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FIRST SERIES SHORT

MAGNATES FAVOR FEWER GAMES IN HOME OPENINGS.

MEET IN SIX WEEKS

Schedule Convention Will be Held in Evansville March 20—Hard to Suit the Various Clubs.

In about six weeks the Central league magnates will gather again in a meeting, this time for the purpose of adopting a schedule and the sessions will be held at Evansville in an effort to awaken interest in that city in its team and in the league. The forming of a schedule is an important and at the same time difficult job and though a prize has been offered for the best schedule which should result in the submission of a large number and great variety, it will be difficult sled to pick out one which will suit the various clubs.

One thing that will be a feature of the new schedule will be the proposed short home series at the opening, which seems to meet with favor among the magnates since its suggestion. Instead of 14 games for four teams on their home grounds at the opening it is now proposed to have but eight, after which the traveling teams will return for a long home stand. Dayton has been allotted the advantage of a local opening will take the road, probably for eight games or two series. This plan has not been formally adopted but it is understood that it will be definitely decided about the schedule, but at the same time it will probably not run against any strong opposition when the meeting is called March 20.

The shortening of the schedule gives a club a chance to make a good start, a big lead that a long one would, and as most of the clubs in the Central league play a much better game before favoring crowds than in the country's the plan ought to work well, especially considering the weather and the closeness of the race from the start. It will be remembered that Grand Rapids secured a lead early in the season last year which put the team in shape to hold it and at the end the pennant was practically won before the season had been fairly started. South Bend also took a big lead at the start, which only increased the disappointment when the fall came.

VETS' ROSTER ANNOUNCED.

Men from Whom "Dad" McKean Will Pick Dayton Team.

According to the Herald, of Dayton, the following is the complete roster of the Vets for 1907, and great things are expected from Manager "Dad" McKean in picking out a good team from the bunch.

Following is a complete roster of the Vet aggregation to date:

Pitchers—Bailey, Coughlin, Hale, Kennedy, of last year's team; Malloy, secured from Evansville for Pearson; Wilson, a Jeannette, Pa., star, signed on recommendation of ex-Manager Pfeffer; Ferrell, who pitched for the Canton for a while last spring, and a pitcher from the St. Paul club.

Catchers—Richardson, of last Year's team; Moyer, from Toledo; Egert, recommended by Manager Pfeffer, and a Buffalo semi-professional, recommended by an eastern authority. In addition to these players, an American Association catcher now with the Toledo team is being considered.

First base—Evans, Cleveland; Bailey, Shawnee.

Second base—McKean.

Shortstop—Pokorney, Toledo City; Crosby, Springfield; Stahlhut, Dayton.

Third base—Bova, Wren, Gates, Buffalo.

Outfielders—Boecher, Decker, Ritter and a St. Paul recruit.

Manager McKean has issued the revised statement of the spring exhibition games that will be tendered the baseball enthusiasts of Dayton this spring:

April 5-6—Boston Americans.
April 8—Cleveland.
April 9—Washington.
April 10—Chicago National.
April 8—Cincinnati (colts.)
April 15-16—Toledo.
April 17-18—Minneapolis.
April 19-21—Youngstown.
April 22-23—Mansfield.

RAID HOT SPRINGS TRACK.

Oak Lawn Bookmakers Pinched by Crowd of Constables.

Hot Springs, Ark. Feb. 1.—A chilly reception was tendered the race goers at the opening day of the Oaklawn race track. The weather man did his worst with snow and a precipitous drop in temperature and Constable John Smith did the rest. Hardly had the five bookmakers in the ring started to take up the bets before Smith, with 10 trusty assistants, swooped down on the bookmakers and placed them under arrest.

After the bookmakers had been assigned places by Magnastrer Sweeney, Constable Smith and his forces began serving warrants. The first arrest caused some mild excitement, which quickly subsided on the realization that everybody was not under arrest. After the constables' departure the bookmakers displayed prices and resumed business as if nothing had transpired to cause an interruption. The arrested men were taken to Justice of the Peace Archer, who fined them $25 for their appearance before them.

MAROONS AND ILLINI IN MEET.

First Conference Track Games Come Off Friday Night.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Coach Friend, of Chicago university, tried out several of his men yesterday and is well satisfied at the showing. Mortram jogged an easy half in 2:14. Hesenbury cleared over 16 feet with ease in the pole vault and Chicagoan toomed the high class in the 40-foot mark and other good form was shown.

"I am confident that Chicago will win from the Illini Friday night by a narrow margin. If the men show the form then they give promise of doing now," said the Maroon coach.

Wisconsin in Line for Big Four.

Madison, Wis. Feb. 5.—The faculty of the University of Wisconsin last night ratified the new "big four" football agreement, recently entered into by representatives of the Badger institution, with Chicago, Minnesota and Michigan. Chicago and Minnesota faculties had already ratified the compact and the only thing needed now to bind the agreement is favorable action by the senate of the University of Illinois.

MRS. SIMS, NATIONAL WHIST CHAMPION, DENOUNCES BRIDGE

MRS. A. D. SIMS.

The Tribune's Special Service.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 5.—Mrs. A. D. Sims, prominent in Des Moines society and holder of the national whist championship, created a sensation in a Des Moines church recently by denouncing bridge whist and dancing together with the "evil effects of dancing." During a series of January services at the University Place Church of Christ, conducted by Evangelist W. J. Wright, Mrs. Sims, who had been touched to tears during his sermons on the evil of card playing and dancing, and at the close of the sermon, before an audience of 1,200 persons, Mrs. Sims arose and made a public confession of her election of the two amusements.

"I wish to state publicly," she said, "that I will never touch cards again.

LAPORTE PLANS GOOD TEAM.

Stock Company to Place Independent Club in the Field.

Laporte, Ind., Feb. 5.—The initial steps were taken to-day in the organization of a new company to maintain an independent baseball club in this city. It is proposed to place a fast team in the field under the management of William R. Hoch who will begin signing players at once.

Clarke Sighs Contract.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 5.—"Nig" Clarke has fallen in line at last. After holding out for some time the hard-hitting catcher, whose first refusal to place his signature to the bottom of a local contract, mailed in the terms to-day "Nig" was granted a healthy increase but held out for a further raise.

M. A. C. to Break Off With Albion.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 5.—On account of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of Albion college athletes and their supporters, the Michigan Agricultural college here is about to sever relations with the institution. It is believed after Michigan colleges of its class will do the same.

Denies Reulbach-Hofman Stories.

President Minor of the Cubs, yesterday afternoon denied that Arthur Hofman and Mordecai Reulbach had refused to sign for next season unless they got a substantial increase. The years assumed from St. Louis, where the two players are passing the winter.

Killian Signs With Boston Americans.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 5.—The contract of John Killian, the left-handed pitcher drafted from the Burlington, Iowa, was received by the Boston Americans to-day. Killian is 21 years old and lives in Rockford, Ill. He gives promise of being a fine box artist.

Krueger to Coach Mercersburg.

Milwaukee, Wis. Feb. 5.—Alvin C. Krueger, of Milwaukee, who was the star athlete of the University of Pennsylvania for seven years, has accepted the position of head coach of the Mercersburg academy track team at Mercersburg, Pa. He will take charge to-day.

National League to Meet Feb. 25.

New York, Feb. 5.—The recovened annual meeting of the National Baseball league will be held Feb. 25 in this city, according to an announcement by President Pulsan.

NEEDS NEW MEMBERS.

South Bend Humane Society Wishes to Arouse Interest in the Work.

There are a great many people in this city who have a friendly feeling for the Humane society and would gladly become members if given an opportunity.

The society is doing a great deal of good in an educational way, teaching the children and also is creating a kindlier spirit among the people. The effort is of people invoke the aid of the society when they witness cruelty to dumb brutes they appreciate its power. Humane no man will commit a cruel act if he realizes that he will be called to account by an officer of the society. Hence if one is in sympathy with the society he knows it is good to lend it strong support.

Any person wishing to become a member can phone the secretary, Miss Stella Mills, 715 Home phone, and she will be pleased to enroll the name. The dues are 50 cents per year. The society has about 150 members, but ought to have twice that. Myron Campbell, of the South Bend National bank, is the treasurer of the society.

HIS VERSION.

Teacher: Now Johnny, tell me what is meant by omnipotence.

Johnny: I guess I spent time I know of it when vacation stops.

RACING CARD IS QUT

DOINGS ON COLFAX AVENUE TOMORROW ARE ANNOUNCED.

KAZOO MAN IS STARTER

Baker, of Celery City, Will Say "Go"—Harry Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit Will Take Part in Day's Events.

The programme and the names of the judges for the mailess on Colfax avenue to-morrow have been announced. The sixth race on the programme, this between Rotha J. Berend Boy and the added starter, Hal C., should prove the feature of the contest.

To insure the heats being run in the best shape possible there will be altogether six officials. The judges are Dr. F. N. Monroe, of Niles; John Donahue, Fred Hassler, of Mishawaka, H. M. Kaufman, and W. P. Englemann, of Kalamazoo, and the starter will be S. L. Baker, of Kalamazoo, who is a well known horseman and a good one on the job.

It is probable that Dr. Kilmer will drive the horse which seems to have been removed Harry Thaw, but it will not be entered with Minnie M., whose opponents will be Harper Rodney. The second event will be among four trotters, Dan Patch being the favorite to be a choice. When this race is run spectators will keep their white linen handkerchiefs in their pockets because Evelyn never would Handlifter White. Harry Thaw's opponents are:

Strong Boy will be seen with some brand new St. Petersburg bobbies on and his driver, H. J. Fuhs, has been putting him through some fast heats in preparation for the contest. Hal C. is somewhat by his owner, Commodore of Crescent, holder of the Wichita law. Kan., world's record, will have Charley Hubbard and Silver Piece as opponents and Ira S., Abetter and Tony Hill will try their speed in a third again.

This is the programme arranged after much deliberation by Harry Hoffman:

Trotting—Harry Lee, Stubdasher; Dandy, Berger Clemens.
Trotting—Silver Bloss, I. W. Lower; Dauntless, Elmer McDonald; Queen, I. A. Hilber; Evelyn Nesbit, Topper.
Pacing—Rodney, Meyers; Minnie M., Kilmer; Dan Patch.
Pacing—Billy, Woodland; George Studebaker; Harry Thaw, Dr. Carson and Kilmer; Prince Vernon, Speed and Peterson, Vernon Clothing company.
Trotting—Hal C., Kilmer; Hal C., Elsworth; Crescent Col., Sullivan; Silver Piece, H. L. Greene.
Pacing—Rotha J., J. C. Barrett; Strong Boy, H. J. Fuhs; Hal C., Harper Rodney.
Pacing—Doctor, John Goff; Tony Hill, Tony Loebbough; Rex S., George Mason.
Trotting—Charley, Willard Dice; Dolly L., C. J. Smith.
Trotting—Ethel Wilkes, Woodruff; Connelmar, Dick, Sims.

STEEL RANGE SALE.

Unusual Opportunities to Save Money Offered.

We wonder if people fully realize the genuine bargains we are offering at this sale of steel ranges which is now going on. Some of them do, for quite a number came in last Saturday and selected brand new, best quality of steel ranges at prices that have not been, and will not be duplicated in this city for years to come. We made a special trip to the factory for a number of stoves and our customers are getting the benefits of the low prices secured. If you are likely to need a range in the next three or four years it will pay you to come and see the stoves and prices on Jan. 5.

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Save money in buying your 1907 magazines. Investigate The Tribune's big clubbing proposition. It will tell you all about it.

JOHN BELL, SUSPECT IN THE MYSTERIOUS TOWNSEND MURDER

JOHN BELL, THE SUSPECT IN A MYSTERIOUS STATEN ISLAND HOMICIDE CASE THAT IS FULL OF DRAMATIC ELEMENTS.

New York, Feb. 5.—As a suspect in the mysterious murder of Dr. Charles Wilson Townsend, who was found dying from the shooting of Dr. Charles Wilson Townsend, who was found dying from the shooting of Dr. Charles Wilson Townsend, who was found dying from the shooting