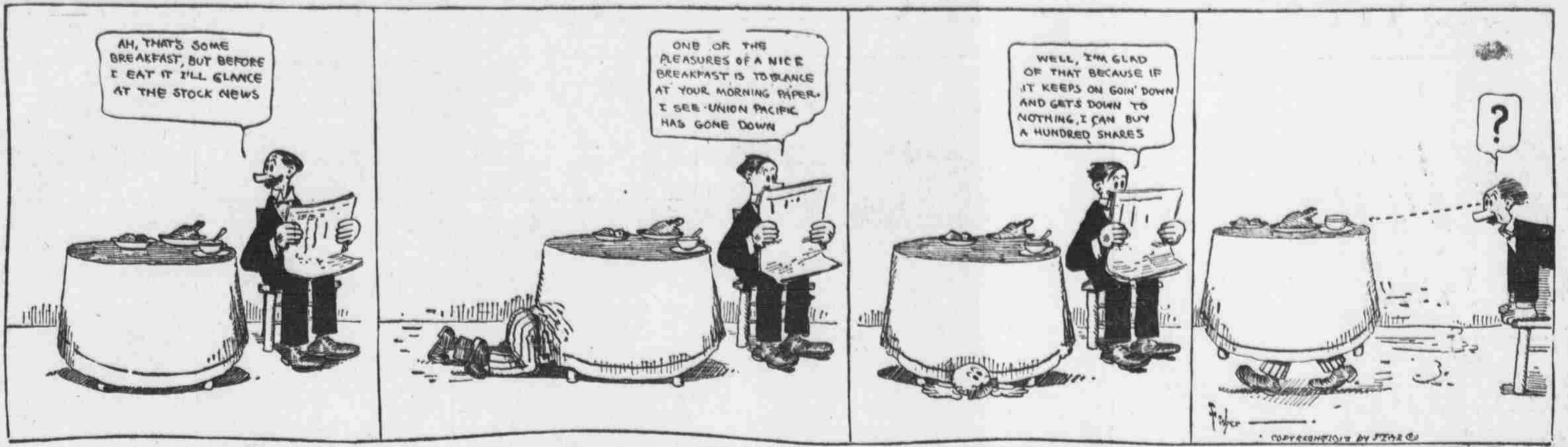


Mutt Didn't Believe in Spiritualism, but He Does Now

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

THE Western league will throw open its gates for 1913 on Friday of this week. We hope it will be to admit large crowds, not only for the first games, but increasingly large as the season progresses. It is customary to hail each succeeding season as the best, therefore, while hoping that one may sustain the record, we refrain from the huzzas as a matter of form. The season will prove the best if the teams are the best. Base ball never has and never will beg support when well played and the Western league magnates need fear nothing this year if they have good teams, as they claim to have. As for picking winners or even guessing on the probable outcome, far be that from us. We've heard that Denver proposes to repeat again as the pennant winner, and we've heard that the Rockies expect to win, and so as to several others. Of course, while we wish Denver good luck, we hope it does not win the pennant, and somehow or other, as we run our eye down the lineup, we rather doubt its winning, which is not to say that Pa will win. As to Omaha, the team looks formidable, but has done none too well against other Western league teams in the spring preliminaries. It seems to us it depends chiefly upon what the pitchers do. Anyone who followed it last season will admit that it is a strong team. It lost Niehoff and that was a genuine loss, but young Grubb is touted high and may succeed in time in filling the gap at third. Aside from that there is no difference between the in and outfields of this year and last and the catching department has been strengthened if anything. But it was strong enough in 1912. The whole situation, so far as Omaha is concerned, seems to be up to the box.

Ty Cobb is still a holdout, though there are faint suspicions that he and President Navin of Detroit will soon get together. One of these is Ty's delay in playing a series of holdouts has on hands, "awaiting word from Detroit." Navin says it is he who is doing the waiting; that he has no news to write to Brother Ty. Of course, there haven't been many Ty Cobbs, so it is impossible to say that Ty Cobbs never is allowed to remain holdouts long, but as a matter of fact some stellar ball players nearly up to the Cobb magnitude have been permitted to put it out and Navin may decide to let Cobb out, but we doubt it. Ty may even decide after a while that he is worth a little less than \$10,000 a year and come to work. In the meantime, he seems to be observing the laws very well.

President Johnson of the American league, the leader in all progressive and solid reforms in base ball, announces his intention of having the game speeded up even more this year; that is, as to the economy of time. It would be well for the Western league to adopt that plan and compel recognition, for instance, of the rule forbidding a pitcher to stall by rubbing the ball in the ground and resorting to other such obvious devices. Umpires should be held responsible for such things. They only tire and disgust fans, and fans are the ones to be satisfied, not some white-livered pitcher, who feels himself going.

Jimmy Sheekard is the latest of the Cubs to come in for congratulations, that is, to get away from Murphy. He has gone to St. Louis. Sheek is one of the oldest men in the game in point of service and has been a tower of strength to Chicago. He was a cog in the great wheel at Baltimore and was with the old Cubs-Evers and Schulte being about all that is left of the first of "hance's great machine."

The four Omaha members of the St. Louis Browns were in the opening game and gave good accounts of themselves—Sam Agnew, Jimmy Austin, Gus Williams and Shorten. Another Omaha man, Don Ragan, figured in an opening game, relieving Nap Rucker at Brooklyn and on the second day he won his own game for Brooklyn against the Phillies.

If you care for a line on the American league outcome you may get it from this side remark of the Old Fox, otherwise known as Clark Griffith, manager of Washington: "We will have but one team to beat, the Athletics."

The Athletics and Phillies played a series of five ante-season games, the Athletics winning four, the fifth resulting in an eighteen-inning tie. This ought to give a fair idea of the relative strength of the two teams.

If the work that Jimmy Sheekard did for the Cubs last year is a sample of the kind that calls for waivers, then what about the other fellows? The Cardinals were right to nab the veteran at the valuer price.

The Sporting News with an eye to alliteration, refers to the "Mistakes of Murphy" and the "Errors of Evers." There have been many of the former and probably will be enough of the latter.

OLD PILL ROLLING AGAIN

Local Fans Warmed Up Last Sunday in Splendid Fashion.

WILL PLAY AT ROURKE PARK

Stors Triumphs and All-Stars Will Open Season Today with Bitterly Fought Game on Pa's Diamond.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.
The fans started the old pill rolling last Sunday in a very satisfactory manner. All the games were close, just the kind that bring blishes to the cheeks of the fanatics. Several hundred bugs witnessed the Ancient Order of United Workmen-Townsend contest and they were well repaid for the fuss was a thriller from the start of the duel till the last man entered the graveyard column. Before the aforementioned angle the Stors and "All Stars" put on a four-round exhibition, which resulted in a victory for the happy water family, by a 2 to 1 score. Of course, it doesn't go down on the records as a game, because it only went four innings. Anyway it was a grand demonstration of the national pastime. The two games scheduled for Rourke park last Sabbath were called off because Commander Dave Rourke thought the grounds were not in condition to be trampled on.

All our vacant lots there available for base ball exploits will be utilized from now on, so it will be an easy proposition for the base ball magnates to find a place to spend their hours of recreation. All the class "A" teams seem to be materially and substantially strengthened since last term and from present indications none of the wisecracks care to make any predictions as to which outfit will cop the bunting this year. One thing is a cinch and that is that the Stors Triumphs, recognized as the semi-pro crowd, will have several teams to buck against that will make them step some in order to grab the sweetmeats. From all appearances it looks as though this season will be a vast improvement over all the others. As most of all of the rough necks have been obliterated from the ranks of the local amateurs the fans are taking more of an interest in the contests pulled off between local vegetables. Their patronage is what helps the wheel go round.

At Rourke Park.
Owing to the unfavorable weather Brother Dave has been unable to get Pa's ball yard in shape to allow Omaha's favorite semi-professional club, the Stors Triumphs, to open their season, but the word has gone forth that the grounds are now in good condition and Manager Bradford has arranged a stellar attraction in celebration of the event.

The headliner this afternoon will be fought between the Stors Triumphs and All-Stars, composed of the local professionals, including Bills of the Omaha team, who will do the twirling. The curtain raiser is also of more than ordinary caliber, being between the Advocs, one of our strongest amateur teams, and "Pepper" Mullen's Amigos, all of whom are classed as semi-professionals. The first game will be called promptly at 2 o'clock.

The lineup, second game:
ADVOCS.....First.....ALAMITOS
McGrath.....W. Quigley
Bowley.....Second.....J. Minikus
Probst.....Third.....D. Minikus
W. Minikus.....Short.....J. Minikus

Amateur Base Ball Directory

| Team | Manager | Phone or Address |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Stors Triumphs | P. Bradford | W. 1242 |
| A. O. U. W. | P. Bradford | W. 235 |
| Alamitos | J. Mullen | W. 441 |
| Townsend | T. Noone | W. 316 |
| Advocs | L. Felton | W. 519 |
| Jabez Cross Merchants | H. Denton | W. 519 |
| Shamrocks | G. Kennedy | S. 182 |
| O. D. Kiplingers | W. Pahl | W. 549 |
| Florence Athletics | V. Crowe | C. B. Red 1342 |
| Omaha Electric Light Company | J. Lucena | D. 96 |
| Omaha Gas Company | W. J. Bartlett | D. 1022 |
| Council Bluffs Imperials | A. Wolcott | C. B. Red 1284 |
| Brodegaard Crowns | W. Dolson | H. 270 |
| Ramblers | J. Krull | H. 37 |
| Luxus | J. Danne | Red 359 |
| Alhambra | H. Horn | W. 114 |
| Uria Cheese Company | P. Spellman | W. 318 |
| Council Bluffs Ramblers | Bert Steffen | C. B. Red 278 |
| Port Omaha De Volt Vets | Lee Matheson | H. 320 |
| Foresters | F. Stallneck | H. 474 |
| Steinbergs | R. Kelley | S. 213 |
| Omaha Eagles | C. W. Britt | D. 549 |
| Florence Athletics | C. W. Britt | D. 549 |
| Weocs | R. B. King | D. 24 |
| Sol Phils | P. Mosky | D. 395 |
| Rectors | G. Guyer | D. 444 |
| Council Bluffs Millers | F. Dineen | H. 418 |
| Monmouth Parks | Henry Gordon | W. 444 |
| S. A. C.'s | L. Foral | D. 952 |
| Florence Athletics | M. McDermott | H. 372 |
| Chris Lycks | Chris Lyck | Benson 22-W |
| Nabraska School for Deaf | P. E. Seely | W. 129 |
| Council Bluffs Millers | E. Austin | C. B. Red 2314 |
| South Omaha Boosters | S. Roncka | S. 373 |
| Stars and Stripes | G. Probst | D. 504 |
| Pontanelle Parks | V. G. Schmittroth | W. 578 |
| Independents | Bergant Haggard | W. 391 |
| Omaha University | Sam Zlotsky | W. 638 |
| Omaha High School | Athletic Director Reed | High School |
| Creighton University | M. Dalley | D. 226 |
| Rod and Gun Club | P. Bradford | W. 1242 |
| Woodbine, Ia. | Gus Bols | Woodbine |
| Plattsmouth, Neb. | Mr. Johnson | Plattsmouth |
| Waverly, Neb. | Mr. Mier | Waverly |
| Underwood, Ia. | Mr. Cash | Underwood |
| Honey Creek, Ia. | William McKeown | Boomer 681 |
| Logan, Ia. | Mr. Green | Logan |
| Waverly, Neb. | Mr. Fitch | Waverly |
| Oakland, Neb. | Outle Holmquist | Oakland |
| Blair, Neb. | Mr. Gonslow | Blair |
| Hooper, Neb. | Hooper | Hooper |
| Papillon, Neb. | Blondie Ruff | Papillon |

Larry Gardner a Red Sox Star



Larry Gardner, the fleet third-sacker of the Boston Red Sox, who is generally considered the best custodian of the difficult corner in the American league. Manager Jake Stahl prizes highly his ability of Gardner and has been quoted as saying that he will be doing bench duty a long time before Larry is relieved of his steady berth at third.

Hollander.....Left.....Woodruff
Feltman.....Center.....Murray
Carmody.....Right.....Bando
Coe.....Catcher.....Clie
Baker.....Pitcher.....Morarty
Karbowicki.....Pitcher.....Adams
TRUMPETS
Drummy.....First.....Henry
Graham.....Second.....Brewin
Dukes.....Third.....J. Kelly
Daugherty.....Short.....Gillham
Frucha.....Left.....Lacey
Falconer.....Center.....F. Cary
Welch.....Right.....Miller
Creighton.....Catcher.....Spellman
Hachten.....Catcher.....Erickson
Olson.....Pitcher.....Riehl
P. Kelley.....Pitcher.....Rode
Lineup for first game:
Two at Fort Omaha.
As customary, two classy games will be pulled off at Fort Omaha this afternoon, the first of which will be between the O. D. Kiplingers and the Townsends. This jamboree ought to be a hair raiser. The second show will be staged by the Jabez Cross outfit and the Ancient Order of United Workmen crowd. Both of these teams started the season last Sunday and they both marched home with the bacon. This will be the first opportunity the Cross children have had to wreck the Lodge general and, as a consequence, this battle will be stubbornly contested. Heber, the speed artist, will push 'em over for the Cross dudes, and Wells and Cass will work for the Ancient Order of United Workmen. First game at 1:30 o'clock, and second at 3:30. Following is the lineup for the second game:
A. O. U. W.
W. Quigley.....First.....McClough
Welch.....Second.....Tompkins
Stephen.....Short.....Jarosh
McAndrews.....Third.....Grossman
Elliott.....Left.....Lauinger
Prefka.....Center.....Bohan
McCreary.....Right.....Overman
Coe.....Catcher.....Pentton
Miller.....Catcher.....Pentton
Front.....Pitcher.....Beber
Cass.....Pitcher.....Neelhan
Two clever duels will be spilled out

all the contests booked for today will have to go via the undertaker route. The Alhambra and Ramblers game last Sunday at Dietz park was a practice affair, the Alhambra will open April 20. Dick Wells, the Ancient Order of United Workmen flinger, left for Grand Forks, Minn., where he will join a salaried army. Next Sunday the Florence Athletics and the Victors will start things off in the line of an opener out at Florence park.

Last Sunday the Ramblers had three Advocs, four Blatts and a Forester when they played the Alhambra a practice game. Nothing doing at the Council Bluffs Merchants park today. In all probability they will be ready to mosey forth by next Sunday. Managers have to be careful with out-of-town homes. Some of them are on the square and others about as square as an apple.

Frucha of the Stors was the only South Omaha ball tosser to get scratched by the tornado. He was laid up for about one week. Tann Caughlan has decided not to toss his hat into the ring this season. He will be remembered as one of our classy outer gardeners.

The Jabez Cross herd amply demonstrated that they are eligible for class A company by the way they handled the Luxus team. Payne won't cause the Council Bluffs Merchants any grief this summer because he doesn't happen to be buckled to their roster. Weisenheimers are still up in the air as to who is who in local circles. This year several teams are going to keep them guessing.

The Shamrock Parks received their federal notice last week. Captain Benson couldn't see his way clear to hold the managerial reins. Bohan played a stellar game for the Jabez Cross combination last Sunday. One particular play he made was to grab one off of his shoe strings. Dodd, on first base for the Alhambra, is playing in first-class form and is hitting the sphere on the nose like a Dutchman who plays with Pittsburgh.

Now that James O'Neill is a full-fledged tooth-carpenter he ought to land a polish with one of the best base ball nines. Anyway he ought to have a good pull. Holland, who was going to twirl for the Ancient Order of United Workmen team, recently left for his home town in Indiana, but will be back about May 10. Remember that on April 27 the Nebraska Indians will put on a war dance at Rourke park. They will do their darndest to scalp the Stors Triumphs.

Out in the golden west, close to the Pacific sphere, is where Ralph Tuttle spent the winter and incidentally a few nicks. He slid in to this burg safe and sound the other day. Greetings and salutations will be in order for the All Nations on Sunday, May 11. They will sail into the city determined to wipe the Stors Triumphs off the map. The other day Bruggemann, who used to sling 'em for the Stors Triumphs, dropped in town to witness the destruction executed on hat Sunday. He is now lunching in Des Moines. Next Sunday the Ancient Order of

LOCAL MOOSERS PUT BASE BALL NINE IN THE FIELD

An amateur base ball team has been organized and named the Moose team and will be run under the direction of that lodge. Several promising players have been secured, among whom are Jack Henry, "Spikie" Kennard, Al Fairbrother and Lester Burkenroad. By consulting M. W. Mace of the Hanley-Mace Cigar company at 1512 Harney street, any amateur team in the state can make arrangements for games with the Moose nine.

Andrews at Des Moines.
"Red" George Andrews, captain last year on the Sioux City team, will pilot the Des Moines Boosters this year.
Eastly Planned.
The Pittsburgh powers are considerably tickled because Johnny Lore, the New York boxer, thinks the Pirates will win the pennant.