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CITY EXPECTED TO GET CENTRAL LEAGUE PRESIDENCY.

MAGNATES AT TERRE HAUTE

Dr. F. B. Carson and J. P. Keery Lead in Race—Most Important Matter is Makeup of the Circuit.

South Bend is to be honored with the presidency of the Central league if bodily reports from the cities on the circuit are to be considered as expressing the opinion of the magnates. This means that the next president of the league will be Dr. F. B. Carson or J. P. Keery. While the latter gentleman resided in Chicago he would make his headquarters in South Bend, if he secured the office which he is now seeking.

Until yesterday the prospects of John T. Powers, of Chicago, whose candidacy was announced last week, were bright, but the inability of that man to make his headquarters outside of Chicago, and the sudden change of feeling on the part of Evansville and Dayton towards Jack Keery, makes it barely possible for Mr. Powers to figure in the result of the final battle. The fight for the Central league presidency, which is the most stubbornly contested in the history of minor leagues, will narrow down to two cities when the directors of the league meet at Terre Haute to-morrow and Friday and South Bend and Terre Haute will be in at the finish for a battle royal. The two men contesting are J. P. Keery and John T. Powers, of Chicago, and C. E. Lamberton, of Terre Haute, but the "wise ones" are certain that three others will be placed in nomination when the roll for secretary-treasurer is called. Dr. Carson will be one of them, D. W. Bonnell, jr., the present head of the league will be another and it is predicted, L. D. Smith, of Terre Haute, will see that his name will rankle that of Lamberton.

C. D. White is Popular.

C. D. White, the gentleman who could go Sedgeville one better in the Sedgeville-Dayton fiasco on the first ballot, has to date refused to become a candidate. Mr. White was suggested for the office by The South Bend Tribune and an effort was at once made by the Dayton, Ky., contingent to secure a pledge for the leadership and although he has remained silent on the question his name is still considered by the baseball writers on the circuit. Mr. White will be in the meeting and in the last minute may show his name to be a formidable factor.

The most important question to be considered and the first matter which will come before the board will be the report of the circuit committee, of which Dr. Carson is chairman. It is practically certain that Wheeling and Dayton will be dropped and that the vacancies created will be filled by Paducah, Ky., and either Danville or Peoria, unless the Grand Rapids, canvas, which the Grand Rapids people have located hospital cloth, then all three of the above named cities will be given franchises. Representatives will be present from each city and the claims of each will be fully and fairly considered. The fact that Danville has been quietly at work during the last two weeks and can at an hour's notice complete the organization of a $10,000 stock company makes that city a most desirable location for a franchise.

Directors Are Uncertain.

Paducah, in the K. I. T. league, enjoyed a successful financial season. The fans of that city, like Peoria, are baseball mad and are anxious to get into the Central. The first session of the directors of the Central will be held to-morrow morning. The following interviews with Central league magnates show that the directors are uncertain as to the outcome of the meeting:

Isadore Mautner, Fort Wayne—I am not sure that it makes any difference if the president should be selected from within our own organization. All that I desire is a man who in my opinion will serve the best interests of the Central league.

W. W. Irwin, Wheeling—We care not where the president comes from, just as he is the man for the place and has confidence and respect of all the magnates.

W. L. Lander, Dayton—The president should be an outside man. I am undecided as to who I shall vote for. L. D. Smith, Terre Haute—I would like to see the circuit divided with four clubs east and four clubs west. For president I shall vote for Dr. F. B. Carson or C. E. Lamberton, of Terre Haute. I believe him to be the very best man for the place.

Dr. F. B. Carson, South Bend—I will present Jack Keery's name for the presidency. Jack is a complete result of a conference held between Evansville, Dayton, Wheeling and Dayton. If Wheeling stays in the most pay visiting teams a longer guarantee.

E. H. Doran, the local director of the Central league, Charles Ebbets and Charles L. Ebbets, of the South Bend baseball association went to Terre Haute this morning. At Chicago they were joined by John T. Powers and J. P. Keery. We have went to the Chicago contingent that we want to see the president and will do everything possible to place him in office.

GRAND RAPIDS HAS NO MANAGER

Collins Gives Out Statement Regarding His Connection With Team.

The Tribune's Special Service.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 12.—A. H. Collins, will not manage the Grand Rapids team in the Central league as has been predicted and in view of to-day's developments it is not at all certain that Grand Rapids will get a franchise in the league. Although Mr. Collins states that this city is to be represented in the league, he does not be a heavy stockholder. Mr. Collins has made every effort to place a team in Central league with Saginaw, Flint, Bay City and Muskegon, but he was unsuccessful from the start. Mr. Collins said to-day: "I worked on other which I can secure a team, good, and it is quite certain that I intend to do about. Without a team I can not secure a franchise. I was in Toledo last week and talked with Charles Brazier and was given to understand that Grand Rapids will be a member of the league and that the club will have a good team on the field. The new park will be built and I will be a heavy stockholder."

REDS DEFEAT THE BLUES.

Interesting Game of Basketball in Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

An interesting basket ball game was played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night. The Blue and White squad of the Y. M. C. A. began with the Reds, a team composed of members of the Y. M. C. A. and formed for the purpose of giving the Blues a game. The Reds by a score of 12 to 10 in a game in which the Reds were forced to a decided advantage of the Blues who seemed to be out of form. The line-up of the Reds was as follows: Forwards, Wilson and Ellis; center, Ward; guards, Ellis and Bell.

Following is the summary: Goals from the field—McCarthy, 2; Wagner, 2; Morton, 1; Ellis, 1; Ward, 1; Wilson, 1; Bell, 1. Goals from foul—Wagner, 4; Bell, 6; awarded points to Wagner, Referee—Meader. Umpire—Schaner. Timer—Jones. Scorer—Marsh. Time of halves 15 minutes.

NORTHERN INDIANA LEAGUE.

South Bend and Elkhart Teams Will Meet.

The schedule of the Northern Indiana league calls for six games on night. The Riverside, of Elkhart, will meet the Stars, of this city, and the Elkhart Battery will compete with the Strings. Games scheduled for tomorrow night are as follows: C.-A. club vs. Bremen, at Bremen; Elkhart Welch company vs. Goshen, at Goshen.

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