

SPORTING NEWS

The Week in Base Ball Circles.

Lincoln now has seven men under contract, two more pitchers, an outfielder and a first baseman is all that is necessary to complete the team, and before this issue of THE COURIER reaches its readers Mr. Ebright hopes to have both the outfielder and first baseman—to say who they are would be violating a confidence. The team so far is composed of the following: Speer, catcher; Kimerer, pitcher; You Guess, first base; Ebright, second base; Hollingsworth, short stop; Hill, third base; Van Buren and Taylor, outfielders.

There is a possibility that our own Freddie Barnes will not be with us next season. Traffley of Des Moines made him an offer which is somewhat larger than Mr. Ebright thinks he can afford to pay, hence Fernando will probably join the "Dead Men."



"Gracious! how can I reach the chimney of that thirty story flat?"

Since the last issue of THE COURIER Mr. Ebright has signed Catcher Speer and Pitcher Kimerer. Speer is a standby of Mr. Ebright's, having played with him for four years past and his work last season showed him, without a question of doubt, the best catcher who ever wore a mit in Lincoln, and there have been several of them who were pretty good in their day. The kid is very popular with all the fans and in securing him Lincoln has a prize. Indianapolis, Detroit and Omaha were all bidders for the kid's services.

It begins to look as though Mr. Ebright secured a "crackerjack" in Taylor, the Oil City player. The Kansas City Star compliments Mr. Ebright on securing this valuable player. His signature to a contract was secured through President Kerr of the Pittsburg club who has written him a letter in which he says that Taylor is a sober gentlemanly ball player and that he wanted Manager Buckenberger to give him a trial on the Pittsburg team but Buck had some other man in view.

The make-up of the Des Moines club in the Western association next year will be as follows: William K. Traffley, manager and captain; Jay Andrews, Chicago, pitcher, with Rock Island last season; James Burns, Grand Rapids, first base, with Peoria last season; E. T. Mobler, St. Joe, second base, with St. Joe last season; A. L. Fisher, Indianapolis, short stop, with Quincy last season; James Mosher, pitcher, and the following from the old Des Moines team: McKibben, third base; L. W. Holmes, A. C. McVicar, centre field.

Lincoln could not get McKibben for 1895 as he has an idea that he wants to play the infield and Mr. Ebright could not make room for him. McKibben has many friends in Lincoln who wish him success in his new position.



"Ah, it fits splendidly."

Kid Speer played his first professional ball in Chattanooga, Tenn.

St. Joseph will decide on a manager this week. Ex-Umpire Cline, Archie Cole, Con Strothers and Harry Gatewood are applicants for the position.

In a letter to a friend in this city, Pequigney says he has entirely recovered from the injury received at Jacksonville.

Buck Ewing will have his hands full picking a winning team out of the 27 players Cincinnati has under contract.

McCarthy is still unsigned.

The annual meeting of the Western Association will be held in Des Moines Jan. 10.



"An idea. I'll write to Maxim the flying machine man."

Rock Island's new grounds are being got into shape.

Sioux City is saying nothing until after the January meeting.

All the real base ball cranks are glad to hear that Mr. Ebright has signed another Lincoln boy to play on the team next year. Clem Kimerer, who is the best amateur pitcher in the state, will pitch for the home team next season. Clem has been playing base ball with several amateur clubs in this city for a number of years and whenever some village wished to win a game they would send for Kimerer to help them out and he always did it. Against amateurs he bats well and is a very fast runner. THE COURIER predicts for him a very bright future.

Mr. T. J. Hickey is anxiously waiting for the weather to get cold enough to freeze his ice rink.

Pequigney was a great favorite in Sioux City last spring, and he may be seen wearing a "Husker" uniform next year.

Buck Ebright started his base ball career in Aurora, Ill., with an amateur club. While playing one day a representative of the Hastings, Neb., club, of the Western league, witnessed the game and immediately signed him.

During the different seasons of professional base ball Lincoln has had 106 men under contract.

Barnes will surely make a mistake if he leaves Lincoln.



"It certainly beats deer and bicycles all hollow."