

## MARCOS LOST TO THE PEERLESS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dayton, O.—The Marcos were defeated last Sunday by the fastest white team in the city, called the Peerless, by the score of 9 to 1. The game started very interesting until the fourth inning, when Sloane allowed four runs to score. Benton came in and held the white boys down, with the exception of errors made by the infielders. Ben and Sloane pitched for the Marcos. Thompson, of the Richmond Giants, played short.

Umpires, Mock, Allen.

Score: Peerless 9, Marcos 1.

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## THE LELAND GIANTS.

Foremost Negro Ball Tossers in the World—Their Rise and Remarkable Progress.

The Leland Giants, that well known aggregation of base ball players, has won imperishable fame in the annals of American sport. Wherever and whenever base ball is discussed in that ultra sense of fairness the negro team gets consideration. A thousand critics that meet

tion. A thousand pitties that race prejudice shuts out the swarthy stalwarts from where they belong as a matter of merit, viewing the prowess along the line a manifestation of art and which needs no attorneys to prove the fact. But the Leland Giants are not wailing and nashing teeth owing to their bad fortune. They are making the best of the situation, succeeding in spite of the limitations, making an enviable name wherever base ball is spoken.

Not always have the Leland Giants been invincible as they are today in the class which they are permitted to play. In the winter of 1906 the club was purchased by the Leland Giants Base Ball and Amusement Association of Frank C. Leland, the assets of the club being merely its name, good will and a few last year's bats.

The first game was played under the new management in 1907 at Auburn Park, Chicago. One hundred and twelve games were played during the year. Lost 26, won 13 shutouts. The year was a prosperous one and the company increased its capital stock from \$2,500 to \$100,000, and in the winter of that year joined the Chicago League, an organization that was formed in Chicago, consisting of Logan Squares, Gunthers, West Ends, Anson Colts, Milwaukee White Sox and the Leland Giants. Ninety-two games were played. Lost 26, won 18 shutouts and lost 2.

The year was not a prosperous one and the association withdrew its team, the Leland Giants, from the Chicago league, and with the Gunthers, joined the Park Owners Association in the winter of 1909.



The Park Owners Association consisted of the following clubs: Gunthers, Artisans, Leland Giants, Roseland Eclipse, Meyers' Cubs, Senacas, Felix Colts, Spe-

cial, Koster Colts, all park owning clubs, together with DeKalb, Joliet, Chicago Heights, Whiting Mutuals, The Shamrocks, All Chicagos, Chicago Grays, Nippersinks, Tom Moores, and Webers as traveling clubs. By reason of the park used in 1907 and 1908 belonging to a man by the name of Schorling, who held the franchise in the Chicago League, and the further fact that it was about to be sub-divided the association secured a park of its own at Sixty-ninth and Halsted streets, this city, and began playing ball May 15, 1910, and has played during the year so far 106 games and won 102—lost 4—of which 21 were shutouts and 1 a tie. The season was fairly successful, the Leland Giants playing to the largest crowds of any club in the city of Chicago, playing semi-professional ball.

On Sept. 15 the club was sent East, but owing to the fact that the colored clubs of the East, with one exception, are owned and controlled by others than our people, the games East were confined to playing the Tri-State League clubs—Lancaster, Altoona, Trenton, Mike Donlin's All Stars of New York, Central Islip, Atlantic Collegians and Monte Cross's Athletic Stars, considered the best semi-professionals in the country, as most of these clubs are composed of league players.

The club's record in the East has been phenomenal, having played continuously every day and won every game played so far to audiences ranging from 5,000 to 10,000. The following is the result of the principal games played, to-wit: Sept. 18, Leland Giants vs. Stamford League at New York, 14-4; Sept. 18, Leland Giants vs. Manhattan at New York, 12-0.

Giants vs. Manhattans at New York, 13-2; Sept. 19, Leland Giants vs. Lancasters at Atlantic City, 7-0; Sept. 20, Leland Giants vs. Lancasters at Atlantic City, N. J., 3-2; Sept. 21, Leland Giants vs. Lancasters at Atlantic City, N. J., 6-0; Sept. 22, Leland Giants vs. Lancasters at Atlantic City, N. J., 11-7; Sept. 23, Leland Giants vs. Lancasters at Atlantic City, N. J., 14-3; Sept. 24, Leland Giants vs. Scrantons at Atlantic City, N. J., 9-1; Sept. 25, Leland Giants vs. Central Islips at New York, 13-3; Sept. 15, Leland Giants vs. Mike Donlin's All Stars, 9-1; Sept. 27, Leland Giants vs. Trenton at Atlantic City, 9-3; Sept. 27, Leland Giants vs. Trenton at Atlantic City, 5-3.

The club will be absent all fall and winter, as it will go into winter quarters at Tampa, Fla., on or about the first of January and remain until on or about the 15th of March, when it will mobilize at Mobile, Ala., perhaps for its spring training and will reach Chicago about the 15th of May next. There has been some talk by those interested in the Leland Giants to form a League of Colored Clubs, consisting of teams from Birmingham, Ala.; Memphis, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; West Baden, Ind.; Indianapolis, Ind.; St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Kan.; Oklahoma City, Okla., and Chicago, Ill. It has been suggested that such an organization would pay and would enable the leading clubs of the country to visit Chicago, a field that has been practically closed to them since the formation of the city league and the undersigned would be pleased to hear and receive from the parties interested in the game of baseball from the points mentioned, sugges-



tions with a view of ascertaining the possibility of such an enterprise.

The officers of the organization are as follows: W. V. Jefferson, president; John W. Hamilton, first vice-president; Beauregard F. Moseley, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Bolden, rink manager; Andrew (Rube) Foster, manager and captain.

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## WEST BADEN SPRUDELS AND GUNTHERS

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### Play Thirteen Inning Draw—Gunthers a Scrappy Bunch.

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Niesens Gunthers played a five-game series at West Baden, winning the series, by what was called foul means. Two games went to the Gunthers by a very rotten decision by Manager Niesen. Friday, who was the umpire for the first two games, walked out of the diamond in the third game, declaring that the Gunthers was not a gentlemanly set of ball players. Friday, who is a white man, said that while umpiring the players would constantly curse and swear at him, using all manner of mean language when it was absolutely uncalled for. There were other umpires sent in, but they were treated likewise by the Gunthers. Niesen finally went in and absolutely gave the game to his team, after Rogers, owner of the Sprudels, trusted him to umpire fair. The last game also went in the Gunthers' favor, after they walked off the field and would not finish the game unless Uiesen umpired. Niesen and Otis Burnett went on the job after a long delay. And the game went in favor of the Gunthers by a mean decision by the last

Gunthers, by a mean decision in the last half of the ninth, by Niesen calling Moore out when there wasn't a person in the park, white or black, that would not have said that he was wrong. Quite peculiar. The Sprudels have played all the Chicago clubs—Chicago Giants, Lealand Giants, and the Gunthers (this season) a thirteen inning game. Rube Foster won out in the thirteenth by the score of 3 to 2. The Lealands and Gunthers games were called on account of darkness in the thirteenth. The score of the first game:

Gunthers	.....2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2
Sprudels	.....0	2	0	3	4	0	1	1	0—11	

Second game:

Gunthers	.....3	0	2	4	0	2	1	4	0—16
Sprudels	.....0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

Third game:

Gunthers	.....0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0—4
Sprudels	.....0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1—2

Fourth game:

Sprudels	.....0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0—3
Gunthers	.....0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—3

Fifth game:

Gunthers	.....0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1—2
Sprude's	.....0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

## BASEBALL IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES.

NEW YORK—Just finished a most successful season with the New York Black Sox throughout the New Eengland States.

There is a rumor around New York that Harry Buckner is trying to get Robertson over with the Royals. Buckner, Tearle and Robertson are looked upon out East to be the hardest batting pitch-



ers that have been seen in that part of the country this season, regardless of color.

When Frank Leland passed Robertson up when in New Orleans he recommended him to the St. Paul Gophers and New York Black Sox. During St. Paul's delay in agreeing on terms the New York Black Sox grabbed Robertson up.

Robertson may play in Palm Beach this winter, as he and Harry Buckner are close pals. Buckner wants to use him down there.

The Chicago Giants are all right, but they haven't got all good dependable hitters on the club and passing up such a man as George, who would have helped the club very much at the bat, in right field and on the mound.

There's good material yet in New Orleans, and the club managers will do well to keep in touch with the spot pages of The Freeman, for I will push out for you to pick up the best of it.

Yours truly,

J. E. L.

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## THE PENSACOLA GIANTS PLAYED THE STONEWALLS

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Winning the First Game 8 to 0 and  
the Second 3 to 1.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—The Giants hadn't played any ball in six weeks, but they played good ball and ran bases the same as they did when they were playing every day.

They were very successful on their

road trip, winning 29 and losing 9 games. Some of the boys have gone to their homes for the winter, but will be back next season to meet all comers.

The boys have promised to be on hand for practice as soon as they are notified by their manager, Mr. Goldstucker, who is well liked by all the players. They will do all they can for him when they are called upon.

Patton, Oliver, Boots, Davis, Hannon and Scotland are still here, where they will be all of the winter.

Mr. Goldstucker has employed all the boys that care to winter here. He is in the undertaking business. All wish the Leland Giants success on their trip to Cuba. All the boys read The Freeman and wish it success.

Yours respectfully.

JOHN SMITH, a Fan.

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## ***In the Field of Sport.***

BY HAROLD C. MCGATH.

### ***St. Louis Giants***

Would like to hear from all first class clubs. Address all communications to Charles A. Mills, 2320 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo. We own our own Park—on direct car line.



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