

WESTERN LEAGUE MEETS AT LINCOLN

Transfer of Topeka and Wichita Franchises Due to Come Before Board.

WILL ELECT PRESIDENT

When the Western league moguls assemble at Lincoln Tuesday in answer to a call from President Frank C. Zehring for a meeting of the league, some exciting bits of juicy news are expected to break, and unless the dope sheet fails to run true to form the first sound of the anticipated Western league upheaval is due to be heard.

A general dissatisfaction with the two Kansas cities has prevailed throughout the loop for the last two years. Neither Wichita nor Topeka have been worth their salt since they have been in the league. Wichita at the start of the year always becomes exuberant and enthusiasm satiates the town. The attendance at the first game is always large, equaling, generally, any city in the league, and the first series or two generally draws good. Then the team kicks away one game and the anvil chorus gets away to a flying start. It never ceases.

As a result business gets poorer and poorer until after the first of August the games don't draw flies.

Topeka Too Small.

Topeka, of course, is smaller than Wichita. It isn't big enough for the Western league. John Savage, the Topeka owner, is a good base ball man and he's popular everywhere, but he can't pull 'em out in Topeka. The league would like to find a good town for Savage, because he's a mighty good base ball man and a square one, too.

Before the 1916 season came to a close the Wichita franchise holders threw up the sponge and the league took over the franchise. The team played its concluding games in Colorado Springs. Some of the owners, including Pa. Rourke of Omaha, believe it would be a wise move to put a team in the Springs. They haven't had any base ball out there for a decade and the prevailing belief is that a team could enjoy at least two good seasons out there. Even two seasons would be better than continuing in Wichita.

Key See in Field.

Kansas City, Kan., is a prospect for the Topeka franchise. Kansas City, Kan., is getting to be quite a city. No longer is it dependent on Kansas City, Mo. Business men on the Kansas side would like to have a Western league club in their city and have assured Western league mag- that they would lend their hearty support to a club there.

Jack Holland of St. Joseph is the big booster for Kansas City. He says the permission of George Tebeau, who controls the territory by virtue of his franchise in the American association, will give his consent to the installation of a club on the Kansas side. Holland declares he has made investigation of Kay See conditions and insists that a club in that town would be one of the most successful in the loop.

So it would not be a surprise to learn that Wichita and Topeka will not be around with the 1917 season rolls around.

Elect President.

Another matter that is due to come up at the meeting Tuesday is the election of a president for the approaching year. Zehring's term of office expires.

Rumors that Zehring was slated to go have been persistent the last two months. Where they come from is unknown, but they do continue. And this despite a single expression from a magazine that there has been any dissatisfaction with the Lincoln man's reign.



The Hypodermic Needle

By FRED S. HUNTER

THOSE RED SOX.

They haven't any Speaker, And they haven't any Cobb, They haven't any Jackson Raisenell upon the job. They haven't any Collins, Nor a Baker nor a Wheat, And they haven't any Robertson, So speedy and so fleet. They haven't any Johnson, And they haven't any Chase, But they have a bunch of athletes, Who know how to lead the race.

Walter Camp, we see, is advising the Yale foot ball coaches. Two to one on Harvard.

Re Halligan. Walter, we presume, will advise the Eli coaches to play Ted McCoy.

Fall is here. The bear dope has started at the college foot ball camps.

To hear a coach talk one would think a foot ball camp is something like a hospital.

THE LIMIT.

We love the roar of cannon, the crash of dynamite, The crack and clash of thunder and the bellow of a fight, And while we love a roaring noise, there's one guy jars our stem, He tries to fix a missing motor at the hour of 6 a. m.

The Giants, we lamp, have set up another record for consecutive victories. The Giants remind us very much of the horse on which you had bet your dough, by the way—who goes crazy after the race is over.

If, as experts aver, Tris Speaker is a team in himself, Bill Carrigan had two teams last year.

An Essay

The "hick," sometimes known as a rube, or a mark, or a chump, or a sucker and numerous other titles, is generally believed to be a product of farming communities. He is popularly supposed to wear chin whiskers in which the tell-tale hayseed lurks. He is also supposed to wear a "yap" haircut, talk with a downcast drawl and continually say "by gum" and "by hek." The big city slicker generally regards Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas as the state in which "hicks" are born and bred. And yet they pinched a bunch of blackmailers in Chicago, and private banks are hitting the wall every ten minutes.

I am going to Chicago, In dear old Illinois, I am going to Chicago, I am on my way, oh boy, I am going to Chicago, Out here it is too tame, I am going to Chicago, For I run an army game. One way to keep athletes from hurting themselves would

be to make them slide on their heads.

Ho, Hum. Fred Fulton and Frank Moran will meet at New York Tuesday.

Jack Johnson, we spy in the public prints, tried his hand at bull fighting in Spain and was roundly hissed. Jack should take a few lessons from J. Curley.

Coach Edmunds of Washington uni evidently is a believer in preparedness. He has his grid-iron warriors punching the bag.

Charley Ebbets has raised the price of world series tickets, but we would give it a worry.

Anyway, Cincinnati won't have to worry about ticket scalpers this fall.

Altogether too much bunk. Fight patrons get weary. Ring cleaners sadly needed, shrieks headline in St. Paul paper. Pretty soon St. Paul will learn that Columbus discovered America.

But if the box fight game needs a cleanser may we pause to inquire what the wrestling game needs?

Though France is torn in sundry parts by warfare and by strife, Though Belgium suffers untold woes and in England grief is rife, And Montenegro broken lies and Russia gasps for breath,

And Serbia is worn and rent and verging unto death, Though all of Europe bleeds and moans in warfare's bloody tracks, War has its victims here at home, for instance one C. Mack.

Base Ball Tourney At Fair Grounds to Be Held This Week

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Arrangements for the first base ball tournament ever held in Omaha were consummated last week. Said tournament will be held at the county fair grounds under the auspices of the Douglas County Agricultural society. Liberal purses will act as an incentive to grab first or second place, but every team in the race will receive \$25 or more. Herewith the teams that will fight it out: Armoura, champions of Omaha; Ramblers, champions of the National League; Luxus, champions of the Greater Omaha league, and the Omaha Gas company, runner-ups in the Greater Omaha league. The initial argument will be played on Wednesday and the final game on Saturday. In all probability James Kane will do the adjudicating. Game will be called each day at 2:30 p. m. Schedule: Wednesday, Omaha Gas com-

Table with columns for player names and statistics. Includes names like Ivaas, Pitts, Scholz, etc.

National League Averages

Table showing National League averages for various teams like Detroit, Chicago, New York, Boston, etc.

American League Averages

Table showing American League averages for various teams like Brooklyn, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

Base Ball Tourney At Fair Grounds to Be Held This Week

Table listing names and statistics for the base ball tourney, including names like Schupp, Alexander, Cooper, etc.

Final Western League Averages

Table showing Final Western League averages for various teams like Denver, St. Joseph, Topeka, etc.

Club Fielding

Table showing Club Fielding statistics for various teams like St. Joseph, Topeka, etc.

Pitching Records

Table showing Pitching Records for various players like Marshall, Furner, Johnson, etc.

Gridiron Gossip

Some chatter of the sandlot lads.

Next Sunday the amateur foot ball season will open up in earnest and all the teams not booked for today, will be out on the turf this afternoon, going through preliminary work, preparatory for the grand opening.

Scott Jamieson, who used to be able to make the oval soar high and far in town. You can commu with him over Douglas 3547.

Scott Meredith was recently elected to steer the Fontainebleau Reserves over the tough and salty foot ball sea.

Call up Harvey 2319 between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. for conflicts with the Nonpareil Reserves.

According to the dope, the Mandas will make all the Class B children trot at a merry clip this season.

Another team that will make every team in their class shiver is the Ducky Holmes.

Everett Bill Maher will lead the Athletics. For arguments call Harvey 5564 or address him at 2623 Cass street.

Joe Garrett, who tips the beams at about 200, would make a formidable candidate for center. For further information, chatter to him over Douglas 4466.

For games with the Council Bluffs Mid-gets, call Council Bluffs 1122 and talk business to one Ed McIntosh.

Tammamach, the chosen of the Council Bluffs Longways is looking for tussles. Bang the bell on Council Bluffs Red 4666 and you will be accommodated.

Jacobberger, a new gambler, that hails from a preparatory school at halfback berth with the Nonpareils.

Harry Williams will coach the Nonpareils. Under his tuterhip they should ramble faster than during 1915, when they landed the local honors.

Now Frank Golden rings in with the note that he is going to ring out as far as playing foot ball is concerned.

Out-of-town teams wishing trouble with the Nonpareils are requested to call Tyler 1217, and yell for Paul Lynch, or pen him at 1658 South Twenty-second street.

Totman, halfback of the Monmouth Parks, has tussled his foot ball rig in storage forever. At present he is out of the city.

Frank Greene has resigned as manager of the Athletics, but he says he may don the moleskins towards the latter part of the season.

Madam Rumor has it that a gang in the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets will be molded together and known as the Columbian.

Teams wishing games with the Dundee Woolen Mills are requested to call Walnut 1252 and speak for Paul Carlson.

For games with the Mohawks, tinkle the buzzer on Webster 1254 and holler for Tink.

A bunch has been mustered together in the north end to be known as the Trademan. They are going to endeavor to duplicate the enviable record made by the Trademan base ball team.

Wally Walworth of Waver, was also formerly a star at Crestview, he is meeting under the rocks playing professional base ball.

James Dugdale is the player that will lead the Dundee Woolen Mills over the bumpy road this season.

The Monticellos have changed their monicker to Dundee Woolen Mills.

FUNNIEST AND BEST SHOW AT AK-SAR-BEN MONKEY SPEEDWAY

Large advertisement for Fred Krug Brewing Company. Features the text 'Welcome to Ak-Sar-Ben' and 'And Treat Your Friends to the King's Feast'. Includes a large logo for 'Krug' and 'The Beer You Like'. The ad is for the Ak-Sar-Ben race track.