

# October 1900

## Minor Musings

### OCTOBER 1

"Moneyed Men" have their eyes on Wilmington, Delaware, as a possible franchise location in a yet-to-be-name minor league for the 1901 season ... however, one of the problems facing the reality of having professional baseball back in Wilmington for the first time in five years is that the Brownson Library Association has already leased out the Union Street Grounds with the publized intent of having a "first-class" semipro team.

There is talk of selecting a new site for a field, but discussions prove futile and the city will remain without a minor league team until 1904 when the Wilimng-ton Peaches are awarded a franchise in the Tri-State League.

### OCTOBER 11

In the Interstate League's annual meeting in Dayton, Ohio, the Wheeling and New Castle franchises are expelled from the league for non-payment of dues ... Wheeling (76-58) finished fourth in the eight-team league while New Castle (44-95) was last, 49 games behind first-place Dayton ... league president Charles B. Powers immediately resignes and leaves the room.

Powers said later that when Wheeling was behind in their payments to the league he went to the Wheeling street car company and had that corporation assume the indebtedness of \$585 (\$85 more than the guarantee) ... New Castle was dropped because it was \$200 shy of meeting the \$500 guarantee.

Mansfield President Jonathan Vogel declares that Powers had instructed the umpires "to discriminate" against his team and that he will refuse to pay the \$80 in fines leveled against Haymaker players ... Vogel later recants his diatribe and pays the fine.