

Showing the Pen is Mightier Than a Steamship

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

MARK HALL is marked as one of the three young pitchers for Detroit who are threatening to make good. Mark has everything of physical advantage which a pitcher needs to make good, and if he can bring his recalcitrant noodle into proper discipline and submission, then all should be well for Marcus Aurelius.

President Rourke advises us that all of his young huckles have affixed their John Hancock to agreements for the season—all but Norman Coyle, the fleet-footed, also fair-faced, athlete, who stars in the outer garden, at the bat, on the bases and a few other places. We should esteem it a disaster if Norman failed utterly to come to terms with Pa, but we have little misgivings as to what Norman, being a ball player, will finally do. A ball player can no more resist the temptation to hook himself up with the payroll when the grass begins to turn and the birds begin to sing and the gong begins to sound, than water can help running down hill. And yet, here's hoping Coyle gets a good, fast stipend, for he is worth it. Like Niehoff's, whose going we deplored, but accept as a natural consequence, he forms a good percentage of the team, too big for Mr. Rourke to overlook, of course. That's why he won't overlook it. Let Coyle come back and put in another such season as 1912, and at the end of 1913 he will not be dicker for a Western league salary; he will be preparing to sign a contract in one of the majors. Coyle is one of those natural ball players, whose work it is a delight to watch, and how he can miss the big leagues in another season, is more than we can fathom.

If the new third baseman, Grubb, is equal to one-fourth of the team, he may take the place of Bert Niehoff, for that was about the relative value of Niehoff. King of the league's base runners, darling and safe; peer of his third baseman, a good titter, heady and remarkably resourceful in this man who is known as Grubb, so that young Mr. Grubb, of whom we've not heard, is something to achieve in "taking Niehoff's place." But President Rourke says he is a good man, and Rourke certainly knows a ball player when he sees him. As it is his team and his fortunes that are affected, we assume he has made a good trade. We certainly hope so. Niehoff had the additional factor in his favor of being very popular with the fans. All told, we have regarded him as the class of the team and league both and, naturally, hate to see him go, but the course of all good ball players is upward, so it cannot be denied in Niehoff's case.

President Ben Johnson of the American League was a newspaper man, himself, and, therefore, he knows something about these articles peddled under names of ball players, which he has taboed. He is dead right in declaring that American leaguers must stop lending their names to matter never written, or perhaps seen, before publication by them. Naturally, the practice, fostered by enterprising literary gents, is not inspiring to a higher tone among ball players and, as Johnson says, ball playing and expert writing do not go together. It is something of a bulk game for a space writer to hatch up a lot of matter and obtain high prices for it on the score of its having the name of a famous ball player attached to it.

Manager Stovall of the St. Louis Browns has promulgated a rule forbidding his men to smoke cigars for breakfast. A good rule, such an appetite can only reflect that such a repellent will help cure the cause. O. K. Stovall also insists on every Brown wearing a stiff collar and a fried shirt in the hotel and limiting poker ants to 50 cents. There are several ways of taking the reason for this last. But think of a ball player, with blood at fever heat, wearing a fried shirt and stiff collar in St. Louis in the summer time. The manager should make an exception of the home town.

LOCAL TEAMS LINING UP

Native Base Ball Nines Are Getting Into Training.

TO USE ABOUT SAME PARKS

Most of the Games Will Be Used on the Same Diamonds that Were Used During Previous Year.

By FRANK QUIGLEY. It is hoped that the ensuing season will be one in which harmony will reign supreme. Of course during a contest it is nearly impossible for the boys to bubble over with love for each other or, in fact, to show any signs of affection, but after the game, regardless of which sound perpetrator with the bacon, the contestants should immediately become fields and be friends at least until their next fight.

Some of our base ball manipulators are now getting their preliminary work at the Young Men's Christian association, the only available place in this village. Amateur base ball doesn't require physical fitness in every way, shape and form, but for the ones that have higher ambitions it is very essential. Heretofore players that landed here during the winter months always found it a difficult matter to annex themselves to a speedy team.

Without a doubt, the Luxus base ball park will be the best amateur base ball emporium in the middle west. The playing field will be up to snuff and the same can be said of the seating accommodations. The outer garden and the inner works will be gone over with the utmost care by men that are well skilled in this particular diamond work. Albert Krug, their generous backer, has promised to equip the team with all the base ball luxuries available. It will cost him approximately \$1,000 to make his promise good. The Luxus team had the distinction of being the only team that took a trip through Nebraska, playing at different towns last season. If everything turns out as anticipated they will duplicate their travels this season.

Will Have Same Parks. The park situation will be practically the same as last year. The total amount of parks aggregates six, namely, Luxus park, Diets park, Armour park, Athletic park, Florence park and Fort Omaha. The only other available places for our local ball tossers to display their wares is on different vacant lots which are gradually becoming very scarce owing to the persistent building of our home seekers.

New Club Leader and His Valuable Aide



Manager Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs and Roger Bresnahan, the former star backstop and manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, posing for the camera

at the Cubs' training camp near Tampa, Fla. The acquisition of Bresnahan by Evers entitles him to boast the strongest catching staff in the league, for there are no two better men behind the bat than Roger Bresnahan and Jimmy Archer.

Carters, where they intend to do their preparatory work. Sunday, March 30, the Jabez Cross outfit and the Ancient Order of United Workmen squad will clash in their initial battle of the season at Fort Omaha.

It is a safe plunge that the Cross team will be a big noise in local base balldom. Their wonderful record collected last year makes them eligible for class A company.

Willard Quigley, who used to dodge pop bottles in the Mink league, says that an umpire is unable to keep cool, although he is surrounded by thousands of moving fans. The Body Guards, or rather the Brodegaras, will be on top with the latest trick of baseball material about the time the ball deals forth her melodious tune.

The Stars gang knock out approximately 100 bones per season. That is the reason why all the amateurs are bugs about annexing themselves to the liquid joy family.

We will have two Rambler teams, one in Council Bluffs and the other in Omaha. They ought to get together early and settle the dispute as to who is the real noise.

After such a mild winter it doesn't seem as though the fingers of the Florence Athletics should be frozen up. Even if they are they ought to be able to melt some news by next week.

Hoppe Contracts to Play Cassagnol at Champion Billiards

NEW YORK, March 8.—William Hoppe, champion of 15-2 balk line billiards, has signed a contract to play Firmin Cassagnol, the best billiardist in France, a match, which, although it may not carry the official title, will determine the best billiard player in the world.

Since his return to France Cassagnol has been the sensation of the billiard academies and in addition to defeating all comers on one occasion ran over 500 at 15-2 balk line. Hoppe is engaged to play for the 15-1 title against Ora Morningstar at Pittsburgh on March 19, but after that has no engagement under the conditions laid down by the Brunswick-Balke company.

Hoppe will devote the time after his match with Morningstar to practice at the 15-2 game and will sail for France on March 27. The dates set for his match with Cassagnol are April 7, 8 and 9. It is proposed to play the game in a public hall, as Hoppe was barred in 1907 from playing in the academies where betting is permitted. Hoppe receives a guarantee of \$5,000 and considers this easy money whether or not he defeats the Frenchman.

MANY FOREIGN RIFLE TEAMS ENTER INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Russia, Canada, Chile and Ireland have announced their intention of sending teams to America this year to participate in the international rifle shoot at Camp Perry, according to an announcement made by the national rifle board. Canada at first declared that the date for the Camp Perry matches made it impossible for them to participate, but when a later date was arranged reported that a team probably would be sent.

Shafer Signs

Some high hopes of recruit Giant infielders were given a setback when Arthur Shafer signed his contract with McGraw last Thursday. Shafer's contract is for three years and it is said that McGraw met his terms. It is hinted, also, that McGraw was induced to do this after a week's view of the youngsters who were trying out at Marlin as possible Shafer successors.

Early Dope

During the Hot Springs spring series Messrs. Stahl and Clarke may get a good line on each other should the fate call for a showdown between them in October. They could work out details for next fall's classic right now but for the presence on earth of such meddlers as C. Mach and J. McGraw.

Oppress to Wichita

As part payment for Tex Westover, the St. Joseph club has turned over to Wichita, Frank Coppess, a youngster purchased from the Mink league, but who failed to report to St. Joseph a year ago.

EUROPEAN GOLFERS TO MEET

Dates for Championship Meets and Courses Decided Upon.

FRENCH WILL PLAY FIRST

Will Open Their National Competition Long Before Britishers Determine Who Their Best Man Is.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Dates for the most important of the European golf championship tournaments have been decided, together with the courses selected. The British open, in which several American professionals are expected to compete, will be held at the Royal Liverpool Golf club, Hoylake, June 13 to 24. The British amateur championship will be played at historic St. Andrews, beginning May 28, while the women's meeting is scheduled to begin on June 2 at St. Annes-on-Sea.

A month following the British amateur championship the French amateur competition will begin at La Boule, which will enable the party of Americans who are planning to visit Europe this spring to spend a month at golf before making a try at the French title, which is considered a possibility. The French open, however, will be held long after the British meeting; in fact, the dates are October 13 and 14 at Chantilly, which will preclude the American "pros" who visit Britain from competing for the French honor unless it happens that the French affair is switched to an earlier date.

Thus, it is that the American acceptance of the French invitation to compete at La Boule probably will be in the nature of an international match between professional teams, which in itself marks an epoch in the game.

The American Amateur championship is carded for Garden City the week beginning September 1, Labor day, which will permit any American desiring to do so to compete in the championships of France, England and the United States.

Vote for Captain

Baltimore fans are to select a captain for the team by popular vote. Pleasing ways rather than base ball ability may be the deciding issue.

Advertisement for McKibbin's 'The Hat of Matchless Merit' and Ford cars. The McKibbin ad features a large illustration of a hat and the text 'McKibbin THE HAT of MATCHLESS MERIT'. The Ford ad features the Ford logo and the text 'Own your car—don't let it own you. A new Mr. Dooley raises to remark that there are only two kinds of cars—the Fords and the can't afford.' You'll want a Ford when the season is on. Then buy it today. There are more than 220,000 Fords on the world's highways—the best possible testimony to their unexcelled worth. Prices—runabout \$525—touring car \$600—town car \$380 f. o. b. Detroit with complete equipment. Catalogue from Ford Motor Company, 1216 Harney St., Omaha, or direct from Detroit factory.

Australian Cricket Team for Tour in This Country is Selected

NEW YORK, March 8.—E. B. Benjamin, manager of the team of Australian cricketers, who will spend this season in a tour of the United States and Canada, received word from the board of control in Adelaide informing him that ten of the twelve players who will make the trip have been selected.