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Public interest is astir over the manipulations of "Kid" Mitchell and his colored aggregation of ball tossers. Mitchell surprised his followers when he scouted the league on the local professional parks. "I will surprise them again," he asserts, "when my boys will be seen here in their opening game."

Manager Mitchell has ordered his players to report.

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The Keystones will play several games with the Lethbridge, Canada, team at Nicollet and Minnehaha. The Canadian team will go in training at Minneapolis, and it is planned to pull off a series of games between the two clubs.

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The Keystone team is now ready to book games with all the nines of the Northwest. Address communications to the Keystone Baseball Club, Eddie Davis, secretary, 1313 Washington avenue south; N. W. phone Nicollet 9980.

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The crack St. Paul Colored Gophers will open their playing season at La Crosse on May 8. A series of three games have been arranged with the La Crosse team of the Wisconsin-Minnesota

league. Manager Reid of the Gophers is touring the Southern states with Rube Foster's Leland Giants. He has secured the signatures of several colored stars who should greatly strengthen his squad.

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"Ral" Johnson will again be at the catching position for the Gophers. Around this star backstop Manager Reid has built up a team that should be far superior to the clubs of 1907 and 1908. Binga, whose remarkable work on the Keystone team is still fresh in our memories, will play third for the Gophers. In Binga the St. Paul Colored club has one of the most able infielders that ever performed in these parts—players of the big professional league clubs included.

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Great things are expected of Wickware, the south-paw, signed to play with the Keystones; this twirler hails from the "Brooklyn Royals," and is touted a wonder.

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Aaron Coleman of Galveston, Tex., has been signed to play second base for the Keystones this year. He comes highly

recommended and Magnate Mitchell expects great things of him.

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Milroy McCune, another boy from Texas, has been signed to play third base for the Keystones. Reports say that he is a second Binga.

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Among the old players whom Manager Mitchell is depending on this year are Jessup, Jackson, Marshall, Campbell, Hopkins and Gene Barton.

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The Keystones will be greatly strengthened this season by the acquisition of three good men. The new are "Bunch" Davis, shortstop; Willis Jones, right field, and Willie Green, catcher.

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In Davis at short the Keystones will be well fortified in the infield, as he is one of the fastest shortstops that ever played in this section of the country. He was with the Gophers the last two seasons.

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Willis Jones in the outfield is one of the crack outfielders of the country, and with Hopkins and Barton the Keystones should have an outfield second to none.

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Willie Green comes with a high record from the Quaker Giants and will undoubtedly prove to be a good man to assist Campbell behind the bat. He lead the Quakers with the stick last season, batting at .285 clip.

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"Bobby" Marshall has been signed by the Keystones. Fans who have seen "Bobby" in practice this year unite in saying that he is without an equal at the first station.

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The St. Paul Colored Gophers are now booking games. All correspondence should be addressed to Secretary Irving Williams at 40 East Third street, St. Paul; phone 3682-J.

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Manager Reid reports that he has signed a wonder in Croxton, declared one of the most able twirlers that ever performed at the Flsk university. It is claimed that he will outshine the seemingly peerless Gatewood, the last year's Gopher crack.

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