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# BIG BASE BALL WAR DUE NEXT SEASON

Charles S. Havenor has bought a tract of eight acres on the north side in Chicago, says The Omaha Bee.

This might be overlooked in the rush of business as a mere real estate deal. But it has more importance than that. It is really the opening gun in what bids fair to be the merriest war ever sprung in the baseball world. Mr. Havenor happens to be the owner of the Milwaukee franchise and team in the American association of professional baseball clubs, and the tract of ground he has just secured title to is to be used as the park for the American association team in Chicago. Just when it will be put into commission is not definitely determined, but the well posted men who have been watching proceedings closely do not expect it will be postponed longer than next season It may go over for another year because the American is in an agreement with the major leagues that has two years yet to run and might not like to break it But this is improbable.

For many months signs have pointed to the coming conflict and the decks are now pretty well cleared. George Tebeau, who is generally credited with being the moving spirit in the deal, has gotten himself into pretty good trim for the fight and he has both the finess and the courage to tackle the great "major" league leaders in a finish fight. In fact, it may be seriously questioned if a brainier baseball fighter than Tebeau lives today. He started ten years years ago with a shoestring and has run it up to the proportions of several tanyards since then. For the greater part of this time he was the target for the hottest fire that ever centered on one man in the baseball world, but he went along as steadily as a Dreadnought sailing through a fleet of fishing smacks till he is now in position to return the fire, and it is without the range of human probabilities that he will be magnanimous enough to let things drift along as they are. He is ambitious, and the only way in which his ambition can be fed is to make his present league a bigger one and to take his association along with him. These include some of the present American association owners and some of the eastern league magnates.

When the American association and the Eastern league notified the national commission of the rejection of the concessions granted those leagues as class AA members and voluntarily resumed the status of class A it was the impression that the time for open hostilities had nearly come. The move of Havenor is the opening shot. Chicago will be invaded with a team on the north side. Pittsburg, St. Louis and Cincinnati will also be taken in, and the circuit of the American association will be completed with Louisville, Indianapolis, Toledo and Columbus. With Sunday ball permitted in each of these towns the circuit seems almost ideal. It is short, compact and made up of live ones, and all big enough to support major league ball. Chicago can easily maintain a third team and St. Louis will not be a serious proposition if the right kind of ball is given.

In the Eastern league a new circuit is to be made up, taking in Baltimore, Washington, Newark, New York, Buffalo, Toronto, Boston and Philadelphia. This circuit does not look so good on paper as does the American's, but the promoters have confidence in their power to invade.

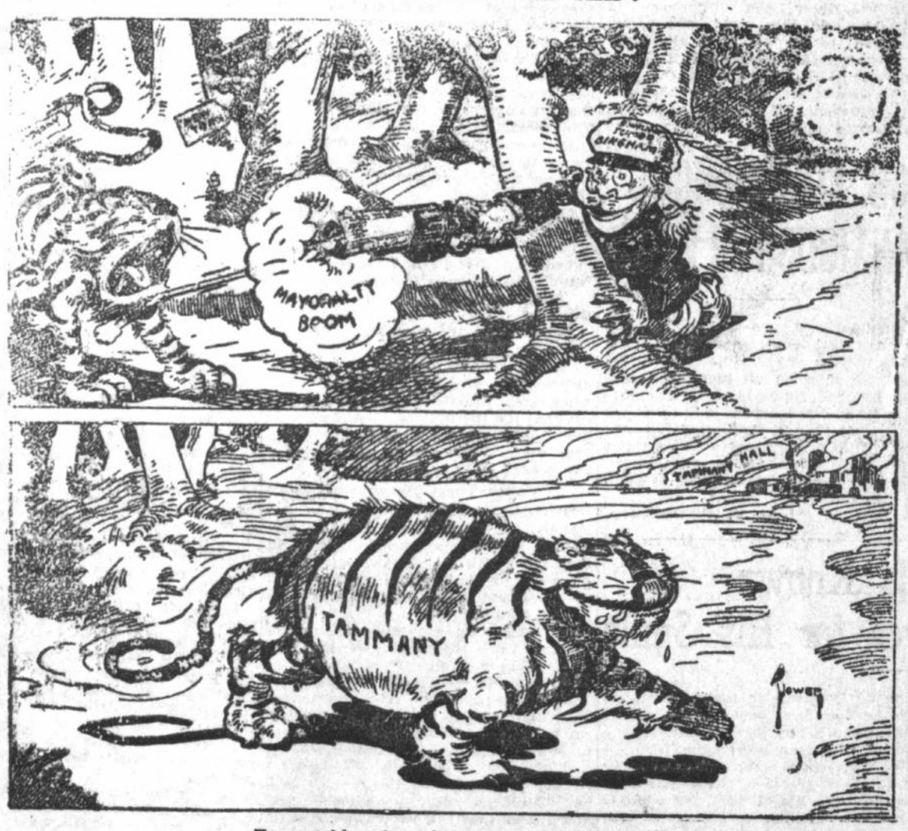
With this arrangement the big leagues will be all but powerless to retaliate by placing clubs in the territory of the invaders, for it would be difficult to do so without organizing entire new circuits. Anything is possible in baseball, though, since the American league, under the leadership of Ban Johnson, Charles comiskey and Cornelius McGillycuddy, invaded the National league's territory and made good. So it is time to watch for retaliatory moves on the part of the majors.

Omaha's interest in this move is direct and important. If the new American association circuit is formed, as outlined, the Western will be recast on much more desirable lines. It is not worth while at this date to go into any history as to how Omaha came to be left out of the American association circuit when it was formed seven years ago. It was and has been out since. But with the new deal the Western league will be made up of Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha and perhaps Des Moines, Sioux City and St. Joseph. It may be that Denver will be taken into this circuit, but the question of travel expense is one of much potency in the matter. Des Moines and Sioux City are morally certain to be in, for both are going along well now and are in a great deal better condition to support a team than when they had teams in the old Western. St. Joseph is well thought of because of its size and the fact that it has been without ball for several years. It may be ripe. The extra cost of getting to and from Denver will more than offset the extra gate receipts received there, unless an advance in admission price is charged, and this would be the occasion for a dreadful roar if attempted. That matter is yet to be determined. If Denver is included then the choice for eighth place is between Sioux City and St. Joseph with the weight of population in favor of St. Joseph and the item of interest in favor of Sioux City.

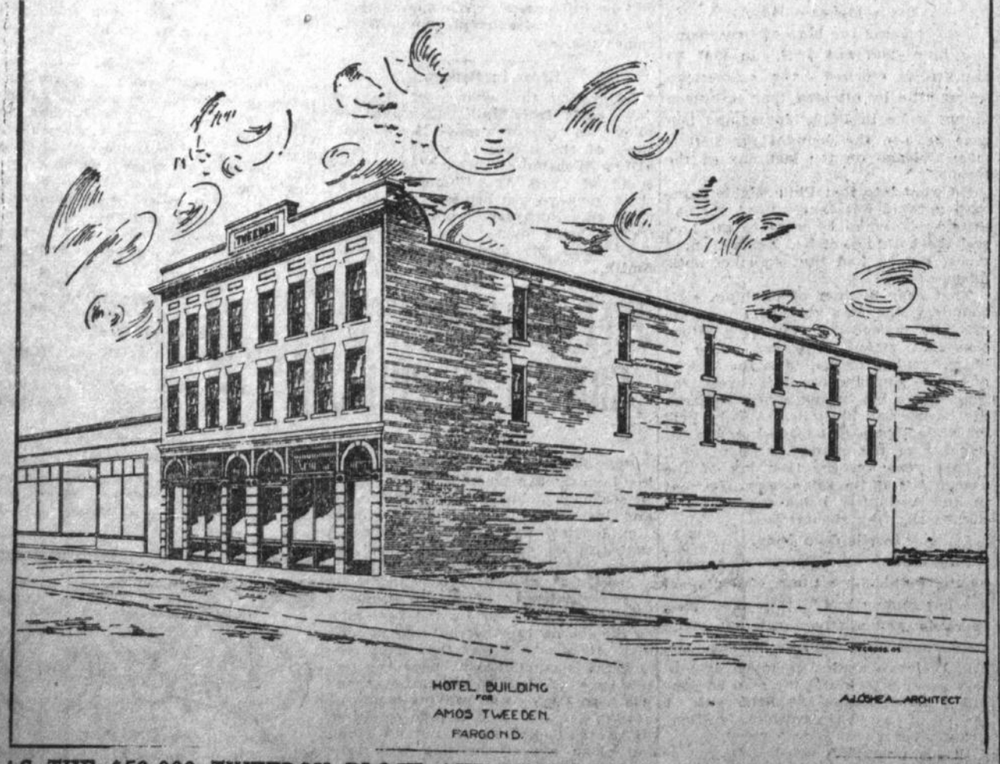
From the present Western league circuit another tight little league can then be built. With Topeka, Lincoln, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Pueblo and Denver a splendid six-club organization is possible. It may be expanded easily enough to an eight-club organization.

No confidence is violated in making the statement that club owners of all grades, from the "majors" down to the "bushers," have been framing up for this way for at least two seasons. The restless activity of the Tebeau faction has been noted for more than that length of time, and preparations have been made as far as possible to anticipate the results. Last season the leaders of the big leagues were prepared to crush the aspiring minors under an avalanche. It means a stubborn fight, for the Tebeau people have money back of them, too.

## WILL IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?




**To vent his spleen, it would seem,**
**Bingham shot at the tiger supreme,**
**But his bullets missed fire,**
**Only raised tiger's ire,**
**And soon he was not to be seen.**




## AS THE $50,000 TWEEDON BLOCK AND HOTEL WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED

When Amos Tweeden's addition and reconstruction to his hotel on N. P. avenue is completed the block will contain 28,000 square feet of floor space; it will be three stories and basement, with large area way in the center. The building will contaain a dining room, 25x120 feet, a ten-table pool room, bowling allies, swell office and some 130 rooms. The Tweeden improvements will add much to the imposing appearance of N. P. avenue.

## BALL PLAYERS WHO RETIRED.

### The Few Who Did So When at the Height of Their Ability.

The lure of the diamond is so strong that few, vedy few, professional baseball players have retired from the game as Fielder Jones did in the heydey of his career. Jones, who was the captain and manager of the Chicago Americans and once led them to victory in a world's series after winning the pennant in his own league, made a complete renunciation of the game. He said he was going to quit, and quit he did. All the persuasion and inducements in the world could not coax him back.

With Jones it was purely a matter of business. He had interests in Oregon which demanded his personal attention. His partner wanted him to be with them, and as there is no more conscientious or straightforward person to be found, he felt that he ought to do so. Much as he loved the national game and strong as was the hold it had on him, he was firm in his intention to say good-bye to the diamond.

So he voluntarily gave up a fine position as a ball player and at the same time deprived the game of one of the best players it ever had. As an outfielder he was at the time of his retirement the very best in the big leagues. He was aboye the average as an all around player. There have been a good many retirements from the big leagues, but not of the player's own preference, as in the case of Jones. The causes which take players from fast company are manifold. Sometimes they grow too old, sometimes they never had the ability to keep up with the big leaguers, sometimes they are sold back to the minors, sometimes injuries abruptly bring their careers to a close.

John Ward was another of the few who gave up baseball when he was on the top wave. He was manager and captain of the New Yorks when they won the Temple cup in 1895 and could have served several years more of usefulness both as a manager and a player. He was playing well at second base when he retired and was as skilful as ever with the bat, but he had made up his mind that it was time to get to his law practice, and nothing could induce him to stay in the game. It wasn't easy sledding at first, but he had the determination to carry it through.

Mike Donlin passed out as a diamond celebrity when riding on the highest wave of popularity. The stage claimed him and the diamond lost him. Like Jones and Ward, he was fond of the game; but as a thespian he thought he saw a brighter future than the game could provide, particularly as the New York club would not come to his terms in the matter of salary. He has stuck to his guns, and the chances are that the national game no more will see this splendid hitter. His case is not altogether analogous to that of Jones and Ward, for money would have persuaded him to stick.

It wasn't money, however, with Big Bill Lange, who when he was ith the Chicago Nationals a few seasons ago, was a ne batter, a fine fielder and a fine base runner. Lange was head and shoulders above the general run of ball players. He was so good a player that it was a pity that professional baseball had to lose him. He married a California girl, went into business and has not played ball since. He, too, was in his prime as a player when he stepped down and out.

Danny Richardson, the former Giant; Dave Fultz of the New York Americans, Billy Lauder, last with the New York Nationals and Jimmy Callahan of the Chicago White Sox are four more players who gave up the game when they were at the top of their ability. Richardson quit to attend to his dry goods business in Elmira; Fultz quit to take up the practice of law, Lauder went into mercantile business, while Callahan's affiliations with so-called outlaw teams drew him from the big league fold.

Mike Griffin was as good as ever when he terminated his connection with professional baseball. The Brooklyns sold him to the St. Louis club without his consent. He said he'd quit rather than go to St. Louis under the conditions, and he kept his word. He and the eight others named here were all players above the ordinary in ability.

## ARCHER'S GOOD ARM.

Jimmy Archer, who caught for Fargo once and jumped the team, is the greatest throwing catcher in the world, according to Manager Clark Griffith, of Cincinnati. Griff has been "sweet" on the sturdy backstop for several years, and declares that had he not been in Montana when Detroit asked waivers on Archer the catcher would never have been permitted to leave the American league. Had he been taken to New York with the Highlanders he would have been widely known as one of the very leading big-mitt artists of the profession, is the belief of the little fox.

"If I had that fellow I'd work him every day just to watch him peg," said Griff, "and there is not another man in his class when it comes to shooting the ball. He is faster than chained lightning, and he never has to take a step to get the ball to any of the bases. Kling isn't in it with Archer when it comes ti keeping the runners glued to the bags."

It is said that this "flatfooted" throwing of Jimmy's which is so much admired by many baseball men, is what cost Jimmy his job with Detroit. Jennings, manager of the Tigers, is said to have undertaken to coach him to throw and that because James showed preference for his natural style rather than that desired by the hee-haw boss a release to Buffalo followed.

Archer caught the final game of the 1907 world's series and attracted the attention of Manager Chance at the time. His faultless snappy throwing kept the Cubs from stealing and had them diving to the bags each time they happened to stroll four feet from a cushion. Last season when the team was going east and on an off day, Chance stopped over at Buffalo to watch Pitcher McConnell, a spitball slinger.

About the fourth inning a friend who was with Chance said:

"Well, what do you think of the pitcher?"

"Pitcher!" exclaimed Chance. "It's the catcher I've been watching."

The catcher was Archer, and negotiations were opened for his purchase immediately.

Several months late while the peerless leader was in California he learned that Archer had arisen from a sick bed to catch McConnell on that day. This convinced Chance that James is just as full of grit as he is good at throwing.

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## THE GIRL AND THE GAME.

He took her to the ball game, and when they had found their places,
He showed her where the players stood and told about the bases;
With patient care he showed her that the umpire did not play,
Explaining that on every point he had the final say;
He pointed out the benches where the rival players sat,
And made it clear that "club" is the same thing as a bat.

She thanked him prettily, and said she thought that it was splendid
To have the chance to see a game and be so well attended;
And when he carefully set forth the pitcher's plan and aim,
She thanked him once again, and said she was glad she came.
He told her why the man was out, and showed her how a fly
When caught before it struck the ground would make him out, and why.

He did not give her any chance to ask a single question;
He analyzed the game for her without the least suggestion.
With finger pointed at the men, he showed how it was done;
Showed her how the coacher signaled to the men to stay or run;
And while with cheers the very air above the field was jarred,
He showed her how to mark the run upon the little card.

She smiled a gentle smile, and said she wished she had his knowledge,
That she had tried to play the game one year at Smasan college—
He grinned in pity, then he told in measured terms and slow,
The inner motives of the game as then and there on show.
Then came the ninth; the score was tied; two out, the bases full,
And every rooter in the stand exerting physic pull.

A long, clean hit to center—and a tumult on the bleachers,
With men in wildest voices shoutinglike to crazy creatures—
And she! Oh, she was on her feet and yelling all the while
In accents that you could have heard, I'm sure, for half a mile!
"Oh, run, Ice wagons! Run! Run! Run!"—Her tones were shrill and loud,
And soared above the roaring and the shrieking of the crowd.

. . . . . .

He never said a word as they walked homeward from the game,
But for a week or so the world was not to him the same.

—Wilbur D. Nesbit in Chicago Post.

# MAYVILLE NORMAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Owing to the fact that July 5 was a legal holiday, students were not enrolled until Tuesday. A large number have already registered, and it is expected that late arrivals will increase the list. In addition to the regular summer team subjects that have been offered in the past, there are courses offered in German, manual training and domestic science. A course of lectures that will be of great interest and value to teachers has also been arranged.

Of the members of the teaching force, Professors Travis, Butterfield, Correll, Pope, Thompson, Thordarson, Fox, Miss Eddy, Miss Courier and Miss Sprague all spent their vacations in Mayville; Miss Olson in Moorhead and Fargo, Miss Brant in Chariton, Iowa; and Miss Bentley in Oelwein, Iowa.

President Hillyer is attending the N. E. A. convention at Denver. He will address the meeting on July 9, his subject being Professional Training for Teachers of Secondary Schools, in Colleges and Universites. In the absence of President Hillyer, Professor Travis is enrolling the summer school students.

Miss Bentley, the preceptress, is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Glen Bentley.

Conrad E. Tharaldson will take charge of the department of biology. Mr. Tharaldsen prepared for college in the common schools of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and in the high and normal schools at Madison, Minn. He was graduated from St. Olaf college with the degree of bachelor of Science, and later did graduate work in biology and chemistry at Harvard university. While at St. Olaf Mr. Tharaldsen took an active part in athletics, playing on the football and basketball teams; he also coached the basketball team which held the Minnesota intercollegiate championship for two years. Since graduation he has had experience on the government drainage survey, and has taught science for two years at Blaine high school, Superior, Wis.

Miss Brant will be unable to report for work this week, owing to the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox are enjoying a visit from the latter's mother, Mrs. Cutter, of Kansas City, Mo.

Supt. R. B. Murphy of Tower City, and Franklin Thordarson of the city schools, are assiting the regular faculty this summer.

The faculty has planned for an informal reception to the summer school students, to be held next Friday evening in the assembly room. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be vocal and instrumental music readings, and one or two informal talks. Games calculated to acquaint the new students with each other, will be played, and everyone will be made to feel himself a part of the school community.

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## NOTES OF CHINA AND JAPAN.

Japan bought $8,676,674 worth of American raw cotton in the nine months ended March, 1909. China bought $4,590,074 worth of cotton cloths, an increase of $3,000,000 over the preceding corresponding period, and very nearly as much as in the similar period prior.

Hongkong imported $3,132,100 worth of American flour in the nine months ending March, 1909, an increase of nearly $500,000 over the nine months ended March, 1908. Japan imported $942,602 worth, a decrease of nearly $900,000.

Two of the largest merchants in the native city Shanghai were caught by the foreign police for alleged infringement of the trademarks of the British Tobacco Co. A large quantity of fraudulently marked goods was seized.

The Chinese residents of Java have formed a national auxiliary navy association, with the object of presenting China with an auxiliary fleet.

Japan will exhibit naval models largely at the coming Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle.

China has been notified by Germany that all but 150 of the German soldiers there will be immediately withdrawn and the 150 replaced by marines next month.

The American Consul at Hankow, China, says: "In many lines of goods the Japanese are winning the Chinese market, and will continue to do so as long as they keep up their tireless energy, meet the peculiar requirements of the Chinese market and Chinese customs and imitate so perfectly what others put on the market, both in style and price, and moreover, get the Chineseaner rank and file."

It is reported from Peking that extensive orders for rifles and ammunition are to be placed in France by the Chinese government. Chinese officials are now visiting the principal arsenals of France.

Because of the icreasing demand for Japanese cotton goods in Manchuria, the producing capacity of Japan is not sufficient. Two thousand looms are being added this year. That means larger purchases by Japan of American raw cotton. Japanese sheeting is selling there at 13.80 yen (6.90 per piece) while the price for American sheeting is 14.50 yen ($7.25.)

Shanghai's American consulate now has a library and reading room for public use, quite a new departure in consular work in Shankhai.

China coast papers comment very favorably on the annual report of the Manila Municipal Board, and The Shanghai Times refers to the few arrests as compared with Shanghai, says the Manila Times.

The Japanese Foreign Office finds that excluding Corea 226,882 Japanese were resident abroad at the end of 1907, consisting of 179,511 men and 47,371 women. Of these 166,500 were in the United States, including Hawaii, 7,500 in Cancouver, 3,900 in Vladivostok, 3,200 in Australia, 2,000 in Mexico, 2,000 in Peru, and 1,000 in Singapore. Of the above 73,000 are classed as laborers, 2,000 as students, the rest being domestiv servants, clerks, traders, artisans, etc.

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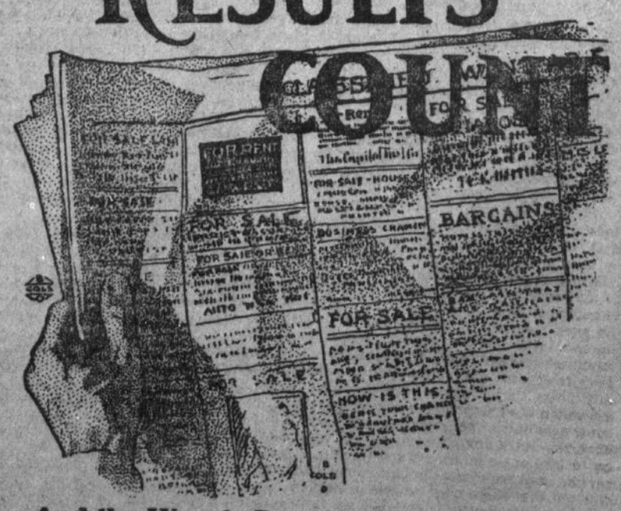

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