

BASEBALL QUESTION IS UP TALK OF ORGANIZING 6-TEAM LEAGUE FOR SUNDAY BASEBALL

"What does that mean?" asked one man of another the other day, as he pointed at a group of men occupying an opposite corner on one of the downtown streets in Little Falls, and who were busily engaged in conversation. "Why, they're talking 1915 baseball," was the answer.

Yes, the approach of spring with its warmer weather had proved too tempting to the men and they had ventured out, with the result that they were immediately seized with that fever which is so dominant in the United States at this time of the year, the "baseball fever." The fever has spread at a terrible rate and is now well into Brainerd, St. Cloud and other neighboring cities.

Since the start of the baseball talk local baseball enthusiasts have concluded that the minor league idea is a rather big one to take up at this time and they therefore seem to be in favor of a league similar to the one in 1912, but to be organized under stricter rules and with at least five or six teams in the circuit. The towns sug-

gested are Brainerd, Staples, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, the Cuyuna range and Little Falls. The Cuyuna range would be represented by a joint team from Ironton and Crosby.

This idea seems to meet with general favor among the local baseball supporters, as well as at Brainerd and St. Cloud. Should the plan materialize the fans will be assured of some good baseball for the coming season.

St. Cloud fans are in receipt of letters from C. Olson of Minneapolis, who has managed several teams in the Granite City, stating that he has secured the baseball park there for the coming season and will get up a baseball team that will give St. Cloud the best that is to be found in that sport outside of organized ball.

John Burg of Minneapolis arrived in this city the latter part of last week and has taken a position at the Motor Inn, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank Ellenbecker.

Rev. and Mrs. John Watson of the Methodist Episcopal church entertained forty members of the Sunday school of that church at their home Friday evening. The evening was spent at music and games, after which refreshments were served.

COME AND GONE

T. O. Berg made a business trip to St. Paul the latter part of last week. Henry Swanson, science teacher at the local high school, returned Saturday from Aitkin, where he refereed a basketball game.

C. O. Brannen is in the city for a visit with his family this week.

Dr. L. M. Roberts and son were in Minneapolis the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Peter Lauermann and son Alfred and William Blake visited in Minneapolis over Sunday.

George Kiewel returned Saturday from a business trip to Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Belanger and children of Crosby visited relatives in this city the first of the week.

Miss Bertha Haska of St. Paul arrived here Sunday evening and has taken a position as trimmer at the Sand Sisters millinery store.

Wm. Siems of Swanville was in Little Falls on business Saturday.

Gust Lindgren of Upsala was in Little Falls Saturday.

Mrs. B. I. Murphy and little daughter of Minneapolis returned home Saturday, after visiting at the home of S. A. Heath.

J. S. Borgstrom of Flensburg transacted business in Little Falls Saturday.

Fred Gosch of Randall was in Little Falls on business Saturday.

Attorney J. F. Donohue of Melrose was in Little Falls on business Saturday.

Court Stenographer Vandersluis spent Sunday with a brother at St. Paul.

Mrs. T. Amo went to Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday, for a visit at the home of her son, Drew Amo.

Ben Drawman of Perham visited friends in this city Sunday, the guest of Otto Trettel.

A. A. Barton of Bowlus was in Little Falls on business Monday.

Rev. L. L. Harris of Cannon Falls was in the city on business the first of the week.

Edward Lakin of Royalton was in Little Falls to attend court Monday.

B. W. Lakin of Bemidji visited relatives in this city and at Royalton Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Scott of Elk River, who formerly employed at Ryan's hardware store, was in Little Falls Saturday, enroute to Sauk Centre to take a position in a hardware store.

J. W. Turner made a business trip to the twin cities the first of the week.

Joseph Garber of Royalton was in the city on business Monday.

R. B. Millard made a business trip to St. Cloud Monday. He returned in the evening.

Miss Freda Wilde of Royalton was in Little Falls Monday.

A RAILWAY WIZARD

Tuft Created a Sensation With His Vertical Road.

FIRST PASSENGER ELEVATOR.

It Was Erected in the Old Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York, in 1859 and Was Regarded as the Marvel of the Day—Its Introduction to England.

Americans may lose the use of their legs. A number of authorities on this subject have made the prophecy that unless the American mends his ways and changes the direction in which certain of his habits and tendencies lie his legs will become as atrophied as has become his little toe from close confinement in shoes and long disuse.

These authorities have pointed out the street car, the automobile and the average man's eagerness to "get there" in the quickest way and with the least possible effort is the causes for the present deterioration in legs, and as mechanical locomotion becomes more and more accessible and the riding habit grows man will have less and less use for his feet and legs.

In addition to electric cars and automobiles, another modern device contributes to the average man's increasing feebleness of limb. That modern device is the elevator. To the present generation, accustomed to ride from floor to floor and to push the elevator bell button and wait for the car rather than climb a flight of stairs, it probably seems queer to see or hear the elevator mentioned as a modern device.

Men in their youth and even in their middle age have become so habituated to the elevator that they feel that such a thing always was, or at least that it is coeval with brick and stone buildings. Yet the elevator is a modern device, and the word "elevator" in the application given it in America is newer still than the contrivance it describes.

Before the demolition of the old Fifth Avenue hotel in New York there was in one of the elevators a tablet, on which was inscribed this: "In this space was erected and operated in 1859 Tuft's vertical screw railway, the first passenger elevator ever built."

That elevator was one of the chief wonders of the hotel, which, because of its luxury and magnificence, was considered one of the wonders of the new world.

The "vertical railway," which saved persons the trouble of walking up and down stairs, was widely written about, and people came from far and near to look at the strange invention and to be able to tell their admiring friends in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and other cities out in the provinces that they had been able to go up and down stairs without walking.

When travelers came from New York and told about this vertical screw railway to our grandfathers, those worthy gentlemen raised their eyes and hands in astonishment and probably exclaimed, "Will wonders never cease?"

An English trade paper, the London Builder, in September, 1859, had an editorial on the subject of the vertical screw railway in the United States, saying: "It is a carriage that will move from the top to the bottom of the building and from the bottom to the top. It will be forced upward by the application of steam power, and the descent will be regulated by the resistance of hydraulic power."

It was not until the early seventies that the vertical railway was introduced in England, the first "lift" being installed in Albert hall, and to ride in this passengers were required to pay a fee of one penny. Conservative people in America and England looked on this invention with grave suspicion and "felt it in their bones" that it was only a question of time when it would fall down and kill everybody in it.

Today the "lift" is nothing like so common in Europe as the elevator, which is the same thing, is in the United States. One reason for this is that the United States is the birthplace and the home of the skyscraper, while high buildings, as building heights are measured in America, are infrequent in Europe.—Washington Star.

A Gallon of Gasoline.
A single gallon of gasoline will do wonders almost anywhere, but nowhere has it been applied to better purpose than on the farm. Here are some of its stunts. It will milk 300 cows, bale four tons of hay, mix thirty-five yards of cement, move a ton truck fourteen miles, plow three-fifths of an acre of land and make enough electricity to keep eight lights going in the farmhouse for thirty days.

Goody to boyhood memories of turning the grindstone.—Wall Street Journal.

His Punishment.
"I had a horrible dream last night," said Huddleston when he came down to breakfast the other morning.

"What was it?" asked his wife.

"I dreamed that I was in purgatory and was made to do all the things I had told my friends I would do if I were in their places."—Brooklyn Life.

Has Her Troubles.
Nothing can exceed the weight of responsibility experienced by a woman who is trying to entertain eight guests with an equipment of six knives and forks and six napkins.—Kansas City Journal.

The earth is our workshop. We may not curse it; we are bound to sanctify it.—Mazzini.

WONDERFUL VACUUM.

Science Can Produce It Almost to the Point of Perfection.

Scientists have succeeded in getting what is practically a perfect vacuum—have succeeded in taking all the air out of a space except the one hundred and fifty millionth of it. As long as they had to deal with the old time so called suction pump very low vacuums were impossible on account of leakage. The mercury pump was relied on to give the better vacuums, but that took a long time indeed. Then the Gaede pump and before that the Geryck pump improved matters somewhat.

The device now used is as ingenious as it is swift and reliable. Suppose that we have a sealed tube containing air. If we place this in liquid hydrogen the air in a few minutes becomes a solid in the bottom of the tube. If all the air were frozen we should have a perfect vacuum left, but air contains what the chemist calls "traces" of several inert and hard to freeze gases, two of which are helium and neon. The tiny amount of these rare gases found in the air is, of course, left in the space, and so a perfect vacuum does not appear. But helium has been liquefied also. As liquefied helium is the coldest thing obtainable, it will not freeze any more of itself.

To make the vacuum more complete, however, it was decided to put some charcoal in the tube. It had long been known that hot charcoal had the power to absorb or "occlude" gases, but little was known about its power when as cold as liquid air. A great surprise was in store for the first man to try it, however, for it was found that it absorbed a great deal more when very cold than when warm, in some cases seven or eight times as much. So the charcoal placed in the space absorbed a good part of the gases remaining, and the wonderful vacuum of .0000058 of a millimeter, the normal pressure of the air being 760 millimeters, was obtained.—Chicago Herald.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?
Do You Know Your Age and the Year and Day of Your Birth?

How old are you? When were you born? See if you really know. See if your children know how old they are. Do not laugh at these simple questions until you try the test.

According to a recent issue of the United States public health service reports, it is a common occurrence to find school children, even high school pupils in the junior and senior years, who cannot tell how old they are, or who, if they know their age, cannot tell accurately in what year they were born.

You will need this information when you apply for a marriage license, or in registering for voting, or in seeking a government position, or in case you claim that you are heir to a fortune that is going to some other person. You may have to go under oath as to your age when you pay your custom duties upon return from your next European trip. So you should practice.

In some of our states there is no birth registration, so you may not be able to prove from the records that you ever were born. This might be embarrassing to you if you want to marry in Europe.

Perhaps the easiest way to remember your age is to form some jingle or rhyme on your birth year. For instance, "In 1897 little Johnnie came from heaven," or "In 1882 little Susie began to boo." Never mind what the rhyme is, just so you remember it, and if, after reaching the age of forty, you want to prove that you are only twenty-three years old, just change the rhyme and perhaps people will believe you when you repeat the jingle to prove your youth.

U. S., Not U. S. A.
Do you know what is the proper abbreviation of the United States? It is U. S. It is not U. S. A. There is widespread and apparently utter ignorance of this fact. The initials U. S. A. are the officially accepted abbreviation for United States army and do not under any possible conditions ever mean United States of America. At this time, when so many manufacturers in this country are branding their goods as made in the United States, this is important. The brand of U. S. A. upon anything means that it was manufactured for the United States army. "Made In U. S." is the brand which should be put upon all goods manufactured in this country.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Woes of an Author.
"How's your new book coming on?" "Passably well. The demand isn't what it should be. I mean among purchasers. And, of course, if people don't buy the book there's nothing in it for me."

"I see. By the way, I'm reading it now. Binks loaned me a copy that Tompkins borrowed from Bradley. Pretty fair story."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Earth's Diameter.
The earth's greatest diameter is not necessarily at the equator. According to the eminent Professor Henkey, the actual greatest diameter is that taken from the summit of Mount Chimborazo. The line drawn from this point to the opposite side on a point in Sumatra gives a diameter of 7,929 miles.—New York American.

Rubbing It In.
Miss Elderly—The insulting wretch! He asked me if I remembered the dreadfully cold winter of 1879. Think of it! Miss Keen—Oh, I'm sure he didn't mean to offend you, dear. He probably didn't know what a bad memory you have.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Ernest Melberg of Second street northwest entertained a number of girl friends at her home Friday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Esther Larson. The evening was spent at music and games and dainty refreshments were served.



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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

CUSHING

March 2.—John Johnson's team ran away one day last week causing some excitement, but doing no damage before being caught.

The B. Kelly show entertained at Kastanek's hall on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week. The parties left here for Lincoln on Sunday.

The farewell dance given by N. Thompson Saturday evening was well attended. It is understood that Mr. Thompson and family will leave for Kentucky in the near future.

Harris Gourd of Randall drove up to Cushing Saturday in his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman of Randall were in Cushing on business last week.

Miss Edith Kastanek accompanied by Miss Bertha Randall came down from Staples Saturday for a short visit with parents and friends.

O. A. Johnson was in Little Falls on business last week.

Several parties came down from Lincoln to attend the dance Saturday evening.

A moving picture show entertained at Kastanek's hall Monday evening. It is understood that they will be here again soon.

Mr. Tapley of Browerville has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Kastanek, of this place for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Christenson are enjoying a visit from relatives from Fort Ripley.

O. Bennet purchased a fine new buggy last week.

The town board held a meeting in the town hall Tuesday, March 2.

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FREEDHEM

March 2.—Axel Anderson attended the telephone meeting held by the Freedhem Rural Telephone Co., at Little Falls last Wednesday.

Agnes Holmstrom of Minneapolis is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmstrom.

The town board of Belle Prairie met in the town hall last Tuesday to audit the books of the clerk and treasurer.

Arthur Johnson was a county seat visitor last Saturday.

Rev. J. Alb. Peterson of Flensburg held services in the Free Evangelical church last Sunday.

Lloyd Strand was pleasantly surprised by a number of young people last Wednesday evening. Lloyd intends to leave for Iowa in a few days.

Frank Sweeney was a Freedhem caller last Sunday.

Aleen Olson left for Minneapolis last week for a visit with friends.

Several of our farmers attended the Bergquist auction last Tuesday.

All the voters of Belle Prairie should plan to attend the annual town election next Tuesday as there is several candidates running for office this time, and other important business to transact at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Hedblom visited with Mr. and Mrs. Linus Strand last Sunday.

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