

LEAGUE MAGNATES AT WORK

Most Important Base Ball Meeting Since Famous Brotherhood Year.

REDUCTION OF THE CIRCUIT PROPOSED

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NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The magnates of the National Baseball league began their annual fall meeting here today. Not in years, perhaps not since the famous Brotherhood year, has a league meeting been charged with so much of importance as the present one, and there is no forecasting with any degree of certainty what its results will be.

First and foremost will be the discussion over the proposed reduction of the circuit. Then the question of royalties will be threshed over once more.

J. Earl Wagner of Washington seems to be the man to whom proposals will have to be made if the circuit is reduced to eight clubs as has been proposed. As matters stand, Drayton, with his new holdings in the Pittsburgh club, might easily be brought to dispose of the Louisville franchise, which has been a loser for many seasons.

When President Young called the members into session there were present: A. J. Reach and Colonel John I. Rogers, Philadelphia; A. H. Soden and Mr. Conant, Boston; J. Earl Wagner, Washington; Harry von der Horst, Ned Hanlon, Charles Reubens and Gus Abel, representing the Brooklyn-Baltimore interests; Fred Knowles, representing Andrew Freedman of this city; President Kerr, Pittsburgh; James Hart, Chicago; John T. Brush and his new manager, Robert Atkin, Cincinnati; Barney Dreyfus and Harry Pulliam, Louisville; and Frank DeHans Robinson and Stanley Robinson, representing the St. Louis-Cleveland syndicate.

The Brooklyn-New York controversy over the Wrigley matter was the most important case under consideration. Wrigley played with the Syracuse team of the Eastern league last year. At the conclusion of the Eastern league season, on September 15, he signed to play out the remainder of the National league season with New York, subsequently the Brooklyn club, but Wrigley's release from Syracuse and, acting under instructions from President Powers of the Eastern league, Wrigley went to Brooklyn to finish the season. The New York club protested, claiming that under a previous ruling by the board of arbitration the Syracuse club could sell Wrigley, but his contract with the club with which he was sold did not become binding until the beginning of the next season. In other words, inasmuch as Wrigley was not sold to Brooklyn until after the conclusion of the Eastern league season the New York club claims that his contract with the Eastern league was binding for the remainder of the season.

If the board sustains the protest of the New York club all the games played by the Brooklyn team in which Wrigley took part may be thrown out.

President Salspaugh and Manager Walter Wilton of Minneapolis appeared before the board and claimed two players, Joe Schatz and Pitcher McCann. These two players were with the Hamilton (Ont.) team. At the conclusion of the season both Detroit and Minneapolis negotiated for them. Detroit got them, but it is claimed that the Detroit management never made good the stipulated purchase price to the Hamilton club, whereas the Minneapolis club did. In view of this the Minneapolis management claims the services of the two players in question.

President Powers is at the meeting also for the purpose of trying to get better legislation for the small leagues relative to the service rule. He wants the purchase price for the major league club paid in advance of class A, minor league teams, raised from \$500 to \$1,000. It is said that the big league will grant this concession.

RESULTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS.

Events on the New Orleans and San Francisco Race Courses.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Favorites were in much better form today and won three of the five races on the card. The decision in the handicap was unopposed, many thinking that Trillo won. The horse had made all the running and, coming down the stretch, Mitchell eased him up. Prince Blazes, the favorite, gained so fast, however, that within a few yards of the wire Mitchell started to ride again. Prince Blazes finished on the inside and Trillo on the outside of the track and the latter placed the former first.

THE SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Weather

YOU KNOW IT IS TRUE That if it is Told You by a Neighbor.

These Statements are by Persons Whom We are Willing to Believe.

If a person you respect tells you something, you believe him. You may not know the person whose statement is given in this article, but you can easily know him because we give you his name and address and he lives right here in Omaha.

WILL USE TERMINAL BRIDGE

Illinois Central Contracts for Terminal Company's Bridge and Depot.

CONTRACT IS OF TEMPORARY CHARACTER

Relations with Terminal Company Apply Alone to Freight Business—Passenger Trains Will Use Union Pacific Station.

John R. Webster, general manager of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company, announced today that a contract has been entered into by the Illinois Central and the Illinois Central Terminal company whereby the latter will use the Terminal company's bridge and its freight depot in Omaha and Council Bluffs. This announcement comes as a result of the conference held between Mr. Webster and Sector Vice President Harahan of the Illinois Central, who was in the city last week.

The contract with the Illinois Central, Mr. Webster states, "is in a sense merely a temporary one. No time limit is specified beyond the privilege of the part of the Illinois Central to terminate its contract by giving thirty days' notice of such intention. In a measure this contract was due to our fortunate situation. We have our bridge and freight depot located, and the Illinois Central at present has no facilities for caring for its freight patronage."

The fact that the Illinois Central has entered into a contract with the terminal company for the use of its bridge and freight houses for freight purposes only indicates that its passenger trains will continue to use the Union Pacific station in Omaha from Council Bluffs over the Union Pacific bridge, and that the union station will be used by it for passenger purposes.

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