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WESTERN ASSOCIATION MATTERS.

Omaha's Nucleus for Next Year's Team--Stories by Jack Crooks and Poet Burns.

The Brotherhood and National league magnates did not accomplish anything at their conference in New York and the battle between the two organizations is still being waged in the newspapers.

Another thing is very certain, from present indications, and that is that neither side made any money during the past year and that neither the league nor the brotherhood care to do a losing business another year, especially as, in addition to the direct financial loss resulting from such a contest, another war would probably end in the absolute death of interest in the national game.

Another thing certain is that a continuance of the row between the Brotherhood and National league would make it impossible for any minor association to live.

Both of the major organizations would be out of the question, and an agreement would simply make the minor leagues a lot of training schools for the league not bound in any agreement. It would be impossible for a minor league to hold its desirable men and the conditions would be even worse in this respect than they were last year.

The managers of the Western association fell this and will not take any decided action toward another season's war until after the conference meeting of the league and brotherhood which was postponed until Wednesday, October 22.

The meeting of the Western association to have been held on October 22, has been postponed until November 1, and if the league and brotherhood fail to effect a compromise it is decidedly doubtful whether or not the Western association will put a team in the field next year.

Stories About Crooks.

Jack Crooks, the hustling second baseman of the Columbus club, is what the jokers of the profession call a "soft mark" for their little "kids," says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Crooks has a good opinion of himself, and it is through this feeling that the gang has been able to work him. Last winter he became a member of Crooks's California team, and in so doing fell into the hands of the greatest aggregation of jokers that ever gave a victim the horrors.

Simply by telling him that several league magnates were after him, Crooks induced him to run his tongue out a foot in making a record against Clarkson, the Boston pitcher.

Thinking that the league emissaries were in the grand stand watching him, Crooks fairly tore up the sods covering the ground. He made three long hits, each for three bases, coached like a colosseum, and ran bases for several of the gang, who, being in with the play, suddenly became jokers.

After the game he refused to take off his uniform and for an hour laid around the hotel office expecting to meet somebody with a league contract.

Several days later, while at Colorado Springs, he was again jugged. It was in the dining room of a highly fashionable hotel that the deed was done. Seated at the table

to his rear were a couple of English noblemen who were traveling for pleasure. Crooks's table companion was Comiskey, who was ripe for some fresh "kid" to work on the young fellow. Noticing that the Englishmen ordered a pot of tea each, a happy idea struck him and he said:

"It's pretty tough that a fellow can't smoke here, isn't it?"

"I should say it was," returned Crooks, anxious to please his captian.

"It's all right, anyhow, and I don't see why--hello! Why those two English dudes back there are smoking cigarettes?"

"Where are they?" demanded Crooks.

"Back there," said Comiskey, pointing over Crooks's head.

"Teasing in his chair, the latter saw the steam from the tea not rising in the air, and jumping at the suggested conclusion that it came from burning cigarettes, rapped out:

"It'll be a--if I don't smoke myself, I'm just as good as them fine-haired blokes. Have a cigar?"

The terrible odor soon disgusted the gentlemen, and, erasing the bad water, they pointed out Crooks, saying: "This vile thing is making us beastly sick, y'know." Two minutes later, the same propogator had Crooks in the corridor making things hot for him. He ordered the surprised smoker and the rest of the club out of the house, and it was not until the joke was explained that he weakened and allowed them to remain. But Crooks never became aware of the fact that he had been jugged.

Poet Burns' Story.

Burns of the Kansas City team is a good story--Jim often tells a good story. He says that while he was a member of the Oshkosh club some years ago it was owned by Senator Sawyer, the lumber king. Sawyer put \$31,000 in to boom the town, and, by the way, it won the pennant and paid no attention to it. One day, however, he concluded to take his wife out to see a game. Both were interested. The pitcher were being hit hard, there were many long flies caught, and they enjoyed it. Finally, however, an idea occurred to Mrs. Sawyer. "Senator," she said, "that is not fair; they put only three men away in the field and let all the rest stand around the diamond. They make those three men work too hard. You must see the manager and tell him to scatter his men out." The senator thought her idea excellent, and the next day he called the manager. "You seem to win all right," said he, "but I don't like the way you place your men. I want you after this to scatter them out more. Put more in the outfield and don't have them all standing about the pitcher."

The Kaw City Situation.

The Kansas City component of the Sporting Times furnishes some interesting Western association news. He says:

The all absorbing question out here now is what kind of baseball is Kansas City going to see next year. We have about finished talking about the pennant race of 1890 and are now looking forward to the pennant race of 1891. All the local players say that Kansas City will be in the Western association next season and so it looks. But this time last year would any one have believed for an instant that Kansas City would be in the Western association the next season? President Spas says Western association. Manager Maning says the same, and I am inclined to think that Western association it was going to be, but--nobody knows it for a fact, just yet. There is no way of guessing at what is going to happen in the baseball world and nothing would surprise me. I look for a Western association, a prob-

able member of the National league and a Western association with Sioux City, Lincoln and Des Moines, and probably with eastern towns in their places. I am sure of one thing, that Kansas City is going to have a team next season and I expect to be in it in whatever league it may be, and I think that the exhibition games that have been arranged with St. Louis and probably Louisville and Brooklyn will show this to be true.

Manning had intended to take that team to Cincinnati, but the sale of the team to the brotherhood effectually prevents this.

By the way, that deal has started the gossips here and set the guessers of our future movements at sea.

The season's Sunday games have been such remarkably successful games in the way of crowds, that the league would have to offer big attractions to get Kansas City in it. But the major leagues, as they are called, have a strong attraction for us, and if the American association is bulwarped up, I believe it would have a wonderful fascination for Kansas City. The present circuit, though, is not of the kind of build to draw.

Here is a league that is frequently spoken of out here: Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville and Toledo. A good strong league could be formed out of them. The western contingent would go in with a hurrah.

Brand on the Situation.

Secretary Brand of the Omaha club is in for a top-notch team next season for Omaha.

"We were crippled during the past season," he said, "both in the pitcher's box and at second base. With the condition of baseball we did not feel like investing heavily to fill these places with high-class men and we were unfortunate in our efforts to get men of lesser note to fill the places of such successes as Kid Nichols and Jack Crooks. We will go to it differently another season. In the first place we are going to have a good second baseman if we have to trade half of the men on our reserve list and give a healthy bonus besides. We are also going after one more first class pitcher. I say one more because we have several big ones, but I am not sure as to whether they will be pitched next year. 'Til Willis will be pitched regularly and one more good man added to this trio of twirlers will place us all right as far as pitching talent is concerned. Behind the bat we will have Ugraubart, Stengel and Newman, and they will be out of sight. They are all good, nifty backstops, fair base runners and can all hit the leather with the best of them. O'Connor may and may not cover first bag and Cleveland occupies the same relation to third. Hanrahan and Moran will wear Omaha uniforms, in all probability, and Joe Walsh will cover short stop's territory and Chanavay and Works will be outfielders, when I think we are selected yet."

"Of course," continued the secretary, "these plans are based on the supposition that Omaha will have a team in the field next year. While we may probably be in it, still we may not. The war between the league and brotherhood must be settled in some satisfactory manner, or we will go into another season's losing business. These salaries must be scaled in the Western association so that we can stand some show of getting ahead, or even at least. Give us these conditions and the Omaha management will put a home team in the field that will be in the fight from start to finish."

About Dogs and Guns.

Although quail shooting is reported excellent in many of the adjoining counties, the warm weather deters many sportsmen from indulging in their favorite pastime. Hunters who made a practice of shooting on Sundays will have to travel some this year for game, as the farmers whose ranges are within easy distance of this city have posted signs on their fences warning gunners of their lands.

The hunters brought this order of affairs

upon themselves by reckless shooting. The farmers have become tired and disgusted with the noisy class of hunters who do not hesitate when among cattle or poultry to blaze away regardless of consequences.

An old sportsman, who has saved many valuable dogs from the bonafey, says: "Sulphur and lead, and even dry sulphur, will cure sarcoptic mange, but greater effect is obtained from sulphur combined with alkali. The alkaline sulphur ointment used by physicians is an admirable preparation for mange. It is composed of the following ingredients and parts: Washed sulphur, 2; carbonate of potassium, 10; benzoic acid, 6; water, 5."

"Does any frequently the victims of skin affections, which are evidently parasitic, and yet their owners, and those with whom they consult are unable to determine just what parasite are to blame. It is well, therefore, to have the formula of an ointment which promises to be effective in most cases. The following prescription is especially efficacious in destroying vegetable parasites, viz.: Salicylic acid, one and a half drachms; borax, half a drachm; balsam of Peru, one drachm; vasoline, ten drachms. This is practically a harmless preparation."

How many times have sportsmen been heard to say, "My gun don't suit me; I under or over shoot with it." If a gun shoots low the slope of the heel can be straightened with good effect. If it shoots too high the heel can be sloped more than it is, and the gun thereby caused to come up level with the eye in consequence of this alteration. But all this requires to be done with great care and judgment, as a very little shaping will make a great deal of difference in the fit of the gun.

It is of as much importance to a shooter that his gun should fit him as it is for the heel to be sloped more than it is, and the gun thereby caused to come up level with the eye in consequence of this alteration. But all this requires to be done with great care and judgment, as a very little shaping will make a great deal of difference in the fit of the gun.

The balance of a gun has a great deal to do with the recoil. A badly balanced gun will not only affect a bag, or even a moderate marksman, but consequently feel light in the hand; the latter gun is also inferior in weight. Most cheap guns are inferior in the matter of balance, the muzzles being too heavy and strong--a sign of inferior workmanship, as the weight should be at the breech, not at the muzzle; the latter only requires to be strong enough to resist indentation.

"Hub" Collins.

"Hub" Collins, the second baseman of the Brooklyn National league team, was in the city early last week visiting his mother, his brother, Harris Collins, and Mr. H. Hartman and family. Mr. Collins was on his way with his team to take part in the world's championship series between the Louisvilles and Brooklyn's pennant winners in the American association and the National league.

"It looks like a consolidation," said Mr. Collins, speaking of the situation of baseball affairs. "Neither the league nor the brotherhood have made any money during the past year and neither is anxious for another year's war."

Collins is a top-notch runner and second baseman and led the league during the past season in run-getting, with a record of 143. He began playing professional ball in Columbus, Ga., in 1887 in the southern league and afterwards played with Savannah. He went to the Louisville American association team in 1890 and played left field. He was sold to the Brooklyn team in 1888 and helped win the American association pennant last year and the league pennant this.

Apollo Notes.

Jack Prince is "doing" Denver. Perigo has recovered from his fall. Regular business meeting of the Apollo Cycling club Monday evening.

George Beard has taken up the wheel again and intends to race for the races this winter. The Apollos will give a "smoker" the first

of November in their new club room in the Shelby block.

The boys are beginning to train for the Apollo benefit to be held Thanksgiving afternoon and evening.

There has not been very much riding done lately by the boys. The riding season is coming to a close very fast.

The Deever cyclists have formed a union composed of professionals and amateurs. They intend holding a tournament soon.

There is talk of a professional race being held here the 17th of next month. We think the public has had about enough "races" already.

There has been a club organized somewhere in the east, called the Barham cycling club, for the great showman, P. T. Barnum. This is the first club in America that has adopted this name.

At the regular meeting of the club the following members were admitted: O. S. Wood, A. Norland, L. E. Holton and Mr. Underwood. The club membership is swelling very fast.

The run for today is Crescent City, a distance of twenty-five miles. The boys are urged to turn out, as this is a very fine trip. This was the called run for last Sunday, but on account of the rainy weather it was postponed.

Miscellaneous Sports.

Conroy leads the shortstops of the country. Newman may be played at first base next season.

Tim Hurst will not manage the Millers next year.

Wally Andrews goes to his old home in Pittsburg in a few days.

"Hoodlum" Griffith of the Milwaukee team has brotherhood aspirations.

John B. Day says that there will be but one club in New York next year.

The United League is what the new body may be called if episcopation occurs.

The annual meeting of the Western association will be held in this city on November 1.

In fact, the new manager of the Minneapolis team, has signed Duke for next season.

Elmer Smith won twenty-one out of the thirty games he pitched for Kansas City this year.

Lets of the fans would like to see Charlie Aheer wearing an Omaha uniform next season.

Henge, Burdick, Harkness and Dargdale are working for the street car company in Minneapolis.

The fall exhibition baseball season has been a dead failure everywhere. Omaha did well to keep out of it.

The Brotherhood has been making overtures to Joe Walsh, but Joe's level head is not inclined that way.

John Ward is going to take a team to Cuba this winter. If John would only incur the fatal enmity of the Cubans.

The Brotherhood pronounces the double umpire system a failure. The double umpires pronounce the brotherhood a failure.

each 167 hits to their credit, which makes them tie for the title of leading batsmen. Last season Jack Crooks held the title with 167.

An effort will be made at the coming meeting of the Western association to have the percentage system adopted for next season, instead of the guarantee plan used during the past year.

Dave Howe is still out of a job. He has his own Lincoln and friends of the capital city's welfare have requested Governor Thayer to have the militia ready to resist any assault upon him at any time.

In the Boston club Nichols pitched in forty-six games, twenty-seven of which were victories. Clarkson pitched forty-four and twenty-six were victories. Fitzgibbon's score was forty games and twenty-three victories.

Now that Conroy has signed with Chicago's League team he is no longer an object of interest to the Players' League club. He now says that it was the Boston and not the New York players' club that approached him.

The Chicago club has signed Conroy and Glavin, which completes the team for next season. The six who were members of Tommie Sheridan's team have not yet been signed yet.