

Former major league baseball player, long-time minor leaguer and current Staunton businessman Davey Crockett's attempt to form a Class D minor league in the Commonwealth begins with a meeting in Lynchburg, Virginia, with interested fans.

Danville had already committed to the formation of the league while Staunton, Charlottesville, Clifton Forge and Covington have shown interest in joining only if Crockett can convince Lynchburg into the fold.

Unfortunately for Crockett, the city's Chamber of Commerce says, "Lynchburg may someday fall heir to a franchise in some other faster league and the city could ill afford to be coupled up with a Class D circuit with towns of 5,000 people in such a contingency, which would prevent getting away to grab something better." Lynchburg elects not to join the fledgling circuit and as a result will remain out of organized baseball for another three years when it joins the Virginia (C) League.

Three weeks later, Charlottesville, Clifton Forge, Covington and Staunton regroup to form the Virginia Mountain (D) League. A monthly salary limit of \$750 a month is established. On July 25, a little more than two months into the season, league officials suspend operations due to financial problems caused by poor attendance and rumors of possible game fixing amongst its players.

The Covington team won the season's first half and was in the lead in the second when the league stopped play. The gambling trouble starts in Harrisburg when the team's players are reported to have bet money on a game, put one of their players in as umpire and then asked Covington to throw the game.

LYNCHBURG FANS TO HEAR CROCKETT

Lynchburg, Va., February 24.—David Crockett, who has been engaged for a month or more in an effort to organize a D class baseball league, to be composed of towns in Virginia not now in baseball, is in the city to-day for that purpose, and he has requested a conference with fans interested at the Hotel Carroll Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Some time ago Danville lined solidly behind the proposed organization, and some interest has been shown in Charlottesville and Staunton, but it is regarded as doubtful if Lynchburg will care to go into the organization.

The mortgage on the Lynchburg territory, a relic of the Virginia League, hangs over this city, and it seems positive that fans would not care to liquidate that debt in order to enter a D class league. Certainly, under no circumstances would the fans be willing to put up money to pay off this and arrange to back a team unless it was shown that the other towns, even including Danville, had sufficient backing to carry the proposed organization through one season, at least.

An effort will be made to get some of the fans out Saturday to hear Mr. Crockett, and upon what he may have to say will depend the future action as far as Lynchburg is concerned.