

TEBEAU ON TOP IN WESTERN

King George I of Base Ball Eventually Assimilate League.

MAGNATES CRAWL TO THE DICTATOR

Expunge Action of Two Years Ago When He Was Expelled and Make Him White as Snow Once More.

To be sure.

That tells the whole story, but for the benefit of the inquiring public who may want some of the details, it may be set down that George Tebeau is now the whole thing in the Western league, just as he is in the American association. Master of two leagues, owner of franchises in three towns, and of two in one town, with the power of life or death over all the others, he looms up bigger on the base ball horizon than any other man. Four years ago he finished his active career as a player, having been with the Columbus club at a salary of \$1,500 that season; how he went to Denver and became interested in the formation of the Western league has recently been told in The Bee.

Today he absolutely dominates two leagues. So much for his rise. Whether his methods are to be commended as such is another matter. It is probably enough to say that he is endorsed only by those who are directly interested in his movements; his career has shown that he has no permanent and abiding interest in any one but Tebeau. Omaha will see more of him and his methods before the summer is over.

Here is an editorial from the Sporting News of St. Louis that explains very briefly why Packard quit the game. If Tommy Burns of Colorado Springs can get any satisfaction out of it, he is welcome to it.

Burke and Burns are the only magnates of the Western league who participated in its annual meeting at St. Joe, Mo., on December 14, 1901, which the resignations of Lennon and Tebeau were accepted. Packard permitted his resignation to be taken and Hickey deposed. This was the order of the proceedings as shown by the minutes and other records. Packard's resignation was accepted, but he was not permitted to make a statement of his reasons. It is understood that no resignations were offered or acted upon, but a cut-and-dried resolution was adopted, depriving Tebeau, Lennon and Beal of their rights of membership in the league, and of making a defense. A. B. Beal of Sioux City will, it is believed, make a statement of his reasons for leaving the league, and through "misrepresentation" of facts by Burke and Packard has wronged his recent ally and, consequently, is leagued of restoring him to his "rights."

Another little man who has bumped into the Tebeau proposition during the last week is one J. Ed Griffin, who lately gave up the place of base ball writer on a Cincinnati paper to step into the T. J. Hickey shoes. Mr. Griffin began his campaign as president of the American Association by handing Mr. Hickey a lovely package on incompetency and the like, and giving a brief two-column outline of how he proposed to run things. And, all of a sudden, George Lennon of St. Paul, who happens to be the Tommy Burns of that league, is installed as chairman of the executive committee, and is reminded by the board of the club that the executive committee is a live body and is expected to do its duty. Its chairman is vested with plenary powers, and as at present an outsider can scarcely disagree with Mr. Griffin, he is added to the list. It is a cinch he will not have much to say about the affairs of the league.

Once more the fine Italian hand of G. Tebeau is to be faintly described behind the screen that divides the innermost from the outer American association affairs. A round-robin is signed in which the magnates pledge themselves to stand, each for all and all for each. This concerns only the "charter members," and provides there shall be no merger or withdrawal of any during the life of the franchise. As this agreement was taken to Milwaukee for signature by Dale Gear, who is the Tebeau franchisee at Kansas City, and as Kansas City was making the big uproar over Tebeau's intention to leave that town in the new Western when the merger takes place, it is easily seen that it is but a bit of dust to blind the Kansas City eyes to the wily magnate's real intention. The round-robin won't be worth a darn when Tebeau gets ready to jump it, and the Western league has shown how easily black can be changed into white if this great master of base ball trickery only wills it.

Still again is the little transparent sham of letting the Lincoln and Pueblo franchises be "dormant" during the coming season. Why didn't the Western let the Milwaukee and Kansas City franchises, that had tangible representation, lie dormant? Neither Lincoln nor Pueblo has a franchise in the Western, and in the case of Lincoln, at least, there is no application for one. Lie dormant, indeed! Lie unborn would have been a better way to express it. And why? In order that the fiction of population may be kept up, and the Western retain its place in class A under the national agreement. If it were a population matter, why didn't the magnates plant those "dormant" franchises in New York and London? That would have given them people enough. What a howling farce that Chicago meeting was! With some rag-time music and a dancing chorus it would be a mighty good "musical comedy."

In the meantime, Hurrah for the bottled league! Papa Bill will begin to get together his warriors in a few days, and when the frost gets out of the ground he will start them prancing around down at Vinton street park getting ready for the opening of the season. He is to have Colonel Frank Seale and his Colts here for guests again this spring. They are coming in April, and Bill wants to have his assemblies ready to larrup the Chicagoans, just as they did last spring—one game, six clubs is better than no base ball, and Tebeau and Burke can't give it to Omaha any worse than she has had it in this line. So, please look pleasant.

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George L. Carter, state game warden, was in town last week, filling out licenses for the local sportsmen. It is made a fineable offense in this state for a gamester to go in quest of game outside his own county lines unless he has a state permit or license. The license which Mr. Carter has furnished the local sportsmen says that the open season for grouse and ducks in Nebraska is from September 1 to April 15; for chickens and grouse from October 1 to November 30; for quail from November 1 to 30. A hunter is permitted to bag twenty-five birds of any kind for one day's shoot, and the same number of game, fifty ducks and fifty other birds in his possession at any given time.

The announcement was made during the week that the Grand American Handicap, which is the big shoot among the sportsmen of the United States, will be held at Indianapolis, beginning June 20, the week following the republican national convention and rates have been granted by all the railroads of the country. Heretofore this big event has been held in April. Some idea of the magnitude of the Grand American Handicap can be gathered when it is stated that at this event in Kansas City last year 30,000 traps were thrown. This year there will be six days of shooting. On Monday a preliminary program will be arranged for the men entering, so they may become acquainted with the grounds and the tournament proper will begin on June 21. There will be five sets of traps, three of which are already in position.

Y M C A ATHLETES NEED DATES Basket Ball Languages Because the Teams Cannot Find Worthy Opponents.

The Young Men's Christian association still finds that its hands are tied in the matter of getting dates for basket ball games. With the exception of the Sioux City dates, there has been much that is uncertain about the basket ball season thus far. The remark was made at the Young Men's Christian association the other day that basket ball does not seem to flourish this winter as it has in the past. It is asserted that most of the winter athletes are devoting their energies to other lines of sport, principally indoor gymnasium work. But this does not seem to offer a satisfactory solution of the matter to those who have an inquiring mind. It is held that the comparatively new games of hockey, squash, curling and similar games are largely responsible for the scarcity of basket ball players. Whether this be the true solution of the matter is undecided, but the tendency of the Young Men's Christian association and other athletes to discard basket ball for other lines of sport can not be doubted, for the evidence that this is so may be seen on every hand. The bar, the horse, high jump

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