

Belt Makes Last Statement Regarding Reichle

REICHLER LOST TO KEOKUK

Hope of Signing Star Center Fielder is Given up by Frank Belt, According to Authorized Statement.

BLUE JACKET CONTRACT GUARDING QUITE CLOSE

Only Ray of Sunshine That Entered Local Camp Saturday Was Contract of Indian Twirler.

Ed Reichle, centerfielder and heavy slugger, will not wear a Keokuk uniform this season. This was the positive statement made Saturday night to The Gate City by Manager Frank Belt. The star will either be traded or sold, and a deal may be consummated Monday whereby he will say good-bye to Keokuk.

All efforts to bring about an agreement as to terms have been abandoned by the Keokuk manager and he will bring a pending deal to a speedy close if possible. Belt has named the salary and Reichle refuses to play for it; hence the move.

The loss of Reichle will put a big crimp in the Keokuk outfield. Belt has secured a long list of available timber and will make an effort to develop a trio of outer garden stars.

Mason Given up.

Coming with the statement that Reichle will not don an Indian uniform is the announcement that Mason declines to sign a contract. Belt says this does not worry him, for he is of the opinion that O'Brien, one of the youngsters signed, will prove a strong man for the position. Cavanaugh is also expected to deliver the goods.

The only ray of sunshine during the day came with the late announcement that Blue Jacket had signed a contract. However, there was never a question about the Indian flinger coming around for he is eager to spend another year under the tutorage of Frank Belt.

About Exhibition Games.

Keokuk has not had much luck in signing games for the home grounds. Many of the clubs with which correspondence has been had favor remaining at home and it will likely be that Keokuk will have to engage in several road trips.

WALTERS' TEAM LOOKS STRONG

Muscating Manager Has Signed a Number of Players, List Being About Complete.

MUSCATINE, Iowa, Feb. 25.—Manager Walters of the Muscatine club, in the Central Association today announced the first contracted players for the season. Five thousand dollars has already been subscribed for the local club. Walters will arrive in Muscatine early in March.

The players secured are: Frank Justus, Trenton, Mo.; William J. Keller, Dubuque, Ia.; John Carroll, Chicago; A. C. Backof, Perry, Ia.; Harry Chappell, Rockport, Ind.; Albert Frazer, Lunenburg, Ill.; George Greenwalt, Justus, O.; Henry Niergarth, East St. Louis, Ill.; Frank Ganda, Chicago; Harry Baird, Granite City, Ill.; A. J. Ahring, East St. Louis, Ill.; Adam Maurer, Belleville, Ill.; Pat Viehman, Belleville, Ill.; Tony Vanderhill, Bartlesville, Okla.; Henry Barnett, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ed Els, Fairfield, Ia.; Ben Blake, Belvidere, Ill.; Ernest Atwell, Livingston, Ill.; Arthur Prossar, Pittsburg, Pa.

NO SCHEDULE MEET SAYS JUSTICE

League Executive of Opinion That C. A. Will Not Have to Get Together.

Pres. M. E. Justice of the Central association does not believe that a schedule meeting of the league will be necessary. He voiced this probability from his sick room Saturday afternoon. The league executive has been confined for the past two weeks but will be in his office again Monday afternoon.

He says that there is a general leaning to schedules Nos. 1 and 2. However, he is not of the opinion that either of these will be adopted as they now read, but changes asked by the clubs will be embodied in one of them.

Hannibal has received several offers for First Baseman Webster.

K. H. S. WINNERS AT BASKET BALL

Boat Fort Madison 19 to 14 in Closely Fought Battle on the Local Floor.

Foes Fight to Finish and Music From Referee's Whistle is Frequent

Meinhardt and Walker Star.

Keokuk the winner, score 19 to 14; that won, a basket ball game, loser, Ft. Madison; the scene the local Y. M. C. A. gym; the crowd large; the feature, music. This is an epitomized account of one of the activities in this city last night. In it the purple and white athletes showed improved form and well earned the school letter, the "K."

The quarrel was staged before a representative assemblage, both the victors and the vanquished claiming numerous backers, the "pen" town organization having at least twenty mouths to pronounce rals for them. The go was a guarding match from incipency to conclusion and every man had to "scrap" hard for the ball. Meinhardt showed in great form as one of the locals sentinals and was every place at once grabbing the inflated hide from space here, and blocking a pass or covering a foe there. Walker at the scoring post was likewise "on" and handled the ball with accuracy, as did Robinson. In fact the Keokuk citizens were all active.

Star is Helpless.

Now for the opposition. Spink came down the river with enough press notices to awe a bunch of giants. He was almost powerless however last p. m. At that he made one or two pretty shots.

Keokuk counted first, Meinhardt rushing up the floor and flinging a clever goal. Soon Ft. Madison scored on a free throw by Spink. These two incidents occurred between solos by referee Worley who in the course of the pastime must have dashed about twenty or thirty miles. The jolly theatrical man was forced to toot his double barreled clarion at the rate of about half a dozen times per minute and a half. Close guarding was the cause.

Half Ends 10 to 8.

Well, after that gratis chuck just mentioned the ball see sawed hence and thither and the half ended with Keokuks chances the rosier, tally 10 to 8 and sensational baskets by Walker and continued effective guarding by Keokuk kept them the leaders until the end. Worthen replaced Robinson in the final period for a short time.

The Lineup.

Keokuk Ft. Madison.
Walker Right Forward Spink
Robinson Left Forward Miller
Strickler Center Elkins
Meinhardt Right Guard Schler
Fulton Left Guard Walkins

Summary.

Field Goals—Spink 2, Miller 2, Walker 5, Robinson 2, Meinhardt, 1. Referee—Worley. Umpire—King.

EXIT BALL PLAYER FROM STAGE LIGHT

"Doc" White Given His Last Theatrical Engagement—National May Make Rule.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—"Doc" White, the star pitcher-entist-vaudeville favorite of the White Sox, will fill his last theatrical engagement before going into training, next week. White has been told that in the future the management of the big clubs will not favor players who fill their winter seasons with vaudeville stunts. The managers say the theatrical life does to the base ball player what it does to the prize fighter; that it takes the ginger and snap out of him, and sends him into training already worn out. The objection may become a rule of the National clubs next year.

Roy Plympton, Burlington pitcher, has taken some rank as a bowler. Shooting three consecutive games there the other day he totaled 729 pins, his games being 232, 276 and 221. He used three alleys.

HOFFMAN FIRED BY CUB BOSS

Centerfielder Who Has Been Holdout Literally Kicked Out by President Murphy on Eve of Trip.

OLD BONUS IS CLAIMED

Hoffman Says He Has \$400 Coming and Would Not Sign—Cubs to Leave for West Baden Today.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—On the eve of the Cubs' trip to West Baden to begin their annual spring training, Cub rooters were cheered this afternoon by the announcement that Dave Shean, of the Boston Nationals, will be a member of the Cubs. They were likewise downcast by the announcement that President Murphy, of the Cubs, had ordered Centerfielder Artie Hoffman, out of his office and told him he could never play with the Cubs.

Shean was traded for Scotty Ingerson, third baseman secured from Altoona, of the Tri-state league, and Pitcher Frank Pfeffer. The Bostonians plays second, third or short and will be a valuable utility man. Evers' broken ankle may give him trouble, and Harry Steinfield may fall at third, so Chance will be well fortified. Manager Tenney, of Boston, plans to use Ingerson at first.

Hoffman was ordered out of Murphy's office because, as Murphy said, he broke the promise he made Manager Chance to sign up. Hoffman demanded \$400 bonus he declared Frank Selee promised him eight years ago. Murphy refused to pay. It is understood the Cub management will try to trade Hoffman for some good centerfielder.

The Cubs, under Chance, leave Sunday morning for West Baden, where they will take the kinks out before proceeding to New Orleans for the spring workouts.

Patched It Up.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—After the battle between the two, friends interceded tonight and brought Artie Hoffman, the cub's star centerfielder, and Murphy together again, with the result that Hoffman signed a contract, calling for his services for 1911 and 1912. It is admitted that Akron man receives a substantial increase in salary, though the figures were kept secret.

KEOKUK CLUB WHIPS LEBRONS

Taber Shoots Even Average of 200 and May Climb into Race for Prize Money.

Table with columns: Club, P, W, L, Pct. Rows include Keokuk Club, LeBrons, Olympians, Grand Leaders, Pennants, Wells, Power City, Drexels.

E. C. Taber's work featured play Friday night in the Keokuk Club-LeBrons match in which the former team won two out of three. Taber averaged 200 even and the team totaled 2553. The scores follow:

Table with columns: Club, P, W, L, Pct. Rows include LeBrons, Strickler, Hamill, Burk, Palmer, Maas, Total, Keokuk Club, Smith, Taber, Huxley, Irwin, King.

Cornell Stroke Dead.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] MIDDLETOWN, New York, Feb. 25.—A cablegram received here today announces the death of Raymond Nutting, one time stroke on the Cornell crew, killed by a fall in the Adirondack mountains. Just before his departure for Peru, Nutting's mother was killed in a runaway in Nova Scotia.

Roy Huddleston, chief befuddler of the Ottumwa Red Sox team last year, has signed up with Kewanee.

Charles "Bizzy" Wisman, of Moberly, has signed a Hannibal contract. He is a second baseman.

FEW PLAYERS HIT TWO HUNDRED PER

Lajoie, Stone and Cobb, Only Players of American League to Reach Double Century Mark.

STONE TALLIED ONCE

Players Who Have Made One Hundred Runs Are Fairly Plentiful, in Ranks of the Younger League.

In the ten years that the American league has been a rival of the National league only three players—Napoleon Lajoie, George Stone and Tyrus Raymond Cobb—have turned the trick of marking 200 or more hits in a season. The Clevelander was a double-century plant in 1901, 1904, 1906 and 1910; (Lajoie was with the Athletics in 1901); the St. Louisian was in this highly select class in 1906, while the thumping Tiger entered the 200-walloper-season society in 1907 and renewed his membership two years later.

In the campaign of 1910 Lajoie smashed all records for the American league clouters by making 227 hits. He took part in 150 of the 161 games played by the Naps, not missing a contest until the last week of the season. The average hits made per game by the pride of the Forest City was 1.43, which did not come up to the 1901 record, when the American league expansion movement was in its infancy and when Baltimore and Milwaukee were the holders of the franchises now owned by New York and St. Louis.

Lajoie was credited with 220 safeties in 1901, the American leaguers then being content with the 140 game schedule. The king was in 131 battles that year, and the average number of hits he made a game was 1.68, the Johnnies not having adopted the foul strike rule and the spit ball before that time. The American leaguers who have made 200 or more hits from 1901 to 1910, inclusive, are as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Player, Club, Hits. Rows include 1901-Lajoie, Philadelphia; 1901-Donlin, Baltimore; 1901-Jones, Boston; 1906-Lajoie, Cleveland; 1906-Stone, St. Louis; 1907-Cobb, Detroit; 1909-Cobb, Detroit; 1910-Lajoie, Cleveland.

Lajoie, besides possessing the honor of having made more hits in a season than any other player in the B. B. Johnson organization, past or present, enjoys another distinction. In 1901 he crossed the plate 145 times in 131 games, a record never equaled.

American leaguers besides Lajoie who have scored one hundred or more runs in a campaign are:

Table with columns: Year, Player, Club, Runs. Rows include 1901-Lajoie, Philadelphia; 1901-Donlin, Baltimore; 1901-Jones, Boston; 1901-Jones, Chicago; 1901-Williams, Baltimore; 1901-Strahl, Boston; 1901-Pickering, Cleveland; 1901-Waldron, Milwaukee; 1901-Barrett, Detroit; 1901-Hoy, Chicago; 1901-Casey, Detroit; 1901-Farrel, Washington; 1901-Dowd, Boston; 1902-Deleahanty, Wash.; 1902-Bradley, Cleveland; 1902-Fultz, Philadelphia; 1902-Hartsel, Philadel.; 1902-Strang, Chicago; 1903-Dougherty, Boston; 1903-Bradley, Cleveland; 1904-Dougherty, N. Y.; 1907-D. Jones, Detroit; 1907-Crawford, Detroit; 1908-Bush, Detroit; 1909-E. Collins, Athletics; 1909-Cobb, Detroit; 1910-Cobb, Detroit.

1901 was the real run getting year of the Ban Johnson organization, thirteen players crossing the plate more than one hundred times in that year. The next year, the pitchers became a little more effective and the century runners became less and less, until 1905 and 1906, not a player made the record. Last season, Cobb of Detroit was the only man of the company to pass the plate the required number of times.

Operators Would Try Out

George E. Hopkins, an operator now employed by the Western Union company in this city, wants to try out with Keokuk this spring. He has played with the independent club at North McGregor, Iowa, is a shortstop and outfielder.

"Red" Corridon, former Keokuk third sacker, is a Pittsburg hold-out. The latest report is that Kansas City would like very much to have the youngster hold down the difficult corner of the diamond.

YUSSIFF MAHMOUT TO APPEAR HERE

One of the World's Greatest Mat Artists Will go Against Classy Talent at Grand Saturday Night.

INTEREST IS AROUSED

An Aspiring Foreigner Who is at Work on Water Power Dam Will try to Get Some of Mahmout's Money.

Saturday Night at the Grand.

The athletic fans of this city will get the greatest treat of the season when Yussiff Mahmout, "The Terrible Turk," who claims the world's championship among wrestlers, appears here. That his claim is not entirely unfounded is conceded by many sport critics of the leading metropolitan papers, who realize that Mahmout's managers have a good argument in making their claims. His right to the title is based on the act of "Farmer" Burns, who recently, acting for Champion Frank Gotch, handed the championship over to Yussiff Mahmout and asked him to defend it against all comers. And Mahmout is doing that very thing, even to the extent of defending it against Gotch himself. Mahmout claims, and not without cause, that Gotch must beat him for the title before the American can once more claim the championship. After handing it over to Mahmout, the latter claims it belongs to him till taken away from him as he has not handed it over to anyone. And Mahmout is seeking matches not alone against all the men Gotch asked him to defend the title against but against Gotch also. And not a single one in the entire crowd care for any of Mahmout's game. Frank Gotch, knowing Mahmout's prowess and feeling at the time that he was giving the title to the best man to defend, offered at the same time to back Mahmout to the extent of \$20,000 against either Hackenschmidt, "The Russian Lion," or Zbyszko. Neither of these two big heavyweights wanted any of this money and it is commonly recognized that neither man would have any chance to win from Mahmout.

The occasion of Mahmout's taking the title was a somewhat spectacular one and is still fresh in the minds of the American public as it was given the widest publicity in the daily press. Burns climbed into the rink at Omaha, where Hackenschmidt was engaged in a match and before a vast multitude he proclaimed Mahmout the successor of Gotch as champion of the world, also announcing the retirement of Gotch. Mahmout followed Burns into the ring and to the surprise of the big crowd assembled, was attired in his wrestling clothes. His managers at once offered to pit him against Hackenschmidt on the spot in a match for the world's championship, agreeing that Mahmout would go on any old way. They offered to let Hack set the agreement, either to name a big sidebet or Mahmout's managers were willing to let the Turk wrestle for the amusement of the crowd as long as Hack was to be the opponent. However, Hackenschmidt was not willing to meet him and refused any kind of an offer for a match to decide the superiority of the men.

Since that time both Zbyszko and Hackenschmidt have had contestant excuses for avoiding a clash with the big Bulgarian and Mahmout is now touring the country meeting all comers in order to show his superiority over the wrestlers he can get to go on against him. He bars no one and is anxious to go against the best there is in the world in order to make his title a clear one. When he appears here this week there is no doubt but that he will face the greatest audience that ever filled a local playhouse. Already there has been some inkling of the fact that he has been secured for a match here and the interest that spring up at once and inquiries as to probable chance for seats indicate that there will be such a demand that standing room will be at a premium by the time the men face each other on the mat.

The fact that there will be several opponents to face Mahmout from among the husky laborers of the water power company has aroused the greatest interest not alone among the employees on the dam but in Keokuk and this vicinity as well as everyone will be anxious to see now strong a match these husky and brawny laborers can put up against such a highly scionced and speedy wrestling marvel as Yussiff Mahmout.

The opponents who will try out the metal of the big Turk will all be of the best possible calibre. Tom Walsh of Omaha has been seeking a match with Mahmout for some time, hoping to be able to make a sufficient, good showing to get up against some of the best

MARDI GRAS TO SEE BANTAM GO

Johnny Coulon and Frankie Conley Will Battle Near New Orleans This Afternoon in 20-Round Go.

CONLEY MADE FAVORITE

Because of Draw With Abe Attell He is Expected to Draw Plum—15,000 Expected to See Fight.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.]

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 25.—A couple of young bear cats will exchange wallops tomorrow afternoon in the ring at Algiers, a suburb, in what promises to be just about as classy a battle as has been seen this year. Johnny Coulon and Frankie Conley will settle their long argument over the bantam weight championship in a 20-round engagement. Both the little fellows are right down to weight, 116 pounds. The weight was easy for Coulon, but Conley had considerable difficulty taking off the necessary pounds.

If Conley is strong at the weight, he is expected to give the Chicago boy the fight of his life. Because of his draw with Abe Attell, Conley has been made the favorite over Coulon. It is estimated that 15,000 Mardi Gras visitors will turn out to see the engagement.

wrestlers in the United States. He is so confident of getting into Mahmout's money that he is ready to back himself to be able to stay beyond the limit and even give Mahmout a hard race for the money. The "Kansas Jayhawker," which is the wrestling name of a big husky grappler by the name of Moore, will also give Mahmout a tussle for his money, and altogether there can be expected to be some awful contests before Mahmout has disposed of all his opponents.

L. C. Worley, the local opera house manager, is "some punkins" also when it comes to acting as referee in a basket ball game. His services have been greatly in demand during the past two weeks and he has been getting away well. Of his work at Burlington Friday night the Hawk-ey said: "Worley, the referee, of Keokuk, showed himself to be one of the most competent officials on the local floor."

Bert Hough of Galesburg and Manager Wilson of Canton have arranged for a series of exhibition games in April.

Here is Kewanee's pitching staff:

- Fred Noe. Tommy Droham. Fred Clarke. Fred Jellison. Fred Trefton. Doc Daniels. Mike Flannigan. Tommy Corrigan. Bill Pressy.

The Untidiness of Suicide.

I always dress elaborately when I'm contemplating suicide; then by the time the last curl is in its place it seems a pity to do anything untidy." Anna McClure Sholl, "The Greater Love."

Remember the Name

Foley's Honey and Tar for all coughs and colds, for croup, bronchitis, hoarseness and for racking lagrippe coughs. No opiates. Refuse substitutes. Wilkinson & Co.

"RUBE" BURCH HAS SIGNED UP

Keokuk Pitcher, Who Recently Threatened to Quit Game, Has Agreed to Come Back into the Fold.

TO CANVASS FOR MONEY

Committee Will go Out Again in the Morning and Make Thorough Solicitation Among Business Men.

Exit Lyman S. (Rube) Burch from the holdout ranks. The south-paw did the proper thing Saturday when he dropped around at baseball headquarters and affixed his signature to a contract which was perfectly satisfactory to both the player and the baseball association. While it could not be learned if Burch suffered a cut in salary it is believed that his 1911 contract calls for a slight decrease—only, however, in keeping with that which will prevail in signing the other old players.

The Central association will hardly be as fast during the coming season as last year and for this reason it is thought that Burch will be able to stand the pace. Burch and his pitching arm stand for consistency and if the Keokuk club is strong it is reasonable to believe that his pitching percent should mount the .550 mark.

Will Renew Canvass.

The association will renew its canvass for money on Monday morning. Several of the committees were unable to get out last week and they will begin bright and early in the morning. Keokuk's need for financial assistance is well known and the fans should generously come to the association's aid.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." Look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Noah's First Task.

The Scripture lessons are full of pitfalls for the children. If you would seem: "What was the first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark?" was a question put to a tiny girl in Sunday school. "Please, miss, he buried all the drowned people," was the unhesitating reply.

While it is often impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse, invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises, and like injuries. Sold by all dealers.

Regret for Wasted Life.

Moody, the evangelist, used to tell of a man who spent 60 years of his life amassing a great wealth, and at last his mind gave way. They took him to the insane asylum and he threw himself into a chair crying out in agony: "Millions of money, and in a madhouse!"

The Time To have your auto overhauled is RIGHT NOW. The Place To take your work is the Tri-State Garage Ninth and Johnson Streets The Girl will want to take a spin the first pleasant day this spring—and then you will be IN BAD and wish you had that car in first class shape. HAVE IT TAKEN CARE OF NOW

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days