

Oh! Look Who's Back from Vacation!

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

THE strength of Western league administration under Norris L. O'Neill has resided in the plenary powers given the president. He has been in fact as well as name the executive head, with authority to transact business for the organization. Now, those plenary powers which have attempted O'Neill's overthrow and the removal of the headquarters from Chicago, if successful in their undertaking, would utterly destroy this elemental strength and leave the league headless, or with a head that could do nothing except under minute and detailed direction. When that is done the league's standing in base ball goes. If O'Neill were to continue as president under conditions established by the vindictive action at Milwaukee, he would be only a figurehead and the league—every town in the league—would be the sufferer. We know O'Neill too well to think he intends resigning and running under fire; we expect him to stay and fight out this situation created by two or three malcontents and we expect every man with the welfare of the Western league and his own interests at heart to stand by O'Neill. It is gratifying to know that the light of day is breaking on certain owners, whose august managers misrepresented them in this chicanery. These owners care nothing about the personal grudges of their managers, but they care everything about a fair return on their investments. And just as soon as they can see clearly enough the ends to which their managers' folly might lead them and the league—possibly bankruptcy for one and probable outlawry for the other—just that soon will they fall on their managers and crowd them either into line or out of their jobs. This league is not to be disrupted by two or three aggrieved or self-complacent head coaches.

BROWN WONDERFUL PITCHER

Some Say that He is Through, but Mordecai Doesn't Think So.

NEITHER DOES FRANK CHANCE

Digitless Star's Record for Nine Years with the Chicago Cubs Explains Why He is So Well Liked by Fans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—They say Mordecai Brown, once premier pitcher of the Cubs, is through. In other words, the three-fingered artist is a "has-been." Mordecai doesn't think so. Neither does Frank Chance, who predicts the miner will yet come back. Brown has a weak knee, as the result of an injury, and for that reason some of the westerners say he is about to travel the route the best of them go. Miner Brown will long be remembered by the base ball population. His name is etched deep in the game. Brown was a wonderful pitcher when in his prime, which was in the seasons of 1906-07-08-09. In those four years there were few better in the game, and he stood on a level with Mathewson, Walsh, Bender, Overall, Rucker and several others. The "digitless star" was admired all over the country. His record for his nine years of service on the Chicago club shows why he was so well liked. He twirled one season with St. Louis before joining the Cubs. That was in 1903. Since then he pitched in 282 games, which are on the official records. This gives him an average of twenty-eight contests a season. He is credited with 186 victories and ninety-four defeats, which gives him a percentage of .667 for ten years' work in the National league. His average per season is eighteen victories and his defeats less than ten. This is more praise-worthy when it is considered that he was always kept to pitch against the strongest clubs—New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Cincinnati. He was second in the pitching averages with a mark of 33.2 in 1906 and also in 1907.

HUNTING SEASON NEARS END

Most of the Game Birds Have Moved to Their Winter Home.

RABBIT HUNTING IS STILL LEFT

Local Hunters Have Little Luck in Their Efforts to Bag Some Game of Any Kind During the Last Week.

Mist and the campfire's glowing embers, while the leaves are swirling. Come thoughts of an early comrade, who now is dead and gone. Whose heart was fond of hunting, no matter what the luck. Though we got a hundred mallards—or but a single duck. Who through cold or rain or sunshine had a smile upon his face. And in every kind of hardship was the one to set the pace. Who never over weary and ready to give up. He'd with his cheery "Come on, Bill," refill his courage cup. Through his bright and sunny presence every hunt was full of life and fun. Truly, there are few now like him—Ah, Dan was a bully boy! And as I sit and ponder—high above me in the sky, A dusky V. its point turned south, with mellow honk, glides by. But it somehow does not stir me as in the days of old. For my heart is sure within me and the fire is growing cold. Mayhap the days of hunting on my spirit now do ebb— Ah, there never was one like him—Dan was a perfect boy. First Taste of Winter. At last old Boreas has succeeded in breaking the chain, and with Thursday morning came the first real taste of winter weather and end of one of the longest draw-out autumns we have had for many years. With the advent of this somewhat blizzard change came the news of the best flight of ducks along the Platte and down the Missouri that has been noticed since the first movement among the locally-bred birds away back in September. That it will be but of brief duration, however, is very probable, as it is only the birds that have been routed out of their feeding places on the lakes and about the marshes back in the hills by the freezing of the waters and the sealing up of their feeding places. With any considerable snowfall the birds will also be driven from the rivers, notwithstanding that the swift currents may keep them open for some considerable time yet. For with the cornfields frozen hard and the grasses and winter wheat covered with snow they will be pushed on by sheer hunger, if nothing else. Of course it requires the severest kind of cold weather to make the last of the hardy mallards pack up and get out, for there seems to be some particular quantity of feed that they find in this region and the Canada geese will not leave until forced to go, accumulating snow. They are the strongest and most rugged of all the wild fowl family, and can find sustenance by means of their strong bills long after the ducks could obtain nothing at all. Birds in Fine Condition. The hunter who goes out in these bleak December days, we are told by old hands at the business, and is favored with a bit of luck, finds the birds bigger, heavier and more desirable in every way than at any other period during the season. But such hunters are in the vast minority, for it requires unusual fortitude to screw one's courage up to the sticking point during such raw, blustering weather as came in with the cold winds of Thursday morning. Lying in a blind for hours, shivering and hoping against hope, for an occasional shot, is too much of a good thing, and there will be but precious few hardy enough to take a chance. Therefore it may be said once and for all that the hunting season for the fall of 1912 is over on all sorts of game with the exception of the cottontail, who is available all through the winter time. Hunting Rabbits in Fun. An old fashioned rabbit hunt is not to be sneezed at, as any lad with a good yellow cur will tell you. With a good tracking dog, no matter how keen the weather, it is a difficult thing to keep the rabbit hunter indoors. There is nothing about rabbit hunting is that no matter what the weather, with a little persistence one is always sure of his reward, as the rabbits are particularly plentiful this fall all over the state, and they are easy game at all times. The open season on squirrels closed with November, and rabbits are truly about all the game left that is worthy of a trip afield, and it takes a plucky lad, indeed, and an overly enthusiastic gunner to work himself up to the required notch to even appreciate this. So once more it may be well said that the hunting season for the year, poor as it has been, is at an end. As all indications now point to winter weather, and more of it, the good ranchman and the good sportsman should not forget to lend a helping hand to the quail whenever the opportunity permits itself. A little pile of brush thrown into a fence corner, or against some tree or rock or boulder, will afford a much needed shelter, and a few handfuls of grain scattered about where they can get at it will be a noble act of kindness that the birds at all will appreciate. Nebraska's quail crop, the crop left over from last year, is small enough as it is, and

High Jumping Californian

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outs of the Olympic team on Long Island. The Amateur Athletic union officials say the jump was not made in accordance with the rules. On the other hand Horine says that other Amateur Athletic union officials who were present O. K'd the jump. Horine says as soon as he gets out of the hospital he will personally go before the Amateur Athletic union and make a demand for an official recognition of his world record running high jump of six feet seven inches made during the try-

Harvard Retains Houghton as Coach for Next Five Years

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 7.—According to reports from Harvard athletic authorities, Percy D. Houghton has been re-engaged as foot ball coach for a period of five years. This information finds unanimous favor with the entire Harvard body, both undergraduate and alumni.

Houghton's first contract, which was for five years at an annual salary of \$5,000, expired at the close of the present Harvard foot ball season. The new contract, it is reported, is for another five years at an annual stipend of \$6,000. Harvard athletics have shown a remarkable advance since Houghton's advent as head coach. The first year he took charge of the Harvard squad he turned out a Yale beating eleven, a field goal by Kennard winning the contest from the Elis, 4 to 0. The following year Yale won, 8 to 0, on two field goals by Coy. In 1910 and 1911 the games resulted in scoreless ties. Houghton has at last put Harvard on a par with Yale in foot ball, a position to which Harvard had never attained before his coming. He is regarded as the best foot ball coach Harvard ever had. Member of a Brookline family, he attended Groton school and went to Harvard with the class of '96. He immediately took and held a prominent place in college athletics. Houghton acquired a reputation as the best punter in Harvard during his time. He played on the Harvard foot ball team in 1896, 1897 and 1898. In the latter year he was on H. Hobb's notable aggregation, which trounced Yale by the cheerful Crimson score of 17 to 6. He played on the base ball nine the same years he was on the variety eleven. In his last spring in college he was captain of the nine and instituted the playing system which enabled Harvard to take the annual base ball series from Yale for six consecutive years. On the eleven Houghton's positions were right tackle and fullback. On the nine he played first and second base and pitched. A man of all-around athletic development, Houghton, also excels at racquets and squash. He captured the national racquets championship soon after leaving college. After being graduated from Harvard in 1899, Houghton coached Cornell seven years. In his second season with the Cornell players he got them into such fast shape that they went out and defeated Princeton, 12 to 0. Houghton came back to Harvard regularly spring and fall whenever he could to help coach the foot ball and base ball teams. He was particularly prominent in coaching Bill Reid's first eleven in 1901, which wiped up the gridiron with Yale by the score of 22 to 9.

GARDINER ELECTED CAPTAIN

This Year's Right Half to Lead High School Eleven.

LETTERS FOR STAR PLAYERS

Some Disappointment Among the Students Because Sweaters Are Not Given to the Young Athletes.

James Gardiner, right half on the Omaha High School foot ball team, was elected captain of the 1913 eleven over Ellsworth Moser, right guard. Gardiner did almost phenomenal work this year. He is a strong kicker and can punt the pigskin for an average of about fifty yards. Besides this he is a wonderful dropkicker, not having missed a try for goal this year. Gardiner will probably play the same position next year that he played this season, although it is possible that he may be developed into a quarterback. He is one of the fifteen men who were awarded their letters Friday morning at a meeting of the athletic board of the high school. Besides him other players who were awarded letters are: Richard Hallman, captain and center; Ellsworth Moser, right guard; Robert Carlson, right tackle; Robert Hinkler, left end; Harvey Nelson, right guard; Arthur Smith, left guard; Mark McFarlane, quarterback; Roy Cook, left end; Hallock House, right end; John McFarlane, quarterback; Roy Platz, left half; Jack Sprague, fullback; Robert Hinkler, left end; Joe Drummond, center. Those who received the letters O. R., Omaha Reserve, were: Monce Berry, sub back; Kline, sub back; Jones, sub end. The letter men were not given sweaters this year according to a ruling made by the athletic board that no sweaters will be given to any members of the various teams at the high school. There was considerable disappointment among the team members, since they had expected to receive sweaters at the expense of the high school athletic fund in return for their successful work this year. The comparative finance statement of the foot ball seasons of this and last year has been made out by C. E. Wedel and follows: 1911 1912 Gross receipts \$2,822 \$2,756 Gross expenditures 2,554 2,299 Balance \$268 \$457

Comiskey will elicit approval by all base ball fans in his assertion that base ball belongs to the players—the men who make it, that it must be kept in the hands of these practical base ball men if it is to endure. The Old Roman gave out an interview the other day on the Chance case that is admirable through and through. He deprecates the action of Chance in selling his Cub stock, saying that he urged Chance not to do it, but to force the other fellows to sell and himself take the club. Commy sympathizes with the players and says that the situations Murphy placed both As to Chance, here are a few words which we think should be reproduced here as showing the sentiment of the biggest man in base ball: The National league overlooked a move that would have strengthened it wonderfully in not keeping Frank Chance in the game. The men who can make base ball prosper are the men who have been in it and who have delivered. Any man ever delivered. It was Frank Chance. He should be today the president either of the Chicago or the Philadelphia club. How a man like Larry Herrmann over-looked the opportunity to try to make Chance president of the Philadelphia club, in place of meeting at that meeting in New York, I cannot understand.

Miner Brown is the initiator of a private school of base ball for rich men's sons. He is tutoring, so the dopesters say, one of the young McCormicks, an heir of John D. Rockefeller, as the young man and his father wish him to become a pitcher when he enters Princeton. It is nice to be a great pitcher, as Brown has been, with the admiring eye of the base ball world focused on him, but, sad to relate, there is another side to the picture—the side which Charles W. Murphy turned to the world in the case of Brown, Chance and few other stalwarts who helped to make him rich. If Governor Tener of Pennsylvania should buy the Philadelphia National club's franchise it must serve to redeem a former base ball star from politics. The governor was one of the old White Sox pitchers, in the long ago and never has forsaken interest in the game. We cannot think of anything the Phillies need quite as much as a base ball man at their head. Christy Mathewson insists on Frank Chance as leader of the Highlanders. He says he would soon rejuvenate the Yankees and make them the terrors of the American league. And, if anybody is in a position to appreciate the worth of Chance as a leader, Christy is.

Creighton Uni Team Will Enjoy Banquet

The Creighton university foot ball team will be the guest of the athletic board at a banquet in the rathskeller of the Hotel Henshaw next Thursday evening. The affair was set for last Thursday, but was postponed. The leader for the 1913 eleven will be chosen after the banquet. At present the only candidates mentioned are Miller, Hanley and Tamises.

WALNUT HILL JUNIORS MAKE A FINE RECORD

The Walnut Hill Juniors, champions of 16-pound class, have closed a successful season. The team did splendid work and Skrewter, Keener, Underwood and Norstrom have been the stars. They have added five more victories to their list making 22 points to opponents 20. The record is: Walnut Hill Juniors, 4; Creighton Heights, 2; Walnut Hill Juniors, 18; Bemis Park, 12; Walnut Hill Juniors, 19; Florence, 6; Walnut Hill Juniors, 48; Vinton School, 0; Walnut Hill Juniors, 48; Complete, 4; Walnut Hill Juniors, 26; Dundas, 4; Walnut Hill Juniors, 40; Vinton Street Vaux, 4; Walnut Hill Juniors, 60; Superior Juniors, 6. Total—Walnut Hill Juniors, 222; opponents, 20.

ENTER BACK TO SEE

The Sioux City club of the Western league has purchased First Baseman Hunter from the Indianapolis club.

SHORTSTOP MURPHY IS HOLDING FOR THE CUBS.

H. M. Anderson, a rancher from out on the Diamond, was in Townsend's gun store yesterday and said that a bunch of nine whitetail deer have been seen along the breaks near his place all fall, and that they were there no longer ago than Sunday. J. M. Gillian put in the last of the pleasant days of last week out on the Platte at the Hershberger lodge near Schuyler, and while he hunted early and late, the bag he made was a small one, seven ducks and one goose being the sum total, and as these necessitated an outlay of something like \$25, it will be seen that the genial J. M.'s final outing was not a very remunerative one. And so it was with Eddie Lawler and Fred Bradford, likewise; they put in several days on their old stamping grounds on the river near Clarke, and while they saw a good many birds, but mallards and geese, traveling southward high in the air, they were unable to glut the market with these savory birds—three geese and a brace of mallards being the size of it. One of the interesting things of wild life is the fact that for several evenings in succession during the last week a coyote has taken his stand off on the hillside just west of the Chadwick residence out at the corner of Forty-ninth and Dodge streets, and filled the chilly atmosphere with his sweet song, much to the delight of the residents of the neighborhood who heard him, and to the perturbation of every dog and cat which happened to be in reach of his falsetto tones. A coyote within the city limits does not sound very much as if this little wolf was near the end of his string yet.

CROSS-CONTINENT TRIP IN HUPMOBILE COUPE

The enclosed car is the newest thing for cross-country driving. It enables the tourist to disregard weather conditions, provided, of course, his car can stand the strain, and one may be out in all sorts of weather and be none the worse from the experience. That is why J. E. Rhodes, secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturing association of St. Paul, Minn., says that he believes the coupe type of machine ideal for long distance driving. Mr. Rhodes, with his wife, left St. Paul last month, bound for Tacoma, Wash., in his little Hupmobile coupe. From Tacoma they went by rail to Los Angeles.

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LEAGUE MAGNATES TO MEET.

President Johnson last week sent out a formal notice to the effect that the annual fall meeting of the American league will be held in Chicago on December 11. The schedule meeting of the league will convene in New York in February.

MORDECAI MAY UMPIRE.

President H. H. Johnson has two vacancies in his staff of umpires to fill. One is the retirement of Sheridan and Eagan, and it is said that ex-pitcher Mordecai Brown is being considered for one of these positions.

COBB ON THE LINKS.

Ty Cobb is now reported to be playing golf daily in Augusta, Ga., "in order to improve his batting eye for next season." We hope his schooling in this line will be only a "batting eye" and not a "batting eye" for a "batting eye."

OWEN BUSH DRAWS PASSES FOR A RECORD

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 7.—Owen Bush of the Detroit club drew more passes than any other player in the American league—110 all told, three of which were of the casualty kind—but all he gets for his activity in working the pitchers for transportation is honorable mention. Bush established an American league record last season by obtaining 110 passes. In 1908 Fielder Jones of the Chicago White Sox procured 128 complimentary tickets to first base from the pitchers—a record which held until this last season, when Eddie Collins equaled it and Bush surpassed it. All the passes that Connie Mack's famous second sacker obtained in 1912 were of the regulation kind. The third clearest player in the American league last season in working the pitchers for girls was Maurice Rath of Chicago, who garnered ninety-nine. Shorten of St. Louis ranked fourth with ninety-four, and Tris Speaker of Boston, who won the Chalmers trophy, fifth with fifty-eight. The figures below show the five best men on each team and the number of passes each received:

Table with columns for player names and teams, and the number of passes received. Includes names like Rath, Leard, Zelder, Bodie, Collins, etc.

ONE RECORD FOR DETROIT.

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YALE AND HARVARD WILL HAVE PLenty OF GOOD MATERIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Neither the Harvard nor Yale varsity foot ball team will suffer much numerically from graduation next summer, and both will have a lot of good material for next fall, not counting freshmen of quality who may make the teams. At first glance this may not look particularly auspicious for Yale—but it is in view of this season's performance—both there is the making of a crack eleven at New Haven provided there are no untoward occurrences. Of the variety regulars who will be graduated from Harvard in 1913 are Captain Wendell, Felton, Gardner and Farmer. Of these Wendell's should be the least difficult place to fill, this because of the wealth of backfield material which is left and such a good back as Mahan on the freshman team. It will be hardest to replace Felton, because he is a punter of rare worth. Nor will it be easy to find a quarter to handle the team as well as Gardner has done or a center as steady as Farmer.

ITALIANS PROMISED OLYMPIAD FOR 1920, TO BE HELD IN ROME

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—That the Italians practically have the promise of the powers that be in the International Olympic committee, that the 1920 Olympiad will be held in Rome, is the declaration of a gentleman who returned from Europe the other day. This information comes direct from Count Brunetta of Italy, who is the general secretary of the International Olympic committee. Of course, 1920 is a long day off, but the fact remains that the Italians are already making plans for the Olympiad that will follow Berlin. They will not do anything about building a stadium until after the Berlin games in 1916, but when they do build the Romans will put up a structure that will put even the old Coliseum in the shade. If Rome gets the 1920 Olympiad the Italian government will back the affair to the limit, and the athletic world will see a spectacle that will be a world wonder. It was freely talked at Brockton just after the Olympic games last summer that Baron Couberlin, the president of the International Olympic committee, had already expressed the wish that the 1920 games be held in Paris. At that time a member of the committee stated that Baron Couberlin's expressed wish would be the pleasure of every other member of the committee, and that no doubt France would get the Olympic games eight years hence.

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