

In the World of Sports.

BASE BALL PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

Will Be a Change in the Minor Ownership.

PLOT TO THROW SCRANTON OUT

But the Powers-Irwin-Kuntzsch Combination Have a Difficult Job to Perform—There's a Probability of Continuing the Club and the Present Owners Will Have Something to Say About the Franchise They Own.

The owners of the Scranton base ball club ride the story telegraphed from Syracuse to the effect that Scranton and Wilkes-Barre are to be thrown out of the league in favor of Rochester and Jersey City. They say the league directors have no legal nor equitable rights to contemplate, much less attempt, the execution of such a plan. While the owners are uncertain as to next year's Scranton plans, the men whose money is invested in the club are astute and experienced in business and would not entertain some lively entertainment for President Powers, Irwin and Kuntzsch, the ringleaders in the funny business.

A sample Syracuse story is the following, which was telegraphed from that city and appeared yesterday in the Wilkes-Barre Record:

It transpires that the alleged meeting of the Eastern league Stated Cup committee in this city on Wednesday evening was simply a bluff to cover up what appears to be a conspiracy. Billy Iosh was here to represent Syracuse ostensibly while it was supposed Arthur Irwin was not present, but in reality he was in Syracuse closeted with Franklin, of Buffalo, Kuntzsch, of this city, and President Powers. It was mutually agreed between the big four that Wilkes-Barre and Scranton should be thrown out of the league circuit for 1898 and Jersey City and Rochester taken in as their successors. This conclusion was agreed to beyond all question and George Kuntzsch corroborated the story this morning.

It is known that Powers retained each one of the big four to remain close-mouthed about the scheme but Kuntzsch was questioned by interested parties this afternoon and they intimated that such was the expected movement at the next meeting of the league. Syracuse franchise men are seated on these developments and do not hesitate to characterize it as an unfair and unparliamentary proceeding.

Concerning next year's prospects of a base ball team, no conclusion will be reached by the owners for several days, but if they do drop their league franchise and interests it will be in part at their own terms and inclination and not at the dictation of the league. The financial business of the present season will be concluded during the next few days and after conference with Manager Griffin, who last night reached here from Providence with some of the players.

ONE DETERMINED FACT.

One fact is fully determined: Neither Mr. Parke, the president, nor Mr. Shepherd, of the Scranton board of directors, will be identified with base ball here next season. Their withdrawal will make it probable that, if continued, the Scranton club will play Sunday games next year, whether the Brooks brothers and Mr. Simpson are identified with the ownership or not, as it was only through the wishes of Mr. Parke and Mr. Shepherd that the club has played no Sunday ball in the past. These two gentlemen began their base ball experience with the distinct understanding and agreement that no Sunday games were to be played while they were interested in the club.

It has cost the club nearly \$3,000 not to play Sunday ball, a sum very nearly represents what Scranton's share of the proceeds would have been. If such a large amount had not slipped away from the club treasury and if the scruples of the two directors had not been such as they are, there might now be no thought of disposing of the franchise or changing ownership. Financial loss is the only reason for the present condition of things. The owners, while not anxious to make money out of their venture, did not anticipate the loss of a barrel of money. Perhaps they didn't lose a barrel of it, but it would take quite a tidy sum to reimburse them for the actual loss.

MR. FOWLER'S PLAN.

Charles Fowler, of the board of city assessors, and a few kindred spirits would like to see the Scranton franchise owned by a stock company. They have secured the sanction of the present owners to an effort to secure a hundred subscriptions for stock at \$10 per share with a prospect of gaining control of the franchise. The owners have not bound themselves to sell, but they have approved the preliminary plan of Mr. Fowler and his friends in anticipation of a possible change in ownership. There is an understanding that Mr. Brooks and Mr. Simpson would assume quite a holding of stock in case the Fowler plan materialized.

COUGHLIN HOME FOR THE WINTER.

Scranton Hoy Wins Laurels on the Base Ball Field.
William Coughlin, third baseman of the Pawtucket team of the New Eng-

BASE BALL POPULAR OVER IN ENGLAND

Britishers Are Learning to Play the American Pastime.

GAME IS GAINING A FOOHOLD

Professional Clubs Are Able to Pay Expenses and They Play Under National League Rules—Difficult to Wean an Englishman from Cricket but Base Ball is Finding a Place in English Sport.

A. G. Spalding, the well-known base ball magnate, who has just returned from a trip to England, says that he was more than impressed with the interest that is now being taken in base ball in Great Britain, and for the first time since its introduction there it has a promising outlook.

When the American game of base ball was introduced in England it was utterly impossible to make expenses, and the clubs for years were carried on at a loss. Now the game has a very strong hold throughout the Midlands and the North of England. The Derby club, for the first time since it was organized, has this year paid all its expenses and can now be considered a paying venture. This is indeed gratifying to those who helped build up the game in England.

While Mr. Spalding was in England, the final game for the possession of the championship cup was played, the Derby club winning, thereby becoming possessors of the trophy for 1897. While they have their own association in England, they play under the rules of the National League, and follow our regulations in every respect minutely.

MANY YEARS AGO.

Mr. Spalding states that, of course, he was interested personally in the development of base ball in England. His first connection with the game in that country dates back to 1874, when he arranged a trip for the Boston and Philadelphia Athletics. On this trip base ball and cricket was played by the team very successfully. In fact, Mr. Spalding even laughs now when he talks about having played cricket while the team was in England as base ball players, and succeeded in beating some very strong cricket teams. While considerable interest was manifested in the game at that time more out of curiosity than anything else—the good work then accomplished is now bearing results.

THE SECOND INVASION OF ENGLAND BY AMERICAN BASE PLAYERS, occurred in 1889, when Mr. Spalding's "Round the World" team played throughout England and created a deal of enthusiasm. After this trip, which was successful in every particular, a team of college players visited England in the summer of 1889 and played several important games. After these trips, a number of prominent English gentlemen became interested in the game.

ONE OF THE MOST ARDENT ADMIRERS of American base ball is Francis Lev, of Derby, who has been interested in the game since 1889. He has gone to considerable expense in fitting up grounds and has in the meantime succeeded in today the head and front of base ball in Great Britain. He has never lost any of his interest or enthusiasm, and he says the time will come when base ball will be a paying institution if properly handled as it is in England.

While in England, Mr. Spalding met Dr. W. H. Wray, of the Crystal Palace club, Dr. Wray, who is an enthusiastic follower of the game, has made a careful study of the rules and umpires most of the games that are played there, and is in every particular a "crank."

It seems to be a hard thing to make any other game than cricket popular in England. Mr. Spalding, however, is firmly convinced of the merits of base ball, and feels confident that it will make for itself a place among English sports. To his way of thinking, after having made a careful survey of the field when abroad, the time is not far distant when an international base ball match will be played between England and America. When that time arrives, Mr. Spalding believes that base ball matches between these countries will outrival any other international contests ever held, but it is not yet a matter of cricket matches. In the sports just enumerated they attract but certain classes, whereas, base ball appeals to the masses.

Mr. Spalding was quite amused at the way the newspapers handled the game in England, although they do not give it the same space we do here. They nevertheless pay some attention to it, but in a very crude way. The scores are not printed in full, only by innings. They are, however, adapting many of the slang phrases that are so popular with the base ball cranks of this country.

of the visitors was also good, although Tomie made a wretched miff of a little raised ball off Cregar's bat. The batting of Lester was especially fine, he playing a careful, steady inning for seventy-three without giving a chance until he was finally caught on a cut to Lester. His inning included nine boundary hits for four each and nine doubles.

BALTIMORE RACES.

Trotting, Pacing, Running and Bicycle Events.
Baltimore, Sept. 24.—Trotting races were resumed at Gentlemen's Driving park today with a good crowd and fast track and large fields. Rose Turner won the 2:14 trot, which was unfinished on Tuesday. Time, 2:14.5.

MADE A GHASTLY FIND.

Mangled Remains Found on D. and H. Tracks Yesterday Morning.
The mangled remains of Thomas Ames, of Avoca, were found on the Delaware and Hudson railroad track near Smithville, by a party of men going to work yesterday morning. He attended a meeting of miners at Smithville the night before and started to walk home about 11 o'clock. It is supposed that he was run over by the passenger train leaving Pittston at 11:30 o'clock.

LABORER KILLED AT DUNMORE.

Piece of Coal Loosened by a Blast Falls Upon His Head.
Sohlo Vatoramanna, a laborer in Spencer's mine at Dunmore, was killed yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by a fall of rock.

WHIP STRUCK HIS EYE.

Driver Boy Met with a Disastrous Accident at Jessup.
Eddie Conway, of Jessup, 15 years old, is at the Lackawanna hospital suffering from an injury to his eye, made by the "cracker" of a mule whip. Conway works as a driver boy in the mines and yesterday when driving a mule another boy carelessly swung his whip, the knotted end striking Conway's eye. The hospital physicians say that the sight is destroyed.

RACES AT OXFORD.

Minnie Russell Won Three Out of Four in 2.40 Class Event.
Oxford, Pa., Sept. 24.—There was a surprisingly large attendance today at the Oxford Agricultural society's fall meeting, considering the weather. The meeting will close tomorrow. Summary:

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

Jack McAlliff's Right to the Title Is Not Disputed.
The greatest boxing card offered the Scranton sporting public in recent years will be the Mike Ryan-Catchweight argument in Music hall next Thursday night. The audience on that occasion will be privileged to witness a present champion battling for a decision.

LOCAL RING NOTES.

Bobby Dobbs left here last night for Brooklyn where he will box Afton rounds with Joe Gans Monday night before the Greenwood sporting club.

AN UNUSUAL SCORE.

Four English Cricketers Retired Without a Run at Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—The final fifteen minutes play today in the international cricket match between the Philadelphia and English teams was sensational in the extreme, the four batsmen for the Englishmen being retired without scoring a run. This is the first of two three-day matches to be played between a picked team of Philadelphians and Captain Warner's team of English amateurs.

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