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CARSON IS PLEASED

PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE CONSIDERS CIRCUIT IMPROVED.

BIG SESSION IS DELAYED

Magnates Late in Arriving in Zanesville and Morning Meeting is Postponed—No Trades Are Made.

Zanesville, O., March 17.—Not a single deal was pulled off among the Central league owners and managers here to-day despite the fact that the entire morning was spent in fencing.

As President F. E. Carson, of the Central league, the Wheeling and Zanesville representatives did not get in until noon, the morning session was therefore postponed until 1 o'clock. At that hour the league directors went into session to take up the schedule.

"Every club in the league is in good shape," said President Carson. "We consider that with Zanesville replacing Canton, the circuit is merely improved. The old time rivalry between Wheeling and Zanesville will be renewed and the indications are the cities rivals. I consider the outlook for this season most promising."

ALTER CENTRAL LEAGUE RULES

Important Changes Made in By-Laws by Circuit Magnates.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 17.—The Central league rules committee met here yesterday with Magnates Shaibhefer, at Evansville, Varnell, of Fort Wayne and Irwin, of Wheeling, attending with President Carson. Following is a summary of the changes made:

Guarantee raised from $40 to $50 per game.

President of the league given power to fill vacancies in circuit arising during playing season, ish franchise to last only for remainder of season, unless board of directors of league, can ratify or not at annual meeting for remainder of five year life of franchise.

Club given privilege to sell to another city only with the consent of the other members of the league.

Ban placed on games to be played on a single day.

Where a visiting club cannot make a jump to the next city in time the last game shall be called one hour before the scheduled time.

When a club is delayed by a wreck, the game shall not be forfeited, but the home club shall not pay the usual guarantee.

The baseball men leave in the morning for Zanesville to attend the meeting of the Central league. They are enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming season.

JOE DUNN SIGNS CONTRACT.

Evansville Catcher Arrives at Terre That Satisfy Him.

Springfield, O., March 17.—The fans of Evansville, Ind., have cause to rejoice for Joe Dunn, the clever local catcher, who has been a leading member of the holdout club, signed his contract and forwarded it to Manager Schmelz.

Dunn has nothing to say except that everything is satisfactory, which means that he will receive considerable more for his services this season than he did last year. He was not unreasonable in his demands. He realizes that he is the mainstay of the club practically all of the backstop work this season and he figured that he was entitled to a substantial increase over what he had been receiving.

The local boy is the most promising catcher in the Central league. He showed wonderful form in the fall before the season was two months old last year. Besides fielding his position in fine style, he can stop the ball, and it would not surprise his backers if he should lead the league in hitting this year.

Dunn improved wonderfully in both his fielding and batting last year, and if he does not meet with an accident this year, he is sure to be ripe for major league company when the last season of his contract with the Evansville club would have been in bad shape. Knoll demonstrated last year that he is no backstop. He did good work in the outfield and he will play one of the gardens regularly this season.

YOUNG IS STRONG AS EVER.

Remarkable Twirler Is Again Rounding into Good Form in South.

The greatest of them all, Old Cy Young, after spending the winter fooling the goats and spitting cord wood on his farm near Peoli, O., has once again hied himself to the sunny southland to work the kinks out of his wonderful salary wing, preparatory to entering upon his 19th season as a big league twirler with the Boston Red Sox.

Despite the fact that the old veteran has already spent almost double the time usually allotted to a big league heaver, his work in the preliminary training camp at Charlottesville, Va., also seen is still as good as ever. The first thing a pitcher loses when he begins to go back in speed, but Cy has shown that he can send the ball over the plate with undiminished speed, while he finds no trouble in getting behind the ball and putting it there.

When Cy started his 18th year with Boston last year there were many who were doubtful whether he could again deliver the goods. He found no trouble in getting a tether in a bet that he would win over half his games. Although Young started the season in a woefully weak Cy rounded home a winner by getting 22 games and losing but 15. This year Cy has repeated the bet and fans the country over hope as well as feel confident, that he will win.

ELSTON DOING SOME SLAMMING

"Curt" Is Covering Acres of Ground in Cub Camp.

According to reports from the Cubs training camp, the chances for Sidney-ville's scarring "Curt" Elston for the coming season are decidedly slim. "Curt is making them all sit up and take notice with his work, both as an outfielder and with the wallow. In Sunday's Chicago Examiner Manager Chance is quoted as follows concerning Elston:

"Among the other recruits Donohue, the flashing pitcher and Curt Elston, our new outfielder, have the appearance of being the best of the lot so far, and we are all surprised if they both made good."

In the same columns James Clarkson, the well known writer says: "Curt Elston, the young outfielder, is setting a brisk pace for some of the veterans in the matter of hitting the ball. Elston is, if not an a regular, at least on one of the utility roles."

Although Zanesville fans to a man stand ready to demonstrate "Curt" should he be found fast enough to hold his with the Cubs, still should the Cubs decide that Elston is not Zanesville material, outfield is where he is wanted.

START WORK ON CLUB HOUSE

Water Receding From Fort Wayne Baseball Park.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 17.—Ground was broken at league park to-day for the new club house and the work on it will be rushed in order to have it ready for the first squad of players who are expected to arrive here in a few days. The park is made to have a completed by that time.

The new grandstand is under roof, the fencing will be started this week and then will come the bleachers and the arrangement of the racers under the grandstand where lavatories will be built for the players. Provision for parking will be added by Colonel Claude H. Varnell, who has the ambition to be the proprietor of the best minor league park in the country.

To help drain the park the city has had erected the dismantled fire hall and the water is receding rapidly last night. It is probable that a system of drainage will be put in after the season closes as the water problem has arrived at a stage where it is absolutely necessary to take care of it permanently.

SOX LEAVE COAST

REGULARS START FOR NEW ORLEANS IN SPECIAL TRAIN.

Club Expects to Arrive in Crescent City Thursday, Providing all Goes Well—Weather is Condition.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—The White Sox regulars are on their way to New Orleans and will not stop until they reach the end of their journey on Thursday night, if everything goes well with them. The team left last night right after the game with the Seals.

The party that left for New Orleans numbered 30 people, 16 of them players and the others rooters and players' wives and correspondents. George Davis was added to the first team at Los Angeles and Al Shaw was put back to help Billy Sullivan behind the bat, and Tyler was left behind to catch the second division.

Pitcher Walsh and Davis also added to the regulars at Los Angeles and Walsh was in addition as business manager of the regulars for the remainder of the trip with them.

Louis and Ed Dorheimer dropped off the train at Los Angeles and will return home. Their place was taken by after them. The second team was left on hand to greet the big team when they stopped off at Los Angeles, as they had gone down to play a game at San Diego. The second team will remain in Los Angeles and play the games with the Angels, Los Angeles and leave for Hutchinson, Kan., next Sunday night.

President Comskey will come down from "Frisco today, as soon as Mr. Comskey, who has been in Los Angeles with all the time the first team was there, left for "Frisco, he will be brought along to New Orleans.

Comskey expects to be in New Orleans next Sunday when the Sox play their last game there.

COMMISSION FINES BALL CLUBS

Secret Deals Concerning Players Leads to Imposing Penalties.

Cincinnati, O., March 17.—Fines of $100 each were levied on the Chicago American league, Columbus American association, Boston American league and New Orleans club by the national baseball commission yesterday for published statements for transfer of Players Gessler, Rohe and Dundee.

The Columbus club submitted its agreement with the Boston Americans for the sale of Player Gessler, part of the consideration being the delivery by Boston of Player Chagnon, which Chagnon, it was stated, was not in the copy of the agreement on file with the commission, and furthermore Player Harris was not at that time with the Boston club.

The Chicago-New Orleans offense was a secret agreement for the release of Player Dundee to Chicago, and Rohe as part consideration for the purchase of players Manuel and Artz by Chicago. This agreement was not the original agreement of sale as filed with the commission.

TO DIVIDE TRACK TEAMS.

Coach Maris Preparing Man for Meeting With Wabash.

For the purpose of giving his men a good stiff workout for the meet with Wabash the 28th of this month, Coach Maris, of the Notre Dame track team, has decided to divide the squad into two evenly balanced teams and pit them against each other in a dual meet on Friday afternoon. Captain Kanaley will lead one team and Captain Scales will lead the other. The following will be the teams:

Kanaley, Moderwell, Daniels, Burke, O'Leary, McDonough, Schmitt, Sachs, Hogan, Ryan, Ryan, Ry