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WILL SALARY RULE BE DISREGARDED?

SOME MANAGERS THINK SUCH WILL BE THE CASE.

FORT WAYNE IS SUSPECTED

Terre Haute May Be Scene of Lively Accusations And Debates When Magnates Get Together May Start Play April 26.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 25.—Central league magnates who have their ears to the ground can hear rumblings that portend an eruption when the schedule meeting is held here March 8. The noises are not threatening hints of trouble over the adoption of the schedule but are prompted by the belief that some of the managers are going ahead to building up their teams with little regard to the salary limit.

Recent reports from Fort Wayne of high prices paid to players and the announcement that Curt Elston would return to the Railroaders have aroused suspicion of some of the more conservative club owners and managers. No open charges have been made, but it is whispered that Fort Wayne will consent to play for $200, the top price allowed managers for players this year, some of the other players reported to have signed with Central league teams, although not so highly prized and double are expressed that Fort Wayne is breaking a rule that was intended to put the teams on a par.

Elston was offered to Terre Haute a year ago. Mordecai Brown engineered the deal, but when the officials of the Club discard to Terre Haute but the cheaty fielder insisted on a salary of $150 a month. The Tut management could not see it that way although the purchase price of the player had been paid if Elston would have sign for a reasonable figure.

It is generally conceded that Elston is as good this year as he was last and is doubtful if he will accept a flat $150 in salary. Curt really is a fine player, a good fielder and, according to some managers, he should be playing in a league that pays the figure he demands. It was to eliminate these high priced players and stop the practice of supporting the high cadrolls that the salary limit rule was adopted.

Jack Hendricks is blamed with breaking the salary limit in former years and his actions this year are cute to some managers that he will be found out in the end. He will be up to Jack to show he is acting in good faith when the magnates get together next week.

To Open April 28.

From all indications the schedule this year will provide for the opening date on April 28. This falls on Wednesday while heretofore the opening date has been Thursday. The new plan is considered more favorable to the visiting teams on the first series. Opening on Thursday gave the first visiting team the opening day, which always is a holiday, and the other team on Sunday. The second team came for its opening Monday when it is a light day as a rule.

Teams owners consider that opening Wednesday will be more favorable since the second team will give the fans a game on Thursday. This is not so much difference to the home team but schedule makers this year have been instructed to make their drafts with the view of favoring all the teams in turn.

Louis Sutt has not heard from any of the released members of the Tots. This is causing little concern because he has assurance that De Mayon, Dunkhorst and Schafer will show up with their contracts at the proper time and signed up. Sutt also expects to the letter from the local owner and Louis has made up his mind to get along without the southerner. Of course if Collins signs he will be a great acquisition but it will also be will make good since he is a classy player and good hitter. However, some of the recruits are of exceptional ability and will battle for the outfield place.

"PHIL" NADEAU RELEASED.

Popular Zanesville Tosser Will Not Be in 1909 Ranks.

ZANESVILLE, O., Feb. 25.—"Phil" Nadeau was unconditionally released at the last meeting of the Zanesville baseball company.

It isn't that Nadeau isn't good enough for Zanesville when he is right, nor that he wouldn't agree to terms, but it is simply a business proposition. Managmeny has been in close touch with Nadeau for several years and knows the "ins" of the fellow. He is bothered with hay fever, and about Aug. 15 he is virtually done for the season. This has been his lot every season for the past five or six years, and each season the fever has taken a firmer hold on him. Now Nadeau is a fine fellow and it is said that he does not want to play in Cincinnati, and that he can get on with some of the coast teams. Montgomery tried to trade the popular centerfielder to Toledo, but the other league managers at the South Bend meeting, but his offering netted nothing. All of them were aware of Nadeau's weaknesses after the middle of August. He also tried to dispose of "Phil" to some of the coast teams. Nadeau is a popular fellow and he gives his private. He played great ball for the Dabes during the first part of last season and was one of the most popular men that ever donned a Zanesville uniform. He is a fine fellow of all of the local fans will be with "Phil."

The playing schedule of exhibition games as announced some time ago was approved in Canada. The Tutts will report on Thursday, April 1, and will open the Central League at Newark on Sunday, April 4.

VETS HAVE 27 TIED UP.

Manager Mayers Announces Purchase of New Infielder from Reds.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 25.—With the arrival of Manager Bob Myers to-day, the local baseball situation has taken on new life. The fiery Bobs announces several additions to the staff and is not at all backward in asserting that the team for the coming season will be decidedly stronger than that of last year.

Probably the most important recent purchase is that of Infielder George Smith from the Cincinnati Reds. Last year Smith was with Toledo and made a star record with the Glass Bottom team. The latter part of the season he was contributed to Cincinnati and made good in the Reds' infield. Myers is the last detail for the grand inaugural of the baseball season of 1909 on April 12, when the Athletics will cross bats with the Reds in the Queen City. Myers is the dynamo for the project. It will be a day memorable in baseball circles, for nearly all the clubs of the American league will be here and in the Queen City is a grand rendezvous of the fans.

The pavilion of the new grandstand is shown in the picture is of French renaissance style of architecture. It is a fine piece of work and cost $100,000. The lower pavilion is of green slate. The lower pavilion is of reinforced concrete throughout, and the upper pavilion of steel construction. The pavilion is 300 feet long and enclosing the upper ark are of reinforced concrete and steel.

There are seven entrances to the grandstand and eight to the bleachers. Besides these there are eight big gates from field and grandstand, and it is calculated that 50,000 people can come and go out of the park in five minutes.

In the lower pavilion there are 1,500 chairs, and in the upper 4,500 chairs. The bleachers, allowing 18 inches for each person, will seat 10,000 people, while the other that can stand in the great promenades of the pavilion and on the huge field will bring the total that can be admitted to see the game to 50,000 people.

No home runs are likely to be made on balls over the fence. The grounds extend 455 feet in one direction and 436 in the other. From the home plate to the fence in left field the foul line is 340 feet and along the left field foul line is 375 feet.

FINEST BASEBALL GRANDSTAND IN WORLD, MAGNIFICENT BUILDING OF CONCRETE AND STEEL

The Tribune's Special Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 25.—Built of steel and concrete, with a seating capacity of 23,000 and standing room upon and above it for 27,000 more, the Philadelphia American league's new baseball grandstand is the greatest in the world, and for architectural beauty and practical utility, it is as different from the usual run of grand stands as the modern opera house is different from the circus tent. It is fireproof, crowd-proof, weather-proof, and stands against the small big outside, for the concrete walls have no knotholes.

This huge structure, erected on shifting sands, the new grounds purchased for the Athletics, is a monument to the triumph, as well as the greatest baseball monument in America—and there is none in the world. It is nearly completed and will be ready for the last detail for the grand inaugural of the baseball season of 1909 on April 12, when the Athletics will cross bats with the Reds in the Queen City. Myers is the dynamo for the project. It will be a day memorable in baseball circles, for nearly all the clubs of the American league will be here and in the Queen City is a grand rendezvous of the fans.

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COMISKEY QUITS IF SOX LOSE OUT

SUCH IS LATEST STATEMENT OF "OLD MAN."

No News From Jones—All But Three Contracts in—Single Stays With Cubs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—President C. A. Comiskey, on the eve of the departure of his White Stockings on their record breaking journey to the Pacific coast, declared that his team will win the American league pennant this season.

"If the White Sox don't win that pennant this year I'll retire from baseball," declared Comiskey.

"They beat us out of it on a scratch last season—and this year we are going to win. I'd like to see some one beat my team and put it out of the pennant race, I'm going to win."

President Comiskey, according to Nick Allen, reports, had failed to receive the letter which Jones mailed to him from Los Angeles on Tuesday, but Tuesday was due and overdue, but Jones, the Sox manager, had not yet arrived. With Jones or none Comiskey declares the Sox will win this year regardless of dope, regardless of the strength of the other teams.

There was no announcement of any manager Jones still is Comiskey's "man Friday" in the Sox management, notwithstanding in baseball circles yesterday that Jones would be back, but all the correspondents for newspapers were the same line of discouraging talk.

Jones left Chicago yesterday that all but three of the players listed on his club had signed contracts for the coming year. The missing members of the Sox are Pitcher A. Walsh, Jones, manager; Edward Walsh, pitcher, and Catcher Sullivan. Jones, on his return, with the exception of the three above named, was completed yesterday when contracts from Lefty John Anderson, Catcher Payne, Pitcher Scott and Pitcher Frank Smith were received at White Sox headquarters.

Frank Single, Cub outfielder, arrived here from his home in Worthville, Ind., yesterday, ready to go on the training least with the champions and he will be a member of the Cubs. Manager Chance's return from the east, there has been talk of trading of the "Rabbit," and this talk considerably twisted, reached said "Rabbit" and he immediately hied himself to see the club owner.

Single's return to Chicago, it was said, information to parrotted from Chicago, with whom he was in consultation most of the afternoon. Jimmy will be taken south with the rest, according to the Cub manager, and Single will be a steady inmate of a Cub uniform unless one of the other clubs comes across with an offer more attempting than anything that has been made to date.

WORKS WITH GIANTS.

Pitching Wonder Shows Good Form in First Practice.

SALEM, Va., Feb. 25.—Pitcher Marquard, for whom the Giants dished out a mess from some of their money, had his first real tryout yesterday afternoon. He has kept in good condition during the winter and got down in time enough to go to work with a game now.

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MAY NOT PLAY PURDUE.

Maroon Dates Conflict With Those of Boilermakers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Chicago and Purdue may not meet in football this year, according to a new turn in the gridiron situation. Coach Stagg announces he had intended to play the Boilermakers on Nov. 6, the date on which they have scheduled a game with Northwestern, and as a result an eastern team may be taken on instead. The Maroon directors wished to reserve Oct. 23 as an open date. The announcement from Northwestern that it would play Illinois on Nov. 6 came as a surprise to Stagg, who immediately telegraphed Mr. Langsdale, of Purdue, for further information.

Coach Stagg scheduled a game with Indiana yesterday for Oct. 9, Coach Schulenberg, of Indiana, has intended to have the Hoosiers cancel play a later date, as the rosters believe there is little chance of changing the Indiana and Purdue dates on this account.

ILLINOIS VS. SYRACUSE.

First Clash With Eastern Team for Westerners.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Feb. 25.—For the first time in its history Illinois will go east and play football against an eastern eleven. Director George Huff yesterday confirmed the report of a date with Syracuse university at Syracuse on Nov. 20.

Overtures from the eastern team have been made for a game with Illinois on account of the inability to secure a big game in the west besides Chicago, Illinois could hardly hope to have met Minnesota or Wisconsin, but could not. A trip to Syracuse was not much worse than to Iowa City, where Illinois has been forced to go for the contest recently released the local eleven.

DORANDO TO RACE BRITON

Takes Longboat's Place in 15-Mile Meet With Shrubb To-night.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Dorando Pietri arrived in Buffalo yesterday and will meet Alfred Shrubb in a 15-mile race for a $1,000 purse to-night, taking the place of Tom Longboat, the Indian, who refused to keep his contract to meet Shrubb. The Italian is in good form and will be a match for Shrubb. Both Dorando and Shrubb worked out to-day, and declared themselves fit.

BOXING LID OFF IN TENNESSEE

BILL PERMITTING EIGHT ROUND BOUTS PASSED BY SENATE.

Has Already Passed House—Governor Has Promised to Sign—Clubs Springing Up.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 25.—Tennessee yesterday became a new haven for the boxers when the senate passed the dicott bill by a vote of 18 to 7.

The bill permits eight round boxing contests, each round limited to three minutes. Only regularly organized athletic clubs will be allowed to pull off these bouts, and the measure is not in the nature of a repeal of the anti-prize fight law.

All that now is needed to make the bill a law is the signature of Gov. Patterson. He has promised to sign, and probably will do so to-morrow. The sentiment of legislators and public alike is so strongly in favor of a resumption of the boxing game that the governor scarcely would think of vetoing the measure were he opposed to it.

The bill was passed almost without a struggle. It had been introduced in the lower house the day before yesterday and had gone through easily. Boxing has been popular in the state for years, fight promoters throughout Tennessee have been working quietly, to get ready for the revival. A local sporting man contemplates the erection of a 5,000 seats in the outskirts of the city and promises to book the best pugilistic talent available, and springing up with startling rapidity in Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Jackson. It is the purpose of the promoters to form a Tennessee fight circuit, so that boxers will not be averse to coming down for only one engagement.

It is said heavyweights will be few and far between under the law. The sporting men argue that the big fellows cannot provide enough entertainment in limited round contests. The welterweights and classes below them will be the boys to draw the fans. The little fighters will be offered engagements as soon as suitable club houses are built.

The lack of opposition to the dicott bill is explained by the fact that the reform element had received assurance from the "sports" that the latter would not ask a repeal of the anti-gambling law if they were let alone in their effort to pass a measure permitting boxing.

Penn Has Hard Schedule.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 25.—An exceptionally hard football schedule has been arranged for the Pennsylvania eleven, and for the first time all of the games will be played on Franklin field. The dates are: Sept. 25, Gettysburg; Oct. 2, Villanova; Oct. 9, Georgetown; Oct. 6, West Virginia; Oct. 8, Amherst; Oct. 13, Dickinson; Oct. 16, Brown; Oct. 20, Carlisle indians; Nov. 6, Lafayette; Nov. 13, Michigan; Nov. 25, Cornell.

K. of P. Pool Tournament.

Following are the results of last night's play in the K. of P. pool tournament:

	Hdcp.	Score.
Tangier	5	50
Pentecost	5	48
Jay	5	50
Pomeroy	5	48

Because of the dance to-morrow night, all games scheduled for that evening will be played off this evening.

Elks' Pool Tournament.

The results of yesterday's pool tournament at the Elks' temple received a few

Hibbard		50
Ellis		48
Stone		50
Chaffee		48
Chamberlain		50
Cochenour		48
Van Auken		50
Chase		48

Gophers vs. Indiana Oct. 23.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 25.—Athletic Director Hutchins to-day arranged for a football game with Indiana at Madison, Oct. 23. Other games were scheduled previously with Chicago.

RESULTS OF BOWLING.

ELKS' LEAGUE.

Bucks.

Clark	168	147	146	461
Wagner	180	178	163	521
McKenny	186	178	163	471
Ellis	180	178	163	521
Keering	180	178	163	521
Handicap	80	80	80	80
	893	896	816	2501

Stags.

Stone	191	156	164	411
Chamberlain	180	178	163	521
Hall	149	160	177	486
Chaffee	180	178	163	521
Beardsley	180	178	163	521
Handicap	180	180	180	480
	852	919	905	2700

ANTLERS' LEAGUE.

Tusks.

Swanson	165	164	120	457
Kingbacker	147	164	164	475
Holmes	147	164	164	475
Ellis	147	164	164	475
Moore	147	164	164	475
Handicap	170	170	170	510
	776	826	782	2384

Tells.

Hagie	141	162	169	472
Hinck	159	154	165	478
Wagner	159	154	165	478
Rice	159	154	165	478
Sawyer	148	156	151	455
Handicap	180	180	180	540
	916	919	911	2765

Y. M. C. A.

Centurys.

Sorrenberg	191	156	166	464
Sumpter	185	146	169	504
Schwarz	185	146	169	504
Thayer	185	146	169	504
Handicap	146	146	146	438
Sayler	146	146	146	438
	848	820	855	2511

Commodes.

Baker	154	151	159	464
Little	154	151	159	464
Ellis	154	151	159	464
Dungan	161	145	179	485
Handicap	146	146	146	438
	813	773	851	2546

C. A. C.

Athletics.

Hudmon	189	164	194	547
Hoffman	189	164	194	547
Chenoweth	189	164	194	547
Dunkle	187	154	170	424
Hartman	187	154	170	424
	943	870	914	2549

Buckeyes.

Culp	173	142	185	497
Frank	173	142	185	497
Wickhamer	180	157	179	516
Moore	180	157	179	516
	906	844	902	2646

MATINEE LEAGUE.

Dandies.

Engleman	171	177	147	495
Harris	159	177	140	476
Barth	159	167	140	476
Handicap	25	25	25	75
	504	546	452	1502

Sylvs.

Dobson	86	135	155	376
Bowers	86	135	155	376
Scurich	86	135	155	376
Handicap	182	182	182	546
	440	587	647	1674

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