bring Team to Portland Next Spring.

COMISKEY AND JONES. Said Comiskey to Jones: "Now would ten thousand 'bones' Ever tempt you to come with me east? If I paid you the 'bones' would you lead the White Sox For another lead, Fielder, at least?" Says the noble "old Roman," in a sort of tone: Says Comiskey—to Jones. Said Jones to Comiskey: "I'm feeling right frisky Because of this Oregon air: My joints are right limber from buying or losing. But I don't see baseball anywhere: And this winning of pennants is always some risky." Says Jones—to Comiskey. Said Comiskey to Jones: "There'll be plit-ful money From the Windy City 'bleachers' I know. When they see me come back with no name to my name. They will never stand up from the blow. And the bunch of 'grandstands' I hear their sad groans." Says Comiskey—to Jones. Said Jones to Comiskey: "The fact of it is, I'm out of the game now for good: And to go back with you, my old friend, tried and true. Now honest, I can't. So they 'shook' and together they had one try whisky— Comiskey— Ernest McGaffey.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Charles A. Comiskey, known as the "old Roman," the owner of the Chicago American League baseball club, arrived in Portland yesterday morning a hopeful and happy man, but when he left at 2 o'clock on route to Seattle and Victoria on his return to Chicago, he wore a woebegone look. The principal object of Comiskey's visit, that of enticing Fielder Jones from his avowed retirement was not gained. Jones has retired.

Comiskey was confident of his ability to entice the retired leader of his club into the fold again, but hardly had he set foot on Pacific soil than it dawned upon him that there might be such a thing as failure. And he soon gave up hope. Several things militated against Comiskey.

Comiskey and his party, which comprised Mrs. Comiskey, John W. Burns and John E. Agnew of Chicago, were visibly impressed with the Oregon climate, and Comiskey positively announced that he would bring the Chicago American League Club through Portland on the training trip of 1910. They say they are compensated for the trip even though it brought a final realization that there was nothing that could induce Fielder Jones to return to Chicago.

"What a glorious country and a glorious climate," was Comiskey's introductory sentence in greeting a delegation of friends at the Hotel Portland yesterday morning. "I have been to the wrong about Oregon," continued Comiskey. "Today, as well as yesterday, satisfies me that I have overlooked the possibilities of this climate, and you can assure the fans of Portland for me that I shall bring both first and second teams of the Chicago American League club through Portland next Spring. I made a mistake by not doing so this year. I should have listened to Jones, who advised me not to overlook this territory or the fact that my mistake and my loss, for I believe we could have done the business of a week in California, Oregon and Portland, if we had this kind of weather. I can realize how and why Fielder Jones came to make up his mind to reside here."

Comiskey Party Takes Auto Ride. This statement was made by Comiskey before he had gotten into communication with Jones by telephone. Before Jones could reach the hotel, Comiskey had taken his party for an automobile ride during which they visited the residence district of the East Side, as well as Portland Heights, Council Crest and the City Park. Every one returned from the trip impressed with the beauty of Portland.

Comiskey and his party were slated to leave on the 8 o'clock train for Seattle, and when they returned from the auto ride about 1 o'clock Jones had not been seen. However, soon after 1 o'clock President W. H. Lucas, of the Northwesters and Inter-Mountain League, appeared and was followed in a few minutes by Jones himself. Fielder had called at the hotel while Comiskey and his party were away, and almost gave up hope of seeing the Chicago magnate.

"Hello, Fielder," saluted Comiskey, as the leader of the White Sox of last season appeared in the hotel corridor, "you have certainly grown stout and healthy looking. I guess Oregon must agree with you." "Yes, it agrees with me so well that I think I'll stay here." "Do you really mean that you have quit baseball?" anxiously queried Comiskey. "I do," replied Jones. "It is business with me from now on, and I can make more money for myself, and incidentally for you, in this part of the country." "But I want you to pilot the Sox next season," said Comiskey. "Nothing doing," replied Jones. "I'm through. And besides you'll have to admit that I could not select a better part of the country, don't you?" "Well, you're right about the country, Fielder, but how about me and my club?" asked Comiskey.

Jones Announces He is Through. "Commy, there is not a better baseball man in the world than yourself, and you can make a success of the Sox at any stage of the game, am through and that settles it. I have more than you know or realize here in Oregon and the Northwest, and I cannot play baseball anyway, so I have more than you know or realize here. I don't want to hurt you any more than I can help, but it is a business proposition with me, the same as it is with you, and I think you can do better here." Jones offered Comiskey his hand and the two grasped warmly. "Fielder," said Comiskey, "the Lord knows I wish you'd I suppose I'll have to give in to your wish. It hurts though, Fielder boy, for I like you and appreciate you, and so does Chicago. I wish you all the luck in the world in your Oregon ventures." The porter called for the train and Commy and the party were compelled to hustle for their baggage and to take an automobile to the depot. At the urgent desire of Mrs. Comiskey, Fielder Jones took a seat in the machine and accom-

OWNER OF CHICAGO WHITE SOX, WHOSE MISSION TO PORTLAND IS FAILURE.



CHARLES A. COMISKEY, THE "OLD ROMAN."

panied the party to the railway station and saw them off for Seattle. Handkerchiefs were waved by the party on the train until it disappeared around the first curve, and Fielder Jones remained on the platform until the choo-choo cars had disappeared. Fielder Jones has displayed more determination than could have been shown by most ball players, for in the face of the anxious request of the best baseball manager in the world he has steadfastly maintained that he was going to quit. He is going to stay in Oregon. He intends to make his home in Portland. He has brought his family and family effects to this city. He has a bright future in business and he cannot play baseball always. Therefore it can be readily ascertained that Fielder Jones' retirement is no joke. Chicago Fan Regrets Loss of Jones. John W. Burns, a well-to-do Chicagoan, and a 35d degree fan of the Windy City, who is accompanying Comiskey on the trip, is an ardent admirer of Fielder Jones.

"I guess it is all off with Jones," he said yesterday. "He is lost to us, and I for one cannot guess who is likely to succeed him, nor do I know of any man who can equal him in merit, both as a player and manager. Fielder's retirement is a sad blow to Chicago, but I wish him success in whatever he undertakes. He is a man, every inch of him." After Comiskey had departed, Jones remarked: "There goes the best fellow in the world, and the only regret I have is that I have had to turn him down. Well, it's business and I am not likely to be able to play baseball always, as Comiskey himself has found out in his own case, so I wish Fielder Jones his own case, and his family to look after. I sincerely hope Commy has the best of luck this season and wins the American and the world's championships. He deserves it, every bit."

President Comiskey and his party will remain over tonight at Seattle, going to Victoria in the morning, and from that place over the Canadian Pacific Railway to Chicago. Comiskey has never traveled over the Northern route east and he is anxious to see it. That part of the North American country, Comiskey expressed regret at not seeing M. J. Roche, John S. Barnes and Judge W. W. McCredie during his stay here, and showed especial delight in greeting President W. H. Lucas of the Northwest League. President Lucas and Charles Comiskey were associates in baseball in early days.

W. S. C. TRACK PROSPECTS FINE

Pullman Lads Expect to Set New Records in Northwest Meets. STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—With the first intercollegiate track meet scheduled to take place May 1, W. S. C. expects to be in first-class shape. The outlook for a successful season on the track is unusually bright this year at Pullman.

Harlan Cox, a speedily lad who stepped off the 100 and 220 in good time two years ago for the state college, but who has been out of school, is back, and is fast rounder than ever. In the 100 yard race he is back in spites this year. Jud Thompson, the old Seattle High School athlete, will be out for the jumps.

For the whole vault, W. S. C. is well heeled this year in having Jay, the Pendleton star athlete, and Johnnie Dalquist, of Everett, both of whom are freshmen. In the indoor meet these men tied at 10 feet eight inches.

Stambaugh, Laird, Mead and Goff are working with Joe Hain, the veteran weight man, while Captain Ivan Putman is in the lead in the hurdles, jumps and quarter, with such men as Galbraith, Andy Anderson, Jay and Dalquist.

For the distance runs, the state college perhaps has the best bunch of men in the history of the school. Clarence J. Cool, the man who represented this institution in the Seattle Marathon, is one of the best in the field, and he is stepping off the mile and two-mile in beautiful style. He will be used in the half as well. Then there are Johnson, Clarke and Welch to enter the distance runs.

Two dates for intercollegiate track meets have been scheduled, and announced by Manager H. V. Weiler. On May 1, W. S. C. and the University of Idaho, the ancient rivals in all branches of athletics, will struggle for supremacy on the field and cinder path, and on May 21 Whitman will do battle with the Pullman athletes, also on the local field.

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DOZEN HOPEFULS BUSY WITH CASEY

Manager Finds It Hard Task to Select Pitchers From Likely Bunch. REX AMES PUTS ON SUIT

Slender Slabster From Michigan is Latest Addition to McCredie's Coits—Baltossers Are Working Hard.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE. MEDFORD, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Rex Ames, the slender little slabster from Michigan, is the latest addition to Manager Casey's training camp. Ames arrived this morning and was in uniform this afternoon. He is a likely looking youngster, and one that seems to know his business. Twelve of the hopefuls put in a hard day's work here today and when Casey gave the quit signal late this afternoon for the six that are already in uniform for the hotel. The players are a willing lot of workers, and they have the appearance of being a set of ball players who are well behaved. It is easy to forecast right now what a bunch of trouble Manager Casey is going to have selecting his pitching staff, for the six that are already in uniform all have the goods to deliver. This big slongated Gardner handles himself for all the world like Bobby Groves. He has a world of speed and when he cuts loose his fast ones they leave a trail of smoke behind. With any kind of luck, Pender will be to Casey's team what John Granberry was to McCredie's, Calburn, McFarland and Coleman will be hard to displace.

What is bothering Casey right now is the outfield. It has been rumored here that Garbaidh has been stricken with a case of the "spring heel" and has fielded on McCredie's training camp. This story is rather hard to believe, for when I left San Luis Obispo, Garbaidh appeared very anxious to join the coits. This youngster had in him the making of a good outfielder, and he was a pretty shifty lad with the stick. The baseball world is filled with youngsters just as good, and Casey has a couple of pitchers that could be moulded into Gardner in a pinch.

In Riskey, Casey seems to have a finished third baseman. He meets the ball on the nose and strikes me as being a player with a lot of good, hard, inside baseball sense. Swanton, the California, is another man that has caught Casey's fancy. He was a nice way of stepping in and meeting the ball and he seems to have plenty of know about things in the out garden. I look for Mullen to make good with a vengeance. He has a throwing arm, once he gets the kinks out of it, that will remind the fans of Babe Danzig, and in practice today he demonstrated he could hit a left-hander as well as a right-hander. He hasn't accomplished the art of bunting, but this will come to him, and being a left-handed batter and fast on his feet, he looks as if he would be able to deliver the real goods.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

THE stuff is off next Tuesday. Can Portland grab the opening game and series? Is the question agitating Portland fans. John Gladstone Graney will leave the apothecary for Portland on Tuesday afternoon at Los Angeles. Nuff said.

Dave Dugdale, despite the fact that he has fallen off 20 or 40 pounds in weight, is not worrying over the season's prospect. Dug has taken some kind of an anti-fat preparation. Judge W. W. McCredie came to Portland for a few minutes yesterday afternoon. He arrived too late to see Comiskey and went back to Vancouver sorrowfully. The "Judge" likes to fan as well as anyone. Swell English pumps at Rosenthal's.

that the Inter-Mountain League is to be a splendid organization. Jack has the management of the Helena club and has commenced signing players.

Catcher St. John, who is also a utility player, met Judge McCredie yesterday afternoon and the executive of the Portland club ordered him to report to Casey at Medford immediately. St. John left last night and will try for the utility role.

Buddy Ryan has taken up his transportation and should be at San Luis Obispo today. Buddy finally arrived at a conclusion that the place to get railway tickets was at a railway ticket office. Quite clever of Buddy. Hope he displays somewhat quicker sagacity later on.

Fielder Jones is one ball player who has announced his retirement and made good. However, Portland fans don't know whether to be delighted or sorry, for Jones is depriving the game of the services of one grand player.

Charley Comiskey was started at the growth of Portland. He had not been here since 1888, but there is nothing very astonishing about this. He would have had the same experience here one year ago.

RYAN JOINS TEAM AT LAST

San Luis Eager to See Work of McCredie's Lost Boy.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., March 25.—(Special.)—Buddy Ryan, the "long-lost" boy, arrived yesterday afternoon from Denver. This has relieved McCredie of a lot of worry, as Buddy seemed to have been lost. A mistake as to transportation to the real cause of his delay. Ryan will be out with the boys this morning and take a little run on the road. This will not give the local fans a chance to see what kind of material he is made of. They have been hearing much of him of late, but they have grown anxious to see him perform.

Slight Accident on Track.

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—Glorio, the favorite, captured the Chino handicap, today's feature at Santa Anita, in a very close finish, getting the verdict over Postpaid by a head. Abhu, a 100 to 1 shot, won the 2-year-old race from Placide and Mike Mollett. Jockey Rice was thrown from Solus in the first race, but suffered nothing more serious than a shaking up. Do you want to stop the rent habit? See Gregory's ad, Page 13.

BIG RACE TONIGHT

Portland's First Marathon Has 18 Entries.

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Portland's first exhibition of the famous Marathon race is scheduled to take place at the Oriental building at the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds tonight, when 18 long-distance runners will line up at the scratch to start on their long jaunt as the signal of Mayor Lane, who will act as starter of the big event.

Ever since Johnny Hayes acquired fame at London last July, the world has shown considerable interest in the classic event made famous in the days of mythological Greece. The Marathon distance is 26 miles and 385 yards, which is a greater distance than most people care to run, unless pursued by a mother-in-law of the stage variety, or some ferocious animal, and to accomplish this feat an athlete must possess great powers of endurance.

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SALEM, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—

Multnomah County today remitted \$100,000 to the State Treasurer as its first payment of state tax. Multnomah County was the second county to pay, Clackamas being the first.

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