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VISIONS OF PAST are revived by this old picture of the famous Boss Tin Shop in Bonaparte. In those days its owner, J. S. Entler, seated at the right, brought many of baseball's "greats" to Bonaparte as a result of his associations with the game. Standing at the right is Charles C. Casady, Boss Entler's assistant. The picture was taken 62 years ago.

Keokuk in the evening and re-join the Comiskey party on the houseboat — after visiting their friend, Boss Entler.

Baseball's Greats

Among those who came to Bonaparte to chat with their old friend were John McGraw, famous manager of New York Giants, originally from Cedar Rapids; Charles (Old Roman) Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox; Hans Wagner, known in the baseball world as "The Flying Dutchman" and Pittsburgh's Joe and Mike Cantillon. Joe played in the American association for years and later became an umpire.

Bonaparte's J. (Peck) Sharp, one of the shining lights of Milwaukee, Kansas City and Columbus, O. in the American association, came home regularly and never missed a session with Boss Entler. He accompanied the great array of baseball talent each year on the southern trips, too.

Harrington of Keokuk
Jerry Harrington of Keokuk, played one season with Bonaparte's semi-pro team and then went up to become one of the National league's great catchers, being with Cincinnati for many years. Harrington was often in the party which visited Bonaparte.

There are still enough old timers in Bonaparte and this area to remember those golden days of baseball in this part of Iowa.

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