

BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

WHY HOME FOR AGED PLAYERS? GO TO MINNEAPOLIS

By Mark Shields

Ban Johnson wants to set aside a certain sum from the surplus earning of baseball each season to support a home for superannuated players.

This in spite of the fact that Cantillon's Minneapolis club is still running full blast.

This is Ban's reply to the Baseball Players' fraternity and is intended to show that the clubowners are not trying to beat down the player. But, on the other hand, where is the surplus coming from? Several clubowners have been cutting salaries because they lost money recently. Ban would have a sum taken from the world's series receipts, which would cause a howl from the two clubs which might get into the classic.

As a matter of cold fact, this home for aged players will never amount to more than talk. It is intended only for a backfire against the fraternity talk.

Pres. Weeghman, after his outburst against Jimmy Archer, was quiet yesterday. Evidently some one with sane judgment informed the North Side boss that he would make himself ridiculous knocking Archer as he did.

If Jim was so bad as he was painted, then he wasn't worth a thing to the club. Around the circuit the fans generally do not realize how far Archer has traveled on the backstretch and they might not put much faith in Weeghman's words. They would think Weeghman was merely panning a fellow who was trying to get all the money he could.

Cub players who returned their contracts are standing firm, as is the club and matters are deadlocked.

Much comment has been heard

the past day or two about Mike Prendergast's salary. He received \$1,500 last season and will draw double that amount in 1917. Mike had to hold out for a time last spring to get even \$1,500, and this while some athletes with merely gloves and names as their assets were drawing four times as much. Mike earned a bonus in 1916, compared to what some of his fellow pitchers drew.

Any one who is planning a day off to attend the first game of the season, can go ahead with the arrangements with fair assurance that a strike will not disrupt the program. To succeed, a players' strike must have the support of the fans, and it is doubtful if this support can be secured, or if it is justified.

Sympathy between men who work hard with their hands eight hours a day to get \$5 and fellows who play for a couple of hours each afternoon for six months and get from \$4,000 up is hard to arouse. There was a time when the white slave label might stick on the athletes, but that time is past.

Basketball Scores

New Trier 22, La Grange 20.
New Trier lights 35, La Grange 12.
Morton 22, Riverside 12.
Riverside lights 18, Morton 7.
Calumet lights 13, Englewood 19.
Stayms 46, Austin A. C. 12.
Wells Park 27, Pulaski 11.
Luther 22, North Ends 16.
Seward Park 23, Dvorak Park 13.
Hamlin Comets 19, Schneider 13.
Crane lights 10, Schurz 9.
Schurz bantams 16, Crane 9.
Chi. Boys' Club 22, Cres. A. C. 5.
Indiana 12, Iowa 7.
St. Patrick defeated De La Salle, 12 to 9, in a game of the Knights of Columbus Indoor Baseball league.
James Shea defeated Ben Klatcher, 50 to 48, in a game of the Chicago Billiard league at Mussey's.
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