OPENING IS MILD

Little Excitement Results From Meeting of the Baseball Magnates at Chicago.

NO REPORT ON BRIBERY

National League Adopts a Schedule—Chicago Cubs and White Sox Buy Players.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The opening sessions of both the National and American baseball leagues developed little in the way of sensational developments, notwithstanding the rumors that have gained credence during the past week. The business transacted was not sufficiently complete to cause the baseball enthusiasts to pay more than passing attention to the councils of the magnates.

At the sessions of the National league the schedule was adopted without change and it was decided that in the future the annual meetings would be held in New York on the second Tuesday in December. Special meetings of the league will be decided upon by the directors whenever emergency arises.

Bribe Case Holds Over.

The alleged attempt at bribing Umpires Klem and Johnstone during the closing games in New York, between the Chicago and New York teams was not discussed.

The two complete moves of the session were made by Presidents Comisky and Murphy of the American and National Chicago teams respectively. The former announced that he had secured C. C. Cravath, the Boston American pitcher, and President Murphy congratulated himself upon the fact that he had annexed George Browne to his fielding staff.

WANNER DEFEATS HAMPTON

Wins From Scratch Man at Billiards by Score of 60 to 47.

Hampton (100) was defeated last evening in his billiard game at the Bijou with Wanner (60) by a decisive score of 60 to 47. Hampton seemed to be in unusually poor form and was unable to get the balls together for runs of any length. Wanner played a careful game, secured several billiards every inning, and left no set ups for his opponent.

In the series of games in the handicap pool turnament at the K. & O. pool hall last evening Ohlweiler (75) defeated Paulsen (100), 75 to 92, and Ainsworth (80) defeated MacManus (80) by the score of 80 to 67. Both games were exciting. This evening Larson (90) plays Ohlweiler (75), and Broendel (100) plays MacManus (80).

FORMER ROCKISLANDER WINS

W. H. Nevins Awarded $3,000 in Action Against Sterling.

W. H. Nevins, formerly of this city and who has been connected with construction work in Rock Island, was yesterday afternoon awarded $3,000 in a suit against the city of Sterling, the case occupying three weeks in the circuit court at Morrison. Mr. Nevins sued for $10,000, claiming damages as well as compensation for work done. The case is the outgrowth of a contract for macadamizing streets in which the city council decided that the work did not come up to specifications and refused to pay Mr. Nevins, whose claim was for something over $3,000.

A Cockney Announcement.

Last winter a gentleman was advertised to sing at a charity concert in an English provincial town, presided over by a local city councilor, a self made man. The first song was "The Owl" (Stephen Adams). On rising to announce it the chairman was informed that the singer had not arrived, a fact that he duly notified to the audience.

A little later the missing baritone made his appearance and was observed by the worthy chairman, who rose with evident pleasure and innocently announced with marked confidence:

"Mr. 'Ampton will now favor us with 'he longed for 'Howl!'"—London Answers.

Not Quite.

"I sleep with your letters under my billow," the modern lover wrote.

Then he yawned and muttered to himself:

"At least I go to sleep over the letters. I suppose it's the same thing."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Needn't Hurry.

An old Kansas citizen who had been henpecked all his life was about to die. His wife felt it her duty to offer him such consolation as she might and said, "John, you are about to go, but I will follow you." "I suppose so, Manda," said the old man weakly, "but so far as I am concerned you don't need to be in any blamed hurry about it."—Argonaut.

Angell's Resignation In.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 17.—President Angell of the University of Michigan, resigned today.

SAW LINCOLN KILLED

Joseph G. Sholes, 1529 Fifteenth-and-a-half street, Moline, in connection with the celebrations of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in this city, gave a very interesting account of the assassination of the great emancipator. Mr. Sholes was in Ford's theater the night of the historical event and was one of those who witnessed the shooting by J. Wilkes Booth. Mr. Sholes at the time was serving in Company C of the 8th Illinois cavalry, which was stationed at Washington. He enlisted at Morrison on the second mustering in of the regiment after it had returned from service in the army of the Potomac. He had an elder brother, Rollin, who lost his life on the Potomac. Following the second recruiting of the regiment, it was sent to Washington, where it acted as an escort and guard for Lincoln. On the day of the assassination, Mr. Sholes, in company with a half dozen others of the regiment, had acted as the personal guard for Lincoln and his wife when they took a short trip from the White house out to the Soldiers' home. It happened that Mr. Sholes was off duty that evening, and he accordingly went to Ford's theater to see the play, with the result that he was an eye-witness to the tragedy. Some three months later the 8th regiment was mustered out of service at St. Louis, and Mr. Sholes returned to his home. At the time of his enlistment he was 21 years old.

IN EXISTENCE NOW

Plan to Organize Humane Society in Moline Changed Because of 1895 Charter.

WILL REVIVE OLD EFFORT

Authority of State Given 12 Years Ago is Exhibited at Social Service Club's Session.

The February supper and meeting of the Tri-City Social Service club was held last evening at the First Baptist church, Moline, supper being served at 6:45 by the Young People's association to 50 members and friends. The club met in conjunction with a committee from the W. C. T. U. of Moline with the object of forming a humane society in Moline. However, no humane society was organized last evening for the very reason that there is theoretically such an organization existing there now, as was brought out by J. B. Oakleaf exhibiting a charter dated Sept. 19, 1895, authorizing the formation of a Moline humane society. On the board of directors at that time were members who are now pushing the organization of such a society. The committee composed of Rev. Robert E. Henry, Rev. J. W. Edwards, Rev. D. S. Andrewarthe and J. H. Hauberg, who had drafted a constitution for adoption at this time was dissolved and the board of directors of the former organization was instructed to meet and elect new officers.

Discuss Humane Work.

The general theme of the meeting last evening was the work of the humane society. Rev. R. K. Atkinson, president of the club, presided and the first speaker of the evening was B. B. Jackson, superintendent of the Moline public schools, who spoke on the work of the humane society as viewed from the schools' standpoint. He said that the "three r's" had been displaced by the "three h's," the head, heart and hand. He spoke of the development of the heart along wth the development of the head and hands. Mrs. Harry Ainsworth of Moline spoke of the humane society work in the home and said that in every household where there are children there should be pets of dogs, cats or horses, that the child's humanity towards dumb animals might be insisted upon and the child educated and trained in the kind treatment of such animals. Ed Osborn spoke of the work from a Christian's viewpoint, saying that no one can be a Christian and at the same time be unkind to dumb animals. J. B. Oakleaf and Clarence Trevor spoke of the financial and economic standpoint of the humane society and George Ellman, humane officer of Davenport, gave a very instructive talk on the work being accomplished in Davenport. He gave a report of the actual workings and good being done in Davenport, and also spoke of the support afforded the work in that city.

Svea Quartet Sings.

The Svea quartet sang three numbers during the evening and Rev. J. H. Hurley offered the prayer and Rev. L. A. Grantham read portions of scripture dealing with the treatment of dumb animals.

BOWLERS IN FORM

Boosters Make Better Than 800 in Each of Series Against Davenport Giants.

WIN TWO OF THE THREE

Donahue, Rolling With Brunswicks, Scores Over 200 in Two Matches Against the Dutchmen.

Four of the teams in the bowling league rolled their scheduled games last evening, and the other games which are between the Independents of this city and the Pirates of Davenport will be played off this evening. The Boosters rolled the Giants last evening on the Harms alleys and defeated them two out of the three games despite the fact that two of the best men of the Boosters were absent. All the totals of the Boosters were in the 800's. The scores of the three games were as follows:

BOOSTERS.

Litt	182	164	180
Harms	172	189	175
Wilson	137	183	169
Mason	158	145	165
Kitty	175	127	174
Total	824	808	863

GIANTS.

Brandt	170	183	157
Hueckstedt	180	164	130
Hanssen	161	176	125
Thode	148	134	145
Berg	161	189	148
Total	820	846	705

Reaches 200 Mark Twice.

Donahue of the Brunswicks scored above the 200 mark twice in the games between the Brunswicks and the Flying Dutchmen on the Brunswicks alleys in Moline. In the first game he scored 222 pins and in the third his total was 203. His second game was above the average as he secured 175 pins. The Dutchmen succeeded in taking one game of the series. The scores were as follows:

BRUNSWICKS.

Jasper	182	158	187
Williams	148	143	146
Foley	166	169	212
Anderson	120	...	...
Donahue	222	175	203
Erickson	..	147	148
Total	838	792	896

FLYING DUTCHMEN.

Stewart	157	130	123
Freeberg	168	139	177
Wooten	188	177	184
Westman	212	137	145
Adams	166	161	187
Total	891	744	826

ON RADIATOR CIRCUIT

The Chicago Cubs will open the season at home with St. Louis visiting, April 14, according to the National league schedule adopted yesterday.

Catcher Bemis of the Cleveland team is said to be near death with pneumonia at his home in Ashland, Mass.

Hugh Hill, a brother of Belden Hill of Cedar Rapids, was re-elected president of the Kewanee baseball association at the annual meeting.

Forest More is not to make the spring trip with the Chicago Cubs. Springfield fans believe he would make good if given a fair chance. It is likely that he will be sent back to the minors, in which case it is not likely Springfield will get him again.

President Kinsella of Springfield is in Chicago at the baseball conference and before returning home he will probably know whether Jack McCarthy is to be his manager the coming season.

Iowa fans are circulating petitions against the proposed law now before the legislature prohibiting Sunday games. The Iowa legislature just now is showing a tendency to go to the extreme in Sunday reform bills but the pressure in favor of Sunday baseball will be something fierce.

E. A. Jacobsen, an outfielder, has been signed by Manager Shaffer of Davenport. Jacobsen has been with several eastern teams, and in 1907 in the Ohio and Maryland league batted .323 and led the league in base stealing. Last season he did about as well in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia league.

U. S. TO HUNT MACKEREL.

Fish Yearly Going Farther From the Atlantic Coast.

In response to an appeal recently made by the fishermen of New England, Uncle Sam is fitting out an expedition in Gloucester, Mass., which will attempt to solve the mystery of the rapidly disappearing mackerel along the eastern coast.

This novel expedition in the Grampus will be in charge of Captain Jerry Cook, an expert mackerel catcher. Its chief aim will be to find the new route or routes of this elusive fish in its annual journeys from southern waters to the north. In the last quarter century the courses traversed by the mackerel have tended more and more offshore until in the last five years the New England mackerel fishing fleet has been greatly depleted because of inability to trace the fish.

Captain Benjamin F. McGray of the schooner Oriole, one of Boston's old time seiners, says:

"If the Grampus fails to find the unknown course the mackerel now take in going north and south we probably shall have to go without our mackerel soon. These fish, coming from where no one knows, usually appear in April off Hatteras, making their way north to Labrador. Shipments of catches are made early at Hampton Roads and New York. As the fish proceed northward the fleet keeps in pursuit as far as Cape North, reaching Massachusetts bay about July and afterward crossing to the Nova Scotia coast and going around into the gulf of St. Lawrence, where the fish are taken by seines and with hand lines as late as November.

"Today a hundred barrels of fish are regarded as a good catch, while in the earlier days of the industry 300 barrels were considered about fair."

Bought at Wholesale.

"Did you offer him back his ring?"

"Yes."

"What did he say?"

"He said he had several duplicates and didn't need it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BENNETTS TO REORGANIZE

Meeting Called for Sunday to Elect a Captain.

George Bennett, the local sporting goods dealer, has decided to again place a baseball team in the field during the coming season and Joe Gstettenbauer has been selected to manage it. The latter has called a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at the club rooms of the "We're Out" club in the west end of the city at which a captain will be chosen and plans for the season will be discussed.

What to Do When Bilious.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at all druggists.