

THE LEAGUE IS SURE THING

Will Comprise Hannaford, Cooperstown, Jessie, McHenry and Binford.

The committees appointed by the various towns to represent them in a base ball meeting in regards to establishing a league along the branch were in conference at Cooperstown Tuesday evening and many matters pertaining to its establishment were discussed.

Ole Almklov and Mr. Frederickson of Hannaford, S. A. Pritz and Edwin Erickson of Jessie, Harry Dunham of McHenry, A. M. Baldwin, Prof. Mason and Andrew Sinclair of Cooperstown and Aug. Evers, Oscar Greenland and F. G. Lewis of Binford were present at the meeting. Dazey was not represented—getting cold feet from their last year's experience, no doubt.

A board of directors—one from each town represented was appointed to look after the business affairs of the league. Those appointed are Prof. Mason of Cooperstown, Ole Almklov of Hannaford, S. A. Pritz of Jessie, F. G. Lewis of Binford. Mr. Dunham being the only one present from McHenry it was decided to appoint the fifth one from that place at a later date.

The playing schedule was not completed at Tuesday's meeting but enough is known that the first game will be played on May 31. Two games a week—one at home and one away are to be played.

Each town is required to deposit \$20 into the treasury of the association as a guarantee of good faith. In case of the failure of any team to appear on the day set in the schedule such team will be made subject to a forfeiture of \$10 and will be compelled to play the postponed game unless a reasonable excuse can be furnished. The number of salaried players was limited to two for each town. The gate receipts are to be divided—50 and 40 per cent. to the teams playing and the remaining 10 per cent. goes to the association.

Five umpires are to be appointed—one in each town—and it will be so arranged that no umpire will officiate in any game played on his home grounds.

SATISFIED WITH NORTH DAKOTA

Andrew Hemerlein Writes to His Home Paper at Sebawaing, Mich

Sebawaing, Mich., Blade: The editor of the Blade the other day received a letter from Andrew Hemerlein, a former resident of this place, who for some years has been located at Binford, N. D., which is interesting enough to reproduce in print. It will interest a great many of our readers, and if any of them are thinking of going west, North Dakota would seem to be the place to stop off at. The letter follows:

Binford, N. Dak.,
April 3rd, 1909.

Editor Blade,
Sebawaing, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Find money order inclosed for two dollars (\$2.00) to pay for Blade for the year just going by and the one coming. It seems quite good to sit down and read the Blade, as there is

always something interesting to one so far from his old home. Just the same North Dakota is good enough for me and a good many more if they had only come long ago.

Real estate has more than trebled within the last eight years. Farms are selling from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per acre. There was a good deal of truth in Horace Greeley's old saying, "young man go west and grow up with the country."

I know of farmers twenty-five years ago walk into Dakota and today are worth from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars. According to what I have seen of North Dakota no one need to go hungry or starve. We have the best of up-to-date machinery and the money to pay for them. Fargo, one of North Dakota's cities, has the largest distribution of machinery in the world. That means some machinery.

I am not one of those men stated before that have done so well, but I can keep the wolf from the door, and that would not have been so well if I had not come to North Dakota.

The weather in summertime is very fine. The days are hot, the nights are cool and one can enjoy a night's rest. The winter's are a little more severe. The thermometer sometimes gets down to 40 and 50 degrees below zero. Just the same, no one seems to mind it any more than ye editor would at 15 or 20 degrees above zero.

Now, Mr. Editor I used to know you when you were a mere boy, so if you should journey along anywhere near here, drop in.

Yours truly,

A. M. Hemerlein.

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