

Federal Ramparts Are Guarded by Real Fighting Men High School Lads Are Watched for Future Cornhusker Stars

Federal League Has Men of Millions and Grit as Its Backers

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram).—Talk of base ball war has been the principal topic of conversation among the fans lately, and while the forces on each side have been gathering quietly for the fray that is sure to follow, a peep behind the barracks of the Federal league, the young "outlaw" body causing all the fuss, proved of great interest.

Instead of hangers-on, adventurers and soldiers of fortune, such as generally follow revolutionary armies, one found the ramparts guarded by keen and industrious men, who have been fighting from their youth up, and who are equipped for the coming struggle with guns of modern structure and ammunition in considerable abundance.

Since the Federal league fired the first real gun of the war a week ago, when it took into its ranks Joe Tinker and Mordecai Brown, the fans all over the country have been wondering just who were the men behind the gun. They have been wondering if these men have the financial substance to carry on war against the men of wealth in the ranks of organized base ball.

Backers Are Well Fixed.
With the hope of gaining enlightenment on the subject, an appeal was made to James A. Gilmore, president of the new league, and in a few minutes he had written down the names of eighteen men, including himself. These, he says, are the backers of the Federal league, though there are a great many others, who hold small bits of stock in the various clubs. Mr. Gilmore has visited every one of the men, tested the financial standing of each, and pronounced it sufficient. With one or two exceptions, every man still is young in the business world. Their careers are ahead of them, and according to their leader, every man in the venture has absolute faith in its success.

Chicago Owners Hustlers.
Gilmore, himself, is a stockholder in the Chicago franchise, though he gave as chief backer the name of Charles Weeghman, William M. Walker. The former is known as a restaurant man of wealth and takes some pride in saying that he made his wealth in his business. Weeghman still is in his thirties, and about fifteen years ago started to learn the restaurant business, when he did not have a dollar. As floor manager of a lunch room and popular-priced eating house, he had schemes to get a head start of his own. When he finally succeeded, he made such a success of it that one place led to another until today he owns ten eating places in the downtown district, besides owning a billiard room and a moving picture theater and interests in several other projects.

William Walker, Weeghman's partner in the Federal, is a man of the same type, although a bit farther advanced in years. He is owner of a fish and oyster business of his own in South Water street, and it was in that business that he gained his wealth.

Gilmore is president of a manufacturing concern, besides being interested in the coal business.

One Real Millionaire.
Probably the St. Louis club is backed by more money than any other in the league. The owner of the franchise in the Mound City is Otto Stifel, whose friends declare he is several times a millionaire. He is owner of a big brewery and director in several banks and trust companies. At one time he raced astringent of thoroughbreds.

The newest magnate in the league, and one of the richest, is Bernard Heppburn, who recently took over the Cleveland franchise and will put it in Toronto. Besides coming from one of the oldest families of the province of Ontario, Heppburn is a member of the Canadian Parliament, representing the country of Prince Edward in the governmental body. His home is in Picton, Ont., a small city near Toronto. In the pioneer days of the province the Heppburn family became wealthy by conducting steamboat lines on the great lakes. The Toronto magnate is one of the youngest men in Parliament, and besides being a man of note in the financial world he is known as a great sportsman.

Bad for Jimmy McGill.
President Gilmore is enthusiastic over prospects in the city of Indianapolis, because he thinks he has a live set of men running the club there. The chief stockholder is J. Edwin Krause, a man 41 years old, who went to Indianapolis some years ago with absolutely nothing and recently completed the construction of a twenty-two-story hotel. Besides Krause, he owns several smaller hotels. Associated with Krause are E. E. Gates, a prominent and wealthy lawyer, and John A. George, owner of a big wholesale coal and ice business.

Over in Buffalo the chief owner is Walter Mullen, a man about 37 years of age, who has done wonders in that city in the real estate business in the last fifteen years. Associated with him in the ball club are R. T. Carroll, another real estate man and a former professional ball player, and Owen B. Auserperger, a lawyer.

Base Ball Men Concerned.
Baltimore, another addition to the Federal league this year, is backed by three men, two of whom have had long experience in major league base ball. One is Ned Hanlon, former National league manager in Brooklyn and Cincinnati. Hanlon is considered a man of wealth today. The other practical man is Harry Goldman, a former judge and a man who helped start the American league when it expanded and went into Baltimore. With these two men is John S. Wilson, Jr., a banker of wealth.

Down in Kansas City the club is owned principally by two men, the president being S. C. Gordon, a big clothing merchant and real estate dealer. His associate is C. C. Madison, once a ball player on the same team with Joe Tinker, but now a lawyer.

None Weakhearted.
The other clubs in Pittsburgh and St. Paul are owned by William A. Kerr and John B. Harbort, who recently purchased the holdings from the men who conducted

Cornhusker Manager Will Keep Records of State School Athletes

LINCOLN, Jan. 3.—(Special).—Manager Guy E. Reed of the Cornhusker athletic board will endeavor to keep in closer touch with high school athletics than has been the custom in the past, and as a preliminary move in this direction has this week mailed out letters to all of the high school superintendents in the state. Reed expects to secure information in this manner which will permit him to catalogue the complete athletic records of every school in each athletic branch. The record will contain scores of foot ball games played by every high school in the state during the last season and will be followed up with the basketball, track and base ball records.

In addition Reed in his letter asks the superintendent to supply him with the names of all of the players, the number of years they have played on the high school teams, their ages, weights, size and number of years remaining in the high school.

For Annual Report.
All of the data will be incorporated in the annual report which Manager Reed prepares during the summer, containing the records of the Cornhusker athletes in all branches of sport. The details of the report on the high schools have not been definitely decided upon by Reed, but he will probably arrange the record of each school in accordance to the standing in the high school foot ball, basketball and track championship events.

At the close of his letter Reed calls attention to the fact that the high school basketball tournament, which determines the championship in this branch of sport, will be held March 12, 13 and 14, probably, although these dates are not absolutely settled. He asks the superintendents to forward their entries as soon as possible.

Reed's latest move to get in touch with Nebraska high school athletics is the logical conclusion of the state tournament, which was started by former Athletic Manager Earl O. Esser. Since Esser inaugurated the basketball tournament, the Cornhuskers have been able to compete with the larger universities in the east in retaining the services of the state's best athletes.

Helps Secure Records.
More high school athletic stars have been content to remain in Nebraska for their collegiate training since the Cornhuskers have evinced some interest in high school athletics. Reed's move to further popularize the work of the Nebraska high schools will meet with approval.

After a lull since the close of the foot ball season, athletics will again come into its own at the State university next week, when the basketball season opens. The basketball squad has been training for over a month and still has not even attempted to pick a team and has been giving the candidates floor work and practice in goal throwing.

Immediately with the opening of school, Monday Stehm will prepare his squad for the practice games. Other and some of the other secondary schools in Lincoln will provide preliminary skirmish for the Huskers, while the basketball season will formally open with two games with Missouri in Lincoln January 15 and 17.

Prepare for Big Games.
The Missouri games will be followed with Wesleyan, the Methodist school always putting out a strong basketball five. Stehm expects by that time the squad will be in shape to follow its Missouri Valley schedule, which opens the following week with Drake.

Nebraska has topped three Missouri Valley championships in basketball since Stehm took charge of affairs and Stehm is anxious to repeat. The loss of all but one veteran has seriously threatened his chances, but even at that Stehm has a likely looking bunch of goal shooters. The chances of developing a great scoring machine are especially good, for in Captain Haskell Stehm has one of the most reliable goal shooters developed at Nebraska, outstanding even the brilliant Walsh.

Rutherford, the foot ball star, falls little below Haskell in point of scoring ability, being a member of the championship Beatrice high school five when it captured the state championship the first year of the high school tournament.

Money Try for Team.
Howard of Omaha is trying hard for a fund position and may make it, but he has a lot of competition and will have to beat out at least two good men. Stehm was afraid he would be short of material for developing his basketball team, but there are all the way from three to six candidates fighting for each position on the five.

Stiehm is due to return from New York, where he attended the meeting of the Nebraska Collegiate association, next Monday. The Cornhusker leader stopped off in Chicago before going to New York, and conferred with some Big Nine representatives. He expected on his return to complete the work of drafting the Cornhusker foot ball schedule, which as yet is very indefinite.

Foot Ball Schedule.
It will probably be some time yet before the schedule is publicly announced as Stehm is desirous of securing games which will bring additional prestige to Nebraska. His Missouri Valley battles will include the leaders in this section and his big games will be with the strongest colleges in the west. Nebraska is absolutely sure of meeting two, if not three, of the big teams in the middle west next fall. An oddity which will present itself in the Nebraska schedule will be the lack of games at home. Except for the Kansas game, it is not certain that a single big game has been scheduled to be played in Lincoln, but Stehm will endeavor to close the season at home with a game which will draw equally with the Iowa contest. The Huskers play the Hawkeyes in the closing game of the year at Iowa—the first

Branch Manager R. L. Harpham of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, made a business trip to Nebraska City this week.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, 1914.

Big League Base Ballers in Japan



The accompanying photograph was taken soon after the arrival of the New York Giants and Chicago White Sox in Japan, on their barnstorming tour of the world. It shows Jim Scott, the great twirler of the White Sox, shaking hands with Captain Sugase, pitcher par excellence of Keio university nine. The two teams played a preliminary game before the regular combat between the

BELLEVUE WINS BY POINT

Trims Council Bluffs "Y" Team by Twenty-Six to Twenty-Five.

CLOSE IN THE FIRST HALF

Closer still in second, due to changes in lineup and better playing on part of Bluffs. Quinlet.

Good Scores Are Made at Trap at Cedar Bluffs Shoot

Scored well at trap at Cedar Bluffs, Neb., Jan. 3.—(Special).—The Cedar Bluffs Gun club held a shoot at their grounds here Thursday and today, which was a success in every way. The scores follow:

SCORES RUN HIGH IN REVOLVER TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The official scores in the third and fourth matches of the United States revolver association indoor tournament were announced today as follows:

LEAGUE EXTENDS SEASON

Churchmen Playing Basketball to Add to the Schedule.

PLANNING BIG TOURNAMENT

At close of regular season, matches are to be arranged between fastest aggregations in the city.

UNI OF OMAHA RESUMES BASKET BALL MONDAY

Beginning Monday, basketball at the University of Omaha is to be urged harder than ever and a varsity team which seemed uncertain during the last few weeks will be put in the field.

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The last few weeks witnessed little basketball among the amateur teams of the city. In some manner it seems hard for some of the local fives to secure games.

NEW BLOOD READY TO INSTILL SPIRIT IN WESTERN RACE

Fa Rourke Has Already Signed Some Good Material, and Has More in Sight.

"PEP" WILL BE THE NEW MOTTO

Fans Are Demanding Teams Which Will Fight to Last Inning.

ROURKES MOSTLY NEWCOMERS

Rourke Will Have Four New Infielders for Coming Season.

OUTFIELD TO REMAIN SAME

Bell is the Only Recruit to a Garden Position.

SPRING EXHIBITION GAMES

Pittsburgh and Minneapolis Will Surely Play Here and Chicago and St. Paul Are Expected to Stop in Omaha.

The Western league during the 1914 conflict for the cherished pennant emblem is bound to be almost an entirely new league because of the extraordinarily large number of players who have gone to the majors or been discarded in favor of newer and younger blood. Even the bat boys are going to be new in order to change the luck and two new umpires have already been signed for next season.

In Omaha the change is going to be more than apparent. When the 1913 season closed, Fa Rourke instantly announced his intention of securing a bunch of new players, who fight at the drop of the bat, if he had to trade his whole team to do it. Fight is what the Omaha fans are after and it makes little difference if Omaha wins the pennant or not, if the fans are satisfied that their representatives on the diamond are going to work every last minute and make their opponents labor overtime to get a score, then it is a safe gamble that Fa will find his wooden stands a bad investment because it would hold back the hundreds of bugs who would swarm through the gates so fast that Brother Dave and Dick wouldn't be able to count the dollars without the aid of an adding machine.

Already Rourke, has nailed half a dozen youngsters to the mast and has his optics casting friendly overtures to several other speed boys who would look well in Omaha uniforms. The players he has secured are youngsters, with all the youngster's ambition and nerve, but at the same time will bring to the field experience to know the finer points of the game without more than a month or two of tutoring under the perceptive instructor, Johnny Goding. One player in particular will be more than welcome. That is Martin Krug, who was secured from the Boston Red Sox. Krug is fast enough for an AA league, but Rourke was first on the job when Boston announced willingness to sell him and this Omaha gets the prize.

But Rourke has a half a dozen more players he is after here and he has deals pending which will bring to the field the eighth and ninth inning, when pessimistic fans get up to go home. He will soon have a catcher, a pitcher or maybe two, and a couple of infielders to swell the ranks. All of these players are young fellows with a future ahead as well as a brilliant past behind. With Krug occupying one sack and Jimmie Kane on first and two other first-class infielders, Omaha should have an infield that would be almost unsurpassable for a minor league. It is possible that a new first baseman will replace Kane, as Rourke plays no favorites, and just as leave trade Kane as any other man on the team if he thought it would benefit Omaha's chances to cop the rag next fall.

Outfield Sufficiently Strong

The Omaha outfield will stand as it is. Thomson, Coyle, Payne and Connelton will all be back and Bell, from Superior, Wis., will compete for a steady job. Bell's chances for one garden are excellent, as he comes to Omaha with quite a record and if he can hit Western league pitchers with any degree of consistency he is almost certain to be given a position, as that is one requisite in an outfielder which Pa demands.

The pitching staff still needs bolstering and Pa has his eye out for deals which will involve twirlers. If he can obtain one good dependable pitcher he will be satisfied, but it would be supreme content if he could obtain two.

Who will manage the local team is still an open question. Several guesses have been made by fans and some are very reasonable, but the most logical guess appears to be that Fa Rourke and Johnny Goding will do the work. Eddie Justice, who handled the reins last year, will probably not be given that privilege this year. Rourke, if he can spare the time along with his executive duties, would manage the team in Rourke might manage. While some athletic trainers are training record-breaking sprinters and runners and by so doing receiving a large amount of publicity, it is the belief of nearly every

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As in Omaha, Council Bluffs has a church league. For the size of the town, the Iowans have a great many more teams than there is in Omaha.

Beginning next week a number of basketball matches are scheduled to take place in the city. One reason that basketball has been at a standstill during the last few weeks is the lack of suitable places to stage games. The University of Omaha and the Nebraska School for the Deaf has been closed for the holidays and as the amateur teams