

Real Stars Come Every Year.

By TOMMY CLARK. "Did you ever notice that baseball marvels appear only once every five years?" said a prominent National league baseball man recently to the writer.

"It may seem facetious, but nevertheless it is true. Just go back over the list and you will see that there have been but two extraordinary players developed during this space of time, and one of them is a pitcher.

"My point is easily taken and true. My way of thinking is easily proved. These last five years both men have gone to and been developed in the American league. One of them is Walter Johnson of Washington, that marvelous pitcher and perhaps the greatest of this year and former years. The other player is Ty Cobb of Detroit.

"The half decade from 1900 to 1905 brought out Pitcher Ed Walsh of the White Sox and Second Baseman Johnny Evers of the Cubs. I would like to include Pitchers Mathewson of the Giants, but really believe that Ed Walsh tops him. You see, he hasn't the club behind him that the other two fellows have. It takes a lot of pitching to win a game for the Sox, especially last year and the one before.

"To return to Johnson—he never was heard of until Joe Cantillon signed him up. Straight from the deserts of Idaho he lugged Walter, and Johnson has been a star ever since. He has not got what you call a marvelous team behind him, but his winning average is close to .500, and he has worked in a big lot of games too.

"Cobb, Speaker, Lajoie and the other magnificent batters of the American league find him a hard proposition to face. Pat Dougherty and Billy Sullivan of the Chicago Americans, who are pretty fine sluggers, cannot do anything but whiff when they get up against Johnson.

"Lots of the time he doesn't need many curves. His straight, fast ball is enough to baffle most of the batters. In a series with the White Sox in Washington last summer I don't think he threw fifteen curve balls the whole game. But when he has to he can put on every kind of dress that a ball can stand.

"There is no need telling of the merits of Ty Cobb. He has figured in countless column baseball stories. It's a cold day when some kind of layout can't be woven around Ty Cobb. During the discussion several took exception to the baseball man's remarks. They claimed that he was unfair; that if he counted in only two players every five years that would make about fourteen players of that caliber since the National league opened.

"That's not the point," continued the baseball man. "I wanted to figure in the real, top notch, amazing stars. They don't come any faster than that. Before Walsh and Evers in that generation from 1895 to 1900 I would include Lajoie of Cleveland and Wagner of Pittsburgh. Others whom I would place in the list are Comiskey, Clark, Kelly, Jennings, Anson and Clarkbourne.

"I don't mean this as any knock against the other players. It's the same as classifying the great actors or the great presidents. I don't think Sir Henry Irving would have justice done him if you compared another tragic actor of good ability with him. Sir Henry was a star of the first magnitude. Just as Walter Johnson and Cobb are in their profession."

The baseball man has failed to mention Johnny McGraw and Willie Keeler. The former was one of the greatest third basemen that ever lived, while Keeler was a great outfielder, a wonderful batter and one of the speediest base runners baseball ever produced. As for Christy Mathewson, his equal as a pitcher will probably never be found. For twelve seasons he has been doing mound duty, and today he is still without a superior. Johnson is a marvel, and so is Walsh, but Matty outclasses them. Johnson may or may not surpass Mathewson in years to come, but he will have to go some to do it. It is mainly through Matty's great work in the box that the Giants have been so well up in the race for years.

Then how about Eddie Collins, the Athletics' second baseman? He is a wonderful batter, base runner and one of the brainiest young men that ever appeared on the diamond. And there is still another—Russell Ford of the New York Americans. Ford is the peer of all spittball twirlers, and in another season he will stand the heavy hitters of his league on their heads.

When going over the list of great ball players one cannot leave out Fred Clarke. Show us one left fielder that has anything on the Pirates' manager in any way. How about Hal Chase? A more spectacular first baseman never appeared in baseball. There is no way of figuring out how often wonderful ball players may pop up. There may be one this season. Who knows?

So He Kills Them Both. Louisville, Ky., May 25.—Splitting the skulls of two negro women with an axe, while they slept today, Matthew Kelly, a negro, addressed a note to the police confessing the crime. When arrested Matthews said the women had been trifling with him and that he killed them for revenge.

MORE FISH COMING.

State Commissioner O'Brien Here With His Fish Car.

State Fish Commissioner W. J. O'Brien, in his fish car, was in the city Friday afternoon with many fish for trout streams in northeast Nebraska. Deputy Game Warden A. P. Stearns met Mr. O'Brien at the depot and the warden declared that he would return to Norfolk next Tuesday with a good many fine blueheads for this vicinity. Among the fish in the car were four cans of fish for Howells; six cans of trout for Anoka; six cans of trout for St. Charles, and some trout and channel catfish for O'Neill and trout streams in other parts of Holt county.

Warden Stearns received from the fish car a fine collection of gold fish which he has on display in his office. The hoop net placed below the mill dam to catch game fish, to be transferred to upper Norfolk river, has been practically destroyed by muskrats and Mr. Stearns has replaced it with a wire net. State Warden O'Brien reports that the fish department has \$4,000 more appropriation this year as the result of the new fishing laws.

OH, YOU BACHELORS!

Black Haired Missouri Girl Wants Somebody to Write to Her. With the arrival in Norfolk of strawberries from Missouri are also arriving the names of the berry pickers, written on boxes of the fruit. Paul Zuelow, cashier of the Nebraska National bank, is in receipt of a case of berries from Neosho, Mo. On one of the berry boxes was written the following note:

"Myrtle Horton, route 5, box 9, Neosho, Mo. Black hair, black eyes. Answer by some nice young fellow, answer quick." Mr. Zuelow put the berry box on exhibition in the bank's offices for the inspection of other Norfolk bachelors.

The Program for Memorial Day Here.

Mathewson post, G. A. R., has issued the following Memorial day program: Contributions of flowers are solicited to be left at the G. A. R. hall early in the morning of Memorial day. Old soldiers, members of Mathewson post and Woman's Relief Corps will meet at G. A. R. hall at 9 a. m. to arrange flowers, and be in readiness to take conveyances to the cemetery which will be provided by the post committee on conveyances. Procession will form at 10 a. m. on Norfolk avenue in the following order: Mayor and council. Norfolk band. Company D, Nebraska national guards. Mathewson G. A. R. post, old soldiers and Spanish-American war veterans. Mathewson Woman's Relief Corps, Norfolk Landwehr Verein. Norfolk fire department. Civic societies.

The procession will move at 10:30, marching west to Thirteenth street, thence north to Prospect Hill cemetery, and on arriving there will form in open order around the soldiers' lot, where the following exercises will be held: Music by the band. Reading the names of the dead by the adjutant. Services from the G. A. R. ritual. Dirge by the band. Firing of salute by Company D. "Taps," by the bugler of Company D.

Post Commander Parks will make a detail to decorate the graves of old soldiers in other cemeteries, and delegates of the post and Woman's Relief Corps will proceed to decorate the graves of deceased members and old soldiers, which will each be designated by a small flag, and this will close the exercises in the cemetery. Afternoon Exercises. Mathewson G. A. R. post and Woman's Relief Corps will meet at G. A. R. hall at 2 p. m. and march to the First Methodist Episcopal church, where the exercises will begin at 2:30. Order of Exercises. Singing by choir, led by Prof. Solomon. Invocation. Reading Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Singing by the choir. Memorial day address by Hon. Willis E. Reed of Madison. Singing, "America," led by choir in which all will join. Benediction. Committees for Memorial Day. Flowers—Mathewson Woman's Relief Corps. Marking Graves—Widaman and McGinnis. Decorating Church and Hall—Commander Parks. Music—Matrau. Conveyances—Byerly and Beswick. Public Schools Exercises.

On Friday, May 26, all old soldiers are requested to visit the schools at 1:30 p. m. Teachers and children alike always delight to honor the survivors of the war of 1861 to 1865, the men who risked their lives for the preservation of the union, and these men should by their presence in the school rooms on the Friday before Memorial day manifest their interest in the work of the schools. This is also a compliance with orders from the national and department commanders. Memorial Sunday Services. On Sunday, May 28, members of Mathewson G. A. R. post and Woman's Relief Corps and all old soldiers will meet at G. A. R. hall at 10 a. m. and march in a body to the First Methodist Episcopal church and attend divine exercises conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. It is expected that Company D, N. N. G., will act as escort on that occasion. Invitation. All city officers and organizations mentioned in this program are respectfully requested to arrange to take a part in carrying out this order of exercises for Memorial day without further notice or invitation from the Grand Army post. By order of the post. Samuel N. Parks, Commander. H. C. Matrau, Adjutant.

SATURDAY SITTINGS.

Mrs. H. H. Mohr of Pierce was a visitor in the city. J. C. Larkin returned from a business trip to Niobrara. Edward Marotz of Hoskins is in the city visiting with friends. J. M. Covert returned from a business trip to Elgin and Oakdale. R. F. Schiller returned from a few days' business trip at Sioux City and

Omaha. Ex-Senator W. V. Allen of Madison is in the city transacting business. Mrs. L. E. Emmerson of Lincoln is visiting at the A. L. Killian home. F. M. Hunter returned from Omaha, where he attended the funeral of his nephew. Mrs. Emil Moeller has gone to Headquarters, Neb., to spend a week with relatives. W. A. Witzigman has returned from Mt. Vernon, Ia., where he visited with his daughter. Mrs. Dan Blue returned from two weeks' visit with her sisters at Lincoln and with her parents at Wahoo. R. Y. Hyde, who has direct charge of the underground wire work here, has gone to Fremont to spend Sunday with relatives. Mrs. Henry Breitingher of West Point is in the city visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Louise Amus and Mrs. Augusta Rudat. Prof. August Steffen has returned from St. Louis, where he attended a convention of the ministers and teachers' association. Miss Inez Viele, who has been teaching school at Niobrara, has returned home. Miss Viele will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Viele. Next fall she will attend the state university.

Merrill A. Scott has accepted a position in the Northwestern freight depot. Miss Eva Willey has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Bee Hive store. Herbert Wichman is back at work at the postoffice after a fifteen days' vacation leave. M. W. Case, who has been confined to his home for the past week, is again able to go to work. R. B. McKinney is suffering from a small wound on his foot which has become infected. Damascus chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock for work in the M. M. P. M. and M. E. M. degrees. After a good practice Friday afternoon, the Norfolk baseball team held a business meeting in the C. H. Krahn tailor shop. Ferdinand Culmsee has sold his property at Decorah, Ia., and has come to Norfolk to make his home with his son, Dr. C. L. Culmsee. Miss Luree Evans was 8 years old Saturday and a company of little friends spent the afternoon with her to help her celebrate. John Koenigstein, Dr. Mittelstadt and W. P. Hall returned from a successful fishing expedition on the Elk horn, south of the city. The young ladies of the Dorcas society of the Congregational church had a picnic supper on the chautauqua grounds Monday evening. Funeral services over the remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckman took place Friday afternoon. The baby died at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. Accompanied by a quartet and mandolin club, a large number of young men made a trip up the Norfolk, where they enjoyed refreshments and music Friday evening. A. H. Viele is in receipt of an invitation to attend the sixth annual commencement exercises of the Kearney, Neb., normal school, which begin May 21 and end on May 25. Jack Sullivan received a telegram from New York City Friday notifying him that he is matched for a fight at New Haven, Conn., in July. Jack will probably go east to train. Chief Game Warden Miller of Lincoln was in the city Friday investigating some matters pertaining to the stealing of fish from the net put in the Northfork below the mill dam. Thomas McConnelly, the Hastings sewing machine repairer who has been working on the streets to pay off his \$7.10 fine for being drunk, became ill and was released by Judge Eiseley. McConnelly left the city. The tailors ball team has accepted the challenge of the barbers team for a return game. The tailors deny the report that in the first game between these two teams they used some of the regular members of the Norfolk team. Norfolk and Elgin will meet on the driving park diamond Sunday afternoon. The Norfolk players have been looking to this game with great pleasure. Manager Stafford and Secretary Hulac both declare that Elgin has a good lineup and that the locals will not have as easy a time as they did with Stanton last Tuesday. The new uniforms will be displayed by the local team. Workmen laying the conduits for the underground wiring of the Nebraska Telephone company have reached the underground work of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company. On Norfolk avenue the former company's conduits are being laid above those of the independent company. It is not believed that the excavators will again cross the independent conduits in the extensive work. O'Neill Frontier: W. L. Shoemaker came up from Norfolk last Tuesday evening and spent Wednesday visiting his family in this city. Bill took his string of horses to Norfolk last week and is working them out upon the track there, getting them in shape for the fall racing campaign. Bill says he has a good string of horses and will be able to throw dirt in the face of more than one driver in this circuit this season. The members of the board of education are having a hard time in fixing a permanent date for a special meeting at which to elect a new superintendent to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Superintendent F. M. Hunter. A special meeting was to have been held last Thursday, but some members of the board found it impossible to be present. It is believed a special meeting will be called next week. Another application for the position was received by the board today. Donald and Charles Bridge, students of the Culver (Ind.) military academy, sons of C. S. Bridge of this city, have been offered a place in the Annapolis

naval academy by Uncle Sam. It is not believed the Norfolk boys will accept the opportunity. Mr. Bridge says that he has wired an objection to his sons going to Annapolis. Donald Bridge will graduate this year, but it is not known just what business he will take up. Recently he was offered a position in a South Dakota banking house. Charles Bridge will not return to Culver next year. He will probably attend the Nebraska state university. Two runaways caused a bit of excitement on Norfolk avenue at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Two males attached to a wagon, owned by I. T. Cook, made a spectacular dash down Norfolk avenue, but after having run about three blocks the driver secured perfect control over the animals. The wagon was loaded with coal. Five minutes later the Cook wagon was followed by a farmer's wagon drawn by two heavy horses. The animals made record time going east on Norfolk avenue. When the culvert covering the underground ditch on Third street was reached, the neckyokes broke and the horses were turned loose from the wagon. The farmer retained his grasp on the reins for only an instant, when the horses made their escape, going one way, and the wagon, by its own force rolled on its wheels for about a block. The farmer was not injured.

To Tell of Armistice. Nogales, Sonora, Mex., May 20.—Provisional Gov. Bonilla of Sinaloa arrived here today as special envoy from Francisco I. Madero and proceeded southward to Hermosillo to notify the revolutionists that an armistice had been proclaimed. The train sent out over the Southern Pacific road got only as far as Querobal, 175 kilometers south of here, and Bonilla may not be able to reach Hermosillo.

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ELLIOTT STILL IN RACE. Senator Gamble Believes Taft Will Fill Vacancy This Week. Washington, May 22.—Senator Gamble expressed the belief that the president would fill the vacancy on the district federal bench in South Dakota the latter part of this week. Mr. Gamble believes that James D. Elliott of Aberdeen, will be named. Attorney General Wickersham will return to Washington next Wednesday. Senator Gamble is of the opinion that the president will then confer with Mr. Wickersham relative to the matter and make his selection without further delay.

TURN TO TEA AND COCOA.

Americans Drinking Less Coffee Because of High Prices. That many Americans have been turned to the greater use of tea and cocoa by the prevailing high prices of coffee is indicated by the imports of those three commodities. Imports of tea and cocoa for the fiscal year ending June 30 next bid fair to be the largest in the history of America's import trade. Coffee, which is showing the highest import prices since 1897, has fallen in the imports. Since last July there have been imported 644,000,000 pounds, a full hundred million less than was used in this country during the corresponding time last year. At the present rate of importation it is probable that the tea imports will aggregate 115,000,000 pounds, and cocoa will exceed 140,000,000 pounds. The bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor estimates that the average import price of coffee this year is 10 cents a pound against 7 cents last year.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

The Standard Oil company, which the supreme court of the United States has just declared to be an illegal trust, has a capital stock of \$110,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is common and \$10,000,000 is preferred. It is supposed to have a surplus of about \$500,000,000. The cash assets of the company, according to the last annual report, were about \$388 a share. These assets do not include the value of the company's oil above ground, which is figured at \$200,000,000, or about \$300 a share, so that in actual liquidation the value of the Standard Oil stock would be about \$688 a share. The company has 8,000 miles of trunk pipe line, 75,000 miles of feeders and controls 70 per cent of the refining business of the country, having twenty-two refineries, each with a daily capacity of from 15,000 to 30,000 barrels. It has erected and maintains oil supplies in nearly 4,000 stations throughout the United States, holds 80,000,000 barrels of oil constantly in reserve and requires 3,000 tank cars and 5,000 tank wagons to handle initial domestic distribution. More than one-half of the company's refined products is consumed abroad, 200 vessels, including sixty ocean tank steamers, being engaged in transporting its products, and this foreign business has brought to this country more than \$1,000,000,000 of foreign gold. The company employs 70,000 men, has a payroll of \$150,000 a day and in forty years of corporate existence has had no labor troubles.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

L. L. Stephens was elected mayor of Pierre at a special election. A meeting of the state bond commission will be held at Pierre on May 29. The hearing of the railroad question on telephone matters at Tyndall will be held June 1. Arthur Taylor, of Mitchell, was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. All the jury cases to come up before the May term in Beadle county have been disposed of and the jury has been excused. Gov. Vessey has signed an order transferring John Moyott from the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls to the insane asylum at Yankton. The old wooden building at Pierre formerly used by the Presbyterian university, but recently utilized as a detention hospital, was burned. The Geddes Commercial club and citizens are making arrangements to properly celebrate the Fourth of July. About \$1,500 in cash has already been raised. The county seat contest in the new county of Mellette, to be organized next week, promises to be a warm one between Wood, White River and Ogallala. Fire of unknown origin started in the Paddy hotel at Geddes and for a short time it looked like the fine building was lost. It is thought the damage will be about \$400. The new lands in the Lemmon district for taxation this year will run close to 400,000 acres in the counties of Perkins and Harding, where many claims have been proved up. George P. Soxauer, of Brookings, and all buildings, except a granary and sheep shed, which were farther removed, were a total loss. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the state department for the Farmers' State bank of Lily, Day county, with a capital stock of \$10,000. James Anderson, L. S. Westby and C. A. Fossum are among the incorporators.



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