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MANAGER JOE WOFFORD HAS GARNERED GREAT TEAM OF PLAYERS

at Union next Monday afternoon. the Laurens fans a touch of high life Manager Joe Wofford-the only orig- in last Friday's practice game with inal Cincinnatus of the great national Clinton. He pitched last season pastime-will be among those pres- for Orangeburg, winning 7 out of his ent with as husky and withal as likely-looking a staff as has been got together in a long time here or anywhere else.

Many of last year's pennant-winners are still with the team; and, when two days later the 1924 aggregation opens in Laurens with Union, the local fans-which class includes practically everybody in the citywill doubtless give their several favorite players the heartiest of hearty welcomes. And they deserve it too: for, in addition to knowing how to play the game, the members of the Laurens club have endeared themselves to the community by their gentlemanly demeanor always. It is not such successful sportsman but the Americans that makes for the popularity of baseball and baseball players here.

Manager-Player-Diplomat Joe has been exceedingly busy in securing the services of outside talent as well as attracting most of last year's men; and, during the try-out week, he will have ample material from which to,

Though temporarily out of the lineup on account fo an injured ankle, "Babe" Betsill can be confidently counted on to come across with the speed and the curves just as he did last year. The same may be said for "Lefty" Bobo, the strike-out king, who is in prime condition and ready to twirl a no-hit game on short notice.

But there are also other pitchers who are on Joe's roster-eight of them-all ready and waiting and rearin' to go. Hughie Smith, 24, from Carnesville, Ga., played with Anderson last year, his record being mark. 9 games won, 2 lost and 2 tied. Brannon Godfrey; 24, of Woodruff, won 7 When it comes to slugging, though, out of 15 games pitched in 1923; but the local patrons of the finest of all it is to be remembered that he was sports have been privileged to see in the fast moving Virginia League. young "Casey" Thornton, of Enoree, The same applies to, E. E. Purcell, in action. He claims to be only 18 23, of Carnesville, Ga., (he being a years old, but it would certainly seem townie of Hughie Smith), who won to have taken a longer time that that the Blue Ridge League came through Smith told me to do would be all 5 out of his 12 games for High Point, for him to have so focussed his eye with an average of 410 for the season. right."

Laurens, S. C., May 21 .- (Special): | last year in the Piedmont League. When the umpire calls "Play Ball" | William Hines, 23, of Charleston, gave 8 starts. J. H. Flowers, 28, is rated as not only a pitcher but also a 350hitting outfielder. He played last season for Caroleen of the Blue Ridge

he won 6, lost 2 and tied the other 2. Jimmie Hilton, 28, was with Flowers for the first half of last season, finishing the season with Rock Hill. His pitching record for Rock Hill was 8 victories and but 2 defeats. Wofford Cooper, 20, of Simpsonville, has pitched two seasons for his local high school without losing but one game during that entire-time. During the summer months, he has pitched for several fast independent teams. J. D. besides.

Manager Joe fully realizes how many ball games are lost for the want of catchers who can throw and who also can think and that in a great big hurry. So he has founded up several who are in the habit of using ting when hits mean runs. That he their heads for other and better purselect those who will be distined to poses than merely to hang their go the route to another championship. hats on. "Kid" Dodgen, 20, of Atlanta, played last season with Winchester, Ga., where he led his club in batting with an average of 369. Joe Kennerty, 23, of Charleston, played with the Standard Oil team last year, hitting 280 for the entire season. Of all catchers who figured in last year's Carolina League scores, none was considered to be the superior of Roy Moore. Fortunately for Laurens, he

comes within his reach, Sigman slugs will be on hand when the first ball around 350 when Laurens is at the is pitched; and, when the first ball is pitched to him, the artist from bat. Third baseman O'Connor, inciwhom it emanates had better bear in dentally, does not do all his work around the torrid corner, his official mind the fast that Roy's batting average for 1923 was well over the 300 average for the season of 1923 being

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on the elusive sphere as to pile up the Of infield material Joe also is not slugging that he did right out in plain unmindful. "Red" Howard needs no Wheeler. sight last Friday afternoon. "Casey" introduction either to the baseball faced the pitcher from Clinton five public here where he has played for one or two incidents, where I had times; or, to put it more accurately, two years or to the art of covering some question as to Mr. Smith's judg-

the visiting moundsman was obliged second base where he is everlasting- ment and went to the attorney to face "Casey" that often. The net ly there with the goods. Equally general." result was one home run, one double well and favorably known and uni- . The witness related how Smith had and two singles whereas the fifth one versally liked is Jimmie Briggs who | told an assistant chief of the bureau, would have unquestionably gone for is so much at home around first base "he had to get out." a slashing one-sacker had it not been that one cannot help wondering why "Everybody around the Departfor the unfortunate fact that there he gives his permanent address as ment of Justice recognized him as was a runner on first who just had to Salisbury, North Carolina. In the the man they had to pay attention get out at second. Hit as it was to event, however, that Jimmie should deep second, the ball could not pos- be temporarily disabled, young Paul "He was the most powerful man sibly have been sent to first in time Collier, 24, of Jefferson, Ga., is no there next to the attorney general." League, pitching 10 games of which to kill "Casey", nor yet to third to slouch around the initial sack. He successfully cut off the runner there; played with Oglethorpe University a sort of a messenger for the attorbut, as it happened, the well de- and with Americus of the South ney general," asked George E. Chamserved base hit had to be set down as Georgia League in 1923, hitting well berlain, attorney for Mr. Daugherty. a force-out of the runner at second over 300 for the season. The only and consequently "Casey" lost out on two 1924 pennant chasers yet to re- messenger," Bailey responded. his almost average of 1000 for the port are Shortstop F. L. Hunnicutt, afternoon. "But can he keep it up?" of Waycross, Ga., and F. G. Neale, queried one pessimistic fan. Quick as of Laurinburg, N. C. Hunnicutt a flash came back the automatic an- played two years with Knoxville and swer: "He has thus far!" last season was with Jackson City of

"Casey," by the way, is listed as an the Cotton States League. Neale is outfielder, in which territory he is still a student at Trinity college. Last Donaldson, 31, of Charlotte, pitched assured of good company in plenty. year he played second base for Forest alone, therefore, to be represented by last year for Caroleen along with Joe himself is on the job. Enough City of the Blue Ridge League, bat-Flowers who is authority for the said; for as well try to introduce ting 440 plus. Young Tidwell, varipossession of so clean and well-be- statement that Don was the best Charlie Chaplin or Douglas Fairbanks ously listed as an outfielder, an inhaved a lot of wholesome young pitcher on the team, being a curve ar- to a movie audience as Joe Wofford fielder and a general utility player, tist par excellence and a 290 hitter to anybody in Laurens. Archie seems to be equally at home prac-O'Connor, too, is scarcely what you tically anywhere where there's work

would call a stranger in these parts- to be done. He is said to far and Archie who covers a considerable por- away the most promising product of tion of any outfield all by himself and, Laurens high school for several years when not thus employde, is liable at past.

JESS SMITH KNOWN **AS GENERAL "BOSS"**

Says He Was Right Hand Man of **Attorney General Daugherty**

Washington, May 20 .- Upon the authority of former Attorney General Daugherty, orders given by Jess Smith, his friend and companion. were taken and obeyed by the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, Lewis J. Bailey, its former acting chief, testified today before the Senate Daugherty committee.

Bailey, new agent in charge for the bureau at Atlanta, was acting chief from October, 1920, to August, 1921. He said he was told by Mr. Daugherty to take up all questions

"Did you do so ?" asked Senator

"Yes," Bailey replied, "except in

to." Bailey said.

"You understood that Smith was "Well, I don't know as to being a

"He was some sort of a representative of the attorney general, while assigned to get news from the though I don't say I was to follow Department of Justice and that his word entirely, without some in- Smith's "general attitude was that of dication that the attorney general an official of the Department." Smith approved."

lain demanded.

"There were two or three little uestions we could not agree on, Bailey said.

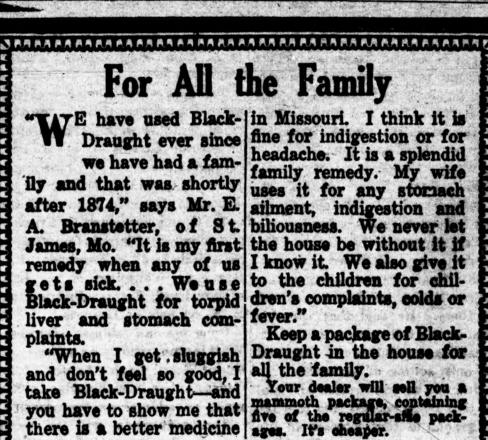
"There was not any corruption in his request?"

Smith got everythnig he wanted, Bailey said, when Senator Wheeler asked as to his access to official files. The bureau of investigation files were frequently furnished to him, the witness declared, though all the files he remembered Smith having were in reference to employes.

"Everybody up there understood they had to do what he told them." Bailey added.

"If they were like me, they figured they had better take his orders or look for a new job."

J. Pierce Miller, a former Washington newspaper man, testified that he met Jess Smith, in February, 1922 at the time had no patricular office, "Did Smith ever request you to he said, but "roamed around various do anything wrong ?" Mr. Chamber- offices, chiefly occupying the attorney general's office.'



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fielder who is liable to be heard from before the 1924 season is many games old is Willie Corn, 20, who in the

any time to break up a game by hit-

is 23 does not in any degree interfere

with his skill or his luck; but the real

fact is that, like his ever-popular

brother Mack who inhabits the third

base station for Laurens, he just

naturally knows base ball and loves it

and plays it every minute of the time

-not for his own individual record

but for his team and his town. When

it comes to outfielding, W. T. Sigman

is far from a forgetable factor in the

success of the local team. In addi-

tion to gathering in everything that

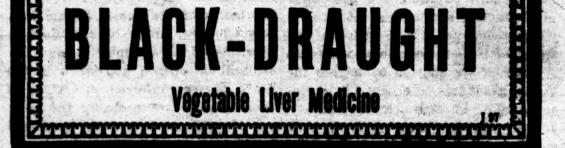
something like 325. Another out-

1922 hit for an average of 433 and

last year with the Forest City Club of

with Smith. Mr. Daugherty said he was a very Western North Carolina League in

busy man," Bailey testified, "but that Mr. Smith represented him. Anything that came up, he told me. I should see Smith about, and whatever



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