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-- SPORTING NEWS --

Lave Cross has his Shamokin team at the top of the Atlantic League.

Richmond, Danville and Roanoke are fighting hard for Virginia League honors.

Since joining Providence Ralph Glaze, ex-Boston pitcher, has been pitching great ball, winning ten of his first twelve games.

The Montgomery club has lived up to its title of "Climbers" by forcing its way from the bottom and giving the Southern League leaders the scare of the season.

Saginaw, Kalamazoo and Jackson teams have been bunched in the lead of the South Michigan League race. And only eighty points has separated the next five teams.

In the Wisconsin-Illinois League the Wausau team seems to have things pretty much its own way. The clubs of this league have played mighty fine ball this season and no doubt several of the players will go higher up.

The Eastern and Southern leagues and the American association are all having as close races as are the National and American leagues.

Things have broken about right for the Springfield team in the Three-I League race this season. Whenever Dubuque, Peoria or Decatur get within striking distance some piece of hard luck caused them to fall back.

Omaha and Sioux City are still fighting for the Western League pennant. During nearly the whole of the present season these two teams have been neck and neck at the top of the Western.

The baseball team of Fairbanks, Alaska, is preparing for a tour of the United States. The trip, if present plans are carried out, will be the most extensive that any baseball nine ever has taken within the limits of American territory.

The great pennant struggles in the National and American leagues have put the Kriss-kross on the directorate gown, the soul kiss, the Salome dance and every other old peace disturber.

Standing in the damp black cellar with his Highlanders grouped about him, "Kid" Elberfeld exclaimed "Nis Notus Pennantum in twenty-six million years."

It is claimed the attendance for the recent three-game series between the Cubs and Giants at Chicago broke all records. More than 75,000 persons passed through the turnstiles.

Outfielder Brown of the Boston Nationals may become a Giant once more. Manager Kelly is not particularly in love with Brown's work and Manager McGraw is willing to give him another trial.

Any direction you turn your head nowadays you will see a pennant race calculated to make your eyes nearly pop out of your nozzles. The great struggles in the National and American leagues need no comment. Providence, Baltimore, Buffalo and Newark are furnishing a brilliant display of fireworks in the Eastern league. And while scanning the East don't overlook the New England league with Worcester and Lawrence in the leading roles, and the Connecticut league with Springfield and Hartford in a clutch to the finish.

Turning to the Middle West, the American association is found with Indianapolis, Louisville, Toledo and Columbus so close together that the A. A. fans are scarcely able to distinguish one from another.

And in the Land of Cotton, when it comes to the Southern league

you're up against a guessing stunt for fair. It's a mighty wise fan who can pick the flag winner from among Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans and Montgomery.

Retrace your steps and take a peep at the Central League and Evansville, Dayton and South Bend; the Three-I League, with Springfield, Decatur, Peoria and Dubuque; the Illinois and Missouri League, with Macomb and Hannibal fighting it out for first place; the Western League, with Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City all in the running.

What's that? Your getting dizzy? Why, you have just started. The heart disease finish is on from one end of the country to the other. Big and little fellows all are in it. Take the South Michigan League, the Virginia League, the Wisconsin and Illinois League, the Western Association, the Texas League, the Pacific Coast League, the Northwest League—Gee! we're at the end of the baseball map. Well, one thing sure, 1908 will be remembered as the classy baseball year with the flossy finish.

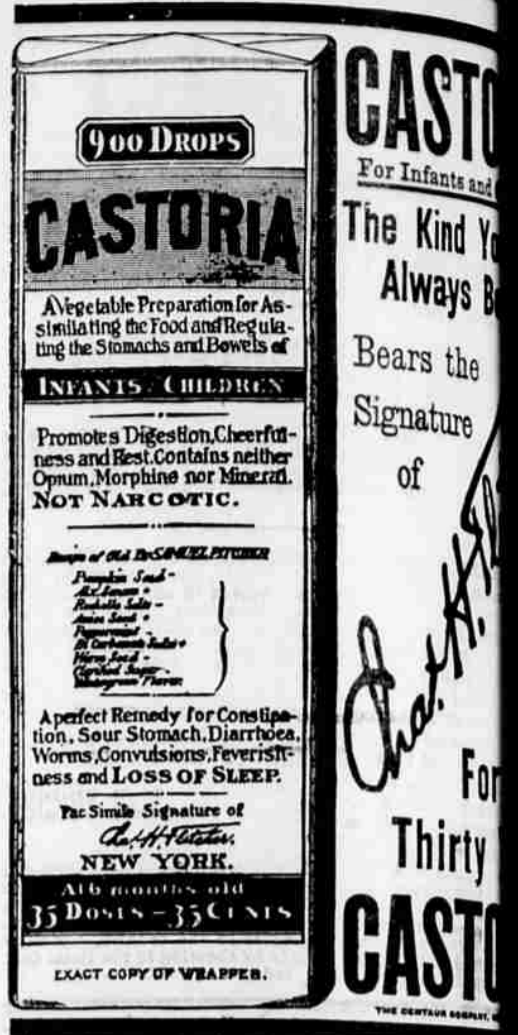
Los Angeles is to have continuous baseball next season. At present San Francisco is the only California city enjoying the game every day.

The only double header pitched and won by an Eastern League pitcher this season goes to the credit of Jack Cronin, of Providence. Rochester was the victim to the tune of 4 to 3 and 6 to 3.

Judge J. P. Connors, president of the Oklahoma board of agriculture, was once a member of the St. Louis Browns in their pennant-winning days.

"Rube" Marquard, the great Indianapolis pitcher, is back to his old form and "whiffing 'em" out as he did early in the season.

And in addition to the mad scramble of the Cubs and Sox toward Mayor Bussé of Chicago has issued a proclamation prohibiting any rough work to be handed the wearer of a straw hat until after September 15. Chicago is the home of all sorts of champions.



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