

WESTERN BASE BALL PLANS WILL CENTER THERE

Schedule Meeting Is to Be Held There Thursday—Change May Be Proposed in the Salary Limit—Possible Kicks on Recent Appointments of Umpires.

Manager Comiskey will attend the Western Base Ball league meeting in Kansas City Thursday, where the plans for the year will be outlined. President Johnson has notified the members of the schedule committee to be prepared to make their report, as he has a number of important questions to be discussed.

He has also issued a special invitation to the newspaper men of the cities in the league asking them to attend the meeting for the purpose of discussing and arranging a uniform set of scoring rules. Scoring is something that has been sadly abused in the Western league. In no two cities is the work done in the same way, and as a result the averages in this league tell little of the real worth of the player.

President Johnson wishes the league to have its own scoring system, and will insist that the official scorers all use it. The managers at the meeting will have the Omaha franchise question to settle. The committee appointed to select the eighth city has chosen Omaha, and if the report is satisfactory, it will be accepted, and Omaha will be admitted into full membership for one year.

When the Western league magnates at the Chicago meeting last fall decided on reducing the salary limit to \$2,000 a month, President Johnson was instructed to take charge of the contracts and sign the players. This was done for the purpose of preventing any of the clubs going over the limit. Some of the magnates are of the opinion that the Western league cannot maintain its high standard of base ball at the present salary limit, and will ask to have it raised to \$2,500 a month, but this will be vigorously opposed.

The committee appointed to confer with the National league magnates for the purpose of making some changes in the rules governing minor leagues will be ready with a partial report. The committee has so far met with little success. There may be a kick on some of the umpires Johnson has appointed.

Frank B. La Porte, who will be Milwaukee's extra catcher, was a member of the Twin City club of Elyria, Ohio, and Denison, O., which won the national championship of Eastern Ohio for 1886. In 1887 he was with the Irwin team of Tin, Pa., an independent club, winning the championship of Western Pennsylvania by defeating such clubs as that of Greensburg, Pa., and the independent team of only three errors. His fielding record was close to the perfect mark and he batted an average of .320.

Yale will lose several of its best base ball players this season owing to the rigid enforcement of the amateur rule. Two of the best men on the squad, Farnham and Atkins, have been declared ineligible. It seems certain, too, that Henry Clark, the old Harvard player, will not be allowed to play with Yale this year. He has been here one year, but a scholarship committee made him ineligible. Clarkson is a brother to Arthur and John Clarkson, the National league pitchers.

Eddie O'Meara, the Chicago catcher, who was signed by Columbus last winter and afterward traded to Grand Rapids, and Strauss for Buckley, is to manage the Fort Wayne team of the Interstate league. When Eddie was traded to Grand Rapids he refused to report to that club and was afterward released, although Manager Glenavlin could have prevented him from playing elsewhere.

The Yale Varsity Base Ball team will be coached this season by "Dutch" Clark, the famous pitcher, who will report on the 18th and remain in New Haven as long as his business permits. Clark is a better player than any of the other coaches that Yale can secure at present.

Tom Burns, the new manager of the Chicago ball club, says that Callahan's place is not at second base. He also denies that he is planning to trade Wood to a better player than Callahan. His idea of an infield from the material at hand is Everett, Connors, Dain and McKeen.

Both Hulen and Mertes have refused to sign with Columbus at the reduced salary figure. For Mertes, who is one of the highest priced men in the league, it means cut-out.

IF THEY RACK CAN BE HAD ONE CONDITION THAT BLOCKS ST. PAUL'S RACING PROJECTS

Comiskey's Lease Stands in the Way of Completing the Deal—Century Road Club Meets This Week—Cycle Path Benefit Plans Are in Progress.

The efforts of the officers of the Minnesota division of the L. A. W. to secure a date with the National Circuit are in a fair way to be successful. A brisk correspondence has been going on and it is quite probable that St. Paul will be included in the schedule of the circuit about Aug. 25.

Edward B. Smith, the owner of Lexington park, has been conferred with by several delegations of racing men with a view towards securing the use of the park for the purpose of building the track which can be put in good shape. At present the Lexington park track is leased with the rest of the grounds to Base Ball Magnate Comiskey.

A meeting of the Century Road Club of Minnesota has been called for Wednesday night at the residence of W. W. Schneider, 1065 University avenue, Southeast, Minneapolis. It will be the initial meeting of the season and several matters of importance will come up for consideration, after which a social time will be enjoyed. A new office will be provided for, being that of secretary and treasurer.

The re-election of President Potter at the recent meeting of the L. A. W. in St. Louis, is taken locally in L. A. W. circles to mean a victory for the good roading movement. Mr. Potter, strongest opponent returned largely the racing element.

The funds derived from the cycle path benefit March 11 and 12 will be used solely for repairing the old paths. It is hoped that the wheelmen will assist in keeping St. Paul at the head of the list as to mileage in cycle paths.

The first week in March, a general meeting of all the wheelmen in the city will be called for the purpose of outlining the work of the year and to devise ways and means for building new paths. All the cycle organizations will be asked to co-operate in this meeting.

Chief consul will announce a long list of appointments soon. It will include L. A. W. consuls in the small towns of the state. Mr. O'Connell, in receipt of a large number of requests from wheelmen all over the state recommending appointments, A. D. Smith of St. Paul, will probably be appointed state handicapper.

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Second—From Como park to Indian Mound park, via Maryland avenue and East street. Third—From West St. Paul, passing through agricultural park to East Minneapolis. This path will be built in connection with the Minneapolis association. Fourth—On Pleasant avenue, from Third street to Oakland avenue. Fifth—From West St. Paul via Inver Grove road to Hastings.

COUNTRYMAN AND TAYLOR Winners of High Score Badges at the Cavendish Club

Countryman and Taylor won the high score badges in the play at the Cavendish Whist club last evening. The scores in the ninth game of the tourney were:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Countryman and Taylor, Bowen and Kane, Dunlap and Wilson, etc.

VARISITY BASE BALL TEAM Announces Its Schedule for the Coming Season.

J. E. O'Brien, manager of the State University Base Ball association, announces the following schedule of games which the varsity nine will play this spring.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Date. Includes West End, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, etc.

Close Bowling Match Played at Gruber's Alleys Friday Night.

The event of the week in bowling circles was the match between the Junior and West End clubs, played at Gruber's alleys Friday evening. The scores were: Juniors 157, West End 138.

The following are the club scores for the week: At Albatross's Alleys—Vic Steichen, 221; Mike McCarthy, 205; Al. Stuenkel, 195; John Barry, 218; A. J. Albrecht, 196; Al Miller, 181.

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Gun Club Shoot. Sportsmen Will Enjoy an Afternoon This Week. The annual winter tournament of the St. Paul Gun club will be held at the fair grounds Wednesday.

Section in Manitoba. WINNEPEG, Man., Feb. 19.—A meeting of representatives of the cycling clubs in the province and of the Wisconsin Cycling Club has been called for Tuesday evening at the Hotel Marlborough. The meeting is to be held at the residence of the Canadian Wheelmen's association.

Sudheimer Is Champion. George Sudheimer won the Northwestern championship races held at Como in connection with the annual meeting of Harry Perkins was second, Lew Johnson third.

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