

'Tis the Only Life, Boys; the Only Life

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher

What is the use of going to a cabaret when you can bring the cabaret to you. And not only that but why sit up when you can recline as Shakespeare didn't say - It's a long road that has no knots in it



YES should focus on Tuesday now, for that will be the opening day for the Western league in Omaha. It has always been made much of a gala occasion, and this season will be no exception. The plans are as complete as possible, but the interest of the local fans centers more on the quality of entertainment to be provided by the players than on the spectacular features of the parade. Pa Rourke is starting somewhat experimentally this season, that is, he is providing Omaha with nearly a new team from top to bottom. Very little opportunity has yet been given to show what can be done, but the capacity of the players ought to be apparent shortly, now that actual work is under way. Pa has said he is uncertain just where to apply the knife when it comes to cutting down to the limit in numbers, and intends to carry the entire list to the final date for reduction, in order that every man may have full chance to show why he should be kept on the regular roster. One thing is already noted, and that is the new players all belong to the young and ambitious class, and that means a lot for the people who stand a great deal more from a hustling youngster than they will from a veteran leader. Tuesday will give the Omaha boys a chance to look the boys over and see how they size up in their class.

Earl Hamilton's case may serve to test another phase of the base ball muddle. The Kansas City Federal club alleges that Hamilton signed an ordinary contract with that team, instead of one of the special base ball documents. This will have the way for the Feds to sue Hamilton for damages, but just what it will avail them doesn't appear. It will serve, maybe, to establish the law of contracts anew, but unless a player is required to give a bond for faithful performance it does not appear wherein the complaining club is likely to secure anything in the way of substantial return for whatever of damages may be recovered. A judgment against the average ball player is worth about as much as a pledged word of a contract-jumper.

Real college athletes will come in for a considerable share of public attention for the next few weeks, for this is the season of track and field meets. While these games do not arouse the furor that comes with foot ball, or even that milder excitement that attends basket ball, they are really of more service, to the cause of sport at the schools. In most ways the development essential to supremacy at a track meet is more useful than that required to shine in the more strenuous sports of the fall and winter. The good runner, jumper, weight thrower, no matter what, is more apt to carry into life with him benefits from his training than comes to the husky lad who gets to be a gridiron hero.

About the only thing to excite comment in connection with the big leagues start was that attendance was uniformly large everywhere, even at Cincinnati. No particular dope was upset, unless it might have been in the consecutive walkouts the Yankees under Frank Chance gave the world-champion Athletics. This is a case of the worm turning, if one is to be found anywhere, and lots of folks out this way will hope that it is to be taken as an earnest of what Chance proposes to do during the season. Some days must slip before anything like a line will be possible on the contending teams, but each of the managers is full of confidence, and that helps some in the early season.

Either Ritchie isn't very much of a fighter, or Tommy Murphy is a whole lot better than any of the vint ones thought. The outcome of that match will make the fans all the keener to see a long journey between Ritchie and Wolcott.

Efforts to galvanize horse racing do not seem to excite the multi-walkers. It is apparent that when the sure thing even killed the game in this country they really killed it.

One of the interesting features of the opening series was the way the Browns made the Tigers work for the first game. At least one Omaha fan had a bet down that St. Louis would win.

Squabbles of the magnates may take up the time of the courts now, but the probabilities are still strong that the team that delivers the goods will get the attention of the fans.

Scores of the Des-Moines-Omaha games indicate the ball players must have thought they were holding a track meet instead of a ball game.

What odds Tommy Murphy wouldn't be champion today, if that bout had been staged somewhere along East river instead of at the Golden Gate?

If it should rain on Tuesday, don't worry. We need crops so much as we do base ball in Nebraska.

TIME TO BURY THE HAMMER

Local Nines Now Ready for Season's Encouragement.

LIVELY CONTEST AT ROURKE'S Stores and Ancient Order of United Workmen Will Meet This Afternoon in Pa's Park.

CITY LEAGUE STANDING table with columns: Team, Played, Won, Lost, Pct.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY. Now if you base ballists put a damper on all knocking that is not in sympathy with good fellowship and brotherly love, sand-letters will be able to skip over the road with harmony at the helm.

All proposed leagues have now developed into realities. From present indications it looks as though all the leagues recently organized will be in the ring at the finish. Men that understand base ball and the whims of amateur players have been assigned to the task of leading the various leagues through the hardships which they are bound to encounter.

Two leagues have already raised the curtain and another pair will swim to the shore today, namely, the Mercantile and the Twin City leagues. Next Saturday the class "A" Saturday league will open the gates with all the pomp and splendor necessary for such an auspicious occasion. It is up to the base ball manipulators now to hand out some live base ball stuff.

Council Bluffs Sells Out. The Council Bluffs gents that formerly ran Athletic park under the leadership of President Barkhausen have sold out their stock to Martin Peterson and James Buchanan. They will run the park under the same monicker, but the team, although it will be composed of different players, known as the Joe Smiths. This park was formerly owned by a stock company, composed of twelve men.

On the carpet of Green at Rourke park this afternoon a real battle is looked for, when the Stars and the Ancient Order of United Workmen teams hook up. Holland, the only amateur pitcher to hand Stars a lemon last season, will be sent in against the Brewers. Yesterday the Ancient Order of United Workmen boys got a good workout against the Stars, so they ought to be able to produce a bitter article of base ball this afternoon. You can look at it from any angle you desire, it is a lead pipe chunk that the Stars will have to turn on all the steam available in order to grab the long end of this quarrel.

Diamond Dust. Fifteen "ducks" were struck out by Mater of the Advos last Sunday. The postoffice team have changed their appellation to the P. O. Chambers. Shields, who formerly cavorted with the Advos, will be with the Advos this season.

Klein and Stitt of the Dundee boys connected for a pair of safe clouts last Saturday.

If you want to converse with Walter Peterson, the boss of the Advos, tickle Douglas 442.

Not a word from Earl Eisenhart this time, but if he is going to reside in camp seclusion.

Monday night the managers of the Saturday Class A league will hold a meeting at the city hall.

The Plov company troupe are out of a game for next Sunday. Call Manager Kline at Douglas 450.

Moray Miller has kicked the Omaha real estate from his number eight and beat it for Oakleaf, Wis.

Seventeen boys clubbed in vain for Eastman's curly ones last Sunday. His wiggle for the Monday Park.

During the absence of Bill Dolson, a party labeled J. A. Conklin will take care of the Prodiges' Browns.

Just now the outlook is not very promising for Fort Omaha of Fort Crook to be represented on the diamond.

For games with the Windsor Hotel team address Hey Stacey at 87 North Twelfth street, South Omaha.

Last week Clark Clair floated out of local society for Grand Island, where he will endeavor to smag the rag.

Cutler, the cup of the United States National bagk team, threw his knee out. Out-of-town teams wishing games with the Ancient Order United Workmen address Frank Quigley at 100 Chicago street.

The John Deeres are anxiously awaiting another whack at the Black Kats. Last Sunday the Black Kats gloomed the grays.

Three times last Sunday John Dennison slapped the horseshoes where it was impossible to glom until a hit had been registered.

During the Rambler-P. A. C. jamboree Pats of the Ramblers soaked one on the bean for permission to wander around the circuit.

In the South Omaha Ancient Order United Workmen team you will find players that used to be the big noises with the Hectors.

The Windsor Hotel combination and the South Omaha A. O. U. W. team were the initial duces to permebrate more than six rounds.

Line number 66 is the one that purchases the base ball junk for the South Omaha Ancient Order United Workmen congregation.

If you want to fight the Dundee Imperials that reside in Council Bluffs tickle the ringer on C. B. Black 373 and make a noise for Achaz.

Graham, the leader of the Dundee Woolen Mills, has got a barrel of confidence on the job to help his gang roost on the top perch.

Already the John Deere Plov company has scheduled three out-of-town games with the following villages: Wahoo, Ashland and Minden.

The Emil Hansens were the first Sunday team to hand their opponents a scouse egg. They didn't give the Brodegaard Browns a run.

All of you managers are passing up a good bet when you leave Frank Spellman loaf. He is a crack in any pasture and is a wizard on his pedals.

At the present writing, George Falconer, the chief coach of the Stars, is so thoroughly inflated with hot air that he is about due for a puncture.

In gas carts the Auditorium Pharmacy teams and the Ancient Order United Workmen tribes will be in the big base ball parade next Tuesday.

Many base ballists get results, others get nothing but insults, but just stick at it through thick and thin, and with the fans you will eventually win.

Well, it is certainly a grand thing that base ball suits never go out of style. You receive just as much recognition in the minimum togs as the maximum.

At Athletic park next Sunday the Joe Smiths will have a neck with the Ancient Order United Workmen bunch. This quarrel ought to border the torrid.

Ball players that drop into this burg find it a tough proposition to hook up. They stand about as much chance as a bow-legged girl in a classy chorus.

Hang-arounder Frank Karbowaki must have left the city some time ago. Last Sunday, consequently the Almatos have decided to leave him on the stief hereafter.

Some how the Thorpein Athletic club doesn't get off on the right foot when they endeavor to get in the City league. Time they have failed to land a franchise.

Old Man Small Fox is still entertaining Edward Carew, but as his friendship is gradually wearing off we will find Edward out on the green before many moons roll by.

Three thousand "biggs" decorated the arena last Sunday. The amateurs must have some magnetism to draw such a large crowd.

According to the dope Dietz park will not be open to the amateurs this season. Some say the reason for this is that the boys used too many words not taught in Sunday school.

The Black Kats declare they have a peacherino in Lalabar, who will be one of their alingers. They say he has got every kind on the map, good control and oodles of steam.

Will Try to Lead the Johnson Sluggers.



Joe Jackson, the great center fielder of the Cleveland Naps, who has been runner-up to Ty Cobb for American league honors the last three years. Jack-

FANS READY FOR OPENER

Big Parade to Precede Omaha-St. Joseph Top-Off Game of Season.

MANY AGREE TO TAKE PART Mayor Dahlgren Will Head Procession Made Up of Long String of Ants Representing Various Organizations.

Plans and preparations for the Western league opening game in Omaha between St. Joseph and Pa. Bourke's nine are now completed. Every live organization in the city is bending its efforts to bring out a representation and a lively parade, starting at 3 o'clock, will precede the game.

Mayor Dahlgren will lead the procession, accompanied by Chief of Police Dunn, Owners Bourke and Holland will follow; then the commissioners, the governors of Ak-Bar-Ben, E. R. Wilson with the members of the press, Fairbrother's military band, Omaha base ball club, St. Joseph base ball club. The following organizations have been called upon by their chief officers to follow: Elks, Omaha Retailers, Rotary club, Builders' exchange, Eagles, Commercial club, Samson, Seymour Lake club and then just the fans and fanatics.

All will ride in automobiles and the two teams will be headed by the Studebaker Automobile company in brand new cars.

Boxes Are Reserved. The Eagles have reserved box seats for their base ball, bowling and drill teams and also engaged automobiles for them to enter the parade.

Boxes have been reserved for the Michigan club, whose members will participate in the opening ceremonies. Boxes also have been reserved for the board of governors, retailers, Commercial club and Elks.

Mayor Dahlgren will pitch the first ball and "Hinky" Black, acting for Samson, will do the catching.

Omaha Buffers' exchange members who have Auto cars have been asked to meet at Nineteenth and Farnam streets at 2 p. m. sharp.

To encourage the festivities and in view of their value to Omaha as an advertising medium the Commercial club has issued the following statement, signed by President C. E. Yost:

The Commercial club recognizes that the Omaha base ball team gives valuable publicity to this city and quickens the spirit of local pride and loyalty. On the opening day of the Western league play in Omaha on April 21, we urge our members to attend and contribute to the enthusiasm which will start a good team toward a season of success.

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son believes that the coming summer will mark him as the batting superior of the spectacular Detroit slugger.

Just Before the Battle, Mother

BY F. S. HUNTER. DES MOINES, April 18.-Exclusive Service.-The most important thing in this city is the Omaha base ball club. But King Brady is a close second. King is cutting all kinds of awails around these parts. His green hat is the talk of the town.

King strolls up and down the thoroughfares every evening for the purpose of giving the fair damsels of the village a treat. King asserts it isn't often that the girls get to look at such as he, and Bert Brenner confirms the assertion.

Johnny Clancy is stuck on the feed here. The ladder is already almost demolished and Johnny hasn't begun in earnest yet.

Pa Bourke has only one thought. He can't talk of anything except the Omaha opening Tuesday. And he wants publicity for it so that a crowd will attend. Well, here goes for the pub. stuff.

What matters it who was the greaser (raz). Which sex, come all that comes his way, Or if "Wood" Wilson takes a hand, Or if the sufs win all this land? What matters it if seven faras Are dished with all our other cares, Or if the summer crop all fail, Or if we have snow rain or hail, Or if the bank don't come our way? The opening game comes off today.

Bill Killifer has been fired from the Players' fraternity. Which fact, we presume, is cause for intense grief on the part of Mr. Killifer.

As proof that the Feds are bound to be a failure the opening game at Baltimore only drew some 35,000 attendance, get nothing but insults, but just stick at it through thick and thin, and with the fans you will eventually win.

A philosopher stood at the edge of the world, And gazed o'er the chasms of time, For his friends, they were few, had deserted him, too, And his rating was but a dime. But, why, you may ask, is the reason for this? He is a man without fear, he is bold, He is just one man who contrarily says, "The Feds will last a year."

A "Frico" man was shot in the head and the bullet bounced off his skull. Evidently, a born ball player. And good material for Muggsy McGraw.

"He was a reporter.

The Giants are said to be in mid-season form, but nothing is said about mid-fall form.

Now that Sioux City is getting all worked up about the automobile race and Wichita is dreaming of auto polo, it is time for Lincoln to start the checker tournament.

King Brady has succeeded in doing one thing in the Regular-Yankee contests. He has convinced the fans that as a first baseman he is a good pitcher.

The Cards beat out the Browns in the pre-season series at St. Louis. Some honor believe us.

"Way down in old St. Louis, they held a contest there. The Cards and Browns, those famous teams, did fight it out for fair. By why, we ask, was such the case, was it to take a dare? For who for such a battle, would give a linker's care?"

The dopsters are already at it. Lincoln sports are of the opinion that Omaha will land about seven miles below eighth place. Which means that Lincoln will

Thorpe is Not Yet a Major Leaguer

BOSTON, April 18.-Jim Thorpe is far from being a major league base ball player as yet, according to the opinion of Sam Crawford, who went around the world with the famous Indian athlete. Thorpe's speed is all that commends him, according to Sam. He is not a particularly good fielder and he cannot hit. He is not a natural hitter at all, but he gives the ball a little upward chop as he swings at it in a way that Crawford never saw any man do before. Furthermore, Thorpe doesn't seem to have that base ball instinct that is so necessary for a big league player, says Crawford. He is a very cheery fellow for a man who has yet to prove that he is of big league caliber, is the assertion made by Wahoo Sam.

Society Note. The society editor has a date for the opening game. So have we.

But not with her.

How We Got Here. An opening day was drawing near and went with trembling hand. And took our savings from the bank to get that treat we'd planned. And one by one we counted o'er the pennies saved with care. All fearful lest our cherished hope should turn to black despair. But they were there each penny own and we found that we could go. That we could make the trip alright on our little pile of dough. But now that all our money and we have and now and ever a bum of us.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT LAST PART OF THE MONTH

The Metropolitan Handicap tournament of three men and two men singles will be rolled off at the Metropolitan, alleys 1 and 2, the last five days of the month. Leagues eligible to roll are: Ches Gorton, Metropolitan, Standard Oil, Fairmont Creamery, Sunderland Bros., Gate City, Lithographers, and Gas Co. league. Entries close April 25 and the tournament commences next day.

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