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TWO MORE IN RACE

BINGHAM AND M'GURN WILLING TO TAKE PRESIDENCY.

FIVE AFTER CARSON'S PLACE

Central League Becomes Hotbed of Baseball Politics, With Players Mixing in the Contest—Magnates are for Local Men.

Candidates for the Central league presidency are thicker than peas in a pod and with the arrival of each day a new batch of names is sprung on the baseball public.

Ben Mulford, of Cincinnati, O., started the campaign when he announced himself as a candidate in opposition to Dr. F. N. Carson, the present executive officer of the league. Then followed the announcements of E. W. Dickerson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Henry Edwards, of Cleveland, O.

To-day the name added to the list was those of Edward M. Bingham, of Indianapolis, and G. W. McGurn, of Chicago. Bingham's announcement, like Mulford's comes via Terre Haute, Ind., and there may be some doubt as to the same. The candidacy of McGurn, however, was announced at the home of the baseball man and the two men to stand sponsor for him, Jimmy Ryan and Jack Hendricks, have already started his campaign to bring him to the fore.

It is not surprising that these two men should put their heads together and bring the president of the International League into the fight. Ryan and Carson, as both players feel that they should down the South Bend man at all costs.

Hendricks, although placed in the league by the South Bend club as a local man, has been in the thick of the fight ever since the first day that he began to play. The "Maud" of the league, during the few months he was in charge of Bloomington, was one of the most vociferously active men all the other managers combined. Ryan never made trouble for Carson, but he feels that Carson will not be in any strength in the Evansville fold, for, although he has never owned to about the South Bend magnate from the date of his election, Ryan, however, does not get a seat at the meeting of a league president at which he was present, meeting of the league at Canton, O., is to sit in the auto-room and look wise. The Evansville vote will be cast by Walker and he is for Carson. Ryan, however, is sure that he can strike down the auto proposition as the other candidates. In case Carson withdraws from the race, which is not at all likely, the man to land the plum will be Bingham. The Indianapolis man would have the support of South Bend, Wheeling, Canton and Evansville the minus the South Bend man would withdraw from the race, which is not at all likely, leaving for him to swing one other club.

CUPPY TELLS OF RUSIE.

Former Pitcher, in Elkhart, Gives Story of Ex-Giant.

The Tribune's Special Service.

Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 21.—"Amos Rusie is likely to cause a surprise next spring if he goes back on the ball field," observed George ("Nig") Cuppy, now a business man at Elkhart when he read that the once mighty twirler had been signed by the Springfield, O., Central league club. "I have been told that Rusie has been taking good care of himself, leading the simple life and earning a living by healthful outdoor work. If his right arm has any of its former power left, he will make those Central league batsmen look like a lot of drunken sailors when they come to the plate.

"Rusie didn't surprise me to see Rusie back in the league company. He certainly was a great pitcher once, probably the greatest of them all, for he had curves as well as speed, and he could use his head on the mound. Physically he is a giant. He has tremendous strength, but he uses his arm out. Now he has a good long rest and I believe if he warms up gradually next spring he will be fit to pitch in any company.

"The simple life is the secret of success in any branch of athletics," continued Cuppy. "I think Tommy Ryan and Jack Hendricks lead the life for a professional athlete. Both men are practical farmers and keep up their vitality and strength by a vigorous outdoor life.

"Hendricks is a big fellow, weighing about 185 pounds, which is from six to six feet tall as "Cy" Young, but with big, wide shoulders," said Cuppy. "I can remember one day when I was pitching for Springfield against the Giants, hit the ball square on the nose and rounded it outside of the field for a home run. Doubtedly pitchers are not the best batters, but they are liable to hit anything as hard as the best sluggers do.

"Amos Rusie first came into prominence by his pitching for the Grand avenue team in Indianapolis. The manager of the team was Jimmy Rogers, who was a fielder and one day gave every start. At the end of the season the Indianapolis team was transferred to New York and Amos Rusie received his reward. Cuppy says he was not the only player who took up an imperial person in New York that he practically owned the town.

"Was he hard to hit? Well when the ball came it came like a streak of lightning and was gone like a flash. I was, and never was he would have an honest time would start in outside the plate and nearly hear your way."

In those days Rusie and "Jim" Hutchinson were the two star pitchers, and it was nearly a draw as to which was the better. "Hut" played with the Chicago Nationals and when they played in Indianapolis I was at "Amos" Rusie's house.

"Rusie is now working in a lumber yard at Vincennes, Ind., and is said to be taking good care of himself. He denies that he has gone back to his manager, Jim Mutrie, and he is not in any shape to do a day's work. Original league experience was with Cincinnati, O., several years ago.

"Rusie was not of the stamp that the nasty every pitcher. Cuppy said. "If he was he would have had a chance to play with several major leagues and for a good salary now. If every season since I went out of the game, last season I had a chance to pitch for a good salary, but I knew that my arm wouldn't last more than a month or so. I believe now, if I had stuck to it and kept in good shape and kept spring I intend to start some time next spring, I could do it. I know