

Some Winter Sporting Gossip

PITCHER MAY NOT USE THE STICK

Suggestion Made That Rules Do Away With Weak-Hitting Flingers, May Make Radical Difference.

TO SUBSTITUTE CLOUTER

Twirler Should be Allowed to Rest and Man Who Can Hit, Sent Home to Plate Instead.

One of the many changes that are being agitated for the revision of the baseball rules is that the pitcher be omitted from the batting list. The originator of this idea would have the twirler eliminated from the hitting lineup and a regular batsman substituted for him. It is pointed out that usually the pitcher is so much dead wood with the stick; his exertions in the box unfit him for batting and he does not attempt to clout the ball unless his team is in need of a run or hit.

Most fans who have attended games regularly know just how little the average pitcher can hit. It is only a rare occasion when a league team picks up a box performer who, in addition to making good with his hurling, can also register a high percentage in the batting column.

Spoils the National Game.

"It spoils baseball to see a pitcher come to bat in a tight pitch when it is a foregone conclusion that he can not hit the ball outside of the diamond," says an advocate of this suggestion. "Under the present rules he's got to make a fluke or be taken out to allow somebody else to bat for him. In the latter case sometimes an effective one who is hit hard and the game is lost. If the rules committee will eliminate the pitcher from the batting order and put in an extra hitter in his place the game will be improved beyond a question of doubt. Such a rule would enable a pitcher to have a good rest between innings instead of using up his energy in a fruitless attempt to hit the ball around the bases. The pinch hitter is an everyday feature in modern baseball, and in a majority of cases he goes to bat for the pitcher, so why not cut out the pitcher of the hitting end of the game and thereby strengthen the team where it is most needed?"

Another suggestion is the reduction of the number of called balls entitling a batsman to first base from four to three. This change is advocated by some of the most practical men in baseball.

You Must Read This if You Want the Benefit.

J. W. Green, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "The pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief. These attacks started with a pain in the small of my back which gradually became fairly paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy, lumbago." Wilkinson & Co.

SET OUT TO SKIN THEM ALIVE, BUT—

St. Mary's Team Has Little Luck With Grand Leader Team Last Night on Former's Alleys.

"Skin 'em or die" resolved the members of St. Mary's Young Men's bowling league team, last night, as they paced the alleys and spun the heavy metaloid spheres down St. Mary's alleys in an effort to defeat the indefatigable and invincibles of Clem Ewers' Grand Leader team. In the "brush" league as it is termed by those who await the pins with big balls in the upper end of the city, the St. Mary's team had decided to beat and whip hard the bright and unsullied record of the Grand Leaders, but when the fog lifted, Clem's men were 320 pins, not beauty or safety pins, but wooden pins, to the good.

The best average of the evening was made by Nick Lampiris of the Grand Leaders, 178 counting up for him as a three game result. The three games for the entire Grand Leader team netted an average of 2,000 pins. The coaching of Captain Kaiser and the consistent and heavy bowling of Senator John Watson were prominent features of the game. Captain Joe Eble of the St. Mary's team made an average of 148 and rolled best for his team.

IOWA BASKETBALL LEAGUE FORMING

N. A. King, Iowa's Consul for the A. L. N. A. Gives Out Dope of New Organization To Muscatine.

OTHER STATE LEAGUES

Keokuk Man Proposes to Organize so That Game Would Have the Strongest Footing Ever Enjoyed.

MUSCATINE, Dec. 8.—Physical Director Johnson had a conversation over the long distance telephone yesterday with Norris A. King, of Keokuk, concerning the proposed organization of a state association of basketball teams. Mr. King, who is a live worker in the Young Men's Christian Association, is Iowa's consul for the Athletic League of North America, and it is his purpose to put basketball on a solid footing in the state.

In speaking of the proposed organization, Physical Director Johnson said today: "Many other states have such associations, but Iowa seems to be behind in organized basketball. One of the chief objects in organizing would be to establish a system whereby state championships could be decided. For instance, Ottumwa claimed the state honors last year on the strength of having beaten Sioux City and Des Moines at Ottumwa, despite the fact that these teams had previously defeated the Ottumwa athletes on their respective home fields. The way things now exist in this state, most any old team can claim the state championship." A state association such as Consul King proposes to organize would give basketball a standing that it has never enjoyed in Iowa. Basketball is the prettiest, fastest, cleanest and most exciting game of the indoor winter sports. It is to the winter months what baseball is to the summer time, and there is no reason why it should not have the dignity of organization. Mr. Johnson is pleased with the prospects for an association and has offered to do all in his power to bring about the end in view.

BROOKLYN TEAM LED NATIONAL FIELDING

Easterners Had Great Average of .964 While Cubs Followed Close With .963.

The official fielding averages of the National League, issued today, show that Brooklyn lead the league in club fielding with an average of .964. The Chicago Cubs, the pennant winners, were second with a record of .963. Pittsburgh was third with a mark of .961.

Brennan of Philadelphia, and Burke of Boston, are accounted the leading pitchers of the league, but the honor really belongs to Phillippe of Pittsburgh, who won 14 games and lost 2. "King" Cole, of the Cubs, won 20 games and lost 4, and Crandall, of the Giants, was on the winning side 17 times against 4 losses.

Frank Chance, of Chicago, was the leading first baseman; McKechnie, of Pittsburgh, was the best official second-sacker; Zimmerman, of the Cubs, leads the third basemen; Doolan, of Philadelphia, was the premier fielding short stop; Moran, of Phillips, got away with the backstop honors and Kane, of Chicago, had a perfect outfielding record.

Scanlan, of Brooklyn; Lever of Pittsburgh; Overall, of Chicago, and Salloe, of St. Louis, were the best fielding pitchers, going through the season without an error.

The club fielding records follow:

P.O.	A.	E.	Pct.	
Brooklyn	4238	1979	235	.964
Chicago	4116	1954	239	.963
Pittsburgh	4116	1914	245	.961
Philadelphia	4229	1969	258	.960
St. Louis	4012	2021	261	.958
Cincinnati	4143	1995	291	.955
New York	4181	1969	291	.955
Boston	4190	2214	305	.952

The percentage of victories of the ten leading pitchers of the league follows:

Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
Brennan, Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Burke, Boston	1	0	1.000
Phillippe, Pittsburgh	14	2	.875
Cole, Chicago	20	4	.833
Crandall, New York	17	4	.810
Mathewson, New York	27	9	.750
Adams, Pittsburgh	18	9	.667
Overall, Chicago	12	6	.667
M. Browne, Chicago	25	14	.643
Suggs, Cincinnati	20	12	.625

RUSTY'S SCHEME LOOKS FAVORABLE

Iowa Base Ball Circuit Proposed by Carrot Top Owens is Meeting With Approval.

RECEIVES ASSURANCES

Letters From Fans in Various Towns Says Time is Ripe for New Organization—Norton Writes.

The plan of "Rusty" Owens to institute a new league in the state of Iowa seems to be meeting with much favor among many of the ardent fans of the state who loyally believe that an all Iowa organization of ball clubs should be formed. Rusty's plan is to have an eight team league. In reference to the spirit with which Owens' proposition is being received, the Ottumwa Courier of Wednesday evening says:

Enthusiasm stands out in every line of the letters received by Arthur P. "Rusty" Owens from sporting editors and baseball men in every town which the Ottumwa baseball gent has selected as likely members of the Iowa State Baseball League which he is organizing. Ft. Dodge, Oskaloosa, Marshalltown and Boone, former members of the old Iowa league who have been without league baseball for several years are anxious to get back into the professional fold and with other live towns to select an eight club circuit, the prospects look very bright for the permanent organization of an all-Iowa circuit. Waverly is one of the more mentioned candidates for a place in the circuit. Muscatine and Cedar Rapids, two cities mentioned for places in the Iowa state circuit are casting longing eyes at the Central Association for the Quincy franchise. In case Quincy decides not to place a team in the Central Association next season, one of the above towns will be selected and Muscatine appears to be the favored one. With Muscatine in the central circuit, Waterloo would probably be taken back into President Justice's organization and Quincy probably given her freedom to take the Waterloo franchise. With Quincy out of the Central, Hannibal would have to be dropped on account of the long jump and the Missouri town might be able to catch on into the Three-Eye, providing they could furnish the attendance. The squabble between the Central and Three-Eye leagues would then be ended and all cities satisfied.

There are plenty of Iowa cities who could support baseball in the eight club circuit proposed by "Rusty" Owens. Several sport writers over the state in giving the names of the cities in the proposed circuit puts Ottumwa in the list. Ottumwa has a franchise in the Central Association and intends to stay in that organization as long as it exists. Ottumwa is one of the best baseball towns in the league and the other cities would not consent to give this city its release if she desired it.

Norton Favors Circuit.

Frank C. Norton, one of the organizers of the old Iowa league which later changed its name to the Central Association and who was president for two years is very enthusiastic over the new circuit proposed by "Rusty" Owens. In a letter to the Ottumwa promoter, Mr. Norton stated that there is no doubt in his mind that the league would prosper with Belden Hill of Cedar Rapids, the grand old baseball manager as president and a strict salary limit.

Mr. Norton's letter to "Rusty" Owens follows:

Burlington, Dec. 3, 1910.

Friend Rusty—Your letter of the first relative to the forming of an Iowa state league, at hand. Today's Hawk-Eye gives the prospect considerable notice in the shape of correspondence from Ottumwa.

I wish you success. You have picked out a good circuit. Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Oskaloosa, and Boone have had a rest and should prove to be live wires for the future. Muscatine is a splendid ball town. Mason City has always supported amateur ball.

Don't overlook Waverly. From what information I get from this town they are right for a place in just such a circuit as you propose. You should have no trouble whatever in forming a good, strong league.

Should you be able to get Belden Hill to accept the office of president, success is assured. No man who has ever had any connection in organized baseball in Iowa stands higher in the estimation of the patrons than old reliable Belden Hill.

Rusty, get a limit and stay there and don't have that limit exceed \$1,000 including the manager. Hundreds of young fellows on the prairies are anxious to break into

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POPULATION OF THE DAKOTAS

North and South Show Only a Slight Difference in Total Census.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The census bureau gives out the census of the Dakotas as follows: North Dakota, 577,956. South Dakota, 583,388.

Notice of Canvassing Milt Petition.

To all whom this may concern. You are hereby notified that on the sixth day of December, A. D. 1910, there was filed with the county auditor of Lee county, Iowa, a written statement of general consent that intoxicating liquors might be sold and kept for sale within the limits of the following named incorporated towns, situated in Lee county, Iowa, to-wit: Donnellson, Franklin, Montrose, West Point and Saint Paul; all of said towns having less than five thousand inhabitants; said statement purporting to be signed by sixty-five per cent of all of the legal voters residing in Lee county, Iowa, outside the corporate limits of Fort Madison and Keokuk (those being the only cities in said county with over five thousand inhabitants), and voting therein at the last general election as shown by the poll lists of said election, and purporting to be signed by a majority of the voters of the following townships, to-wit: Franklin, Marion, Montrose and West Point, and by a majority of the voters of the towns of Donnellson, Franklin, Montrose, West Point and Saint Paul, said towns having less than twenty-five hundred inhabitants.

That the board of supervisors in and for Lee county Iowa, will at the regular meeting of said board, on the twentieth day of December, A. D. 1910, at the district court house at Fort Madison, Lee county, Iowa, publicly canvass said written statement of general consent and enter its findings hereon of record.

W. H. SOUTH, County auditor. Dated December 6, A. D. 1910.

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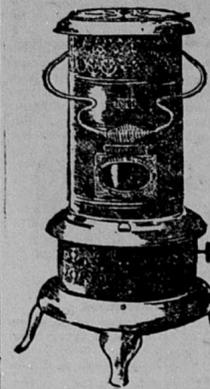
The Greeks, wishing to cast doubt upon a man's probity, declared him to be "a sheep with a fox's tail," which answers to our "Wolf in sheep's clothing." "All's well that ends well" bears a strong likeness to the German "Ende gut, alles gut." There is a lengthy Oriental proverb. "Let a cur's tail be warmed, pressed out straight and swathed with bandages; if released after twelve years it will nevertheless return to its natural shape." It is easy to trace the similarity to our "You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

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