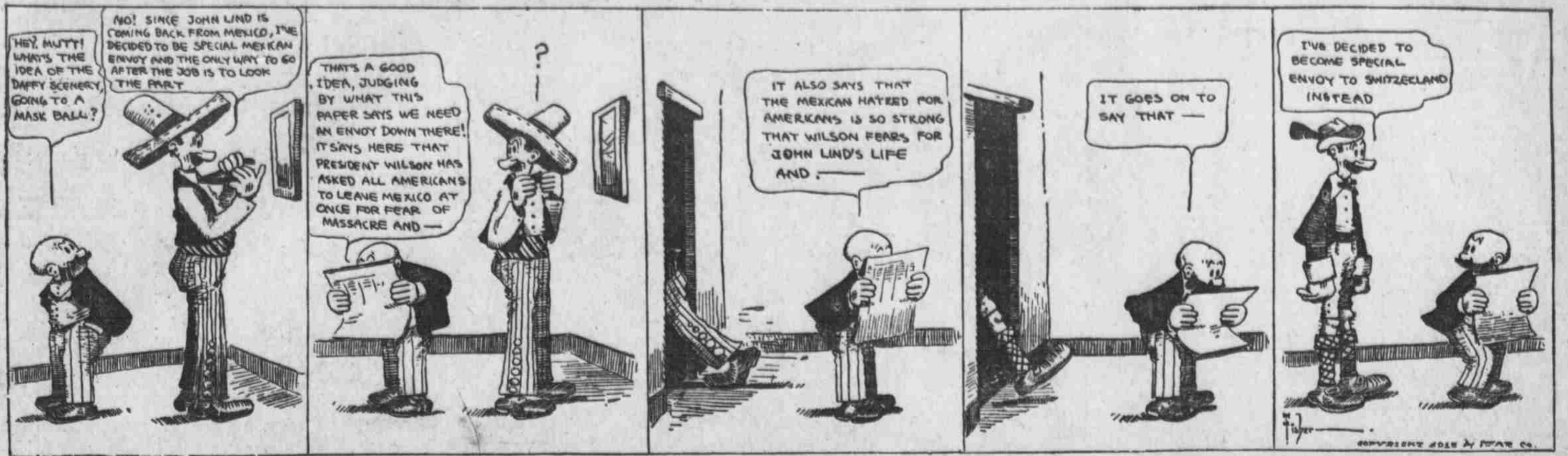


Any Way You Look at it, Mutt Shows Rare Judgment at Times :: Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

DRAFTING season is here, and the minor league clubs are open prey for the majors, subject to limitations that scarcely serve to limit, although they do prevent such indiscriminate and wholesale raiding as Ebbets of Brooklyn practiced against the Southern League a couple of years ago, when he drafted over forty players from the one circuit. On Monday the time for purchase expired, and it was expected that a large number of sales would be reported, but only a few were given out; the big league owners are waiting for the advantage of the draft, the results of which will not be known until after September 15. But each club owner in the minors knows that his material has all been looked over, reported upon and card indexed for the uses of the majors, and it is certain that the best men in every little team will be asked to come up for a "tryout." No objection could possibly be raised to this course, if it were not for the effect of the draft as it has been worked out by the magnates.

Under the practice players who not only are not needed, but not wanted, are drafted, simply for the purpose of keeping other teams from getting hold of them; not a big league team but is guilty of this. The law that is supposed to prohibit "farming" players was invoked with a great flourish of trumpets against Owners Murphy of Chicago and Grayson of Louisville very recently, but who has heard anything of any big league magnate being punished for exercising an "option"? When the 15th of May comes around the majors are supposed to reduce the strength of each team to twenty-five from thirty-five, the number they are permitted to carry from September 15 to May 15. Instead of giving the players unconditional releases, as the law apparently contemplates, the majors "sell" the surplus players to minor league clubs on "option," which simply means that the major may at any time recall the player who is supposed to be released, or may take any other player he may choose from the team on which the option is playing. The effect of this is too obvious to need discussion. It is the flimsiest of subterfuge to evade the letter and spirit of the draft law and the law limiting the number of players a major team may carry.

What is the remedy? It is so simple that one wonders why it has not been put into effect already. All that is needed is for the minors to refuse to accept an option player; then the majors would be forced to observe the law of their own making. If necessary, the minors should at the coming meeting adopt a law of their own, forbidding the use by one of their members of a player whom a major league team holds an option. Along with this should be a demand for a further reduction in the number of players a big league team can carry, and further restrictions of the draft. Such legislation would have the effect of relieving a situation that is rapidly hurrying baseball to destruction as a sport and turning it into business, pure and simple. Just now the owners of the big league teams practically control the whole of organized ball, either through direct ownership of minor league teams, or through the control of option players. The allegations that it is a trust and not a sport are pretty well founded in fact. If the big league magnates do not want to wake up some fine day and find themselves sitting amid the wreckage of the greatest organized sport the world has ever known, if they are not entirely purblind, and interested solely in the dollars they see just at hand, and without thought of the future, they will quickly set about the reforms that are so necessary to save organized baseball as a sport and popular game. The public is tiring of the commercialized aspect of the sport.

Walter Johnson's winning streak begun and ended against Boston. On June 23, Washington, with Johnson pitching, beat the Athletics, and Johnson then ran the banner of Ed Bushback's old record of thirteen successive victories, and on August 16 met the Red Sox in his attempt to stretch the record to fifteen games, but lost. Still, two months is a long, long time to go without a defeat, and at that, Johnson lost only after giving three hits in ten innings. Johnson still stands the king of the American, not the National League.

What the Bourkes now have to look out for is not dropping below Tokyo in the race. The Kaws are coming harder than Omaha, and the latter must take full advantage of the present long stretch at home or fall back, we fear. The start on this stretch, dropping three games to Das Molpas, put a decided damper on local enthusiasm.

The saddest sight of all is to see Jim Kane hitting under 30. It isn't actual, Jim.

Cause for worry? A match between Arthur Felky and Jack Johnson. Deliverer don't dare stop for rest, because there's Des Moines.

LOCAL TEAMS STILL IN RING

Advanced Season Finds Many Sand-lotters Up and Coming in Game.

SOME PLAYING FINAL BOUT

Several Amateur Nines Will Meet Today for the Last Time This Year in Hotly Contested Battles.

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Although several prominent teams that looked especially formidable when the curtain was raised last April have already drawn their last breath and are now resting peacefully in the happy hunting grounds, nevertheless there are plenty of troupes left to utilize the vacant spots in our fair city. The only material difference is that the Omaha squads that are still on the map don't have to bother themselves about looking for out-of-town caves, because they have plenty of room to cavort at home. At the beginning of the season it is always customary for the managers to look for out-of-town contests, because there are not enough vacant spots for all of the teams to perform on. According to the dope, all the teams that are still in the ring intend to stick to the bell ring. At that they will finish this season with more teams than heretofore.

Two Games at Bluffs. A couple of Council Bluffs Clubs "B" teams will put on the curtain raiser at Athletic park today, and after their contest has entered the graveyard the Workmen team and the Council Bluffs Merchants will clash. This will be their third meeting this season. The first game resulted in a victory for the Omaha crew and the Council Bluffs boys nabbed the second game. As this is their third annual fight for this season it will have to prove a charm for one aggregation. Holland, the crack left winger, will shoot them over the crockery for the Workmen gang and Bobbie Probat will hold them for the boys across the river. The lineup for the first game:

- A. O. U. W. C. B. MERCHANTS. First.....W. Swinwood. Second.....W. Welch. Third.....W. McAndrews. Fourth.....W. McLean. Fifth.....K. Doughterty. Sixth.....K. McCarty. Seventh.....G. Rice. Eighth.....G. Gilchrist. Ninth.....G. Holland. Tenth.....C. Quigley.

Dual Bouts at Fort. Two contests that should draw a packed house are on the bill of fare at beautiful Fort Omaha for this afternoon. The initial argument will be between the Sherman Avenue Merchants and the Philadelphia. This contest will undoubtedly be a warm debate, because an unusual amount of sour stuff exists between these two herds. Maine will wiggle them for the Sherman Avenue Merchants and Woolsey will sling them for the Philadelphia. At three and a half whistles the Armours from South Omaha and the O. D. Kiplingers will parade out on the green and do their utmost to lick each other. All season the Armours have been trying to secure a game with the wood grinders, and now that the opportunity is presented to them they will make the smoke agents go some to hand them a package labeled defeat. Moran will work for the tobacco kids and Gurness will leave them for the meat family. The lineup for the second game:

- ARMOURS.....First.....G. Guineau. Second.....M. McJratin. Third.....T. Morrison. Fourth.....T. Morrison. Fifth.....M. Murray. Sixth.....M. Murray. Seventh.....M. Moran. Eighth.....C. Beiman. Ninth.....M. Gurness. Tenth.....M. Moran.

Last Game at Luxus. Of course there is always something doing at Luxus park, but today more excitement is looked for than usual. The last game of the double-doubles booked for said park is the main attraction. This battle will be between the Advos and the Luxus. For years these two bands have been bitter enemies and every time they hook up a game worth the change and then some is the outcome. Fox will wing them for the Brewers and Cass, Miller or Carter will be on the firing line for the Pure Food Dispensary. Before this rematch the Chris Lycks and the Foresters will have a battle royal for supremacy. At the present writing the Chris Lycks are playing wonderful baseball and they look like the best bet in the Class "B" army. The Foresters also look pretty sweet and with Karowski on the mound they are a hard combination to whip. Altman will serve them for the Chris Lycks and Karowski will be the opposition. Inexp, second game.

- LUXUS.....First.....M. McGrath. Second.....W. Probat. Third.....W. Probat. Fourth.....W. Probat. Fifth.....M. Minikus. Sixth.....M. Minikus. Seventh.....G. Probat. Eighth.....G. Probat. Ninth.....H. Hollander. Tenth.....C. Fox.

Other Good Games. The noble Stutz family will wander up to Wahoo, Neb., today and endeavor to demonstrate to the village base ball manipulators stationed there just how the grand old national pastime should be played. Anderson, the famous village kinkster with a rep a mile long, will toss

Bunch of Omaha's Real Amateur Base Ball Players



From Left to Right—Luther, right field; Runa, left field; Jacobus, shortstop; Stegner, first base; Huntley (captain), third base; Wells, pitcher; Swanson, center field; Lindbergh, catcher; Horvot, second base. THE NEBRASKA CLOTHING COMPANY 1913 BASE BALL TEAM.

up his footers to the consternation of the Stors band and Kelly will probably work his spitter for the Stors Triumphs. At Blair, Neb., the Shamrocks from South Omaha will deliver their wares. They visited this town some moons ago and on that occasion they walked home with the gravy. This trip the Blair children say they are going to nail the game. They might, but they will find themselves up against a starchy proposition. Fletcher will hold them for the Shamrocks and Wolff will be on the rubber for the Blairites.

A bunch of base ballites that hail from Nebraska City will drift up to our burg and fight the Stars and Stripes at River-view park. A game worth the change and a bit more is anticipated. We all know that the Stars and Stripes always fight and fight hard for every point, and as the Nebraska City boys are supposed to have them outclassed, they will have to work hard if they expect a looking. Bushman will push them over the crockery for the Stars and Stripes and Peckery will dish out the curves for the visitors.

The first game at Florence park this afternoon will be between the Florence Athletics and the Ames Avenue Merchants. On account of the rivalry existing between these two congregations a game of a torrid nature is predicted. Stribling will kick them for the Florence children. As yet the Merchant manager is undecided who he will pit against the Florence dudes. Immediately after this struggle the Dundee Woolen Mills and the Overlands will buckle up. At Thirty-second and Dewey avenue the Hollies and Naps will clash in what is anticipated to be a real wage debate for the winning number. Both of these teams are busy about glomming the class "C" rag so it is a lead pipe that they will fight and fight hard for every point.

Bill Blossies, the "All Stars" leader, searched the woods thoroughly for a contest last week and he couldn't find a team that would kick through and give his coils a game. Notwithstanding this fact several of our Omaha squads are loafing today because they couldn't get a game that would suit them.

Down at Plattsmouth, Neb., the Orkin Bros. tribe will buck up against the strong contingent of base ballites located there. They will have a tough time trimming the Plattsmouth gang, but Manager Welas thinks his gang can turn the trick. Anyway the Plattsmouth boys always treat you right and you get a chance to win on your merits because their umpire's on the square.

Tomorrow the Shamrocks will battle with the village cutups stationed at Nebraska City. There will be two games at Florence park tomorrow. First game, Florence Athletics against Brown Park Pharmacy. Second game, Overlands against the Stars and Stripes.

At Athletic park, Council Bluffs, on Labor day the Armours from South Omaha and the Council Bluffs Merchants will tangle.

Diamond Dust. Last week the Overlands visited the undertaker. Today the Emil Hansens are going to celebrate their record by holding a picnic. September 4 the Wagnams will play the Red Oak, Ia., aggregation at Red Oak. The other day with the Nebraska Collegians pitched on one for four cushions. Roger Kelly is sure in joke with Benson fans since he took hold of the Chris Lycks. Although the Townsends have had a lot of hard luck this season, they are still sticking around. Under the leadership of Herman Grossman the Florence Athletics are now stepping pretty fast. Front, who was with the Nebraska Collegians, is back. He left the gang at Central City, Neb. This season the Independents have already had three managers. They must be an independent bunch. Stump Marrow is catching grand base

ball for the Scriber, Neb., team. His arm is unusually strong. Those Omaha Gas company dudes have made a remarkable record this season. They only play on Saturdays. Can Benson says the Hanson Park will be back on the job stronger than ever when the bell tinges again. Fimmie Danse is the king bee at North Platte, Neb. He is pulling down more change than a good many leaguers. The Alhambras are going to loaf today. They are going to reconstruct their aggregation before they trot out again. Gus Probat, recently attached to the Advos, made good on the jumpoff. He is an excellent outgardener and can hit. Duff of the Council Bluffs Merchants will be back in the harness today. He has been laid up with a bum lunch hook. Here of late Billie Fox has picked up a lot of dough twirling for Bancroft, Neb. Last Sunday he only allowed one hit.

All the Class "B" teams will have to step some to slip anything over on the Hooper, Neb. He is one of the best backstoppers since they signed up Karowski. The Wagnams, Townsends, Emil Hansens and All Stars must all have picnic booklets today, as they haven't got a game booked.

At short for the Armours Langhorne is a marvel. He has an excellent arm, picks 'em up, has a good roof and is there with the mushroon. That fellow, Vanous, hitched to the Luxus tribe, could really make good work of a league squad. He can hit, field and throw with any of them. It seems as though Drummy of the Stors Triumphs is still on the map. Here of late he has been clouting the sphere to all corners of the lot. Tomorrow the Ancient Order of United Workmen team will slide down to Plattsmouth, Neb., and endeavor to add another victory to their list.

According to Red Giver, the Hoopers will be back in the running again next season. They didn't have any business going to the wall this season. Manager Weiss said he didn't look for any players while in Chicago for his Hooper, Neb., club owed him has plenty of good ones in this burg. Dutch Henningsen, an Omaha product, stopping them behind the willow for Hooper, Neb. He is one of the best backstoppers around that neck of the woods.

Baker is getting by good at Madison, Neb. He has every day a good one and when his noodle gets to working in a trifle better he will be eligible for the Western League. For games with the Wagnams call G. A. Keiser at Douglas 94 or address him at 172 North Twenty-seventh street. He is especially anxious to get a whack at a few of the out-of-town bands.

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On corner three Tooth Carpenter Zellers, who used to cavort on local sand lots, is doing great work for Hooper, Neb. That misunderstanding in regard to railroad fare which Cass said the Hooper, Neb., club owed him has been straightened up to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—There is no pitcher better qualified to tell his fellow craftsmen how to succeed in their profession than Walter Johnson, the star of the Washington American club. Johnson attributes his success to the following program of living: "I was born on a farm, and I love the life. A good many ball players don't, but I do. When the base ball season is over I go back to our farm out in Kansas and work on the place right through the winter, just like any of the men I get enough of the big towns and the bright lights during the summer, and I am glad to get back to the farm and do farm work just as soon as I can. And I always hate to come back east every spring to begin playing base ball again. "I have always said, and no one has disputed me, that I work harder every

winter than any other ball player. The result is that in the spring I am just as hard as I was in the autumn. Instead of hanging around hotels and pool rooms in some big city, I am out on the farm, getting up every morning before daylight and going out to help feed the stock. Then I come back to the house for breakfast, have a good, healthy appetite and eat accordingly. "After that there is a lot more work to be done around the place. I put in a good day every day in the week, and by the time night comes I am ready to turn in early, for I know that the next morning I must get up just as early and start out again; lantern in hand, sometimes with the thermometer way down below zero, for we have it cold out our way lots of the time during the winter. I don't do it so much because I love to, but because I like to, and I haven't yet run across any ball players with whom I would swap places during the off season."

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Iowa University Foot Ball Line in Need of More Beef

IOWA CITY, Ia., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Taking stock of their prospects as the opening of the 1913 foot ball season draws near, local rosters are beginning to doubt whether their team will be heavy enough to hold its own in the big games with Chicago and Nebraska. Just at present lack of weight in the line looks like a probable weakness, and the problem of strengthening the forward wall will be all likelihood be about the first that Coach Hawley will have to face when he calls his men together on Iowa field September 20.

The backfield will also be light, but as every man here will be a veteran, there is not so much to fear. Captain McMinis at full, Parsons and Dick at the halves and Meloy at quarter are all regulars of last year and will have Pannings and Van Meter, two other experienced backs, to give them competition for their places, as well as several good freshmen.

In the line, however, there is pretty sure to be a number of places that will take a lot of work to fill satisfactorily. Captain Hanson and Trickey, two of the best linemen in the west last year, will be gone, and Clemens, who played opposite the captain at right guard, will also be missing. Likewise Buckley, Von Lackum and Bowen, who alternated in the right end position, have all been graduated. Houghton, center; Kirk, tackle, and Gunderson, end, are the only regulars who will report for duty on the line. Captain Harron of last year's freshman team, is a capable lineman and seems sure of a place, and Conn, another 1912 star, has the weight to make a valuable addition to the line material. Garretson, who played behind the line on the freshman team, is likely to be shifted to the forwards because he has weight and strength. Schute and Bronckner, sub-tackles last season, will be out again and one of these may develop into a valuable player. Wilson, a star guard on last year's freshman eleven, has sent word that he will not be back in school, and Bowles, the big guard who was playing regularly last season until he broke his leg, is now ineligible and cannot be used.

A punter to replace Captain Hanson will also have to be found, with no one in sight for the position. Stuart, the big freshman end, was relied upon to do the kicking, but it is not likely that he will be in school. Kirk, a mediocre punter, is the best now in sight. Captain McGinnis has been working at this branch of the game during the summer and may prove the final choice.

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Of the changes which the rules have undergone this year, the first and most important is that which does away with the five-yard restriction placed upon the kicker. Any distance that suits the man with the boot is allowable now, so that we may look for quick kicking from directly behind the forwards as a feature of this season's games.

Camp Has a Word to Say. Another change will find favor all around the fields is that which permits a team to substitute a player for the second time at any moment of the game's last period. In reference to this change Walter Camp said:

"This alteration was brought about by the fact that a player could not be returned to the game after he had once been taken out except at the beginning of a period. It often happened that an unexpected situation arose making his substitution necessary in the fourth period, and there seemed to be no good reason why an exception should be made in this case."

For other differences between the rules of this season and last, a specific penalty now being that the punter's angle in the case of a punt-out, the penalty now being that the punter's angle be moved five yards away from the nearest goal post along the goal line. If the punter-out makes a deliberate attempt by a feint to draw the opponents offside, the referee is not to permit him to kick the ball until the opponents have had time to return behind their restraining line. In the rules regarding the conduct of players after a forward pass or after a kick, insertion of the words "after the pass has been made" now makes it clear that players may interfere with one another until the pass is actually made.

A relic of the old time when the ball was not always snapped back with the hands has been eliminated. The rule which read "By one quick, continuous motion of the hands or of the foot" has been shortened by cutting out the words "or of the foot." The rule relating to a forward pass or a kick made from behind the goal line, together with the rule relating to dropping back linemen, has also been reworded.

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PALZER AND MORAN TO MEET

Fugs of the Heavyweight Class to Come Together in New York.

WILLARD IN DISCARD IN EAST

Little Demand for Pelkey to Exhibit Himself Until He Can Demonstrate that He Can Come Back.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Heavyweights and their doings are furnishing the only topic of interest to followers of boxing at present. Although Gunboat Smith has pretty well established himself at the head of the white hope division, he will not be allowed to rest on his laurels by any means. Several matches between big fellows have been made or are in the course of making, and Smith is either directly or indirectly concerned in all of them. On September 2, when Al Palzer and Frank Moran meet in this city, the process of eliminating heavyweights with championship ambitions will be resumed and continued all winter. All this warfare will serve to develop any latent ability that the present crop of white hopes may possess. Just now the men worthy of notice consist of Smith, Willard, Palzer, Moran and Pelkey. Of late Willard has rather dropped out of sight in the east. The ban placed upon him by the Boxing commission for failure to fulfill a contract with a Buffalo club has yet to be lifted. As the Kansas giant now has a California manager, he seems to have no intention of returning, but if the supply of heavyweights begins to run short, it may become necessary to send for him once more.

Willard's faults are typical of the present day crop of white heavies. Although possessing a physique that gives him a great advantage over all his rivals, he appears to be entirely lacking in headwork. Gunboat Smith is candid enough to admit that Willard gave him more trouble than any of the others. As a matter of fact, Smith's half-line decision over the towering Willard is the most creditable feat the former can boast of. That Palzer-Moran Bout. The coming bout between Palzer and Moran will be the means of defining the former's standing, which is at present shrouded in mystery, owing to his illness and subsequent lengthy retirement. Palzer is well fortified with reasons to account for his poor showing against Luther McCarty, but if he falls against Moran he will no longer figure. However, if Palzer wins decisively he will at once upon a most menacing figure for the lion Gunboat. In that case a match between these men will be the next in order. Taking it for granted that Palzer will be the winner, local promoters are busy trying to arrange such an affair.

Manager Johnson of the St. Nicholas Athletic club announced an offer of \$5,000 for a match between the winner of the Palzer-Moran bout with Smith. This offer indicates the confidence felt in the drawing powers of Smith, whom it is recalled that Luther McCarty and Moran drew less than \$4,000 at this club some months ago. With Palzer the winner on September 2, it is not likely that a \$5,000 guarantee will obtain the match, as the Garden Athletic club will offer strong inducements. But a Moran-Smith encounter is not likely to be much of an attraction, owing to the poor performance these men put up at San Francisco.

Moran has been boxing for several years without attaining much prominence. However, he has never been knocked out. Probably his best performance was his last in this city, when he almost secured a draw with the late Luther McCarty. Moran has the faculty of making his opponents look bad and few have gained much prestige through an encounter with him.

There is practically no demand for Arthur Pelkey to show his prowess in this city. Until he demonstrates that he has improved immensely over the form he showed in the east last winter he will not be taken seriously, despite his attempt to make capital out of his unfortunate bout with McCarty.

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