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OLD MAGNATES MISSED AT TODAY'S LEAGUE MEETING.

Brush Not Here, While Ebbets, Dreyfuss and Robison Alone Represent the Old Guard. Days of Soden, Conant, Reach Spalding and Abell Recalled.

Baseball enthusiasts who have followed the game for a decade will find many new faces if they drop into the Hotel Breslin to-day while the National League men are indulging in the usual winter powwow. Men who were famous as club owners in years gone by have dropped out of the sport. The only veteran magnates on deck to-day are Charles H. Ebbets of the Brooklyn club, Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg club and M. Stanley Robison of the St. Louis club. The others are comparatively new in the councils of the old organization that assumed control of the game more than thirty-five years ago.

John T. Brush, president of the New York club, who owned the Indianapolis club in 1889, has gone away to Texas for the winter, while his old secretary, Frederick M. Knowles, has retired temporarily from the game because of ill health. If the New York club is represented at to-day's meeting Mr. Brush's interests will be looked after by W. M. Gray, the acting secretary, who took charge of things last spring, and by John Whalen, former Corporation Counsel, who is one of the directors and holds the office of treasurer.

President Ebbets now owns a controlling interest in the Brooklyn club. He purchased the stock from F. A. Abell and H. H. Vonderhorst several years ago, also buying out the small interest held by Edward Hanlon, who handled two pennant winners at Washington Park. Mr. Abell was one of the first backers of the Brooklyn club, in partnership with Joseph Doyle and C. H. Byrne, now dead. He is living at a country place on Cape Cod and has not attended a league meeting for many years. Mr. Vonderhorst, also dead, owned the Baltimore club when Hanlon won pennants aided by such players as McGraw, Kelley, Jennings, Keeler, McMahon, Robinson, Doyle, Gleason, Brodie, Reitz, Esper, Hemming and Pond.

The Philadelphia club is represented by Horace Fogel, a former newspaper writer and Judge Frank Elliott, who was associated with the Wagner brothers in the promotion of the Philadelphia Ball School Club in 1890. Fogel and Elliott headed a syndicate which purchased the club from several big politicians last winter, after the latter had bought the stock from a company in which James Potter, Barney Dreyfuss and Garry Herrmann were interested. Prior to that ownership the Philadelphia club was a money maker for A. J. Reach, the millionaire sporting goods man, and Col. John I. Rogers, a well-known Philadelphia attorney. Col. Rogers was one of the big men in the league in those days and he made the annual sessions hum with interesting incidents. He passed away two years ago, but Mr. Reach is still living and takes pleasure in witnessing the games.

Boston's famous triumvirate, Soden, Billings and Conant, who were the solid men financially in the affairs of the eagles, sold out in 1906 and the club has been rather unsuccessful since. Soden always considered as very magnificent in his generosity, was a big maker and held many friends, while Billings was strictly a business man.

Charles Webb Murphy, president of the Chicago club, may be called a soldier of fortune. It was said a few years ago that he was a baseball writer on a Chicago paper, but gave up that job to become press agent of the Sox. Originally financially by C. P. Taft and Murphy bought the Chicago club for $105,000 and has made a fortune out of the successful running of the Cubs. Before Murphy came along the big money of the Chicago club for many years was controlled by John R. Walsh, the banker. A. G. Spalding and James A. Hart. But when Walsh got into trouble with the Federal authorities he was compelled to sell his stock, and that of Messrs. Spalding and Hart followed suit. Mr. Spalding then turned as another powerful baseball leader. He has not been actively interested in the game since he indulged in a memorable struggle for the league's presidency, in which he was opposed by Andrew Freedman.

Aaron Stern, Albert E. Johnson and John T. Brush in turn owned the Indianapolis club before Angus McLean bought it for $100,000. Herrmann has made any money to speak of out of baseball but he is an ardent supporter of the game and his chairmanship of the National commission has established a reputation as a baseball jurist. He is at present the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks and is a powerful factor in shaping the policy of the league. Mr. Robinson, of the St. Louis club, was long associated with his brother, Frank De Hass Robison, in the ownership of the Cleveland club, which they abandoned to establish the present organization in the Mound City. Barney Dreyfuss originally controlled the Louisville club, but with the latter Harry C. Pulliam, and aided by a Kentucky syndicate, he purchased the Pittsburg club. Captain W. H. Temple, E. Austen and others, who had made a fortune in the Smoky City.

Thomas J. Lynch, president, and John A. Heydler, secretary and treasurer of the league, were umpires a dozen years ago under the command of the veteran C. P. Young of Washington, who held the office of chief executive for more than twenty-five years. Mr. Young is an honorary member of the league and is expected to attend the sessions.

The Coney Island Jockey Club and the Westchester Racing Association have at last published notices in the Racing Calendar to the effect that October 15 is definitely the last date for racing on the turf in the State of New York. The Westchester Racing Association announces that certain races will be run at the spring and fall meetings in 1911 and 1912, while the Coney Island Jockey Club states that entries for the Futurity to be run at the fall meeting in 1910 will close on January 1, 1911. The added money for this event is $50,000. The Belmont Park fall meeting will close December 31, the last day on which bets will be made being December 31.

Spring Meeting, 1911—December 1 $ 500 for two year olds, five furlongs, straight away. Ladies' $ [illegible] for three-year-old fillies, one mile. Ladies' $ [illegible] for three-year-olds, one mile and a quarter.

Fall Meeting—Matron, $ [illegible] for two-year-old fillies, five furlongs. Champagne, $ [illegible] for two-year-old fillies, six furlongs.

The same stakes, governed by the same conditions, are arranged for 1911 and 1912. For next year the Futurity will be run for the value of the Belmont Park has been reduced from $ [illegible] to $ [illegible]. The Matron stakes has been reduced from $15,000 to $5,000 for both events and the race. Last spring the Futurity was literally a gift for Harry F. Lewis. Spring. In spite of its great value it failed to attract a [illegible] so that it was necessary after [illegible] to make a reduction in the added money. $20,000 was added to the Futurity by the Jockey Club and the Westchester Racing Association for the running of this year's spring meeting.

The fact that the Jockey Club is going ahead with plans for racing for next year is of much encouragement to owners and breeders. The Jockey Club ended the season with a surplus of $[illegible] per cent. Taps there [illegible] no race here. [illegible] been given [illegible] plans for next year [illegible] quarters that [illegible] spring and fall [illegible] may be two or three days [illegible] there will be nothing doing [illegible] after New York [illegible] meetings to test the [illegible] stability law and their [illegible] are handed down the racing fraternity will be satisfied to go along [illegible] to secure new legislation at Albany [illegible] new law against bookmaking [illegible] "pool writing" will receive a test [illegible] said, and if individuals betting [illegible] established as legal it is expected [illegible] be plain sailing. Horse racing [illegible] will be instituted by the [illegible] predicted, and the sport [illegible] on a [illegible] basis.

With [illegible] Taplin in the saddle [illegible] to have a [illegible] the big [illegible] are [illegible] than [illegible] the world.

ATLANTIC Y. C. MEETING.

Officers Elected Without Opposition and Members Dine Together.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Atlantic Yacht Club was held last night at the Hotel Astor. The meeting was of minor importance and beyond electing officers as the constitution requires nothing was done. The members were having such a good time with the dinner that they would not listen to such trivial things as officers' reports.

Charles Sweeney, who was discovered last year and made commodore, has been lost again, and in his absence Vice-Commodore Ulcomb presided. There were about members of the club and members of other clubs present and among them were Commodore F. M. Wilson of the Crescent A. C., S. F. Vernon, Charles A. Morse, Thomas Fleming Day, President Charles J. McDermott of the Crescent A. C., Walter H. Sykes, Oakley Wood, Vice-Commodore Bogart, I. Luckenbach of the Crescent A. C., George E. Le Sauvage, president of the Gravesend Bay Yacht Racing Association, John E. Brophy, Horace E. Boucher, [illegible] Ayres, Robert W. Speir, Gherardi Davis, [illegible] Grant, Morton W. Smith, Commodore William H. Barnard, John G. Saxe, who lobbied Senator Agnew in the late election, and many others. Songs had been written for the occasion and they were sung lustily, especially when some mention could be made of some official report.

A cablegram was received from Sir Thomas Lipton expressing sorrow at the death of the late Commodore Frederick I. Adams. Commodore Adams did much to build up the Atlantic Y. C. while he was flag officer, and it was largely through his efforts that the house was built at Sea Gate.

It seems the fashion this year for yacht clubs to select men for office who have done well and have been tried out in other clubs. Some men are going from the lower bay to the Sound. The Atlantic has not been behind the times in this. Of the new officers, the vice and rear commodores are Crescent A. C. men and other Crescent men such as Dr. De Mond, who is to be chairman of the regatta committee, Walter H. Sykes, who is chairman of the house committee, and Charles B. Ludwig, who presided as chairman of the membership committee, are old Crescent men. The full ticket elected was as follows:

Commodore, William H. Barnard, steamer Sagamore.

Vice Commodore, George W. Ulcomb, schooner Unas.

Rear Commodore, Frank M. Wilson, motor boat Cecilia.

Secretary, Harry A. Bullock.

Treasurer, P. H. Hart.

Trustees (one expiring 1913), Gherardi Davis, William A. Barstow.

Membership Committee, Charles B. Ludwig, chairman; Herbert L. Jones and Kenneth Lord.

Nominating Committee—Yacht owners, E. Ed. ward [illegible], Robert W. Speir and Andrew McIntosh. Non yacht owners, Ernest F. Mayer, chairman; H. Eagle and Edward I. Grant.

Vice Commodore Ulcomb introduced the newly elected officers. Commodore Barnard thanked the members for the honor and promised to work hard in the interest of the club. Rear Commodore F. M. Wilson, when introduced, briefly thanked the members and then shouted with one accord, "He's a jolly good fellow." Horace E. Boucher made a brief report of the doings of the regatta committee and speeches were made by Thomas Fleming Day, John G. Saxe and S. F. Vernon.

GOLF.

F. S. Wheeler to Become President of Metropolitan Association.

To-night at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Association at Sherry's F. S. Wheeler will become president in place of Adrian H. Larkin, but otherwise [illegible] officers. The open championship now seems to have found itself and dates may be assigned for it as well as the amateur. The reports of the secretary and the handicappers will show the details of twenty-one competitions, including the Lesley cup matches and the seniors tournament. This season for the first time the M. G. A. team appears as the loser for the intercity cup.

Frederick Herreshoff is the amateur champion and he also won the National golf course tournament, beating respectively Travers and Travis in the final. Max Behr also won a title by beating Travers and also the medal at the National course. Travers won a medal and the Montclair cup. John M. Ward and Joseph Sylvester each won the medal and cup at the one tournament. W. J. Travis won six match play cups in first sets and five times he also capped the score medal. Gardner W. White won three score medals and one first cup.

In the handicaps Travis was low gross twice and once tied for it. Herreshoff tied once for low net and won the gross with 77 the same day, while R. C. Watson tied at the M. G. A. for low gross at 75 and won at Shinnecock Hills with the record card of 73. J. M. Sherman, P. S. Douglas and G. W. White each won a gross score prize, the last also tying for a net trophy. Howard E. Townsend and H. P. Whitney each at one time had the best gross and net, George Stanley having the best gross at Montclair and tying for the net.

Alex Smith retained the open championship after a hard fight with J. J. McDermott.

FOR NEW TENNIS MATCH.

British Association Wants Annual Contest With United States.

(Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.)

LONDON, Dec. 12.—At a meeting to-day of the British Lawn Tennis Association the proposal for an annual international match with the United States quite distinct from the Davis cup competition, to be played in England and America alternately, was carried. If the United States Lawn Tennis Association accepts the proposition the English association is willing that the first match be played in America.

The new proposal is the outcome of the feeling of resentment in England against the Australian Lawn Tennis Association for what is considered the insulting conduct of the latter association in regard to the Davis cup competition. Australia refused to give the guarantees of expenses for the matches there unless they were first satisfied about the strength of the English team. What was regarded as a fine team was selected and the names cabled to Australia. The English association was surprised to receive a reply that the expenses of the team could be paid only if one named could not be guaranteed.

It is thought unlikely that England will ever again go to the trouble of raising a team to go to Australia.

BEVERLY Y. C. MAY MOVE.

Members Also Consider Changing Name at the Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Beverly Yacht Club was held in Boston last Saturday and as matters of importance were to be considered the attendance was quite large. One suggested change was to move the present clubhouse to another site and the second to change the club's name to Hingham Yacht Club. These matters were discussed and referred to a special committee on the change of location. The committee will report at a special meeting at Wing's Neck next summer. This committee is instructed to report on a new location and the method of moving the present clubhouse. These officers were elected for 1911:

Commodore, W. F. Eustis, vice commodore, paid, secretary, F. A. Eustis, treasurer, Walter S. Crane, measurer, John H. Ellis, council, at large, [illegible] M. Farnsworth and Franklin W. Hobbs, regatta committee, Charles Whittemore, chairman, A. Eustis, Howard Stockton, Henry F. Warner, John Paine and Sidney Hoe, house committee, Frederick B. Cutler, Albert H. Hallowell, Walter S. Crane and Henry F. Warner, admission committee, A. H. Eustis, Benjamin W. Hobbs, Robert Winsor, Frank W. Hobbs, H. and J. L. Stackpole.

FOOTBALL RECEIPTS FALL OFF.

$21,100 Decrease in Profits at Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Treasurer John Lloyd of the Athletic Association of the University of Pennsylvania reported at the annual meeting last night that the football receipts for this season fell short $21,100 from those of last year. The report showed that the sports except football and basketball were conducted at a loss. The election of directors for the ensuing year resulted in the defeat of Dr. Wood, the present chairman of the athletic committee, by two votes. The following graduate members were elected: Dr. Wood, Lloyd, Dr. Dunning, [illegible] H. Pennypacker, Wharton Sinkler, [illegible] H. Lippincott