

Gate City Sport Column

ARE STILL AFTER SALARY LIMIT

Kewanee Sport Deporter Tells of the Troubles Minor League Members Have in Getting Good Players.

THE BENCH MANAGERS

Playing Managers Have Hot End of New Ruling Which Gives Bench Managers a Big Advantage.

Kewanee Star-Courier: When the managers of the eight clubs of the Central Association begin to select their material for the four months season next April and find they have to put teams in the field and pay no more than \$2,500 a month total salaries they will be confronted with about the same puzzle as the Christmas shopper who wants to buy nice presents for a dozen relatives and has only a dollar and a half to go around.

It has been a hard task in other years to put a real baseball team in the field for \$2,500 a month but by a new ruling which becomes effective this year, the margin is shaved down another \$100 for the clubs having playing managers.

The new rule does not apply to the bench managers such as Egan, Boyle, Hough et al. They can put a team in the field and be safe so long as they do not pay more than \$1,200 a month in salaries. Every team must have four pitchers, four infielders and three outfielders. This would leave but one catcher to make up the twelve men. If one of the outfielders could be used as utility catcher, then the bench manager could get along with twelve men and their average pay would be \$100 per month. It is hard to get real pitchers for \$100 a month, and if it is necessary to pay \$115 or \$120 a month for the four pitchers, it will be necessary to pay the other members of the team about \$85 a month.

When prospective baseball players find that they can earn only \$85 a month for four months in the year and spend about another month getting ready for the season, the inducement to proceed with the baseball profession certainly is not very alluring.

The fans who patronize the games do not like the low salary limits. Whether it is a fact or not, they have made up their minds that the \$1,200 limit is putting baseball down as cheaply as the limit. They believe the article of ball put up at the low limit is not as good as in other years and there is no doubt that this has caused interest and enthusiasm to decline.

It certainly is hard to understand why the ruling does not apply to the bench managers as well as the playing managers. If economy is the object sought in keeping the salary limit at the lowest limit, the new rule surely does not operate in that direction for it only encourages the engagement of bench managers and a team with a bench manager must carry at least one more player than

the team with a playing manager. Thus the team with the bench manager is at greater expense.

Some of the clubs in the Central have signed players for the coming season and based their salaries on the \$2,500 limit. In the case of Kewanee, which has a playing manager, the limit is now virtually reduced to \$1,300 a month so this extra \$100 must be shaved off of the contracts in some way or other and the new players must be persuaded if possible to stand for a cut in the original figures.

Everybody knows the amount of murmuring that has been going on in the past because of the low \$1,200 limit. They know of the indignations which have been passed around regarding infractions of the limit rules and the \$1,200 margin has been blamed all around. But now instead of prospects for an elimination of this situation becoming more favorable they are growing worse because of the fact that the limit in the case of several towns in the league has been sliced off another big \$100 or an amount equivalent to the salary of one man.

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RIDERS ARE STIFF AND SORE TODAY

Still Grinding Around Track in Madison Square Garden in Six-Day Race.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Stiff and sore through injuries received in numerous falls, the riders in the six-day bicycle race fell behind the record today and it was generally expected that they would stay behind from now to the close as most of the remaining records were hung up by Charlie Miller and "Dutch" Waller away back in 1899 when the race was not as much of a hippodrome as under present conditions.

The judges, however, were doing their best to spur the men. A fine of \$25 was imposed on Eddie Root for loafing, but according to Root the penalty was uncalled for and he will refuse to pay it.

The crowds in attendance are the largest in the history of the game and today the garden was cleared and all who got in again had to dig up admission money.

The usual early morning fight was pulled off on schedule today between the notorious Humpty Jackson gang and a rival organization. The recent convictions of gunmen and the rigorous enforcement of the Sullivan anti-weapon law has scared the fighters so the near-riot was not accompanied by injuries.

This was John Bedell's birthday and he declared that if he got past the 12th hoodoo he was satisfied that he would win the race. The score at 7 a. m. was as follows:

Kramer and Moran; Pye and Grenda; Perchicot and Egan; Root and Hehir; Rutt and Fogler; Clark and Hill; Bedell and Mitten; Cameron and Walkhour; Walker and Wells; Brocco and Berthet; Drobach and Collins, 1939 miles, 9 laps; Suter and Suter; Carmen and Loftus, 1939 miles, 7 laps. Record 1996 miles, 6 laps by Miller and Waller in 1899.

At 9 o'clock the riders maintained the same relative positions. Loftus and Carmen and the Suter brothers were two laps behind the rest of the racers. The leaders had covered 2,019 miles, 8 laps. The previous record was 2,023 miles, 2 laps.

Sporting Views

By the Editor

The basketball season of the Keokuk high school will open tonight at the Y. M. C. A. gym when the local school meets the fast bunch from the Hannibal high school. Lots of good material is being developed here this year and all the men who have been out for positions on the regulars will be given a chance to get in tonight's game.

The question of baseball in Keokuk will be decided by the Keokuk Industrial Association directors at their regular meeting at the Elk's club next Tuesday. Their attitude on the matter has not been intimated and their probable action is unknown. A couple of the directors are known to be favorable to the matter, but whether they can overcome the objections of the others cannot be told.

President Justice declared yesterday that the schedule makers of the Central Association are busy framing the schedule for this year for next season and would have one ready to submit before long. That there was nothing new in Central Association official circles was the statement of the big gun of the league.

The deal for Connie Bresnahan, by which the third baseman goes to Richmond, Va. has been consummated, according to President Justice, but the check for \$150,000 has not yet been received by the local club.

Chance Wants \$20,000.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—"I'm New York or nothing with me. I will have to get \$20,000 a year or I will spend my life in my orange grove at Glendora. That's my ultimatum."

This was what Frank Chance, erstwhile "Peerless Leader" of the Chicago Cubs, said when asked about the deal that has been put through where he will probably become manager of the New York Highlanders. He says he is not by any means anxious to return to the game unless "there is something in it" and that while he would like to play with the Highlanders, he must have his price.

"McGraw gets \$18,000," Chance added, "and I figure I have done as much for the game as he has."

Kilbane Adds a Victory.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Tommy Dixon of Kansas City, completely outclassed in an eight-round bout with featherweight champion Johnny Kilbane, was about today in a badly battered condition and St. Louis fans are wondering what Kilbane could do to the average man of his class if he ever cut loose.

The champion could have put Dixon out at any time last night, but toyed with the Kansas City boy most of the time. His judgment of distance was perfect and when he did loosen up toward the close of the later rounds, he did terrible damage to Dixon. In the last round, only the bell saved Referee Sharpe from stopping the bout as Dixon was helpless.

Drake Captain Injured.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 12.—Glenn Simmons, captain-elect of Drake, will be unable to play basketball this winter and may be forced out of the line-up next fall because of the operation removing a hardened muscle in his leg, which has weakened him.

White Hopes to Mix.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Each hopeful of a meeting with Luther McCarty, star heavyweight among the whites, Jim Savage and Dan Dally will go twelve rounds here tonight. Dally's backers from Newcastle regard him as a white hope, while Savage shows a record of fifteen knock-outs to four sustained by himself.

Harper Goes to Notre Dame.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 12.—J. C. Harper, director of athletics at Wabash college, has signed with Notre Dame University. He was formerly director of Alma college, Alma, Mich. He made his mark in undergraduate athletics at Chicago.

Fight at New York Postponed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The boxing contest between Eddie Morgan and Johnny Dundee scheduled for last night was postponed and will be held next Thursday. The two featherweights mutually agreed upon the postponement, believing that they should have more time to prepare for their engagement.

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LOCKJAW BAFFLED BY INJECTION

Twenty-three Thousand Units of Anti-tetanus Serum Used on Boy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—An injection of 23,000 units of anti-tetanus serum, the largest ever administered, has saved the life of Joseph Karpis, a nine-year-old Polish boy, at the emergency hospital here, according to the belief of physicians today. The lad had developed a virulent case of lockjaw and hope of saving him was slight.

The boy injured a knee in a fall on November 28. Yesterday lockjaw set in. His jaws were tightly set and fifteen grains of magnesium sulphate failed to relieve the rigid muscles.

Ten thousand units of anti-tetanus serum was injected into his spine early today and several hours later another injection of 13,000 units was administered. The lad began showing signs of recovery immediately. His muscles relaxed and he ceased having spasms.

Every physician in the hospital was in consultation on the case and two nurses were in constant attendance upon the little fellow throughout the day. The physicians said this afternoon there was an excellent chance for the boy's recovery.

ITALIAN PLAYWRIGHT LIVED IN SORROW

Left Letter in Which He Asked That no Display be Made at Funeral.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ROME, Dec. 12.—"My life was sorrow. I pray God my death may bring peace. Let there be no procession, no eulogy, no flowers. Let no notices appear in the newspapers and no invitations to my funeral be issued."

This paragraph was in a letter made public today which was left by Enrico E. Annibale Butti, Italy's most famous writer of "problem plays" who died several days ago in Milan. For years he had suffered from an incurable disease and his death came just as he put the finishing touches on a new play, "The Ways of Health."

WARREN.

Miss Ella Ott was a passenger to Ft. Madison, Saturday evening, where she visited with Mrs. T. B. Snyder until Wednesday.

Walter Roth and family and Miss Emma Noonan were guests of the Knapp family Sunday.

Thomas Dresser of Montrose was a visitor in this vicinity the last of the week. His niece, Miss Florence Dresser, accompanied him home for a short stay.

Miss Beattie Bassett spent Sunday with Miss Vallie Robinson.

Charles Graner was called to Ft. Madison Thursday, to be with his brother, during a surgical operation.

Ernest Hohl was a business caller at Mt. Hamill, Tuesday.

Wesley Hemmings and wife of Sharone were visiting relatives here Tuesday.

C. S. Bassett and wife visited with the former's brother at Charleston, Tuesday.

McCulloch and Mattern shipped hogs and oats from the station this week.

Mr. Hohl of Primrose shipped two cars of cattle Tuesday.

NATIONAL BANK LAW AGAIN IN QUESTION

Legal Controversy Over Law Which Led to Case Here to be Threshed Out.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—Attorney General Cosson, representing the state, has intervened on behalf of the state in the first National bank of Council Bluffs case testing the validity of the Iowa bank tax law. A demurrer has been filed to the suit of the bank which undertakes to knock out the law as unconstitutional. The state says the bank is not the proper person to bring the suit, as the stock is owned by individuals and the suit should be brought in the names of owners of the stock. The stockholders of the bank, it is maintained, are not owners of the government bonds of the bank, and hence are not entitled to the deduction because of the bonds.

The tax to which the bank is objecting was levied under the new law which provides that assessment of national bank stock shall be made to individual stockholders at the place where the bank is located, and that in arriving at the value of the stock the amount of the bank's capital invested in real estate shall be deducted from the real value of the stock. The claim is made that the law is a discrimination against national banks, in that it is a violation of the national law governing the assessment and taxation of such banks.

Bowman Ousted.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—By a strict party vote of 153 to 118 the house adopted the resolution of Representative Ansbury of Ohio, declaring vacant the seat of Charles C. Bowman, republican, from the eleventh Pennsylvania district, because of alleged fraud and corruption in his election. The vote immediately fol-



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duce Peoria county's population from 100,255 to 99,999, or less, was the problem with which the board of supervisors wrestled today. A resolution was adopted requiring Attorney General Stead to render an opinion on whether the county legally could omit 2,000 inmates of the Peoria county hospital, a state institution for the insane. A law passed by the last

general assembly provides that counties with 100,000 population shall pay their states attorneys \$6,000 a year. Facing a condition bordering on bankruptcy, the supervisors plan to save \$1,000 in the public prosecutor's salary. It is maintained that the asylum patients are not legal residents and should not be counted as such.

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