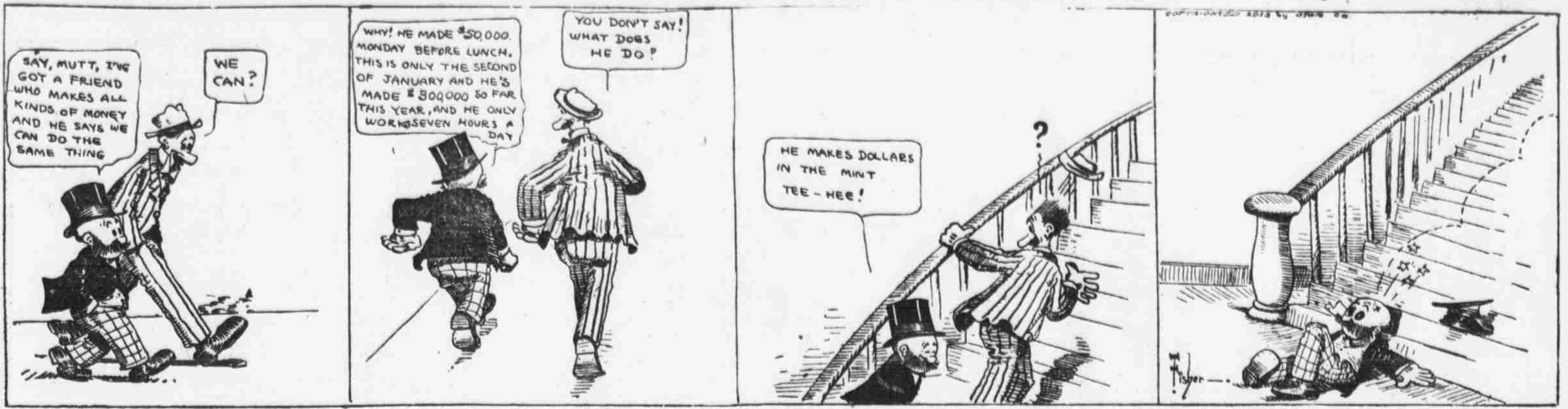


# It's a Good Thing Jeff Wasn't on the Top Floor of the Woolworth Building

By "Bud" Fisher



## Judgments

**T**UESDAY is the day set for the meeting in Chicago of Frank Chance and Frank Farrell, when the latter, as president and owner of the New York Americans, expects to secure the former as his manager. This ought to be one of the red-letter days of the mid-winter base ball season. We may disagree to observe that never was a winter more prolific of interesting dope than this one thus far has been. In the minds of base ball men, President Farrell's inclusion, there isn't one chance in a hundred of the Highlanders failing to get the Peerless Leader for their boss. The thing that makes this seem almost certain is Farrell's aroused sense of the positive necessity of installing a real ball team in his town for the American league, together with the fact that, technically, Frank Chance is already the property of Frank Farrell. The latter has sent his waiver check—\$1,000—to Garry Herrmann and got the goods, so far as that goes. Now, it is only a question of the two men agreeing on terms, and nobody is worrying over that.

The Phillies actually have been sold, according to reports. They have passed out of the ownership of Charles P. Taft, proprietor of the Chicago Cubs, into that of a syndicate headed by William H. Locke and backed by Governor Tener, George F. Baker and John F. Harris. If reports are correct. The good side of this change is the blow it deals to syndicate base ball. For one man or set of men to own or dominate two teams in the National league and one in a minor league—the game—undermines it. In fact, now, if Murphy can be kept busy—and he probably will be from now on—running his Cubs, even if he hangs onto Louisville as his meadow and dumping grounds, it will help a lot. We have an idea that he will have less time for syndicate clubs this year than he has had in any year for a long time. Keeping the Cubs in the race is likely to engage all the powers he and his Trojan manager have.

Our congratulations to the ownership of the Beatrice team on the acquisition of John Goding for manager. We do not see where it could have done better. If Goding does not know and is not prepared to teach base ball, then there is no such as that. From the beginning to the ending of his career in larger leagues, which embraced a season in the majors, he was always distinguished for his heady, classy work. A better catcher than Goding in his prime never went behind a bat, and had he been faster on his feet, nothing could ever have prevented him from taking his place in history with the Ewings, Busbongs, Brennans, Kings and others. And he has many a good game left in that old frame.

It is the source of intense satisfaction to old admirers that Miner Brown has been rescued from the minors. This man, who for years, was the Cubs' great "ready rescuer," was shunted off to Louisville by the ungrateful Murphy the moment he weakened, but Joe Tinker, the great actor, also manager of Cincinnati, became the hero of the play and snatched this "cheef" from the enemy. If Brown "comes back" next season, he may have all the fun he wishes making life a burden for his old team-mates, the Cubs, or what may be left of them.

Pa Rourke is quite enthusiastic over three left fielders he has up his sleeve. With even one good man in that garden, Pa will have a strong team, barring accidents to any of his old guard. He is going in for a most systematic training this spring down south, and is determined to land higher than he did last year.

While planning to enlarge the seating capacity of his White Sox park to 4,000, Comiskey also expects to make the maximum price for a seat \$1. They have to awake early to get ahead of the Old Roman in doing the thing that gets the people. It is easy to understand his peerless popularity in base ball.

We rather think President O'Neil made the right reply on New Year's day. That question put up to him deserved nothing but the silent contempt he gave it. Now, the matter should be dropped so that all hands may bend to and get the ship well under way in time for the best voyage yet this year.

Joe Berger, erstwhile shortstop for Wichita, later for Vernon, threatens to threaten Weaver with the Sox this year. And it is our guess that Weaver will have to go some to keep out of the big butcherman's way.

## RYAN PUT "CROUCH" IN USE

Runner Deserves Credit for New Way of Starting Sprint.

**MANY CLAIM DISTINCTION**  
But an Investigation Shows that All Were Actually Using the Better Style of Starting After the Irishman.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.**—As the result of an investigation in regard to the first user of the crouch start for foot runners, made by several followers of athletics in this vicinity, it has been rather definitely settled that Jimmy Ryan, a former Irish amateur, who later ran a number of professional races in the west, was the first man to put the now-accepted best style of starting into use.

M. K. Kittleman of California, one of the fastest sprinters of his time, stated that Ryan in all his contests west of the Rockies and prior to 1884 adopted the "all-fours" style, and, as it had not been mastered by any other "ped" at that time, he was said to be in a class by himself at what was then considered a peculiar style of starting.

Acknowledged to be a yard and a half better than any system of getting away from the mark which has ever been used, the "crouch" when properly used, has the advantage over the stand-up style of enabling a man to hold his mark for a greater period, get a stronger pushaway, and get into his running quicker.

Prior to its appearance the nearest approach to the "crouch" in the matter of getting into action quickly was that which warranted a man's running out of his "hole" from the back leg, which was simply the down start standing. This style was but little used, most runners affecting the "dab," a pecking action with the forward leg, after which the back leg had to come through. This latter style compelled the runner to make two movements in order to do what the man running from his back leg did in one, with the result that the user of the latter style was into his running a yard or more to the good over the user of the "dab."

Many Claimed Distinction.  
There have been many claimants to the distinction of inventor of the "crouch," which is thought to have been discovered by some one who had a penchant for breaking over his mark with the use of the "dab," falling on "all fours" in an endeavor to save himself, only to have the starter's pistol crack, whereupon he found that it was a natural thing to get off his hands and right into his running, as in the vintage now.

In making inquiry as to the first user, James E. Sullivan, president of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, asked the dean of the American trainers, Mike Murphy, what he knew about the matter. The latter asserts that he used it as far back as 1881.

No one can be found to substantiate Murphy's contention in regard to his use of the style, as he used the stand-up method in his in a handicap run at the old Williamsburgh Athletic club grounds. In his reply to Mr. Sullivan, Murphy stated that when he tried the style first he thought it the fastest method, but that because his brother professionals did not fancy it he discontinued its use. Those who have seen Murphy run assert that he used the old "dab" style.

They state that if he had found it such a good system why didn't he instruct the runners he coached during that period in its advantages. Charles E. Sherrill, of Yale, a four-time winner of the Intercollegiate "100," Mike says, was the first one to ever saw make use of the "crouch." This was in 1888 at a set of games on the Rockaway Hunting club grounds at Cedarhurst, L. I.

While coaching that great runner, John Owen, Jr., of Detroit, the first amateur in the world to run 100 yards in 9-2/3ths, Mike never taught him to "crouch." At any rate, Owen did not use it, affecting to the contrary the style then most in use, the "dab." Murphy further stated to Mr. Sullivan that when George Turner, a famous pistol firer of a generation ago, told him to start with the "crouch" he told him to stop his fooling.

## Athletics at the Centurion Club

At the Centurion club, South Omaha, Friday night, the main feature was an athletic exhibition by Harry Smith of the University of Chicago. This was preceded by three-round bouts.

The first preliminary was a go between J. P. Sheehy and Fritz Weppner. The Sullivan brothers, Ray and Laurence, came next. H. Wrede and Leo Wardian, George Parks and Arthur Markey and Cyril Sheehy and John Parke gave warm bouts. Last was the match between Con Heafey and Earl Russell. Although Kid Heafey was a little outwheeled by his opponent, he showed what he was made of, and at the end of the three rounds Russell was satisfied to quit.



On the right is Charlie ("Red") Dootin, manager of the Phillies, who was the first one to bid for Mike Dolin (center), the former Giant star, who for some unaccountable reason was canned by Pittsburgh. Dootin says that Sir Mike is far from all in and will give him ample opportunity to prove it. The man on the left is Sherwood Magee, the great outfielder, whom Dootin is going to convert into a first baseman.

## HASKELL TO TRAIN WITH SOX

Will Accompany Comiskey's Chicago Team to Pacific Coast.

**TO UMPIRE THE SPRING GAMES**  
Chief Umpire of Western League Says He is Still Big Indicator in Western League and Has Not Been Fired.

Jack Haskell, who, despite contrary statements, is still chief umpire in the Western league, will do his spring training this year with Charlie Comiskey's White Sox on the Pacific coast, according to an announcement made by him last week. Last year Haskell accompanied the Omaha team of the Western league to Joplin, Mo. He umpired all the games in Joplin, and in fact, every game in which the Omaha team took part, prior to the opening of the season. He played ball with the team and took the same long runs. This year, however, he will not lay himself open to the criticism of the other clubs by following a Western league team.

He has written to Charlie Comiskey and that venerable peer of base ball was tickled to death at the idea, and Haskell will join the White Sox when they pass through Omaha during the latter part of February, bound for the Pacific coast. Haskell will get out and play ball with the Comiskeyites and will umpire all the games in which the White Sox take part. In this way he expects to get his eye in good shape and prepare for the abuse, knocks and kicks of the Western league fans, who, by the way, are a very particular lot when it comes to umpires.

Haskell does not take any stock in the story that he has been let out with the rest of the umpires. He says he will not believe it until he receives official word from "Tip" O'Neil. He says he is for "Tip" at all times and is certain that he will still retain the leadership of the Western league. Even if Haskell should be let out of the Western league, he is sure of getting on in other leagues. He has a standing offer to work in the American association and has received offers from the Southern league, Pacific Coast league and the Northwestern league, not to mention several leagues in the east.

## Three Prominent Phillies



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## Princeton to Have Stadium that Will Out rival All Others

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The big foot ball stadium which is being planned for Princeton will, according to the statement credited to Dean Howard McClenahan, chairman of the athletic control of the university, rival the Harvard stadium and the amphitheater contemplated by Yale.

Dean McClenahan, with the committee composed of three members of the faculty, three members of the alumni and three undergraduates, compose the body governing athletics at Tigertown. The plan is to build a stadium to seat 50,000 persons. The project will cost about \$300,000, and already pledges for more than \$100,000 have been received from Princeton admirers. According to the statement credited to Dean McClenahan, this amount is sufficient to assure the building of the stadium. The committee of athletic control will soon take the matter up with the graduate council of Princeton for its approval.

"The stadium," said Dean McClenahan, "will be of steel and concrete, oval in shape and open at one end, and similar in shape to the Harvard stadium. We own the necessary land adjoining the base ball diamond. Plans have been made and estimates prepared, and our committee will shortly meet with the graduate council to go over this important matter, and I hope will definitely settle the details. This matter has very recently taken shape, and I am sure Princeton's sons will respond to the call nobly."

Dean McClenahan stated that there was a general reorganization of athletics at Princeton, and that hereafter the supreme control would rest with the graduate committee. Keene Fitzpatrick, the Tiger trainer, has signed for a term of years, and Bill Clarke, the base ball coach, will probably do the same.

"The stadium," said Dean McClenahan, "will be an inspiration, and before another year has passed I hope to see it under way."

The Christmas holidays called a short halt in the remarkable achievements which are being hung up by H. L. Watrous and his Hugoburn in the south. After having traveled over 5,000 miles in his "T" roadster, Watrous decided to spend Christmas at his home in the north and running into Jackson he put his car up in that city. The journey from Jacksonville to New York City, which started on January 2, will be made in easy stages and Watrous expects to arrive there for the New York show.

## Jim Kane Spars with McCarty, Training at Joplin with Team

Luther McCarty, who became the white heavyweight champion pugilist by defeating Al Palmer at Vernon, Cal. New Year's day is well known to several Omahans and especially to the Omaha base ball players.

Last spring while the Omaha team was training in Joplin, Mo., Luther McCarty was also training in the same place and preparing himself for a series of battles with other white heavyweights which in time would bring to him the much coveted belt. At that time McCarty was an unknown factor in the fight game. He was raw and crude and in poor condition. But above all he had a desire to become a great fighter and worked hard and long to get into condition.

McCarty arrived at Joplin a few days before the Omaha ball team did. When the team arrived he immediately struck up an acquaintance with the players. The result was that soon he could be seen mingling with the ball players all day long. He would run to the park, a distance of three miles from town with

the players every morning. He would get into the game, play base ball, foot ball and box. In fact he did everything the Omaha players did. At night he was the first man to bed and in the mornings he was the first man at the breakfast table.

All the while the Omaha team was in Joplin, McCarty was there. He left the day the Omaha team did and went to Springfield, Mo., where he fought his first real fight, and won it. While in Joplin the Omaha players became greatly attached to McCarty and Jimmie Kane, Omaha's stellar first baseman was a regular sparring partner of the coming champion.

Just before going to Kansas City, Pa. Rourke, who became a great friend of McCarty's, said he was confident the Nebraska would put Palmer out of the running. Rourke said he was a raw youngster less than a year ago, but had the ear-marks of a great fighter.

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