

BASE BALL UP IN THE AIR

Magnates Busy Abusing Each Other, but Nothing Much Doing.

WESTERN LEAGUE MEET AT KANSAS CITY

Expulsion of Beall Only Real Thing Accomplished in Spite of All Speechmaking and Name-Calling.

Hold your base.

There's no occasion for any one else getting excited. It's the magnates' turn and they are making the most of it. Probably the thought that the public is getting tired of the row has not occurred to them. They may yet hear the dear people exclaim, as did Lieutenant Merritt: "A plague on both your houses!" All this hearing of names and calling of names and the like won't build grandstands nor hire players nor pay car fare, nor convince anyone who will stop to think that there is any great degree of sincerity behind it. It may amuse the magnates, but it isn't fooling anybody. Owners on both sides of the game of teams will lose nothing if they will get together and settle their differences amicably. If they keep up their bickerings much longer they will lose everything, for they are persistently forcing to the front what should be kept in the background—that is, the commercial side of the game. That professional base ball has a commercial side has always been known, yet the most successful managers have been those who have kept the business end in the background and have made the sport the feature. Just at present the quarrelling magnates of the country prospect have reversed this order, and have put their personal business interests ahead of everything.

Omaha is interested solely because we are asked to play the part of the home over which the dogs war, and will be required later to furnish toothsome sustenance for whichever dog comes off the better. It may be that the Omaha patrons of base ball enjoy being the prize hung up for a test of strength between rival leagues. If they do, they have so far been successful in concealing the fact. No great public outburst of enthusiasm over the prospect of either side has yet been heard. On the other hand, there is much reason to believe that the squabble is already having a depressing effect on the public, and if persisted in will result in the extermination of interest in the local team. No one for a moment believes that Omaha can sustain either side as yet better off than Omaha will be asked to. None doubt the sincerity of either Rourke or Bandle, either of whom would be popular as manager of a team here. The public does not care to be called on to make a choice between these two, and one thing is left to be decided, in which league will Omaha be enrolled during the coming season? That question cannot yet be answered, for all the assurances that have been given

Two days were spent at Kansas City last week by the surviving magnates of the Western league and the prospective, who had as their guests President Pat Powers of the Eastern league and the National Association of Minor Leagues, Secretary Felber of the association and President Sexton of the Three I league. The guests thumped their anathemas at Hickey and Tebeau, and President Powers, who has a reputation for his lecture of excommunicatory against the president of the American association. It appears from the published proceedings of the meeting at Kansas City that Mr. Hickey's offense against Mr. Powers does not consist so much in attempting to organize a league, as it does in aspiring to major league honors. Mr. Powers wants it distinctly understood that he is next out for a position in big league ranks, and that if there is to be a vacancy, or a new place, he is to have it, and not Hickey. And so, like the Cardinal Lord Archbishop of Rheims, in holy anger and plous grief, He solemnly cursed that rascally thief.

Oh, there never was heard such a terrible curse. But what gave rise To no little surprise, No one seemed one penny the worse. Following the lead of his superior, Mr. Secretary Felber turned loose the entire vocabulary of name ball epithets and obiturgatory expressions on the devoted Hickey. He was followed by Mr. Sexton, who, finding that all the well-set terms of denunciation had been exhausted by his predecessors, was forced to coin a few new ones. He gave loyal and unswerving support to the league and to the home team. Now that Omaha has a chance to get into better company The Bee wants to see the move made. This paper

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Burns put rollers under Magnate Beall, and a can to him, and joyously shunted him into outer darkness. Next, they awarded the Denver franchise to former Magnate Packard, with the distinct proviso that he do not use the Broadway park, the improvements on which belong to Beall. Magnate Packard accepted. All the other magnates were named as a committee to select the site necessary to complete the circuit. And having done this, "the greatest and most enthusiastic minor league meeting ever held" adjourned to reassemble at the call of the president, who said he thought he would get them together about February 15. Some scoffer has suggested that February 30 would be a more appropriate date. The net results of the meeting appear to be: The assurance of Pat Powers that the cities in the circuit will have his support (moral, of course) so long as they are content to remain in a minor league; the expulsion of A. B. Beall, and the awarding of franchises for four years to Manning and Nichols in Kansas City and Packard of Denver. The circuit so far as made up consists of Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Colorado Springs and Denver. For the other three towns there are Sioux City, Des Moines, Milwaukee, Iowa and Indianapolis. This range for four years is not necessarily permanent. The meeting adjourned, for telegraphic reports from Indianapolis are to the effect that W. H. Watkins, who owns the ball park and American association franchise there, has turned down the proposition from the Western. Many conflicting reports come from Milwaukee. President Whitfield says he has leased the old American league grounds, and President Killera of the American league Milwaukee team says he knows nothing of any such lease. Bill Rourke says a company of Milwaukee capitalists is ready to take the franchise, although Tommy Dowd was an applicant for it. Kansas City a lot of people are asking enough to hint that Jimmy Manning is not in earnest, and that the American team will have a clear field there. In view of all these facts and rumors the Denver meeting of the Western will be looked forward to with even more interest than was that at Kansas City.

Out in Denver there is much discussion as to the desirability of the franchise awarded to Mr. Packard, weighted down as it is with undesirable and even onerous conditions. Right at the outset there is the promise of a suit by Beall. The charge on which he was expelled is collusion with Tebeau. This hinges on a question of veracity between Beall and Whitfield as to verbal instructions from the latter to the former. Beall says he had authority to trade his Minneapolis holdings for the Denver plant, and Whitfield says he hadn't. At any rate, Beall lost money on the deal and the Western league lost Minneapolis. Now the Western league proposes to make Beall's Denver holdings worthless to him by preventing him from having a team at Denver and preventing Packard from leasing the Beall lease and improvements. All who are familiar with the situation know that Denver had the most conveniently located grounds in the league and that not another such spot can be found in the Queen City. Plenty of places for a Sunday park can be had, but no such place for weekday games. So Mr. Packard has the lists out there with the certainty of a lawsuit and the necessity of looking up a new park ahead of him. It is a big handicap and the Denver fanatics realize it. Indeed, McClellan of the Republican, who is the best posted sporting man in Denver, says Packard will be forced to buy Beall's plant. Floto of the Post says he and Harry Mulnix, who went to Kansas City as prospective applicants for a franchise, withdrew because they didn't care to buy a lawsuit. So the situation is not so blamed rosy at Denver, either.

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has no choice between Messrs. Rourke and Bandle. It has always supported legitimate sport in Omaha, and will do so in the future. It wants to break down any established legitimate enterprise or business, but it does favor the expansion of that business when possible and is willing to aid at all times to make that expansion successful. As to the side of the other, The Bee has tried at all times to tell only the truth, to give both factions an equal hearing and to furnish its readers with the facts without regard to the individual interests of contending owners. Whatever the outcome of the present difficulty The Bee will be found in the future, as always in the past, loyally supporting the home team, contending for honest sport and freely and fearlessly expressing its opinion at all times.

Affairs in the big leagues are still as unsettled as at any time during the last two months. Several rapid-fire typewriters have swung into line in the battle between the Brush insurgents and the regulars, led by Al Spalding, at the explosion of verbal lightning during the last fortnight has been something terrific. Up to date there has been no slackening in the fire, and the "I-regret-to-state" reports are yet to come. When the casualties are all noted, which will likely be in the near future, it will be found that the base ball man hasn't been greatly altered. Andrew G. Freedman and John T. Brush will likely have disappeared and that will be about all. The latest broadside from the irregulars concerned in the war is to the effect that Spalding will form a new circuit, with New York left out. Ban Johnson is spending the winter in comparative ease. His circuit is complete, his managers are active and the outlook for the next season is certainly a rosy one to him.

All of which goes to prove that calling names doesn't convince the public; that "saying so doesn't make it so," and that abuse is not argument. Omaha is anxious for base ball and doesn't care to have the chances of the team put in jeopardy just to preserve the prospects of Colorado Springs, St. Joseph and Denver. No more welcome announcements could be made than that Rourke and Bandle had reached an agreement, and that all likelihood of a war had passed.

COUNTRY CLUB GETS A BOOST

The longer they think about it the more jubilant become members of the Omaha Country club because of the admission of that organization into membership in the United States Golf association. This will undoubtedly give the local club a great boost for the coming season, both locally and abroad, and it will have a considerable effect to the advantage of the club in strengthening the ties that bind some of its members to it. Several prominent Country club golfers had determined to play at the Omaha field club this year if the links at the latter place were improved in accordance with the plans made. That the new course at the field club will be standard length, besides offering far more attractive and alluring chances in the way of hazards, was largely responsible for the animus. Its closeness to the city was another strong factor. Now that the Country club is recognized as one of the official organizations in the golfing world, it is certain at least that no Omaha players will allow their membership in it to lapse. Some may still play a major portion of the time at the other place, but they will maintain their connection with the Country club just for the sake of the national standing it gives them, if for no other reason.

Coming right on top of the extensive improvements planned by the Country club, and a new well-earned membership certificate to an association having on its roster the names of all the prominent golf clubs in this country is a culminating triumph. It makes the Country club a legitimate golf club, and its members are entitled to consideration now with any golfers in the United States. It is a great deal to enter any American event from their own club, that being their only necessary qualification. Previous to this time it has been necessary for any Omaha Country club golfer who wished to participate in any national tournament, or one of any sort held under the auspices of the United States Golf association, to first join a club that was numbered in the ranks of the association. Till they did this the Omaha golf chasers were outlaws, and could be nothing more than spectators.

It would not be surprising, too, if this event would give the improvements in the Country club now being made a little boost. Some thousands of dollars are to be spent in piping the course and enlarging it as much as space will permit. The only regret of Country club members is that they have not sufficient grounds to make a regulation course of the standard length. It may be that now an effort will be made to annex a twenty-acre tract to the south or east or west and play the course up to the big 6,447 yards limit set by the Midolthian links at Chicago. At present the course here is only 4,700 yards long, and when lengthened as now planned will be not more than 5,500 yards, which is still 500 yards short of standard. It will take more ground to get that extra third of a mile. The benefit which the club would derive from having standard length links can readily be perceived. It would be a legitimate and official place for the holding of any state, interstate or even national tournament events, the United States Golf association governing. Golf is growing stronger in the west every day, and soon cities west of Omaha, such as Denver, will be vying for admission to golf tournaments. The Gate City will be the logical location for western affairs of this kind as soon as the sport grows strong enough west of here to partially balance its power in Chicago.

Then that 6,000-yard course would hold the players to the Country club courts like leeches. They could get all the preparation right here at home that they need to enter contests anywhere. Distance would be at their command for practice and brass shots could again come into regular play.

WRESTLING MATCHES FIXED

Loch and Greenman to Meet Saturday Night and Carroll and Burns Follow.

Two wrestling matches, both of considerable interest to local mat men, will be the revival in that line of sport in Omaha during the next two weeks. Both are now assured and the dates of the events are well known. The first is a match between two local advocates of Nelson holds, on January 25 Peter Loch and Frank Greenman will try for the best two out of three falls at the Trocadero, the event being a portion of the athletic tournament to be held there that night. These two men have been trying to frame up a match for some months past, and their friends are glad to know that they are coming together at last. Greenman is a freeman on the local scene. Loch has been one of Omaha's wrestling matters for some time. The men have met once before, Loch winning.

One week after this contest comes a match of greater importance. It is the coming together of the foxy Farmer Burns and Joseph Carroll of Spokane, Wash.

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Dr. McGrew of Omaha. The press and public have come to recognize the value of his professional services in all diseases and disorders of men. His practice now extends all over the west.

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Perhaps the most outward and visible evidence of the esteem in which Dr. McGrew is held throughout the west is the fact that he has been called on several occasions to give expert medical testimony in the district courts of the state. In each case important issues hung upon the nature of various venereal diseases and disorders of men and none other than the most reliable specialists of unquestionable professional integrity and ability could be allowed to testify. Dr. McGrew is a recognized authority with the bench and bar of Nebraska and his opinion in cases of this kind is never questioned. His professional career has extended over a period of twenty-six years, fifteen of which have been spent in Omaha. During that time he has treated and cured thousands of cases of contagious blood poisoning, stricture, varicocele, hydrocele, gleet, loss of vitality and associate diseases. His treatment for blood poison is equal to the celebrated Hot Springs treatment, without the water and at less than one-half the cost and can be taken at home without the knowledge of anyone. Thousands of men throughout the west who have been cured of their cases by Dr. McGrew's successful cures—hundreds after their cases had been given up as hopeless by other physicians.



DR. MCGREW AT AGE 53.

Dr. McGrew Says

In a recent interview with a representative of the press Dr. McGrew said: "I believe the time is rapidly approaching when the old style of general practice will give way to specialized practice by men who have made the study of one disease or class of diseases their one object in life. The general practitioner cannot hope to compete with the specialist who brings all his skill to bear upon one particular disease. It is so in other professions—it will soon be so in medicine. Even now no well-informed person goes to the family doctor for affections of the eye, ear, nose or throat. He goes to a recognized specialist and in due time we shall have specialists in the treatment of smallpox, typhoid fever and other dread diseases. When that time comes such diseases will not longer be classed as dangerous. I began the practice of medicine more than a quarter of a century ago and through choice and a desire for special work became a specialist in diseases and disorders peculiar to men. It has been a life study, and whatever success I may have won has been due to persistent determination to thoroughly master one line of medical practice, to the end that I might succeed where others sometimes failed."

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Burns is too well known in Omaha and the middle west to require description or comment. He is old at the business and has wrestled all the good middleweights in America, besides some foreigners.

Carroll is an interesting athlete. He has a grand physique, standing a little more than six feet tall and being built heavily all the way up and down, with a very full chest. He came to Omaha the past week. It being the first time he had visited the city. Just now he is in Chicago, where he is training for the event at the Chicago Athletic club. The match is catch weight, so the westerner need not take off any flesh unless he desires. He says he will work off just a few pounds of his 175.

The Washington man talks entertainingly of wrestling. "It's a peculiar sport," he said. "Unless two men are very evenly matched, one is certain to gain a very speedy victory. Any man who is much my superior at the game can throw me once a minute. Everything seems to count in this business. Of course weight is a great advantage, but quickness is a great deal more. The successful wrestler goes by fits and starts. Notice any of the big ones in the game and you will see the truth of that statement. They rest and remain quiet for a time, then they go after their antagonists, working with whirlwind speed in an endeavor to secure a total hold and make it.

These men will wrestle at the Trocadero on February 1. The side bet is \$500, which is already posted. Both are good-sized men and it will be a grand struggle. Burns is much stronger than his weight warrants, and Carroll is somewhat herculean in appearance, although his work is not known here.

BOXERS ARE GETTING BUSY

Events of Much Interest Come Once a Week with Great Regularity.

Boxing enthusiasts are getting their fill just now, for a few exciting events have occurred of weekly occurrence. The fight at South Omaha Friday night between Eddie Gardner and Ole Olson was attended by a big crowd, and there was every evidence that the sport is in high favor in the Gate City and its southern neighbor this winter.

A long period of rivalry exists in the greyhound, interest just now centers in the coming Whittaker-Smith contest, billed for next Saturday night. The match between those two colored boys is in many ways a climax in the boxing career of both men. Locally it is altogether so.

Although the game has gone steadily on here, Omaha bowlers have very nearly forgotten their own league in the approaching national championship tournament of the American Bowling congress, which commences at Buffalo tomorrow and lasts all the week. Local rollers are keenly interested in this affair, the more so because the Omaha Bowling league is a member of this congress. No team from this city will figure in the meet. One lone player, Al Howell, captain of the Germans, will try his luck at Buffalo. He has entered in the one-man contest.

BOWLERS WATCHING BUFFALO

Omaha League Has Deep Interest in Congress Which Begins Monday.

Table with 4 columns: Club, W. L., P. C., High Score. Rows include Omaha, Chicago, Gate City, Brooklyn, German, Western, National, and High Score, Belleek (Western), 229.

The close of the first week of the second half of the season finds the leading team in the Omaha Bowling league contest still dropping down, and now scarcely more than 100 points in percentage separates the Omaha team from the Clarksons. This latter quintet won with flying colors the contest for second place, it having been a tie for that position last week with the Gate City and St. Charles teams.

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Entries for the events are all that were expected. They are in three classes, five-men teams, two-men teams and individual competition. Buffalo has thirteen five-men teams entered, Chicago nine, New York and Brooklyn six each. Twenty-three others from divers points bring the total up to fifty-seven. That makes 285 men in all. In the two-men list Chicago has twenty-four, New York fifteen, Buffalo fourteen, and there are 107 men in all. There are 209 individual entries, and Chicago has forty-six, Buffalo thirty-four and New York twenty-six. The total number of players entered in all events is 691.

Play will begin Monday night. The tournament will be held on the New Palace alleys, built for the purpose. These are the handsomest alleys west of New York City. The prevalence and popularity of bowling throughout the country by sections is shown by the entries, which follow:

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