

CONSTITUTION OF SPORT WRITERS

President Justice Received a Copy of It and Keokuk Members Will Vote—Will Favor it.

OF INTEREST TO FANS

Contains Many Little Articles Which Keokuk Base Ball Followers Will Read With Interest.

Mrs. M. E. Justice has received a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sport Writers' association and it contains many articles of interest to fans. It is for the promotion of the Central association and to make it the peer of minor baseball leagues.

Constitution of Central Association of Sport Writers.

Article I.—(Name.) The name of this organization shall be "Central Association of Sport Writers."

Article II.—(Object.) The object of this organization shall be to further the interests of baseball, not only in its relation to the public press but in a general way to elevate the standard of the game.

Article III.—(Election.) The members of the board of directors shall be elected annually for three years, three each year at the regular annual business meeting of the society. The first board shall be formed by electing five additional members, who with the four officers elected at the first meeting held in Keokuk, shall act as the first board of directors. Their terms shall be selected by lot by the officers, except that the present officers shall serve for three years, except one, selected by lot, who shall serve for two years. Officers shall be elected by the board annually, immediately after the annual meeting of the society.

Article IV.—(Membership.) The membership shall be confined to those who are eligible as herein set forth. Such eligible members shall be— A. Working Members—This class of members shall include only actual writers of baseball or newspapers in the Central association circuit or correspondents for outside papers or press associations, whose presence in the press box is actually essential to the proper fulfillment of his duties as such. A working member shall be considered such while he is thus actually employed, either all or a part of the time during the season in actually handling baseball. To each member eligible to this class of membership will be issued a working card, upon the payment of his dues each year and this card shall entitle him to admission to the press box in any ball park in the Central association circuit. In no case, however, shall any one paper be allowed more than two working members, one regular man and one sub to take his place when necessary.

Article V.—(Meetings.) The regular meetings and annual meeting of this organization shall be held at such time as may be designated by the president after due notice has been given the members of the board of directors. At least one business meeting shall be held annually to elect officers, receive reports of officers and committees and such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

Article VI.—(Officers.) The officers of this organization shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a board of directors consisting of the officers and five (5) other members. The officers and directors shall be elected at such time and serve such length of time as hereinafter provided in the by-laws.

Article VII.—(Amendments.) This constitution may be amended, altered or revised, either wholly or in part by a majority vote of the members of the board of directors, such amendment not to be in force, however, until after the members of the society have been notified by mail, such notification embodying in full the changes made. If no objections be raised the revised or amended constitution shall go into effect automatically ten (10) days after such notice has been issued. In case any objection be made, such protest shall be passed upon by the board, after which a majority vote is necessary to put the amended or revised constitution in force.

Article VIII.—(Duties of Officers.) Section 1. President—The president shall preside at all meetings of the

association and board of directors and perform such other duties as provided herein. He shall call meetings of the association or board at such times as he may deem necessary or as requested by written request of seven (7) members of the society or five (5) members of the board. He shall appoint all committees except the membership committee, and auditing committee, approve all bills after being passed upon by the auditing committee and be a member of all committees. Sec. 2. Vice-President—The vice-president shall perform the duties of president in case of the absence or inability of the chief executive to act.

Sec. 3. Secretary—The secretary shall take charge of all books and papers of the association; keep a record of all meetings of the board and of the association and perform such other duties as may be herein provided for or outlined by the president.

Sec. 4. Treasurer—The treasurer shall receive and disburse all sums of money received by the association upon proper authorization. He shall keep and submit to the board quarterly a true and full account of all moneys handled by him and submit annually to the association a complete account of the transactions of his office for the year together with a report of the moneys received and expended by the association and showing the balance or deficit in the treasury.

Sec. 5. The Board of Directors—The board shall hold, manage, administer and control all money, property, effects and affairs of the society. The board shall authorize the expenditure of the money of the society and no expenditure shall be made without such authority except by majority vote of the association where a regular quorum is present.

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shall be appointed by the board of directors as a committee on playing rules, to confer with the joint rules committee of the major leagues, to assist in formulating and revising the playing and scoring rules. Sec. 2. A membership committee, with the president as chairman and the secretary of the society as secretary, and one member from each city named by the members from that city shall act on all applications for membership and settle all disputes as to eligibility. A report in writing shall be submitted to the society in each case involving any dispute or objection and an applicant may appeal his case from the membership committee to the society.

Sec. 3. An auditing committee consisting of three members shall be elected annually to audit the accounts of the secretary and treasurer and report to the society at the annual meeting. Sec. 4. A committee of three members including the president shall be appointed to meet with the Central Association of Baseball clubs at each meeting of that body for the purpose of conferring with the league officers and directors on any matter of interest or importance to either or both which may properly come before the league meeting.

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CITY NEWS

—Read The Daily Gate City. 10 cents per week.

—The fair and warmer weather flags were hung out this morning. —Attend P. L. Kennedy's endurance contest tonight at Hawkes' hall. —Two hoboes who were going along the street this morning begging dimes were picked up by officer Holliday at Sixth and Main at 10 o'clock and locked up for safe keeping.

—P. L. Kennedy will give an endurance contest at his dance this evening. —H. C. Brown will be the speaker at the meeting at the Y. W. C. A. on Sunday afternoon. Special music has been arranged for the occasion and the meeting will no doubt be an interesting one.

—At Iowa City last evening the Iowa university basketball team defeated Minnesota in a brilliant game by the score of 37 to 15. This is the last game of the season to be played on the Iowa floor.

—The boys were sliding on Timea street from Sixth to Fifth this morning, the hill being a glare of ice. One boy was struck by the street car and the police were asked to put a stop to the sport before some one was killed. Officer Holliday went down and stopped the boys before any one was injured. The boy who struck the car had a narrow escape but was only skinned a little.

—Every police station in the west has received communications in the past to arrest John Hoover, a clever confidence man, who played for high stakes and was generally successful. Hoover has just been arrested at Waukesha, Wis., after a long criminal career. His operating was confined to audacious land swindles, and Hoover pulled off his game at a number of points in eastern Iowa, and also near Quincy. Up to the present time he had been successful in evading the police. His game was worked through the means of bogus mortgage, and he always cleaned up several thousand dollars each time. Hoover was perhaps the most dangerous confidence man plying his game in the west.

—Burlington Hawk-Eye: It is entirely fitting that the Burlington Launch club have a speed boat entered in the free-for-all event at the coming motor boat races of the M. V. P. B. A., to be held in Burlington on July 5 and 6. In fact the local power boat enthusiasts figure that it would be unworthy of their position in launch circles not to be represented in this most important event, which will attract attention all over the country among boat owners. So it may be stated that the pennant of the Burlington Launch club will fly from one of the fastest crafts ever launched on the upper river. The boat is now under construction, but no details as to its lines or engines, are to be given out at this time.

—The Quincy Whig pays Conductor George R. Hough the following tribute: As a brakeman and conductor he was a faithful employe and a courteous official and won many compliments not only from both the public and his immediate superiors, but from those high in authority in the councils of the road. Three years ago the officials tendered him an offer of retirement with full pay, but he asked to be allowed the privilege of continuing in the service, which was accorded him. The occasion of his fiftieth years service with the Wabash was made the occasion of a reception by the people of Clayton, where he had made his home for almost a half century, and was attended by several of the Wabash officials.

—The following invitations have been issued by the Bank Street Christian Sunday school: "Cordially invites yourself, parents and friends to attend a special service at the church, corner Bank and Fifteenth streets, Sunday, Feb. 28, 1909. This year being the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Christian church in this country, and that Lord's day is the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Cory as a minister in that church, and his sermon that evening will relate the reasons which resulted in the organization of the Christian church, and also give some of his pioneer experiences as a minister. There will be a special musical program consisting of songs which were used fifty years ago, and other enjoyable music. All are cordially invited to come."

—That discontinuance of the through freight business over the C. B. & Q. railroad may result in the removal of many families from this city, it will in the opinion of railroad men not make any great change in employes here, says the Mexican Ledger. On January 28, through a disagreement between the Chicago and Alton and the Burlington railroads the arrangements between the two roads affecting only the through freight business over the cut-off between Francis and St. Louis, will terminate and Burlington employes in this city have been notified of this fact from the officials of the Burlington road at Hannibal. The local freight services, however, will be continued when one local will operate on the cut-off, while the passenger service will, it is understood remain as heretofore. Since the building of the cut-off several years ago there have been disagreements of such character between the two roads which have always resulted in a satisfactory settlement within a short time, and this time it is hoped that the present difficulty may terminate in recalling the last order and the reinstallation of the through freight business over the cut-off.

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—Any one who buys a "Kimball" instrument of us will pay one small factory profit—"only one." W. W. Kimball Co. In with Duncan Shell, 307 Main St.

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—John R. Kelly has deeded to Felix M. Kelly, lot 5 in block 209, the property being on Ridge street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The consideration is not stated in the deed.

—Quincy bowlers are somewhat ahead of local pinners according to a comparison of scores. Last evening at Quincy the Tigers broke the City league record making a total of 2746 pins. This is almost 200 more than any total a Keokuk team has been able to make.

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CATHOLIC CLERGY SHOW NO FAVOR

Plan to Organize Sunday Base Ball League in Southern Part of Iowa Has Little Following in Keokuk.

BURLINGTON AT HEAD

Would Organize a League Composed of Teams From Burlington, Ft. Madison, Keokuk and Other Towns.

Burlington is at the head of a movement to organize a base ball league among the Catholic Young Men's Clubs in this part of the state and Keokuk has been asked to enter one, two or three teams.

The proposed league is to have one representative team from Burlington, Ft. Madison, Keokuk, Fairfield, West Point and several other towns, and the games are to be played on Sundays of each week.

Catholic clergy of this city have already voiced their sentiments against this new Sunday league and it is thought that Keokuk will not have a representative club.

Circular letters have been received by members of the three Catholic churches of the city but only St. Mary's club has considered the proposition at a regular meeting. While no decision was reached few approved of the plan and it will be given little support in this city.

It is understood that all of the Catholic clergy of the city have disapproved of the plan and when the young men's clubs of each church take up the letter the plan will probably be voted down.

The letter was considered at a recent meeting of St. Mary's club and will be read at the next regular meeting of St. Peter's club. As St. Francis de Sales church has no organized young men's club it is not known what action will be taken.

While it is learned that Burlington has some support in the present plan Keokuk will not be among the members of the league, unless there is a decided change in the present sentiment of club members.

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PERSONAL

Miss Gertrude Megchelson has gone to New York City on a few weeks visit.

J. F. Riley, traveling freight agent for the M. K. T. railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis, was in the city yesterday afternoon on business connected with his road.

A. R. Ayres and daughter Miss H. P. Ayres leave Monday for Los Angeles on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Culin of Carthage were in the city last evening to attend the Frank-Cosgrove wedding. Hannibal Journal: Fireman James Leach, will be here from Keokuk this week. A. W. Stichman, the electrician at the Burlington shops, will visit this week in Keokuk.

Webb Thomas is in Chicago attending the cement show being held there this week.

C. H. Dodge was in Hannibal on business yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Cole left this morning for Vincennes, Ind., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Spain.

Thomas John, Jr., traveling passenger agent of the Wabash is in the city today on business.

John Rogan left this morning for St. Louis where he will visit with friends.

Mrs. A. Roche has returned from a visit in Quincy.

Miss Verona Wolf returned last evening from a visit in Omaha with her brothers.

The H. S. club will give a dancing party Saturday evening at Schouten's hall.

A number of young people will enjoy a dance in Hawkes' hall this evening given by P. L. Kennedy. Dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 12 and music will be furnished by the Agne orchestra.

A Washington Party was given last evening in St. Mary's hall and several hundred people enjoyed the event. At the door to receive the guests was Robert Ewers, dressed in colonial costume. Miss Emma Ewers, who assisted in giving the souvenir cards, was also dressed in colonial costume and the hall was correspondingly decorated. A number of young ladies assisted in entertaining and ladies and refreshments were enjoyed.

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NO ILLEGAL USE OF MONEY SHOWN Senator Lehr Asks Injunction to Prevent State Paying Expense Legislative Investigation.

MADISON, Feb. 19.—Senator Lehr, of Apleton, this morning filed a petition in the supreme court for a writ of injunction to restrain the state treasurer from paying the expenses of the legislative investigation. If the injunction is issued it will delay further investigation. J. H. Puelicher, a Milwaukee banker, was before the committee this morning and said the distributed \$98,000 for Stephenson. He gave the names of persons to whom the money went, naming the persons Stephenson mentioned in the campaign expenses. The testimony did not show any illegal use of the money.

ALTON WILL PAY FINE. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19.—Attorneys for the Chicago and Alton railroad announced to District Attorney Sims today they would pay the fine of sixty-five thousand tomorrow assessed against the road and officials for rebating and "switching charges."

SUSTAINED FREE TRADE. LONDON, Feb. 19.—The house of Commons today defeated Austin Chamberlain's motion favoring the abandonment of free trade. The vote was 275 to 107.

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WANTED—500 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting our graduates. Few weeks complete. Constant practice furnished, scholarship include tools, instructions, demonstrations, examinations and diplomas. Write for catalogue. Moier Barber College, St. Louis, Mo. tt

FOR SALE.

SALESMEN WANTED—To sell the best generator invented. ROTARY ACETYLENE CO., Quincy, Ill. 12-7.

FOR SALE—Will sell five shares of stock in local corporation at a bargain. This stock pays an annual dividend of 12 per cent. Address M. H. McLean, Hoquiam, Wash. tt

FOR SALE—Cretors popcorn and peanut wagon 1908 model in perfect condition. Address T. J. Brophy, 1021 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill. 16-4t

FOR RENT—Dwelling with gas, bath and barn. Also farm near Keokuk. Inquire 727 Morgan street. tt

DRUG STORE FOR SALE—At Luray, Mo. The only one in town. Stock invoiced \$1,000. Will sell at a good discount. The owner recently died and the heirs want to sell. For information address, A. J. Kelly, Luray, Mo. 17-3t

FOR SALE—44 acres of land 1 1/2 miles from Elvaston. Price reasonable; terms easy. T. J. French, 200 South Eighth. 1t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One good, new 5 room dwelling with store on corner lot with small fruit trees. Would exchange for good farm. Address "R. O." this office. 18-2t.

FOR SALE—Sugar barrels and candy buckets at Palace of Sweets, 606 Main street. 1t

FOR QUICK SALE—18 acres; 3-room house; well; fenced; 5 miles from town. Suitable for small farming. Chickens, dairy, and fruit. Some fruit trees already on place. Price, \$800.00. J. C. Paradise Realty Co. 19-2t

LOST.

LOST—Monday night, between Fourth and Fifth on Exchange, pocketbook containing \$52.00. Return to S. P. Pond Co., office. Reward. 1t

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Table with columns: Daily Range of Prices, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for WHEAT (May, July, Sept) and CORN