

BASEBALLERS.

Some Opinions About White and Rowe's Statement.

PRES. BYRNE'S KIND WORDS

He Thinks Pittsburg Has Secured a Great Club at Last.

MOKE NEW LEAGUE RULES NEEDED.

Local Amateur Athletes Preparing for Winter Entertainments.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

The news published in yesterday's DISPATCH to the effect that Rowe and White have definitely resolved to not play with any team next year caused considerable comment among local baseball patrons last evening. Although it is claimed that the two players in question have made their latest statement in good faith, there are many admirers of the national game who refuse to believe that Rowe will not play with the local team next year.

WILL NOT PLAY HERE.

However, judging from present indications, it would seem that Jack Rowe, the great shortstop, will not be with us next season, and this turn of events suggests a few considerations that may be of interest to a dull but not unenlightened baseball fan.

A casual observer need not think about the matter long before coming to the conclusion that one thing only has caused all the trouble which threatens to end in this instance with the retirement from the league of two of its leading members. The cause referred to is the baseball law which forces a man to go to a place against his will. We all have been told something to the effect that we may take the water, but we cannot make him drink the truth, and it has been so in the case of White and Rowe. The law is likely to be, fully illustrated by the case in question. Baseball rules say that White and Rowe must play at Boston and Pittsburg, but the players reply that sooner than comply with the rules they will not play at all. Their services are, therefore, lost to the world as players.

At first sight it would appear that White and Rowe are only demanding a right which no man or party has a right to deny them. Even after thinking the matter over in all its bearings there is considerable truth in the demand of the players; but there is another side. The to-be or not-to-be of baseball in a great measure depends on the players. The fact is that White and Rowe urge such determined objections.

THERE MUST BE A CHECK.

It would never do if players, particularly the leading lights, could go where they wanted, or if they were free at any time to accept of any team from any club. This would simply be a speedy and certain road to ruin; so that what would appear a hardship to White and Rowe really is an enforcement of the law in the demand of the players; but there is another side. The to-be or not-to-be of baseball in a great measure depends on the players. The fact is that White and Rowe urge such determined objections.

After all regrets and lamentations concerning Rowe's determination not to play here or elsewhere, there is one fact which is not a distant one, viz: The Pittsburg club will not disband as a consequence. It now seems certain that "Pop" Smith will be the manager of the club. The infield will then be as follows: Beckley, Smith and Kuehnle as first, second and third base. The outfield will be as follows: Beckley, Smith and Kuehnle as first, second and third base. The outfield will be as follows: Beckley, Smith and Kuehnle as first, second and third base.

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Cincinnati People Don't Want Little Earle Knocked Out. Cincinnati had a bitter experience with Jack O'Connor, and it is to be hoped it will not be repeated with Earle. The latter's catching for the All-American team seems to be one of the best features of the game, and it is to be hoped that Earle will not be knocked out of the game.

SOME KINDLY WORDS.

President Byrne Writes a Nice Letter Regarding the Pittsburg Club. Manager Phillips yesterday received a letter from President Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, that is well worth preserving. The letter was chiefly to try and make a date for the last of April. This could not be done, however, as Manager Phillips had already been notified by date of the 12th, which can be more conveniently filed at Columbus or Cincinnati.

The interesting feature of the letter, however, was President Byrne's kindly and generous references to the Pittsburg club. He went on to say that he was glad to see that Pittsburg's prospects are bright, and that he is sure that next season will be a successful one. He said: "You have tried many ways to get the Pittsburg club to get a first-class club, and it looks now as if your efforts are about to be rewarded."

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MAY LEAVE THE LEAGUE.

The Indianapolis Baseball Club in Considerable Financial Trouble.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 20.—A professional ball team of this city next season is, after all, somewhat problematical. Last season the management were put to extra expense in building a grand stand and other accessories, and consequently were not in a position to experiment with new players. The receipts of the season were in excess of \$50,000, but the association was behind, and the indebtedness placed at \$100,000 with the original stock exhausted. A number of gentlemen, 20 or more, however, guarantee to take the club over, and placed in their hands as security for their pledges. Quite recently a paper was circulated among the guarantors, agreeing to convey their financial responsibility to the close of next season, and everything promised smooth. To-day, however, notices were received by mail, showing that some of these guarantors were preparing to press their claims legally, and in what way this trouble can be bridged is a doubtful question.

It is estimated that the expenses of the club next year will be less than last year, and there is certainly a great outlook for somebody with money to maintain the team, and who will take the chances. There is not only the financial value of the club, but also the ball ground equipment, in itself of considerable value.

PICKETT'S THREAT.

He Means to Have His Release and He'll Go to 'Frisco.

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 20.—John Pickett, for the past two seasons the greatest shortstop in the Western Association, is creating something of a stir in baseball circles. He is well known to the fans, but is being held under the fetters which bind him. Boston has offered \$2,000 for his release and \$2,500 salary; but Pickett asks that half the transfer money be paid him, while the other half be retained by Boston, and that he be allowed to go to San Francisco. To add interest to the matter the Greenwood club, which is in the hands of a syndicate, has offered Pickett an offer of \$400 a month to play for the Pacific coast. This information Pickett sent President Brown of the St. Paul club, who is in California in spite of the blacklist. Pickett is a superb fielder, and led the St. Paul team as a latter the past season.

Spectacles for Horses.

For some years the more humane have endeavored to give our animals the benefit of medicine, and eminent physicians and surgeons have not hesitated to come to the relief of suffering horses. A writer in an English publication states how he came to the conclusion that his favorite horse was short-sighted: "He had been examined by an oculist, who certified that his horse had a No. 7 eye and required concave glasses. These were obtained and fitted on the horse's head. At first the horse seemed to be surprised, but he soon showed signs of the keenest pleasure, and he now stands all the morning looking over the half-acre of his stable with his spectacles on, gazing around him with an air of sedate enjoyment. When driven his manner is altogether different. He is now as quick as a flash, and whinnying in a minor key. If the spectacles are replaced he kicks up his heels and scampers about with delight."

The College Players.

BOSTON, January 20.—The College Baseball League, composed of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, held its annual meeting at the Parker hotel yesterday, the representatives being Willard and McCoy, Harvard; King and Hale, Princeton, and Noyes, Rogers and Calhoun, Yale. The election resulted in the choice of J. C. Rogers, of Yale, President; George L. Willard, of Harvard, Vice President; and J. C. McCoy, of Harvard, Secretary. The playing rules of the National League were adopted, with three exceptions, viz: The foul tip is retained, a tenth man is not allowed and a man hit by a ball is not given a base. It was arranged for each club to play two games in each city.

The Sleigh Bells.

Those who delight in sleighing had their hearts made glad for this yesterday. The snowfall, which continued for several hours, prompted dozens to hire sleighs, and shortly after supper the jingle of the sleigh bells could be heard in all directions. The sleighs were arranged to take place to-day among the "towers," but unfortunately rain began to fall about 10 o'clock, and the sleighing was to a great extent blighted. If the snow continues, however, there will be some interesting contests this week.

About the Travelers.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Mr. E. Stanford Parry, the general European agent of the American baseball team, is now in Paris. He is making arrangements for exhibition games to be played there by the team. It is expected that the team will land in Paris about February 12. From there they will go to Rome, Vienna, Berlin and other cities, in each of which they will play exhibition games. They will reach Paris toward the end of February.

Ready for the Race.

Final arrangements have been made for the 10-mile race between Joe Ridge and E. C. McKeown, which will take place at the track on Saturday evening next. Both men are training for the event.

Gandour in 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 20.—Jake Gandour, the carman, who is to compete with O'Connor in San Francisco Bay, March 1, arrived here yesterday.

Sporting Notes.

PRESIDENT DAY, of New York, will go to Jim Springs this week.

HIM FELLING and Patsy Cardiff will fight at Mansfield on Saturday evening.

THE G. G. T's will play with the Allentown Club next season, and not with the W. J. Kuehnle's as stated.

BILLET, the greatest imported racing sire, died at Clay's woodford's Runnymede stock farm on Wednesday.

MANAGER MUTRIS thinks that if Spalding's team don't return in time to open the championship season, Chicago will not only forfeit its games but will also be fined.

THERE will be no more special meetings of the Association. That committee on the salary for throwing snow balls on Wylie street.

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A TALK WITH TANNER

The Corporal an Outspoken Candidate for General Black's Place.

IT HAS NOT BEEN PROMISED HIM, But He Thinks He Earned It During the Hot Campaign in Indiana.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS LOST THE HOUSE.

Congressional Contests Last Sight of in Anxiety for Cleveland.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, January 20.—Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, who left two legs on the battlefield, is in the city for a brief visit. Being asked in regard to the quite general report that President-elect Harrison had offered him the position of Commissioner of Pensions, Corporal Tanner replied: "I have only to say in answer to that, the office of Commissioner of Pensions or any other office never was mentioned between General Harrison and myself. I promised Senator Stanford, last January, to stump California in the Presidential contest. I was in this city when I received a dispatch from Hon. M. M. Estes to go to Oregon at once and help our friends in the fight. I went direct to Oregon, and when we had won a victory I went on to San Francisco, and then came back across the Continent, as the guest of the California delegation. Colonels Hayman and Crocker also asked me to come to California and stump the State, and I started out from the Grand Army Convention at Columbus, ticketed through. I had promised my Indiana friends to stop and make one speech in Indianapolis. I did so, and intended to stay there three days and no more."

HAD TO STAY IN INDIANA.

"After my speech the Republican State Committee urged me to stay and help them in the fight. I explained to them my promise to the Californians, and told them I could not stay. They showed me the poll of soldiers in the State, and I signed a poll, which showed it to be 40 per cent Democratic. They evidently worked the wires between New York and Indianapolis, for I got four dispatches from the National Committee urging me to stay. I refused. Then Attorney General Michener came to me, as he said, with a personal request from General Harrison that I stop right there where he felt I could do the best work. I told my wife that Harrison was going to be the next President of the United States, and I guessed I didn't amount to so much but I could afford to oblige such a man, so I stayed and wired my excuses to California. They replied: 'Whatever that man wants.' I want to say again never a word passed between us about any position. I don't believe General Harrison has a single promise regarding positions under his administration. I don't believe a man ever went into the Presidential chair so free from personal pledges as General Harrison will on March 4."

AN OUTSPOKEN CANDIDATE.

"I am free to say I am a candidate for Commissioner of Pensions. If there be one thing under this Government that I do know about it is pensions. Ever since the national body of the Grand Army had a Comm. letter, I have been in the habit of that committee, and am on it now. I am here to attend a meeting of that committee. I am happy to say that there are a good many men over the country who are in my fit for the place, and are earnest in my support. They are all good men. I am one of those who think General Harrison will feel constrained to make his selections from a restricted field. I say that because I think the policy to supercede a very badly disabled soldier like General Black with an able-bodied man-character and competency, of course, entering first into consideration. A weight of circumstances, however, may lead to the fact, if competent, is also short an arm or leg or two legs. I hope it will be the latter. If it don't come to me it won't break my heart or cause me to desire to retract one single word I have ever said in commendation of General Harrison. I can, and there, congratulate myself on this one fact—there is but one of my ex-commanders-in-chief of the G. A. R. who isn't in favor of my appointment."

WENT BY DEFAULT.

Carelessness Alone Lost the House of Representatives to the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—General Charles E. Hooker, of Mississippi, who was drafted by the Democratic committee to make speeches in the State, tells how he had to cancel his last week's engagement with the committee by his getting out on the vote in his own Congressional district. When he arrived home, just before the election, he found that no preparations for the campaign had been made by the local Democratic committee. In consequence he was compelled to visit each county in the district, traveling in some instances for hours in a buggy or on horseback, away from railroad lines. Of course he won, but he did not think so well of his time as the time he might have been defeated.

The story of this Congressional district is that of others. They went by default in many instances, the National Democratic Committee being left with the care of carrying nothing about the Congressional campaign. A gentleman prominent in Democratic campaign management says that Secretary McClelland, of the Democratic Executive Committee, told him as late as September 25, that the National Committee had a list of doubtful Congressional districts, and no means of knowing what districts needed aid. It is also a well-known fact that the Congressional Democratic Committee raised no money for the campaign, and that its active treasurer devoting his energies to raising funds for the National Committee, a task in which he succeeded beyond his expectations. The money, if it had been well applied, would probably have made the House of Representatives Democratic beyond a doubt.

HIGGINS WILL BE HEARD.

Delaware's New Senator Not the Kind That Can Keep Quiet.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—A Delaware Democrat who is intimately acquainted with "Tony" Higgins, the new Senator from that State, says of his characteristics: "Mr. Higgins is a burlesque fellow, self-asserting to a very disproporionate degree, and a most persistent waver of the 'body shifty.' He is quarrelsome and self-satisfied, and while always ready to lead, is never ready to follow. He isn't an eloquent orator, as so many people say, but a very forcible speaker, with a flow of strong language and considerable logic. He thinks well on his feet, and doesn't hesitate to put his thoughts in the strongest words."

"It remains to be seen how the dignified Senators who think so new-comer ought to open his mouth, except to say 'yes' or 'no' for the first two years of service will treat Mr. Higgins, who of his entry into that body, if the occasion suit him."

MISS QUAY'S COMING OUT.

Brilliant Debut of a Daughter of the Junior Pennsylvania Senator.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—One of the largest receptions and teas of the season was that of Mrs. Senator Quay last evening, on the occasion of the formal appearance of her

A BLUFF FOR GOFF.

The General's Organ Says He is Going to Be Sworn in as Governor.

SOLDIERS TO BE CALLED OUT To See Him Seated, and if That Fails, the Federal Authorities.

WILL THEN BE ASKED TO INTERFERE.

All This Threatened if the Legislature Doesn't Declare Him Elected.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WHEELING, January 20.—Gentlemen in the private counsels of all parties at Charleston, who arrived here to-day, tell a most sensational story of what is believed to be the unavoidable outcome of the present strained situation there. Democratic members of the Legislature boldly declare, on the floor and elsewhere, that they will not consent to have Speaker Woods, of the House, declare Goff elected Governor, as he is on the face of the returns. In view of the constitutional provision that all officers of the State shall hold over until their successors are elected or qualified, Governor Wilson has declared his intention to retain his office until the contest between Judge Fleming and General Goff is settled, which does not occur until late in March, when the gubernatorial term begins March 4. General Goff has firmly declared that the failure of the Speaker of the House to declare him elected will not invalidate the election, and that he will on March 4 go before a person duly authorized to administer the official oath, and qualify as Governor, and will then proceed to the State House and take charge of the Governor's office.

WHERE THE DOUBT LIES.

Both parties admit that in case of the failure to qualify of the Governor-elect, the outgoing Governor would rightfully hold over, but they differ as to the legality of a qualification in the absence of a formal declaration of the result. In an editorial which the *Intelligencer*, a bitter partisan sheet, General Goff's organ, will print in the morning, it lays down what is known to be the view of General Goff, after mature consultation with leading lawyers. It says: "The first and most important question is the right of the person found to have the highest vote from qualifying for his position, and that General Goff will go before a proper officer and take the oath of office as Governor-elect of this State will occur as certainly as the 4th of March comes round and as the vote of the returns. The plenary right of the revolutionists propose to withhold does not invalidate the act at the polls. It would be dreadful if a lot of conspirators had this power. 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