

## SIGNING OF CHANCE MEANS HARD BATTLE



Frank Chance, Newly Signed Manager of Highlanders.

Farrell's New York American League club with Frank Chance in command is the "dark horse" of the 1913 season. While the other managers welcome him they are willing to admit they have another versatile leader to compete with and believe it will be anything but a simple task. All have watched Chance's career as manager of the Cubs and wished he was one of them. Now that he is in their midst all are sitting up and starting to make preparations for the hardest struggle Ban Johnson's organization has ever known.

This is what Johnson has been striving for since he has been at the head of the American League. It has been his plan for years to have all clubs as nearly equal as possible. Through his untiring efforts he has engineered deals by which most of the teams of his association have developed into pennant contenders. If he had his way every team would be in the first division fighting for the pennant. That is why he worked so hard to get Chance for the Yankees.

Johnson wanted Chance for several reasons. First, he knew it would add to the prestige of the American League; second, he did not want baseball to lose Chance; third, he desires to have a coterie of greater managers than the National League, and fourth, he wants to make Jake Stahl, Connie Mack, Hugh Jennings, Jimmy Callahan, Clark Griffith and the others realize they will have to struggle with New York to win the flag. In addition he is eager to place a man in New York who is competent to compete

## ST. LOUIS IS NOT WORRYING

No Cause for Alarm About Third Base Position While Veteran Austin Remains in Good Health.

The St. Louis Browns are not worrying about third base so long as Austin is on the job. This veteran, secured from the New York Highlanders, is capable of filling the position as long as his health remains good. He is a fair hitter and a splendid fielder.



Third Baseman Austin.

It was Austin, by the way, who laid out Pitcher C. Brown last summer on a quick throw to first. The ball hit Brown on the back of the head and things looked serious for awhile.

Cleveland Releases Trio. Fitcher Gene Krapp, Catcher Jack Adams and Outfielder Art Hauger will not wear Cleveland uniforms next year. Krapp has been released to Portland, while Adams and Hauger have been turned over to Topsy Hartman at Toledo.

with John McGraw of the Giants. Here is what the American League managers think of Chance's acquisition:

Clark Griffith, Washington: "Now I know I will have to fight harder to win the pennant. I fought him for three years with Cincinnati and know what he is capable of."

Jimmy Callahan, White Sox: "I am sure all of us have a tussle on our hands now. With that pitching staff he will make the race a keen one."

Connie Mack, Philadelphia: "This is the season in which the Highlanders begin to be prominent factors in our struggle. Chance, I am sure, will keep us all on the nervous seat."

Jake Stahl, Boston: "Chance's coming only adds another hard team for us to trim. It certainly will make our race a dandy."

Hugh Jennings, Detroit: "I know Chance and know what he can do. I matched baseball brains with him in 1907 and 1908 and lost each time. I am confident his coming will force us all to be on the alert."

Joe Birmingham, Cleveland: "I never met Chance on the field, but from what I have heard of him I know what to expect. You can bet I will keep my eye on him all the time, too."

George Stovall, St. Louis: "Chance's coming means more work for me, for I just tossed out the Highlanders for seventh place. From what I have heard of Chance's ability I can see where the Browns have to step some, but we will be there to try just the same."

## NOTES OF SPORTIDOM

Now watch Chance grab a big chunk of McGraw's popularity in Gotham.

Gotch may have to suppress Zbyszko periodically for the sake of the peace. Chance was a splendid delayed Christmas gift for New York baseball fans.

And now the Washington Senators are picked to finish no higher than second.

Luther McCarty would fight Bombardier Wells. He is going right out after the "little big" fellows.

Hugh Jennings, after a time in vaudeville, has come to the conclusion that all baseball players are fizzes on the stage.

"Chick" Lathers, who had a trial with the Detroit Tigers, has been shipped to Indianapolis by the Providence team.

Frank Donnelly, who served as an umpire last season, has signed to manage the Springfield club of the Three-Eye league.

Jim Flynn no sooner gets his blackened eye so it looks as if it would heal than he is matched with Cyclone Johnny Thompson.

These golf bugs who cannot find the regular game enough for them but must needs add innovations have our sincere sympathy.

Joe Rivers' punching powers have amazed New Yorkers, which reminds one of the time Aurelia Herrera landed on Benny Yanger.

The management of the Boston American League club has refused to raise the salaries of its players and says the players should be satisfied with the world's series coin.

It is claimed for Wrestler Lurich that he speaks twelve languages fluently. He might challenge Zbyszko in each tongue, to be sure the big Pole understands him.

"There will be no room for any 'fade-aways' on my team," avers George Stovall. He has plenty of young material on his roster.

## MEETING OF LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

The Lutheran Somerset County Conference met in the Lutheran church at Bakersville, Rev. H. M. Petrea, pastor, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week. The pastors and lay delegates were met at Somerset by six automobiles and conveyed through a heavy rain eight miles to the church at Bakersville. At the opening session Monday evening Rev. L. P. Young preached an able sermon. The devotional services of Tuesday morning were conducted by Rev. I. H. Wagner of Somerset. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. J. C. McCarney, president; Rev. E. B. Boyer, secretary; Rev. W. H. B. Carney, treasurer.

Interesting and instructive papers were presented during the conference by Revs. D. S. Kurtz of Rockwood, C. E. Kuhnert of Cumberland, J. A. Yount of Meyersdale, S. S. Snyder of Scalp Level, P. J. Shriver of Hooversville, W. H. B. Carney of Garrett, and E. B. Boyer of Confluence.

On Tuesday evening Rev. H. S. Rhoads of Johnstown made an address on "Church Federation" and Rev. J. A. Yount of Meyersdale delivered an interesting lecture-sermon. The Bakersville Band gave a concert at the close of the service.

On Wednesday morning Rev. H. B. Burkholder of Berlin conducted the devotional service with an address on "Fitness."

The pastors and lay delegates were very hospitably entertained in the homes of the members of the Bakersville church. Rev. Yount of town was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mull. At the close of the conference the delegates were again conveyed by automobile to the train at Somerset.

This is reported to have been a most enjoyable and profitable meeting of the conference. The conference will meet next year in the Friends Lutheran church.

Rev. E. S. Johnston, D. D., of Salisbury, and Rev. John Brubaker, D. D., of Berlin, were present and took an active part in the proceedings of conference.

Rev. Carney reported that the history of the Lutheran church of Somerset county will be published during this year.

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## SIREN FROG SIGNALS TRAINS.

Hydman, Pa., May 26.—A giant frog which has his abode near a big rock in Wills Creek, just east of here, has caused consternation among the trainmen, on the B. & O. Railroad, because of his ability to imitate the deep-toned whistles on the freight engines.

According to the stories told by several of the trainmen, Gig "Blodick" gets up on his big rock and sends his deep-throated bass sounding down the valley, exactly as the big mogul engines sound their whistle when they call a flagman. Several flagmen, thinking they had been given the signal to return, left their posts, and wrecks were narrowly averted.

Brakeman J. W. Fleagle, of Conberland, who saw the big frog, declares he stands two feet high and has eyes as big as teacups.

Several of the trainmen have armed themselves and threaten dire vengeance to "Old Gig."

Well, well, Hydman is on the map at last.

And yet, when all has been said, Hydman is supposed to be a temperance town. It's too bad.

The above mentioned Fleagle does not say this reptile has a red and black tail, or a mouth like the opening of the Sand Patch tunnel. It would be better if some of these men were armed, not with bottles, but with a real sure-thing-Colts 45-90, and exterminate this awful beast, or reptile.

In the meantime, Hydman is on the map for a time at least.

Anon.

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Winter Feed for Poultry. One of the best and most relished winter feeds for poultry is cabbage, says a writer in an exchange. Even though there is an abundance of other green vegetable matter, I should still strive to add some cabbage to the list.

It is true that there is nothing quite as good for the hens as a growing crop, such as rye, over which they can range and thus combine exercise with food getting, and every effort should be made to provide it, but often space is too limited for such crops, and dependence must be had altogether on substitutes that can be stored away.

## THE GRIM REAPER

Wm. Moser, of Wellersburg, was buried on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, May 20. The cause of his death was due to blood poison.

Several weeks ago he hurt his finger by scratching it on a wire fence. This sore appeared to be healing nicely. Mr. Moser was a mine and week after he had hurt his hand while in the mine there seemed some danger of the roof falling in and while trying to get out of danger struck his head against a cap piece. After returning home he complained of severe pain in his head. The next day being Sunday he went to church service, the following Monday he went back to the mine and worked all day, but suffered considerable pain from his head. On Tuesday he remained at home, and on carefully examining his head, it was found that a sore, the size of a pin head and in the form of a pimple had developed. Mrs. Moser began at once to poultice and continued all day. On Wednesday Dr. Murray, of Mt. Savage, was called in. He advised that the poultice application be continued. On Thursday morning Dr. Murray again visited the patient; in the evening of the same day he called and lanced the sore. This gave Mr. Moser some relief, but on Saturday his condition was not favorable and it decided to call in another doctor for consultation. The case was pronounced that of blood poison, and that it would terminate fatally.

In the evening at 5:45 he died on Sunday May 17th. The community was shocked when it learned that Wm. Moser, a man in the prime of life, had been cut down by death. He was a splendid man and will be missed in the community.

He is survived by his wife, who is the daughter of our highly respected citizen, Peter Knepp, and by one daughter, Beula, aged 8 years. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Knable, assisted by Rev. E. S. Johnston.

## BOOKS FOR BOY PRISONERS

No Ball and Chain These Days, but Character of Reading Matter is Questioned.

Prisoners are cared for so much better than they used to be. They no longer have to sit with a ball and chain on their legs, eating bread and water, or taking 75 years to carve their message on the pillars of a dank and darkened dungeon with a rusty nail smuggled in by a trusty confederate who swims the moat beyond the castle walls. No, indeed. They have up-to-date methods. They even give 'em books to read.

You can prove that by going up to the juvenile court, where the room in which children are sometimes confined is furnished with a wooden bench. There is a book there for the juvenile prisoners to regale their literary tastes. You can imagine the feelings of the half-scarred newie, locked up in that room, reading That Book.

Its name is "Facing Death." Some of the chapters are: "Evil Tidings," "In Deadly Peril," "The Arm of the Law," "A Critical Moment," "A Heavy Loss."

Must be an optimistic sort of a child prisoner who can stand that? Eh?

Not Entirely Unobservant.

"I think that children are not so observing as they used to be," said a member of the school board to a district school teacher.

"I haven't noticed it," replied the teacher.

"Well, I'll prove it to you," answered the committeeman. Turning to the class he said:

"Some one give me a number."

"Thirty-seven," said a little girl eagerly.

He wrote "73" on the board. Nothing was said.

"Well, some one else give me a number."

"Fifty-seven," said another child.

He wrote "75" on the board and smiled knowingly at the teacher when nothing was said. He called for a third number and fairly gasped when a little urchin piped up: "Seventy-seven, and see if you can change that."

Latest in Astronomy.

Now let us examine the See theory, which the professor supports by much mathematical and observational data too technical to be rehearsed here. This is the exact opposite of Laplace's scheme, says Leslie's Weekly.

Professor See holds, indeed, that the polar system was formed from a spiral nebula, but that instead of the planets having been detached from the sun by rotation they have been captured and added on from the outer parts of the nebula. All the satellites likewise have been captured by their several planets, and not one of them detached by rotation from the central bodies. This Doctor See calls the capture theory. The moon, likewise, he says, was originally a planet, but, nearing the earth, was captured and made a satellite. This is in direct contradiction to the previous most modern explanation of the origin of the moon, held by Dr. George Darwin.

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