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IOWA LEAGUE GOSSIP

Manager Niles, of Ottumwa, Names a Signed List of Nineteen Players

NILES HAS A HARD JOB

Egan Will Trot Out His "Champs" March 31—Opens at Sioux City—Hess Goes to Sioux City—Snook Accepts Davenport Contract—Boone Gets the "Terrible Swede."

One by one the managers of the Iowa State League teams are making public the men who will uphold the standards of the various clubs thru the coming season.

Catchers—Corbett, Paterson, Kellar. Pitchers—Lemke, Schopp, Teel, Dwyer, Lovell, Doyle, Heenan, Grindle. Short Stop—Plake. First base—Hoffmeister, Ittig, Manager Niles.

Egan, of Burlington, is to have two squads in the field during the early days of the conditioning season.

Tommy Hess, with both Waterloo and Oskaloosa last year, and one of the best back stops that ever donned a mask in the Iowa circuit, during those

Joe Snook, with the Grays in 1904, and of the Burlington team during a part of 1905, until he fell off the wagon

Neither "Deacon" Lehr nor Shour, of the "robbers" last year, have as yet accepted Waterloo's terms and may not do so.

Johnson, Boone's manager, has signed Pete Peterson, of Story City, better known as the "Terrible Swede," who has been the "whole show" in the twining line in and around Story City for two or three years.

George Pennington, who played short and second base for Boone during the past two seasons, has left the Iowa league.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McEyer, of Vanocboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends.

California Excursions. On account of the Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine convention, the Iowa Central railway will sell tickets April 25 to May 5, limited to July 31 for return passage.

The Adventurers

By H. B. MARRIOTT WATSON

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CHAPTER IX. YOU will remember, if I have been explicit enough, that the entrance to the castle lay across the drawbridge and by way of a great stone archway running through the width of the easterly wing.

"It's no wound," he rejoined. "A pin prick." "Oh, well, let us see," I said carelessly.

"I think we are likely to have a lively night," I answered. "And for me, I am in no mood for bed."

Montgomery wrenched at the knob, agreeable, we may take a lantern. They won't trouble us just yet."

"Well, come along," said I, and, seizing the lantern, I stepped out into the courtyard and made for the entrance to the northerly drum tower.

"There is no doorway here," he observed in a low voice, "and yet this should be a chamber such as we have passed already."

"It was a mean trick," he observed. "An acute pain struck suddenly through my shoulder. The foreigners use their knives aptly," I remarked.

"What about this wound, Montgomery?" I asked anxiously. "The boy stood up straight, his well cut face severe and immovable

the veins jumped in his forehead. "You will move your wound," I protested. Montgomery said nothing, but renewed his exertions, and with a creak the knob turned and a gap grew in the wall.

"Hush!" I enjoined. "Pull it open." The two tore back the cupboard door, and my lantern flashed on an appalling space of blackness.

"We're not finished, you duffer," said Sheppard eagerly. "Feel along the back wall. Here, let me. Oh, the devil! I'm too short!"

"The light shined in his face as he rolled the lantern, and I noticed that it was wild and unsteady. With tremulous fingers he handed me the lantern, and the light shone on a bit of steel I held under my thumb.

"I'm going through," I said in a whisper. "Follow me. I'll have the lantern here. Heaven knows what we shall find."

"Do you know where we are?" whispered Sheppard. "This is below the keep. Shall we go in?"

"They are here right enough," he called. And at his words Montgomery and I approached him. I held the light above his head, throwing the faint beams across his shoulder.

"How much is there?" asked Montgomery. Sheppard seemed to ponder, measuring rudely with his finger and computing the superficial area of the boxes.

"No one can say offhand," said he. "For there are the jewels, for one thing, among which are rubies. Now, rubies of that size"—and he pounced upon one—"are worth little short of a thousand pounds."

"Come, boys," I said, raising; "let us get out of this. We know our way."

and the treasure cannot take itself wings." Reluctantly they obeyed, and we retraced our steps through the cupboard into the corridor and thence upward through the courtyard and into the living rooms.

"After 3," I said. "You'd better go to bed. There will be nothing happen now."

"Three o'clock," echoed Sheppard indignantly. "Why, it is the very time for attacks and surprises. No; I'll see it out now."

"Very well," I assented. "We've got to arrange our defense, and as you are ill determined not to go to bed, we may as well hold a council of war."

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