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**CALLS IN SCORERS**

**President Holland Will Instruct Three Eye Officials at Meeting.**

**UNIFORMITY IS THE OBJECT**

Will Endeavor to Eliminate Tendency to Favor Home Team—Talk of Players.

At the annual January meeting of the Three-Eye baseball league, which will be held in Chicago this season, all the official scorers of the various teams will be present to be put through a school of instruction in the art of baseball scoring. President Edward Holland will notify them to that effect shortly, and hopes thereby to secure a uniform system of scoring, and also exclude partiality to the home team. For a long time it has been the popular statement that home teams are invariably favored by the scorers in cases of doubt or close plays. This has been charged so often that President Holland has determined to do his utmost to quiet the allegations, and make it certain that there will be no variation in the markings of the different scorers.

**Favor Home Team.**

From the fact that the scorers in nearly all the towns are newspaper men, a visiting team is apt to consider a newspaper man as partial to his home team, wholly, perhaps, because his paper naturally favors the home team. This is supposed to have given rise to the impression that the home team was always favored in the markings. Be this as it may, it is conceded that there is a wide difference in the markings of the individual scorers, and for the sake of correctness in the general averages these should be made uniform.

The date for the January meeting, generally known as the schedule meeting, has not been fixed. The session is at the call of the president of the league, and following President Holland's visit to New York city the date will be set and the various teams notified. The schedules are ready to submit, and beyond this and the school of instruction for the scorers there is little to consider. The constitution and by-laws will be up for revision but there is no probability that there will be any radical changes or additions.

**Baseball Gossip.**

"Beards" Jacobson, the former Decatur twirler, has been traded by Washington to the St. Louis Americans for Pitcher Willie Sudhoff. This trade is doubtless the result of ill feelings between "Beards" and Manager Jake Stahl of Washington and both teams are satisfied with the trade.

Amos Rusie has signed a contract to pitch next season for Springfield, Ohio, in the Central league.

Manager Lewee has signed Opgert to pitch for Decatur next season. Opgert was two years ago the crack twirler of the U. of I. team at Champaign and was much wanted by league teams. He signed last year with Cairo but played in another league where he could get more money. Decatur bought his release from Cairo upon conditions that he could be induced to report.

**Belden Hill's Players.**

In Secretary Farrell's bulletin appear the names of five new players signed by Belden Hill for Cedar Rapids. The gathering together of such an unheard of number of men by Hill at this season can mean nothing else but that he intends to make a fight for the pennant next season. Usually the secretive Belden has a habit of saying along about March 1 that he has not yet picked any players. This publication indicates either a reckless disregard of the consequences of his plans becoming known or a desire to announce to the world that he is doing something desperate. The new Rabbits are:

Charles Conlin, Pat McAndrews, D. Bockentz, J. F. Bushelman and William Baxter. Baxter was once with Rockford and McAndrews played with Princeton in the Kitty league last year and later with one of the Iowa league teams. The official bulletin announces also the signing of Elijah Jones by Springfield. It is not known where Frank Donnelly picked up Elijah.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

**BOOKINGS AT ILLINOIS.**  
Dec. 8 and 9—Dodge-Bowman Amusement Company.  
Dec. 10—"Slaves of the Mine."

**Was a Farce.**—William Owen and company made a feeble attempt at the presentation of the Shakespearean tragedy, "Othello," at the Illinois last evening. It was such a butchered up job that a number in the audience left before the final murder scene fearing that it might be bungled into something fearful. The scenic accompaniments were first class.

**Sunday's Bill.**—"Slaves of the Mine" will be given at the Illinois theater on Sunday, Dec. 10 matinee and night. It is the joint work of Daniel Hart, who has written "The Parish Priest," and of C. E. Callahan, the author of "Coon Hollow" and "Fogg's Ferry."

**Pleased at Cedar Rapids.**—The Cedar Rapids Gazette says of the Dodge-Bowman Vaudeville company, which will be at the Illinois Friday and Saturday of this week: "Practically every seat in Greene's opera house was occupied last evening when the Dodge-Bowman Amusement company presented their vaudeville and moving picture performance, and the large audience was more than pleased. The moving pictures were good and specialties meritorious."

**"Royal Chef" at the Grand.**—Tonight at the Grand, Davenport, "The Royal Chef" will be presented and the management promises an attraction equal to the best that has heretofore traveled under that title.

**FARMER TO MEET RUSSIAN**

**Burns Has Match on With Cousin of "Lion" Hackenschmidt.**

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 6.—Thursday night "Farmer" Martin Burns will meet Charles Hackenschmidt, a cousin of the "Russian lion," Hackenschmidt, came to this country to meet Jenkins and Gotch, but Jenkins proved to be too busy with his classes at Annapolis, and he came west to meet Gotch. The latter could not be secured for a meet immediately, and a challenge was issued to the Swede to meet the Humboldt man's trainer. Hackenschmidt met 93 wrestlers on the continent during the summer, winning all his matches.

**Eckersall Maroon Captain.**

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Walter H. Eckersall, winner of many football battles for the maroon, has been chosen to lead his teammates in their fight next season to retain the western championship. His election to the position of honor came yesterday and was marked by the most unanimous vote cast for a maroon captain in years. Three men were nominated in opposition to the maroon quarter back—"Bubbles" Hill, Burt Gale, and Edwin Parry. The first named promptly withdrew from consideration, and the balloting gave "Eckie" an overwhelming majority. The decision was made on the first ballot cast.

**Whistler to Manage Terre Haute.**

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 6.—Lew Whistler, for two years manager of the Memphis club, has signed to manage and play first base on the Terre Haute club.

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**DON'T WANT MUCH**

**Postoffice, Senatorship and May oralty is All for Combination.**

**WOULD MAKE NEW MACHINE**

McDonald for Postmaster, Knox for Senate and Larkin for Mayor—Yates Sends His Notices.

Recent political developments indicate the formation of a local republican combination that proposes to appropriate for its own use some of the offices to be filled within the next 18 months. Unless somebody wavers or gets cold feet, an effort will be made to take the postoffice, the senatorship and the office of mayor.

The first place to be filled is that of postmaster. According to the figuring of the crowd, this will be awarded to Capt. H. A. J. McDonald for faithful service already performed. The campaign is warm in the question of state senatorship and in this connection it has been decreed that B. Frank Knox should have that title prefixed to his name—should he so desire. If these two stunts are pulled off in good shape the combination figures that by the time a year and five months roll around it will be in position to name C. J. Larkin for mayor.

**McDonald and Postoffice.**

The supporters of this proposition now announce with considerable confidence that Mr. McDonald has the postoffice as a certainty; that it is all over but the shouting and everybody might as well get into the band wagon and finish up the job outlined by this combination.

The senatorship has been under discussion for some time, but as yet the fight has assumed no definite form. Larry Magill is a candidate and has been working for some time with the object in view of being advanced from the house to the senate. He has some supporters in Moline, but they come by way of a new deal up there. The men who made Larry are no longer behind him. Larry has grown great in the months past. He has grown greater than his makers. But he wants to go to the senate. His opponent in Rock Island probably will be B. Frank Knox. This, however, may be conditional on the ability to first land Mr. McDonald.

**Yates Machine.**

Incidentally this will form a part of the Yates machine that is about to be built up in the state of Illinois, for the purpose of landing the former governor in the United States senate. This part is a little distasteful to some of the present McDonald supporters, but they are expected to take their medicine.

The former governor has already notified the Rock Island contingent that he expects to meet them at his headquarters soon for a conference about delivering this county to him. Not all, however, have given him favorable reply. Some even have gone so far as to inform him that this time they would not be found in his camp.

**THE HOTELS.**

At the Harper.—Thomas Arvold, Wichita, Kans.; Matt Murray, Kansas City; J. F. Darter, Minkauer, Ill.; Louis A. Meiner, St. Louis; Emil Kichelher, Chicago; J. G. Burnan, St. Louis; J. C. Dixon, Kansas City, Kans.; W. Payne, Westbrook; C. M. Denderson, Kansas City; W. A. Tener, New York; W. Pullen, Chicago; C. P. Lenz, Chicago; M. Kanger, Milwaukee; Charles G. Maskern, Morrison, Ill.; T. L. Phelps, Cincinnati; D. C. H. Fine, Chicago; H. J. Hodges, Chicago; C. C. Habecker, Chicago; A. J. Kay, Chicago; L. Hutchinson, Chicago; A. McLeod, Marietta; C. E. Dodley, Galesburg; G. N. Nauerson, Savannah; S. D. Crolius, Kansas City; M. Burke, Sterling; C. Kirke, Peoria; J. F. Collier, Quincy; J. V. E. Filner, Keokuk; G. E. Acow, New York City; W. A. Hendly, Chicago; H. P. McKnight, New York; F. L. Bilger, Chicago; J. A. Blackner, Chicago; H. H. Newhall, Kansas City; A. W. Curtis, Cleveland.

At the Harms (European).—F. C. O'Boyle, H. J. Leuck, J. M. Goodwillie, A. J. Rinderknecht, Chicago; E. W. Parker, Cincinnati, Ohio; G. G. Myers, New York; J. C. W. Gates, Cincinnati, Ohio; William Strawn, Peoria, Ill.; F. W. Able, Chicago; F. Haines, F. D. Reber, Rockford; W. H. Catton, Chicago; J. Le Page, St. Louis; Charles D. Herman, Philadelphia; J. Cooper, New York; E. B. Kelley, Chicago; Miss L. Miller, New York; N. M. Nees, New York; W. Von Gunter, Chicago; Mrs. T. C. Vanderhoff, Kansas City; J. H. Muller, Rochester, N. Y.; E. Smith, New Orleans; J. B. Huchent, Chicago; J. Russum, Independence, Kans.; J. W. Powell, Indianapolis, Ind.; W. H. Fulwood, New York; C. H. McAllenan, Peoria; Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, New York; T. C. Cooke, New York; A. Brown, New York; William Cullington, New York; Miss G. St. Clair, Boston, Mass.; M. De Normander, D. Crane, M. Cliner, New York; W. A. Hudler, Muscatine, Iowa; E. C. Palmer, Chicago; J. R. Milliken, Alpena, S. D.; D. Forbes, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. Cederstrom, St. Louis, Mo.; Q. S. Stone, S. Reynolds, Chicago; W. F. Engleman, St. Paul, Minn.; H. Newman, Peoria; W. C. Read, Chicago; J. W. Powell, Indianapolis; W. Hausen, Kansas City, Mo.; J. C. Carns, Pittsburg, Pa.; Joe Brock, Chicago; H. E. Cornish, Cleveland, Ohio; D. K. Harkness, Chicago; G. H. Lasley, Dayton,

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