# DISCOVERY MADE OF MINOR LEAGUE STAR RATED AT \$100,000

Jack Bentley, of Baltimore, Crack Curver, Hefty Hitter and Phenomenal First-Sacker, Is Quoted in Six Figures at Meeting

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THE \$100,000 minor league ball player is among us. When Jimmy O'Connell was bought by the Giants recently we knew the six-figure bird was coming.

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Americans, sometimes called the Senators because they never get anywhere, and Jack Dunn, sole proprietor of the Baltimore Orioles, stood in the lobby of the Commodore. Jack won a pennant and twenty-nine games in a row or something last season.

We thought Clark was asking him how he did it. But no. Listen. "How do you stand on the draft?" said Griff. "I'm agin it," replied Jack.

'How come?'' continued Clark.

"I gotta good ball club now, and if them birds get the draft they will knock it further than this guy Bentley can hit a baseball. Why, I got a ball player now that I can sell to a couple of clubs for \$100,000."

"If you have, sell him quick." came from Clark. "For all of me, you

haven't a ball player worth \$5000." concluded Mister Dunn, sarcastically. "If this guy O'Connell is worth \$75,000, my guy Bentley is worth twice as much. That bird is only a first baseman. Bentley is the best left-handed pitcher in the minor leagues, and the best first baseman, too."

As you have deduced. Bentley is now the highest priced minor leaguer who ever flashed across the baseball horizon. He hasn't been sold yet, but half a dozen clubs are said to be bidding for him, and charges are that he will be in the big show along about the 12th of next April.

IT MIGHT be remarked that neither of the Philadelphia clubs is attending the auction.

#### He Is Called the Next Babe Ruth

BENTLEY-his name is Jack-is a young man of twenty-six summers, nine of which have been spent on the professional orchard. He is six feet high and weighs 194 pounds. He is a Quaker, consequently one of the model youths that all managers are looking for.

All the International Leaguers call him the next Babe Ruth. He's far and away more of a sensation in the circles where the Bambino started to cudgel his way to fame than the bosom friend of Commissioner Landis

Last season young Mr. Bentley took time enough off from first-basing to sitch ten ball games. He won nine of them, losing, no doubt, just to see what it felt like. Ruth used to do that same thing. When not pitching Bentley was the best first-sacker in the big little

foar e. He has a pair of hands like a bear trap, is remarkably agile; in fact, can do all the things that young Hal Chases are supposed to do. He's a good enough fielder to pull down a major league contract But it's with the war club, as they call the bat, that he's a real hero

He thumped the International pitching last season for .402, which isn't a bad mark for a chap in there every day. He busted the League record for home runs, hoisting twenty-five baseballs over the parapets in between singles, doubles and triples,

**H**<sup>E</sup> WAS right with the leaders in runs scored. The pitchers hailed his appearance at the saucer in the pinch with those large grouns that greeted Ruth. To sum up things, the young man was decidedly and distinctly there.

#### Praised by Patsy Donovan

HERE'S what Patsy Donovan, manager of Jersey City, former pilot of the Boston Red Sox and Buffalo, has to say about our hero:

"This Bentley is the nearest thing to Babe Ruth I've seen. He pitches like Ruth used to, using a fast ball that gets by before they have their bats off their shoulders. He's as strong as an ox, the kind of a player who can work every other day in the box and enjoy it.

"He's a mighty smooth first baseman, too, as graceful as any minor leaguer I've ever seen. He has a wonderful reach and knows how to judge the bad hops. He isn't mechanical, either. He plays with his head as well 'But his batting is the best thing about him. He hasn't a weakness.

I've had my pitchers throw anything and everything at him, but it didn't make any difference. He busts them all, and he busts them hard, too. He takes a full cut at the ball, and he's about as easy to fool as Hornshy "I've seen a lot of them in my day, but I never saw a young chap any

riper to step right out and become a big league star. There isn't a big league club in the business that couldn't use him right now and profit." Ol' Charlie Schmidt, who played a wonderful first base for the Braves in their miracle year of 1914, echoes the same opinion. And Charlie knows

"something about playing that bag. He retired when he was just about the best first baseman the National League had looked at since the days of

According to Charles and other players, if a bird like O'Connell, who needs a year's seasoning, is worth the McGraw price, Bentley is ten times as valuable. These veteran diamond athletes know a real player when they see one, just as an expert can differentiate between a Japanese pearl and the product of some seagoing syster. As they put it, the young fellow is there. Bentley has been up to the big show twice, but never had a tryout. He reported to Washington when he was seventeen, with a reputation as a high

chool and semi-pro wonder. He was raw and Griff let him go. He visited the little leagues and finally parked in Baltimore. Three years ago he was sold to the Boston Red Sox as a first baseman.

McInnis was with that club then, so Jack never even went South, although he had quite a reputation as a pitcher. The Sox had plenty of chuckers

#### SO JACK went back to Baltimore for the purchase price—something like \$1500. Had he remained with Frazee's club that season he probably would be a star with the Yankees about this time. Rowland Puts Over 8-to-1 Shot

CLARENCE ROWLAND, manager of Columbus, of the well-known AA, has put over an 8-to-1 shot, the longest price on record in any of these baseball futurities. Clarence got rid of his star southpaw. Dave Danforth. Lee Fohl, of the Browns, won him away from a lot of competition that included Pat Moran, of the Reds; Fred Mitchell, of the Braves, and Branch Rickey, of the Cards.

But Lee had to give up eight ball players for the tall youth, who has had two shots at the large leagues and muffed both. Lee passes over Pitchers Palmero, Burwell, Sanders and Loudermilk, and Second Baseman Gleason immediately. Next season be chucks in two more, and the following year another. They're playing eight or no count in trades now.

Danforth was with the Athletics in '11 and '12, but rolled off their knife. Later he was with the White Sox, who canned him, even though he didn't find anything under his pillow except the mattress.

## Cheers and Razz for Yankees

THE first double-header of the 1922 season was staged yesterday, but like all double-headers, it meant nothing. The American League met at the Commodore and the National in the Walderf. The Americans gave the Yankees three cheers for winning the pennant and three rawsberries for losing the World Series. It also announced that Miller Huggins had signed for one more year.

The Nationals just met-that's all.

## Tom Turner to Manage Portland

TOM TURNER, the Athletics' scout, has been signed as manager of the Portland Club of the Coast League. Portland had the worst ream in the world last year, and as Tom was connected with our A's, he will feel per-

A NOTHER important item for the dear old public. It took all morning to send Chick Shorten from Detroit to St. Looie via the Chautauqua route. They waived him out with little difficulty,

THERE will be a joint meeting today, which will help considerably. The magnates will frame up against the minors and it will be every one for himself. Somebody will get caught in the draft.

ND in the meantime, who is the president of the American League? We A haven't heard his name mentioned in this meeting. Copyright, 1981, by Public Ledger Company

## Boots and Saddle

fourth race at New Orleans fur-a purse affair for two-year-olds better order. Goodheart, Miles Grace Foster appear best of the

es well\_placed in other races are : race—Pluribelle, Brass Tacks, Zeus; second—L'Enjolieur, Gal-cetch Verdict; third—Miss Nell, Granite, Michaevella; fifth—Fort hill, Sweet Liberty, Grayson; Brownie McDowell, Richelieu. mas F. McMahon; seventh—Helen in, Bally Bell, Ettahe.

third-Mad Nell, Colonel Chile, Foul Weather: fourth—The Boy, Louis A., Riverside—fifth—Summer Sigh, Sunny Hill, Pasterou: sixth—Polly C., Peggy Rives, W. G. McClintock.

The halter brigade was active New Orleans, two horses chang The halter brigade was active yesterday at New Orleans, two horses changing hands by the claiming route F. Staton took Marie Maxim from the Southland Stable for \$2200, while James Arthur led Bajiyhei out of the seventh number for \$1300. Staton lost Marie Maxim in a claiming race early in the meeting.

In seven seasons of American and Canadian racing—1015-1921—Commander J. R. L. Ross' stable has won the enormous sum of \$775.037 and 381 races. The stars in Commander Ross' stable have been keen figures in the seven seasons. Four wore almost supreme in their ways and days. This quartet, Sir Barton, \$116.857; Rilly Kelly, \$96.852; Bonface, \$98.062, and Cudssi, \$68.544, were the important contributors to the great Ross total, In Sive years these four horses won 3378.759.

# SHORE GOLFERS TO

Big Match Planned at Northfield Between Twenty-Man Teams on Saturday

#### SUMMER RULES IN FORCE

By SANDY McNIBLICK

THEY say the golf season is all over, but you can never prove it with a pair of field glasses, especially if they're turned in the direction of the sea-shore courses. Fact is, some of the linksmen are rather crowded for dates. Take Saturday, for instance. Something new on the calendar will be given whirl when a team from Atlantic City will play a combination repre-senting Whitemarsh down at the sea-

They will try to see if they can bloom in December as they do in May, or something. A check may be offered the

ser-the dinner check. Anyway, the tussle is all arranged. and it looks as though it with hummer. Both clubs have a line-up that would do any course proud.

Expert Captains J. Wood Platt is captain and man-nger of the Whitemarsh team, and Fred Knight is doing the clerical work for

the sand linksmen. It is hoped to recruit twenty-man quads. To the Whitemarsh colors are flocked so far Platt. L. F. Deming, Tom Halton, Sr., and Jr., Eddie O'Haulon, Walter Faby, Harry Burke, Will Donahue, Hon, L., Edgecomb and sibly Norman Maxwell. The latter has a bout on at Woodbury, which may be postponed. If it is, he will play against Maurice Risley,

These two tied for the fall medal down there, and the playoff Besides Risley and Knight,

# Harry Gormley and Charles Wills,

They are playing summer golf in the winter down there. The tees greens and fairways are all said to be dry and in excellent shape, as contrasted to the tee-up rule now in force hereabouts at most clubs. There will be eighteen holes wide, just a little smaller than the warstly "P".

City Club will invite other teams to soccer team, the yearling cross-country come down during the winter; the more team and several individuals. on the team the merrier, says Fred Knight,

Returns are due on the speech Jim Hack-ney was to make at the Raxborough dinner on t e subject of the consolidation of all the country clubs on the Ridge.

Mat Duffy has been hunting rabbits every day. When they got to know him, Matt shaved off his mustache and now nobody

Theodore P. Bennett, newly elected president of the Philadelphia Golf Club, is a brother of Sam Dennett, chairman of the greens committee at Lu Lu. If it runs in the family the public links club is in for a successful year.

Joe Coble's modesty is well known, and it even prevented his attending the meeting here. They were going to give him a gold medal for winning the Caldwell Cup tournament. "Might have had to make a speech," was his reason for not showing up.

One of the first moves of Findiay S. Douglas in taking office as president of the Metropolitan Golf Association was to antounce that under his regime the juntor golfers would be given more encouragement to take up tournament play.

## Y'S KRAX

TRANSWAH DESCHAMPS has built a factory for the manufacture of cheese boxes-not boxers.

To prove baseball is an all-year sport, the boys play ball for six months and hold out the other six. . . .

Aunt Nanny says pins and people are useless when they lose their heads.

Guys who must be handled with gloves—boxers. All-American girl-Mary Christmas.

Others served with distinction during the war, though never in the army. They were restaurant waiters.

Bernie Dane pipes up from Wilming. ton that he's noticed things are awful cheap this Xmas-especially the dollar

The six-day race helped solve the housing roblem in New York for a week anyhow.

Betting odds-Dave Danforth, 8 to 1.

The longest second-Doc Bagley.

Hughte McLoon says the timekeeper at a boxing club could qualify as a night watchman. A telegraph operator isn't the only

guy that does business on tick.

All a-board-Atlantic City walk.

Vanderbilt Unable to Meet Rutgers Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 13.—Affilitic au-horities of Vanderbilt University have an-sounced an offer from Rutgers College for an ntersectional football same at the Polo-lements the second Tuesday of next No-comber had been declined an account of Van-lerbilt's schedule being filled.

Local Boys Star for Dartmouth Hannyer, N. H., Dec. 15.—loldstein, of Philadelphia, Dartmouth center, figured largely in the Green's win over Middle-Pury 43 to 15. Patten, another Philadel-phia boy, also played.

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## TEDIOUS PASTIMES—WAITING TO TELEPHONE



#### NO VARSITY "P" FOR PRINCETON MINOR SPORTS

Tiger Athletes Will Be Awarded a Special "P" Instead

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 15,-The Undergraduate Athleltic Committee of Northfieldians will include Tom Wootton, Explorer Shackleford, Jr., Phillips, Tom Endicott, Kendall Read,
Harry Gormley and Charles Wills.

Princeton has adopted a new ruling to
the effect that members of championship minor sports will not hereafter
receive the varsity "P."

Glenn Killinger, This Year's

Last year it was decided to give championship teams the varsity letter,

of match play.

The meeting also made awards of letters and numerals to the freshman

# A FINE CAGE RECORD

Cohocksink Royals Have Won Thirteen Out of Fifteen Games

an enviable record in the cage this sonnel of his team in advance, but it is season and to date have won thirteen expected that among the number will of the fifteen games played. Their next be Hartley Anderson, the sensational game will be with the Shaw Field Club guard on the recent Notre Dame eleven, and will be the hardest one of the

The team represents the Cohocksink

# 10 EX-STATE STARS IN BIG GRID GAME Thousands of basketball fans in

Quarterback, Will Play First Pro Game Saturday

CANTON MEETS QUAKERS

Ten players who have seen service with the Penn State football eleven will be in the game at the Phillies' Park on Saturday when the Philadelphia Quakers meet the Canton Bulldogs. The Westerners, seventeen in num-

ber, left Canton last evening and are due in this city some time today. Cap-The Cohocksink Royals have made thin Bob Higgins has not sent the perwho has been declared ineligible on account of playing with Canton last Sun-

The team represents the Cohocksink Recreation Center at Cambria and Cedar streets and would like to arrange games with St. Cecilia's, A. O. H. Forthy-eighth Ward, Cathedral and St. Henry's. Address C. H. Schuler, Cohocksink Recreation Center, Cambria and Cedar streets.

Local Interest centers in the appearance with the Quakers of Glenn Killinger, the noted Penn State backfield star, who will make his professional debut with the Quakers. Both Canton and the locals were angling for his services and although Harry Robb made a visit to State College yesterday to secure Killinger for Canton, he called Leo Conway on the long-distance phone and informed him that he would be here informed him that he Annapolis. Md., Dec. 15.—The Navai informed him that he would be here cademy had little difficulty in scoring gainst Blue Ridge College in basketball, inning by 49 to 12. The advantage was

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Brady was one of the most popular and gentlemanly players that ever connected with the game. He is a victim of tuberculosis and is way off in Albuquerque, N. M., and in need.

The local players, Joe Fogarty, Doe Newman and Dave Kerr are raising a fund for his benefit as a Christmas gift. To swell the total the Camder team will play the K. of C. at Atlantic City on next Tuesday, and the \$200 guarantee intact will go to the fund which is expected to reach over \$600.

not reach here until tomorrow, when

National League Gets Umpire basketball, eleven.

The Quaker backfield on Saturday which ended will be composed of Scott, Hinkey

Memphis, Tean., Dec. 15.—The release of Memphis and Composed to Scott, Hinkey beadquarters here.

# Cage Players Raise Fund

Haines, Oscar Anderson, Glenn Killinger and Jim Laird. Killinger will

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multitude through the gates.

The fact that Ruth will have no chance to break his old record from a delayed start will work against him seems criminal and should be suppressed.

Ruth is a big card, but he is still only a very thin per cent of baseball at large.

Rating Football Teams

THE only college or university teams that should be rated in Group A are those that have the one-year rule.

Group B should be given over to those who play first-year men, It is hardly fair to rate elevens upon an even to the start of the start and showed good team work as the start and showed good team work as

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BABE RUTH'S ABSENCE

Gate Receipts Not Likely to Slump if Team Gets Away to Good Start-One-Year College Rule

a Wise Regulation

By GRANTLAND RICE

ONCE in a rare while a record comes basis, where one institution has a dis-

ages. This record may be for jumping licity would have a strong tendency to bring every university into the one year fold.

The may also be for sheer idiocy.

The may also be for sheer idiocy.

along that will stand for enduring

belongs to the Boxing Commission that

permitted promoters to pay boxers only a portion of the purse if they failed

to finish the allotted number of rounds.

TT IS hard to understand why a com-

ruling that is not only unfair, but that also helps to foster faking. Perhaps

Arnold Bennett was right when he sug-gested that the main course of this world was incompetency. There are times when it seems to be more preva-

lent than the sands along the beaches

THE argument as to how much

will cost the Yankees next spring con-tinues to emerge at stated intervals

with the various estimates sometimes

as much as \$300,000 apart. If the

Yanks, without Ruth, get away to a running start the attendance slump will

If they get away badly and are bumped lustily with their Howitzer spiked, the cost in dollars will be fairly

A winning ball club in one of the big

cities now can pack the park without depending upon a lone star to lure the

lightly if he starts in lifting the ball out of the park with fair regularity.

We doubt very much that the cost in

dollars will be up to many estimates. Ruth is a big card, but he is still only a very thin per cent of baseball at large.

"Babe" Ruth's five-week vacation

of the Seven Seas.

The Cost in Dollars

hardly be noted.

mission should decide to make a

tinct advantage over another,

And such a policy of general pub.

istered at college for a year before a is eligible for a varsity team is one of

the best regulations ever devised.

Most of the commercialized players
only seek out those institutions that

only seek out those institutions that permit them to get into action at once. The thought of a year lost to the lime ight is repugnant to their sola. So this rule should be made effective is every university that sends out a foot-

EXTRACT from two letters recently received: "Why don't you site Cornell a fairer deal in your column?"
(2) "What's the big idea in boosting Cornell as you have lately above all other universities?" Answer — You can't please some of the people any of

Eenie, meenie, miny, moe, Kelly, Bancroft, Frisch and Grob Cost McGraw a lotter dough.

ON THE basis of comparative sizes, a field can outjump a man 60 to 1." notes an exchange. But even this clastic superiority doesn't prevent him

THE thing that annoys most of the

professional sport promoters more than anything else is the big develop-ment in amateur sport. To more than

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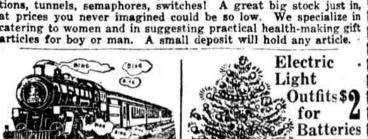
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