

This Was Really One on Mr. Jack

Drawn for The Bee by Swinnerton



Judgments

Suppose the impossible—the Federal league never opened the season of 1914. It has belted all negative predictions of its enemies. It would even leave one of the largest influences ever welded in base ball. This influence finds expression in the upheaval to salaries as a direct result of the Federal invasion. National and American league players are under contract at unprecedentedly large salaries simply because of the competitive bidding of the outlaws. So, unless a man is perjured to all facts and reason, he will not persist in saying the Federal will not amount to much. They are a God-send to players, yes to the game, for the fortuitous circumstances that fortified owners against having to share their enormous incomes more fairly with their players, who produced them were not right. Trying to hog it all is one of the primal causes that brought the new factor into being at this time. Its coming, of course, was inevitable, simply as the evolution of the game, but it might have been staved off with a little less avarice. To be sure, some wisacres will shake their knowing heads and say that the Federal will not be able to pay the fancy figures they have named to some of their players and managers. But that doesn't meet the argument. How about the old leagues? They are the ones we have chiefly in mind. They have been forced to boost on salaries. It will not be called fiction with them. No one is doubting that Boston will come clean on its \$10,000 a year to Evers, to whom already it has paid a gigantic bonus. And Evers even as Murphy's manager never got \$10,000 a year. No one will say that Mathewson will not collect the enlarged price for his services to New York under the new contract, which is said to call for \$15,000 a year, at least. This also is the size of Ty Cobb's new pay check, according to report. Then comes this Speaker of the Boston Red Sox to cap the climax with an annual salary of \$16,000 to \$18,000, plus a bonus of \$5,000, and he an outfielder. Does anyone presume to say that all this is not absolutely the result of the Federal league influence? Clark Griffith continues to predict the death of the Federal by June 1, without anything, whatever, on which to found his prediction. But suppose it did pass out of existence then or before, what of the work it has already done?

ORGANIZE CLASS 'B' LEAGUE

Officers of Base Ball Association Named and Plans Discussed. FAME IS ALL THEY ARE SEEKING. Seventeen Teams Register and Want Nothing Else Out of the Game. They Play but Just Real Sport. BY FRANK QUIGLEY. Among the old fans the main topic at the present writing is the Federal league, but the young blood are utilizing all of their spare minutes discussing the situation relative to the Class B league which was organized last Wednesday evening. Approximately 200 fans, base ball players and managers attended this meeting, which was the best and largest turnout ever held in this city. After the enrollment of the Class B teams an election was in order, and J. J. Isaacson was elected president and William Blossie was elected secretary. Under the generalship of these two "gents" this league ought to soar to the highest pedestal of fame. Fame is all the Class B boys are looking for, but as it is rather difficult to get it in an honest way they will have to work hard to get the recognition they deserve from the Omaha fans. Seventeen teams entered the league, namely: Ames Avenue Merchants, Foresters, Walter G. Clarke, Fontenelle Parks, Chris Lyck, Dundee Woolen Mills, Florence Athletics, Kennedy & McCrea's, Bemis Parks, Brandeis Stores, Brotherhood of American Yeoman, Sunny Brooks, Burlingtons, John Corr Electric Company, Vinton Street Merchants, Monmouth Parks and Mogulians. Meet Monday Night. Tomorrow night the managers of these seventeen teams will again congregate in the council chamber at the city hall. They will fix up their constitution and talk over whether or not it would be advisable to organize two leagues or to let the seventeen teams play at the two parks which are now controlled by them. The two parks which the Class B teams have are Florence and Benson parks. The latter is located directly opposite Krug park. The other places which they intend to utilize are Fontenelle, Miller, Elmwood parks and the grounds located at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue. They will put up medals as a prize equivalent to \$100 to be copied by the main gents. Now these medals will be fought for by all the teams that are members of the association. Nine Class A teams located in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs; namely, Storz, Council Bluffs Merchants, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Armours, Alamo, Murphy Did He, Shamrocks, Lux and Townsends. The Class A players pick up many a five spot during a season, and some of them have got as high as \$25 for participating in one contest. Many of them are hired out each year by some country team that only needs a good man for some special occasion. The way the situation now stands it is the most profitable for the classy Omaha players, and they are apparently well satisfied to let well enough alone. Will Hold Old Fort. At the big rally last Wednesday night they decided to hold the old fort. In order to organize a class A league there would have to be four parks, the receipts of which would be turned over to the players after a reasonable amount had been deducted for the use of the park and to defray the expenses of maintaining the league. It would be impossible to get four enclosed parks, because Omaha hasn't even got one enclosed amateur base ball park and the one located nearby can not be secured. Athletic park, which is utilized by the Council Bluffs Merchants, has proved very profitable to the ones interested and they don't care to let others in on a good thing. They can't be blamed for that. The Storz team uses the league grounds when the Omaha team is traveling, and it has proved a very desirable meal ticket, which they would be foolish to split up. Armour park belongs to the Armour team and the only thing left for the homeless class A children is Fort Omaha and they are not sure of landing this. Some Are Undecided. Other teams that are undecided as to what they will do in regard to the league question are numerous. Herewith a list of teams outside of the class A troupe that have done comparatively nothing towards helping this league proposition along, namely: Brown Park Pharmacy, Star Theater, Hollys, Sherman Avenue Merchants, John Deere Plow Co., Omaha Eagles, Fort Crook Soldiers, Council Bluffs Bombers, Brodegar's Crown, Council Bluffs Victoria, Hot Phil's South Omaha Boosters, Fred Krug Brewing Co., Emil Hansen, M. E. Smith, Moose club, Pirates, Rosquais, Orpin Bros., under Burce's-Nash appellation; Council Bluffs Stolz. If the present plans go through, and there is no reason why they should not, with the exception of the class A teams, there will be several leagues, a class B league, a mercantile league, a Young Men's Christian association league and a Saturday league, composed mostly of class A players. When all of these leagues are well organized, then they will all combine into a large association and

One Star Who Was Turned Down by Feds

Officers will be elected to control the whole crowd. The class A players have no objection to make about a Saturday league, because there is no dough forthcoming from playing in Omaha on Saturdays. Now in Perfect Order. Already matters are in order to perfect a Saturday league, which many of the class A players will participate in and a meeting will be held in the very immediate future. They will commence their season about Saturday, April 18, and from present indications they will put up a classy article of base ball, and the race will be a humdinger, because the teams will be approximately evenly matched and the players will be of a top notch order. The following teams will constitute this Saturday league: Auditorium Pharmacy, Omaha Gas Co.; Nebraska Telephone Co.; Collegians, Union Pacific, Overlands, Burlingtons and Omaha National Bank. Always Come Back. When the season drops at the termination of every season it never fails to crush out the base ball life of many a base ball leader. When the season is over many of them find themselves in a half dazed position as to their future, "base ballically" speaking, but after due deliberation during the wintry months, when they have oodles of time to thoroughly revolve through their thought reservoirs, all the hardships they bumped up against during the season fade away. Of course some of them quit on account of business interests. Here is the tribe that quit last year: Danse, Feltman, Penton, Pahl, Crowe, Koche, McDermott, Wolcott, Guver, King, Davis, Snyder, Mullen, Jordan, Foral, Knapp, Austin, Probst, McQuade, Lang, Mace and Benson. Since Crowe has given up the leadership of the Council Bluffs Merchants Mr. Duff will be the main chieftain of that organization this season. Fan Tattle. The other day Ralph Tuttle blew in from Los Angeles and Dewey avenue. He probably will again hook up with the Armours. Wonder who Paul Kelly will perform with this season. He used to be hitched to the Storz Triumphs. Johnnie Andrews, who has wiggled the pill for several of the prominent players, will do his utmost to snag a berth with the Beatrice team of the state league. At last Uncle Sam Feltman has decided what he is going to do. He will give himself to the Storz congregation. Think the next thing in order is a school league, well as well as the youngsters started out on the right road. Frank Golden, that well known foot ball shark, was present at the big talk-fest last Wednesday. He is going to slip under the ropes this season as a hard one. What is the matter with the chocolate base ball. To date not a word has been heard from any colored base ball manipulators. Next Wednesday night the class A managers will get the noddles together and endeavor to figure out the different problems now staring at them. Johnnie Gentlemen, the undertaker, is very desirous to assist in the adjudicating department. Good umpires are hard to find and John ought to make a good one. Tub Carter doesn't want the boys to forget him when they are in need of a good man for some special occasion. He can sure handle the indicator. Fatty Fox, the chairman of the corn-cob family that keep the stove league broed, attended the big meeting. When called on to cough up a few words he said the fire was out, consequently he was out of dope. Travers Getting More Familiar in Use of His Sticks. NEW YORK, March 7.—"I am not nearly so much concerned over the short game as I am about my driving," said Jerome D. Travers, the amateur champion golfer of the United States, yesterday in speaking of his trip to Great Britain and France in quest of foreign honors. It has been necessary for Travers to get on more friendly terms with his wooden clubs and to abandon his Schnetzly putter, forbidden abroad. He has been experimenting with a new putter and believes he has very good control of it. At Sandwich, where the amateur championship will be played beginning May 15, it is not only necessary to have good length from the tee, but it is essential that the drive shall be well placed. "I am confident that constant practice will enable me to overcome any difficulty I have with the wooden clubs," said Travers. "When I was driving at my best, several years ago, I played golf practically every day. If I missed a drive, I didn't worry about it. I had the supreme confidence so necessary to success." Travers will sail on the steamship Baltic on March 12, which will give him about six weeks to practice on English courses and, besides making him familiar with conditions in golf, also will give him an opportunity to become acclimated. Travers did not know whether Fred Herreshoff of Garden City and former metropolitan champion, would go with him or not. In fact the national title holder expects to go alone. Smith to Brooklyn. "Piano-mover" Frank Smith, who used to pitch for the Chicago White Sox, became a member of the Brooklyn Federal club. He had signed with the league as a whole on the original understanding that he would be with the Buffalo team, but this arrangement was changed when he expressed a preference to play in Brooklyn.

When the Robins Nest Again



BY F. S. HUNTER. Up to the Sphinx. We admit it's a little bit previous. And the weather's a trifle cold. And the sun may still be hidden from sight. And we know many prominence hold. But despite all this very cold weather, Despite the days chilly and drear. We wait for the critic to tell us, Where the Rourke's will finish this year. Martin Krug is howling for more coin, evidently doesn't know the Income tax collector is just as persistent in Omaha as he is in Cleveland. Tip to Pa Rourke: Make Bell emulate Chick Autrey when it comes time to send transportation money to the outfielding crew. Mr. Bell, be it remembered, is in Gainesville, Fla. We're not worrying about Hal Chase and the White Sox. We insist that it is enough to worry about Hal Chase, the second, who is slated to hold down the initial corner for this village. The White Sox have hit an awful slugging stride in Paso Robles. Yes, the Paso Robles park is smaller than Sioux City's. It's not a hard job to be pleasant. As Caesar said once long ago, But the man who's worth while is the man who can smile. When he's asked "Will Hicks again blow?" Frank Chaney reports that thirty-five ball players are or will be at his training camp. As it doesn't stand to reason that the Yanks could get thirty-five ball players, we presume that Chaney is still worrying about California floods in his orange groves. Schuler, a Chicago semi-pro, who has been engaged to play third base for St. Joseph, is heralded as a world beater. LEAVES PAUNCH IN EUROPE. Sam Langford Comes Back from Abroad in Much Slimmer Shape. CARPENTIER IS WINNING OUT. Frenchman is Gaining Bigger Reputation and He Will Be a Real Heavyweight Before Very Long. NEW YORK, March 7.—That Sam Langford has returned from Europe without his paunch will be bad news for the white hopes. When the Boston negro boxed here a few months ago he was so fat his efforts were laughable. And when later Gunboat Spith beat him in Boston it was thought that at last the Langford bogey had been laid at rest. Now he looks up again apparently as dangerous as ever. Sam certainly is a troublesome person. Carl Morris probably will be the first to tackle the rejuvenated Langford. Sam and Carl in the ring together will furnish a strange sight. Langford, no taller than some of the lightweights, will have to do some lofty jumping in order to reach the towering chin of the Oklahoma giant. But then Sam is not overparticular as to where he lands. And Carl's ample midriff will furnish a target hard to miss. According to Joe Woodman, Langford's manager, the proposed Johnson-Moran match has nothing more back of it than a scheme to obtain publicity by the fighters. "There is no purse offered and no chance of one being offered, because there is no public demand for the match," says Woodman. "The French are not so easily deluded as they were a few years ago. They know a fighter when they see one now, and they don't think much of Moran. "The only white man they will pay big money to see in action is Carpenter, and let me tell you that fellow is not being overrated to the extent that Americans think. He has improved wonderfully, and I think he'll soon be able to beat any white man in the ring. "Carpenter is growing fast. He'll be a real heavyweight before long. He is full of blood, and thinks a lot of himself, but he has good reason to. What impressed me most about him was that he is a great body puncher. He knows how to hit and he's learning all the time. It will take a good man to beat him now." EUROPEANS CAN PERFECT SYSTEMS FOR SIX YEARS. NEW YORK, March 7.—In spite of the number of American coaches now being employed abroad getting together Olympic teams, European countries can hardly be expected to perfect systems of training athletes before the games of 1920. After that time, however, the United States must look to its laurels on track and field. The cities and states must then take it upon themselves to defend the play by hiring coaches who will teach the masses through the playground. After 1920 the American Olympic representative should be really national, and not the skimming of the college talent, with a few from Chicago and San Francisco. Athletic competitions in cities other than the above, with the possible exception of Boston, is very crude, and produces few members for the team, simply because there are very few men who can competently coach track athletics outside of those cities. K. C. Team to Texas. George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federal league team, has completed arrangements for training quarters at Wichita Falls, Tex. Stovall has arranged for the Pittsburgh Federal management to send the Pittsburgh team to there for spring practice, to make possible a series of exhibition games.

Settle Honors This Week

Nebraska High Schools Meet in Annual Basketball Tourney. SIXTY-FOUR ARE NOW ENTERED. That Many Teams Will Vie Vigorously with Each Other at Lincoln, Bringing Together Four Hundred Athletes. BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, March 7.—(Special).—Nebraska high schools will settle the championship in basketball in the state this week, starting Wednesday and closing Saturday night at the annual tournament held under the auspices of the State university. There are now sixty-four schools entered in the tournament, Ewing having sent in a late entry, meaning that upward of 400 athletes will be brought together for the meet. The entry list is the largest since the tournament was started four years ago and includes every high school with a basketball team of practically any consequence. An error in the drafting of the original schedule caused some confusion in the schedule for the Franklin, Stuart and Sidney High schools. Stuart was placed against the Scott's Bluff and Franklin in the preliminary round by clerical error. Sidney was then switched to meet Franklin. Sidney had previously been placed against Culbertson and it was discovered that Okhova had been omitted through some mistake. The corrected schedule will show Stuart and Scott's Bluff paired in the first round; Okhova and Franklin and Sidney and Culbertson. Ewing, the last team to enter, will play Geneva, that team having drawn a bye in the first round. Number of Dark Horses. There are a large number of dark horses entered in the tournament this year than ever before and a lot of surprises are expected in the outcome. Omaha, High School, Lincoln, York, Hastings and University Place are known to have strong teams by the comparative scores, but very little is known concerning the others. Omaha High school, by virtue of its season's record, appears to be the strongest contender for championship honors. The metropolitan five has played brilliantly all season. University Place is likewise looked upon as a possible champion, while Hastings in the western section of the state, has been winning from all comers. The Geneva five, which captured the championship last season, is of unknown strength. Sidney, which usually sends a good team to the tournament, is also of the dark horse variety this season. Beatrice and York are expected to figure in the final results, although the Gage county boys have not made such an impressive showing in the season's games and may be eliminated early in the tournament. Smaller Schools Unknown. The smaller schools are all unknown to the tournament management. They have played games only in their locality and against schools of the same size. Matched with the bigger schools of the state and before large audiences it is a six-to-one guess as to whether they will be able to hold their own. The officials for the tournament have all been chosen and all arrangements completed. At the opening of the tournament an information bureau will be established at the Young Men's Christian association to assist all high school teams in finding comfortable rooms and in making other provisions for their entertainment. The committee, consisting of Captain Haskell of the Cornhusker basketball team, A. H. Hiltner and Earl W. Brannon, will have charge of all arrangements, including the matter of officials and the rulings on protests. Prizes of silver cups will be awarded the winners of the tournament in the championship class and the consolation division, while banners will go to the winners of both second and third places in each section. Indications point to large delegations from out over the state, especially on the two closing days of the tournament. Eczema Gone! ACNE, Tetter, Rash, Pimples, Carbuncles, Boils—Banished! It is certainly remarkable how quickly the action of S. S. 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