

# Very Often the Man Who Talks Least Really Achieves Most

## WESTERN LEAGUE TO HAVE LIVELY MEET

Several Mooted Questions to Come Up at Session in Chicago This Week.

### TO ARGUE GAME GUARANTEE

Some Would Require \$125 Assured to Visiting Team.

### SMALLER TOWNS TO PROTEST

Also \$5,000 Guarantee to Finish the Season Suggested.

### WANT A LONGER SCHEDULE

Board of Directors Has Suggested a Playing Time of 168 Games, to Which There is Also a Protest.

One of the most peaceful arguments ever inaugurated in the Western league will make its debut Thursday, when Jack Holland, Pa. Rourke, Ed Hanlon et al., get together to draft the plans for approaching base ball season. All the magnates will appear on the scene of action, which promises to be a considerable scene before all the debris is removed. Holland, Rourke and Isbell are unanimous in their ideas of a successful management of the league, but Ed Hanlon, Dan Breeser, Hugh Jones and Archie Catlin are just bubbling over with personal inspirations which they intend to thrust upon the other members of the circuit. Thus the "peaceful argument."

#### Sum for Each Game.

The first item which will arouse the wrath of several of the monarchs is the \$15 flat guarantee suggested by the board of directors for each game. Although it would be a benefit to some of the club owners it will be the reverse for others. Denver may vote in favor, but it is certain that Breeser, Jones, Hanlon and Catlin will cut loose with long and vociferous howls of protest. The aforementioned gents are proprietors of franchises in the smaller cities and they will fight a long time before they will agree to cough up the cherished offers about five days out of seven. As it will take affirmative votes by six of the nine to shoot the suggestion over the plate it can be seen just how much chance there is of such a thing happening. But it is certain that a scrap will take place before it is irrevocably squelched.

#### Season Guarantee.

Next comes the \$5,000 guarantee to finish the season. A majority vote only is necessary to pass that bylaw and it will probably pass. All clubs except the Kansas clubs will probably accede that the season guarantee is a good thing, so it should pass. But the Kansas clubs are going to protest and therein lies another argument or perhaps a continuation of the first. Kansas will be defeated though and if Wichita is forced to abandon the circuit before the season is concluded, the other teams will get some consolation in the \$5,000.

#### Want Longer Season.

The board of directors also suggested a schedule of 168 days. Another mooted question. Rourke, Holland and Isbell figured that the additional expense would only be for eleven days and traveling expenses for seven days. With the salary expense at the limit and hotel bills the highest, the additional expense would not exceed \$1,000 or \$1,700, while in those eleven days would be two Saturdays and two Sundays, which would clear the expense without difficulty. In (Continued on Page Four.)

## CUBAN SOUTHPAW WHO IS AFTER JOB WITH GIANTS.



The goings of Palmero, the young Cuban side winder signed by the Giants, will be closely followed by a corps of Cuban newspaper correspondents. In fact, the newspaper boys from the island are planning to be on the job at Marlin, when Palmero enters the Giants' camp. McGraw has quite a corps of left-handed twirlers on his staff and the young Cuban will have to show some pretty hot stuff to land a place on the team and get that two-column story in the Cuban newspapers.

## FEDERALS HAVE LONG LIST

Includes Many Who Were Stars in Organized Ball.

## VAST NUMBER OF OLD FEDERALISTS

Players Who Shined in the Outlaw League Last Year Will Return to Add Strength Again This Year.

When a base ball fan glances over the prospective lists of the Federal league players, it is a safe bet that he overlooks one very important item. He forgets that there were eight clubs in the league last year, and that each and every club possessed some players who would be excellent timber for a major league team today. Those players will return in the spring and, although they must necessarily be the "goats" for the big salaries of the jumpers from organized ball, they will be a large factor in making base ball successful in the outlaw organization. An authentic list of those previous Federalists has not been published, but there is a vast number of them. In addition, there will be any number of embryonic stars, anxious to get an even chance for a position on some ball team, to enter the Federal lists for the spring tryout. The majority will probably be too slow or too inexperienced to make regular positions, but a few will show ability and they will be given opportunities without the tedious process of a couple of years "farming out" in an inconsequential bush league. With the large number of good players signed, and the number of last year's Feds who were good players, and the number of big leaguers who are yet to be (Continued on Page Three.)

## TORONTO WILL STAY IN FEDERAL LEAGUE

Faction at Meeting of Magnates Makes Losing Fight to Substitute Cleveland.

### WEEGHAM LEADS THE FIGHT

Gilmore Swings Rest of Conference to His Side.

### PRESENTS OPTIMISTIC REPORT

Reported Chicago Outlaw Backer Would Buy St. Paul Club.

## MURPHY AND JOHNSON OPPOSED

O'Day Has Plan to Cut Out Intentional Bases on Balls and Will Submit It at Rules Meeting in New York.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The Federal league survived another crisis today. A protracted executive meeting of its magnates resulted after a sharp discussion on the announcement that Toronto would retain its franchise, despite the efforts of a considerable faction led, it was reported by Charles Weegham, the Chicago backer, to substitute Cleveland for the Canadian city. The league was about evenly divided on the question of the transfer, but President Gilmore, who returned from Toronto this morning, gave a report unexpectedly optimistic and swung the rest of the conference to his side. Cleveland's request for the franchise was ably presented by Fred Bramley, who showed an option on what was considered a desirable site. But the plea of Gilmore and the evidence shown by Barney Hepburn, the Toronto promoter, that the franchise would be taken care of convinced the magnates that a change was not desirable. It was said that the magnates of the league at one time approached bitterness in their discussion, but finally it was agreed to submit to the will of the majority.

## Third Club for Chicago?

Establishment of a third organized base ball club in Chicago will be a question before the joint meeting of the National and American leagues in New York February 12. It was made known here today. Charles Weegham, backer of the Chicago Federalists, would buy the St. Paul association club if its franchise could be transferred to Chicago. These reports persisted in spite of denials by both Weegham and James A. Gilmore, president of the Federals.

## O'Day Has Suggestion

A rule limiting the catcher to a "box" four feet in width will be suggested by Umpire Henry O'Day at the base ball rules meeting in New York next Monday, as a means of preventing the intentional base on balls. O'Day, who is one of the National League's representatives for the meeting, believes that a pitcher will have difficulty in "pitching out" or beyond the reach of the batsman if the catcher is compelled to stand practically behind the plate. O'Day will try to get a ruling enforcing the rule that keeps a manager on the bench and limits protests on umpires' decisions to the field catches.

# SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1914.

## Would Rather Play With Feds Than Under Frank Chance



Big Ed Sweeney, the veteran backstop of the New York Yankees, who has been kidnapped by the Federal leaguers, according to reports from Chicago. The big catcher is supposed to have had a hard time pleasing Frank Chance last season and some of the Yanks are of the opinion that Sweeney would a whole lot rather take a chance with the Feds than endure another year under the peerless leader, who is one very bum boss when he is not pleased.

## WESTMINSTER BASKET BALL PLAYERS DEFEAT RESERVES

As a preliminary to the collegiate game last night at the University of Omaha, the Westminster Presbyterians defeated the University of Omaha Reserves, 12 to 14. Though the Reserves put up a good game they were more than outplayed by the church members who displayed excellent team work. Pottery started for the Reserves, not only making the greater number of points, but also getting into the game and mixing things. Fleming and Foley made all of the Westminster scores though they did not play the best game.

#### RESERVES.

PRESBYTERIANS.  
Selby ..... R. F. P. ....  
Potter ..... L. F. ....  
Jorgensen ..... C. C. ....  
Halsey ..... H. G. ....  
Jones ..... G. L. G. ....  
Field goals: Selby (3), Potter (3), Moriarty (1), Fleming (3), Foley (3). Four goals through. Goals from field: Selby (2), Moriarty (1), Fleming (3), Foley (3). Fouls: Reserves, 4; Presbyterians, 4. Referee: High. Timekeeper: King. Scorekeeper: Parlin. Time of halves: Fifteen minutes. Substitute: Moriarty for Jones.

## WICHITA BUSINESS MEN BUY THE JOBBER CLUB

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 7.—The Wichita Western league base ball club was purchased today by local business men, who by their action made it certain, they said, that this city would be represented in the league during the coming season. D. E. Breeser of this city was elected president of the club and he will represent Wichita at the Western league scheduled meeting in Chicago next week. It was stated that stockholders of the company which sold the club ordered its sale in order that obligations might be met.

## O'Neill Now Happy

Catcher Steve O'Neill of the Naps has received a check from the Cleveland club in settlement of a bond which he posted last season in the event that he caught more games than any other Nap catcher. Steve was kept on the bench early in the season and as a result Carisch caught a few more games than O'Neill. However, he led the catchers of the circuit at the bat and President Somers was so well pleased with his work that he decided Steve was entitled to the bonus.

#### Maisei Strong for Chance.

Fritz Maisei, who was asked to jump to the Baltimore Federals, is quoted as saying "I wouldn't desert Frank Chance no matter what the Federals offered me. He has treated me handsomely and gave me the opportunity to get with the American league. I'm going to stick to Chance through thick and thin."

#### Kid Loyal to Brown.

From the Chicago Tribune we learn that "Anthony Carlo, the former Wendell Phillips pitcher, who is under reservation to the New York Americans, told friends that he expected to join the St. Louis Federals and play for Brown, who taught him most of what he knows about pitching."

## Trio of British Golf Experts to Play Next Summer Near Chicago

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—According to private advices from England, a trio of the best of the British professional golfers will compete in the United States open championship at the Midlothian Country club, near Chicago, next summer. George Duncan, James Braid and J. G. Taylor are named as the possible invaders, although the personnel is still subject to change. Taylor and Braid, together with Harry Vardon, have each won the English open championship five times and it is expected that the open championship to be held at Prestwick will break this triangular tie.

Duncan holds the world's record for both championships and seventy-two holes, made in the same tournament last year. The occasion was the championship of Lucerne Lakes, which is played over two courses, the first thirty-six holes at Axenzels and the second thirty-six at Lucerne. Duncan's scores were 62 and 56 at Axenzels and 71 and 74 at Lucerne. The 56 is a world's record for 18, the 118 for the two rounds at Axenzels a world's record for thirty-six and the total of 263 broke the world's record for four rounds.

## WILL BOOST TODAY AT BLAIR FOR NEW Y. M. C. A.

Meetings for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Christian association at Blair will be held there today, with speakers from Omaha and Fremont in charge. State Secretary J. P. Bailey will make the principal address, and will be assisted by General Secretary E. F. Deming. Religious Work Director Ira J. Beard and Business Secretary Walter May of Omaha, and Secretary H. W. Kendall of Fremont. Meetings will be held in various churches this morning, and big union services will be conducted this afternoon and evening.

## Pirates and Red Sox?

The training plans of the Pirates thus far make no provision for a series at Hot Springs with the Boston Red Sox, such as was made a year ago. Asked about the probability of the Buccaneers meeting the Red Sox again, President Barney Dreyfuss said: "Nothing has been done about arranging such a series. Two more games have been added to the spring schedule of the Pirates, Manager Clarke having decided to take him to Dallas, Tex., for contests on March 25 and 26."

#### Byrne Signs with Phillies.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—"Bobby" Byrne today signed a contract with the Philadelphia National League club. Although a third baseman, he will play at second base this year, succeeding Otto Knebe, who played with the Baltimore Federal League club.

## St. Paul Carries High Score Honors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—St. Paul carried off high score honors this week in the interclub rifle shooting competition, making 994 out of a possible 1,000. Warren, Pa., still leads class A, with seven straight wins and no defeats, with the District of Columbia a close second, with six wins and one defeat. King's Mills, O., and Stillwater, Minn., are tied for the leadership of class B. Scores: Class A—District of Columbia, 993, against Tacoma, Wash., 926; Warren, Pa., 993, against Youngstown, O., 954; St. Paul, Minn., 994, against Cleveland, O., 991. Bridgeport, Conn., 887; Milwaukee Oil Guar., 861, against Milwaukee Rifles, 858; Boston, O., 860, against Adams, 842; Boston, O., 948, against San Francisco, 817; Louisville, 944, against Rochester, N. Y., 943; Wabash, Colo., 968, against New Orleans, 914.

## TOURIST BALL PLAYERS WELCOMED AT NAPLES

NAPLES, Italy, Feb. 7.—The base ball players of the New York club of the National league and the Chicago club of the American league arrived here today from Egypt on board the steamship Prinz Heinrich. They were greeted heartily by the local sporting club, and the members of the American colony. They were accompanied to their hotel with a great display of enthusiasm.

## Welsh Fifteen Wins

CARDIFF, Wales, Feb. 7.—The Welsh fifteen today won the second match of the international rugby football series, defeating Scotland by twenty-four points to five.

## Phillies Sign a Few

The Philadelphia National League club announced today that it had accepted the terms of Seaton, pitcher; Becker and Devoe, outfielders; and Reed, infielder. The latter formerly played with the Cleveland team. A new pitcher named Billy of the Keokuk team also has been signed.

## Sidney Defeats Scott's Bluff

ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—By defeating Sidney 12 to 13 last night Scott's Bluff High school basketball team is tied with Sidney for the championship of western Nebraska. Alliance High school girls' team took a win from Kimball on Alliance floor by 25 to 9.

#### Quinn Back Again.

Jack Quinn, a pitcher obtained by the Boston National League club from the Rochester (International league) club, signed a contract with the Boston club last week. Quinn was formerly with the New York Americans.

## Some Rourke Players Do Not Seem Frantic to Get Down on Pa's Cinch List

"Where, oh where, are Omaha's ball players?" Eight ball players, some of uncertain status, will surely appear at the Vinton street lot at the first call, but the others? Well, it's a question. Several of the estimable gentlemen have spurned the contracts Pa hath sent them and returned them without any accompanying explanations for their actions. Others request Pa to glance carefully over the salary figures once more to make sure that he didn't make a mistake of a few hundred bucks on the minus side of the ledger. Still others have made no response whatever. Thus "What kind of a ball team are we going to have?" Pa, however, worries not, but merely sits tight and sends the contract back precisely as he mailed it the first time. "Let the players do the worrying," quoth the fatalist. Pa, as Brother Dave promptly returned a contract which came in the mail unsigned.

## STIEHM'S VIEW OF RULES

Nebraska Coach Gives Opinions in Letter to Committee. Would Minimize Field Goal. Thinks It Permits Weak Team to Get Benefit of Work of Individual Star When Not Deserving It.

LINCOLN, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Increasing the points scored through a touchdown from 4 to 7 or decreasing the field goal from 3 to 2 points is the important recommendation of Coach Jumbo Stiehm of the Cornhuskers to the foot ball rules committee now in session in New York City. In support of the recommendation the Nebraska mentor says in his letter to the rules committee: "This last foot ball season, as in the preceding year, field goals were the deciding factors in many important games. It is an almost undisputed fact that touchdowns are far more satisfactory than field goals. In addition to arousing the intense interest of the spectators, touchdowns require more strategy and skill. I believe in strategy, team play and touchdowns, in preference to weak offense, individual skill and field goals. The increase in the value of the touchdown or the decrease in the value of the field goal may bring about the desired change."

Stiehm recommends a change in the rule relative to the return of a player (Continued on Page Four.)

## Summer Base Ball to Get Its Annual Overhauling at Nebraska University Soon

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Nebraska's athletic board will dispose of the troublesome base ball question at its next regular monthly meeting, when the base ball committee, comprising Coach Stiehm, Prof. Barber, president of the board, and A. C. Lindstrom, the student member, makes its report. No intimation of what the report will contain has been given out by the members, and sentiment appears to be pretty well divided between those favoring the maintenance of a base ball team and those favoring doing away with the sport. Base ball at the state university has had a most checkered career.

Five years ago the adoption of the summer base ball rule dealt it what was regarded as a knockout blow. Three years' trial of the rule demonstrated to the Missouri Valley authorities that the rule needed some changes as to interpretation and these have been made, but still base ball is in a most unsatisfactory stage and there has been but very little interest in it at the Cornhusker institution. The team maintained by the institution last year failed to secure even ordinary attendance at the games and the season was a dismal failure.

#### Willing to Try Again.

Stiehm is willing to give base ball another tryout at Nebraska and then if it fails to make good, the sport will be shelved for good. But the athletic authorities do not like to see the good coach, which foot ball always brings in, go to finance a sport, which the students apparently do not care to patronize. Last year the base ball deficit ate a large hole in the athletic board's treasury. Stiehm says that if the attendance this spring, providing base ball is given a tryout, does not maintain the sport, then it will be given up entirely.

#### To Take Up Soccer.

Regardless of whether base ball will be taken up by the university, Coach Stiehm is going to establish the game of soccer foot ball immediately at the close of the basketball season. Athletic Manager Reed will be busy with the track squad and the foot ball men will be engaged with spring training, but Stiehm has been trying to find some sport which will (Continued on Page Four.)

## UNCLE SAM TO REPEL INVADERS THIS YEAR

Foreigners Mean to Put Up a Stiff Fight to Capture International Championships.

### NOW HELD BY UNITED STATES

Polo, Golf, Tennis and Yachting Championships Held Here.

### INVADING HOSTS MAY WIN OUT

Challengers with Everything to Gain and Nothing to Lose.

## TO TAKE DESPERATE CHANCES

By Grasping at Every Turn of Luck Invaders May Be Able to Snatch a Brilliant Victory from Cautious Defenders.

BY FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Uncle Sam has mapped out for himself for the coming summer the busiest athletic season that he has indulged in since John Hancock and a number of other fellows signed a large sheet of paper, thereby detaching this section of the world from English domain and made it a nation by itself. Sammy's going to tackle his English rivals at pony polo in June; some of his offsprings are billed to battle with the best tennis team in foreign lands in defense of Sammy's title as tennis champion of the world; one of Sammy's home built sloops will grapple with Sir Thomas Lipton's boat to settle the 1914 supremacy of the seas, and Sammy's juvenile golfing wonder, Francis Ouimet, will be called upon to defend his title as open golfing champion of the world.

Just now Sammy is the king of all these sports; he's the champion. He has stowed away in his treasury vaults all the ribbons, cups and other paraphernalia that one acquires when one is able to wallop all opponents. But it wouldn't be a bit surprising if one or another of the hosts that will invade these United States this summer snatched a few laurel leaves from the brow of Sammy. Not that Sammy's athletes have "gone back"; not that they aren't as good as, or even better than, they were when they grabbed the several championships, but there's a difference this year. Sammy is on the defensive; the others are on the offensive. Which puts a slightly different aspect on things.

#### Nothing to Gain.

Sammy and his athletic children have everything to lose this year and nothing to gain. Such a condition is liable to make his defenders a bit nervous and throw them off their real stride long enough for the opponents to rush in and clutch a trophy or two. The challengers have everything to gain and nothing to lose. So they won't be very nervous and they'll take desperate chances—chances that may risk defeat, but may bring a brilliant victory. Sammy, as the title holder, can't take those chances; he must go slowly and use caution. America's chances of repeating its successes at pony polo do not seem as bright this year as they did on the eve of the 1913 conflict, despite the fact that the English, at that time, were 2 to 1 betting favorites. The wonderful American "Big Four" has been broken up, and it seems doubtful if the new combination can in a few months' time develop the wonderful team work of the old quartet.

#### Poloists New Practicing.

Harry Payne Whitney, captain of the (Continued on Page Three.)

## ATHLETICS WIN FROM THE DEAF LADS, 34 TO 16

In a fast and hotly contested basketball game the Athletics, independent champions of the city, defeated the Nebraska School for the Deaf, 34 to 16, Friday evening. Lineup:

#### ATHLETICS.

NEB. S. D.  
J. Moran ..... R. F. P. ....  
Feltman ..... L. F. L. ....  
A. Moran ..... C. C. ....  
Holland ..... H. G. ....  
Torrey ..... G. L. G. ....  
Goals from field: Stark, 3; Mueller, 2; Nelson, 1; J. Moran, 2; A. Moran, 3; Torrey, 3; Feltman, 1; Feltman, 1; A. Moran, 4; Cooper, 4. Substitutes: Tamison for Cooper. Time of halves: 20 minutes. Scorer: Smith. Referee: Miles.

## MCGOORTY WINS DECISION OVER BRADLEY AT SYDNEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Private cables received here report that Eddie McGoorty, the American middleweight, won a decision over Pat Bradley of San Francisco at Sydney, Australia. Young Saylor of Indianapolis, a lightweight, lost in the sixth round to Newhouse of Australia, at Brisbane on a foul. Georges Carpentier, the French middleweight and heavyweight champion, decided an offer to meet McGoorty in Australia, April 6, because he said he has an offer to meet Kid McCoy in Paris, March 14.

## FOOT BALL COACHES ARE BARRED FROM SIDE LINES

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The intercollegiate foot ball rules committee decided today that hereafter coaches should be barred from the side lines. This was the most radical change in the rules adopted at the meeting today, which was one of the shortest in the committee's history. Cuban Signa. The signed contract of one of the New York National club, Palmero, is the first Cuban to get on the payroll of any of Greater New York's intercollegiate clubs. He is only 17 years old, but is reported to be a real phenomenon; in fact, the boy's wonder of the league is said around Havana. Palmero, who is a left-handed pitcher, is five feet eight inches tall and is said to resemble Hallamers Acosta, the Young Cuban outfielder of the Washington club in 1910.