

Latest Sporting News

NO CHANCE FOR ANY SKEPTICISM

Baseball Matters are in Better Shape at Present Time Than Ever in History of Game in This City

ENJOYING PROSPERITY

All Details Have Been Worked Out and Players Will Arrive Sunday and Monday to Start Spring Training.

"If I didn't think I had a good ball club and one that will lead the way in the Central Association during the coming season, do you think I'd be content and would not be scouring around after players?"

Manager Frank Belt addressed this question to a fan last evening who was inclined to be just a little skeptical. In the end the bug was compelled to admit that Belt has gathered together an aggregation which will make the other ball heavies extend themselves to cope successfully in the coming race.

Surely there can be no room for skepticism at the present time. Manager Belt's presence in Keokuk during the past winter together with his fortune and good judgment in securing players have put baseball matters in such shape that only the brightest prospects loom up in the forefront.

The team has several good catchers, strong pitchers, a star first baseman and good infield material, while the outfield is a certainty. The baseball association is in a good way financially, the grounds have never been in better condition, the fans will have comfortable seats and the players are well cared for as to dressing rooms and baths.

Belt has even gone so far as to secure a trainer and E. Markley is already on the scene with his witch-hazel and hard towels.

Fans do not fully understand or appreciate the value of a trainer to a baseball team, especially in minor league circles. This is for the reason that few of them have taken violent exercise and are not aware of the amount of good a trainer can do. Many minor accidents occur on the baseball field which do not assume gravity if attended to at once. If a man sprains his ankle early attention will do much good. Again it is known that players can be kept from growing stale by a few applications from the satchel of the medicine man. So are his specialties.

Markley is one of the best trainers in this section of the country and it is only an existence of circumstance that makes it possible for Belt to secure him. Already he has demonstrated his ability. The other day Belt made a vicious lunge at a deceptive slant hurled up by an expert from a local lot and almost swung out of his jeans. He so wrenched his back that he was fearful of being out of the game for several weeks. Markley declared the case a common one and in a few minutes had Belt stretched out on a bench and was giving him rigid treatment. The next day all pain in his back was gone.

The players are expected tomorrow. The writer made inquiries Saturday evening at the hotel which will serve as headquarters, but none of them had arrived. Belt expects nearly all of them here by Monday morning and stiff practice will start immediately. He hopes to be able to have a game on Tuesday.

The weather has been such that very few ambitious ball players have not been out. For this reason sore arms should not prove a handicap and if weather conditions remain as they have been during the past two weeks the men should be in excellent shape for the go with the St. Louis Browns on next Saturday.

Des Moines wired Saturday for exhibition games in that city on April 10 and 11, but Belt could not accommodate them. He wired back that the 16th and 17th were open, but Jacksonville has been wanting games and it is doubtful as to what games will be scheduled for exhibitions.

"Rube" Burch has been working out consistently during the past week and declared his arm is feeling fine. "Rube" should be fully as good as he was last season. Jaeger, the boy with much control, will prove a tower of strength and Blue Jacket will not let them get away with him.

Belt is going to secure a football from the high school students if possible and convert the casino into a big practice ground if the weather is inclement. He says a little football work for the men on a bad day will serve to keep them in shape. It is not at all doubtful but the high school lads would line up against the Indians in a little indoor gridiron battle.

METHODISTS WIN PENNANT

Best Team Ever Organized in Keokuk Went Through Season in Brilliant Style Without Losing Game

THE BATTING HONORS

Harry King Carried off Honors as Leading Stick Artist With Kendrick of Methodists Close Behind.

Final Club Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Methodists	9	8	1	.888
Presbyterians	9	5	4	.555
Congregationals	9	4	5	.444
Episcopals	9	1	8	.111

The Methodist indoor baseball team, generally conceded to be the best ever organized in Keokuk, closed the season Friday night in the indoor church league by defeating the Congregationals by the score of 16 to 10. But one game is chalked up against the pennant winners, and it is the result of a forfeit in the first game of the season.

The team won wholly on its merits, outclassing the other three teams in every department of the game, having a strong battery, clever in the field and composing the greatest scoring machine the indoor game has ever seen here. The players established quite a record in the way of base running.

It is interesting to note the number of scores made during the season by the various clubs and they are given, as follows:

Methodists	165
Congregationals	119
Presbyterians	64
St. John's	61

The tabulated score of Friday night's game follows:

Official Score.	AB.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Methodists	7	2	4	3	4	0	0
Dickey, p.	7	2	4	10	1	0	0
P. King, c.	7	2	4	10	1	0	0
C. King, 2b.	7	2	3	1	0	0	0
Sheldon, 2b.	6	3	4	2	0	0	0
Dumenil, 1b.	5	2	2	4	0	1	1
Duncan, 1s.	5	4	2	0	0	0	0
McKay, rs.	5	1	2	1	2	0	0
Totals	42	16	21	21	7	1	1

Congregationals	AB.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Joy 2b.	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
H. King, c.	3	2	1	9	1	0	0
Kiedalsch, 1b.	4	0	0	7	0	0	0
Hirst, 2b.	5	1	3	2	1	1	1
Rogers, p. 1s.	5	1	1	1	6	1	1
Weess, 1s, p.	4	2	1	2	4	1	0
Hayden, rs.	5	2	2	0	1	0	0
Totals	32	10	10	21	13	3	3

Summary. Struck out—By Dickey, 12; by Rogers, 2; by Weess, 5. Bases on balls—Off Dickey, 3; off Rogers, 2. Passed balls—P. King, 2. Double play—Dickey to Dumenil.

Score by Innings.

Methodists	4	0	5	5	0	0	2	—16
Congregationals	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	—10

Individual Batting. In individual batting Harry King carried off the honors with a mark of 632. Kendrick was close behind with 571. The averages follow:

	AB.	H.	Pct.
King	20	19	.950
Kendrick	31	18	.579
Bell	14	8	.571
Dickey	49	28	.572
C. King	47	24	.511
Sykes	21	11	.523
Hirst	41	21	.512
Sheldon	48	25	.521
Joy	33	15	.454
Rogers	37	16	.432
Harrison	30	14	.466
Hassall	31	14	.448
P. King	59	26	.441
Duncan	46	19	.413
N. A. King	34	14	.411
Weess	38	15	.392
Belknap	22	9	.408
Allen	22	8	.363
Dumenil	33	12	.363
Forney	18	7	.388
Fuller	25	9	.360
Pyles	32	11	.343
Kiedalsch	39	12	.307
Cook	24	8	.333
Marsh	22	9	.366
Tucker	22	6	.272
Bradford	24	7	.280
Ratcliffe	31	8	.258
Collisson	23	4	.173
Crimmins	21	3	.142
Board	7	1	.142

She Does. When a woman is in doubt she usually chooses the more expensive article.—Detroit Free Press.

HONORS TO TABER FOR THE SEASON

Captain of the Keokuk Club Team Nosed Out Clarence Powell for High Honors by Narrow Margin

FOUR MEN IN CLOSE RACE

Crimmins and Cook Had Chance and Crack Bowling of These Stars Helped to Maintain Keen Interest.

About three weeks ago the Keokuk Bowling Association resolved itself into a fight between Taber, Powell, Crimmins and Cook for first place in the individual standing. Captain Taber of the Keokuk Club team finished first by a very narrow margin. Powell of the Olympians was a close second with Crimmins and Cook, his team mates, third and fourth respectively. The four men who finished 170 or better for the entire season are worthy of the honors conferred upon them for it was their work mainly that maintained the keen interest manifested this season.

Viewing the league from every angle it is generally admitted that it has been successful, even beyond the dreams of officers during the early part of the season. The handicap system has done its work and now it may be discarded if the organization sees fit.

A meeting will be held possibly this week and the prizes awarded. It was necessary to carry out the averages of Taber and Powell to the decimal in order to show the difference.

Bowling Averages.

Taber	174.29
Smith	163
Maas	166
Sheldon	161
E. W. Cox	164
G. W. Cox	159
Strickler	159
Crimmins	172
Powell	174.18
E. Maas	162
Cook	170
Roberts	161
Loomis	165
Wolf	156
O'Brienness	166
Dickey	162
Griffey	153
Baur	151
M. Browne	157
Kaiser	146
Azinger	156
King	160
Gamble	163
Williams	162
Hiller	163
Watson	155
Davis	147
Ericson	155
Glaser	153
Carlson	156

Bear	143
Publisky	161
Higham	167
Merrill	146
Scott	157
Steele	149
Hennemann	149
Hassett	144
Saroffn	148
Kirchner	158
Schweite	135
Publisky	142
Hamill	149
Robertson	142
Herbner	148
Bryant	137
Frankenfield	160
Dowell	148
Weismann	162
Kraft	139
Hemmy	150
Lamptrakis	154

Bowlers to Quincy Today.

The Olympian team will leave this morning for Quincy to open the big tournament which will be on there and is open to all bowlers in this section. The team will compete in the team play and in the singles. Those who will go are Harry King, John Crimmins, Clarence Powell, Harry Cook and Walter Maas.

LOCKJAW FATAL TO BAREFOOT BOY

Keosauqua Lad Ran a Nail Into One of His Feet and Died.

[Special to The Gate City.]

KEOSAUQUA, April 2.—James Ren, a nine-year-old son of James and Luda Gilchrist, living seven miles northwest of this place, died at nine o'clock yesterday morning from lockjaw. About a week ago he began going barefooted, and in some way ran a nail or some foreign substance into one of his feet. A few days afterward his foot began to pain him and he was taken to a physician. He did not seem to improve and Thursday he was again taken to a physician at this place. Thursday evening Dr. Sherman of this place was called; also Dr. Orsasp of Bonaparte. His jaws set during the night, and all that medical skill could do was done, till death ended his sufferings at nine o'clock Friday morning.

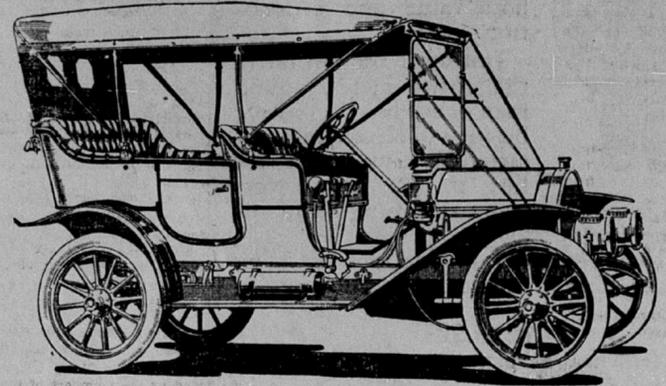
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Prof. P. C. Hayden states that it would probably be the last of the month before the "Holy City," for which so much time and faithful practice has been given, would be presented. The large chorus, which is to be composed of at least 125 voices, will be one of the finest bodies of young music students in the city and the interested public will be given a chance of hearing these with other well known musicians of the city. The "Holy City" will be given in the high school this year, the assembly room, which is capable of seating four hundred or more persons, will be used.

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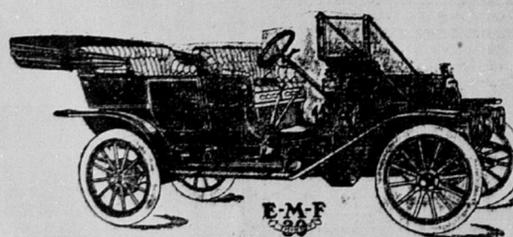
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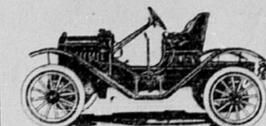
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