

## RUBE FOSTER WANTS "GET-TO-GETHER" MEET OF ALL BASEBALL OWNERS.

"Andy" (Rube) Foster, Organized Khorst Is Our Only Salvation Magnates of the West Should Meet Owners of the East, Pick an Arbitration Board and From This Agreement Draw Up a Working Agreement for All to Abide By.

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Organized baseball is on and Andrew (Rube) Foster is at the helm. Or, we might say that this great captain of the national game has started the ball to rolling, to which I think the forming of a Colored baseball league may be the outcome.

In an article published in a Chicago paper recently, Mr. Foster had the following to say:

"I am going to make the effort to arrange to have all the owners in the East to meet all the owners in the West, either at Chicago or New York, at a certain date, pick an arbitration board from experienced men of business, and from this agreement draw a working agreement for all of us to abide by, the signers of such an agree-

ment to deposit \$500 in good faith that they will live up to such an agreement.

"It is not a proposition to exchange players. Each club will be allowed to retain their players, but cement a partnership in working for the organized good of baseball. Conducted on the same identical plan as both big leagues and all minor leagues, even the semi-pro leagues, the outcome would be the East would be the same as National League, the West as American League; the winner of the majority of games in the East to meet the Western winners in a real world's championship. This will pave the way for such champion teams eventually to play the winner among the whites. This is no more than possible.

"Only in uniform strength is there permanent success. I invite all owners to write for information of this proposition. It is open to all."

**"Andy's" Plan a Most Plausible One.**

So far as the baseball fan is concerned, the above plan seems a most plausible one, for in my rounds I have discovered that nearly every lover of baseball, player and magnet is very enthusiastic over this brilliant idea of having organized baseball among the Colored clubs, both East and West



There is no doubt of the fact that a new and greater interest will be taken in baseball. A guaranteed protection of money must be assured to the new owners of clubs, these days, and some sort of a get-together must be brought about at once. Magnates are not going to take the risk on clubs and parks where there is no asset, as they have in the past. It is my opinion that a Western circuit or league of ball will shortly be formed comprising Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis and Kansas City, and an Eastern circuit to be composed of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, both to be two separate organizations, the same as a National and American League, the winner of each circuit to meet the winner in a world's championship series. If such a step is taken the salvation of baseball is assured. As I have always said, such a move will be the real stepping-stone to success. There is no doubting the fact that nearly every Colored ball park in the cities mentioned enjoy a large patronage each season, but the question is, will they continue if something is not done to strengthen the present interest? I say it will not stand unless organized baseball is put into

action. So, when a great leader like Rube Foster offers to share his knowledge and costly experience for the betterment of each and every owner of baseball clubs, I think that there should be an enthusiastic rally to the support of the idea and have a meeting and make every possible effort to get organized ball on the go by the summer of 1920.

### **C. L. Taylor's Return to Great Game an Event.**

The return to the baseball world of C. L. Taylor, owner and manager of the famous Indianapolis A. B. C.'s, next season, as announced by the scribes, may do much toward the assurance of organized baseball during the season of 1920, as Taylor has long been known as a power and a great guidance in the national game. But some one has put the rumor on the rounds about the hot stove league that Taylor is much opposed to organized ball, and others who claim to be on the inside track say that Taylor is always out for anything that is for the good of the sport. Being personally acquainted with the stellar magnate, I feel safe in saying that Taylor is always in favor of the thing that's fair and especially clean in sport, if it will tend to make the game progressive. But the return of C. L. to the diamonds will no doubt cause many a fan to become overjoyed and teem with delight and



expectation of a rousing season of baseball. You know when Taylor gets into the game, he always makes it interesting for Foster and the whole country, and everybody enjoys a real season of real baseball. There will be some hot battling between Detroit, Chicago and Indianapolis, for Taylor will certainly give Pete Hill and Mr. Foster much to worry about.

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