

SPORTS

GALESBURG GOLD TOWARD BASEBALL

Fans of Paver City Not Taking Much Interest in Chance to Stay in the Central Association.

WATCH ROCK ISLAND SPORT OR PLEASURE?

Galesburg Bugs Seem to be Interested in Straw Vote Being Conducted by P. I. Paper.

WALTER JOHNSON WILL EARN KEEP

Sheridan Thinks Former Senator Will Prove One of Best Drawing Cards in the Game.

By Hal Sheridan.

[Written for the United Press.] NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Many a shekel will be enticed into the Federal coffers through the drawing ability of Walter Johnson provided, of course, the Washington authorities are unsuccessful in their fight to get him back.

Walter Johnson undoubtedly is one of the greatest drawing cards that ever donned a baseball suit. He has proven as great in this respect as Cobb, Lajoie, Wagner, Hal Chase and a few others that might be mentioned. Poor old Rube Waddell himself, with all his wonderful pitching ability and eccentricities on the field, wasn't a bigger magnet for money to the club owners than Walter Johnson had been to Washington.

New Shirt for the Button.

The big Kansan virtually was responsible for bringing the Senators to life and the first division after they had been hibernating and decaying in last place for years. It was really the work of Walter Johnson that made Washington fans yell for a team that would come somewhere near fitting the great twirler. It was like the old joke of getting a shirt to sew on a button; but that's what was actually done at Washington. And it was Walter who was the cause of it all. He was worth every cent they paid him in the matter of bringing fans with their half dollars to the box office.

Two other drawing cards who undoubtedly will help swell Federal box office receipts will be Chief Bender and Eddie Plank. The argument will be raised that both are has-beens, or at least that neither have much more of the old stuff left. This may be true, but they will both play in towns that have never seen a big league team in action or that may never have seen the only Bender and the only Hank. If each wins only half his games it will not make much difference. There'll still be hundreds of fans who will pass through the Fed counting styles just to see either in action.

Roller Skating Revival.

It would be a little difficult to decide whether roller skating comes under the head of sport or pleasure—or both, at any rate, the carnival now in progress at Madison Square Garden is furnishing some keen competition and some fun as well. The present carnival which will last three days is a revival for roller skating in this city. There was a time several years ago when it was considered quite the thing to skate and well-appointed rinks came into existence all over the country. For some reason or other, however, the rinks closed down after a year or two of amazing popularity and movie houses and maxixe palaces have succeeded them.

Amusement Men Interested.

Amusement men in Manhattan are watching, therefore, with keen interest the successes of the Garden venture. And the management of the latter has gone to considerable expense to make an attractive background—or foreground, if you will—for the skaters. A specially prepared track with long flat stretches and high banks was put up recently for the comfort and as an encouragement for greater speed for the racers in the 24 hour race. Excellent living quarters were erected by the side of the track with kitchens and snug sleeping bunks.

That these preparations were appreciated, too, was shown by the good lists of teams entered when no less than fifteen from various sections showed their willingness to take part. And not the least of all is the \$5,000 prize money.

Clabby-Gibbons Match Off.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—Milwaukee promoters who tried to ring Mike Gibbons and Jimmy Clabby for a mill here, returned from Chicago today with word that the chance is

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Children's Storm Rubbers. Regular price 60c, cut price . . .	45c
Boys' Heavy Rubbers. Regular price 85c, cut price . . .	65c

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The first expression of any kind of interest in things baseball, as far as the Central association is concerned, in Galesburg was reflected in the "Mail" this morning. According to the way the "Mail" sizes things up the people of Galesburg are about as much interested in the game as they are in the long-neglected Doc Cook.

There appears to be a few bugs in the Paver city who are anxious to have the C. A. franchise retained there but these fans are few in number and realize the utility of their attempting to hold the club without the support of a representative number of people. They want to see some one else exhibit a little enthusiasm before they back up the club.

In the meantime, Galesburg seems to be an interested spectator to the alleged straw vote being taken by one of the Rock Island papers over the question of that city entering the Three-Eyes or the C. A. The following taken from the "Mail" shows the attitude of Galesburg fans:

Meanwhile Galesburg continues to be an interested spectator and although there is much "conversation" about a team here next summer nothing has been done as yet. Some of the fans have gone so far as to express themselves openly as favoring this arrangement, but for the most part, the baseball bugs have remained dormant. Kewanee, Rock Island, Ottumwa and a number of other cities are talking baseball of various sorts for the 1915 season, but Galesburg is thus far undisturbed by anything like an awakening from baseballistic somnolence.

Men rated as "fans" here have been eager for some time to see an indication of interest in the community at large but thus far they assert the anticipated "wiggles" is unapparent. "We are ready to put the proposition under way," explained one of the enthusiasts, "but it will take a little show of excitement through the rest of the community before anyone is going to sink several hundred dollars in the old ship again."

If Galesburg wants baseball there is a chance to pick off a good team and start the season on a footing with the rest. But if it is to be engineered with the Central association, something has to be done before the January meeting, and the other cities in the league are waiting for a local move.

TAKE FINAL STEPS IN SALE OF YANKS

Farrell and Huston Expected at French Lick Today to Complete Transfer of Club.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, Ind., Dec. 17.—The stage was all set today for the transfer of the New York Yankees to Colonel Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston of New York, and Owner Frank Farrell was expected to arrive during the day and put the finishing touches on the deal. Besides Ruppert and Huston, President Ben Johnson and Secretary Harriette of the American league, and Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh, and Secretary Heydler of the National league, were quartered here today. They expected to set to work this afternoon framing the 1915 schedules for the American and National leagues.

HOUGH AT CLINTON, NO ACTION TAKEN

Last Year's Manager Put Up Several Propositions but Action is Deferred Until January 8.

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 17.—Bert Hough manager of last season's Clinton baseball team, has put up several propositions to the local board of directors which concern his coming here next year, but no action has been taken as yet. Yesterday it was reported that the question of engaging Mr. Hough for next year would be left over until January 8.

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very slim, Gibbons, they said, refused to meet Clabby's manager at Chicago and sent word that he will not consider terms for a scrap at this time.

HILL, WATERLOO PLAYER, IS PAPA

Waterloo Outfielder, Who Broke Leg in Game Last Summer, Father of Seven Pound Boy.

WATERLOO, Dec. 17.—Jack Hill, Waterloo's hard hitting outfielder, who was injured while sliding into the home plate at the local park last July, is the father of a seven pound boy. The healthy youngster arrived at the Hill home in Albert Lea recently. Hill has discarded his crutches and feels little effects from the broken leg. He expects to return to the game in the spring, and unless the injury handicaps him in his work, he should be a valuable asset to the club. The injured player was leading the league in hitting at the time of his injury.

Y. M. C. A. ITEMS

South America Club.

A meeting of the South America club will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening, at which will be read the annual report of Secretary Manual, located at Buenos Ayres, who only recently visited Keokuk. The report will be of special interest to the people of this locality, from the fact that Keokuk's local association is one of the principal supporters of Mr. Manual in his work in this foreign field. His report will contain, no doubt, much interesting and practical information concerning the work in South America where he has been successfully laboring for about thirteen years; also, there will be a report on the social and commercial conditions throughout Brazil.

This meeting will be open to all persons who are interested in the work of this foreign field.

Orchestra Meeting.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. orchestra last night, eighteen were present and the finest progress is shown in this young musical organization under the active and interested leadership of Leo Kindig.

Meeting Next Sunday.

Prof. W. I. Kelsey of Penn college, Oskaloosa, has been secured as the speaker at the Sunday afternoon meeting at the Y. M. C. A. His sub-

ject is well chosen and pertinent to the season and will no doubt be entertaining and helpful. The subject is "A Christmas Message." Special music appropriate to Christmas will be presented.

It is hoped that men and boys of proper age will fill the auditorium to hear this Christmas message.

Paxius Club.

The Paxius club had a most interesting meeting last night, at which six fellows were initiated in the mysteries of the fraternity. There was much spirit in the initiatory work, and some innovations were introduced producing at times even merriment, removing for a time the impress of solemnity. It was an occasion that will be long remembered especially by the initiates.

Physical Department.

The standing of the Commercial basketball league, is as follows:

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Irwin-Phillips	6	1 .855
Purity Oats	5	2 .714
Kellogg-Birge	4	2 .666
Huskamps	3	3 .500
M. R. P. Co.	3	3 .500
Keokuk Electric	1	6 .142
C. B. & Q.	1	6 .142

The games Friday night will be Purity Oats vs. M. R. P. Co. and Kellogg-Birge vs. Huskamps.

A special attraction between games Friday night will be a wrestling match between Keith Crown, leader in the association gym work, and his cousin, Mr. Good, lightweight wrestler from Wisconsin. The match will be in the form of an exhibition. Scrimmage tonight between the Y team and the high school squad.

MILADY TO FACE SHORTAGE IN FURS

Neither American or European Trappers are Active in Supplying Demand.

Milady who delights to bedeck herself in warm furs is about to feel the ramifications of the European war in its effect on the fur industry. Be it known that furs are about to take an upward trend in price because 50 per cent of the furs used in this country are produced in Europe, and the war has forced a serious curtailment in the trade. Trappers and traders in the products of fur bearing animals are at the front and the objects of the activities of the former are now enjoying a respite from the hunt of those who seek their hides in more than one sense.

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used in Europe. The trappers of America have not been active in supplying the market because it was felt that the European demand would show a great falling off, in this they were right, but their action has led to a falling off in the supply at home. The European trappers have not supplied the American demand, and as the American trapper has not been active, the fur markets of the world face a serious shortage. The economic law of supply and demand will force a higher price. It is in America that the rise in price will make itself felt because the European has not much interest in the fur market at present.

No furs produced in Europe are coming to America now. English branches of German fur houses were expected to furnish an outlet for European furs, but the English government has seized the stocks, which action forces a stoppage of exportation activities.

American merchants who have had at former times great stocks of rough furs on hand now say that their stocks are near depletion. American buyers, however, need have no immediate fears as the fur supply in this country will last for three years.

Coupon Books for Poor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Distribution of coupon tickets by which to balk the professional "pan-handler" was the

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Much the Same. Omaha World-Herald: If it is not Armageddon, it acts a great deal like