## **December 1907**

## **Diamond Doings**

The Aberdeen Black Cats of the Northwestern (B) League take receipt of the pennant for winning the league title during the summer

## ABERDEEN GETS THE PENNANT

Handsome Silk "Rag" Finally Arrives
After Long Waiting.

... the pennant, "a handsome piece of work," is seven feet in length and made of blue silk and white trimmings ... embroidered in the middle of the flag, in white silk is "Champions, 1907, Northwestern League; Won by Aberdeen, Washington."

## TOBY HART DEAD.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Toby Hart, a Confederate Veteran and one of the organizers of the Southern League of baseball clubs died here tonight. He was 70 yars of age.

Captain Toby Hart, a Confederate war veteran, and one of the organizers of the Southern League, dies in New Orleans on December 17 at the age of 69.

Enlisting in the Confederate army at the age of 26, the Newberry, South Carolina, native takes part in the Vicksburg campaign before being captured and later parolled. An avid sportsman, Hart leads an effort to obtain a franchise in the proposed Southern League in 1885, but, lacking support, the effort fails. Two years later, Hart leads a successful effort to bring baseball to the Crescent City and the Pelicans become New Orleans' first professional sports franchise.

John Coleman, a pitcher who appears in one game for the Philadelphia Phillies against the Pittsburgh Alleghenys on June 23, 1890, inherits \$90,000 (\$2,402,914 in today's dollars) as part of the estate of his brother Michael, who was killed in Houston.

Coming off a season where he hits .182 in 52 games, New York Highlanders catcher Branch Rickey is taking a law course at Ohio State University.

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