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CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE SHOULD NOW BE FORMED

Time Ripe Now to Revive Old Organization and Develop Baseball Players Here.

That the time is now ripe for the formation of a new City Baseball League to take the place of the organization of that name which existed here for many years is the opinion of a good many baseball fans and not a few players. Talk as we may there has not been so much fun and competition in baseball since the time when C.L.C., Victorias and Y.I.C.B.A. had their battles for the championship of the city.

Good Material.

The question of material is the least difficulty in the formation of a City League. There is any amount of material in the city and about it for three good senior teams here. "Star" Hammond, who ran the K.A.A.C. team in the Bay of Quinte League last year, is starting in to work already and says he would enter both senior and junior teams in the city league should one be formed up. There are other managers and groups of players who would also be glad to enter, according to the undercurrent of opinion heard about town lately.

Could Have Exhibitions.

The question of playing with outside teams could also be easily arranged. Instead of having but one team playing outside teams only, as was the case last year for some time, the regular league schedule could be run off and, on special occasions, once a week, once a fortnight, or three times a month, an all-star team could be picked from the senior city league teams to meet some nine from neighboring Canadian cities or towns across the border. This arrangement would no doubt prove much more satisfactory from a financial point of view, because, in the cases last year and the year before

it was just "nip and tuck" to clear expenses and the executive of the club was under constant worry about financial matters.

Lengthen Schedule.

Some people think that the formation of a city league would limit the possibilities to one game a week, but there is absolutely no reason for an idea of this kind. Frequent games would be facilitated, rather than hindered, by having three teams in the city at all times and ready to play, instead of juggling with train and boat services, and teams whose arrival was sometimes very doubtful. A longer schedule could be drawn up than was formerly the custom, arranging for two games per week, and leaving open dates for bookings with outside teams.

Junior Division.

A junior division would also be very desirable right now. There are any number of youngsters in the city who have a good knowledge of baseball and shake no mean willow when they go to the plate, but they have had few, if any, opportunities to get out in league games or "reg-lar" baseball and are not being developed, as a result.

When "Star" Hammond said he wanted to enter two teams in a city league he gave that as his reason, saying that he will be out of players in a year or so and wants a training ground for new ones.

Time is Now.

If there is to be anything done in this direction the time to start the doing is now, not when the season is half over. Let the baseballers get together and talk it over, or former officers of the old City League call a meeting to get things under way.

Portsmouth Would Join County Hockey League

The hockey fans at Portsmouth are anxious to enter the county hockey league next winter. The secretary of the league has received a letter from the Portsmouth team asking that their application be considered at a general meeting of the league. The Portsmouth team states that it cannot remain in the city hockey league under the present conditions.

WRESTLING.

Local followers of wrestling will be interested in the forthcoming match between George Walker, the Canadian heavyweight champ, and John Pesek, of Akron, Ohio. These grapplers are to meet Friday night in Chicago and the winner is promised a match with champion "Strangler" Ed. Lewis in New York late on this month. Walker goes to Chicago today brim full of confidence. Pesek weighs 195 lbs. and Walker will weigh in at 193.

"Harry" Among the Winners. Ex-Mayor H. W. Newman was one of four bowlers at St. Petersburg, Fla., who carried off the international cup on the bowling green. The three others of the team were Toronto men.

"Dye" Called in.

"Babe" Dye has been ordered to report to the Buffalo Baseball Club on Saturday, but in view of the Stanley Cup games will not report until the series is over.

The first of the spring wonders is claimed by the St. Louis Browns in the person of Heine Meine, who swings a wicked stick in practice games.

THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER



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LITTLE BITS.

Harry Wells busted more than his hand on Kid Norfolk's chin, for he busted the Kid's championship aspirations.

Young Corbett, former feather-

weight champion, has returned to his home in Denver, where he will open a billiard room.

Citizens of Leesburg, Fla., built a baseball plant for the Phillies to use in training that is larger than the Phils' lot at home.

If she recruits with the Cardinals, Arguljo and Trekkeld, make good, their names will link nicely with those of Zbyszko, Kumagee and Schmidzu on the sporting page.

Manager Bill Killefer intends to do a lot of catching for his Cubs this season, but would like to land a veteran backstop to help the rookie catcher.

The hitting of George Burns should be a big help to the Red Sox. George can play either first base or the outfield, and is surely a healthy swatter.

Slow movies as an aid in the development of the Detroit Tigers will doubtless prove effective—like the training stunt of Harvard athletes looking at their own reflection in mirrors.

Charley Harvey, manager of Bermondsey Wells, the English welterweight, says that Wells has had 159 battles and lost only one decision.

He later defeated the boxer who got the award over him.

Joe Cook, lightweight champion of Scotland, has arrived in America and is anxious for a chance to do his stuff.

Washington fans will no longer be able to bleach while watching the Senators perform, the sun seats having been removed from Clark Griffith's ball park.

The Jewish boxing fans of Boston are planning to give Champion Benny Leonard a rousing reception when he arrives in the Hub to give battle to Johnny Clinton.

"Stuffy" McInnis, the old Athletics-Red Sox star, is showing the goods at first for the Cleveland Indians and will surely become a headliner with the Spokers.

After watching his old team in training at Hot Springs for a few days, Fred Clarke, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will go to Lawrence, Kas., where he is to catch the University of Kansas baseball squad.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—"Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Jarindra Gobar of India in three straight falls.

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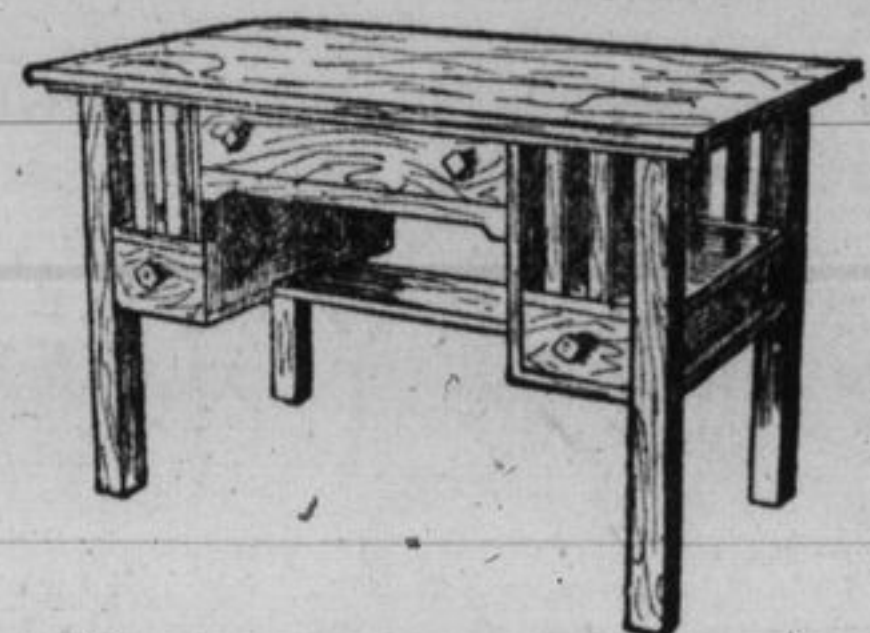


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