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WESTERN WILL STAY INTACT

Reports Wichita and Topeka Franchises to Be Transferred Denied.

PLAY OPENS APRIL SEVENTEEN

Committee Busy All Night on Schedule and Expected it Will Be Completed Today.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The Western league will remain intact this season and a schedule of 198 games will be played. These were the two important decisions at the league meeting yesterday. They were reached after lengthy discussions which at times were heated, but the club owners were all smiles when they adjourned for a late dinner.

Reports that the Wichita and Topeka franchises might be transferred to Kansas City and Minneapolis were met with strong denials by representatives of those clubs. They asserted both teams would be materially strengthened and a much better showing is expected. Wichita trailed the league throughout last season and Topeka finished sixth with Sioux City.

In reply to rumors that the Sioux City franchise might be taken to Minneapolis, Ned Hanson said the ball park, which was destroyed by fire last fall, would be rebuilt and that he was preparing to place a stronger team in the field.

The fact that several of the clubs lost money during the final two weeks of last season brought about an attempt to have the schedule reduced from 198 to 184 games. After considerable argument it was decided to advance the opening of the season from April 21 to April 17 and the advocates of a shorter season withdrew. A committee worked all night on the schedule and expects to have it completed tomorrow.

Complaint that visiting clubs received poor accommodations on the field was recognized as a just one and the club owners voted to install club houses with bath for the exclusive use of visitors. Turnstiles will also be placed at the gates.

There was little talk of trading. Owner Bourke of Omaha announced he had signed Pitcher Harry Hicks, who was reported to have jumped to the Federals and that he would have the services of Pitcher Emmet Ormsby, with Green Bay, Wis., last season. Ormsby won fourteen and lost thirteen games and hit .327.

The club owners expect to complete league business by tomorrow.

Hanson of the Sioux City club also renewed an offer of Kansas City base ball men, who wanted to transfer his franchise to that city and place John Kling, former National league catcher, in charge. This plan, it was said, had met with the approval of the owners of the Kansas City Association club, who figured that by arranging a schedule so that one of the organized clubs was in Kansas City most of the time, little patronage would be left for the Federals.

LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—Frank Desmar and Fred Eshman, mainstays in the pitching department of the Lincoln base ball club, who had been reported dickered with the Federal league, sent denials today, and with their letters were signed contracts to play with Lincoln. Harry Smith, another pitcher, had previously signed. The contract of Thomas Carney, a catcher, also was received today.

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Beatrice Club Has Fifty Players to Select Team From

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)

Captain Coo of the Beatrice State league base ball team is gradually getting his players lined up for the coming season. There are fifty-one names on the list to select from, and there is every reason to believe that Beatrice will have a better team than last season. Jay Erret is the only man so far to send in his contract for the coming season. The other members of the team have promised to send their contracts within the next few days.

Hussane Works Some to Throw Frieberg

Yousiff Hussane, who is recognized among wrestlers as a good man to avoid, met a tartar in the person of Joe Frieberg of Chicago at the Kreuz theater last night. Hussane threw the Illinois man, but it took a tussle which lasted fifty-eight minutes and sixteen minutes, respectively.

Frieberg came to Omaha with a reputation as a rough-house wrestler and he proved that the advance notices were correct. The rough-house tactics, however, did not bother the terrible Turk, who dug right in regardless of elbow punches and eye gouging and placed his opponent down by clever wrestling. During the first bout it was anybody's match, but Hussane's powerful toe-hold grip so weakened the Chicago giant that in the second bout he was much easier pickings.

Pa Rourke Heads Schedule Committee

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A committee headed by W. A. Rourke of Omaha resumed work on the Western league schedule today and hoped to have it completed by tonight. Magnates planned to begin their training season earlier, because of the advance of the opening date, from April 20 to 17.

WITNESSES TESTIFY FOR FORMER BANKER UNDER FIRE

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Character witnesses on behalf of W. L. Moyer, former vice president of what is now the La Salle Street Trust and savings bank, who is fighting extradition to Kansas City to face a federal indictment, were heard before United States Commissioner Mason here today.

RUMORED BECKER MAY BE GIVEN NEW TRIAL

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Although there is no way of positively ascertaining it was believed tonight that a decision in the case of Charles Becker, former New York police lieutenant, sentenced to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will be handed down tomorrow by the court of appeals. A persistent rumor has been to the effect that a new trial would be granted Becker.

LINCOLN STAR OF THE DIAMOND IN HIS DAY

DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 13.—That Abraham Lincoln was a great ball player as the game was played in those days is the statement of Mrs. Rachel Billington, who today is celebrating her ninetieth birthday. Mrs. Billington lived only a few doors away from the Lincoln family at Springfield and also knew the statesman later as a lawyer in Decatur. In those days, says Mrs. Billington, the batter stood with his back to a wall and Lincoln could hit the ball every time it was pitched to him.

Hitchcock Quizzes Undersecretary. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—During the hearing on the Owen bill for the regulation of stock exchanges before the senate banking and currency committee, Senator Hitchcock asked Samuel Undersecretary, who appears in support of the bill. If the hostility to the stock exchange was not owing to his having experiences with the exchange. This was denied by Mr. Undersecretary.

PLAYERS JOIN WAR ON FEDS

Fraternity Supports Action to Lay Off Contract Jumpers.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

Man Breaking Reserve Clause Will Draw Three Years' Suspension—Five Years for Plain Jump.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Organized base ball has declared war on the Federal league.

Led by the National commission and supported by the Base Ball Players' fraternity, the outrolling officials of the organized branch of the game decided to employ, as its most effective weapon against the so-called outlaw organization, a provision in the national agreement aimed against contract jumpers, and reserve clause violators.

This provision stipulates as a penalty for a player who violates his contract, five years' suspension from organized base ball, and for a player who breaks the reserve clause three years on the suspended list.

Surprise to Feds. The appearance of the Base Ball fraternity as a party to this action against the Federal league came as a surprise to the Federalists, although to the National and American league officers, it was not unexpected.

A member of the National commission intimated that the apparent change of heart by the fraternity was the result of the action of the commission, and of league officials in recognizing so many of the demands at the Cincinnati conference. In other words, it is understood, that organized base ball and the fraternity reached an agreement by which the players' chief demands would be granted in return for the fraternity's support to organized base ball.

Demand of Players Granted.

One of the demands, left in abeyance at the Cincinnati conference, was granted the players today. Hereafter, when a major league team drafts a player from a league of low classification and decides to turn him back all the intermediate league teams will have an opportunity to bid for his services. This gives a player opportunity for promotion.

What Will Evers Do?

"What is Evers going to do?" was a question, an answer to which was unsuccessfully sought tonight. Evers himself had not fully made up his mind, but he repeated: "I have made up my mind on one thing and that is, no matter whether I play with organized base ball or accept an offer made me by the Federals, I am determined that Charles Murphy of the Chicago club shall not reap any benefit through my action."

No Longer Under Contract.

There were rumors that Evers had signed a contract with the Federals, but Joe Tinker, who reached this city today, said he had made no arrangement with Evers, but was ready to do so, provided Evers was under contract.

President Gilmore as well as his Federal league associates, Weegman, Gates, Walker, Haglan and Knabe, tonight endorsed what Tinker had said. They have made arrangements to leave for Chicago tomorrow afternoon and may have a statement to make before they go away.

Dick Will Play Another Year With Hawkeyes

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)

The western conference committee on colleges has returned a finding that Lester Clark college, at which Leo Dick, captain-coach of the Iowa foot ball team for next year, played before coming to Iowa, was not a college from the athletic standpoint at that time; consequently Dick is eligible for another year of competition with the Hawkeyes. He had played one year with the minor college before coming here, and has played two years at Iowa.

Omaha Bowlers Will Go to Minneapolis

Omaha is to be represented at the bowling meet at Minneapolis by fully fifty crack bowlers of the city. Last night the enter team, made up of eight men, left over the Northwestern and this evening the Metz, Wroth and Storz teams will start north. On the trip the three teams will occupy a special car. They will arrive in Minneapolis Sunday morning and will be ready to get right into the contest.

Hussane Goes to Chicago.

Yousiff Hussane, who last night vanquished Joe Frieberg, the Chicago giant, left this morning for Chicago, accompanied by Farmer Burns, his manager. They will stop off in Des Moines this evening, where Farmer Burns will referee matches between Jess Westergaard, Peter Jensen and Fritsenki, the big Bohemian. Hussane has been promised a series of matches with prominent wrestlers, and if he wins all he will be given an opportunity to test the prowess of Zyzanski.

Lajoie Quarantined.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 13.—Napoleon Lajoie, Cleveland-American league second baseman, will not be able to go south with the rest of the Naps on the spring training trip, February 25, by reason of his home being under quarantine. His wife has diphtheria. Antitoxin was administered to Lajoie today. Mrs. Lajoie's condition is serious.

Basket Ball at Denison.

DENISON, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—There is much interest now taken in basket ball contests between high school teams of this vicinity. On Saturday last the Vail team defeated one from Carroll at Vail by the score of 44 to 12. Wednesday the Denison team went to Vail and won by 18 to 10. On Saturday evening the team from Jefferson will play at Denison when a strong contest is expected as there was much rivalry during the foot ball season between the two towns.

EVERS SIGNS WITH BRAVES

Contract Calls for \$10,000 Annually for Four Years.

TWENTY THOUSAND BONUS, TOO

Deposed Manager of Cubs Not to Be Traded or Sold Without His Consent—Zimmerman to Play Second for Chicago.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Johnny Evers signed a contract this afternoon to play for four years with the Boston National league club at a salary of \$10,000 a year and a \$20,000 bonus. The contract provides that he shall not be traded or sold without his consent and contained a clause that he shall receive additional money if the Boston club finishes the season in first, second or third place.

Zimmerman Succeeds Evers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Heine Zimmerman is destined to succeed John Evers as second baseman of the Chicago Nationals, according to Hank O'Day, new manager of the club, who arrived from New York today. O'Day did not know until he reached Chicago that the trade by which Second Baseman Sweeney and Pitcher Perdue were to be given by Boston to the Cubs for Evers had fallen through, but when the latest news was told him he said he would play Zimmerman at second and Art Phelan at third base.

No Ten-Day Clause.

The new manager said his contract as Cub manager contained no ten-day clause, despite reports that he could be ousted from his position on brief notice from President Murphy. What special arrangements he has made with Murphy he declined to discuss.

Horseman Dies.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 13.—Gilbert O. Doolittle, a trainer and owner, well known among followers of harness racing, died today, aged 57 years.

Amateur Base Ball Association Plans

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 13.—(Special.)

The managers and players of the Class B amateur base ball teams of the city met in the council chamber at the city hall last night to make plans for the coming base ball season. Ernest C. Seton, secretary of the National Amateur Base Ball association, spoke in favor of organizing city teams into one association. It was decided to wait until the national body meets in Chicago later in the month before drawing up a constitution for a local association and planning activities for the season.

City Park Commissioners Will Be Asked to Co-operate with the Secretaries of Each Local Association throughout the Country in regard to use of public base ball fields.

The national plans thus formulated also allow for recording all teams and players by the secretaries. No players will be allowed to jump from one team to the other.

Manager Grossman of Florence park offered \$100 to be used by a local association in any way deemed expedient if the Class B division of the association would draw up a schedule providing for games at Florence park and Lulus park each Sunday. Gate receipts would go to Grossman and Chris Lyle, who owns Lulus park.

Another open meeting of managers will be held directly after the convention in Chicago and at that time teams will be enrolled and officers for the association elected.

Draft of Western Schedule Completed

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Western league magnates, after a twenty-four-hour struggle, completed a draft of their playing schedule for the 1914 season that tonight apparently had satisfied all of them. There were still a few points undecided when the committee, headed by W. A. Rourke, submitted a revised draft to the magnates this afternoon, but these were settled upon at a meeting of the whole league later.

The schedule is said to have reduced the league's mileage considerable and to have advanced Sunday and holiday dates in a manner generally satisfactory.

MISSOURI LOSES TO AGGIES

AMES, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)

Following two defeats at the hands of the Kansas Jayhawkers, the Missouri university basket ball team lost the first of a series of two games on the Ames floor this afternoon by the score of 24 to 21.

The half ended in favor of the Tigers, 10 to 5, but in the second half the Cyclones came back with a faster, more aggressive and more accurate defensive game, achieving the lead about the middle of the period. The game started at a slow and ragged pace and most of the first period was devoid of interest.

The feature of the second half was Amer long shots which made good. Harpel, Cyclone guard, flipped a sensational shot at long range and Hanel and Dowell landed three spectacular two pointers in the final half, Dowell getting two of them and Captain Hensel one.

What the first half lacked in thrills the second made up in rough playing. The referee untangled several wrestling matches and dished out a multitude of fouls, which were about evenly apportioned between the teams. Lineup: MISSOURI wear.....R.F. L.F.....Dowell Speelman.....L.F. L.F.....Swiney Bernet.....C.C.....Holmes Check.....R.G. R.G.....Hansell Palfreyman.....L.G. L.G.....Harpel Substitutes: Drumm for Bernet, Rouse for Swiney, Rouser for Check. Field baskets: Bernet (3), Speelman (2), Drumm, Dowell (3), Swiney (2), Hansell, Harpel. Free baskets: Wear (9), Swiney (8), Holmes (3). Referee: Stewart of Iowa.

PLAYER J. D. BECK IS AWARDED TO LINCOLN

AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The following decisions were handed down today by the National Board of Base Ball Arbitration: The franchise and players of the Kansas club in the Central association have been transferred to Moline, Ill. Services of players awarded, among others: Charles Voits to Dallas, J. D. Beck to Lincoln. Claims allowed: L. W. Delni against Great Falls, Mont.

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