

Jeff Says, Not Only That, but It's 108 in the Shade in Mexico

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

THE Western league has more new faces this season than it has had in any season since the war, and at that, perhaps not too many. Every club shows up with material changes, none more than Omaha. Denver has as few as any. Denver also has this far made no change in its relative standing in the race. It opens the season as it has been closing the last few, in the first place. But, of course, there is time yet for all sorts of changes in this respect. It is too early for any set opinions as to the outcome. We rather look for a good pennant fight this year and hope Omaha will be in it.

The Federal league has already smashed the predictions of some of its enemies by opening the season. It was folly, of course, for anyone to predict that it would not open the season. We will expect it to be successful. Of course, we see for a much stronger status in the base ball world for next year. Whether the Federals continue indefinitely as outlaws or take their place in the ranks of organized base ball, they have even by now, to say nothing of the future, exercised an influence in the end helpful to the larger interests of base ball. That is not to be minimized. Of course, we realize that such a view is not easily impressed on those whose position compels them to take an entirely selfish view of the situation, but the fans as a whole, who support the game, are, we think, inclined to this idea. Base ball was sadly in need of a shaking-up, such as it is getting under present conditions. Now, it will be possible to effect a settlement of some sort after the disturbance period is over, with benefit instead of disaster to the game. Any time a new league starts out with eight teams, including many stars from the majors, in possession of several costly and well-equipped plants, something more than mere wind is coming of the venture. True, the roster of the new teams do not show up with as many of the big majors as was expected, yet this is significant, that the shifting process has not altogether ended. Speaking of that, however, reminds us that some players who have jumped their major league contracts to join the Federals since the season opened have been enjoined from playing by the civil courts, whose restraining orders, however, are yet to be threatened out. The decisions in these cases, notable that of Chief Johnson, are to be awaited with keenest interest, for they will lay down precedents of far-reaching import and effect.

The Chicago White Sox have opened the season characteristically, winning almost every game. The Sox look like a strong, consistently-winning outfit. It is a rare pleasure to sit and watch the kind of ball they are putting up this year, but, of course, the Sox have had a way of late of making better starts than finishes. If their pitchers hold up as they are going now—Hens, Scott, Cloutie, Russell, and Big Ed Walsh should come back—they certainly are there for the big fight. Hal Chase is playing his old-time ball this season and he, Collins and Bodie are whaling the ball in grand fashion, incidentally, the Sox have in Schalk one of the greatest young catchers in the business. All these elements of tangible strength, connected with the oldtime Sox spirit, are apt to make Comiskey's team a formidable one to the last.

Our old friend, Hick Johnson, who may have noticed, is doing some work behind the bat for Minter McGraw's team, not having been disposed of, as reports had it some time ago. Hick ought to stick in the second line it seems to us. By the way with Chief Meyers, McGraw and Johnson, the Giants cannot complain of having no batting catchers.

The National and American leagues have given another bit of attention to the existence of the Federals by removing the limit on the number of players a team may carry, as a war measure. Good Federal money may still talk, though.

Speak of great starts, have you noticed Frank Chance's Yankees? Oh, yes, plenty of time for a fall-down, but just now the Highlanders are having some fun, showing the effect, at least, of some pretty good handling.

The big, husky Crosain is giving Sam Agnew a run for the job of first string catcher for the Browns this year. Crosain, in addition to being a very good catcher, has a wonderfully true wand.

Mike Donlin's "come-back" was not so ponderous as to smash any records. He is still proving quite as useful to the Giants on the bench as in the field.

Cloeman seems to be about the only Omaha pitcher who wintered well. This warm weather may help some of the others.

Old Hard Luck can't hang around forever. He's past due to leave here now.

Poor old Cubs, they used to be a great team.

TWIN CITY TEAMS SHAKE UP

One Nine Withdraws and League Takes on New Name.

Managers Have Good Heads and Understand Various Difficulties of the Game in Which They Are Participating.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

An earthquake would be a small calamity in comparison to the shaking up of the Twin City league suffered last week at their meeting, which finally terminated in the total destruction of this league. Four teams drew out when the season opened, but after a heated controversy only one withdrawal materialized. The Townsends decided to quit and the Americans will fill the gap left open by their departure. Although the teams decided to reorganize their league and crown it with a new appellation, it is the same identical league with the one exception aforementioned. Several changes were made in their constitution. Hereafter this league will be known as the Tri-City league. They will play today according to the Twin City league schedule, but this week the managers will again congregate and formulate a new schedule. Another thing which should help to keep the league together was granted by the park general, which was to allow all the teams their carfare. The park men also furnish the base balls. You league managers ought to inject some harmony into yourselves instead of continually quarreling.

Show the wisecracks who predicted this league business an absolute failure, that they were on the wrong track. Don't let the "I told you so" fellows win this battle. Stick it to you lose every game and the true Americans will give you credit for having the courage to smile when matters were dark and gloomy. Remember that the fellow that can smile when everything goes wrong is the fellow with a heart that is strong. Since the above-mentioned meeting the Dundee Woolen Mills decided to quit the league.

On Solid Footing. Both of the Saturday leagues are on a solid footing and it is nearly a safe wager that they will be on deck when the asbestos drops. Last week the class A Saturday league adopted their constitution with practically no rag chewing. They have a bunch of managers that know how to deal with the amateur question. They run their teams and don't allow their players to interfere with the managerial reins. This league will have the exclusive use of Fort Omaha and Christ-Lyck parks, where they intend to play all of their games. If everything runs along as smoothly as expected they will not have another meeting until June 7.

Across the waves this afternoon the Ancient Order of United Workmen team of Omaha and the Joe Smiths of Council Bluffs will meet at Athletic park, Thirty-fifth and Broadway.

Diamond Dust.

Through life, even a base ball has its ups and downs. It ought to be a cinch for the James Corp Electric to have several good bats. George Probst, the Council Bluffs hurler, has decided to stick around with the Black Kats.

Although Armour & Co. boast of their strength, they are here isn't a ham on their base ball team.

Call Webster 6882 and make a noise for Conklin if you want to mix with the Brumsticks.

That Sude bunch, better known as the Louisa tribe, will hang their lids at Minden, Ia., Sunday, May 24.

The Grain exchange, formerly associated with the Townsends, will be behind the willow for Quincy, Ill., this summer.

In Council Bluffs the Young Men's Christian association has a team it would like to enter in some league.

Those P. O. Chambers represent a good machine. He is hoping they travel as fast as the gas cart they represent.

All the dramas the Store and Workmen teams had of cleaning up a barrel of money were squashed by Mr. Weather.

Next Saturday at Honour park the first game will be between the Auditorium Pharmacy and the Omaha Gas Company.

You amateurs should be honest when reporting your games. A couple of incorrect scores were turned in last Sunday.

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That recently organized congregation backed by the Parker-Gordon smoke factory, to be known as the Class Cigar team, ought to have some class.

Henrette Bressman will hold down the left pasture for the Eagles. He is a capable outer gardener and he ought to be a large factor as a run getter.

Jawn Andrews tooted his horn and blew for Beatrice last week, although this trip was not in accordance with the dope thrown out by his fellow players.

The Dundee Woolen Mills team have turned over their old suits to a congregation of youngsters that will be known as the Dundee Woolen Mill Juniors.

Many local ball losses are kicking about their wind. Perform an operation on yourself and cut out the cigarettes and this difficulty will be obliterated.

C. W. Keller will have charge of affairs for the Moose Club aggregation this trip. Under his guidance they should stop some. For wrangles call Douglas 622.

If some baseballists would refrain from paying so much attention to the dolls in the stands, the crowd would be less injured. You can't look two ways at once.

Because the Pagons were unable to get off yesterday afternoon they were compelled to sit on the shelf as far as the class A Saturday league is concerned.

In Normandy, or rather Salt Lake City, Brick Top Peterson is now lunching. He will be remembered as the chief courier for the Council Bluffs Merchants last season.

The Omaha National bank team have a good bunch of ball tossers congregated together, and a little practice they will make them all hostile to grab the change.

On the hot corner McCormick will handle the pills for the Frank Valentine combination. He is there on his pins, the grand ass and an excellent cranium.

The main reason why Hanson is not connected with a started army this season is because the Joe Smiths have seven bones and a half for every game he pitches.

Walter Peterson, the leader of the Advers, says with valence that he will show some of these supposed-to-be-fast children where to unload before many days roll by.

Manager Groves of the Class Cigar team, is a clever exponent of birdseed, and as a good brand of saive goes a long way with batsmen, he ought to be at least touch first base.

For the fellows that don't show up to practice: Please remember that you can't learn how to play base ball by not having to get out and under the tutorage of a good leader.

The South Omaha Ramblers are aching for a crack at a few out-of-town teams. For games address J. Runeka at 818 North Twenty-first street, South Omaha, or phone Douglas 76.

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That famous All-Nation base ball club will dine at the entrance of the Store on May 30 and 31. They will also do their best to mullage a couple of games onto their list during their visit.

Frank Spillane is still unoccupied on the bench of the Store. If Mr. Weather needs a good outfielder or a clever first baseman, he ought to call on him. Douglas 511 will catch him.

On account of the inclement weather last Sunday, the Mercantile league was unable to play. If Mr. Weather turns on something half way decent today they will open the gates.

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You Made Me What I Am Today

By F. S. HUNTER.

Game Today 3 Bells. Let's all go out to the ball game, the summer's really here.

You'll find Pa Hourke's contenders will be way up high this year. Don't let your business bother you, you're career lay on a shelf. You know you'll be long time dead, so get next to yourself!

America need not worry about poud cup says a headline. The gent who wrote that is needlessly exciting himself.

Which is the most exciting war with Mexico or war with the Peds? The Peds' hope at least that Uncle Sam has better luck whipping the Mexicans than O. R. B. has whipping the Peds.

If congress keeps fussing about Mexico the regular attendance at the ball park in Washington will be materially decreased.

It is said that a Massachusetts man masticated some two dozen eggs, flock of rolls and pot full of potatoes and a caldron full of coffee and then ran ten miles. Having seen some Omaha athletes—not mentioning any names—devour an evening meal we refuse to become enthused over such a mediocre performance.

As we capped a bit of coin from Fred Witte, demon fan, on the opening game, we have been eating regular the last week.

By Mr. H. House. I'll let you borrow money. I'll take you to the show. I'll laugh when you act funny. I'll go where ever you go. You the cat and I the mouse. But there's this I'll never let you do, Break the windows in my HOUSE.

In view of the above opposing batters are cautioned to take notice.

Johnny Clancy pulled a clever one in Des Moines. Johnny asked for a clear on his meal ticket. The waiter refused. Johnny asked if it would not be possible to put down ice cream or pudding on the

slip. When the waiter demurred, Johnny announced the following ultimatum: "Well, then if yo' can't do it, I can't tip yo'."

Harry Hicks has been discharged from Johnny Clancy's quartet. He insists on singing "Holl Them Bones" and Johnny has been broke for six months.

W. H. I. Des Moines, Ia.—No. Ormsby is not from the Carolina league, he is from the Wisconsin-Illinois league.

Which ultimatum was accepted, with glee by the ball players as they now have a system which will beat the Up-hunting waiters.

"I want to fight, I want to fight; I'll take on any and all; I want to get that champion—his bluff I want to call." These words each brave prize fighter does hurl about with glee; But the sad words, no one of them can now be found at all; They've beat it into hiding where the timber's long and tall.

From E. H. M. Crest, Neb.: Your week's verses are very sweet, like lilacs blooming in May; There's only one thing wrong with them—they should come every day.

Sing a song of catchers, who is the best this year? Why, little Willie Crosby, who plays the game right here. Sing a song of pitchers, who is it tops the heap? Why, Cloeman, Hicks and all the rest that Pa Hourke plans to keep. Sing a song of fielders, the prize, who Krug or Artie Thomson, or Conny, Sing a song of sockers at the old first base. To Mr. Chase of this burg you gotta hand that rag. Sing a song of others, at second, short or third. We've got 'em here in Omaha—each one is sure a big hit!

Vandeville Peds. The alleged prima donna headliner who insists on occupying the spotlight during her entire performance.

Victory for Cleveland. Vice President E. S. Barnard of the Cleveland club is of the opinion that the decision in the Kliffler case is a victory for the Cleveland club's contention that the services of Pitcher Fred Blending and George Kautler belong to Cleveland. Blending and Kautler jumped to Cleveland after they were said to have signed Federal contracts.

Mack's Daughter Better. Connie Mack's daughter, Miss Margaret Mack, whose operation for appendicitis caused her father to leave the Athletics in the south and hustle north a couple of weeks ago, has been discharged from the Jewish hospital in Philadelphia and is now convalescing at the Mack family home.

Motorcycle weather is here, and if you haven't already received your 1914 HARLEY-DAVIDSON, or placed your order for one, you are not prepared to avail yourself of the unlimited enjoyment to be had when you astride a 1914 HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE. For with it there is convenience, comfort, safety and all-around satisfaction to be found only in the wonderful new Harley-Davidson.

Come in and make us prove it. VICTOR H. ROOS The Motorcycle Man. 8700 Leavenworth St. Omaha.

BASEBALL OMAHA VS. DES MOINES APRIL 25, 26, 27, 28 ROURKE PARK Monday, April 27, Ladies' Day. Games Called 3:00 P. M.



Gilhooley, speedy young outfielder, who is being held by the New York Yanks as a utility infielder. Chance thinks that Gilhooley is the fastest man in the American league and will use him to run bases for his slow men in critical stages of games.

BIG TRACK MEET AT LINCOLN

High School and Uni Meet Scheduled for Same Day.

HALLIGAN'S ELECTION POPULAR

Stiehm Plans to Organize a League of Nine Teams Among the Departments of the University of Nebraska.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, April 25.—(Special.)—The Nebraska high school track and field meet will be held in Lincoln, May 15 or 16, according to arrangements completed this week by the high school committee on athletics, of which A. A. Reed of the state university is chairman. The exact date is still undetermined because of the conflict between the high school meet and the dual university meet between the Cornhuskers and the University of Minnesota.

Chairman Reed and the other members of the committee are exceedingly anxious that the meet should come on the Saturday following the fete day exercises. This is the usual date for the meet, but the Cornhuskers have scheduled a meet with Minnesota for the university field and the high school authorities are desirous of using the university cinder path. Athletic Manager Guy A. Reed of the state university has written to the Gopher management asking if the date for the Gopher meet can be moved a day ahead and be held on the preceding Friday afternoon. He has received no answer to the proposal, but still has another card up his sleeve if the Minnesota authorities do not take kindly to that suggestion. Reed then proposes to hold both the university and the high school meet on the same afternoon and the same track, thus giving the spectators a double bill and splitting the net receipts.

Californians Plan to Invade the East

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25.—The swimming team of the university of California is planning an invasion of the east during the coming summer season, and a schedule is now being arranged. The collegians will leave California early in May and they plan to arrive home about September 5.

Managers in Casey. Dating John T. Bruab's departure from Cincinnati as 1902, the Reds have had seven managers, as follows: Joe Kelly, 1902-04; Edward Hixon, 1905-7; John Gantzel, 1908; Clark Griffith, 1909-10-11; Henry O'Day, 1912; Joe Tinker, 1913; Charlie Herzog, 1914.

Wise Words by Conny. "When July rolls around and the players line up for their salaries, then it will be time enough to ask me what I think of the Federal league," are the words of wisdom that come from Charley Comiskey, owner of the White Sox.

Irvin Comes West. Scout Arthur Irwin of the New Yorks has gone west. He will look over several desirable players, including a second baseman with the idea of putting claims for them as soon as waivers are requested.