Jeff Followed Instructions at That ∴ ∴ Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher

POOR CAR SERVICE TO PARK

Oklahomans Blundered and Rourke Gets a Lemon.

BALL PARK IS INACCESSIBLE

Efforts Are Being Made to Have the Street Car Company or Santa Fe Railroad Take Care of Crowds.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., March 21.—(Special.)—Some one blundered, some one in the Chamber of Commerce, one who should have known better, when he referred President Rourke to the management of Davis park when the Omaha man was in search of a place for his team to play. On the eve of the first exhibition game with Lincoln, Saturday, Rourke has discovered that the only street car line reaching the vicinity of the base ball park has less than one dozen cars at its command; does not tap the center of the city and even should every one of the 70,000 inhabitants of Oklahoma City desire to attend the Omaha games this spring, not more than 1,000 of them can be transported by the street car company. There are three base ball diamonds at the state fair grounds and street car facilities to that place are such that 70,000 persons could be handled with ease, but the die has been cast, the contract for Davis park is signed and Rourke must make the best of it.

It was eccentricities such as the locating of a base ball park at such an out-of-the-way place that took Oklahoma City off the base ball map. Abner Davis, who owned the local franchise in the Texas league, went broke, sold his franchise to Austin through spite and then organized the Oklahoma State league, built the present park in an inaccessible place merely to spite a large street railway company which has sixty miles of track in Oklahoma City. Because of this spite work a universal transfer system it not in operation here and in order to reach Davis park from practically 95 per cent of the city it takes two fares.

Rourke Innocent Victim.

An innocent victim of these conditions, the Omaha president has but one chance to get a crowd, and he is being backed in his efforts by many of the leading citizens of the city and the Chamber of Commerce, which is willing to do all it can to remedy its original blunder. That is to effect a compromse between the warring factions, or rather a treaty for one month, so that the rival railway lines will agree to honor each other's transfers during the Omaha exhibition games and possibly the larger company can be prevailed upon to man additional cars.

If this should not be effected, the exhibition games will be patronized by probably not more than one-third as many as would like to attend if the base ball park were easy of access. However, with nearly 3,000 automobiles owned and operated in the city, and with asphalt paving to the very gate of the park, he should draw more than an ordinary attendance. Since the Santa Fe railway passes within half a block of the park, he also is endeavoring to get that company to run a shuttle train during the base ball rush.

DENVER WILL TRAIN AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—The Denver Western league base ball team will assemble early next week at Excelsior Springs, Mo., for the start of its preseason training trip. Most of the players will reach Excelsior Springs on Sunday. On March 29 and 30 the team will play exhibition games at Kansas City with the Kansas City American association team. A game at Oklahoma City with the Omaha team is scheduled for April 1. The team will make a tour of Texas.

TOMMY LAVELLE DIES FROM ADAMSON'S BLOW

PITTSBURGH, March 21.—Tommy Lavelle, a local lightweight boxer, died here this morning as the result of a blow he received in a boxing bout before the Tariff club last night. His skull was fractured.

George Adamson, Lavelle's opponent in the boxing bout, and A. C. Evans, alleged to have arranged the match, were arrested this afternoon to await the action of the coroner's inquest.

CLAYTON AND LUEGER ROLL INTO FIRST PLACE

MINNEAPOLIS, March 21.—Henry Clayton and Martin Lueger of St. Paul rolled into first place in the doubles at the international bowling tournament here this afternoon by making a total score of 1,215. The previous score was 1,181, made by Stash and Reimer at Minneapolis.

Bancroft Wins Handily.

BANCROFT, Neb., March 21.—(Special.)—The Bancroft High school basket ball team won from the high school team at Craig Wednesday night, 27 to 7. Bancroft has lost only one game this season.

Thorpe Valuable as a Base Runner; That's All

This photograph taken at Dallas, Tex., shows Indian Jim Thorpe, the wonderful all-around athlete, using the famous hook slide while going into second on the ground. Experts who have seen the Indian perform on the ball field predict that he will be valuable to the Giants only as a base runner, because he is a poor fielder and unreliable as a hitter.

Base Ball Gossip

Baker Borton, former St. Joseph first-sacker, is in bad physical condition, if reports from the White Sox camp are true. He has a pair of charleyhorses, a bad toe, a sore throwing arm, a weak ankle and a split fingernail. Outside of all this Borton is in tiptop shape.

Denver ball players will congregate in the Colorado metropolis next week preparatory to their spring jaunt around Texas and Oklahoma. The first game the Grizzlies will play will be with Pa Rourke's band in Oklahoma City on April 1.

Although Jack Holland starts the spring training season shy the services of such men as Borton, Powell, Gossett, Reilly and Johnson, he announces that his team will line up on the opening date, April 19, the strongest, most evenly balanced aggregation that town has had since coming into the Western league.

Tommy Mee, who has been one of two hold-outs at Wichita, has decided to come through with his John Hancock. Callahan is now the only man holding out. The following men joined the camp at Gueda Springs since Wednesday: Blaine, Pettigrew, Fedor and Burke. Wacob, Cleveland and Davis will be in this week.

Two new catchers have been signed by "Ducky" Holmes and have been ordered to report to Tulsa, Okl. They are Danny Shea and Albert Stange. Shea comes from the Seattle club, where he made a good record last season behind the bat while Stange comes from the backwoods somewhere, but "Ducky" doesn't say where that somewhere is.

Every one of the St. Joseph players is now in camp at the Missouri city, with the exception of Catcher Ketter, a recruit. In a game between the Yannigans and regulars Wednesday the regulars won, 6 to 3. The Yannigans, however, hammered out ten hits on four pitchers, while the veterans landed but six off Thomas and Timmerman, the latter a recruit.

Comes the report from Pensacola, Fla., that Manager Birmingham of the Cleveland Naps is trying big John Beall out at the initial sack. Last year Big John cavorted around in one of Denver's outfields and hit the ball something terrific, but what he will do at first base is something that is causing a lot of spare talk between the bugs all over the O'Neill circuit.

The St. Joseph Gazette recently published a lengthy article on the sale of Bert Niehoff to Louisville by Pa Rourke, in which the writer upheld Rourke in the deal and seemed highly delighted to know that Niehoff had advanced. There is no doubt but that seven clubs in this league are mighty glad Bert has gone, as he was the most feared man in the league when he was on bases or when he came to bat with men on bases and a hit needed.

If the weather man at Oklahoma City is in any decent frame of mind Pa Rourke's bunch of pennant chasers will line up against Hughie Jones' Lincoln Antelopes in the first exhibition game of the season. Rourke's pitchers have not had much time in which to loosen up their muscles, but then it is only a practice game and what are the odds whether Omaha wins or loses? It will be good practice for both teams and the players will profit by it.

Frank Isbell is some business man and he practices economy while giving his men plenty of spring training. A report comes that the "Bald Eagle" turned his entire squad of fourteen men into the new ball park and set them to work hauling dirt. This he intends to have his men do every morning and in the afternoon, weather permitting, they will be allowed to play one-o'-cat or the like. Izzy is a cute little manager, isn't he?

Roller Skating at Auditorium.

There will be roller skating at the Auditorium on Saturday night, also Monday afternoon and Sunday night. This will be the last of roller skating at the Auditorium this season.

ASK CLUB TO RECONSIDER

Royal Ulster Yacht Club Cables New York Yacht Club.

LIPTON MAKES STATEMENT

Committee Hopes that Harmonious Relations of Two Clubs Can de Further Cemented.

BELFAST, Ireland, March 21.—A request was sent today by cable by the Royal Ulster Yacht club asking the New York Yacht club for a reconsideration of its refusal of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America's cup. This was accompanied by a long statement from Sir Thomas, with which the committee of the Irish club signified its agreement.

The committee hopes that the harmonious relations of the two clubs will be cemented further by another successful series of races, and therefore requests the New York Yacht club to reconsider the challenge.

Sir Thomas Lipton's statement is as follows:

"I deeply regret that the New York Yacht club has been unable to accept my challenge. After reading the explanation given of its refusal I can only conclude that the challenge and the intentions of the challengers have been misinterpreted. The deed of gift states:

"'That competing yachts or vessels, if of one mast, shall not be less than sixty-five feet nor more than ninety feet at the water line.'

"The deed of gift also states there shall be no time allowance.

"It must be presumed that the framers of the deed of gift intended that some reasonable meaning should be attached to their words and they could never have contemplated such an absurdity as a challenger of sixty-five feet being met by a ninety-foot defender.

"The deed of gift also requires that ten months prior to the race the chauenger shall communicate the dimensions of his yacht, 'which dimensions shall not be exceeded.'

"I venture to disagree from the statement made by the New York Yacht club that the present challenge does not differ in principle from the challenge I sent to America in 1907. The 1907 challenge asked for a variation from the deed of gift in order to permit of a race under the universal rule. No such variation is asked for in this case and I fail to see that there is any analogy between the two challenges.

"I fully understood the decision of the New York Yacht club in 1907 to permit no variation from the deed of gift, despite mutual agreement on the clause, but I maintain that this has no bearing whatever upon my present challenge.

"The New York Yacht club states that it would have accepted with pleasure an unconditional challenge. The only conditions I ask are those of the deed of gift, for I cannot conceive that the framers of that document, after taking pains to prohibit all time allowance, contemplated races between such ridiculous extremes as yachts of sixty-five and ninety feet.

"If upon reconsideration, which I am sure the New York Yacht club will be good enough to give this matter they accept my interpretation of the deed of gift, I shall be happy to remove from my challenge the words to which they object.

"My reason for selecting a seventy-five footer is that a yacht of this dimension represents the largest type of cutter now racing in any part of the world.

"THOMAS J. LIPTON."

SAC COUNTY ORGANIZES AMATEUR BASE BALL LEAGUE

SAC CITY, Ia., March 21.—(Special.)—Under the auspices of the county committee of the Young Men's Christian associations of Sac county, a base ball league has been organized to be known as The Amateur Base Ball League of Sac County. The object of the organization, as stated in the constitution which has been adopted, is to conduct clean base ball on an amateur basis and to develop the base ball talent in local communities. Membership in the league is open to all towns, amateur, and Young Men's Christian association clubs in the county. The league will be under the direction of a governing committee comprising two representatives from each club, one of whom shall be the manager. The details of management have been carefully worked out and it is expected that the young men and boys of the county will be in line by the opening of the base ball season. The officers of the league are: President, Charles W. Davis of Wall Lake; vice president, A. B. Canady of Lake view; secretary-treasurer, J. Truman Smith of Sac City, county Young Men's Christian association secretary.

MICHIGAN STAKE WILL BE $10,000 FOR TROTTERS

DETROIT, Mich., March 21.—Although the Grand circuit has rescinded the rule limiting the amount of money stake trotters can win, the Michigan State fair again has a condition of that sort in its program of early closing events for the meeting here September 15 to 20. This is in the Michigan stake of $10,000 for 2:15 trotters, and the condition is that any horse winning events of a face value of $25,000 before September 2, shall not be eligible and payments shall be refunded.

Other state fair races to which entries close on April 15 are the 2:12 pace, $5,000; 2:05 pace, $2,000; 2:16 pace, $2,000.

SCOTT HANDLES PACIFIC COASTERS LIKE BABIES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 21.—Scott, pitching for the Chicago Americans today, held Los Angeles to five hits and one run up to the last inning. Then he eased off and let the Angels garner a trio of safeties. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	10	2
Los Angeles	1	5	1

Batteries: Scott and Kuhn; Ryan, Crabb and Brooks.

Oakland Defeats Chicago Americans

OAKLAND, Cal., March 21.—Oakland's Pacific Coast league championship team defeated the second squad of the Chicago Americans in a spectacular game today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	2	4	1
Chicago No. 2	1	4	3

Batteries: Mogridge and Sullivan; Parsins, Gregory and Rohrer.

MORE POWER FOR RAIL BOARD

Bill Engrossed Placing Utilities in Their Control.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 21.—(Special Telegram.)—When the senate convened this afternoon S. F. 379, by Hoagland of Lincoln, giving the railway commission power over every corporation conveying telephone service, light, heat and power gave Dodge of Douglas a chance to tell what immense things it was expected to do down in Omaha when the city got control of its public service corporations and fixed the rates to be charged by the street car companies.

The bill was indefinitely postponed, but just before adjournment Hoagland moved for a reconsideration, and the bill was ordered engrossed. Some of the senators say that the matter will come up again.

Robertson's bill to abolish the National Guard was killed on roll call, Dodge, Grace, Olis, Haarmann and Robertson supporting the bill.

Saunders' bill to incorporate the Fontanelle Forest association for the purchase of certain lands along the Missouri river was ordered for passage, as was also Dodge's bill raising the salary of the warden of the penitentiary to $3,000, but with an amendment that the Board of Control should fix the salaries of all other employes at the pen.

The bill from the house creating a levy of three-fourths of 1 mill for support of normal schools was amended by the senate raising the levy to 1 mill. It is understood that the house will refuse to concur in the raise.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Port.	Sailed.	Arrived.
PLYMOUTH		Ryndam.
QUEENSTOWN	Haverford	
SOUTHAMPTON	Ausonia	
LIVERPOOL	Celtic	Arabic.
ROTTERDAM		Campanella.
NAPLES		Cedric.
QUEENSTOWN		D'Italia.
NAPLES	Stampalia	Franconia.
MADEIRA	Adriatic	
ANTWERP	Mantou	
NEW YORK	New Providence	
SAN FRANCISCO		Acapulco.
VANCOUVER	Zealandia	
ASTORIA		
VICTORIA	Nankin Maru	Chicago Maru.

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With the Bowlers

The Nameless won two games from the Omaha Bicycle Indians in the Commercial league. Scores:

INDIANS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Straw	160	160	160	480
McMartin	143	232	163	538
Kayt	143	181	141	471
Balker	180	233	197	610
Hull	160	189	228	577
Totals	792	995	889	2,676

NAMELESS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Stine	170	181	221	572
J. Moyna	141	187	156	484
Newcomb	169	164	144	477
D. Moyna	202	183	190	575
Primeau	144	159	185	488
Handicap	47	47	47	141
Totals	873	921	943	2,737

Automobile League.

CADILLAC AUTO COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Pierce	207	159	155	521
Smith	146	175	198	519
Nygaard	127	177	166	470
Hansen	160	210	157	527
Totals	640	721	776	2,037

HORN SUPPLY COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Horn	141	155	92	388
Beal	130	124	144	298
Nagel	137	139	169	395
Stean	146	175	155	476
Totals	544	613	500	1,657

BUICK AUTO COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Welsh	102	109	162	373
Hayes	168	203	164	535
Webber	167	168	143	478
Fletcher	157	205	184	546
Kemp	161	154	164	489
Totals	756	839	817	2,411

DRUMMOND AUTO COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Forsythe	300	211	132	643
Coker	178	137	186	501
Drummond	177	171	153	501
Tyrholn		142	148	290
Hervey	129	243	158	441
Handicap	8	8	8	24
Totals	804	812	786	2,402

TRAYNOR AUTO COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Traynor	201	153	153	507
Fassmaght	162	149	169	482
Barney	135	152	153	440
Shaw	157	134	188	479
Dahmke	134	136	143	413
Handicap	8	8	8	24
Totals	797	743	785	2,325

STORZ SUPPLY COMPANY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
A. Storz	159	138	149	446
Troup	146	151	146	443
L. Storz	165	168	155	488
Brady	168	186	122	476
Potter	162	145	147	454
Totals	800	788	719	2,307

Gate City League.

OLD STYLE LAGERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
McCabe	183	209	167	559
Arnsden	123	158	178	462
Shaw	190	215	167	572
Seiple	162	155	192	509
Fitz	158	198	195	551
Totals	816	935	902	2,653

MID-WEST TAILORS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Moore	149	162	149	460
Lundstrum	136	179	152	467
Lemon	166	126	216	508
Sholeen	161	149	151	461
Learn	230	166	171	567
Totals	782	781	839	2,402
Handicap	36	36	36	108
Totals	818	817	875	2,511

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MEN WARNING
Tomorrow is Easter
Omaha National, 1618 Farnam
Stephens moves next week
Today you can get a
$3.00 Hat for $1.50
$1.00 Ties for 50c
50c Ties for. . .25c
STEPHENS