

SPORT

BASEBALL TEAM NEARLY COMPLETED

Manager White has a deal on now for a crackjack right hand pitcher, Peter Hanson who was with Fargo in 1905 and 1906. In the former year the team landed the championship in the Copper Country League when no less than 24 victories to his credit and less than a dozen losses. Burlington, Ia., and Fargo are also close alternates. He is a friend of Manager White and is pretty certain to play on the Canadian side this season.

Notwithstanding Lincoln, Neb., effort to banish the ex-convict out of the 1906 batting averages are not available as yet but in 1905 he was hitting at .270 clip and averaged 21 stolen bases.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Edmonton club on Monday night to select the color and trimmings of the team's uniforms and also to make arrangements for the training trip of the nine.

Manager White expects to get his team started on the spring training games about April 25th, and will have the playing report on the 20th at some point in Eastern Washington. "Dad" prefers Walla Walla, a city of nearly 30,000.

If Pitcher Hanson comes to Edmonton there is a good chance of him bringing along a friend of his named Rose who played in the outfield with Fargo last year, and who has been promised his release should he wish to go. He is not only useful in the field, but he can do backstop equally well. He is a fair hitter and can have the ball to the plate from the outfield a little better than most of them.

Catcher Jim McGuire has passed the skidoo year. With 1907 he begins his 24th year of service on the diamond. Manager Morrison, of Lethbridge, has let him down to work and if he took a few of the fast ones he has looked out for the cool miners are going to hand right up near the top when the season starts. Morrison is a first class pitcher himself and has as good as landed a fast southpaw named Dolan, who played in one of the eastern state leagues in 1906. He is also kicking for pitcher Cox who is under contract with Providence, but who will undoubtedly be farmed out.

Lethbridge News: The league schedule of which a draft will not be finally made up until the dates for the Lethbridge fair are set, and these will not be decided until those for Edmonton and Calgary are determined. In any event, however should take place very shortly.

BASEBALL

The New York Nationals will travel \$400 miles on their spring training trip.

The baseball season opens in Vancouver on April 26 and continues until Oct. 1st.

It is about settled that the Edmonton team's uniform this year will be green with red trimmings.

Vancouver is expected to have a team in the Northwest League this year, but Portland may be dropped.

President Johnson of the American League, will make a crusade against betting on all grounds in his circuit.

Manager Thyn, writes Secretary Kerby of the Calgary club, that he expects to have his team all signed in a few weeks.

A second meeting of the Northwest League will be held this month to fix the salary limit and arrange the schedule.

Calgary Albertan: Rubb Klasinger, Eastern League pitcher, has again signed with Hamilton. That is assuming that he has slipped through the hands of "Deacon" White.

Cy Young pitched his first game in 1901, with Cleveland against Chicago, and won it. Cy consistently won 26 years in big league harness this season.

The annual meeting of the Northern Copper Country League will be held in Calumet on Friday night. The prominent was necessary owing to the illness of President Price.

The Copper Country League will likely raise the salary limit from \$1,000 a month to \$1,400. The credit will likely be Winkler, Duluth, Fargo, Calumet, Houghton and possibly Superior.

W. H. Pitman, Hanson, McCreary and Crist of the pitching staff. Pitman should be running with us at the top of the season. Crist is a 4th pitcher, who was with Burlington in 1905 baseball team.

The first player to sign with Calgary is a right hand pitcher, John Anderson, who the Albertan says, is as good as secured. He was with Lowell and Ashland teams in 1905. He weighs 170 pounds and stands 5 feet 9 in.

In the National League Boston has won eight pennants, Chicago seven, New York four and Pittsburgh and Brooklyn three each. In the American League Boston has won three pennants, St. Louis two and Boston two.

A movement has been started on the eastern portion of Upper Michigan toward the organization of a six club league including Soo, Munising, Marquette, Escanaba, Manistique and Chgoyuan.

Calgary has landed a second baseman. He is James Whitley. He was with Lehigh last year and hit .315 against the best all-around performers in the league. He weighed 225 lbs and is speedy on the base, having stolen 45 of them in the season.

It has been proven by only too many experiences that to get together a winning team of players must be secured as early as possible. A championship cannot be won in a week or so before the opening of the season. The selection of the team should be left to the manager.

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class players who are desirous of playing for the Fortina Competition at the Montevideo of Waskit, Mass., Kelley, who caught on Fall River, New England State League, last season; Driscoll, of Somerville, Mass., who has been the receiver for Winthrop in the Maine state league, where he made a good showing. He is six feet tall and weighs 180 lbs. He will without doubt be found on the Calgary team.

Welford Beaton, late managing editor of the Seattle Star, special agent for a tarasacral company, was sporting "edging" of the liver. Press when hockey was at its height in Winnipeg years ago. He wrote accounts of many games of a decade or so ago until last night he had not seen a hockey game for eight years, and at the request of two Press men he was taken the Strathcona-Ottawa game and wrote the following report: "It may be that a man must be in training to enjoy hockey as he must keep in training to play it, and that eight years without seeing a game renders him unfit to catch all the fine points of modern play. If I am right, the hockey press, today, taking last night as a sample, may be as good as it was eight or ten years ago. It, however, caters to the more casual fan of the game, and the playing did not seem to be too fast for me, then hockey has improved none too much in the last eight years. It is a rattling good game last night, especially during the second half, of Lethbridge. There was a noticeable absence of effective body work. It is true that the men of today have not such stalwart bodies as to effective work with, but there should be no very great difference between a man weighing 140 pounds and jumping into the game, and one of 160 pounds and tackling another of similarly proportions. Lethbridge, which was supposed to be a faster game, put I do not know, that was the result. The game was certainly not as fast as it used to be, but it was far more misplays last night, more muffs, and examples of poor judgment than I used to see with my camera. My fellow pioneers call "the good old days."

"I don't think hockey has improved any. It could not, but even in spite of the strictures I have put on last night's exhibition it was still a good game and I would have seen a dozen times when there was samples of brilliancy."

The Hudson's Bay Co. team met its second defeat on Friday night when the Grand Trunk College seven downed them by a score of 8-0.

The Printers are anxiously awaiting word from the Strathcona types team for home, and a game at the rink here would attract a good crowd and should be close.

Manager Joe. Duluth, of the Intermediates, will do work for a few days last week with an attack of the grippe but his snowball to algonquin, he'll be on deck for today's contest.

Manager Morris of the Revillon team has arranged a series of two games with the Strathcona club, but up to the present they had not been able to collect. The number of members last year showed an increase and totaled 67. The largest amount taken at the gate was against Picher Creek.

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FOOTBALL. Calgary, Feb. 4.—The Caladonians, Calgary's crack football club and western Canada's champion, had a very interesting last evening in the city hall for the purpose of re-organizing for the coming year. There were a large number present.

The chairman, Dr. Ings, in opening the meeting commented on the successful season of the club, but last year in winning both the city cup and the championship of western Canada. He urged those present to put forth their best efforts during 1907 as they would be up against the best teams in Canada. He then turned east after the shield presented by the London people for last Canadian championship.

This coming year it was definitely decided that a provincial league be organized, as the difference with the northern clubs had been overcome and they were ready to fall in with the league.

Secretary McEwen in reading his report stated that the club played 18 matches, won 16, lost 1, drawn 1. Goals for 48, against 18. Receipts amounted to \$281.90, against \$289.35 expenditure leaving a balance of 95 cts.

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The final game in the principal event, viz: the grand challenge, took place yesterday morning between Melhuish of Brandon and Hamilton of Hamilton. Although Melhuish set all through the game, it was not without excitement, and the final, 10-7 in favor of Melhuish shows that close play was a feature of the game.

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If the Montreal Wanderers win the championship of the American Hockey League they will go to Kinnora for the Stanley Cup, and have already arranged to play the first game there on March 4.

Marka, the New Glasgow man who joined the Canadian Soo, on Thursday, played his first game Friday, and is said to have completely outplayed Grindy Forrester, his check. Marka must be going some, or else Grindy is coming back.

Regina certainly has the brand of hockey material the public admires. Moose Jaw was scheduled to play a league game at the Saskatchewan capital last Friday, but as there was a curling bonspiel on at the Jaw the team could not practice. Regina generously consented to the game being postponed until tonight.

Pittsburg and Forage Lake, two international hockey league teams who have championship prospects, are contemplating challenging the Kenora Thistles, now holders of the famous Stanley cup, for a series of games at the close of the league season to settle the hockey championship of the world.

Captain Tom Phillips denied that he struck Tuff Bell-foully when they last released from the Thistles team. Other members of the team say that Bell-foully's release was due to his utter disregard of training rules and that if he had a couple of beautiful black eyes when he arrived in the Canadian Soo to join Houghton, they were the result of some brawl. — Toronto Star.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS. W. L. McBride has purchased an outfit of roller skates and has opened a rink at the Red Deer Opera House.

The wrestling match between Tom Dixon of Winnipeg and W. J. O'Brien of Amsterdam has been arranged to take place at the German club hall, Winnipeg, February 20th, catch-as-catch-can, for the best two out of three falls.

W. Waddy of the Albion hotel, Winnipeg, has purchased from John Fry of Brandon his handsome chestnut horse, Charlton, paying \$1,000 for the animal.

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Larry Piper, manager of the Saratoga Bowling Alley, broke the Winnipeg record for a single game Saturday night by rolling 275 on his own alley. This is the best game ever rolled in Winnipeg. He started with a spare and followed with strikes until the tenth frame. The crowd in the alley gave him a great reception. This record will likely stand for a while.