

# GAFFNEY HAS MANY PARK SITE OFFERS

## Braves Have Outgrown the South End Grounds.

## Famous Old Field for Sale, but No Proposition Yet Accepted.

Pres James E. Gaffney of the Boston Nationals came here from New York yesterday to attend to some business of a private nature. He declared that the announcement which appeared in a morning paper to the effect that the Walpole-st Grounds, owned by the club, had been sold to the Sears-Roebuck Company of Chicago was without foundation in fact, and upon reaching the office of the club in the Paddock Building Mr Gaffney issued a statement in which he said:

"At the present time the Boston National League Baseball Company has no proposition under consideration from the Sears-Roebuck Company, or any other concern of that character, for the purchase of the grounds."

Mr Gaffney is quite willing to sell the grounds, however, providing a factory would be erected on them and thus give work to Boston residents. He realizes that the park is now too small for the Braves and that it will be necessary to provide a new plant for the club.

"Mayor Curley has been trying to boom Boston commercially in getting industries to come to this city," said Mr Gaffney, "and I certainly would like to help the Mayor out along these deserving lines."

"I have had many offers of a site for a new ball field, and could undoubtedly arrange to get the use of Fenway Park until the new park would be ready."

Mr Gaffney did not care to give any hint as to the location of the various sites offered by owners or agents.

Mr. Gaffney had a conference with Mayor Curley and John N. Cole, chairman of the boom Boston commission, and Mr Cole undoubtedly will be able to show a prospective purchaser the advantages that could be attained by the utilization of the old baseball battlefield as a site for a factory.

Mr Gaffney left town at 1 o'clock this morning, but expects to return here early next week.

He said that the people at Hot Springs were trying to have him send the Braves to that place for their Spring training. They were offering him, he declared, every inducement possible, especially the hotel people, which was not the case in Macon just at present.

Manager Stallings is at his home at Haddock, about 15 miles from Macon, where he says he proposes to stay until Spring. One week of theatrical life was enough for him, and while the plantation is not a very lively place in the Winter, he says it is more conducive to his good health and peace of mind than would be the stage.

Mr Stallings expects a visit soon from Walter Maranville and Mrs Maranville. He signed up in Springfield yesterday and in a letter received from Mr Stallings by Sec Nickerson, the latter was requested to arrange for the transportation and other accommodations on the trip.