

LOGANSPORT RIPE FOR BASEBALL

Baird Secures a Franchise From I.O. League for That City.

A. J. WATTS AT MUNCIE.

HAS INTERESTED LARGE MANUFACTURER IN BASEBALL TEAM AND IS CONFIDENT OF ORGANIZING STOCK COMPANY.

President Gamble, after a visit to Logansport, decided that that town was ripe for base ball and it will be given a berth in the I.O. league. The franchise has been awarded to a Mr. Baird of Van Wert. Today or Saturday he will close a contract with the Wabash Valley Traction company and he will then be ready to post his forfeit for the season.

The mission of President Gamble and Mr. Baird to Logansport was a most satisfactory one. While there they called upon officials of the traction company and were given a most cordial reception. The company offered Mr. Baird the use of the ball park and made a proposition to the effect that the players of the Logansport team would be given free transportation to any point on the company's line. A contract to this effect is being prepared and will be signed by Mr. Baird and representatives of the traction company as soon as possible.

Logansport, is a Sunday base ball town and will make a good addition to the league. It is probable that Logansport will take the place of either Anderson or Piqua. These two cities insist that they will be represented in the league but they have been too slow in organizing their clubs to suit the fancy of the other managers.

Yesterday the Muncie Star printed a lengthy interview with A. J. Watts, the Toledo promoter who is now at Muncie organizing a stock company. Mr. Watts stated that he thought Muncie would be an ideal base ball town and that he was greatly impressed with every thing he had seen. He said that Jimmy Bresnahan would play first base and act as player manager of the team.

Said Watts: "I have visited every corner and turn of Muncie and find it is a city of extraordinary base ball possibilities. If a proper team is placed here the league need have no fears concerning the financial success of the local team. It surprised me that league base ball has not flourished in Muncie heretofore, but I have discovered that the real cause of the failure was due largely to the mismanagement of the team rather than to the poor base ball that was played. If I am given the control of the Muncie end of the game I shall insist that local backers have the handling of the finances of the team as I do not wish to assume any of that great responsibility. When the stock company is formed, and that is my purpose here, I shall subscribe to a number of shares of the stock as will Mr. Bresnahan, who in reality will be the field manager of the team."

"As to the ultimate success of the league, as well as the Muncie end of it, I have not the slightest fears and feel assured that when the Muncie people are given the privilege of handling the finances of the team they will show the greatest confidence in the affairs of the team, both in regard to winning games and to its financial success. When I have the stock company well under way, I shall go to Richmond for a final conference with the league magnates and then commence with the organization of a Muncie team. I have the greatest confidence in the stock company's success now, as I have interested a well known Muncie manufacturer in the project and he thinks well of the placing of the franchise in Muncie."

Louisiana has a steel sawmill with a capacity of 600,000 feet a day, which is said to be the largest in the country.

FINALE OF LEAGUE

Curtain Comes Down on City Polo League After Tonight's Games.

A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Tonight the curtain will be rung down on the city polo league. The final game will be played by the Crescents and the Empires. After this game has been played an exhibition game between the Greeks and the Beavilviews will be pulled off. This game will not figure in the league championship race.

The City Polo league has been complete success and at every game the attendance has been large. All five teams in the league are composed of fast youngsters, many of whom are ready to graduate into the professional ranks.

So marked has the interest in polo been this winter that it is almost an assured fact that the old Western league will be revived again next season and that Richmond will be represented in the organization. As a rule the public is not attracted to any branch of athletics where a league race is not involved. Polo in this city this year has been an exception to this rule as the independent professional team has attracted large crowds.

MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT.

There will be a meeting of the managers of the city base ball league at the Palladium office Saturday night. At this meeting a constitution will be drafted and a schedule for the season will be adopted. Officers of the league will also be elected at this meeting.

DAYTON TEAM CHALLENGES

In a letter to the Palladium the manager of the Aetna baseball team of Dayton, O., W. M. Flanagan, 703 E. Second street, extends a challenge to any fast semi-professional team of this city.

WAX TAPERS.

Made Today as They Were in the Seventeenth Century.

In the manufacture of wax matches and the long and slender tapers which are known as rats de cave (cavell rats) the method introduced into France by Pierre Blesmaire in the middle of the seventeenth century is still in use.

The method is practiced today in the Carriere factory at Bourg la Reine, near Paris. The cords of which the wick is composed pass into a basin of melted wax heated by a small furnace, from which they are drawn through a perforated plate to a large wooden drum which is turned slowly by hand. The operation is repeated two or three times, the size of the hole through which the cord passes being increased each time. When the waxed cord has attained the required size it is wound on large reels in skeins of 400 or 500 meters (about 1,500 feet), which are boxed and shipped to wholesalers. It is also furnished in lengths of from three to ten meters (ten to thirty-three feet), folded as often as may be required for convenient packing. These tapers are now used chiefly by wine merchants and by sextons in lighting church candles.

The very short and thick candles, called vellaines, or night candles, are composed of a mixture of wax and stearin. The molding machine differs considerably from the apparatus used for ordinary candles, although the principle of the operation is unchanged. After the little candles have cooled the attendant removes them from the molds and conveys them to women, who put them in tin cups, which prevent the escape of melted wax during combustion, and pass them to other women, who label and pack them.

Paraffined paper is made simply by drawing long rolls of paper by means of a series of cylinders through a steam heated trough containing a solution of paraffin and stearic acid and thence to a large wooden cylinder, on which it is rolled—Scientific American.

Chateaubriand's literary earnings were \$10,000.

WILLIAMSBURG TEAM

Fast Bunch of Players Signed Up and Games Already Scheduled.

JOE BULLA TO PITCH.

Williamsburg will have a team in the field this year. A fast bunch of players has been signed up and several Sunday games have already been scheduled. Neat suits of grey with black trimmings have been purchased. Joe Bulla, the star twirler for the Beavilviews last year, has been signed by the Williamsburg management. The Williamsburg club has already scheduled the following games at home:

April 12—Beavilviews.
April 19—Hoosier Drill.
April 29—X Y Z team.

WORSHIP OF SPRINGS.

How It Prevailed Among Early Peoples in the Southwest.

Springs are rarely found in the southwestern part of the United States, and for this reason they have been from ancient times prized as a most valued possession. The people who dwelt in this region, says Walter Hough in "Records of the Past," saw in these sources of life giving water the founts of continuance and well being, and near them they located their pueblos. Save air, no elements of nature are nearer to human life than those combined into the primitive fluid which must always be within reach of men who put themselves into the grasp of the desert. The primary knowledge of the tribes who were the pioneers and of every human being who has since made his home in the great American desert was complete as to the location, distribution and idiosyncrasies of the water supply.

Spring water is naturally more prized by the inhabitants of those desert solitudes than that from living streams, because it is always drinkable and always at hand, while the watercourses, which for the greater part of the year are sunnous reaches of dry sand, furnish at flood a quickly disappearing supply of thinned mud which will not be touched by man or beast except in the distress of thirst.

One is not surprised, therefore, that a primitive people will regard these springs as sacred. In fact, the Indians of the southwest are not peculiar in the worship of springs. The sentiment is worldwide, has had a vast range of time, perpetuates itself in the folklore of the highest civilizations and presents in its manifestations a most interesting body of myth and fancy. But in the southwest the arid environment has so intensified this feature of primitive culture that no spring in the region is without evidence of many offerings to the deities of water.

It is small wonder then that the Pueblo Indians came to regard springs with special veneration that they wove around them myth and tradition and made them objects of religious worship. To one acquainted with the environment and its radical needs, this seems to have been a natural even though unconscious, generalization. Perhaps offerings to springs will not admit of such simple explanation. Perhaps the mystery of the underground source of water welling up from unknown depths impresses always even to the observer who believes himself free from the trammels of superstition, has also had a powerful effect on the mind of the Indian, leading, like many other natural phenomena, to an attitude of worship of unseen powers behind these masks.—New York Tribune.

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Father Ehrle, the director of the Vatican library, has been appointed a member of the Academie des Inscriptions, which is one of five academies that make up the famous Institute de France, and the one that presides over history, archaeology and ancient Oriental languages. Father Ehrle is a German and a Jesuit. He is said to be the living authority on the care of books and the preservation and restoration of old manuscripts.

The Society for the Destruction of Vermin is an English organization, with the object of warring on rats in that country.

DRAMATIC MOMENT OF SUSPENSE WHEN RALSTON QUIT

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of the biggest press association in the country, who had been previously apprised that these four men would attempt to start something against the local minister on the second. That they succeeded was shown when Kuhn's following on over state counties began falling off. Fayette county asked the privilege of casting another ballot after Wayne county's delegation broke and this was granted. County after county in the Sixth, realizing that Kuhn was not getting the support of his own home county and was not in a position to expect it from them, fled to the ranks of Slack and Marshall. The former candidate secured the larger number of Kuhn votes. This enraged the Ralston crowd, which expected just a little better treatment than that which was accorded it.

At the close of third ballot, Chairman Mier arose and asked the attention of the convention, stating that he hoped they would listen to the local man. Kuhn arose to his feet and was greeted with applause. In a short but stirring speech, he withdrew his name from the convention and volunteered his services to add the cause of "that peerless and matchless leader, the greatest man in America today, William Jennings Bryan." The convention went wild. Cheer after cheer arose for the minister.

George Harris, the other Wayne county candidate for office, was one of the running from the start. Harris was also known as an anti-Taggart man, and Tom Taggart placed his dainty, but nevertheless crushing, little foot on Harris's neck. There was a squawk. That was all. Harris was heard from no more.

Frank Hall, of Rushville, was nominated for Lieutenant governor on the fourth ballot. Much bitterness was displayed in the contest between the followers of Wm. P. O'Neill and Frank Herring, the St. Joseph county delegates. Herring looked like a winner for a time. On the first ballot he received 5244; O'Neill, 3853; Frank Hall, of Rushville, 46; St. Joseph county gave Herring 2; O'Neill, 28.

On the second ballot Herring received 6003; O'Neill, 3233; Hall, 4472. Apparently Herring had the nomination sewn up, but before the roll call was started for the third ballot he asked permission to make a statement. He started in to tell the convention why he had not received more than two votes from his own county. The delegates didn't understand what he was driving at. He was telling the delegates how the unit plan was forced against him in his own county four years ago, when he was a candidate for lieutenant governor, but at this juncture he was ruled out of order.

Delegates Dropped Away.

After that his delegates began to leave him. On the next ballot Hall received 553; Herring, 542; O'Neill, 269. On this ballot St. Joseph county gave Herring 1; O'Neill, 29. On the fourth ballot Hall received 884; Herring, 419; O'Neill, 59; St. Joseph County gave Hall 28; Herring 1.

Herring's district did not stay with him on the last ballot. Marshall and Starkie counties voted solidly for Hall. Kosciusko gave Hall 10 and Herring 3. Fulton gave Herring 9 and Hall 2. Pulaski split even between Hall and Herring, while Elkhart divided evenly between Herring and O'Neill. Hall made a speech thanking the convention for the nomination. Herring was called, but did not respond.

The convention adopted a resolution eulogizing ex Senator David Turp and sending greetings to him on behalf of the Democracy of the state.

Frank Hall, of Rushville, was nominated for Lieutenant governor; M. B. Lairy, of Logansport, for judge of the supreme court and Burt New of North Vernon, for reporter of the supreme court.

Edward W. Felt, of Greenfield, was nominated for judge of the Appellate court on the first ballot. P. J. Keele, an Indianapolis traveling salesman, was nominated for state statistician.

Prof. Robert J. Alley, of Bloomington, was nominated for state superintendent of Public Instruction on the second ballot, over Samuel Scott, of Jeffersonville. The first ballot stood: Alley, 657; Scott, 678. There were scattering votes for H. D. Vories, whose name was not presented. On the second ballot Alley obtained 526 and Scott 461. The convention then adjourned sine die.

HENRIK IBSEN.

How the Scandinavian Dramatist Impressed an Observer.

William Archer tells how Henrik Ibsen impressed him when he met the Scandinavian dramatist in Rome in 1881: "In gilded an undivided man with very broad shoulders and a large leonine head, wearing a long black frock coat with very broad lapels, on one of which a knot of red ribbon was conspicuous. I knew him at once, but was a little taken aback by his low stature. His natural height was even somewhat diminished by a habit of bending forward slightly from the waist, begotten, no doubt, of shortsightedness and the need to peer into things."

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