

# BASEBALL MAGNATES HOLD CONFERENCE

## Sporting Editor of Defender Elected Secretary

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Representatives of the baseball teams of the west arrived here today and went into session at the Y.

M. C. A., with the following baseball magnates present:

J. T. Blunt, Detroit, Mich., Detroit Stars; W. A. Kelly, Washington, D. C., organized baseball of the national capital; L. S. Cobb, secretary of the St. Louis Giants baseball team; John Matthews, Dayton Marcos, Dayton, Ohio; Joe Green, Chicago Giants, Chicago, Ill.; C. I. Taylor,



Cary B. Lewis

Indianapolis A. B. C.'s, Indianapolis, Ind.; Elwood C. Knox of the Indianapolis Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.; Andrew ("Rube") Foster, American Giants, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Marshall, Indianapolis Ledger, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. L. Wilkerson, this city, and Cary B. Lewis, sporting editor of the Chicago Defender.

### **Temporary Officers Elected**

On motion of "Tenny" Blunt, Detroit, Mich., Mr. Foster was nominated and elected temporary president. Cary B. Lewis of the Defender was elected secretary. The aim and object of the meeting was discussed and the plan for a circuit for the season of 1921 came up for consideration. Every manager was very enthusiastic and said he would carry the same enthusiasm back to his home town. The outlook for 1921, they claim, would be the greatest history of baseball.

### **Foster Springs Big Surprise**

One of the big surprises of the first day's meeting was when "Rube" Foster uncovered the fact that he had a

charter, incorporated, for a National Negro Baseball League. When "Rube" displayed the charter the "magnates" were dumfounded. The league is incorporated in the states of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland. Then Mr. Foster and Mr. Blunt discussed tentative plans for the circuit of 1921. Dr. Howard Smith met the delegations at the depot. A smoker and dinner has been arranged. The second day's meeting will be held tomorrow. The visitors are stopping at the "Y."

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