

Bringing Up Father

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Judgments

THE big sensation of the waning season was sprung at the end of the week, in the shape of a report from Cincinnati, San Diego, Chicago and a few other widely separated centers of news, to the effect that a man had made an offer of \$100,000 in cash for the Cincinnati team, and that the deal was about to be closed. The man himself says he has an option for thirty days on the team and franchise, and Garry Herrmann says he has nothing to say about it. That last part of it may be so, for in other times it has been proved that Garry didn't have a helix to say about the Cincinnati team. But the sensation is that any man in possession of his senses would be willing to put real money into a baseball team. The price offered may not be the entire sum, but if it is, prices for ball teams have come down materially during the last few months, just at a time when everybody else was going up. Last year at this time you couldn't talk about buying a big league team for less than \$5 million, while minor league franchises were quoted in the six figures column. But times surely have changed, and \$100,000 looks like a lot of money to the baseball man these days.

The Federal league has carried out its announced intention of cutting prices of admission, and now for a sick dime the bleacherite may indulge himself in sunshine and shade ball at any Federal park. If he wants a roof over his seat he can have it for a quarter, and for half a dollar he can get into the reserved seat section of the grandstand. At Brooklyn, for one place, the cut in rates hasn't brought any additional crowds to the park, but it may be that in time the populace will see the rationale of the proceeding. This is a most vital question, and lots of study has been given it by well placed baseball men during the last few months. Among those who follow the game closely, the impression is strong that next season will see the price of admission to ball parks cut far below the tariff of this season. It will mean a reduction in operating expenses, and this can only be achieved by scaling down players' salaries, so that if the prophecies come true the day of big league pay for minor league players is at an end. Reduction in admission price is not the only factor in the business problem before the minor league owners of the country, and it may easily be believed that they are waiting with some anxiety for the coming of the next convention, in order that definite plans for the next season may be settled.

While on this question of the business side of the game, a writer in the Letter Box column suggests that Pa Rourke sell out. Pa read the letter very carefully from end to end, and with a sad, wistful smile, said: "Well, I dare him to make me an offer for the team." As a matter of fact, Rourke, in common with the other Western league owners, has rejected a lot this season that would make a lot of the home roasters, but very suddenly if they were asked to face it. Attendance has been remarkably poor along the circuit during the entire season, and for weeks not a team has come within a city block of making its expenses. On Wednesday afternoon Omaha and Topeka played before sixty-four paid admissions, and on Thursday less than 200 paid to see Omaha and Lincoln battle for twelve innings. Such support is not calculated to enthrone either players or owners. And any man who rests his hope of making his baseball team pay on the promise of an anonymous letter writer is quite apt to get fooled.

A Western league owner was approached by a magnate of the American association recently in regard to the future of a promising young man. The deal went along very nicely until terms were reached. Then the A. A. magnate wrote the Western league man that if his player would come to the town where he was wanted, and pay his own expenses, he would be given an opportunity to show what he might do, but no cash could be furnished. And another transaction was closed.

If you really feel an interest in the Omaha team, you'd better go out to Rourke park today, for it will be almost the last chance you'll have to see the Rourke family in action this summer. After the double-header today the team leaves for a twenty-day trip, and then back home for Labor day and the wind-up of the season. A good crowd this afternoon will help a lot.

The return of Jack Coombs, Vean Gregg, Ed Walsh, Larry Doyle and a few others of the "dead ones" of the big leagues is not at all discouragement. It simply shows that a good man still has a chance in baseball if he takes care of himself.

WITH THE OMAHA AMATEURS

First Game of City Series to Be Played Today Between Brown Parks and K. & B.'s.

MIX FOR MERCANTILE LOOP RAG

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

With all the pomp and splendor necessary for such an auspicious occasion the Omaha Amateur association will commence the Class "B" elimination series at the Douglas county fair grounds, which is located directly opposite Rourke park, today. The directors, managers and others interested have disposed of a bunch of tickets for the city series, consequently a large crowd is looked for. The interest already manifested in the contest looked for today is enough, if climatic conditions prove favorable, to guarantee a packed house. There will be four games on the bill of fare and according to the silver spread to date they will all be humdingers.

Only one game of the city series will be jerked off, namely, the row between the Brown Park Merchants, winner of the rag in the City league, and the Kennedy & Bessemer, the big guns of the American league. Shock will be on the firing line for the cabbage merchants and with the co-operation of his team mates he will utilize all the Havana and other fivers available to smoke on the humans from the South Side. The opposition will have Frank Potach to unearth all his twisters and base ball knowledge for the supreme purpose of waiting southward with the hook.

The next game of importance in Class "B" will be the fight between Brandeis Stores and the Drexel Shoe company, to ascertain which team grabs the bunting in the Mercantile league. Bushman will probably kink them for the shoe peddlers and Sullivan will hurl the pill for the counter jumpers. The Armours and Chris Lycka, contenders for some of the maximums to be slated out in the Greater Omaha league, will endeavor to mail each other. Gurnee or Sullivan will head for the Armours and either Hiatt or Altman will be on the mound for the Chris Lycka.

Last week James P. Mullen was busy organizing a bunch of old-timers that he is willing to pit against any pennant winner of the various leagues. He wants to stage the game at Rourke Omaha some Sunday during September. Every man picked for this team has played amateur base ball in Omaha over twelve years. Here is the bunch. Glance over them and see if they wouldn't give any conglomeration of stars that could be mustered together a tough battle: Frank Quigley, catcher; William Bands, pitcher; Harry Cross, first; William Robin, second; William Elliott, short; Robert Elliott, third; Clarence Hall, Joseph Brown, Frank Spellman and James Mullen, outfielders.

Parade a Success.

That big amateur base ball parade, which proved to be the stellar attraction of the day on the main thoroughfares yesterday afternoon, was a distinct success. The main reason for said parade was to create a little extra interest in the city series and to let the base ball insects know that the amateurs are on the map. The directors of the association led the parade, city and county officials were next in line, and then came the players of the various teams, and rooters. Ducky Holmes' quartet coughed up a few bars that met with the general approval of the ones on the side lines. The parade was staged under the auspices of the Amateur association and The Bee.

Sandlot Goslop.

Chelipino Bowley "slapped" three on the smeller against Dodge, Neb., for Rike, Neb.

Cogan is now doing the urging for McQuillan's Hatz, and Rooster is performing behind the yallow.

With a crippled squad the Alamitos are being "slapped" from Ducky Holmes' speed boys, last Sunday.

Blumer, formerly with the Kraljovska, now hitbatted to the Strollers. He will strengthen their team considerably.

Next Sunday the championship of the booster league will be decided, when the J. D. Crews and G. A. Nelson clash.

The Armours and Woodson of the World will have to fight it out for first place in the Saturday class "A" league.

Richard (Dick) Kisanava has been hired at three plunks per game to do the barking during the city elimination series.

According to the loquacious stuff spread about, the Alamitos and Ducky Holmes played before 4,000 fans and fanettes.

The Southeast Improvement club and the Omaha Printing company will play ball on the fair grounds today. Game called at 1:30 p. m.

Chris Lycka is flaunting on a base ball tournament during the county fair. Said tournament is to be held on the same days as the horse races.

Because they won the pennant in the Inter-City league, the Trimble Bros. got all the fair grounds today, which they will banquet their team.

That lad Holbrook is breaking in as a regular versatile player. He has performed in nearly every corner of the diamond this season.

Behind the stick Wally Spellman looks like a big leaguer for the Alamitos. He ought to be eligible to graduate from the sand-lots this fall.

Base Ball Fans Are Often Wont to Argue on Hits and Errors

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—What is a base hit—and why, and when? asks a base ball writer. It is one of the surprising things of the frequently surprising game of base ball that fans always differ in their opinions on this question. Two followers of the game are sitting together. The batter knocks a grounder to short field territory. The shortstop and third baseman rush for it. The ball reaches the shortstop's hands and out again. He throws too late to get his man at first.

"That," avers one, "is another hit for Eddie."

"A hit," protests the other. "Why, man, that's a boot. How're you going to figure a hit out of that?"

This is what the code says in section 4 of rule 8:

"A base hit shall be recorded in the following cases:

"When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders, provided the batter reaches first base safely.

"When a fair hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base, or to force out another base runner.

"When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

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Two Brown Stars Jump College to The Big League

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 14.—Usually ball players don't jump from the college campus to major league teams and prosper, but the St. Louis Browns have two such performers. One is George Bialer, star of the University of Michigan team for four years, who is taking his turn at pitching, playing first base and center field for the St. Louis team. Slater, pitcher, and another Wolverine player, Slater opposed Koob on the pitching mound and after ten innings of play the game was called with the score 5 to 6. Koob had permitted the Michigan team only two hits and Slater had poked both of these.

After watching Koob's sensational work in this game, Riekey lost no time in signing the 21-year-old youngster. In the few games he has pitched he has shown form that indicates he is going to be a star. His teammates have nicknamed him "Waddell the Second."

Jennings Likes Golf.

High Jennings is an ardent golfer. Higgins, however, says the game is hard to get so far as his players are concerned during the season. He believes the swing is detrimental to good batting.

Morgan an Empire.

Cy Morgan, the former pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics who failed in the box with the Tulsa team of the Western association, has been named as an umpire in this league.

Pitcher for Browns.

Pitcher James East of the Lexington club of the Ohio State league was sold to the St. Louis club of the American league.

LARRY DOYLE ADDED TO COME-BACK CLUB—Larry Doyle, one of the mainstays of the Giants, is back to his regular speed again. Playing against the Cardinals Doyle tore off his four hits in one game, one triple, one double and two singles. In addition thereto he made three runs and stole two bases. He now leads the National league in batting.

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