

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, 1906.

NEW OWNERS FOR THE MILLER BASEBALL CLUB

W. H. Watkins Retires from Ownership and Management and Well Known Citizens Take Over Stock and Control of the Club.

NEW MINNEAPOLIS BASEBALL AND ATHLETIC ASSN.

M. J. Kelley, president, director and manager. E. J. Westlake, vice president. Walter D. Boutell, treasurer and director. L. A. Lydiard, secretary and director. E. G. Potter, director. A. T. Williams, director. John Van Nest, director. Wallace G. Nye, director.

By O'Loughlin.

W. H. Watkins took leave of Minneapolis as a baseball magnate yesterday afternoon when the full ownership and control of the club passed from him to the new stock company headed by M. J. Kelley, formerly of the St. Paul club of the same association.

The new owners of the club held their first annual meeting at the baseball office on the second floor of the Kasota block and elected officers and directors for the year. W. H. Watkins was present and after the formal transfer of the stock he made over to the new owners the new five-year leases recently closed on Nicollet and Minnehaha parks.

The new managers and owners of the club are too well known in Minneapolis to need an extended introduction. Walter D. Boutell is a member of the firm of Boutell Brothers, the big local furniture house. Wallace G. Nye is secretary of the public affairs committee of the Commercial club and E. J. Westlake is secretary of the Commercial club. E. G. Potter is a well-known politician and former member of the legislature and L. A. Lydiard is city clerk of Minneapolis. A. T. Williams is manager of the A. D. T. company and John Van Nest is alderman of the thirteenth ward. M. J. Kelley has been manager of the St. Paul team and since severing relations with Mr. Lennon has interested himself in the purchase of the local club.

crowds, and I tried my best to win a pennant for Minneapolis last year. Everyone knows just how close we came to doing it. I am leaving many friends here, but I will be back two or three times a year during the playing season. Let me whisper, too, that I am going to lick the millers as often as I can.

Dickenson to Stay. Ed N. Dickenson, who has been with the local club since he carried bats for Perry Werden in the years gone by, will remain in the capacity of superintendent of tickets, gates, peanut and pop concessions and dictator of lineup on the scorecards. "Dick" has been with the club so long that he is always listed as one of the immovable fixtures when the club is sold. He is right in the class with the grandstands, save that unlike them he never gets full.

The question of improving the stands at Nicollet park will be taken up later. Mr. Watkins had full estimates and plans for remodeling the plant, but let the matter drop when he started to negotiate for the transfer of the club. The new owners will doubtless make some changes in the arrangements, but the nature of these will be determined at later meetings of the company.

Sale Is Bona Fide.

The sale of yesterday does away with all of the old talk of "syndicate ball" and "foreign ownership." It puts one of the greatest of outdoor sports upon a purely local footing. Minneapolis

MINIKAHDA CLUB IS BEATEN AT HOCKEY

St. Paul Club Proves the Stronger on the Minneapolis Rink.

Playing a return of the game which they lost 6 to 5, two weeks ago, seven hockey players from St. Paul, under the captaincy of Sam Nares, yesterday defeated the Minnikahda club team by the score of 7 to 6.

From start to finish the contest was spirited and until the last unit was piled on the heap of scores, near the end of the battle, it was "no man's game."

The St. Paul team is not a regularly organized body and represents no club. It entered into a tournament with the Minnikahda club men at the solicitation of Ward Burton, captain of the latter. It is probable that a "rubber" will be played next Saturday. The arrangements have not been definitely made.

National league clubs have been asked to waive claim to the services of Jim Delahanty by the Boston club.

SNOW ON THE ICE BOTHERED HORSES

Exceptionally Good Time Made Under Difficulty at Lake of the Isles.

Mike Wilkes and Watch Charm carried off the honors of the afternoon at the Lake of the Isles ice speedway yesterday. Mike Wilkes took first prize in the 2:16 trot and Watch Charm captured the trophy in the 2:12 pace.

The course was not fast as it was covered, in places, with loose snow. The club started men at work Friday night to clean up the ice, but they could only work out a track just wide enough for the horses, even though they worked all night and until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

GRILLO TAKES SLAP AT GEORGE TEBEAU

Toledo Magnate Talks of Fight for Control of American Association.

Toledo, Jan. 6.—"Politics in baseball, I suppose, is necessary, as it is in any organization of men," said J. Ed Grillo, president of the Toledo club and former president of the American association, "but for the life of me I cannot see why the interests of men that are virtually business partners, as they are in the eight clubs of any baseball league, should be so continually harassed by men in the organization that aspire to be leaders. I am willing to be one of the rank

FLOUR CITY CURLERS GOING TO DULUTH

Big Plans at Zenith City for Entertainment of the Visitors.

Minneapolis curlers are turning their attention toward the big northwest bonspiel which will open at Duluth on Jan. 15. The prizes hung up are attractive and the honor to be won is an even more moving consideration. The Flour City club will send at least four rinks and before the week is out enough men may be seized with an ambition to try their skill against the cracks of the northwest to raise the number to six. Reports from Duluth are that everything is progressing finely and that in addition to seeing some fine sport the visiting curlers will experience a triple X brand of hospitality. Out of the fund available for the tournament expenses the Duluth club has set aside \$1,000 and labeled it "entertainment." Lunch will be served at the rink and numerous trips to points of interest about the city are planned for the visitors. One trip will be taken on Wednesday afternoon. The route will be along the lake shore and the visitors will be given a view of the wrecked hulks of the Crescent City and Matafa.

New Covered Rinks.

At an expense of \$12,000 ten covered sheets have been prepared for the bonspiel. In addition to having every accommodation for the contestants this rink provides for the comfort of the spectators. There are four heated and electric-lighted rooms which afford a full view of everything which is going on upon the ice. Smoking will be prohibited in two of these rooms so that they will afford a comfortable place for the ladies of the visiting clubmen. It is expected that there will be at least fifty-seven rinks in attendance at the bonspiel, which means a total of between two and three hundred curlers. Special rates have been secured on nearly all railroads and the Spauld-

DUNBAR IS STAR CURLER OF WORLD

Northwest's Skip's Fame Has Extended to the Highlands of Scotland.

In the curling world the name of "Bob" Dunbar stands as high as that of Mathewson in baseball, Jake Schaefer in billiards, or Harry Vardon in golf.

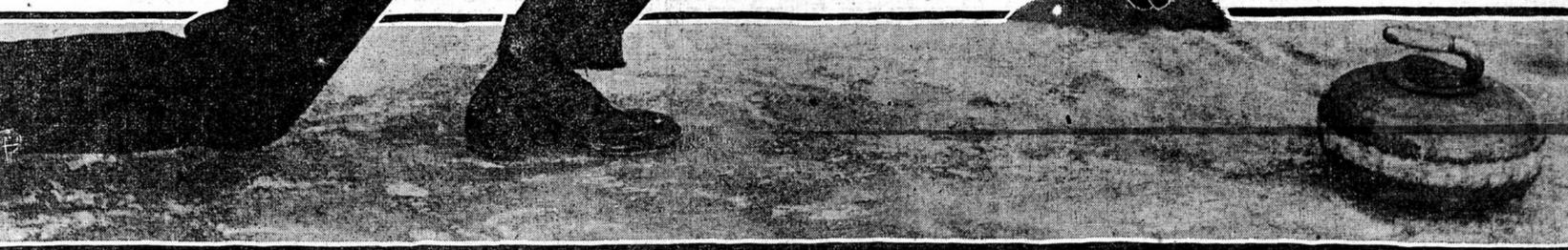
For a decade and a half his supremacy as an exponent of the Scotch game has been conceded both in the United States and Canada and his fame has even penetrated to the Highlands of Scotland, the birthplace of the game. When the Scotch team was visiting this continent two years ago, the captain of the team declared he would not go home satisfied until he had met the "great Dunbar," and this pleasure was his in Winnipeg, where at the bonspiel, the American expert conclusively demonstrated to his Scotch "brithers" that the game had made vast strides since it was transplanted across the Atlantic.

Perhaps the best indication of Dunbar's prowess is his records in "the points," the test of individual skill. In this department of the game his performances have never been rivaled or even approached.

Dunbar has an official record of 55 points made in a bonspiel, and an unofficial record of 62 points, out of a possible 72. When it is stated that 35 is considered a creditable points record for the average player and from 40 to 45 an excellent showing, the skill of this master of the "stones" can be appreciated.

Played Fifteen Years.

It is more than fifteen years since Dunbar began curling. At that time he was the champion short distance runner of the Canadian Northwest, the best shot-putter in western Canada, and one of the fastest skaters in Manitoba, where fast skaters are abundant. He made an instant success at curling, and was elected a skip of the Thistle club before he had completed his first season. From then on his record has been one of almost continuous successes. He is the only skip who has ever won the grand challenge in Winnipeg twice, and he is also the only skip who has at different times captured every one of the open trophies offered at this spiel, which is the greatest



"LAYIN' HER DOON TO THE TEE"—BOB DUNBAR, THE CRACK CURLER OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ACTION.

Now that he has been successful in his undertaking he will move to this city, making the entire ownership and management of the club a purely Minneapolis affair.

Kelley to Manage.

After the transfer of the stock and the election of officers the stockholders gave M. J. Kelley full powers to manage the affairs of the club, sign and release players, sign all checks, in fact have the entire business charge of the club and its affairs during the playing and winter seasons. He will report his actions from time to time to the directors, but in general policy of the organization Kelley will have a free hand. He is one of the largest stockholders and knowing that he has his financial all wrapped up in the club his associates will give him full swing in handling the players and the general run of the business.

The transfer of the club and franchise represented a deal calling for about \$30,000. Mr. Watkins purchased the club for a much lower price a few years ago, but has spent large sums in collecting players, having last year what was probably the highest priced team in the American association. Of these men all are the property of the new owners save Kellum and Kehoe, who were held out of the deal by Mr. Watkins.

"A Local Club."

"The deal is all closed," said Kelley yesterday afternoon. "and the list of the new stockholders is made public as we promised. I am pleased at the support, hearty and instant, I found in the undertaking of giving Minneapolis a purely local club. That I will give my best efforts toward making the club a playing and financial success seems hardly worth saying. I have a financial interest here now, and with an all-Minneapolis directorate behind me I feel that the club will do more business than ever before.

"Now that the business affairs of the club are settled I will start at once to look up men. We have a lot on the list, but we want more. When we get the full quota we will begin trying them out, and to hold a job on a Minneapolis team I am making the rule right now a man will have to earn it. We want the best, will pay good salaries and will demand the best the players have. I expect to move over here in a short time and open up the office and start right for 1906."

"I am sorry to leave Minneapolis," said Mr. Watkins last night, just before taking the train for Indianapolis. "I have always liked the city and the people, but my business at Indianapolis demanded my presence, and it was necessary for me to give up one or the other club. I wish to say, in quitting Minneapolis, that I am thankful to the people of the city for the kindness with which they received me two years ago, and the splendid patronage they have given the club in the two years that I have been in control. We had good

BILLY PHYLE TO GO WITH THE OUTLAWS

Decides That He Cannot Wait for Action of the Southern League.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—The disposition of the well-known Phyle case will make little difference to the crack baseman and ex-New York pitcher, Billy Phyle, next season, at least. Phyle has signed a contract to play with Harrisburg, in the outlawed Tri-State league. Both York and Harrisburg were after the veteran infielder and both teams offered big salary inducements. Phyle has signed with the outlaw league to protect himself. He has been given to understand that his case will be considered by the Southern league at their February meeting.

Lightweights to Wrestle

Bothner and Swenson to Meet on the Mat in New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—George Bothner, lightweight champion wrestler of the world, and Alex Swenson, holder of the title in the welterweight division, have been matched to wrestle for the light weight championship within three weeks at New York.

The match is the outcome of two years' argument over the respective ability of the men. The men met by appointment and after an hour's wrangling over the weight question finally agreed to meet at 139 pounds ringside.

Bothner at first wanted to meet Swenson at 128 pounds. The latter insisted that the match be at 140 pounds. When it looked as if all was off Bothner suggested that they toss a coin to decide whether it be at 139 pounds or at the weight demanded by Swenson. The lightweight champion won the toss and Swenson accepted the 139-pound figure.

BADGERS EXPECT A CHAMPIONSHIP

Basketball Team Out for the Western Laurels—Bush Captain.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 6.—Basketball work at the university will begin in earnest this week. The prospects for a winning team at the University of Wisconsin are especially bright this year. Coach E. D. Angell and Captain Bush are working daily with a squad of thirty men. Among the old men who are back to try for the team are McConochie, who played guard two years ago; Scribner, guard on last year's team, and Captain Bush. "Slam" Berke, the star badger tackle, will be out for his old position as center as soon as his knee, which was injured during the football season, heals.

State Normals Won.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, Jan. 6.—The basketball team of Iowa state normal school played the first game of the season this evening in this city with Waterloo Y. M. C. A. team. The score was 23 for normal and 18 for the Waterloo team.

ATHLETICS AT FORT

Soldiers to Have Contests on Wednesday Evening.

An athletic program has been arranged for Fort Snelling to take place Jan. 10, at the Fort gym. The feature of the meet will be a wrestling match between Crosby and McDonald, two crack wrestlers of the post. One of the best entertainments in the history of athletics of the Fort is scheduled. There will be a program outside of the main event, boxing, preliminary wrestling matches, acrobatic and other good "stunts."

ING and St. Louis hotels offer reduced prices.

Among the rinks which are entered, are four from Minneapolis, fourteen from Manitoba, four for the Nuskas and four from the Capitals of St. Paul, Toronto, will send its first rink to a northwestern spiel; two rinks, one skipped by the mayor, will come from Detroit; Michigan will be represented; four rinks will come from North Dakota points, two will come from Phillips, Wis.; two from Virginia, and there is a possibility that Chicago will be represented. The seven events are:

Duluth curling club trophy; Canadian Soo trophy; St. Paul Jobbers union trophy; J. E. Meyers' trophy; Flour City curling club trophy; international competition and the championship of grand average. Gold medals, guns, fishing tackle, kodaks, wearing apparel, pipes, curling outfits, opera glasses, umbrellas and numerous other costly prizes will be offered. The contests are open to all rinks affiliating with regularly organized curling associations in the United States or Canada. Play will begin at 10 a. m., Monday, Jan. 15. All rinks must be entered before 9 a. m., Jan. 15.

Tommy Mowatt Knocked Out.

By Publishers' Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Tommy Mowatt of Chicago was knocked out in the second round by Tommy Murphy of New York here tonight.

Jesse Tannehill was the first Boston American league player to sign for the season of 1906.

Talked of Legislation.

So deadly were the running shots of the great skip that in 1899 the Granite club of Winnipeg considered the advisability of placing the ban on Dunbar's delivery, admirably shown in the accompanying picture. This delivery involves sliding along the ice for a few feet after letting go the stone, and is admirably adapted to the running game. No legislation followed, however, and the "Dunbar delivery" is quite popular among the younger generation of curlers in Manitoba today.

In the winter of 1898, Dunbar and his rink established what still stands a world's record, by winning every competition in which it entered, except one. In this spiel Dunbar immediately after winning the points competition, and established his official record of 55 points, which still stands. In the fall of 1900 Dunbar moved from Winnipeg and took up his residence in the Saintly City, where he joined the St. Paul Curling club (now defunct). That winter the Northwestern bonspiel was held in St. Paul, and the Dunbar rink swept the boards. The only open trophy not captured by the rink was one which was voluntarily defaulted. This rink was composed of George Cunningham, lead; Frank McCarthy, second; Lambert Defiel, third, and Dunbar, skip.

The following winter the St. Paul club showed miserable signs of being moribund and Dunbar did not do as much curling as usual. In fact he has been comparatively inactive on the ice ever since, until the establishment this season of the new Capital City Curling club, in which he is one of the leading spirits.

Harry Davis will succeed Lave Cross as captain of the Athletics. Cross' successor on third base will be chosen from seven new recruits. The list includes Oldring, who finished the season with the highlanders; Williams of New Orleans, Brouters of Montgomery, Haniffan of Norwich and Knight, the "Schoolboy Wonder," who subbed for the Athletics last season.

President Kilroy of the Cleveland club, says the highlanders have no chance to get Earl Moore, one of the "Napoleon" pitching staff.

FIVE OF THE MINNEAPOLITANS WHO BECAME BASEBALL MAGNATES YESTERDAY



E. G. POTTER, Director. WALLACE G. NYE, Director. ALDERMAN JOHN VAN NEST, Director. WALTER D. BOUTELL, Treasurer and Director. E. J. WESTLAKE, Vice-president.