

Some Winter Sporting Gossip

HARD LINES FOR QUINCY

League Directors Decline to Release Illinois City at Any Price Though Territory May Remain Inactive.

MUSCATINE POSSIBILITY

Complete Report of Galesburg Meeting Telling More Fully Matters Reported by Gate City Yesterday.

GALESBURG, Ill., Nov. 30.—The most important session of the Central Base Ball association has held in a long time did the unprecedented thing in this sized league of turning down a cash offer of \$2,500 for the release of Quincy, and gave that city notice that it had to play ball in this circuit or not at all.

It settled with Galesburg and Monmouth for the shortage in their attendance, agreeing upon \$241 as the sum required from Galesburg to make up her shortage in attendance, and \$350 from Monmouth for her shortage. These amounts were considerably scaled down from the sums actually due the league under the contracts entered into with the two cities. Burlington and Keokuk voted against the amount assessed against Monmouth, feeling that under the circumstances it was too high but the majority ruled against them. The consideration of the Quincy matter and Galesburg's shortage took up so much time that it was decided not to go to Monmouth but to settle her case in Galesburg.

The matter of the playing schedule and length of season was touched upon. It was decided that the season should be shortened, and that the next season should open on May 2 and close on Labor day, or about two weeks earlier than last season. The argument was that after Labor day things flattened out in the minor circuits and there was nothing doing in the way of attendance.

The matter of making every day, except Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and booster days, ladies' day was discussed rather favorably, but action on the matter was postponed until the January meeting.

Messrs. Hume, of Burlington, and Sterne, of Keokuk, were appointed a committee to audit the president's books.

The Case of Quincy.

The case of Quincy was taken up the first thing after the meeting was called to order at the Elks club. President Justice called the meeting to order with a room full of delegates, Quincy being represented by nine individuals. Harry Hofer, of that city, made a lengthy plea for release, reading a number of letters from prominent people and organizations urging him to get out of the Central association and declaring that they would not support Central association base ball in the future. In consideration of this sentiment Mr. Hofer urged that Quincy be released, offering the sum of \$2,500 and Quincy's share of the proceeds from the Monmouth and Galesburg cash penalties for shortage in attendance, and also desiring to be credited with \$500 which he said Muscatine ought to pay to get into the circuit. This he thought would represent fully \$1,500 in cash, which Quincy would be paying for its release. The cash offer of \$750 was quickly turned down as a joke, and Mr. Hofer was frankly told that it was useless to suppose the association would let Quincy off for anything like such a sum, if at all.

Hofer Raises the Bid. Thereupon Mr. Hofer doubled his

cash offer, making it \$1,500 straight, but that also was refused unanimously. Mr. Hofer then attempted to secure an offer from the Central association, but was informed that the association was not making jokers concerning its territory, that it was up to Quincy to make a definite offer.

Meanwhile, on a motion hotly opposed by Mr. Hofer, the Quincy delegation was asked to retire from the room, while the directors considered the matter of Quincy's offer. After much argument, in which Hofer insinuated that it was an unfair method and smacked of star chamber proceedings, and insistently argued against the motion, the delegates voluntarily retired with the exception of Hofer, who, as a director, in the association had a right to remain.

Continuing his protests that Quincy under no circumstances would play ball in the Central association, Mr. Hofer urged that the association make a proposition on the basis of which Quincy could retire. But this was refused, and the meeting adjourned for lunch.

\$2,500 No Temptation. Upon reassembling Mr. Hofer stated that on consultation with his delegation he had decided to offer the association \$2,500 cash for Quincy's release. It was somewhat of a shock to him, when, after a brief discussion, in which the predominant sentiment was against releasing Quincy at any price, the association refused Quincy's offer by a vote of five to two; Ottumwa and Kewanee voting to accept.

The most weighty reason for the refusal was that the Quincy territory was too valuable to lose, that its elimination from the circuit would detract from the league's standing, that Quincy had not been fair to the Central association in the methods its directors and press had used in stirring up a sentiment against the Central association, and that a release of Quincy would imperil other portions of the association's territory, and possibly put the circuit in a turmoil. Other considerations were that the release of Quincy would stir up a revolution in the Three-I league, which might spread to other circuits and cause trouble. Higher league officials had urged against the release of Quincy from the Central on this ground.

A Business Proposition.

The action of the Central association directors was purely one of business and self-protection. This was made clear to Quincy people, who were apparently slow to understand the earnestness of the directors, and thought the whole proceedings was a game of hold-up.

The refusal of the offer of \$2,500 was an eye-opener to them, and for the first time brought to their attention the serious attitude of the Central association against the release of such valuable property as Quincy.

Quincy's Course.

What Quincy will do is problematical, but it looks, at this time, as though there would be no league ball in that city next season. With incomprehensible shortsightedness, the Quincy directors have pledged themselves under no circumstances to play ball in the Central Association, and have stirred up such a spirit of animosity to the Central Association that it is doubtful now whether sufficient funds can be raised to finance a team there. On top of this, two of the important newspapers have pledged themselves not to support Central association base ball or permit any advertising of the games of that association in their columns. Such an attitude on the part of free and untrammelled papers is unique in these days.

This deliberate action on the part of the influential factors in Quincy and of the baseball directors puts Quincy in the serious position of attempting to ruin the reputation of the Central association and to injure it for the purpose of forcing a release. This matter was referred to with disapproval by the National Association of Minor League clubs, and President Hofer was questioned sharply concerning it recently in Chicago.

Muscatine May Come in. With Quincy's threat to lay down

and not play ball in the Central Association ringing in their ears, the Central Association adjourned, after considering the matters of the attendance shortage of Monmouth and Galesburg, and the playing season. President Hofer was asked to state as promptly as possible what Quincy intends to do, so that the association could take action concerning the disposal of the franchise. Quincy will be given every opportunity to play ball in the Central. The Central association will fulfill every obligation necessary to the holding of the territory. If Quincy then chooses to lie down, her franchise and team will be turned over to Muscatine or some other available city.

The Quincy territory will be retained by the payment of the usual retaining fee, and Quincy will have to be satisfied with independent baseball until the spirit of antagonism, which has been fostered there dies out and the people want Central association baseball. There is little question, that under the absurd stress of mind in which the Quincy fans now appear to be in they will choose independent baseball rather than gracefully and with a sportsmanlike spirit, accept the situation and play the high class of ball in the Central association which they are capable of doing.

It is surely a pitiful situation, and one for which every director of the Central association is sorry, but Quincy is held to be solely to blame. In the view of the league directors its course in the matter has been indefensible.

Galesburg All Right.

The reception and entertainment accorded the Central Association delegates, by President Kamber and his associates was cordial and greatly appreciated. The beautiful Elk's hall was turned over to the visitors, and at 1 o'clock they were served to a delightful lunch in the handsome dining room of the place. Resolutions of thanks were returned for the entertainment.

Those in Attendance.

Those in attendance at the meeting were as follows: Burlington—Davidson, Hume. Ottumwa—Lynch. Kewanee—Brady, Hill. Keokuk—President Justice, Sterne, McManus, Belt. Galesburg—Kimber. Monmouth—John S. Brown. Quincy—Hofer, Shoemaker, Hiedeman, Miller, Appel, Paul, Wood, Behrensmeier. Hannibal—Boyles.

Notes of the Meeting.

President Justice gave the managers some good official advice concerning the making of contracts. He had picked up a good deal of information in his session with the National association in Chicago recently, and gave the baseball men present the benefit of it.

Senator McManus, of Keokuk, was the orator of the session. He made a number of important and illuminating statements concerning the matters before the meeting. He was firm in his attitude against the release of Quincy. "I would consider it the height of folly," said he, "if this association gave Quincy its release. The territory is valuable to us and we have a right to it.

There was a general desire to let both Galesburg and Monmouth off from any penalty for their shortages in attendance. Only the fear of creating a bad precedent prevented this action. On motion of Mr. Hofer, it was decided to divide the cash in the treasury accruing from the amounts assessed against Monmouth and Galesburg equally among the seven other teams. This action was afterward rescinded and the matter of the disposal of the funds left to the action of the January meeting.

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE SQUARED ARENA.

The fighting game is in a flourishing condition again in San Francisco. This was shown on Saturday when close to 9,000 spectators saw the battle between Battling Nelson and Owen Moran. The gross receipts amounted to \$12,101, of which Nelson received 40 per cent, which came to \$5,240. Moran got 25 per cent, which amounted to \$3,275. The club officials drew down \$1,585.

Johnny Summers, the crack English lightweight, who did not lose a fight while he was in Australia, is now on his way back to England. Just as soon as Summers learned that Cyclone Johnny Thompson, Jimmie Clabby and Ray Bonson, the American fighters, had sailed for Australia, he immediately booked passage for home and left on the first steamer.

Unless Frankie Conley, the western featherweight accepts the terms offered him by Tim O'Rourke there is not a chance of his boxing at the National Sporting Club in New York. O'Rourke offered him a bout with Jimmy Carroll, the California fighter, but Conley's manager demanded so much that O'Rourke lost his breath. Another thing requested by his manager was that Conley must box at 125 pounds and his opponent at 116.

BOWLING MATCHES PRESENT CONTRAST

Keokuk Club Bowlers Shoot Very Low Total in Three Games, But Win Series, While Olympians Go Well and Lose.

ONE RECORD WAS SET

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While the Olympians were dropping two out of three on the Drexel alleys to the Pennant club the Keokuk Club bowlers were making it three straight against Power City on their own alleys.

The Keokuk Club had what bowlers term "duck," for the Power City contingent went by the boards in all three games against a total of only 227 shot by the Club men. In contrast to this is the Olympia match. The Olympia bowlers shot a high total of 254, but the best they could do was gather a single victory. Such a part did luck play in last night's conflicts.

Harry King did the best work in the Olympia-Pennant match, shooting an average of 179. High game went to Watson with 213. In the Power City-Keokuk Club go Taber was high with 165 and had a high game of 181. Steele of the Power City team made a record by rolling two games below 100 in tournament play. In the third game the Power City club totaled only 583 without the handicap of 7 pins. The scores:

Power City. 1 2 3 Ave. Dowell 144 137 131 137 1-3 Scott 132 175 126 144 1-3 Ward 136 130 122 129 1-3 Leindecker 143 125 134 1-2 McCoy 132 117 124 1-2 Steele 87 87 92

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Keokuk Club. 1 2 3 Ave. Taber 181 168 146 165 Maas 146 147 159 150 2-3 Sheldon 160 166 158 161 2-3 Irwin 164 146 120 143 2-3 Merrill 117 120 136 124 1-3 768 749 720

Olympians. 1 2 3 Ave. King 198 153 180 179 Cook 161 182 167 170 Azinger 203 121 167 164 Powell 173 148 178 166 1-3 Kinsey 173 148 178 166 1-3 Crimmins 165 165 165 165 Straw 165 165 165 165 900 779 861

Pennants. 1 2 3 Ave. Sohl 174 155 155 161 1-3 Walhaus 127 197 152 158 2-3 Hellenthal 158 131 181 160 2-3 Watson 177 115 213 168 1-3 Lamprakis 165 149 158 149

799 747 846 Handicap 48 48 48 847 795 894

Jim Stewart, the young Brooklyn heavyweight who called off his ten round bout with Jim Flynn, which was carded for the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles on Dec. 10, has just been matched by his manager, Dan McKetrick, to meet Jack (Twin) Sullivan of Boston on Monday, Dec. 15th.

Harry Forbes and Lou Ryall will shortly be matched to meet before the club offering the best inducements. Forbes is willing to concede to the easterner a bunch of weight to get on the match. Ryall's manager claims his man can easily do 122 pounds and at that weight Harry would take him on for a short bout.

Freddy Gilmore, Jack White and "Skossip" Wagner leave Chicago on Thursday for Dayton, O. Jack will fight the windup of fifteen rounds with Sammy Trott and "Skossip" meets Jimmy Lucas in a ten round go.

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—No. 7, Chicago, St. Paul and points west, leaves 2:35 am —No. 13, Chicago, St. Paul and points west, arrive 7:20 pm —No. 18, leave 7:20 pm *No. 2, Burlington, Chicago and east, leave 1:55 pm —No. 1, Burlington, leave 7:35 am *No. 51, Donnellson, C., B. & K. C., and North Road leave 3:30 pm *No. 50, from Donnellson, C., B. & K. C., & North Road, arrive 11:30 am *No. 1, K. & W., west, leave 9:05 am *No. 5, Centerville, leaves 7:30 pm —No. 4, from Centerville and points intermediate, arrive 1:15 pm *No. 2, from Centerville and west, arrive 9:10 pm —No. 3, Centerville, leave 9:10 pm *No. 6, from Centerville, arrive 11:55 am —Daily. *Daily except Sunday. **Sundays only.

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