

LITTLE CHANCE FOR "OUTLAW" LEAGUES THE COMING SEASON

Third league talk is still going the rounds of the semi-pro ball parks of the country, Pittsburgh being active in trying to revive last year's United States league under the name of the Federal circuit this year. The promoters are going about the deal on a cash basis, demanding guarantees from other cities that they will carry out any schedule they sign. Prospects seem slim for any franchise for Chicago, as Gunther park has joined the Lake Shore league, while Rogers park is committed to a free lance schedule and the American Giants are also filled up with dates by other colored clubs.

Earl Rugar's new Riverview park team seems their only hope and Rugar is busy on another deal whereby he expects to arrange games on an exchange basis with Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. Should his deal reach completion it will mean that no regular schedule will be played and that the fans will get just as much or as little baseball as they show an inclination to pay for. Rugar returned from Cleveland last week where he secured promises of support

and is now in Indianapolis arranging with the Indiana magnates on the same terms.

All of the local parks expect to stage games before the end of the present month and the fans are already beginning to call theater programs "score cards." Louis Sternheim has already booked a game although it went into the discard on account of the recent zero weather. Manager Bill Peters of the Chicago Union Giants has arranged a game for next Sunday, but it looks as though Easter will again see the formal opening of the local semi-pro campaign.

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