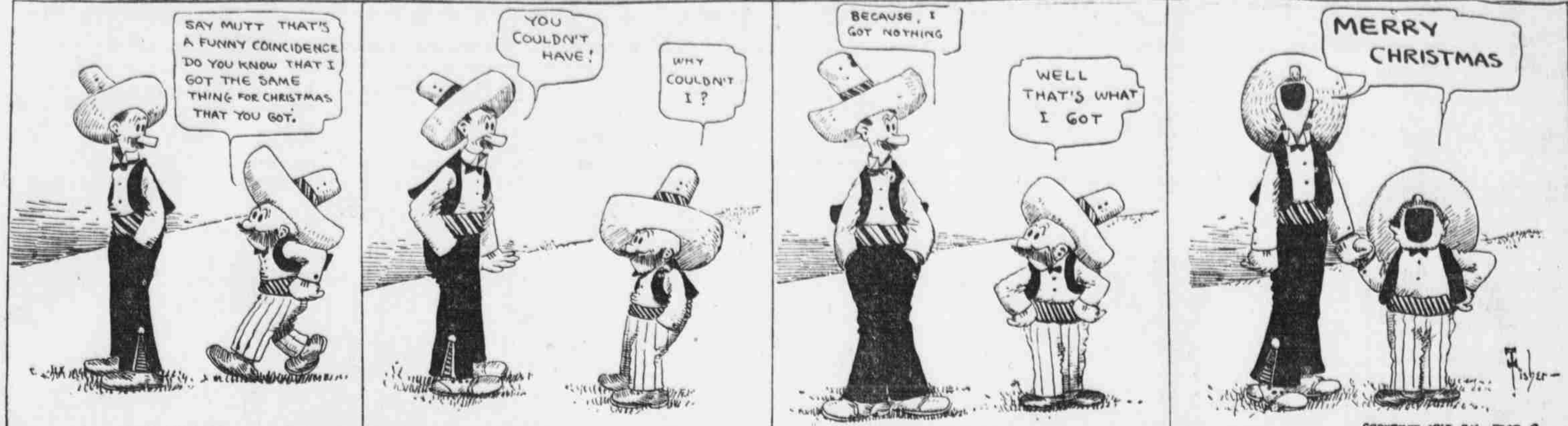


Christmas Comes But Once a Year

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TINKER AND BROWN BOLT

Both National League Stars Sign with Federal League.

FORMER TO MANAGE CHICAGO

Letter Will Be Manager of St. Louis Club—Salaries Guaranteed at High Mark for Three Years.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Joseph Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati National league base ball club and Mordcaei Brown, Cincinnati pitcher, has signed three year contracts with the Federal League. Tinker will manage the Chicago club and Brown will be manager of the St. Louis club.

Announced by Gilmore. James Gilmore, president of the Federal league, announced that each Federal league club would contain at least five players who appeared last year with either the National or the American League.

This full roster of the players, he said, would be announced within a few days. Well advertised players from these leagues, he said, had been chosen to manage the Toronto, Baltimore and Pittsburgh clubs.

The amount any player is to receive from the new league was not made public by President Gilmore.

Twelve Thousand Year. It was reported that Tinker is to receive \$2,000 for three years' service.

Tinker, who was deposited by Cincinnati, was sold to the Brooklyn club for \$25,000, it being stipulated that he was to receive \$10,000 of this amount in addition to his salary. Tinker had announced that he would not go to the Federal league unless he was assured that his income would be larger than that provided by the Brooklyn deal.

Gets in High Figures. Brooklyn's offer of \$25,000 for Tinker's services, said to be the largest sum ever paid for a ball player, was contingent upon the former Cincinnati manager's accepting the agreement.

Cleveland's place in the new Federal league was forfeited owing to the failure of that city to guarantee a suitable ball park. Barney Hepburn, a member of the Canadian parliament, it was announced, is the owner of the Toronto club.

Tinker and Brown are among the oldest and best known players in organized base ball. Tinker joined the Chicago club twelve years ago and won his way to high regard as a shortstop. A year ago he was signed by Cincinnati as manager. Brown also spent many years with the Chicago club as a pitcher. He went with Tinker to Cincinnati.

The cities represented in the Federal league are: Toronto, Buffalo, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis.

Herrmann Will Not Talk. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—President August Herrmann of the Cincinnati National league team was first notified of the jumping of Mordcaei Brown to the Federal league by the Associated Press. Mr. Herrmann was surprised, but declined to make any comment.

As president of the National base ball commission he also declined to say whether the action of Tinker and Brown had placed the ball players outside the pale of organized base ball.

Mordcaei Brown pitched good ball for the Cincinnati team this year and was depended on by Manager Herzog for a great deal of work in the 1914 season, both as a regular and relief pitcher.

WILL NOT LET TINKER GO

Organized Base Ball Will Invoke Aid of Courts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Joe Tinker will not be allowed to play with the Federal league if the powers of organized base ball, invoking the aid of the courts, can prevent him. It was stated here tonight by Edward H. McKeever, vice president of the Brooklyn National league club.

McKeever said that the Brooklyn club would take steps to have Tinker restrained from associating himself with the so-called outlaw organization.

"We will get out an injunction restraining Tinker from playing the Federal league," said McKeever. "He is the property of the Brooklyn club. He has been purchased in the regular way and we will resort to the courts to convince him and the Federal league that he belongs to us."

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OUTLAW BASE BALL ON MAP

President Gilmore Announces Circuit Lineup for Coming Season.

TINKER WILL HANDLE CHICAGO

Citadel Invaded by New League and War of 1901 is Likely to Be Repeated During the Coming Summer.

"Outlaw" base ball has again taken its place on the map. The Federal league has assumed such proportions, at least in the "dope" available for publication as warrants its being dealt with as an established organization, a competitor for public favor and, most important of all, a haven for the dissatisfied stars of "organized" base ball.

So we may now look for a recrudescence of the malady of "rubberstitching," so prevalent among base ball players thirteen years ago.

From Chicago Saturday came an Associated Press dispatch with the news that Joe Tinker had definitely signed to play with and manage the Chicago Federal league club. This berth was held by Bert Kealey, the former Omaha pitcher, during the last summer.

The same dispatch carried the information that Mordcaei Brown, the famous "three-fingered" finger, also a former Omaha star, had signed to manage the Cincinnati Federal league team, that George Stovall would manage the Kansas City team, and that Bill Phillips, a former big league catcher, who has been out of the game for several years, will manage Buffalo. The Federal league franchise that had been granted to Cleveland was declared forfeited and was awarded to Toronto.

This is a sweeping move on the part of the federal, and indicates an intention to win or lose in a single season. It involves both the big leagues and two of the "American association" leagues, and thus amounts to a general declaration of warfare on "organized" ball in its stronghold.

The men who have been managing the affairs of the game for the last dozen years under the "peace" agreement and the system of government that has grown up thereunder are now face to face with a situation such as confronted the National league in 1901, when the American began its era of "expansion," and boldly invaded the cities theretofore sacred to the older league, and set out on a career of piracy that threatened for a time to wreck the game.

Whipped the National. That was a situation compared to which the "Brotherhood" days of 1891 were play indeed. The American league laid its plans most carefully, fully matured them, and then entered on their fulfillment with a rush that simply swept the National league owners off the board. Salaries that can only be described as princely tempted star after star of the National to jump to the new organization, and the trick was done. The National league has never recovered the prestige it lost at that time, and never will.

And now we are threatened with a repetition of that situation. The big magnates say they have set apart a very large sum of money to meet just this emergency, and that the Federal, or any other outlaw league will be smothered at the very start. Last summer the Federal was treated as a joke. Its promoters were not taken seriously by any base ball wiseacre, but when it finished the season, and announced its plans for next year, some of them began to sit up and take notice. Then came the announcement of the big "war bag" of the big leagues, and here comes the chance for the magnates to spend some of the money they have laid aside to meet the crisis.

History of Injunctions. Talk has been made of getting injunctions to prevent jumping players from playing with the Federal league. Those who are putting up this line of argument should go back into history and see how seriously the injunction affected "Big Ed" Deleahanty and Larry Lajoie, after they had jumped from the Philadelphia Nationals to the Philadelphia Americans and then were sent to Cleveland to play.

The Federal league promoters must make a noise like real money in order to convince experienced ball players like Joe Tinker, Mordcaei Brown and others that it is to their interest to jump contracts or reservations and take on with the new league. Tinker was just ousted from a managerial berth that has its drawbacks, but had been offered a large bonus and a big salary to play with another team. Brown was assured of regular employment at a good salary, and this is true of other players who have cast their fortunes with the Federal. So it must be that somewhere real money is figuring in the move, for the average professional ball player knows little of sentiment.

The war is on. "Play ball!" Omaha's interests.

How the move will affect Omaha can not yet be hinted at. So far as the Western league is directly concerned, the most interesting factor is that Jimmy McGill of Denver has just bought the Indianapolis franchise in the American association, and with it a fight for existence.

SURPRISE IN CHURCH LEAGUE

Hanscom Park Methodists Defeat First Methodist Team.

ONE TEAM STILL UNDEFEATED

This Week Promises to Be Busy One Among Amateur Basketball Fives—New Team Enters the Field.

Standing of the Teams.

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
First Christian church	3	2	0	1.000
First Methodist church	3	2	0	1.000
Hanscom Park	2	1	0	.666
Presbyterians	2	1	0	.666
First Baptist church	1	0	1	.000

The defeat of the First Methodists at the hands of the Hanscom Park Methodists last Tuesday was one of the greatest surprises in the Church league basketball. Starting the season late the Hanscom Parkers have made wonderful strides and at present are considered one of the strongest fives in the league. Every team in the organization has met defeat with the exception of the First Christians. The Christians have played only the weaker teams, but during the next few weeks they are matched against two of the stronger fives.

Some of the Church league players are among the best in the city. With the First Christians are the Weigle brothers, having the reputation of being two of the most aggressive players in the town. Evans at center also plays a strong game, while Logan and Curtis, both new men, are showing up in fine form. The Christians have an advantage over the greater number of other teams in that their players are more experienced.

Another Strong Team.

The First Methodists also have a strong team. Miles and Hobson are two of the best players in the league and it is through the playing of these men that the Methodists are keeping in the fore part of the race. Hobson is the smallest player in the league and seems to have a knack of dodging. At present he is leading the league in baskets thrown. Beckwith is playing a good center for the Methodists and has greatly aided them in holding their position.

The Westminster Presbyterians are not showing as good form as earlier in the season. Since winning the first game they have dropped two contests in a row. Both the games lost have been by narrow margins. The Westminsterers have been playing in hard luck to a certain extent, which may be attributed to their losing streak of the last few weeks.

As the Church league meets but once a week, a number of the teams have been playing outside contests.

Little Play Last Week. Basket ball among amateur teams in the city was rather slack last week. The Nebraska School for the Deaf stopped play during the Christmas holidays, and also did the University of Omaha. A large number of games have been scheduled between the amateur teams for next week, which promises to be one of the busiest of the season. Another new team has come into the field, playing its first game with the Sterlings Thursday. It is known as the Athletic Reserves.

True Blues Win. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—The True Blues of Paterson, N. J., today defeated the Columbia Athletic club team of St. Louis in soccer foot ball by a score of 5 to 0.

Wins Motorcycle Race. SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 28.—Bob Perry of Urbana, Ill., won the 200-mile motorcycle race today. Time, 5:22.38, an average of fifty-nine miles an hour.

Fighter Gets Cots. Georges Carpentier, European heavy-weight champion, is reported to have picked up over \$200,000 at the fight game and is not yet 30 years old.

HEBREW STUDENTS TO HAVE CHANUKAH ENTERTAINMENT

The Daughters of Jacob, whose generous philanthropy is directed toward the support of the Hebrew free school conducted in conjunction with the synagogue at Twenty-fourth and Nicholas streets, are interesting the Bible folks in an elaborate "Chanukah" celebration for Sabbath evening. Chanukah is known as the feast of dedication and is celebrated by the Jewish people in memory of the victory won by Judas Maccabees over Epiphanes, which restored their possession of the tabernacle. Among other interesting numbers the program will include Hebrew songs and rare instrumental selections. Arrangements are being made to provide for an extraordinary attendance.

Federal of William Lee. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The funeral of William H. Lee was held from his late residence on Military avenue Saturday afternoon. Dr. P. M. Sisson, of the Methodist Episcopal church conducted the services, which were under the direction of the Masonic order as were those at the cemetery. There was a large attendance, especial of the older settlers. The banks were closed during the time of the funeral. The pallbearers were: William Fried, L. D. Richards, L. M. Keene, G. A. Bushnell, George Murrell and Henry Wehner.

CUBS AND MACKMEN WILL PLAY EARLY GAMES SOUTH

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Chicago Nationals will play six games with the Philadelphia Americans during the spring training in Florida it was announced by President Murphy of the Cubs today. The first three will be March 12, 13 and 14, at the Cubs' training grounds at Tampa. The others will be played March 16, 17 and 18, at Jacksonville, where the world's champions played.

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Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

CLARA BELLES ROLL VICTORY

Omaha Bowlers Defeat Picked Team from Fremont.

HAVE A THIRTY-THREE START

Last Contest is Most Exciting, Visitors Having Forty Pins Ahead in the Ninth Frame.

In a special match on the Association alleys yesterday afternoon, the Clara Belles of Omaha won from a picked team from Fremont, Neb., in a close, but loosely played game. Neither team rolled any sensational totals. The local rollers started with a thirty-three lead over the visitors, who came back strong on the second game and tore twelve pins off the lead. The last game was the most exciting. With the Fremont team forty pins ahead in the ninth frame of the last game, the Clara Belles cut in twelve pins ahead with three men striking out. Jimmy Jarosh proved to be the heavy shooter in the match with three games over 300 totaling, 625. Luce Hammond, who formerly rolled with the old Stars Triumphant in the Omaha league, starred for the visitors with a 571 total and a 306 single game.

In a series of doubles, Cain and Jarosh won from Hammond and Middaugh, three straight matches. Stuns and Johnson didn't fare so well, the two Fremont artists took the Omaha sharks down for five out of six.

The scores follow:

Team	1st	2d	3d	Total
Fremont	181	181	306	668
Clara Belles	181	172	301	654
Cain	181	181	306	668
Jarosh	181	172	301	654
Stuns	181	172	301	654
Johnson	181	172	301	654
Middaugh	181	172	301	654
Totals	904	842	867	2,613

Bowling Notes. Koenpnick, another ex-Omaha bowler, was in the Fremont lineup. Middaugh, the former Commercial league shooter, was in the lineup of the Fremont team.

Mickey Gibson insists that his team are sure winners, even if they have lost a few good players.

The Wroth's cafe team and the Metz are nudging each other for second place in the Omaha league.

Pete Loch and Henry Rohlf are two other backers who remembered their teams with nice Christmas baskets.

The Fremont bowlers made a good showing against the Clara Belles, especially when they don't have any alleys to practice on in their town.

Sympton, the Commercial league shark, is figuring on taking a team to North Platte on New Year's day to do battle with the sharks of that burg.

"Faddy" Martin treated his team in South Omaha to a nice Christmas present of a gorgeous silk tie apiece. Of course, Kay Kennedy received the green one.

The Omaha league held a meet yesterday and decided to roll two weeks of their delayed schedule on Sunday afternoon. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days have thrown them three weeks behind.

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Bellevue Quintet Trims Telephones; Banker Five Loses

The meeting of the Commercial league Saturday evening resulted in the first Nebraska Telephone team losing to Bellevue college by the score of 39 to 17 and the A. T. Benson's Pirates defeating the Omaha National bank five by the score of 54 to 14.

The first game was one of the best seen on the local gym this season and was witnessed by a large crowd. Up to the last minute it was any one's game, neither team having much advantage over the other as to form or team work. A number of fouls were called on each side, and had the Telephone men been more accurate in throwing foul goals they would have taken the large end of the score.

In the second game the A. T. Benson's Pirates had an easy time defeating the Omaha National bank five.

The lineup:

Team	R.F.	R.P.	Quackenbush	Hutchinson	L.F.	L.P.
Bellevue
Pirates

Field goals: Nolan (3), Gleason, Wilson, P. Quackenbush (4), Stookey, Ohman (2), H. Quackenbush. Foul goals thrown: Nolan (5), P. Quackenbush, Stookey (3). Fouls committed: Nebraska Telephone Company 14; Bellevue, 15. Substitutes: Gleason for Hutchinson, Landers for Gleason. Referee: Maxwell. Timekeeper: Rainey. Scorer: Sunderland. Time of halves: 20 minutes.

Second game:

Team	R.F.	R.P.	Quackenbush	Hutchinson	L.F.	L.P.
Omaha Nat. Bk.
Pirates

Field goals: Burkenrod (3), Harrowman (3), Linn (3), Ritchie (3), Weigle (2). Fouls committed: Pirates, 7; Omaha National Bank, 12. Substitutes: Drummond for Burkenrod, Referee: Maxwell. Timekeeper: Rainey. Scorer: Sunderland. Time of halves: 20 minutes.

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RAGAN FLIRTING WITH FEDS

Star Hurler of Dodgers Living Here Considers Outlaw Overtures.

FORMER MEMBER OF ROURKES

"They Have Offered Me Two Years' Contract at Much Larger Salary Than Brooklyn Club Has Paid Me," He Says.

"Pat" Ragan, star pitcher of the Brooklyn National league club, is seriously considering overtures made to him by Federal league officials. Ragan was formerly a member of the Omaha club of the Western league and lives in this city.

"They have made me a handsome offer," said Ragan, speaking of overtures of the Federal. "They offered me a two years' contract at a much better salary than the Brooklyn club has paid me. While I much prefer to remain in organized ball, sentiment is a small consideration and, like every other ball player, I am prepared to take advantage of any proposition that carries a satisfactory financial appendage. I have not come to any terms thus far with the Brooklyn management and shall wait for future developments before I do so."

Ragan declined to say what financial inducements had been held out to him, but admitted that the Tinker deal of Saturday night has some weight in influencing his future course.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS DECIDE ON MEETING

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 28.—Members of Cosmopolitan Clubs of America, in session at Iowa university, tonight decided to hold an international convention of Corda Fratros at Montevideo, after the 1915 convention at San Francisco. Twenty nations are represented at the convention here.

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