

AS BRUSH HELDS IT

STORY OF THE WESTERN LEAGUE TROUBLE AS SEEN IN CINCINNATI.

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THAT IS THE CONTENTION THAT HE RELIES UPON MOST, IT SEEMS.

"FARMING" SYSTEM TO BLAME.

In It Is to Be Found the Secret of the Whole Trouble in the League.

The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette-Tribune Friday published an article that throws light on the trouble in the Western league. It runs as follows:

On Monday, Oct. 5, the national board of arbitration, composed of President Young, of the National League; Charles N. Byrne, John T. Brush and A. H. Soden, will meet at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, to consider a petition from the Indianapolis club, of the Western league, for withdrawal from the Western league.

The trouble started last fall. Toward the end of the season John S. Barnes was deposed from the ownership of the Indianapolis franchise, and John Goodnow, representing a syndicate of capitalists, who is a friend of Mr. Brush, was elected to the franchise. At the fall meeting of the league there was some dissatisfaction expressed at the way things had been run in Grand Rapids and Detroit during the season.

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Ban Johnson says: "Before the close of the season I complied with article 3 of the National agreement asking for the protection of the eight cities now members of the Western league in addition to Toledo and Omaha, and we cannot be deprived of our rights in equity. There are higher tribunals of law in the United States than the national board of arbitration and to those tribunals whom Mr. Brush seeks to oust from the Western league will carry their appeals in legal form. It is an outrage that Brush or any man in base ball should be permitted to use his influence to disrupt a base ball organization as solidly founded as the Western league and attempt to deprive the owners of the clubs from realizing a return on their investment in grounds and players. There is about \$15,000 in the Western league treasury to divide up among the eight clubs, and if Minneapolis and Indianapolis try to put the other clubs out of the league, that fund will be used to defray the expenses of a fight."

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

A Minneapolis enthusiast asks for a full report of the Western league games against club. One was published in the Globe of Sept. 24, the authenticity of which has never been successfully disputed.

Detroit wants Hahn, the Nashville south paw, that Comiskey has bought for this season.

Philadelphia lost both the first and last game played.

Ban Johnson has written to President Young asking for the protection of the eight cities constituting the league, as well as Omaha and Toledo, should Minneapolis decide to withdraw from the league.

There will be a bear dance up in Minneapolis when they learn the price they paid for keeping Wilmut and Hutchinson and how they easily rival St. Paul has profited thereby. Chicago loaned the two players at the opening of the season on the condition that it should have the pick of any two on the team at the close. The pick Anson made was Preston and Connors, the fielder and second baseman. Then your uncle Anson gave in exchange for him the two players he had taken from Minneapolis. Comiskey knew he would lose Denzer by the draft, so he took Anson's offer and next season St. Paul will have something like stone wall infield, while Minneapolis has a hole at second that will hurt to fill. Comiskey did not get the \$50,000 for Denzer, but he did get two players who could have done better for Minneapolis for the times that money.—Detroit Journal.

It is said that the St. Louis Browns are to be thoroughly reorganized before next season. Manager Dowd will go out in the field and the whole team will be changed.

The Cincinnati like Dungan and Burnett pretty well.

Billy Hamilton has given ninety-nine bases on balls this season, and has stolen seventy-four bases.

The National league will try to secure the services of Umpire McDonald again next year.

Halliday says the batting average of umpire is a record equalled by the Cleveland records.

The records credit Pitcher Payne, of Brooklyn, with only one wild pitch in thirty-two games.

Van Derbeck, of Detroit, has thirty-seven players, either on salary list, lent to other clubs or signed for next season. Milwaukee Journal.

Manager Wilmut has reserved all the players except Parker, who belongs to Chicago. Partridge, Hove and others, who are farmed out, are also reserved.

Rothfus, manager of the pennant-winning Newark team of the Atlantic league, will play first base for Grand Rapids next season. He has thirty-one players under reservation.

The New York management has renewed its hunt for "Little Willie" Lange. The original offer of \$10,000 has been hinted at again, and Anson knows a good thing as well as any one. Lange will stay right here.—Chicago Tribune.

Manning has reserved every player on the city team, but his new manager, Carney, will be given full swing when he assumes control. Manning says that he does not expect to put on a base ball uniform again.

Special to the Globe.

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CAYLOR REVIEWS THE YEAR.

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WESTERN LEAGUE'S SUCCESS.

Permanence of the Organization Assured—Good Words for Denzer.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—With the ending of the Temple cup series the base ball season of 1896 will come to a close. If the season from a business point of view has been an undoubted success, it has its spots of disappointments professionally. Although the Cincinnati finish in third place, their friends, as well as they themselves, go into winter quarters to slow music and with misery in their base ball souls. Had they been assured before the season opened of their place, they would have hailed the honor with extreme satisfaction, but the result of the year's play has made them possible pennant winners. Several weeks later they were sure of Temple cup dividends. Then came the most remarkable slump in the history of the league. Their finish was lamentable, and it leaves a bad impression on the minds of the fans. The Chicago, Boston and Pittsburgh are satisfied. They are so placed that their rosters have not even a small bit of assurance that anything better is in store for them. The Chicago, Boston and Pittsburgh are satisfied. They are so placed that their rosters have not even a small bit of assurance that anything better is in store for them.

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It has once more been shown that a championship is not to be won by the same city. Comparatively little enthusiasm greeted the Baltimore's recent capture of the pennant. Even their own patrons failed to enthusiastically greet whereas two years ago the whole city of Baltimore was a unit in doing them honor as champions. The same local feeling followed the capture of the pennant by the Cincinnati in Cleveland. All these personal benefits were forgotten when the two nines met in the Baltimore game, by which the Cincinnati three games straight, virtually put them out of the Temple cup series. And yet a very few people will ask, "Is it not better to be a member of the Cincinnati club, which has won the pennant, than to be a member of the Baltimore club, which has lost it?"

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