

NEGRO BASE BALL LEAGUE ASSURED.

The Peace Dove Soared Over Camp of
the Organizers and Harmony
Prevailed.

(By Dave Wyatt.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The much heralded Negro Base Ball League was launched into actual being when a three-day deliberation by the high jinksites of the diamond pastime ended one of the most peaceful and

among our people: most especially so when the interests involved, sacrifices made, financial considerations and many other features, any one of which is enough to cast one into deep depression, is taken into account.

The initial efforts, prior to the real formation of a league, was a grand success. In order not to misguide our followers, it can safely be said that the league is not as yet in existence. The parent body of the organization was put into activity at the Kansas City session, from it will spring the

real league.

The clubs that are members of this tentative organization and that were represented at the meeting were: Chicago Giants, J. Green; Detroit Stars, J. Blunt; Indianapolis A. B. C.'s, C. I. Taylor; St. Louis Giants, C. Mills; Dayton Marcos, J. Matthews; Gilkersons Giants, Attorney Scott; K. C. Monarch, C. Wilkerson; American Giants, A. Foster; Cuban Stars, A. Molina.

These clubs are the foundation upon which the league will be built. This present association of clubs is known as the Western Circuit of Negro National Base Ball League. Affiliated with this circuit are clubs extending from Omaha, Neb., to and including N. C. Strong's New York B. B. enterprises. Fans, who are fortunate to be in the cities which form this circuit will, beyond the shadow of a doubt, witness the grandest exhibition of the national pastime among our people that has been observed since the Negro took this form of athletic endeavor. The old rule of things as heretofore existed, has been waived aside. Each and every manager was forced to give up valuable players, when who, if placed upon the base ball market would bring thousands of dollars. These valuable assets were given up without the exchange of a penny and all for the good of the organization. The idea was to have all clubs composing this circuit to be interlocked.

to be just as evenly balanced in playing strength as could be. From the line-ups comprising the various clubs it will be seen that the idea has been carried out to the complete satisfaction of all the owners and managers and no doubt exists over the manner in which this new turn of affairs will be viewed by the fan public who support the game.

The biggest sensation ever experienced in the history of baseball was hurled into the opening meeting the first day. Andrew "Rube" Foster, who perhaps has more at stake than any fifty men in baseball that could be named, hurled a huge boom into the magnet's camp, when he arose and declared, "Gentlemen, the assets of the baseball club which I represent is more than all the Negro base ball clubs in existence, still if it pleases you all, I am willing to throw all these assets upon the mercy of the decision of this body of gentleman men who are pres-

ent." The news writers then were unanimously chosen to settle all questions arising, disputes over players, disposition of players and many other vexatious problems. The news men present were Elwood Knox, Indiana Free-

man; Dave Wyatt, Indiana Ledger;
Carry Lewis, Chicago Defender; A. D.
Williams, Indiana Ledger.

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