

BIG BASEBALL SALARIES BUNK

Public Greatly Overestimates Pay Envelopes of Stars.

FEW PLAYERS GET \$3,500.

Pittsburg's Salary List Reported to Be Around \$75,000, While Philadelphia Athletics' Pay List is Said to Be \$35,000.

The statement recently that a salary of but \$4,500 was being paid annually to Johnny Kling, the Chicago Nationals' star catcher, came as a big surprise to the baseball fans. It was popularly believed that the clever backstop was drawing a much larger stipend for his work. During a recent fanfest among the Pittsburg players some interesting facts came out concerning baseball salaries in general.

Wagner's salary, for example, is a matter of guesswork purely to all except Pittsburg club officials, the Flying Dutchman and possibly one or two others, who have been told in strict confidence. He is supposed to be and probably is the highest salaried man in baseball, but the wages he is paid for clouting, base running and spreading his giant frame over several acres of territory for the Pirates has undoubtedly been overestimated by many persons who profess to have inside information on the subject. It has been put as high as \$8,000 a year by some guessers, and very few persons think he is getting less than \$10,000. One of the few, however, is a prominent member of the Pittsburg club.

"I do not say that Honus isn't worth that price. He is worth even more, considering his playing ability and his value to the club from a box office point of view. But baseball is a business proposition, and \$10,000 is an enormous amount to give to any player for a few months' work. They will have to show me before they can convince me that Honus is drawing that much. He may be getting it, but he is not getting more."

Several of the players suggested that the big Teuton ought to be getting a percentage of the gate receipts. Then the salary subject took a wide range, and the same player who is quoted above declared that in his opinion every member of the Pirates who figured to any extent in the winning of the National league pennant and the world's championship received an advance in salary for this year. He believed that "Dots" Miller's contract calls for more than twice as much as he received last year and that all the regular players were advanced.

"It seems to be the policy of the club," he said, "to lend substantial encouragement to brains, ability and willingness, and it is to that fact, combined with the very able leadership of Fred Clarke, that you can credit that ideal club spirit that prevails among the Buccaneers. I'll venture to say that the Pittsburg club paid out \$75,000 in salaries last summer and that no other club paid as much. I have been told, and I believe it to be true, that the salary list of the Philadelphia Americans for the season of 1909 amounted to only \$35,000, making a difference of \$40,000 in the money paid out to players by two major league clubs. How Connie Mack can pay such small salaries and manage to keep his club up in the race is something I cannot understand."

The salaries of the Cubs were also discussed, and it was agreed among the players that the average and the total of the Pirates are much larger. Chance, they understand, signed a three year contract as manager of the team at a figure under \$8,000, and Kling and Brown are the only members of the team receiving anything like \$5,000. Reubach is said to be pitching for \$3,500. Lajoie is said to have received \$9,000 a year from Cleveland, of which \$2,000 was for managing the club. Many other star players were mentioned and their real and paper salaries given.

Of course it is possible that the Pirate players who gave the information on the subject may be mistaken, but it must be admitted that they are in a position to learn the actual facts better than the newspapers. It was generally agreed among them that the public has an erroneous idea about fancy salaries paid to players. Connie Mack, even in war days, is said to have averaged only \$3,000 to his players.

While the public may be wrong in its beliefs, the fact remains that any player who delivers the goods in fast company gets enough money for it to keep the wolf from the door during the winter, and most of them earn several times as much as they could take down in any other trade or occupation for which they are fitted.

Mack, Dean of Big League Managers.

In continuous service Connie Mack is the dean of major league managers. He took charge of the Athletics in 1901. For managing the Philadelphia team the owners gave him a big slice of stock. Today Mack is a rich man.

Honest Jack Coombs.

Jack Coombs of the Philadelphia Americans declined a raise in salary this spring, saying he did not think his record in 1909 entitled him to any advance.



Stock Speculation Worse Than More Vulgar Forms of Gambling.

By FREDERICK R. TOOMBS, Member of New York State Assembly.

Assemblyman Toombs is a leader in the fight for minimizing the evils of stock exchange gambling. His resolution put before the New York state legislature requesting an investigation of Wall street evidently influenced the New York Stock Exchange to make the recent reforms in its policy.

THE great stock and commodity exchanges of the country will have to yield to governmental regulations, national and state, before very much more time elapses. The evils which exist, especially among some of the stock exchanges of the country, are A GREAT NATIONAL MENACE and, in my opinion, have directly and indirectly INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PAUPERS AND CRIMINALS OF THE COUNTRY.

Such of the exchanges as permit corners, wash sales, matched orders and other allied abuses are now fighting in the last ditch to retain the vast power they have held so long. The exchanges claim that they should be permitted to make their own rules, but it is a notorious fact that WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR RULES THEY DO NOT ENFORCE THEM CONSISTENTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. The state alone can and will protect the rights of the investing public. Recently the New York Stock Exchange enacted several new rules to meet the rising public sentiment, but if the board of governors of that mighty institution do not enforce these new rules any more thoroughly than they have enforced their rules in the past these regulations are not worth the paper on which they are written.

THE STOCK EXCHANGES OF THE COUNTRY ENCOURAGE SPECULATION WHEN THEY SHOULD NOT ONLY RESTRICT IT, BUT ABOLISH MANY FORMS OF IT ABSOLUTELY. THERE IS VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPECULATION AND THE MORE VULGAR FORMS OF GAMBLING, AND, COMPARED TO FARO, ROULETTE AND POLICY, A WASH SALE OR A MATCHED ORDER TRANSACTION IS TEN TIMES MORE DANGEROUS TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC.

Many of the great exchanges of the country do not conduct their operations in good faith, because, not being incorporated, the state has very little power over them except through special legislation. In Wall street, where the conditions are the worst, we find the great financial interests of the country CONDUCTING A NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN GAMBLING of the most demoralizing type.

American People Not Sure of Their Knowledge of Music.

By FREDERICK CONVERSE, Millionaire Composer of First American Opera.

WE ERECT BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS; WE PAINT BEAUTIFUL PICTURES; WE ACCOMPLISH WONDERS UPON THE EARTH, OVER THE EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH. WHY SHOULDN'T WE PRODUCE FINE MUSIC?

The reason is simply because the American public has NO FAITH IN ITS OWN JUDGMENT OF MUSIC. It hasn't confidence in its own criticisms, and until it has there will be no opera in English and no advancement in our musical world.

We seem to know what we want as regards other things, and we appear to lead the world in enterprise, but we are NOT SURE OF OUR ARTISTIC INSTINCTS. We haven't the courage of our convictions; but, sooner or later, America WILL HOLD HER OWN FROM A MUSICAL STANDPOINT, just as she is beginning to realize her tremendous possibilities in painting.



Advantages of Working For a Living

By EDWARD S. MARTIN, Editor and Author.

ONE of the best things about working for a living is that it gives the worker COMMON INTERESTS with people with whom he could not otherwise come in contact. The thing that more than any other single thing makes the individuals who compose human society interdependent is the NECESSITY OF MAKING A LIVING OR THE DESIRE TO MAKE MONEY.

ONE DOES NOT REALIZE EITHER OF THESE ASPIRATIONS TO ADVANTAGE WITHOUT GETTING DOWN OFF ANY PERCH ON WHICH HE MAY FIND HIMSELF INSTALLED AND WORKING IN THE CROWD SHOULDERS TO SHOULDERS WITH THE OTHER WORKERS.

A high degree of exclusiveness is only possible to do nothings and is only prized by know nothings.

The people—the great mass of the people—are the FOUNTAIN OF HONOR AND THE MAIN SOURCES OF MOST ADVANTAGES. The wise course is to get in touch with as many of them as is reasonably convenient.

Americans Are Far From Being Irreligious.

By the Rev. Dr. HUGH BLACK, Professor of Theology, New York City.

THE United States has often been CRITICISED AS AN IRRELIGIOUS COUNTRY, BUT IT IS NOT. It may so impress a foreigner when first landing on American shores, but if he stays long enough to observe and learn to know the people he finds that in NO COUNTRY IS IT EASIER TO APPEAL TO THE BETTER NATURE OF MEN AND MEET WITH HEARTIER RESPONSE THAN HERE.

(From Thursday's Daily)

Mrs. Kate Hadraba made a day's sojourn to Omaha today.

H. Gruber of Murray was one of yesterday's callers in town.

C. F. Smith started this morning for a brief stay at Louisville.

R. B. Jameson was a business caller from Weeping Water yesterday.

Mrs. G. B. Gould departed for Lincoln this morning to spend a few days with friends.

Thomas Schlager of Liberty precinct was a business caller at the court house today.

Mrs. W. H. Mann and daughter Ada went up on No. 15 this morning for a day's outing in Omaha.

Mrs. T. S. Hall made a day's pilgrimage to Omaha leaving on the early train this morning.

J. S. Rough and wife from Nehawka were in the city yesterday registering at one of the leading hotels.

Mrs. Alice Boneline made a shopping expedition to Omaha today going up on the popular morning train.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Iske were travelers to the metropolis this morning expecting to return home this evening.

Miss Etta Hyde left this morning for a few days' visit at Glenwood where she has a number of friends and relatives.

Miss Hazel Hartman took an early train today for Glenwood to make a short stay with her brother Elmer who resides at that place.

John Gauer and George Thierolf of Cedar Creek paid the city a short call yesterday.

A. W. Meisinger who lives a few miles west of Mynard drove into the county seat this morning to take one of the early trains for Omaha.

Frank Homan of Bellevue and M. J. Hobson of this city left this morning to do some painting work for the railroad at Havelock.

Mr. G. F. S. Burton was accompanied in his daily trip to Omaha this morning by Mrs. Burton who went up for a short visit in the city.

Oliver Younkens a Texas land man who formerly made his home in this city was in town today, returning in the evening for his home at Glenwood.

Mrs. W. H. Howerter of Louistown, Illinois, departed this morning for home after spending a visit of several days duration with her son Hainey who makes his home in this city.

R. B. Jameson of Weeping Water precinct assessor of that place, completed the assessment of his district and made his returns to the county assessor today. He is the first assessor to finish his work.

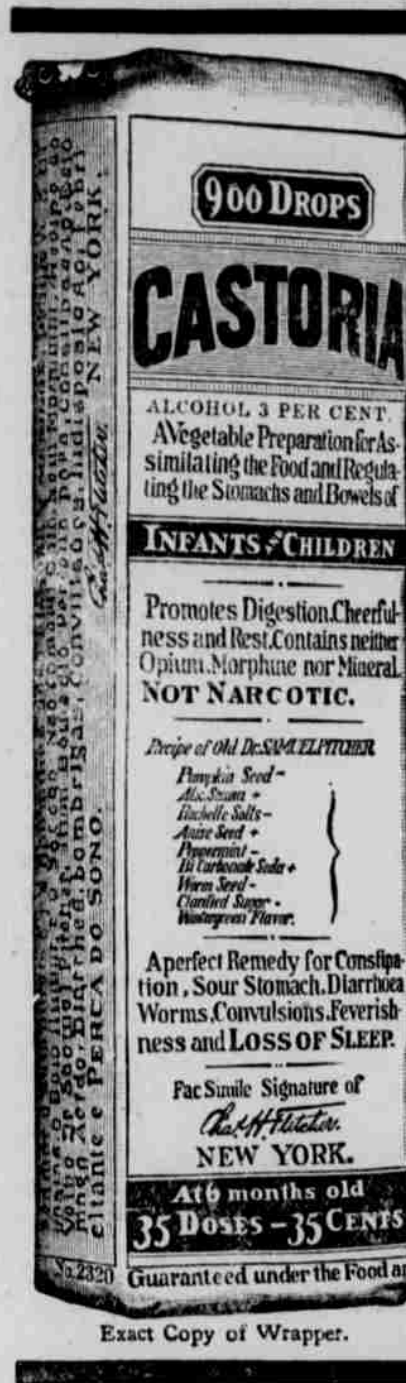
Papers have been received in the city today from the government authorities granting Mrs. Polly C. Cowles a pension for her husband Syrus Cowles who died in this city on last January. The pension is to date from the fourth of last February.

James Smith a former resident of this city who is now totally blind was in town yesterday with his tin cup and sign. He lived here six or eight years ago and shortly after leaving, lost his sight by cataracts. He boarded an early passenger this morning for Omaha.

The eighth grade lads are crowing this morning over yesterday's victory in base ball when they lined up against the High school team and doubled the score on them making a total of 18 to 6. The game was not a very fast one and the High school team couldn't get the base at all. The eighth graders put up a very good game, but the errors on both sides were numerous.

The World's Largest Crab.

The gigantic Japanese crab, measuring twelve feet, is probably the largest crustacean in the world. It is a type of the spider crab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the empire of Japan. The body portion is the size of a half bushel measure, while its two great arms, or "feelers," could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its eight arms, or legs, resemble huge bamboo poles and are extremely elastic, and if strung into one line they would reach to the top of a four story apartment building. One of the extraordinary peculiarities of this crab is the faculty of assuming a disguise by affixing pieces of seaweed and sponges to the body.



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MRS. JULIA DWYER

PLAN EARLY FOR YOUR SUMMER TOUR

Pacific Coast: From June 1st, low round trip excursion rates to the Pacific Coast, and on special dates April to July, still lower Coast Excursion rates.

Yellowstone Park: All indications point to a larger number of Park Tourists during the summer of 1910 than ever before. The tour rates are very low, and include attractive diverse routes through Colorado and Salt Lake City.

To the East: Special rates will be in effect to eastern cities and resorts. Definite announcements should be made within the next thirty days.

Rocky Mountain Tours: Tourist rates during the summer to Denver, Estes Park and Colorado resorts, Hot Springs, S. D., Sheridan and Ranchester, Wyo., for the Big Horn region, Cody (gateway for Holm's personally conducted camping parties through the park), Thermopolis, Wyo., the coming wonderful Hot Springs resort (railway completed July 1st).

Homeseekers Rates: First and third Tuesday for investors and land-seekers through the newly developing sections of the west. Get in touch with the nearest ticket agent, or with me, and let us tell you what you want to know.

Burlington Route W. L. PICKETT, Ticket Agent, Plattsmouth, Neb. L. W. WAKELY, G. P. A., Omaha.

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