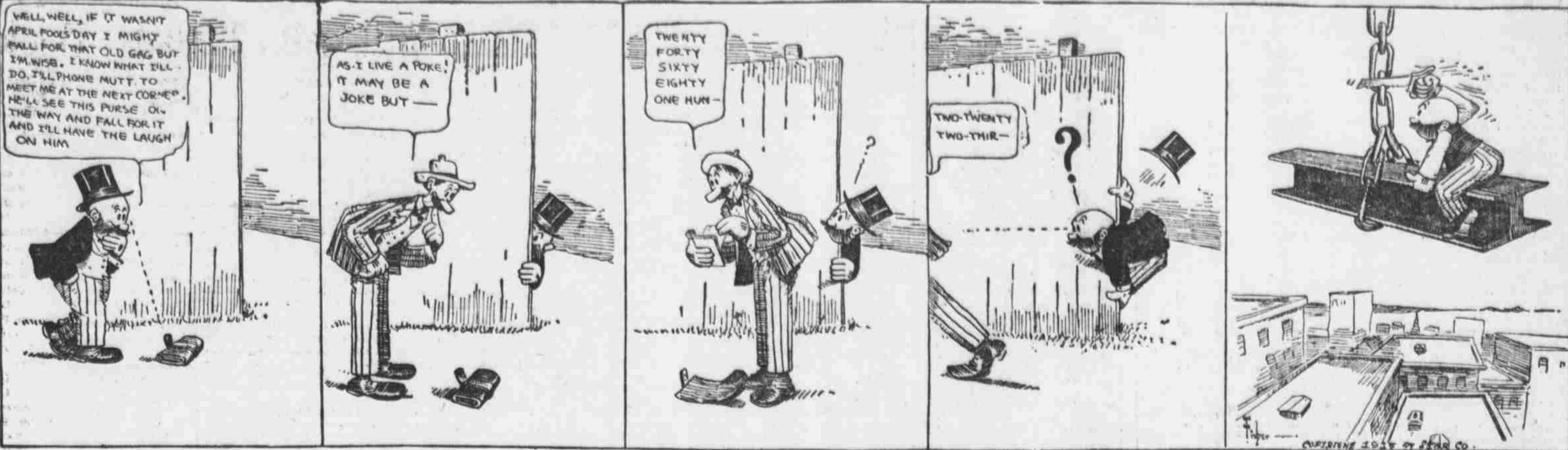


April Fool! You Have to Turn This Picture Upside Down to Read It Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

JOHNNY EVERS, manager of the Cubs for at least part of the present season, is going to get along with his players almost as well as he travels with the umpires—and that is just about as well as an English suffragette gets along with a London prison official. The slam on the law that Evers received from Trainer Simmons probably resulted from some provoking insult by the manager. Evers has demonstrated that he cannot agree with the umpires, even the best of them. He is one of the elements of base ball that causes many fans to become disgusted with the sport; he makes for bad spirit among the players among the umpires and brings frowns from the spectators. Not even the Cub fans can condone Evers' tactics. The Cubs have a hard fight to make this summer; with Peerless Leader Chance gone, with Murphy as unpopular as any owner that ever was in the National league and with Evers making trouble on all sides, it looks gloomy for the Cubs on the eve of the opening of the 1913 season. Evers is a good ball player so far as the game itself is concerned, but he is a pest when it comes to battling umpires and his uncontrollable temper makes it impossible for him to preserve harmonious relations with his players. One wonders why he is manager of the Cubs; then one thinks of the man who owns the team, and there finds the answer. Few can wish the Cubs well with their present management.

Pa Rourke's plan of calling the games at 3 o'clock this summer is going to permit the fans to get home on time for the evening meal, some, call it supper and some dinner. Upon that part all are agreed; it means a meal on time, except when the game runs into several extra innings. For the man who is tied down to his office until late in the afternoon, the early hour beginning has a strong appeal. He is permitted to get away from the grounds early, to eat his evening meal, and then to have a little time before rushing down town, out to the club or over to the amusement park. The 3 o'clock order has its advantages. It also has its disadvantages for the clerk and for a large class of persons who have work to do in the afternoon. Perhaps a majority of the fans, however, will find the earlier hour the most convenient. The new order is but a trial, it is said, and of course, if the attendance is high, the management will be the first to think of making the opening time later. What is best is never known until all things have been tried.

Omaha fans cannot help feeling that the Rourke's this spring are about as good as any bunch of players in the Western league. The spring training work shows up well against anything of recent years and here and there are indications of some remarkably good play. One likes to look upon the team with rose colored glasses, and each spring that hope eternal springs up again. But this year it seems, the fans have real reason for looking forward to a good season. The team is playing well in all branches, and seems to be composed of men who are going to do some heavy work in the field. The pitching department there is much apparent strength and good indications of a large amount of latent power. There have been many other things this spring in these first games to make the Omaha enthusiasts predict good results this summer, and the sport writers are even predicting more ardently than in other seasons.

Our worthy correspondent at Oklahoma City informs us, solemnly, that Manager Arbogast is striving to make a base runner out of Coyle, because of his speed. That is fine, but we fear the Lord beat Manager Arbogast at that.

The news that comes from Bill der Skipper, that he is in the best form of his career, is, of course, good news, for that means that Omaha will top the league in keystone stars. With Jimmy Scanlon still in the deck.

Orvie Overall will be on the Cubs' pitching staff once more and in our mingled congratulations and commiserations we hope he makes good and does not get too tired to play before the season ends.

The Rourke's have shown their ability to take a game from Conkey's White Sox while training, so that's encouraging so far.

That team that went up against Omaha the other day, of course, is not the one Denver intends winning the pennant with.

Cloeman assumes the air of a real pitcher as the training period progresses. We hope it is no vagrant wind.

Tornado or no tornado, we must have a good opening day on April 15. The Rourke park should be filled.

And, by the way, have you heard of any holdouts since the spring sun really began to shine?

LOCAL DIAMONDS OPEN YEAR

Ball Season Among Fans Starts with Games Played Today.

MANY CONTESTS SCHEDULED

Every Available Park is to be Occupied, While Those of Lesser Nobility Will Use Vacant Lots.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY.

Boys, the time has come to cut out and frame all the shenanigans and get down to brass tacks in regard to local sand lot situation. Of course, last Sunday isn't to be considered, but heretofore there have always been several hours on or about the initial day of spring. Last Sunday several matinees were booked, but the majority of the stalwarts apparently wanted to parade up and down the avenues, dolled up in their Sunday rags in anticipation, probably, of attracting the attention of damsels from foreign fields, many of which decorated our scenery as sightseers. A few, although I doubt it very much, may have been inspired with an ambition to work for the good of the cause. At least the aforementioned reason is the only one sufficient to perpetrate the bestowal of the greatest national pastime on the shelf.

Base ball is the only amusement which spells happiness to the writer, but like himself was locked up last Sunday. Theaters and other places of amusement too numerous to mention, held capacity houses and many were on the outside knocking for admission. Last Sabbath is history, so all that can be done is to make today mark the official opening. All the pomp and splendor necessary for such an event will be on deck in order to make the occasion an auspicious one. Many contests are on the menu card, the most important of which will be the argument between the Stars Triumphs and the "All Stars." However, none of the others will be touch events. You can choose your own spot to watch the merriest food fudes, because most all the vacant lots that are available for diamond exploits will be utilized today.

Rourke Park Today.

The initial bombardment of the season will be shot off at Rourke park at approximately one and a half strikes this afternoon when the weed representatives of the O. D. Kiplingers' combination will endeavor to bury the pure food fudes, viz. the Adve. This clash ought to be a humdinger. Immediately after the smoke has cleared away from the ruins of the aforementioned battle the Stars Triumphs will lock horns with a crowd of salaried ball tossers known as the "All Stars." Before many days roll by these same nickels will be tucking away for foreign squads. As the weather has not proved very advantageous for either squad, get a real work out, the best cannot be expected, but the writer thinks that enough thrills will be pulled off to warrant the tariff, which will be two bits for any seat. Olsen and Kelly will wiggle for the hop family and Rhode and Billie will work for the opposition lineup.

STARS TRIUMPHS.

Drummy.....First.....Henry Graham.....Second.....Brown Welch.....Third.....Nelson Daugherty.....Short.....Kelly Precha.....Left.....Gilliam
Proneer.....Right.....Lay Welch.....Right.....Miller Creighton.....Catcher.....Erickson
Hachten.....Pitch.....Rhode Olson.....Pitch.....Rhode Kelly.....Pitch.....Billie

OUT AT THE FORT OMAHA GROUNDS

will be arranged for exhibit two well matched encounters by local squads. As the grounds are in good condition, there will be no opposition as to the appreciation of either one of the affairs. Just who the first contestants will be is as yet not determined, but it will be among two classy local productions. The second game is one upon which much weight is made to bear because of the antagonistic spirit which rivals between the two organizations, which are to be the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Townsend Gun company. You can also depend on the first contest being a warm affair. Following is the lineup for the second game:

SECOND GAME.

A. O. U. W. TOWNSEND.	W. Quigley.....First.....Kriger
McAndrew.....Second.....Nelson	Stephen.....Short.....Blanchard
Wright.....Center.....Hanson	McCarthy.....Right.....Parish
Holland.....Pitch.....Gathman	Cass.....Pitch.....Wachtler
Wells.....Pitch.....Wachtler	

FIRST GAME.

A. O. D. KIPLINGERS.	McGrah.....First.....Gunnane
Bowley.....Second.....Nelson	Minkus.....Third.....Piate
Proneer.....Short.....Murphy	Holland.....Left.....Gloidy
Feltman.....Center.....Gloidy	Carmony.....Right.....Bellman
Carmony.....Right.....Bellman	Dineen.....Pitch.....Dineen
Karowski.....Pitch.....Moran	

These games at Rourke park are not certain to be pulled off unless Dave Rourke's of the Omaha club is satisfied the grounds are in suitable condition to withstand the onslaught of a double-header.

AT DIETS PARK.

At Diets park the Alhambra and Ramblers will put on a nine-round bout,

Wayne Normal Basket Ball Team



which will be considered a practice event. The curtain will rise about three bells. Both teams have numerous candidates to try out and this contest will afford the managers a grand opportunity to look over their talent.

Out at Florence park the Athletics stationed there will battle with the Hectors from Packerville this afternoon. This fracas will only be a practice event. April 20 they will start the season in earnest with the Victors. The Florence grounds are going to be fixed up and when you step out there this term you will have to look twice to be sure you are in the right den. The nothing-doing placard will reign supreme at the Council Bluffs Merchants park today. They will undoubtedly open the season with the Luxus next Sunday.

Local Diamond Gossip.

Nothing doing at Athletic park, Council Bluffs, these days. Repairs are now in order.

Sunday, April 7, the Nebraska Indians will do a war dance on Pa Rourke's pasture with the Stars Triumphs.

Ray Young, the lad that will always be young, is undecided as to where he will hang his shingle this summer.

The Telephone Co. ought to organize a city league of bloomers. They could have a squad stationed at each station. It is a ten to one shot that the Alamo Creamery will have a goat for mascot. Wonder what team will get their goat.

The Knights of Columbus have still got their tanks busy flurrying on organizing a squad to join the knights of diamond dust.

It is a wonder some of our suffragettes don't inaugurate a base ball team and beat the tar out of our masculine aggressions.

Edward McCormick will take care of one of the orchards for the A. O. U. W. this season. Some of the wigglers get the chills when he steps toward the platter. From the appearance of things, it seems as though all of the first-class clubs have been materially and substantially fortified for the hostilities that begin today.

Isn't it a shame that our salaried pill shooters were not afforded an opportunity to bump up against the famous Hindu last Sunday. Well, probably they will deliver today.

W. E. Corcoran, well known in local base ball circles, beat it for Cheyenne the other day. He will endeavor to land a berth as an outfielder with the Cheyenne Indians.

Well, boys, I guess I got it on you. I have a pair of wooden props that fit in under my shoulders, one real sharp and another that is faintly recuperating via the laws of nature.

Many people are curious about my real condition on account of injuries received in tornado. Here it is: Five broken bones, one dislocated, badly bruised, cut and sprained ankle.

McDermott, who formerly resided on cushion one for the James Cross aggression, let his wings flap in the direction of Sioux Falls as per instruction from the John Deere Power Co.

On account of McDermott sailing for Sioux Falls, the Cross outfit will have to break in another first baseman. This will afford Manager Penton's finest opportunity to holler about hard luck.

The president of our Trouble Makers' association, viz. Henry Bressnan and his able assistant, Josdy Gilliam, will labor in foreign fields this summer. Bet our local umpires are bubbling over with joy.

If you scattered your gifts much last week you would be bound to see numerous gents watching the horse and carriage and salivating around after it as it rolled peacefully in the direction of the least resistance.

Noel McKee, who last year played on the State Insane Asylum team, has been exceedingly busy on the relief committee, so he has had no opportunity to show or rather to unroll his wonderful array of base ball talent.

One of the most effective pitchers on the Creighton baseball staff is Robert Hanley, who is also known as a foot ball player of great ability. His famous dope ball won much praise and admiration when he was signed with the fast team of miners of Butte, Mont.

Abe Cline, a senior medic of Creighton, who has been one of the most proficient noters of the Auburn (Neb.) base ball team, will not be able to attend the

DAY OF THE FESTIVE JACKS

Season for Shooting Ducks in Nebraska Closed Yesterday.

SOON TIME FOR FISHERMEN

Men Behind the Bamboo Rod Are Simply Waiting for the Weather to Become a Little More Propitious.

With a few of those warm rains which are usually due along about this stage of the springtime and a softening of the atmosphere the knight of the line and rod will be getting busy. The open season on all game fishes was ushered in on April 1, but yet the condition of things generally has not been such as to excite a superfluity of ambitions within the angler's breast. As the sentiment goes the really fishing time begins when the shooter lay down their arms and await for the inaugural of the trap shooting, but notwithstanding the open season on geese and ducks reached its spring terminus yesterday, it is still lawful and will be up to May 1 to shoot Jacksnipe and their kind.

Jacksnipe shooting has always been, from away back in the days of the immortal Frank Forrester, a favorite pastime of the gunner, and as there are many tempting and favorable feeding grounds in this vicinity and throughout the state, of course we have our full quota of Jacksnipe enthusiasts. And they cannot be blamed, for this little brown and gray rover of the wet meadows is today rated among the choice eaters as the best game bird in the world. Formerly it was the woodcock, a first cousin of the jack, but as the woodcock is so near absolute extinction, the little wren-pax has succeeded him in epicurean favor.

Birds Are Landed.

Up to date but few Jacksnipe have dropped in on any of our nearby grounds, although Lawyer George Mayne of Council Bluffs and Eddie George of this city met with very gratifying success in the lowlands up near Missouri Valley last Wednesday, bagging fourteen birds. Billy Hardin was also out several days ago and while he jumped a good many birds, they were wild and lean and he graced but a half dozen.

George Green of this city and Bill Falk of Calhoun put in Thursday on the marshes east of Horseshoe lake, but the day was cool and drizzly and they flushed but two birds, neither within gunshot.

This week, however, with an improvement in the weather, there will be many inroads made against this little chestnut colored fairy on all the good grounds herabouts. Brooky Eish, Frank Haskett, Elmer Cope, George Radick, Conrad Young, Frank Beubacker, Nels Uppike, Billy Townsend, Ward Burgess, A. H. Mohler, Billy Pitkey and scores of others of our most inveterate snipe shooters are all preparing for the psychological moment. Along with the jack shooting comes that of yellowlegs and golden plover, which ought to be fine, and so far as your tale goes either of those birds is but little behind the jack.

Ducks Are Protected.

With sultry days, softening rains and soothing winds from the south through the night, the shooting should be more than fair clear up to the closing day. The only drawback to these final days is the man with the gun is the fact that he dare not molest the bluewing teal, as the legitimate season on them went out with all other wild fowl. The teal—the bluewing only, however—is a close companion of the Jacksnipe. They

Racquet Champions to Meet in Series For World's Honors

NEW YORK, April 5.—Sportsmen on both sides of the ocean are keenly interested in the series of matches for the world's racquet championship to be played between Jack Soutar of the Philadelphia Racquet club and Charles Williams of London. In addition to the international championship, the result of the matches will decide the award of a purse of \$5,000 made up by supporters of the men in England and this country. The first match will be played at the Queen's club, London, April 6, and the return match at the Racquet club, Philadelphia, May 3. The agreement calls for four out of seven matches to decide the victor. In case there should be a tie in games the title will be decided on an argument between the two men. Williams is now the world champion by virtue of having beaten the famous Hindu player, Jameeth, former holder of the title. Williams is a younger man than Soutar, being but 23 years of age, while Soutar is 38 years old. Williams is coach of the famous Harrow school near London.

The two men met on the occasion of Williams' visit to this country two years ago. In a series of handicap matches Soutar beat Williams. The Philadelphia player received a handicap, but he managed to win by more than his handicap. Williams, however, had just recovered from an illness and was not at his best.

JONES AND KIVIAT MAY CONTEST FOR HONORS

NEW YORK, April 5.—Memories of the great race between W. G. George and W. Cummings in 1896, when the former established the world's record for one mile at 4:19, are likely to be revived this year, for there is a good prospect of a contest between John Paul Jones, holder of the American amateur record of 4:19, made by him at the intercollegiate games of 1911, and Abel I. Kiviatt, who is Jones' greatest rival at the distance. Jones is anxious to reverse the record of the Olympic games last summer, when he finished second to Kiviatt in the 1,500-meter race, although both were beaten by Jackson of England, and is anxious to meet the New York runner, who has been showing better form than last year in the indoor games this winter.

Notice to Motorists.

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Speed Program of Nebraska State Fair Announced

LINCOLN, April 5.—The speed program of the Nebraska state fair, which is to be held September 1 to 6, was given out here today. It follows:

Early Closing (Closes May 15. Entry fee 5 per cent, 1 per cent with nominations).
Two-year-old trot, September 4, \$500; 3-year-old trot (for colts eligible to 2:35 class), September 5, \$500; 2-year-old Capital City purse, September 2, \$1,000; 2-year-old pace, September 3, \$500; 3-year-old pace (for colts eligible to 2:35 class), September 4, \$500; 2:30 trot, the Industrial purse, September 5, \$1,000; 2:30 pace, the Gate City purse, September 6, \$1,000.

Classes (Closes August 11. Entry fee 5 per cent)—2:25 trot, September 5, \$500; 2:17 trot, September 4, \$500; 2:17 trot, September 5, \$500; 2:30 pace (hoppers barred), September 1, \$500; 2:30 pace, September 2, \$500; 2:17 pace, September 1, \$500; 2:30 pace, September 5, \$500; free-for-all pace, September 2, \$500.

All races not started by a 4 o'clock Friday, September 5, will be declared off having entry money refunded to those only having paid in full on or before the date of last payment. The right is reserved to postpone any race or races for cause, to change the order of the program or to race started and unfinished at the close of the day September 5. Shall rent free to starters. Rules of the American Trotting association to govern.

Running—Three-year-old, Nebraska-bred (four and a half furlongs), September 3, \$100; Nebraska Derby (mile and a sixteenth), September 2, \$200; one-half mile dash, September 4, \$100; three-fourths mile dash, September 5, \$100; five-eighths mile dash, September 1, \$100; four and one-half furlongs dash, September 4, \$100; seven-eighths mile dash, September 1, \$100; one-half mile and repeat, September 2, \$100; one mile dash, September 4, \$100; one-half mile consolation dash (for horses that have started and not won money), September 5, \$100.

Entry in the Nebraska-bred 3-year-old race, foals of 1910, owned in Nebraska and registered with the Jackey club, and sent to Derby must be made August 11 and all other entries by 6 o'clock the night before the race. No entry fee for running races.

CHICAGO PLANNING FOR BIG ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

CHICAGO, April 5.—If the plans go through, this city will be the scene of a big athletic carnival for amateurs and professionals here this summer. Harold F. McCormick is back of the project, which if it goes through will be held from June 25 to July 6. Athletics from all parts of world will be invited to attend the games, which will include all kinds of sports on land and water.

Archer Has Long Contract.

Jimmy Archer's contract with the Cubs may be more or less than what Roger Bresnahan receives, but he has the best of Bresnahan in one respect. Roger's contract is for four years, while Roger's is for but three.

Walter Goes South.

Walter Prantz, last season with Topeka and Wichita, has signed to play first base for San Antonio and completes the gap in the outfield that has been worrying Manager Blinn.

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