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SPORT NEWS

MAJOR LEAGUE HALF CENTURY IN EXISTENCE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Club owners of the National league, baseball's oldest circuit, went back to the cradle of their organization today to celebrate the start of the fiftieth year of its history.

They will meet in the ancient parlors of the old Broadway Central hotel, where on February 2, 1876, the National league was born with representatives of clubs in Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Hartford, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. Hartford and Louisville have been replaced by New York and Pittsburgh in the present circuit, but the other charter members still hold franchises, although there have been some breaks in their membership.

Today's meeting, a prelude to the mid-winter business session of the managers Tuesday, marks the official opening of the National league's golden jubilee and is only one of a series of commemorative events planned. The jubilee celebration will culminate in an elaborate affair in February, 1926, when the semi-centennial date of the league's existence will occur.

Objects of Organization. Minutes of the first meeting of the old National league shed an interesting light on the aims of the club owners of that day. Two of the objects of the league as it was formed a half century ago were "to establish and regulate the baseball championship of the United States" and a provision that "no club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than 75,000, except by unanimous vote of the league."

Formation of the National league at that time was prompted by a group of baseball men who broke away from the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs.

Morgan G. Bulkeley, former governor of Connecticut, who represented the Hartford club at the

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meeting, was elected first president of the National league.

John W. Heydler, present head of the National league, has taken a prominent part in arranging the golden jubilee plans.

He invited many prominent figures in the National league's official and playing history to attend the meeting, including John K. Tener, former governor of Pennsylvania, who first was familiar to the game as a pitcher and later as president of the National league.

Old time playing stars expected to attend include John M. Ward, one of the first pitchers to hurl a no-hit game; Amos Rusie, famous hurler; Joe Horler Westervelt and Johnny Evers, who has maintained major league connections up to the present time.

CARD CHANGES WILL BE FEW

ST. LOUIS (By the Associated Press)—With no outstanding trades made by Manager Branch Rickey to strengthen the hurling staff, the St. Louis Cardinals appear to be little stronger for this year's National league drive than in 1924, when they finished sixth.

The hitting of the team last season was good and the fielding fair. The pitching generally was considered the weak link. Although several new hurling prospects are to receive tryouts, besides which Duster Mails, veteran southpaw, has been obtained from Oakland, the outlook as a whole is uncertain in this respect.

Of the veteran twirling talent, Dickson and Sothoron pitched fairly good ball last season. Othman, who will be back after Haines, Sherdell, Stuart and Dyer.

Mike Gonzales, the Cuban, is expected to do the bulk of the catching this year.

The Cardinals will train at Stockton, Cal., where they will gather on or about February 22. A schedule of 27 exhibition games has been arranged on the Pacific coast.

FORD READY TO LEND AID

DETROIT (AP)—Henry Ford, in an authorized statement issued here, reiterated his previously announced stand that he is "willing to co-operate with the government in the developing of Muscle Shoals into a great nitrate plant, making cheap fertilizer for the American farmers."

"In my opinion," the Ford statement said, "the shoals should be used for the production of nitrate and fertilizer. I believe that the government itself could keep Muscle Shoals and run it, not as a power plant, but as a nitrate plant to help the farmers in peace and safeguard the country in war. The people of the United States spend \$140,000,000 to create a government nitrate plant not a power house. We should not lose sight of the original and biggest reason for Muscle Shoals being built."

"If the government keeps Muscle Shoals and operates the nitrate plant by the army and navy, I shall be glad to put at their service all the Ford company has of knowledge and experience. Our engineers have been working for three years on the problem of making cheaper nitrogen from the air for farmers. We believe we have discovered improvements on the present processes. We believe air-nitrate can be made at a price that will materially reduce the cost of fertilizer on the farm."

"The Ford company will turn over to the government without cost, the result of its research."

L. H. S. SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER

TIGERS WIN; SNAPPY GIRLS' GAME IS LOST

The basketball games with the boys' and girls' teams of Union Saturday night netted two interesting contests. The Union girls won the first game of the doubleheader with a margin of one point. The final score for the girls' game was Union, 29, La Grande, 13. The boys in their turn more than made up for the first game and walked away with the second game to the tune of La Grande 32, Union 14.

At times Saturday night the boys showed flashes of real basketball and at other moments seemed utterly lacking in any knowledge of the game whatever. The playing of the La Grande team was exceedingly spasmodic throughout with occasional bursts of speed registering the win for the Tigers.

La Grande Scores. The game started with a flash and after a few moments of play Lyman dropped one through the hoop for the first marker of the game. Hummelt followed shortly afterward with two more points and from that time on the game was a succession of basket shooting for the local team.

Hummelt played his best game so far this season Saturday evening and Unamuno also went better than he has in previous games. Weakness in the Tiger offensive is still apparent particularly upon nearing the basket although the team as a whole seems to be improving in basket shooting.

Geortson Union Star. For the visitors Geortson was the outstanding star and was responsible for a large portion of the baskets registered by the Union aggregation.

The girls' game proved actually exciting most of the time with first one side ahead and then the other. The Union girls' suits attracted considerable favorable comment as did also their playing.

The La Grande team was weak in scoring but did some excellent defensive work.

The two most potent performers for the Union team, were contributed by Spencer, center, and Gilkinson, right forward.

Three Games This Week. Three games are scheduled for this week, two of which are to be played here. The girls' team will meet the Pendleton amazons on Friday night and on the same evening the fresh squad will mix with the Union second team. The Tigers will journey to Baker Saturday



Here we have "Dazzy" Vance, star pitcher of the Brooklyn staff, in a new role, putting something on the cue ball. While Vance is hardly in the Hoppe class he plays a good game of billiards.

night for their first game with the Queen City toasters.

The Lineups: Union (14) La Grande (23) Geortson (7) Lyman (5) Spencer (7) Larison (5) Baxter (2) Glass (5) Hanks (5) Unamuno (9) Hummelt (12) Zundel (2) Myers (17) Skiff (17) Spencer (7) Smith (5) Johnson (1) Kent (1) La Grande (13) Courtney (1) Campbell (1) Oates (1) Wright (1) Stange (1) Brown (1) Reynolds (1) Cochran (1) Nelson (1) Referee: Jimmy Rosenbaum.

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SPRING GRID PRACTICE ON

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—Spring football practice will open here today with more than 60 candidates turning out for six weeks of stiff work under Coach Paul J. Schaefer. Plans mapped out by Schaefer call for an hour a day of hard training five days a week for the entire period.

Schaefer's method of training, planned much after the famed Rockne system, calls for continued drill in fundamentals until good football becomes second nature. Everlasting emphasis is put on speed. Players will receive special attention in an effort to replace Tubb who will be lost by graduation. Passing, a mainstay of the modern game, will continue to hold a prominent place in the training.

The coming of Knute Rockne to O. A. C. to give his coaching course during the coming summer session is expected to be an aid to the Aggie men next fall. A number of the men on the squad will be here to absorb football knowledge from the "wonder coach," while the entire coaching staff will work with Rockne throughout the course.

BASKETBALL

High School At La Grande: La Grande 32, Union 16. At La Grande: La Grande girls 19, Union girls 20.

College Washington 31, Oregon 29, Columbia 27, Aggie Freshman 27, Kansas 25, Nebraska 20, Ohio State 24, Chicago 25.

Germany Gets Argentina On 30-Metre Wave Length. NAUFEN, Germany (AP)—The radio communication between the sending station at Naufen and Buenos Aires is now maintained at given hours every night on a wave length of only 30 metres.

This is believed to mark an epoch in radio transmission. Until quite recently it was assumed that great distances could only be spanned by means of long wave lengths.

Some of the uses for which transmission of pictures by wire will be valuable besides general news purposes, are identification of criminals by photographs and thumb prints, identification of stolen or missing property, and verification of signatures.

Baker Again Defeated By Wallowans

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The Wallowa high school basketball five out goalied the Baker quintet, 13-6, in a game at the high school gym Saturday night.

The contest was hard-fought and clean, neither side having the advantage until the second half, when Wallowa broke away and piled up a lead. There were no outstanding stars, as both teams played consistently and well. Times of Baker did snatch off a little of the surplus glory, however.

The Wallowa school has a powerful outfit, and will give anyone a fierce battle for the championship this year. This is the second time Wallowa has defeated Baker.

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PHYSICIANS CHILDREN made to ascertain the prevalence of goitre among school children. This work is in preparation for the economic conference in March. LADD CANYON (Special)—Dr. W. T. Phy, chairman of the coming economic conference of Union county, addressed a general meeting last Saturday evening at Ladd Canyon school on the matter of the goitre survey which is being conducted in the county. The first long distance telephone conversation between Boggs Canyon and New York took place on March 27, 1884.

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