

BIG LEAGUE MAGNATES

IN SESSION TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE AND NEW RULES

Chief of Umpires and a Staff to Be Selected Also at the St. Louis Gathering—New Story Out Regarding the Sale of the Browns—Board Meets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 28.—With the exception of Andrew Freedman, president of the New York Base Ball club, all the National league magnates are here to attend the annual meeting, which convened today at the Southern hotel.

Those present are: N. E. Young, national president and secretary; E. H. Young, secretary national board; A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, of Boston; F. A. Abell and C. H. Ebbitts, of Brooklyn; J. A. Reach and J. H. Rogers, of Philadelphia; Edward Hanlon, of Baltimore; J. E. Wagner, of Washington; W. H. Watkins, of Pittsburg; J. T. Brush, of Cincinnati; F. De Haven, of Boston; J. H. Robinson, of St. Louis; J. A. Hart, of Chicago; H. C. Pullman, of Louisville; and Chris Von Der Ahe and B. S. Muehlfuss, of St. Louis.

A number of minor league officials are also on the field to look after their respective interests and to make whatever dicker for players they may be able to do. Among them are President Hickie Robinson of Cleveland; Tom Loftus, president of the Columbus, O. Western league team, and C. B. Power, president of the Interstate league. Jimmy Manning, of the Kansas City club, is expected here tomorrow.

There is considerable work to be done by the league meeting. The adoption of the playing schedule, the drafting of new rules, especially one looking to the doing away of rowdy ball and the appointment of a new chief of umpires and the selection of his staff, are the principal matters up for action.

Ned Hanlon, who represents the minority of the rules committee, will report the following to do away with rowdy ball playing:

Rowdy Rules.

If a manager, captain or player use obscene, foul or loudly profane language to or within hearing of either umpire, or commit or threaten to commit any violent act against the person or umpire, player or spectator, it shall be the duty of such umpire to order such player from the field and out of the grounds for the remainder of the game.

It shall also be the duty of such umpire to report in full such language, or an account of such violence or threatened violence, to the president of the league by letter, immediately after the game, and in cases in which to telegraph briefly the facts to the duty of the president to punish such player by suspension or prohibition from playing in any league game for such time as he may deem proper.

The president may, upon receiving telegraphic information of such nature, suspend such offender, suspend the player temporarily, until he receives the full information and can act thereon. In case the president of the league is denied, it shall be the duty of the president to investigate and learn the truth of the matter and act accordingly.

There is some speculation as to who will be appointed to fill the place on the national board of umpires made vacant by the death of Charles H. Byrne. Ned Hanlon, John I. Rogers and C. H. Ebbitts are those most prominently spoken of in this connection.

There is another story to the effect that outsiders are after the St. Louis Browns. R. C. Pullman, of Louisville, had this to say of a report that prominent distillers of his city had formed a syndicate to purchase the Browns:

"A millionaire distiller of Louisville met me just before leaving for the league meeting. He told me that the fine for the condition of the St. Louis club to see what a clean bill of sale of it could be secured for. He said that if after investigation the property was found worth buying and that it could be secured for a reasonable figure, he would buy it, if only on speculation. His plan is to buy the club and place it under the head of it. That is all there is to the story. I am going to look over the ground, find out just what the club can be bought for and then report to my friend in Louisville. Should he get the club it will be a good thing for the league, for he is a man with unlimited capital and would be sure to put a first-class team in the field."

Board of Arbitration.

The national board of arbitration held a meeting which lasted without intermission from 10:30 a. m. until almost 6 o'clock. Considerable business was disposed of.

It was rumored, while the meeting was being held behind closed doors, that it had taken upon itself the selection of a new member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles H. Byrne, of Brooklyn, and had chosen A. H. Soden, of Boston. This was later found to be untrue, as only the National league has such authority.

As it is the duty of the board to

hear and determine all disputes and controversies between association, clubs and members of the same the business passed upon was of that nature.

President N. E. Young presided and there were present A. H. Soden, of Boston; R. De Haven, of Cleveland; J. A. Hart, of Chicago; and John T. Brush, of Cincinnati.

The petition of Harry Berte for dismissal from the Quinny club was rejected. The Western league had accepted the services of the disbanded Quinny club members and transferred the club to Ottumwa. The action was ratified.

A request of President Powers, of the Eastern league, for permission to hold exhibition games in National league territory prior and subsequently to the regular season, was granted. It was decided that the clubs of a minor league had no right to play games in the territory of the major league without permission of the latter.

All correspondence had to date between the Cleveland and Milwaukee clubs and Player Bert Jones, whom the major league team had purchased, along with the agreement, was read. Action on the agreement was deferred for future developments as to Jones' playing ability.

Eastern and Western leagues, Class A asked that a rule be adopted providing that the umpires could be drafted by a National league club from one minor league club in any one season, and that each player would be in Class A for two consecutive years.

The National league proposed that its clubs should have the right to borrow players for thirty days, and that minor league clubs at a stipulated price to be agreed upon and placed in the hands of the national president, the major league clubs taking players on trial for not exceeding thirty days. If not satisfactory the money would be returned to the purchasing club.

This proposition was rejected by the Eastern and Western leagues, which adopted a resolution, declaring that they would be detrimental to them. This leaves the matter where it was last year.

Denzer Hesitating.

Returns a Contract Sent by Manager Comiskey Without His Signature. Special to The St. Paul Globe. LE SUEUR, Minn., Feb. 28.—Roger Denzer, the base ball player who has spent the winter at his home here, received a contract to be in Class A for two consecutive years. He has returned it unsigned.

L. A. W. Handicappers. BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 28.—Chairman Albert Mott, of the L. A. W. racing board, today issued the following:

The following are the handicappers for 1898: R. F. Keley, Hartford, Conn.; George L. McCarthy, New York; A. G. Powell, Philadelphia; T. F. Myler, Pittsburg; W. H. Watkins, Baltimore; G. J. Scherer, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles W. Mears, Cleveland, O.; Charles P. Root, Chicago, Ill.; James B. Green, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sanctions granted: Penn Wheelmen, Reading, Pa., June 10. Ended a Draw. PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 28.—The boxing exhibition at Millville this evening between Mike McLaughlin, of Pittsburg, and Johnny Lavack, of Cleveland, resulted in a draw after ten rounds of very fast fighting. Both men were in good condition and put up a good fight. Lavack had the advantage at the start, but McLaughlin after mixing his man up, went in for keeps and the contest ended with honors even.

Stopped by the Sheriff. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 28.—The fight between Mike Brennan, the Porto Costa fighter, and Joe Butler, colored, at the arena at Athens, Pa., tonight, was stopped by Sheriff Marshall, of Delaware county, in the second round. Butler had clearly the best of the bout, which was scheduled for fifteen rounds, and but for the interference would have knocked his man out.

Indoor Games. BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The indoor games of the Boston Athletic association at Mechanics' hall tonight proved one of the most interesting athletic events of the winter season. The boxing contest between the relay race and all were hotly contested. In long two-mile race, University of Pennsylvania defeated Harvard, 19:15, in the regular distance Yale 19:01 defeated Harvard 19:01 by a close margin.

Lease Holds. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 28.—George M. Hendrie, of the Farmer-Hendrie Racing syndicate, which controls race tracks at Highland Park, Windsor, and Port Erie, said today that he did not think that the sale of the Port Erie track would invalidate the syndicate's lease.

For the Hinkle Medal. In the curling contest for the Hinkle medal, one game was played last night, as follows: Scott, D. Martindale. Ward, Cunningham. Defeat, skip—15. Steward—skip—9.

Australians Out. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 28.—The visiting team of cricketers in the final test match, which began on Saturday between Capt. Stoddart's English and Port Erie, is today well out in their first innings total of 335 runs. At the close of play on Saturday, they had scored 301 runs for five wickets down.

GENERAL SPORTING NOTES. Patsy Cardin, once prize fighter, who came into general notice by his fight with L. Sullivan's arm with his head during their contest in Minneapolis, is now a policeman in Portland, O.

George Sudheimer, of St. Paul, has challenged Andrew Larsen, of Minneapolis, for a two-mile pursuit race at the South Side skating rink in Minneapolis. Sudheimer is today to tackle anybody for the amateur championship of the Northwest.

Fred Foster, a St. Paul horseman, has bought Eva Rice, long the pride of the Slaughter stables, paying \$4,000.

FARMERS GET OUT OF DEBT. Favorable Record of Mortgage Liquidation in Nebraska. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Special to the Record from Lincoln, Neb. The bureau of industrial statistics has just completed the compilation of the mortgage record of the state for the last six months of 1897. The record of mortgages released is compared with those listed in the best showing ever made since the counties began sending in the mortgage reports. The total amount of farm and city mortgages is as follows:

Farm—Filed, 5,773; value, \$3,576,733; released, 4,275; value, \$2,577,295. City—Filed, 2,522; value, \$1,930,820; released, 3,969; value, \$4,245,518. Chattel—Filed, 3,201; value, \$22,412,242; released, 23,788; value, \$7,418,875.

Big Diamond Sold. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Cella Wallace, widow of the wealthy lumberman, J. S. Wallace, of this city, has added to her magnificent collection of jewels, the second largest in the United States. The price paid for the precious stone, which is cut in a heart shape and is intrinsic value by the famous Tiffany diamond, was \$21,500. The jewel was the property of a former governor of Wisconsin.

Negroes Protest. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Two thousand Afro-Americans, at a mass meeting held here tonight, entered solemn protest against the recent assassination of Postmaster Frazier B. Baker and his infant child.

Early Mayor Lived. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Daniel Levi Boone, son of Dr. Levi Boone, one of the early mayors of Chicago, died at his home here tonight. Daniel Boone, is lying dangerously ill at his home in this city.

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Idaho Gold. BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 28.—The statement prepared by the United States assay office shows that the production of gold in Idaho during 1897 was \$2,125,333; silver, \$7,103,231; and copper, \$61,231. This is an increase over 1896 of \$1,976,040.

Indians Innocent. GUTHRIE, O. T., Feb. 28.—Ever since the burning of the two Indians for the murder of Mrs. Laird, at this place, it has been asserted that Lincoln McGeeley, the younger of the two, was innocent. It is now learned that special agents of the government had secured evidence establishing a complete alibi for Sampson, the other victim.

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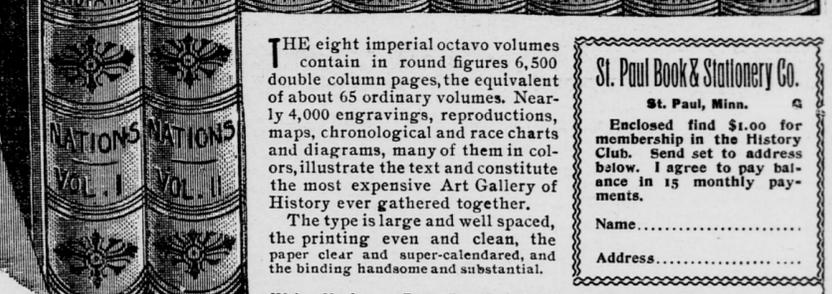
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Evidence of a Mine. The naval board shifts its inquiry to Key West temporarily. While it is holding sessions there the work of the divers will go forward and something may be done toward raising portions of the wreck of the Maine. Members of the board discourage laying too much stress on what the divers are doing or drawing positive conclusions from their labors. Nevertheless, they have found the forward magazine intact and have been bringing up powder which was not likely to have remained before the explosion had been an internal one.

Much of the evidence leads to support the belief of an explosion produced by a submarine mine. The inquiries of the board are directed along a line to bring out facts bearing on the point. The proof is neither final nor positive, but it is strong enough to make the belief in an accident of a growing probability. Until the hull and plates can be examined no conclusive opinion can be formed. That may be determined by the time the board returns to Havana.

The arrival of the Vizcaya is awaited with extreme interest. It is possible that the arrival of the warship will be the occasion of a demonstration of intransigents and volunteers. The government cannot well forbid a demonstration of Spanish loyalty. The occasion will afford an excellent opportunity to measure the feelings of the Spanish classes. The authorities are disquieted over the prospect of riotous proceedings before the Vizcaya's arrival.

Final preparations are on foot among the Spaniards here to give a hearty welcome to the Vizcaya. General Weyler's train is armed with bunting and the streets are lit with color. The government has been installed here as a result of the election of the autonomist delegates, set for March 29, will be postponed until April 27, to correspond with the election for deputies to the cortes in Spain. The postponement, however, has not yet been officially announced.

GREAT WESTERN EARNINGS. Third Week in February They Were Less Than Last Year. The gross earnings of the Chicago Great Western for the third week in February were slightly under the sum for the same week last year. For the same week last year the earnings were unusually high. The earnings for the three weeks, however, are considerably larger this year than last. The following is comparative statement:

Table with 4 columns: Week, 1897, 1898, Increase, Decrease. Rows for 1st week, 2nd week, 3rd week, and Total for 3 weeks.

SENDS AN AGENT HERE. C. E. Smith Comes to Represent the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. The Mobile & Ohio Railroad company has for some time been enjoying considerable patronage from this territory, especially during the winter, when travel to the South is in order.

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Railway Earnings. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Gross earnings of the Milwaukee & St. Paul for January were \$2,361,287; increase, \$350,847; net earnings, \$1,750,530; increase, \$41,307. For seven months ending

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