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CRAVEN WILLING TO PLAY WITH BRONCS

WILL GIVE BEST EFFORTS TO CLUB IN 1911.

LEAVES TERMS TO SMITH

"Midge" Writes South Bend Manager He Will Show What He Can Do When He Wants to—Here is March.

If "Midge" Craven, former and present Bronco, manager and detective of the Grand Rapids baseball club the latter part of last season, is in condition during the 1911 season, and Manager Ed Smith believes he will be, one outfield position in the South Bend club will be capably filled. Smith received a letter to-day from "Midge," who is wintering in Detroit, Mich., in which the little outfielder says he will not only report in good shape, but will be in the "pink" all summer.

In his missive to the Broncho boss Craven stated he was willing to play with the 1911 Broncho, despite the announcement of retirement. The "never again" contention was made a month before "Midge" earned Ed Smith would lead the Broncho this season.

"MIDGE" CRAVEN.

"I'll show you what I can do when I want to," wrote the speed merchant in part. "Midge" is a difficult little man to handle, but Smith believes he will be able to get the best there is in him.

"To show his faith in him, Smith advanced "Midge" a number of times during last season. Craven made the midget claims he will give Smith all that he has next summer. One of the fastest men in the league, Smith believes under his management Craven was hampered by "Midge" Smith said. The latter wanted to know the reporting date, he wrote in his letter. He will come to South Bend about the first of March, although he expects to be here a month, and will report on Saturday afternoon, when he does not have to work. Midge says he goes to see Ty Cobb.

Manager Smith has not sent Craven his contract yet, but will do so in the near future. Craven is not a starter in the outfield, but pushes all the best slip this season Craven's docility about terms is ample evidence. He says he will leave that matter to Smith, trusting to his sense of fairness and the fitness of things to do the right thing.

CHANCE IS OPTIMISTIC.

"Peerless Leader" Leaves California for Chicago.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 14.—Frank Chance, leader of the Chicago Cubs, left for Chicago yesterday. Before going he gave out what he called the first baseball interview of the season. Chance is 20 pounds heavier in flesh than when he landed in California last fall.

"I figure just this way about the Cubs. We are as good, if not better, than we were last year. This being the case, what chance have we for prospects? The Cubs broke against us last season and yet we won the pennant. It's bound to break better for us this year," said Chance as a starter.

"We will be better than last year in the game again. If any of them weaken I have a big batch of young fellows to gamble with. I never bank any on a green man until I see him deliver the goods, yet I feel certain that out of the array of newcomers Chicago will secure this season one of them will turn out to be the real thing. If the luck breaks anything like even for us we will never be out of the race. That's about all."

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Bowling Prizes Awarded.

Prizes for single tournament bowling at the Commercial-Athletic club were awarded last night, three highest games of the season, the prizes being awarding of the trophies, which were distributed as follows: First prize, silver cup, T. P. Mondelo, 623; second prize, ash tray, H. R. Peck, 642; third prize, cocoaline spoon, C. L. Sigler, 577.

Doolin Will Use Young Pitchers.

Manager Doolin, of the Phillies, will depend on his young twirlers in the spring. Youngsters are usually able to feel the old heads during the spring days, but Manager Doolin has no fear of his veteran pitchers. The veteran pitchers can't work effectively in the early days.

BOOKING EXHIBITION GAMES FOR POTTER CLUB

Pittsburg Pirates May be Played in April.

ZANESVILLE, O., Feb. 14.—For the purpose of getting a line on several good outfielders and slammers, President C. U. Shryock made a trip to Columbus Sunday and conferred with Secretary Bobby Quinn, of the Senators. Although empowered by the directors to turn any deals that looked clear and pure from the local club's standpoint, President Shryock said he was not in a position to make any bookings to get just what was wanted at the right price.

Exhibition games will be booked and assurances were received from the Columbus management that if it is at all possible the Senators will be sent to Zanesville for a game. The Athletics have been signed up for games at Akron on April 15 and 16. It is likely that Toledo will also be booked. Ohio State league and O.-P. games will be played here, but the respective dates are now not for the booking of the Pittsburg Pirates here on April 11. The Pirates open the season in Cincinnati on the 12th and could easily make a jump from here.

A series of games with the Columbus Senators would prove extremely interesting to the fans, giving them an opportunity to personally pass upon the debatable question of which is the faster organization. The Senators will probably be the first club to come in the circuit, and is a compact and substantial league.

Manager Bailey will arrive in Zanesville this week, prepared to abide there permanently and prepare for action. He has a number of young players in mind, and will try to get some of the bunch just as soon as they begin to sign contracts.

DEVINE WILL TRY FOR WORLD'S MARK

NOTRE DAME STAR AFTER HALF MILE INDOOR RECORD.

Finished in Good Condition When 880 Was Negotiated in 1:58.2-5 in Ohio State Meet.

John Devine, the Notre Dame "varsity half miler, who set a new western indoor record in the 880-yard run in the dual meet with Ohio State Saturday, will try to beat the world's record for the distance when Notre Dame meets the Illinois Athletic club here Feb. 25. Coach Marks is confident the gold and blue star is capable of making faster time than was registered by him Saturday. He ran away from his opponents in the early stages of the race and finished in easy style.

No effort will be made at present to have Devine's time recognized as official by the Amateur union, as it is likely that he will be called on to run when pitted against the I. A. C. runners. In the meet with the tri-color aggregation an attempt will be made to have as many of the A. A. U. officials present as possible, so that the new record is set there will be no doubt that the time taken will be authoritative.

Devine will have keener competition in the meet with the Chicago club than Hayes, the Ohioan, was able to give him Saturday. Hayes, who ran a match race against Sheppard, of the New York Athletic club, in the Chicago Irish-American A. C. games last summer, and Schnaack, the former Illinois star, will be the men to watch for as the opponents of "Long John." Both of these men are capable of doing close to two minutes flat, and this fact will greatly assist Devine in reaching the world's indoor record made in New York several years ago by 1:56, which is 0:01 2-5 seconds faster than Devine's time Saturday. Judging from the reserve that Devine showed when pushed by Hayes for the finish of his record breaking race, he is capable of equaling the world's mark.

Devine is a Chicago boy. He attended the Murray F. Tuley High school for two years where he was a member of the track team. He completed his preparatory schooling in the Notre Dame Preparatory school, and is now a junior in the law school. This is Devine's third year on the varsity team. He ran the half in 1:58 and the mile in 4:37. He made that mark in the conference meet at Urbana last June.

PENN TO LOSE SPRINTER RAMSDELL

The Tribune's Special Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—F. L. Ramsdell, the Pennsylvania intercollegiate football player, who was expected to add several points to the University of Pennsylvania total at the intercollegiate track and field games this year, has announced that he will not represent the university in this year's track team. He states that the fact that he ran one race under the colors of the University of Texas during his first year at that institution when he spent two years before coming to Pennsylvania will be a bar from further intercollegiate competition.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES GATHER

SECOND SECTION OF SESSION EXPECTED TO BE LIVELY.

CLASHES ARE IMPENDING

No Change in Rules Can be Made—President Murphy, of the Cubs Scores Ban Johnson's Attitude.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The base ball magnates of the National league were all on hand bright and early today for the second section of their annual meeting, the first part of which was held in December. The session will probably last until late to-morrow or Thursday.

Rumors of possible lively doings have been flying around the league circuit for the past few weeks and there seem indications to-day that clashes were impending over several subjects.

The main clash was expected over the proposed adoption of a new official league ball for 1912. Others subjects on which a difference of opinion will be in evidence are the alleged attitude of President Lynch toward the umpire situation; the schedule committee's draft of dates and the question of rules revision.

No Revision of Rules.

Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Chicago club, declared before the meeting that he had a trunk full of suggestions for the revision of the rules, but he admitted that after all was said and done, the meeting of the rules committee would be merely perfunctory. Nothing can be done until the American league rules committee has conferred with the by President Johnson. Without his co-operation no changes can be made. Murphy was frank in his criticism of Johnson for this lack of co-operation. "Johnson has violated the national agreement in every way he can," he said. "I have half a mind to call a duty bound to appoint a committee, but just because he heard that I had issued a call for suggestions for changes in the rules he did not do so. Changes in the rules and changes that ought to be taken up and carefully discussed. Probably some careful alterations would be made. But what is the use? Johnson won't have it, so we are stumped."

TO ADOPT SCHEDULE.

American League Owners Meet in Chicago To-day.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Representatives of the American league are holding their annual mid-winter meeting here to-day to adopt the playing schedule for the season of 1911. Indications point to a deadlock for several weeks and President Johnson declares it will be adopted without any changes. Among the club owners here to attend the meeting are Charles Comiskey and E. S. Barnard, of Cleveland; Frank J. Farrell and Arthur Irwin, of New York; Robert L. Hedges and Rhody Wallace, of St. Louis; Frank L. Navin and Hugh Jennings, of Detroit; Connie Mack and Harry Sinclair, of Washington; P. T. Ritter, Charles Roach and Frank Hough, of Philadelphia, and Charles A. Comiskey, of Chicago.

THINKS BROWN ISN'T OF CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBRE

Charlie Harvey, Owen Moran's Manager, Sees Wolgast Fight.

Charlie Harvey, manager of Owen Moran and other noted boxers does not believe "Knockout" Brown to be of championship caliber. He was at the ringside when Wolgast and Brown fought to a six round draw at New York. Harvey says he does not think it would require more than 10 rounds for the champion to slow Brown away. He favored his arm in the fight with Brown, according to Harvey, in the first four rounds, but in the last four rounds he was hitting Brown at will. Harvey has had learned his arm was strong. "Knockout" had already outpointed Wolgast, however, when the match was declared a draw.

Harvey said that Brown, again Marvel, after which Chicago Monsoe will be taken on by the king of the lightweights. And so far Brown has no knockout punch, in his opinion, likewise Brown's weak point is the attack of a trick horse, a sort of push, which does no damage. Harvey says Brown's fighting A.E. is like the quick, jerky kick of a thoroughbred.

The case is strong for his favorites, both Harvey and Wolgast state, and if Brown is to be the champion he will be seen by the New York fans and scribes.

DIMMICK JOINS I. A. C.

Notre Dame Star Will Compete With Chicago Club.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Ralph C. Dimmick, the star weight man of Notre Dame and Illinois, who three points were thrown out of the last western conference meet because he had competed longer than the rules allow, has joined the Illinois Athletic club, and will compete under the tri-color emblem. This helps strengthen the team considerably for the central A. A. U. indoor championships at Dexter park pavilion March 11.

"Hack" Has Hard Task.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 14.—Owing to illness Henry Ordeman, of Minneapolis, will not meet George Harkins, of Detroit, in the wrestling match Friday night. Harkins, who is a German, Broggilin, the Pole and Erler, the Austrian, are offering to throw the three men in 90 minutes.

BOWLING.

STUDEBAKER ALLEYS.

STUDEBAKER.	1	2	3	Tot.
Gentle	172	159	159	490
McCune	148	148	148	444
Chappell	159	188	148	495
Schmidt	148	148	148	444
Totals	627	643	603	1873

BOLSTERS.	1	2	3	Tot.
Wilcox	161	161	161	483
Pungel	159	181	148	488
Schlichter	159	159	159	477
Lee	148	148	148	444
Lee-More	148	162	181	491
Totals	775	811	797	2383

Gentle, Studebaker, 187; high average, Bolsts, 161.

Sporting Comment

Manager Punch Knoll has returned to his home in Kansas City, but before leaving Darlton turned over his signature contract to President Elmer Ebbets. The club manager is expected to return to Dayton the last of February, and expects to be back on the job "chipper as a jay bird."

Owner Claude H. Varnell, of the Fort Wayne club, does not anticipate any trouble in signing up his men, according to a letter he wrote to a hold-out. The signed contracts received to date are those of Dr. James Caser, infielder and manager; John Onslow, catcher; Harry Cotna, J. W. Hoffman, Ed Kenyon, Ed Kenyon, pitchers; Eddie Justice, Frank Meyers, and Frank McDermott, infielders; Ralph Carr, catcher, and Clare Patterson, outfielder.

Cecil Ferguson, the lazy, but capable twirler who was a Dayton mainstay in the early days of the Central league, is selling plumbing supplies on the road, and says he likes the job. He is traveling over New York state territory, and says he is doing fine. Fergy orders "Fungo" sent to him the first when the call for the spring training trip comes, however.

Dr. Harley Parker is hopeful of securing players of the Chicago major league clubs. According to a letter received by Grand Rapids papers, Parker, who represents the Grand Rapids at the American league meeting to be held in that city Feb. 15, He reports no new deals since the Central league meeting, but states he will move fast when the time comes for the meeting of the major leagues meeting. Dr. Parker has been continually warned by those who have had interests of the league at heart and hope to see a strong team in Grand Rapids, that he is doing all in his power to strengthen the Central league, but he has declared he realizes to the fullest extent the speed of the organization and will be ready to cope with the best.

Harry Cassidy, an outfielder of the Denver Western league club which is managed by Jack Hendricks, claims a world's record declaring he has played four seasons without a miss. Cassidy is a Pennsylvania boy, and the outfielder believes it to be a record, for fair. Lil Sager, former South Bend third sacker, has stopped cannon ball dance for over a 1,000 successive games, and is ready for more. If Cassidy plays a couple years more he will have a chance to get into Lil's class, although the latter seems done for many more years of continuous service.

When the Central league clubs gathered in this city a week ago, many matters were discussed, and among them was the player question. The managers were unanimous in expressing their expressions of determination to deal with hold-out players without gloves. In the past they have been lenient with the rebellious diamond stars, but a change in the iron hand will prevail. Contracts will be sent out as heretofore, but if they are not returned within a reasonable time, the delinquents will find themselves suspended. The sentiment against the holdout was very pronounced at the meeting, and the magnates are certain that the action will be productive of helping to the stand taken whenever they discussed the matter in the lobby, or the assembly room.

The McKeesport scare appears to be over, and the Wheeling management has shipped contracts to the seven players secured by the wholesale dispoest of players by Squire Mansfield, of the McKeesport club. There will be certain to be several pieces of class in the bunch, and the league is consequently strengthened. The more clubs fighting for the pennant the merrier the scrumbs and the greater the stream of silver coins; money makes the world go round, and the Tribune is out of bonds for a real club.

Many times the uncertainty of base ball has been the subject of long discussions among the fraternity of players, umpires, and others who are connected in any way with baseball, writing articles of great length, all based on this self same uncertainty of the national game. Jack Ryan, of Dayton has a case of this capricious conduct of the fates over the horse hide game in the comparative records of "Buck" Connors, the ex-Green, Tot, etc, and "Jackass" O'Brien, the peppery backstop of the Zanesville Athletics. "Buck" Connors, who played in the Ohio Northwestern league in 1908, the big first sacker performing in 86 games for Spokane, Vancouver and Aberdeen of that league. In those near 86 games he made 86 hits, which is an average of .341, lacking out 111 bagles, 15 of which were doubles, eight triples, and one home run. He scored 11 times, and stole 20 bases. He was purchased by Manager Wheeler to fill the vacancy around the initial sack, and he was disappointed. In batting, his average last season being only .242. He secured but 107 hits in 124 games, accredited 22 times, and stole nine sacks. He scored 44 runs in 124 games, and made 14 doubles. In 1910 he cross Home pan 54 times. O'Brien played with Aberdeen in 1909, and hit for the wonderful average of .197, securing 69 hits in 358 games. He made 14 doubles, 4 triples, and 1 home run. He scored 35 times, and stole 8 bases