

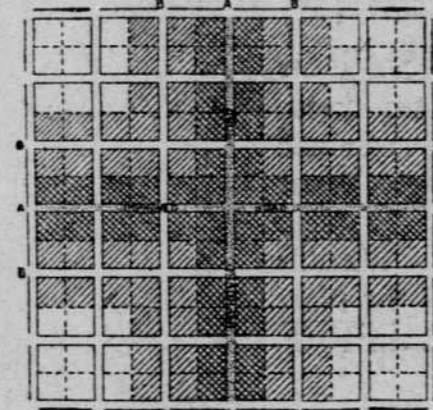
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

PLAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Township Map Shows Public Throughfares Can Be Connected With Every Little Hamlet.

A continuation of the presentation of the suggestions of the good roads committee of the Illinois Bankers' association brings us to the practical plan presented for the improvement of 20 per cent. of the highways of the state, says the Breeder's Gazette. We quote:

"It has been estimated by the United States Office of Public Roads that 15 to 20 per cent. of the roads mileage carries over 85 per cent. of the traffic. Nineteen thousand miles of improved highways would give us improved roads crossing the state from east to west every six miles, also roads crossing the state from north to south every six miles; that is, we would have an improved road running east and west and one north and south through each township, as shown by the accompanying map.



Township Map.

This township map shows that if improved highways are constructed across the state every six miles in both directions, 108 out of 144 quarter-sections in each township will either be directly on an improved road or within one mile of an improved road.

"In very few townships are roads laid out along all section lines. The 3,600 townships in the state do not average quite sixty miles of country roads to the township; hence, twelve miles of improved road will cover more than 20 per cent. of the country road mileage in each township.

"A-A represents the twelve miles of main improved roads. "B-B represents the roads only one mile from the improved road. "Dark shading represents the forty-four quarter-sections lying directly on this main road.

"Light shading represents sixty-four quarter-sections lying on a road only one mile distant from the improved road.

"Thirty per cent. of all quarter-sections would front directly on the improved roads, while an additional 45 per cent. would be on a road only one mile distant from the improved road.

"Nineteen thousand miles of high-ways, as suggested, would reach about 70,000 quarter-sections or over 86,400 farms of 129 acres each, which is the average size of the farms in Illinois. In other words, 86,400 of the 251,872 farmers in this state, over 30 per cent., would have an improved highway running past the door, while an additional 45 per cent. of the farmers would live on a road only one mile distant from this improved highway.

"These highways crossing each township in both directions would of necessity reach practically every village and hamlet in the state and connect with all of the through highways of adjoining states.

"The building of the connecting roads can be taken up by the townships and counties as fast as the main roads are improved."

Important Factor. Good roads are really a very important factor in the advancement of a community. Beyond a doubt they exert a profound influence in bettering farm conditions, not only cheapening farm productions, but in making farm life more congenial by bringing the farms closer together, and thereby improving social conditions, which are at present partially responsible for the young people's dissatisfaction with country life.

Prevent Much Trouble. Careful use of a drag on a dirt road that is already in reasonably good condition, will almost entirely prevent trouble from ruts, mud holes or dust, and give good service at low cost.

Road Weather. Warm weather should remind you of road weather as well as baseball weather or seeding time.

Efficient Road Drag. For general efficiency at low cost it is hard to find a machine that beats the road drag.

Clean Milk Utensils. To thoroughly clean milk utensils they should first be rinsed with cold water to remove all particles of milk.

Properly Equipped Dairy. The dairy that is properly equipped will bring more profit than one not so well arranged and it will get practically everything out of the product. Less butter-fat will go to waste.

Selecting a Breed. Select your breed for the special purpose it is to be kept for.

A couple of rows of sunflowers planted on the south side of the garden will help to protect it from hot winds.

VETERAN CATCHERS WATCH BATTER'S FEET



Ira Thomas of the Athletics.

Veteran catchers, like Stange of the Tigers, Sullivan of the White Sox, Thomas of the Athletics, Archer of the Cubs, and Gibson of the Pirates, watch the batter's feet closely. They pay more attention to the footwork of the hitter than to any other motions. The reason for this is obvious.

Take the prize-fight game, for example. Battling Nelson once said he could tell from the position of his opponent's feet what he was intending to do; "I never watched his eyes," said the former light-weight champion. "His feet betrayed every motion he planned. This never once failed. Persons often chided me for looking down all the time instead of watching the eyes. But there was method in my madness."

The same goes for batters. Young backstops generally have enough keeping track of the baserunners and what the pitcher is throwing. They lack the coolness, as a rule, and all-around generalship.

Among the first catchers who discovered the value of watching a batter's feet were Charles Bennett of Detroit; Buck Ewing and King Kelly. All three were experts and seldom were outguessed. Johnny Kling also was a wonder in discerning what the batter's intentions were, and so was Roger Bresnahan, the deposed manager of the Cardinals.

The batter generally takes a certain natural position when he plans the hit and run game with a man on first. He usually takes a different stance—as they say in golf—when a sacrifice bunt is his intention. Some have a way of moving around that betrays their purpose. Zimmerman is one of the easiest batters in the country to watch. It is only his natural swatting ability, his knack of slugging almost wild pitches, that enables him to break even with the crafty catchers.

League in Bad Standing. The Charlie Somers league is in bad standing, according to the percentage columns. Cleveland is fighting up in the American league race, but both the Mud Hens in the A. A. and New Orleans in the Southern are tall orders.

Cosmopolitan Game. It's a great old cosmopolitan game. In the opening contest between Milwaukee and Appleton in the Wisconsin-Illinois league Milwaukee had in its lineup Walter, Ens, Felsch, Lippold, Landgraf, Mueller, Wickenhoffer, Wachtel and Jack; while Appleton was represented by Duffy, O'Brien, Tiffany and Scanlon, with a few odd names to fill in.

First Baseman Wanted. One Boston critic praised Clyde Engle as a substitute for Jake Stahl, while another says he will not do and starts the story that the champions must have a first baseman and that Hal Chase is the man McAleer wants. Jarvin, about whom so much was heard in the spring, is not mentioned much these days.

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Scattering Notes of the Diamond

Hughie High, the Tiger youngster, started his baseball career as a pitcher.

Spitball pitchers should not sit in the draft of a hotel lobby and expect to win.

James, who pitches for the Boston Nationals, seems to be some pumpkins as a heaver.

George Mullin may prove to be just the man that Clark Griffith needs to brace his pitching staff.

Fred Bender, brother of Chief Albert of the Athletics, is to be given a trial by the Cleveland team.

Clark Griffith, after seeing all the teams in the league, says he believes his team can land the pennant.

Owner Ebbetts of the Dodgers has been forced to cut additional entrances in his new park. The fans are going after the baseball stuff hard in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn has a new pitcher named Rettinger, who hails from the amateur ranks around Jake Daubert's Pennsylvania home. Daubert thinks he will be a find.

"How in blazes," queries a New York fan, "does Chance hope to make a ball team out of three Rays, a Roy, a Russell, a Harold, a Claude, an Ezra, a Birdie, and a Bert?"

Branch Riekey, former catcher of the New York and St. Louis American league teams, says baseball in the majors is so fast that players don't have time to think.

Hal Chase, according to Frank Chance, is equal in trade to Wood and Speaker or Ty Cobb or Baker or Collins or Walter Johnson or the entire St. Louis ball club.

Another one-syllable name has been added to the Detroit roster. This one is Pipp. Manager Jennings purchased Pipp from the Kalamazoo club of the South Michigan league.

"Germany" Schaefer made a great hit with the St. Louis crowd when he announced to the crowd that the Senators would be in St. Louis in October to play the St. Louis Cardinals in the world series.

"When you stand at the plate batting against Walter Johnson," says Frank Baker, the hard-hitting third sacker of the Athletics, "the ball comes up there looking not bigger than a French pea."

Carl Wellman, the Brown's tall finger, set a record for picking runners off first that should stand for some time. He nipped three Naps in a recent game, and every one of them was caught going away.

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No Charge for Name. Catcher Gundalopoulos de Jan of Opelousas has been sold by the Jackson club of the Cotton States league to Gadsden. The name was included without extra charge.

TRAINING TRIP STAR

"Texas" Russell Quickly Picks Up Difficult Curve.

Pitcher Has Nothing but Fast Ball When He Joined White Sox—His Showing Against Frisco Seals Lands Him With Comiskey.

Often the career of a budding baseball player hangs by a thread. One little turn of the wheel may send him back to oblivion or into the calcium of fame. Albert (Lefty) Russell, of the White Sox, is a case in point. Today he looks like one of the real finds among southpaws in recent years. Yet he came mighty near being shipped back to the bushes.

Russell, who is called Tex, or Reb., because he came from Bonham in the Lone Star state, has had exactly one year of professional baseball experience. He wound up the season at Fort Worth in 1912, but was only there one month. The rest of the year he played on the Bonham squad of the Texas-Oklahoma league. Prior to that he was a semi-pro, content to make his \$10 or \$15 per week.

While in Texas several scouts heard of this big fellow who seemed to have lots of control but little besides that and a fast ball. Comiskey happened to get hold of him, and "Tex" reported for his tryout at Paso Robles late in February, and he contracted the grippie on the journey. He was under the doctor's care for nearly a week at the training camp.

This wasn't an especially good start for a green hand. Callahan and Gleason looked him over carefully and discovered his curve was of the round-house character—the kind that big league batters literally eat up. So Gleason set about to teach him the difficult hook curve. Much to his surprise "Reb." picked it up in a single day. He was able to get a terrific break to the ball with the over-arm motion, but couldn't control it—as was natural.

Russell was shipped along with the Yannis crowd and had exactly two trials in the month of traveling. The first was against a team at Redlands, Cal., and he won that game, striking out 16 men. But he looked awfully green then, didn't field his position especially well and didn't use the hook at all. He depended entirely on his speed.

In the meantime negotiations were under way to have him sent back to the minors when, by chance, Acting Manager Gleason of the Yannisgens sent him against the San Francisco team. "Reb." shut out the Seals and held them down to five hits. He had the hook working wonderfully well and showed a big improvement in fielding the job.

Gleason immediately wired on to Callahan to withdraw waivers on the youngster: "He seems to have the makings of a great pitcher," Gleason said.

A couple of weeks ago Russell was given his first trial in the major leagues, working the last three innings against Cleveland. The first man to face him was Lajoie. This was set fire to, kerosene being poured on the bonfire when the flames showed signs of dying down. Not a clay vial was left. The burning is carried out once a month, this being the second time, and a different place is selected for each fire. The opium and utensils were wholly confiscated from smokers. The smokers were fined or imprisoned.

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Against Summer Ball. After three years of intermittent discussion, during which no definite stand on the matter was taken, the athletic board of Amherst college voted that summer baseball be prohibited. The student body showed strong sentiment in favor of allowing men to play ball for money during the summer vacation, but the majority of the faculty were against such action. In the official vote of the board which decided the matter the student representatives were for summer baseball, the faculty against it and the alumni evenly split.

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