

McLAURIN IS OUT.

The Atlanta Purchase for Outfield Quits Baseball.

Joins the Ranks of Winter Quitters With Determination.

WILL GET ANOTHER

Moore Seems Handy at Finding Them—Saves Worry.

Manager Talks of His Club as It Now Looks.

Ralph McLaurin, crack outfielder of the Atlanta club of the Southern league, whom Manager Fred Moore purchased for the Topeka club recently, writes that he has quit baseball for good.

Moore was banking pretty heavily on McLaurin, whom he bought through the Brooklyn club at the recommendation of Larry Sutton, the famous scout.

McLaurin gives no reason for quitting the game. He writes that he would be delighted to play here if he played anywhere and wishes Moore a merry season.

Perhaps McLaurin does not want to come north having read of the 10 below weather and the gas shortage but he does not refer to that as any reason.

Speaking of the reorganized club as it will look on assembling in Topeka, Moore said, "The club looks good to me right now. I am working on a few more players and could play some fine ball right now."

"We've got Strangle, Kerns and Gibson for catchers. I believe Strangle will be able to set the pace for any of them. You know what Kerns can do and Gibson is mighty well recommended as a youngster and a comer."

"And I'm proud of my pitching staff. Frank's thing is going to prove the best in the league. McGrath, Alderman and Fugate are well known here. Beecher, Oltz, Leak, Buchanan, Upton and King are new ones. I know what Beecher can do and Oltz is a comer. Buchanan is a 'wise' pitcher and knows how to work on a batter."

"On the outfield, Whitney is a real first baseman and they are hard to find. If I can't earn my place at second, then somebody else can have it. Quinlin is a fast and heady short and will have to beat out another man. I am going to get Hopke ought to have no trouble in showing the league how to play third base."

"In the outfield, I will have to get someone to take the place I had for McLaurin. If Tomason is as good as the people here tell me he is, he will take care of left all right. Ribey, Perek and Bure are good lay-out men for the remaining position. So we see we are pretty well lined out right now."

The contracts sent out by Moore Thursday ought to be floating back soon with the necessary signatures. While the easterners and southerners may take some time to decide to become westerners, there is no serious difficulty anticipated along that line.

The enthusiasm of the fans grows as the season approaches and the outlook is for a record season in Topeka. Numerous ambitious youths already are offering their services to Manager Moore for a try-out and likely he will be harassed to the limit by prospective ball players when the sun gets a little warmer.

EASTERN KANSAS LEAGUE BUYS.

President Curry Invites Leavenworth to Join His Circuit.

Leavenworth, Jan. 7.—A letter was received by the sporting editor of The Times from I. R. Curry, president of

the Eastern Kansas Baseball League announcing that a meeting of the league will be held January 9th in Hiawatha for the purpose of making plans for the coming season and of selecting cities for the circuit the coming season.

Curry says that it is said that Leavenworth would like to join his organization and he wants some one interested in baseball to attend the meeting as Leavenworth would have a good chance of entering the league.

The Eastern Kansas League had a good season last year. The league includes such towns as Hiawatha, Blue Rapids, Marysville and Holton. If Leavenworth and Atchison would join the organization the class of the league would be greatly improved.

The Leavenworth fans should get together and send some good baseball man to the meeting and arrange to get a franchise in the league as it could be made to pay. The expense of a league team in this city would not be great as the salary limit is low and there are several suitable parks that could be used.

Baseball will be patronized the coming season if Leavenworth gets in this league as there has been no league baseball in the city for a number of years.

A number of local baseball men have said that they thought baseball could be made to pay in Leavenworth this coming season as the fans have had to content themselves with amateur baseball for the past four years. These games as a rule do not interest the fans as a league baseball game does.

ROOM BETWEEN CLASSES. W. A. Phelon Believes Third League Will Find Being.

Cincinnati, Jan. 7.—When that third league—not the Fletcher ghost-dance, but the real and actual article—finally starts to transact business, it won't be either a full fledged major league or a struggling minor outfit attempting to swell up beyond its caliber.

GIVEN "ICY HAND"

Washburn Not Admitted to Missouri Valley Conference.

But Will Observe Rules as for Past Seasons.

AGGIES HELD OUT.

No Thanksgiving Games for Conference Schools.

Professional Coach Rule Is Approved—No Summer Ball.

While Washburn college was not granted entrance into the Missouri valley athletic conference at Des Moines Friday, the school will play under Missouri valley rules the coming season.

The Kansas Agricultural college at Manhattan, which was confident of admission, probably will do the same. That was the popular student and team prediction last fall.

Because she had met the Missouri valley requirements for the past two seasons, Washburn thought she should be permitted to compete for the conference championship.

It is the strict enforcement and high standard of the conference rules which has been sought as a regulation. There is widespread confidence that a team playing under them tolerates no professionalism, remuneration or fudging in the audience.

They are hard to meet in entrance and scholarship requirements but the local college has been doing so for years past.

Prof. I. D. Cardiff, faculty representative on the Washburn athletic board and eligibility censor, attended the Des Moines meeting summoned by the valley conference. It was thought one school would be admitted and Washburn seemed to be the most likely one.

Before going to the meeting Professor Cardiff said: "Whether Washburn is taken into the conference or not, we will play under those rules. We have always met them in our game with Kansas university and have built our teams on that basis. That gave us many smaller teams, who do and can not meet the requirements, an advantage over us on the gridiron. But we have contended that in the end it is a good sacrifice of strength for a time. Eventually we will be included in the conference, I think, and that is the class the college is trying to maintain."

"I believe Washburn ought to play under the Missouri valley rules," said W. L. Driver, physical director at the college, and a former famous "tiger" end. "We meet the requirements and might as well be included in the conference so that we could contest for the valley championship and play with conference officials and censored eligibility lists."

The most drastic action characterized the conference meeting. A sweeping rule resulted on every question brought before the tribunal. Many clubs have been dropped during the season and since.

The present rules are given an O. K. There will be no more Thanksgiving games. Games will all be played on college grounds.

No short term professional coaches. No summer baseball where admission is charged.

Not a college was granted admission. The Thanksgiving game rule finally settles the question whether Missouri and Kansas will play in Kansas City.

There are some exceptions to the rules as mentioned in the Des Moines report.

It is not expected either Washburn or Manhattan would observe other than the eligibility and entrance rules, but will play on Thanksgiving and on any grounds selected.

The Stand Pat Meeting. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 7.—"Standing pat" on the football rule was adopted by the other one year ago, with one exception, and also upon the question of summer baseball, with one exception, the members of the Missouri valley athletic conference concluded their annual meeting here last evening.

I. Ross Hill, president of Missouri university, was chosen chairman of the meeting which will be held in Des Moines next year. E. W. Stearns of the Iowa Agricultural college was chosen secretary.

As the result of the practical representatives today, football will be in vogue on Thanksgiving day in the Missouri valley, with the exception of the game between Drake university of Des Moines and the Iowa State college at Ames.

Other branches have been projected and now are in process of construction. The present route for traffic from Los Angeles to Galveston over the Santa Fe is via the Coast Lines from Los Angeles to Albuquerque, thence over the Belen cutoff to Newton, Kan., and then south to Galveston. The mileage of the present route is 2,359 miles, while the new route will be only 1,845 miles long.

Heretofore the only through line from Los Angeles to the Gulf has been the Southern Pacific, 1,897 miles. The Santa Fe naturally will furnish a competitor for the Southern Pacific. The Santa Fe is 148 miles longer than the Southern Pacific, but this difference is partly overcome by reason of the Santa Fe's lower grade.

The Santa Fe also soon will prove a strong competitor to the Southern Pacific for the New Orleans, from a point on the Gulf line between Temple and Galveston, Somerville, the Santa Fe is building east to New Orleans and expected to be in the Gulf metropolis within two years.

GAVE ENGINE TO ENGINEER. Erie Railroad Gives Valuable Present to Veteran Pilot.

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with the old Atlantic & Great Western railroad. Ever since then he has been running on fast trains. He has been in but two small accidents.

It is understood that the engine is to be used on the new line to share in the business. Heretofore it has been bottled up at San Francisco on the routing of round trip tickets from eastern points and could sell these tickets good only over its two lines both ways.

"We will in future be able to route business over the Western Pacific one way and over the Santa Fe in the opposite direction," said F. A. Wadleigh, general passenger agent of the Denver & Rio Grande.

"We will also reach Seattle, Portland and the northwest through arrangements with the Pacific Steamship company. The arrangements with the Santa Fe and the steamship lines enables us to give the tourists a variety of routes and a choice of destinations which were not possible under the old plan."

Mr. Wadleigh would not commit himself on the effect of this agreement on the relations between the Western Pacific and the Harriman lines. It is expected, however, that the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, which have been holding out for a long time against the routing of round trip tourist business over the Gould lines since the Western Pacific was placed in operation, will be forced to open the way for the new line to share in the benefits of the interchange principle.

HOW TO HANDLE EXPLOSIVES. Railroad Men Over Country Lectured on This Subject.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 7.—In order to instruct railroaders in the handling of explosives while being transported, Captain Carlson, special agent of the bureau of safer transportation, will speak here next week. All the railroad employees of the various roads in this section are expected to be present and others are connected with freight departments are to attend.

Captain Carlson, who is an authority on explosives and their transportation, has been hired by the various railroads to talk not only to employees on the subject, but also to the public.

His trip throughout the country is the result of the various railroad disasters which have occurred as the result of the careless handling of explosives or inflammables. The railroads desire to instruct employees on this subject and lessen the number of such cases organized a board to look into the more careful transporting of such materials and Mr. Carlson was selected to instruct employees with railroads about such subjects.

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It is the system of train auditing, which is to be ended as abruptly as the abolition of the position of train auditor. From fifty to sixty men known as train auditors will lose their positions. The order abolishing some of these positions was issued immediately upon Mr. Potter's retirement. This action, it is said, will result in a saving of more than \$60,000 a year in salaries.

Train auditors were unknown on the Baltimore & Ohio until they were introduced by Potter about five or six years ago. The duties of the officials, it was then announced, would be to collect tickets and attend to the clerical work which formerly fell upon the conductors. The latter officials, it was explained, would be relieved of much of the detail of their positions and would have more time to give to the safety of the train and the passengers in their charge.

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The conductors resented the presence of the new men, whom they referred to as "spotters" and it was claimed that the system did not work smoothly and did not have the effect of relieving the conductor of any important duties. But Mr. Potter believed in the system and as long as he remained with the road the system was continued.

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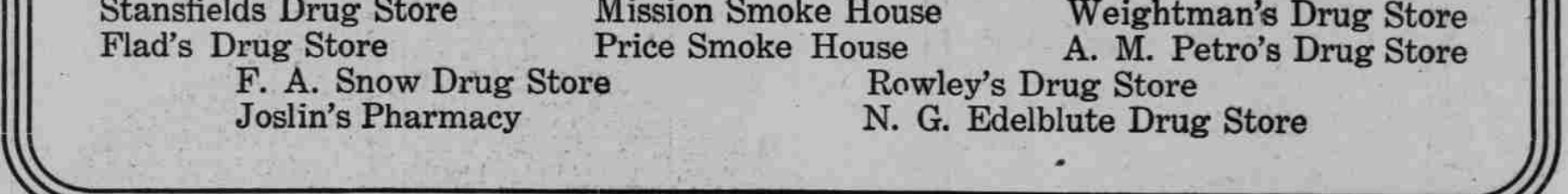
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BOLES THINK IT GOOD BUNCH. St. Joe Player of Topeka Says Material is Fine.

Walter Boles, catcher and utility player of the St. Joseph club in the Western league and formerly with the Topeka team, is in the city expecting to land a legislative job. His wife who has been in ill health for some time has recovered somewhat but will remain at home in Topeka, Tex., at least until the baseball season opens.

Boles says the line-up secured for Topeka by Manager Moore looks good to him. For example, he says that the league at third and Larry Quinlin prove a live one on short. In fact, it looks to Walter as if Topeka would be a flag contender next season. He himself expects to remain in Topeka until the season opens when he will report to Joetown. He had not heard of Jake Bauer's explosion and said it was just like the old town to frame that benefit for the injured player.

DOUBLE HEADER TONIGHT. Sophomores—R. Y. M. C. A.; Academy—Topeka Highs in City League.

MUST LEARN TO WASH.

Missouri Co-Eds to Be Taught Use of the Tub.

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 7.—Beginning February 1 every young woman in the business department of the University of Missouri who takes a course in testing fabrics must rub up her sleeves and dip over a wash tub. Each student will have a locker in the laboratory which will contain a tub washboard, soap and chemicals. It is the aim of the university to teach the effect of starch bluing and other chemicals have on clothing. Later the laboratory is to be equipped with an electric washing machine.

It is expected to enable the co-eds to determine which is cheaper, laundry work done by hand or work done by electricity.

"Fourteen killed and forty injured during the football season." "When the rules didn't hurt the game, after all, Pittsburg Post.

STERILIZED BARBER SHOP. A Famous Shop in the Carrollton Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

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GAVE ENGINE TO ENGINEER. Erie Railroad Gives Valuable Present to Veteran Pilot.

Cleveland, Jan. 7.—The Erie railroad management has honored one of its oldest engineers both in years and in point of service by presenting to Alexander Larkin of this city, on his sixty-eighth birthday, the huge engine which he drives daily in hauling the last Pittsburg flyer between Cleveland and Youngstown.

Mr. Larkin has been in continuous service of the company for 49 years, having begun his railroad career as a fireman