

Bringing Up Father

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Judgments

PA ROURKE is having more than his share of trouble in trying to locate a couple of serviceable pitchers. He has ransacked the country from coast to coast, and from Canada to Mexico, in hopes of getting hold of a twirler who can pitch nine innings without blowing up. Hardly a day passes but we are informed of a couple of new names on the Rourke roster, followed by the announcement that a couple more have disappeared. Blodgett and Johnson are still showing something like class, but none of the others are up to the mark. Hallman has shown signs of having a good heart, and if he has something to go with his courage, he may do. Clossman is a disappointment so far, and as for the others, they simply do not count. With the team batting and fielding as it is, winning games is easy when a reliable pitcher goes into the box. Pa is not through yet, and his activity shows that he at least does not expect the league to blow up at once.

Something of a shock was given the fans during the week and a very unpleasant one, too, when the announcement came out from Chicago that Christy Mathewson was slipping. The story had it that he was in much the same fix that big Ed Walsh found himself, a nervous trouble having developed that gave him excruciating pain across the shoulder whenever he undertook any violent exertion. This caused much gloom, but the answer came on Friday, when the Old Master went into the box at St. Louis, and won his game with quite a margin. Mathewson is not only a fixture, but is also an ornament to the game of base ball, and no man ever connected with it would be followed into retirement by the honest affection and admiration of more devotees of the sport than he.

Tyrus Cobb has very early annexed the pinnacle of fame for 1915. He is leading in all departments of the game, and is so far ahead that it isn't likely he will be overtaken. Second place may be fought for by the rest, but there's only one first, and that is taken by the Chicago peech. It will be noted in this connection that Tyrus is now giving his entire attention to base ball. He hasn't staged any fights on or off the diamond, hasn't committed any sort of act to achieve notoriety outside of his ball playing, and is depending for his entire agent stuff on his ability as an athlete solely. And this course is winning for Tyrus more sincere attention that he ever had in all his life.

If 1 per cent of the talk that is heard is finally backed up by the coin, the wrestling match here on July 5 will see the biggest bit of betting ever noted in this country at a similar event. Several tons of money is already baled up in the Elkhorn country, ready for shipment here, to accommodate anything the Chicago crowd may bring over with them.

Jim Flynn isn't much of a white hope any more, but he did some little service by placing his ivory-top in the way of Jim Coffey's mits on Decoration day. It is now admitted that Coffey was not the man to whip Jess Willard. As a matter of fact, that dope was simply the New York wish that a champion might come out of Gotham.

It isn't likely the war had anything to do with it, but Krueger simply couldn't abide the thought of a Frenchman holding first place in the Western league batting list, so he just slammed out a fine little bunch of drives, and is now perched on the top rung. What's more, he's likely to stay there, too.

Jack Hendricks got an indefinite suspension over at Indianapolis for rudely barking at an umpire. If Jack had been strung up everytime he did that when in the Western, he'd only have been on the grounds about three times during the season.

That three-hands-round trade of men between St. Joe, Wichita and St. Louis didn't strengthen the St. Joe pennant prospects to any great extent, but there's never any telling what Jack Holland will do.

They're slamming the college bred ball player now because he is looking out for a little piece of the price; but who was it gave him the notion of the commercial side of the game?

Don't overlook the fact that the team will be at home on Tuesday afternoon; so out and show the boys they are still in right with the home folks.

Larry McLean has proved that base ball and booze will mix-and that the mixture is dangerously explosive.

Brimy is Crowning. Joe Brimingham is crowning these days because he claimed that Joe Jackson would never make a first baseman. Jackson has a sore arm and cannot play, and the Indians are derived of a great hitter.

McLean is Turfed Down. Larry McLean's efforts to break into the Federal league after being suspended by McGraw failed, when the St. Louis club turned him down.

WITH THE OMAHA AMATEURS

Leaders Tumble in Several Leagues, Including Armours, Who Give Way to Luxus.

BAKER SIGNS WITH STORZ

Judging the situation relative to the pugilistic stuff in a calm and dispassionate manner, the writer is unable to conceive where anything radically wrong really happened. A few of the boys being strained to their highest pitch on account of being defeated and then to help matters along the fans coughed up a few sarcastic remarks, consequently the restable powers of the local ball tossers were smashed to smithereens and a few stars were landed. Since then the boys have apologized to each other and promised with all the sincerity in the world to do all in their power to avoid these tangles hereafter. Base ball squabbles never amount to much because they are pulled off on the spur of the moment and are mended nearly as fast. Small tangles eventually grow the same as other things that start on a small scale, so it would be a good idea to obliterate them on the jump off.

After the shuffle last Sunday a few of the leaders were found among the missing. In the Greater Omaha league the Armours were shoved out of first place and the Luxus tribe are wearing the crown. How long they will be the king pins is a conundrum difficult to solve because at the present writing all of the reliable articles of base ball. The Trimble Bros. got it into their thick tanks that they should hold down the fort and be the main springs of the Inter-City league, consequently they whipped their noble opponents, namely the Brown Parks Juniors during an eleven-inning battle last Sunday and realized up a notch. They are now tied up for first place with the South Omaha Midgets.

Plan a Banquet. At the meeting Wednesday Louis Cook said it was imperative that the managers should take more interest in the affairs of the association. He also told of his plan which was recently approved by the board of directors whereby financial aid could be secured that would easily put the association on a firm and sound basis financially. Said plan is to dispose of tickets to different fans and especially the business men of the city, which entitle purchaser to witness all the elimination and championship contests staged towards the termination of the season. It is hoped to procure enough money through this method to defray the expenses of the different teams that come to Omaha and the ones from here that will journey elsewhere to participate in the championship series of the different classes in the National Association of Amateurs. After these games are history, if enough money is available, it is the wish of the directors to have a big banquet at the Auditorium for all the ball tossers in Greater Omaha and vicinity.

Big Battle Today. The big game in the Greater Omaha league today will be the battle royal for supremacy between the Armours and Luxus at Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets.

At Thirty-second and Dewey the Hollis and Brown Park Merchants will put on a double-header. These contests will be worth walking blocks to see and country blocks at that.

Today's games are classed among the banner attractions offered the fans and should be hotly contested. Both the Stors and Giants are far faster than last year when they met in their annual games and broke even, each team winning two games.

In last Sunday's game at Carroll, Ia., the Giants' star boxman let the home team down with three hits, scoring a 3 to 0 victory.

Sand Lot Gossip. The Omaha Indians are looking for a speedy outfielder. If you don't contain the ginner, keep still. Call Douglas 578.

McClure, formerly the chief singer of the Stors troupe, is now performing on Saturdays with the Woodmen of the World team.

Sunday, June 27, the Omaha Indians are looking for a game. Call Pickett at Douglas 578, or address him at 2411 Bond street.

Madam Rumor has it that Pete Mc-

WHAT BASE BALL CLUBS COST

Jack Holland, owner of St. Joseph Team, Gives Detailed Expenditures of Western League Club.

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For some reason, when things are going bad, there are always a few people who take it upon themselves to tell the public why we are not a success, and for the information of those who do take it upon themselves by giving advice and telling of the fortunes to be made in base ball, I hereby tender to you and your organization a statement, in order to enlighten you as to what it really costs to run a base ball club in the Western league:

Training season expense, getting ball clubs here and hotels, \$3,000
Western league dues and National Association dues, 1,800
Ball club salaries, four and one-half months uniforms, bats, balls, etc., 10,000
Railroad expense and hotels, during season April 25 to September 6, 6,000
Real estate office expense, park help, insurance, 4,200
Miscellaneous expense, 1,500
Total, \$20,000

In order to overcome this expense, we have to draw at least 80,000 people to home and 60,000 people on the road. Figuring on our drawing 80,000 people at home, they will average us, net, about 30 cents apiece.

The visiting club shares 50 per cent of the general admission, which is 25 cents. They get 12 1/2 cents for every person that goes in the bleacher and grand stand gates.

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Amateur Games Today

LUXUS PARK. 2:30 p. m.: Armours against Luxus. 4:30 p. m.: YORK PARK, SOUTH DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: Dundee Woolen Mills against Omaha Rubber Co. 3:30 p. m.: Akamitos against Chris Lycks.

NORTH DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: James Cott Electric against Nationals. 3:30 p. m.: Strollers against Kraltecks. 5:30 p. m.: CATER LAKE CLUB. 2 p. m.: Bourgeois against A. O. U. W. 4:30 p. m.: South Omaha Merchants against Mandy Less. 6:30 p. m.: Townsends against Black's Lycks.

MILLER PARK. 1:30 p. m.: Williams Pharmacy against Auto Row. 3:30 p. m.: Trimble Bros. against Vinton Cubs. RIVERVIEW PARK. 1:30 p. m.: South Omaha Midgets against Gentlemen's Athletics. 3:30 p. m.: Riverkings against St. Francis Club. 4:30 p. m.: Drexel Shoe Co. against Humphreys.

FONTENELLE PARK, EAST DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: Murphy-Dug-Its against Michel Vetroles. 3:30 p. m.: Fontenelles against Browning-Kings. WEST DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: B. Prede against North Twenty-fourth Street Merchants. 3:30 p. m.: G. A. Nelsons against Thorpelans.

ELMWOOD PARK, EAST DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: Waples-Leavenworth Merchants against Ford Motor Co. 3:30 p. m.: Kennedy & Beselids against Nourse Oil Co. WEST DIAMOND. 1:30 p. m.: Omaha Printing Co. against Brown Park Juniors. 3:30 p. m.: Beacon Press against Nebraska Auto School.

LAKESIDE PARK. 1:30 p. m.: D. V. Crews against Twenty-fourth Street Merchants. THIRTY-FIRST AND BOYD. 3:30 p. m.: Merchants Hotel against Tradesmen. 5:30 p. m.: John Leese Plow Co. at Malvern, Ia. Where no time is specified game will commence at about 7 o'clock.

INDEPENDENT GAMES. Stors against Chicago Leland Giants at Rourke Park. Council Bluffs Imperials at Peria, Ia. Joe Smiths against National Bloomer Girls Athletic Park, Council Bluffs. Stors and Stripes at Treynor, Ia. Omaha Indians at Red Oak, Ia. Ducky Holmes against Leisley Brewing Co. Ducky Holmes park, Twenty-sixth and Martha.

Burlington Red Sox of Omaha against Burlington team of Lincoln at Lincoln. Robert Colts against Athletics at Third and Pierce. Thirtieth Street Merchants against Sam Moores at Thirty-first and Ames avenue.

White to Meet Griffiths. Charley White may meet Johnny Griffiths July 5 at Canton.

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Worse Than Busher, He Gets a Good Job

Ring W. Lardner, who scribbles the tales of the busher and conducts a column on the Chicago Tribune, breaks forth with the following yarn of a Nebraska State league athlete:

Not far from here there was a little bit of a base ball league; Class Y it would have been if it had had any classification at all. Among the players trying for job with one of the clubs was a catcher so cheap that he had to have his protector made to order. The youngster showed plenty of ability in practice, but was a horrible frost in a game. The manager decided to release him unconditionally, and expressed this intention to some of the other players.

"Let's have some fun with him first," said one.

And so they faked a telegram from the manager of a club in the Nebraska State league:

"Buy your release for \$100 and come at once for \$150 per month salary."

The youth showed the telegram to the manager, who, of course, knew it was a fake.

"Better tell them," advised the manager, "that we will release you for \$100. It looks like a good chance for you."

The recruit wired the Nebraska club as follows:

"Can get my release for \$100 and will work for you for \$150 per month. Wire railroad fare and \$100 for release."

And that night the youth received by telegram \$100 to pay for his release, together with sufficient funds for his transportation; also a telegram accepting his terms.

Whereupon he handed over the \$100 to the Y league manager, who was so shocked that he forgot himself and handed back \$25 of it to the kid as a present. The players who had framed the first telegram did not receive a split of the remaining \$75. The young catcher went to the Nebraska State league and is now in his third successful season there.

Phillies Need Regulars. Secretary of the Philadelphia Phillies says that as soon as the Phils get all of their regulars in the game the Cubs will have no chance to keep up with them.

OMAHA SPEEDWAY FINISHED MONDAY

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at the southeast curve and will conduct the spectators' cars right underneath the track. It will be finished soon. Officials of the Illinois Central railroad, which has a track right past the main entrance to the speedway, on the south side, made arrangements last week for extensive changes in their track and grading of their right-of-way, to facilitate the railroad traffic to the speed attraction. They plan to have frequent special trains to the gate at a nominal fare. Their grading and construction work will be permitted direct shipment of the racing cars to the grounds, as well as to be in readiness to handle the crowds for the elimination races and the main event at holiday time.

Track to the Gates. Street car service to the speedway will also be well handled, according to arrangements made by officials of the traction company. It plans a one-minute service over its Carter Lake club line to the speedway, with a spur track and Y to expedite the traffic right to one of the gates.

A large storeroom on auto row is now being used as an office for the advance sale of tickets and the sending of thousands of prospectuses and reservation charts to speed fans throughout the middle west. Twenty girls have been at work there for some time, under the direction of Manager Charlie Franks, folding and mailing literature, filling ticket orders and doing stenographic work, so the monster enterprise is being headed far and wide and the result has been a deluge of ticket orders from early birds who want to see the classic race from the choicest seats.

Seats for Thousands. As an indication of the seating facilities, the grandstand and capacity is significant. There will be eight stands facing the stretch near the finish, each having twelve rows of 120 seats, or 1,440 seats per stand, making a total of 11,520 seats in all. Every one will be marked and reserved, and the price of a seat includes gate admission, there being no extras, as at most big speed events throughout the country.

Each of the eight stands will also have twenty-five boxes in front, each box seating six people, thereby providing for 1,500 box seat reservations. The entire space inside the track will also be used in parking autos at reasonable prices, while plenty of free parking space is provided just outside the gates.

Fastest Speed Kings Coming. "That we will have record breaking speed is guaranteed," says P. J. McShane, jr., director of contests, "not only by our having the world's fastest track, but also the world's greatest drivers. I expect that by the time the elimination contests begin, we will have at least forty of the best drivers entered."

Under the rules, only seventeen can start, so all but that number of the drivers will be eliminated by the speed trials on Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4. The fact that such drivers as Ralph De Palma, world's record holder and winner of the recent 500-mile race at Indianapolis, are coming to Omaha for the race, and the added attraction of a \$10,000 purse insured as fine a bunch of entries as could be wished."

McShane is gratified by the news from Galesburg that Eddie O'Donnell and Tom Alley were placed first and second in the big race there Wednesday. Both are signed up for the world's classic 300-mile race at the Omaha Auto Speedway July 5, which is a further promise of plenty of speed.

James Cards a Fight. Harry James signed articles calling for a ten-round go between Johnny Ritchie, Vinton, and Eddie Evers of Rock Island.

Cards in Better Shape. With Miller Huggins and Beck back in the game, the Cardinals will be a much more dangerous crew from now on.

IRISH-AMERICAN PUGS AND ALL THEIR HISTORY

NEW YORK, June 12.—The following table gives the place of birth of some of the boxers who came to America from Ireland:

Name, Date of Birth, Native of
Cassio, Martin, October 15, 1883, Clare
Coffey, Jim, July 4, 1861, County Mayo
Dempsey, Jack, December 18, 1882, Kildare
Ginsy, Jimmy, November 2, 1888, Tipperary
Donovan, M. J., November 1881, Cork
Harley, Dave, November, 1881, Cork
Bradley, Pat, March 8, 1882, Donegal
Gardner, George, March, 1877, Clare
Flanagan, Jim, December 26, 1880, Clare
Flanagan, Willie, April 13, 1881, Waterford
Maher, Peter, March 18, 1880, Galway
McAuliffe, Jack, March 24, 1880, Cork
McCormick, Tom, August, 1880, Dundalk
Murphy, Jerry, January 22, 1888, Kerry
O'Neill, Snapper, August, 1888, Bellefonte
Quill, Tom, May 15, 1888, Macrone
Lavin, Paddy, July 17, 1886, Kildare
Ryan, Paddy, March 18, 1886, Tipperary
Sharkey, Tom, November 23, 1878, Dundalk
Sullivan, Dave, May 19, 1877, Cork
Sullivan, (Bike), July 31, 1874, Galway
Sweeney, Pater, March 3, 1878, Knockanofa
Wells, Ike, February 8, 1877, Belfast



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Advertisement for B.V.D. Underwear. The ad features a man in a suit and a woman in a dress. The man is holding a large sign that says "This Red Woven Label MADE FOR THE B.V.D. BEST RETAIL TRADE Assures Cool Comfort and Spring UNDERWEAR". Below the sign, the text reads: "That's Your Friend, The B.V.D. Label, Boys!" and "MAKE a mental snapshot of that Red Woven Label, Tom, and you won't be fooled as I've been once. Now, they can't sell me anything but B.V.D. Underwear. False claims such as 'Same as B.V.D.' or 'Just like B.V.D.' or 'B.V.D. With The Label Left Off' won't go with me." Another quote says: "How's that? Well, I don't take anybody's say-so, but that of my own eyes. I've cut my eye-teeth and I'm wise. I know from wearing B.V.D.—I've got it on now—how cool, comfortable and carefully made it is. I don't buy if the B.V.D. Red Woven Label is missing." At the bottom, it says "One every B.V.D. Undergarment is sewed the B.V.D. Red Woven Label" and "MADE FOR THE B.V.D. BEST RETAIL TRADE". The B.V.D. logo is prominently displayed. At the very bottom, it says "The B.V.D. Company, New York."