### BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Western League Muddle Still Attracts Much Local Attention.

BURNS AND PACKARO RUN THE LEAGUE

Players Have Good Case Against the Magnates Owing to the Vielation of the Terms of Their Contracts.

Today's the day. If it hadn't been for the desire of Packard and Burns to save a little money at the expense of their partners, and the cheerful willingness of Sexton to serve the men he trained with and favored all summer. last game of the season before a crowd of several thousand people, unless the rain aign should be held out. The weather, by the way, played President Sexton a scurvy trick, for just as he had hidden his disastrous retreat behind the storm clouds, the skies cleared, and the Missouri valley has been basking ever since in the most delightful of Indian summer. However, any old excuse was good enough for the plotters. The worst feature of the affair, so far as Omaha is concerned, is that no notice was had here of the intention. One week before the announced termination of the league season, Manager Rourke more than an hour in a private conversation the affairs of the Omaha team, and at that time he knew nothing of the proposed move. It must have been known to Sexton, for he now comes to the front and says he some preliminary correspondence. Thus ment the territory of each league was as ment of the league's affairs.

Rourks says the cutting off of the six games that would have been played on the home grounds cost bim \$3,000 or \$3,000. This may or may not be true, but it cersent, the public can easily understand why doing business as has Bill Rourke. Well, put pole on if he can arouse the interest. as has been stated before, Rourke is willthat he be treated as an equal partner in the association, not as a mere appendage, and that he be allowed to have something to say about the things that are going to affect him in a monetary way.

Sexton parades the consent of the nathey like it or not. But the players are contracts and that it is reasonable to further obligation thereunder. Here is say on the matter:

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sion of financial weakness. President Sex-ten and his associates an outcot that unless a compromise is effected with the American association the 19-a credit of the Western league will be manished next reason. Competition has been costly to both the dispated ritles and to a probabil a an understanding will be reached between the claimants before January 1. Under the con-ditions which have prevalled to, two said neither city is worth fighting for. Each has been a source of expense to the owners of other ciubs.

In the telegraph columns yesterday a message from Milwaukee told of the in-Omaha and Denyer would be playing the structions sent by President Sexton to Porter Higby, the business manager of the Milwaukee Western league team to prepare for next season. This a cheap bit of bluster, and deceives no one, unless it is Sexton and Packard. The Hickeyltes are no longer concerned about the existence of the Western league at Milwaukee and Kansas City, and are absolutely in a position to dictate. Packard and Burns, who are financially interested in the teams at those cities, are naturally anxious to control long enough to get back some of the money they have sunk there, but it is doubtful if they will have a single voice besides their own in favor of the war. Omaha certainly isn't was in The Bee office, and discussed for in favor of continuing the struggle any further. And It's an odds-on bet that in neither city will the Western open with a team next sesson.

As to Omaha and the American associa had the consent of the national board, and tion, nothing can be said further than has this could only have been accured after already been said. Under the peace agreedriven irrealstibly to the conclusion signed, and Omaha fell to the Western. that Packard and Burns constitute the Just what the outcome of the muddle will Western league, that Sexton recognizes be may not be known for months, but them as such, and that a little thing like there are many earnest supporters of base Omaha doesn't cut ang ice in the manage- ball here, men who put up their money to see games, who hope that Omaha will land in the American circuit.

Manager Rourke is still tussling with what is left of the season's base ball business, and he doesn't expect to walk out of tainly did cost him something, and, as it the muddle for at least a couple of weeks. was done without his knowledge or con- He has let all of his men go home, each with a string to him. Lines have also feels sore at the triumervate. And been thrown out for several new players, now they talk of disposing of the Omaha | men not in the Western league, but from tranchise to some one who will not make eastern clubs, and Rourke says he will so much of a fuss about their way of have a winner next year. Rourke wants to He intends to start just as soon as he to sell, but any effort to kick him straightens out the base ball. The idea is out, as is talked of, will meet such lively to form a league, with possibly six teams. opposition that the kickers may tire of and he is making inquiry about the propo-All that Rourke has asked is sition. It seems to be taking favorably so far, but it has been suggested that the only way to find out whether it will prove a success is to start with an amateur team. Rourke's idea is professionalism, and he is bent on bringing good players here to show the sporting fraternity what they can do A polo team requires five players and a tional board as authority for cutting the couple of substitutes. This means that in season short and says that under it he all, including manager and rubber, a total can and will control the players, whether of ten men would have to be carried. Communication has been had with Des Moines not of this mind. All base ball authorities and several other places, but it doesn't seem agree that the magnates have violated the to be taking well there, so this has partially disheartened Rourke in his efforts sesume that the players are released from and it is hard to tell just what the outcome will be.

Before the collapse of the Western league

hey are many, will sympathize with him in he loss of an eye. One day during the week | tr Hunky," who was captain-manager of the lockford team during the season, was foolng around a blacksmith shop in Rockford, when a sliver of Iron flew into his right eye, penetrating the ball so deeply that it had to be removed.

LOCAL HORSEMEN ARE ACTIVE

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Interest Revived by the Visit of Cresecus and a Good Matine Cresecus and the horses has taken a spurtation of the matines of a week ago, when Cresecus made that wonderful record and collipsed a quarter second off of his record by trotting the mile on a half-mile track in 5:08 flat, making a new record for himself and the local track. It was enhanced when the horsemen learned how Prince Alert, at New York, went against Dar Patch two words are cord of 1:29, and beat in him the creation of the work done to t

this privilege last season and no adverse comment was made for the reason that none of the players entered a complaint of nonpayment of salaries and it was taken as a matter of course that the cruss rullilled their obligations. Freedents, now ever, along the line, will be associated a violation of the spirit and letter of the national agreement. The effect the along dominant of the spirit and letter of the national agreement. The effect the along dominant of the spirit and letter of the national agreement. The effect the along dominant of the spirit and letter of the national agreement. The effect the along dominant of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of the spirit and letter of the national agreement of th run and a big attendance is expected on account of no admission being charged. This Is being done in order that the enthusiasm may be spread and horse racing may become a big feature in the sporting events of the city. Numerous changes are contemplated at the track during the coming season in the way of a new grandstand and better facilities for the placing of rigs. The management expect to have the course in first-class condition before long.

> **BOWLERS PREPARE FOR SEASON** Local League is Nearly Ready to Start on Its Winter

> > Schedule.

The boys over at Clark's are making ready to fire the opening guns in the bowling campaign, and for the next six months the thunder of the lignum vitae sphere will be heard on the alleys. The indications are that the sport will be as popular as ever. In every sport there are a number of players who take up the game and then drop it just as quickly to take up any other new thing that comes along. Bowling was practically rejuvenated a few years ago, and the faddists came in large numbers and bowled their arms off, then dropped the game. These were the players who created the boom, and now the sport is lively and healthy. The weaker teams have been put out of the business by the big league, and as far as tournament sport is concerned, it is on a higher plane and is the only popular play now. The loaded ball is gone, and even the scores are higher with the new sixteen-pound ball, which has been adopted by the American Bowling association. There is no more use for the big twenty pounders, and the players do not feel that awful pull on their arms as of

For the past week there has been nothing doing except practice for the coming fall tournament, which opens October 12. The Omahas feel slightly down in the mouth, the best scores and are looking forward to a bitter contest on the cup series.

There is a joke on at the alleys, and it is in the way of talk on the formation of the frequently, and the natives soon new league. The name suggested is the requires two straight games of 500 pins, or end of their serenade. one, game of 600. The list of eligiblese is boys feel quite elated over the fact that in the league teams who are in the cup series. Of course these experts have all had a

LOCAL FOOT BALL IS LIVELY Teams in Good Condition and Practicing Vigorously for the

of interest in the outcome, the attendance at each game ought to be around the million mark.

The 12,500,000 sheep in Montana yielded this year \$7,000,000 pounds of wool, which at 18 cents a pound brought \$6,000,000 cash. Baled, this wool would nil forty miles of freight cars and the sheep, if killed, would produce \$250,000,000 worth of mutton. A report of the bureau of statistics at Washington shows that the value of the tropical and subtropical products brought into the United States in the fiscal year 1903 was \$40,000,000, as compared with \$208,000,000 in 1890 and \$140,000,000 in 1870. Forty years ago General Butler saggested building a dam at Great Falls, so as to use the power of the Potomac river to give the city of Washington samicent electricity to light the municipality, move the street cars and furnish power to many others of the local industries of the national capital. Now the idea is to be carried into execution.

Veteran Bandmaster Emil Saichardt Talks of Musician's Life in War and Peace.

CHANGES WROUGHT IN PAST FEW YEARS

Twenty-Second Regiment Has Had but Two Leaders in Forty-Five Years-Filipinos Preferred Classical to Ragtime.

When the Twenty-second infantry, U. S.

A., leaves Fort Crook next month for the

Philippines Emil Reichardt, the veteran andmaster in the army, will go with it and bid Omaha a last farewell in an official eapacity, for before the regiment returns he will have served over thirty years. But Leader Reichardt has made many warm personal friends in Omaha and will undoubtedly visit in this city, and may make it his home when he returns to civil life. For a score of years Leader Reichardt nas shared the good and bad fortune, and the easy and hard stations, of the Twentysecond regiment, having been appointed leader of its band after being seven years in the crack West Point band, to enter which it was necessary to win in a competitive examination. This will be his third trip to the Philippines, for he was obliged to return home on account of ill ness shortly after his first trip to the fslands, but returned thither when he recovered. He was also with the regiment in Cuba, and is credited with having had some interesting experiences there, especially on one occasion when carrying water to the soldiers during the fighting around Santiago, but for publication he only talks about army bands and music.

Bands Do Good Service.

"I believe that the bands have played their full part in the Philippine Islands, and that the more the natives hear our music the better it will be for us," he says. While we were there before we gave a concert every day and the natives would come out of their trenches and places of oncealment to listen, coming much closer than under any other circumstances. Some of them would have on only shirts and breechclouts, and the mud would be sticking to their legs, but they nevertheless showed a fine sense of appreciation. They for they have not been showing up as would greet classical music with applause, well as they expected. In the practice the but there was not even a 'glad hand' for St. Charles and the Clarksons are making the popular or rag-time music, with one notable exception. This was 'A Hot Time,' which was the tune of the day when we first went over there, and which they believed to be our national air. We played it menced whistling and then playing it upon "In and Outs." Now it appears thus: their own instruments, and one time when Each bowler must make a total of 470 or a band of them serenaded some of the ofless pins to be eligible, and to get out it ficers they played it at the beginning and

"No, we will not play 'Hiawatha' when gradually swelling to a big number and the we go back, for they might take it up and think we had adopted a new national air. this list is found the captains of four of The women and children were among the most attentive and enthusiastic of the audiences at our concerts. Sometimes the whack at the pins, but it remains to be men would take a shot or two at us after seen what they will do when the league they went back to their own lines, but still I believe the music, as a whole, had a tendency to 'soethe the savage breast' and make tuem more friendly,

Cause of Changes.

'The Spanish-American war and the service in the Philippines," continued Leader Reichardt, "made other changes besides the discarding of the bearskin by drum majors. Previously the members of the bands had no guard duty, but in the Philippines they were obliged to take their turn been going on for several weeks. Although the same as the other soldiers. The abolishing of the canteen, which was opposed almost unanimously by the older officers the bands, as a percentage of the receipts band and was used in the purchase of new music, and without this money the bands. rected to skill in punting, signal practice if they are to have plenty of music and and passing the ball. The weather has get the latest as it comes out, must depend upon voluntary contributions.

"The Twenty-second regiment is well known as a hard marching regiment, as chasers have not entered one protest. Two well as an efficient fighting regiment, but daily practices are indulged in by all the it also has another record which is not so well known. It is that while band leaders have come and gone by the tens in other regiments the Twenty-second has had but two band leaders in forty-five years. My predecessor, Leader Clark, was with the regiment twenty-five years and I have been with it twenty years.

Higher Pay for Band Members.

"I have heard something, but not much, of movement to make the army bands larger, and to increase the pay of the members, the argument, as set forth in a recent magazine article, being that better musicians and better music would thereby be obtained. I have not taken an active interest in the matter, but the argument certainly seems to be a good one. The band leaders must of course have a musical education before they enter the army and the members of the band must know something of music, and be musically inclined, but the knowledge in many cases is very limited and higher pay might be an inducement for others to join the army bands. The privates now receive \$13 per month, the eight corporals and four pergennts receive 22 additional per month, the principal musician, who takes the place of the leader in his absence, receives \$25 per month, and the drum major receives \$25 per month.

"There are only two married men in the Twenty-second Regiment band, one of the rgeants and myself, and we will leave our families in this country. One year in foreign service counts two of home servtoe, and as I have twenty-eight years of actual service already to my credit I will soon reach the retiring point. But I expect to see a good deal more of Omaha; my family will live here and in New York City while I am away, and we may make Omaha our permanent home on my re-

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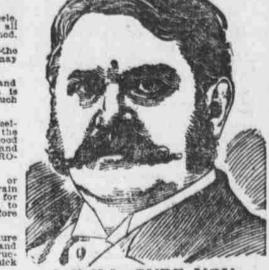
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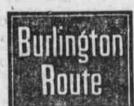
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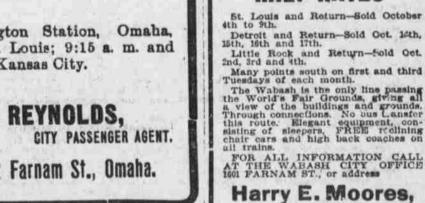
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