

If Mutt is a Savant, Jeff is Some More Savant :: :: Drawn for the The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

ENCOURAGEMENT which the Omaha alumni of the University of Nebraska receive from the high schools of the state for their banquet, to be given in honor of the Cornhusker foot ball eleven in this city on January 8, is gratifying to the Nebraska grads and to all persons interested in the welfare of the great state school. Nebraska is one of the leading universities of the country. It ranks high in every way—in scholastic accomplishments and in athletic achievements. It is a school that turns out men well fitted for the best positions in the various lines of activity, and a list of the Nebraska alumni who are high in various professions would be very long. Indeed, high school foot ball eleven of the state has been asked to be the guests of the Cornhuskers, and from every section of the state the high school youngsters are coming. They must realize Nebraska has a great foot ball eleven, that it ranks among the best of the country's educational institutions and that it is an excellent place for obtaining a finished education. Of course, the present appeal—the one most potent in the minds of the high school youngsters—is that of Cornhusker athletics, and this influence is bringing them to the banquet; but they also recognize Nebraska as a great school, and many of them, no doubt, already have determined to attend and enter this institution upon completion of their present courses. The Omaha alumni, therefore, are doing a twofold duty—honoring the Cornhusker and high school foot ball teams and interesting high school students in the university. Boosting for clean athletics always is laudable, but it is doubly so when it also induces youngsters to go on beyond the high school for their education, and thereby adds in the general educational movement of the state.

If it were not a breach of faith we would say that, certain recalcitrants in the Western league were beginning to see the light of reason much clearer than when the spite order was issued for O'Neill to pick up his headquarters and walk from Chicago. We think we violate no confidence in hazarding the prediction that the whole thing is rapidly blowing over into a large, fat nothing. Men with hard sense and hard cash are not going ahead with a deal that could mean nothing but loss or failure to them. They are not the men to pull the other fellow's chestnuts out of the fire. Things have changed materially in the last week. Of course, there never was a good chance of this spite movement reaching results, but it has taken sound reasoning to get the thing out of some heads, while others nearly burst getting it out themselves, after a season or two held with their own better selves. Certain changes in the Western league are desirable, but they are not in the direction of this movement.

Now, it falls out that though Mr. Murphy had peddled the impression that he owned the Cubs, they are still the property, chiefly, of Mr. C. P. Taft. It has been intimated, even that if things should not go altogether prosperously with the old champs, yet other changes might be made in the ownership, that is, in that not now in Taft's hands. Yes, it is possible to think of several little turns in the lane before long. In the meantime the gentleman who bought Frank Chance's one-tenth interest for \$30,000 continues to act as a thorn in the flesh of Murphy. The story is now accepted that had Chance acceded to Murphy's demand to sell him his stock for \$30,000, Chance might yet be manager of the Cubs. But Chance's folks came from Scotland and he wasn't around looking for that kind of a bargain. He prefers the Highlander kind.

The man Zbysako has been hauled over from Europe for the winter, and fake promoters sound his advent with the old chestnut, "He will make Gotch wrestle." This has ever the way of the fake, who long ago made of wrestling chiefly a means of grafting a livelihood. They pay these foreign hulkies but a small portion of the proceeds, what amounts to a fair wage, for them. Of course, there isn't a man with a kernel of sense as big as a pin's head who doesn't know that Gotch could stand and throw Zbysakos over the moon as fast as they came along.

So Manager Tinker is anxious to get Minter Brown and King for his star battery at Cincinnati. At that, he could do a lot worse. It would gratify old Cub fans to see such a deal made. Tinker and Chance both insist that Brown is got 'in and that arm, and he has many a good game in that old arm, and as for King, no one suggests that he is all in.

About every conceivable phase of rumor has arisen as to Chance and his new engagement and the one about his sticking to the bench makes no blazer hit than old Murphy's gabble about making him a utility infielder.

Since Chance has left the Cubs and gone to the Highlanders Comiskey has decided it will be necessary to enlarge his South Side park. The West Side park remains the same.

MAT GAME WILL BE BOOMED

Several Big Matches Have Been Arranged for Winter Months.

BIG FELLOWS ARE BOOKED

Many of the Prominent Foreign Grapplers Will Appear in Omaha During the Next Few Months of Winter.

Wrestling fans will see several matches in Omaha this winter. Manager J. M. Gillan of the Auditorium company has mapped out one of the busiest wrestling seasons Omaha has ever been graced with. Some of the best men in the country are slated to appear before the Omaha fans.

One of the big matches of the season will be the appearance here of Charley Cutler of Chicago. He will be matched with either Henry Ordeman, the Minneapolis giant, or Jess Westergaard, one of Omaha's favorites. Ordeman appeared here twice last winter. His big match in this city was with Jess Westergaard when the latter took two out of three falls from his sturdy opponent of the north. The match lasted almost three hours and was one of the best ever pulled off in the city of Omaha. Westergaard and Ordeman may be matched to appear in Omaha again this winter, as the latter is very desirous of winning back the prestige he lost when he fell before the brawn and strength of the Iowan.

Yusuf Mahmoud, the "Terrible Turk," will be seen again in Omaha this winter, as will Stanislaus Zbysako, who claims to be the best man in the country aside from Frank Gotch. And that brings to mind that the one and only Frank Gotch will also make his appearance here this season. Manager Gillan is trying to arrange a battle between Gotch and one of the leading foreigners who have sprung up since last winter and who are in this country for the express purpose of parting the American citizens from their hard earned coin.

The first big match will be staged about the middle of January and will then on during the winter every two weeks a match will be put on at the Auditorium. Just who will go on for the principal event in the first match has not been decided upon by Mr. Gillan, but announcement of the match will be made in the near future.

The charity wrestling tournament pulled off by Pete Loch at the Auditorium last Friday night has aroused much interest in the game and Manager Gillan is almost assured of good crowds at the big events this winter.

Creighton Fixing Schedule for 1913

Work has already begun on the Creighton university foot ball schedule for next year, and one game with Kearney State Normal school is assured. In all probability, South Dakota will play here again. Thanksgiving as the team was well pleased with the outcome this year, both socially and financially. The game has been under consideration for some time and both sides are favorable, so there seems to be no obstacle in the way of signing articles.

St. Louis university will be on the schedule again. If agreements can be reached and the Creighton team will journey to the St. Louis metropolis. Marquette will be played at Milwaukee, but Morningside will probably be dropped from Creighton's calling list.

There is a rumour abroad that a Catholic college league will be formed, embracing Notre Dame, Marquette, St. Louis, Creighton, St. Thomas and St. Mary's colleges, but as yet nothing definite has been done.

If the plan materializes Creighton will meet Notre Dame, but otherwise there seems to be no chance of the two teams getting together.

A game with Nebraska seems to be out of the question, as Nebraska has resolutely refused to play Creighton, and there seems to be no hope of a change in the future.

TENTATIVE PLANS MADE FOR MOTORCYCLE RACES

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Tentative plans for a national long-distance motorcycle race have been made by the Chicago Motorcycle club, which has been influenced by the success of the annual tourist trophy event in Great Britain. The suggestion is to run the race on the Fourth of July over the eight-and-one-third-mile course at Elgin, Ill. It is planned to have the contest limited to stock cars only, and to allow four-horsepower, and "twih" cycles to compete at the same time. The machines would be required to go 175, 200 and 250 miles respectively. The Federation of American Motorcyclists has announced the plan and called attention to the popularity of the British race, which brings throngs to the Isle-of-Man course each year.

Chase Welcomes Chance. Hal Chase was first to offer a welcome to Frank Chance as manager of the Yankees. The greatest first baseman of the American league said he would consider it an honor to work under the direction of the former greatest in the National league.

Athletes Who Had a Good Season



SPALDING COLLEGE FOOT BALL TEAM. Top Row, Left to Right—Earl Shea, Frank Diverkotte, John Ryan (Captain), John Prendergast, Clarence Mutchie, Cyril Brown, Paul O'Shea, Gerald Brennan. Bottom Row, Left to Right—Aloysius Weiss, Howard Hank, Mat Towey, George Baker, Joseph Hamm, Frank Schuetter, Henry Finn (Coach).

Y. M. C. A. PLANS BIG MEET

Directors Permit Athletic Department to Make Arrangements.

FIRST DAY FOR THE LOCALS

Colleges and Universities and State Associations to Contest on the Second Day of the Meet.

One of the busiest athletic seasons of recent years is planned by the Young Men's Christian association. The activities include track meets, basketball, volleyball, tennis, tumbling and skating. Just after the holidays the entire membership of the Commercial Basketball League will gather at a banquet. Trophies will be presented to the Fairmont Creamery team, which has clinched first place. The league will be reorganized and a new schedule for the second half of the season will be drawn up. In addition to the teams already playing, the Omaha Gas-company, the City National bank and another team which is not ready to be announced expect to apply for membership in the league.

The physical department committee has been granted permission by the board of directors to conduct an athletic meet for two nights, the first to be given over to local athletes and events and the second night exclusively to colleges and universities. This comes about owing to the unusual length of the meet last season when the entry list was so large and the number of events such that it was impossible to run them off before long after midnight.

The plan now is to have all the calisthenics and minor events such as wrestling, boxing and local field and track events run off the first night. The winners in the first night's events will be allowed to compete against the larger colleges, high schools and universities on the second night.

In order to arouse more interest in these affairs out in the state Physical Director Maxwell will visit each college and Young Men's Christian association in the state immediately after the holidays. In addition to visiting the state institutions he will go to Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Ames and a few other Iowa points. An interesting program has been arranged for New Year's day. The Bohemian Turners from the Tel Jed Sokul have been invited to give an exhibition on the apparatus. The boys' leaders class will give tumbling, the older fellows will work on the elephant. There will be a game of volleyball and a number of relay races. The program will conclude with a swimming exhibition in the natatorium. During the holidays skating will be made a feature of the physical work, as the ice at the park is in excellent condition and many of the cottages have stoves in them where the skaters may warm themselves.

O'Toole to Marry. Marty O'Toole will be married on December 30 and will take his bride to the Bermuda on a honeymoon trip.

Tennis Enthusiasts Will Play Game on Christmas Morning

Some people think that tennis is not a popular game in Omaha. But if on Christmas morning these same people will go out to the Strehlow apartments on Sherman avenue and cast their votes upon the tennis court adjoining these apartments they will see at least fifteen ardent tennis players closely bunched up in furs, mittens and sweaters playing this so-called unpopular game.

All fall these plucky athletes have been defying Jack Frost and the elements by occupying these courts every Sunday. True, it would not be a pleasure for every tennis enthusiast to get out on these cold days and play, but the boys at the Strehlow claim it is the most invigorating exercise and sport they have had in many a day.

In weather of this kind it is impossible to expect a tennis ball to be "live," but the Strehlow athletes have overcome this handicap. Prior to playing a match the tennis balls are placed in a hot oven and baked. When they are taken out and put into action they are just as "live" as in the summer months and many times even more active.

Inasmuch as there is only one court in working order, but four men can play at one time. There are about twelve players. When a doubles match is being played the other doubles play leap frog, tag and other games to keep warm. In addition to this there is a huge bonfire built and this serves to help keep the players warm.

The following men will play Christmas morning: W. L. Schottman, "Con" Strehlow, Roy Sunderland, Rob Jamieson, Jim Gilmore and Paul Burt.

CAIN PROVES TO BE BUM LEADER OF BOWLING TEAM

Carl Cain has not the great idea of his bowling that he had a week ago. He recently organized a bowling team known as the North Side Christian church team and went forth meet the soldiers at Fort Omaha. Because he had won large bunches of filthy lucre at the recent Kansas City meet he was relied upon to hold up the rest of the players. He came through with the gigantic total of 41 for three games.

Ben's at Practice. At Batesville, Ind., Joe Benz, butcher boy pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, is attracting the attention of the natives for miles around just now by the method he has adopted to gain control of his elusive spitter. He has a mid-winter training scheme all of his own, which is pitched in the yard back of his butcher shop. There he has installed a home plate, on each side of which he has driven stakes, the height of an average batter. Two strands of wire, one placed at a height corresponding with the "dumb" batter's knees and the other about neck high, stretched from one stake to the other. Between these wires a ham dangles, and Benz uses the smoked meat as the target by which he hopes to gain control of his spitter. The ham, when trade is slack in the market,

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PROMISED TO OMAHA

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garden for the Lincoln team in 1909 and who was a terror to every pitcher in the league. After Davidson died a natural base ball death, as far as Omaha was concerned, Joe Hills was imported, and it was found later that he was a better pitcher than an outfielder and was side-tracked and Jimmie Scanlon put in at left field.

Now, there is no need in finding fault with Scanlon. He was a novice at the left field position and being such he made a good showing for himself. At least he plugged up a bad hole in the outfield. True, he was not the greatest stick artist in the world, but he came through very often with a timely hit and on one or two occasions he made himself very much disagreeable to opposing hurlers by breaking up games just at the right time, at least the right time for Omaha.

Will Keep Scanlon. Although Scanlon will in all probability not be seen in the outer garden next season, he will be with the 1913 Rourkes. Scanlon is one of the greatest young players in the Western league and will undoubtedly be used as a utility player on the Omaha team in 1913. Scanlon needs to perk up on his batting and he will be in demand among the higher teams in the higher leagues. He started out as a second baseman for Omaha last year, but towards the middle of the season suffered an attack of typhoid fever and he had to give way to "Skipper" Hill Schlopke, who "came back" to such an extent and put up such an article of good playing that he froze Scanlon out of his job.

"Hickory" Johnson, by far the greatest catcher the Western league has ever seen, will again do the backstopping for the Omaha team. "Hick" played his first season in Western league ball last year and that he made good goes without saying. He was one of the three Omaha players for whom the majors were angling. Johnson formerly played in the Three-I league, but Bourke managed to get him early in the season. Johnson was known all over the league last season for his remarkable hitting powers. He clouted out eighteen home runs during the season and was a constant terror to opposing twirlers.

Another old standby who worked himself into the good will of the Omaha fans in a remarkably short time and who will be with Omaha again next season is Jack Purate, considered by many to be the best southpaw twirler in the Western league. Purate joined the Omaha team early in August last year. After having played with the Topeka team for a number of years, the big southpaw did not have an opportunity to show what he had with Omaha last year. With Topeka he did not make a good showing, due undoubtedly to the fact that Topeka was a

YANKEE TO TRAIN BRITONS

American Athlete is Desired to Prepare Men for Olympic Games.

KEENE'S NAME IS MENTIONED

Commissioner Sullivan Declares that it is Not Training Alone that is Needed, but Plenty of Enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The announcement that the English Olympic committee is considering the feasibility of employing a trainer in the athletic reorganization scheme has aroused considerable interest in this country. According to a tentative definite in the way of a contract is in sight. Keene stated: "I have had no direct offer from the English managers, but I have heard indirectly that they are considering offering me a position as coach of their teams. At present everything is in the air."

Keene is selected, and it appears probable, since he is of English birth and has many years of experience under the American athletic system, he will make the third trainer to go abroad under similar circumstances. Ernie Hjertberg is a fixture in Swedish Olympic athletic circles, and Alvin C. Kraenzlein has recently accepted a similar position in Germany. France is also on the outlook for an athletic trainer and coach, and by 1916, when the Olympic games are held at Berlin, the rivalry among the foreign athletes coached to compete along American lines should make the point-scoring contest far keener than at past meets.

Sullivan Gives Views.

James E. Sullivan, the American Olympic commissioner at the Stockholm races, in discussing the reported desire of the English to engage a trainer with American experience, said: "It is not alone a trainer that the English need. An athletic director is really necessary if England is to take its former position in track and field athletics. Its system is so antiquated that it needs a thorough overhauling. One trainer or a dozen will not materially help. Some man, who is an athletic enthusiast, with full power to plan and secure co-operation all along the line is what is needed. When England reaches the point where athletics are a part of its school, church, club and college system, then it will be developing athletes of quality and quantity that will make other nations look to their laurels in the Olympic games."

"The European authorities apparently believe that our success is due to trainers. This, in part, is a mistake. It is the athletic enthusiasm that brings competitors to the public school leagues, recreation and playgrounds, the athletic club and college, that gives America its athletic supremacy. Did you ever stop to think that for every athlete who develops into a famous track or field star there are hundreds who try and never win a prize in a scratch event? It is due to the number of opportunities and participants in the games that we hold our athletic lead."

Keene a Splendid Coach.

"When the same enthusiasm and opportunities prevail in England or any other country, then the reason for American athletic success will no longer be a secret. Tom Keene is a splendid coach and trainer, and I hope that he secures the position for which his name is mentioned, but he should not be handicapped at the start by the listless methods in vogue in England at present. If the right men take the helm of English athletics and arouse a real spirit and enthusiasm for amateur track and field sports, Keene will do his part without fail."

Incidentally Mr. Sullivan expects to cross the continent to the Pacific coast some time next month to plan for the long series of athletic sports which will be held in and about San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific exposition during 1915. He has been offered the position of director-general of athletics at the fair and is expected to formally accept after his conference with the exposition officers. The Pacific Amateur Athletic association will entertain him during his stay and a special committee, consisting of Herbert Hauser, Charlie Minto, Archie Cloud, James E. Rogers and Dr. Hubbel, has been named for receiving and entertaining the secretary-treasurer of the athletic union. While on the coast Sullivan will make a tour of inspection of the different athletic centers.

Pan-American Shoot at Baltimore in 1913

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 21.—Camp Perry will witness next year the second Pan-American shoot, held for the first time last May in Buenos Ayres, Argentina. Additional matches, open to the world, include the famous Palma trophy competition, and a new Pan-American match for a two-man team for a trophy offered by John W. Garrett, United States minister to Argentina.

One of the most interesting matches will be for the long range individual military championship of the world, calling for fifteen shots at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards.

Francis, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Canada, Peru and Argentina already have sent assurances that they will send delegates to the United States for the competition and it is expected that in all about twenty-two nations will be represented.

Likes the Northwest.

George Stallings will take with his Boston Nationals to Athens, Ga., next spring, a whole fleet from the Northwestern league. They will include five pitchers, two catchers and a first baseman. The twirlers are: Winfield C. Noyes of Spokane, William James of Seattle, Cecil Thompson of Seattle, Lucien E. Gervais of Vancouver, Paul Strain of Spokane. The catchers are: Bert Whaling of Seattle and Dick Bennett of Spokane. The first baseman is "Hap" Myers of Spokane.

Pitcher McGraw with Athletics.

McGraw will be with the Athletics in 1914. He is a pitcher who bails from Pueblo, Colo. His father has made an agreement with Connie Mack and he will report when his school days are over. He is only 18 at present, but stands five feet eleven inches and weighs 180. His first name is Robert, not John. He expects to be quite a whale when he is able to vote.

Hendricks Signs Pitcher.

Manager Jack Hendricks of Denver announces the signing of a Chicago semi-pitcher named Moran, a left-hander aged 19, height five feet eleven inches.