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MAGNATES ARE BUSY

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIRECTORS MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS.

TO CREATE A SINKING FUND

Baseball Men Consider Important Business—Managers for 1905 Named and Players Signed—Ryan in Control of Evansville.

The Tribune's Special Service.

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—Central league magnates invaded Indianapolis to-day and the corridors of the Grand hotel this afternoon is a mecca for the leading baseball fans of the city. The session which was to be called at 3 o'clock this afternoon did not get under way until a late hour because of the late arrival of the directors.

Before President Dement called the magnates into executive session the committee on circuit had a conference and decided to recommend the transfer of the Marion franchise to Springfield, O., and to retain Evansville on the circuit, providing the representatives of the latter city were willing to re-purchase the forfeited franchise.

As President Dement is here accompanied by Jimmy Ryan and County Treasurer Walker and plenty of money is in very likely that the recommendation will be necessary acted upon.

There is a possibility that the league will create a sinking fund by taking a small percentage of the receipts of each game. The fund would prevent a repetition of last year's Marion-Peoria trouble and would also put the league on a solid basis.

It is reported that some of the directors have that the league will be stronger than in the last two years and that the season of 1905 will be a great success. All the teams with the possible exception of Marion and Springfield will be stronger and the result will be the case the attendance in all of the cities will be greatly increased.

There is no longer any doubt that Ryan will be the manager of the Evansville Grand Rapids team as Manager Mulroe has announced that Dennis is now at work in gathering his players for next season. It is also a settled fact that Ryan will be the manager South Bend. Bob Knoll will again lead Dayton. Price will be at the head of the Wheeling team, Dale Myers will fill his old place with Fort Wayne and Jimmy Ryan will return to have charge a team at Terre Haute.

Reports of these managers to the magnates are to the effect that more than two score of youngsters have been signed by the clubs of the circuit and that a majority of these are well recommended. Manager Grant is among the managers who has a good string on about 15 of the green men, most of them being signed by Grant on the advice of Bill O'Loughlin.

Ryan Will Have Full Charge.

Jimmy Ryan, the old-time National league star and last season manager of Colorado Springs, is to have exclusive control as manager of the Evansville team next season. Word came from Evansville, Ryan is not to repeat the blunder of the past season in hiring has-beens of major leagues at high salaries. It has been the policy of other Central league managers to develop new players, and several associations have profited by this policy in a financial way by selling them to major league clubs at the end of the first season. Ryan will have the right to sign only such players as can be obtained at salaries which will permit Evansville to make some money for a change.

Pay Signs a Contract.

Leon Pay, of Elkhart, outfielder, who played with Evansville and Terre Haute last season, has signed a contract with Minneapolis.

PRAISE FOR LOCAL ELEVEN.

Toledo Press Gives South Bend Credit For Playing Great Game.

That the Toledo-South Bend football game at Toledo, O., last Sunday was a fierce battle is evident from the fact that the Toledo press gives the Hoosiers credit of being an aggregation of great players. Under a four column top line and a double column head the Toledo Times says:

Never was a football game more bitterly contested * * * and never was a gridiron battle more evenly fought. * * * The quarter Toledo got to the visitors' goal the stronger their defense became. * * * Toledo had a tough proposition to go against and made all the harder because of the wonderful ability of most of the visitors. It had such men in the line-up as Salmon, last year's captain of Notre Dame, and the year's coach of the university and the man who was picked by Walter Camp for the all-American team. Then there was McWeeny, South Bend's chief of police and an old Notre Dame star, Sindelsdorf, of Delware, Ohio, Wesleyan, who has been playing on some of the best teams in the country; Taylor another old star; Curry a famous end and a sprinter of note, and several other big men. Taylor was the heaviest man on the field.

The visitors had the brawn and strength and their defensive play was uniformly good. Salmon was a tower of strength in this department and Curry and Taylor were conspicuous. Stopped Toledo runners time and time again. While the South Bend warriors were not quick enough to stop Toledo they nevertheless had enough to make a fine showing and their improvement was surprisingly good. * * *

The visitors hit the line like pile driver and made Toledo's defense give after making their distance seemingly easy.

The only time they became at all dangerous was after the wheels was blown in the second half and after getting the ball on Toledo's twenty yard line. From its own 48-yard line South Bend took the ball and plays by the Koehler brothers, Salmon and Sindelsbaker carried the ball quickly to Toledo's goal line. Twenty yards, twenty and fifteen yards were made in quick succession, but Toledo took a brace and after a desperate struggle held South Bend for downs. * * * The Toledo team was at its best when it was being played too far back of the line and South Bend was able to partially block several. * * *

Toledo could not gain around the South Bend ends and the visitors' ends, as the South Bend players were to old hands at the game to be fooled.

Salmon, the Koehler brothers, Curry and Sindelsbaker were the best ball for South Bend. * * *

The Toledo Blade under a double column head says: "It was the first time this season that the local eleven was pushed to the limit of its strength. * * * and the change was a novel as well as interesting one. It did not seem natural to see the T. A. A. interference broken up and the man with the ball downed before he could get under way. * * * Yesterday it will play at tackle.

COLLINS DOES NOT DISLIKE DOUGHERTY, GREAT NEW YORK PLAYER.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Captain Manager Jimmy Collins of the champion Boston, when asked by friends here to-day the rumor rumors why the New York Assembly Dougherty to the Boston team, said:

"Dougherty is one of the best hitting ball players I ever knew. He was phenomenal in hooking up in first place two years ago and in first place last year. I like Dougherty. He is a friend of mine, and I know I am a friend of his, but when this season started we fell into tough luck and Dougherty fell with us.

"Baseball is as much a business as any other thing you could imagine. Baseball players are bought and sold. They are the assets of a good team. Dougherty was not playing the ball he was playing last season. Boston wanted him, but the New York team was playing a pitcher in the outfield, and, recognizing in Dougherty a good player, they wanted him, offered more than we could pay and he went. We are friends of mine, and I know I am a friend of his, but when this season started we fell into tough luck and Dougherty fell with us.

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