Jeff's Sense of Humor Aggravates Mutt

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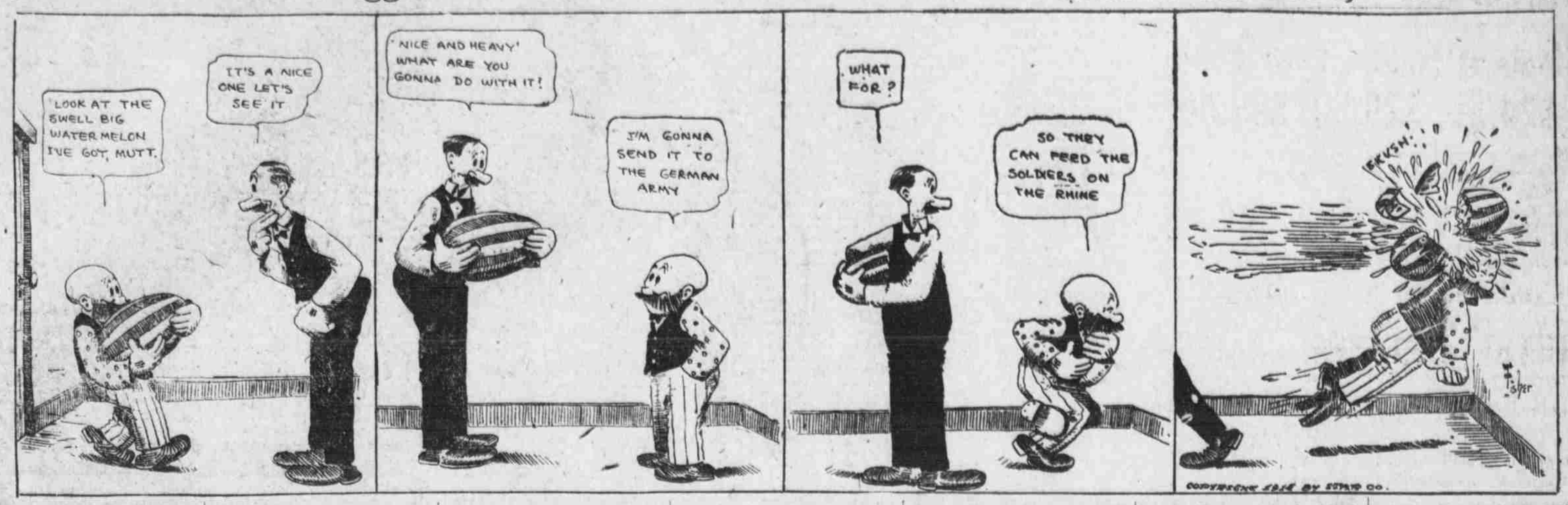

MINORS IN TRANCE BEFORE THE MAJORS

Lesser Magnates Under Hypnotic Spell When Time Comes for Adjudication of Troubles.

BLOCK TEARNEY'S PROPOSAL

Most Important Bit of Legislation that Was Offered at the Convention is Neglected and Loses Out.

For several weeks before the convention of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues was called confirmed reports were promulgated from almost every league in the minor federation to the effect that the minors were dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs and would make many changes at the meeting here which would better the conditions of base ball. Intermingling with the notices of discontentment were belligerent declarations against the National commission and the major leagues. The minors intended to speak to the commission about certain things and bring about a change of leadership.

But the hypnotizing presence of Garry Herrmann, Ban Johnson, C. H. Thomas, Schuyler Britton, Charles Ebbets and the like put an end to the aspirations of the minors. Coming here with the realization that at this propitious time they could demand most anything and be accommodated gladly, the minors fell into a trance before the major mystics and promptly returned to the old order of things, playing second fiddle.

Proposal is Blocked.

The most important bit of proposed legislation, that introduced by Al Tearney of the Three-I circuit, which called for a board of arbitration of five members, to elect a permanent secretary to the board and to give the secretary a place on the National commission, was blocked most effectively despite fervent protests and objections and arguments propelled by Mr. Tearney. Tearney was all alone when the matter was placed before the convention yesterday afternoon. Before the convention Tearney had been assured by many members of the National association that they were heartily in sympathy with his idea and that they would endorse it when introduced. But after Herrmann and Johnson had performed a little expert lobbying, they changed their minds and Tearney was left alone with his resolution.

The minors did the one thing, however, which they needed most to do. They clipped the expense side of the ledger unmercifully. Cuts of 20 per cent were registered in all leagues. Just what action Mr. Dave Fultz and the players' fraternity will take now is unknown. But it is a safe and even bet that Fultz will have something to say and more trouble may break for the minor men before the passing of many more days.

Discuss Salaries.

The convention opened yesterday with a discussion of the salary and player limits of the Class C and D leagues. It was agreed to permit those leagues to retain their old limits. The salary limit of Class C will continue to be $1,400 and of Class D $1,200, while the player limits will continue to be, respectively, fourteen and thirteen.

The Texas league asked to be exempt from the class B salary limit of $2,000 on the assertion that they could not put up a standard article of ball in that circuit on the specified amount. Their request was voted down.

The C and D leagues asked that the optional agreemnt purchase price be lowered from $100 to $1. This was denied because of the clause prohibiting farming of playersk.

The next question was Tearney's resolution. After that had been killed another argument arose and Tearney was again the center of discussion.

Tearney Wins Out.

The committee on revision of the constitution suggested that, at the request of President Mike Sexton, the five-mile clause be stricken out in the case of Rock Island. The Three-I league just transferred the Springfield franchise to Rock Island Wednesday. The suggestion was made in order that a Central association club could not enter Rock Island. In other words two teams could be put in that city, if both leagues insisted on entering Rock Island.

Tearney and Sexton fought the matter out on the floor for a considerable length of time, both arguing the virtues of the two leagues. Eventually Sexton gave in to Tearney and withdrew his request. The five-mile clause still stands for Rock Island and the Three-I league alone will franchise that city.

Secretary Farrell was granted a vacation of thirty days.

National Board Made Boss.

The National Board of Arbitration was authorized to conduct all business of the national association with the National commission or other interested parties during the winter months and also to fight any proposed reductions in the draft prices.

Louis Heilbroner, president of the Central league, suggested that the position on the board of arbitration held by Frank R. Carson be declared vacant and a new member elected. Heilbroner declared Carson was no longer vice president of the Central league and had been out of base ball for two years. The suggestion was voted down as Carson still is a member of the board of arbitration as he had not yet handed in his resignation.

San Francisco was selected as the meeting place for 1915. Previously a resolution of Tearney's providing Chicago as the site for the convention every year was tabled. Tearney objected to Frisco as he declared the expense to make the trip was too great. Charley Ebbets, of Brooklyn, declared the expense would be very light. Tearney admitted to the majors it would be reasonable but not to the minors. Tearney was again voted down and the California town selected. The meeting then adjourned for another year and the magnates prepared to catch early trains for their respective homes.

Morass to Manage the Auto Speedway

"Ernie" A. Morass of Indianapolis Speedway fame has signed a two-year contract to manage the new auto-track that is now in the course of completion near Carter lake.

Mr. Morass knows the racing game and will be quite an acquisition in making the Omaha speedway a success.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

PEACE DEAL COMES TO A SUDDEN HALT

Weeghman and Taft Must Now Deal Directly Before Progress Can Be Made.

MURPHY SAID TO BE IN WAY

Former Cub Owner Holds Big Block of Stock as Collateral for Purchase Price and Also Owns West Side Park.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Negotiations between Charles Weegman and August Herrmann, expected to result in the former's acquiring control of the Chicago Nationals, came to a halt tonight after their fifth meeting.

Mr. Herrmann, who represented the Taft interests in the meetings, sent word to the newspapers that the preliminary stages in the negotiations had been passed and that final terms must be arranged by Weeghman and Charles P. Taft.

Murphy in Way.

It was generally believed tonight that rumors that Charles W. Murphy held 52 per cent of the stock in the West Side club as collateral for the purchase price due him, and the likelihood of his opposing the removal of the Cub club from the grounds, of which he is part owner, had a large part in stopping the deal. This was not confirmed by either party to the negotiations, both refusing to give out details.

According to Herrmann there is hardly a chance anything further will develop this month.

No Immediate Peace.

With the halt in the Cub deal hope of immediate base ball peace was deferred, but it was rumored that a truce calculated to prevent competitive gidding on ball players' salaries would be reached.

News that minor leagues had agreed on salary and player limits was taken as evidence that their leaders had assurance of a working agreement between organized base ball and the Federal league.

Iowa Confident of Victory Over Ames

IOWA CITY, Ia., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The Iowa team will finish its preparation for the game with Ames today and will leave for Marshalltown tomorrow at 1 o'clock to spend the night before the battle. The remainder of the journey to Ames will be made on Saturday morning. The Hawkeyes were not given the usual amount of scrimmage yesterday, going through a short defensive workout with the freshmen only. The yearlings used Ames and Nebraska plays and made some good gains, but failed to carry the ball consistently. The ghost ball and the arc lights were again brought into use. Carberry, right end, and Parsons, right half, were kept out of the scrimmage by bad bruises. Wills, sub fullback, was drilled at right half in order to take Parsons' place if the latter is unable to last through the game Saturday.

The local student body is confident of a victory over the Aggies, as are the coaches. The latter fear, however, that the big farmer team will batter the Hawkeyes so badly that the team's chances against Nebraska will be hurt. Ames is expected to put up a desperate, last-ditch fight because of the fact that the game is the big one of the year for them and will be played at homecoming time there.

Omaha High Eleven Leaves for Battle With North Platte

Last night fifteen of Omaha High's pig skin wrestlers left town for North Platte with full intention of ruining the hopes of the western end of the state for anything big this year in foot baal. The Omaha squad fully expects to bring home the bacon. The North Platte tribe is reported to have a strong team and it is counting on doing things to Omaha.

Omaha is sending up fifteen team men. Coaches Mills and Harrington, Mr. Reed and Mr. Graff, along with a number of students. They had a special Pullman. The line up for the game will be: Wilson, right guard; Peterson, right tackle; Reese, right guard; Beard, center; Bradley, left guard; Phillips, left tackle; Morearty, left end; Nichols, quarter; Johnon, right half; Lutes, left half; Berry, full back. Neville, Engstrom, Withey and Meicher will make the trip as substitutes.

Waugh will be referee and Caldwell, umpire.

MURNANE SAYS COLLEGE MEN ELEVATE BASE BALL

Tim Murnane, president of the New England league, sporting editor of the Boston Globe and veteran ball player, made a short address to members of the University club at noon on "The College Man in Base Ball." Mr. Murnane declared that the college man has accomplished more to elevate base ball to the plane of other professions than had any other one factor.

"Such men," said he, "as Jake Stahl, graduate of the University of Illinois; Christy Mathewson, Carrigan and others are decidedly men of whom the national game may well be proud."

In closing his talk, Mr. Murnane asserted that he believed sport of all kinds, but particularly base ball and foot ball, have been of untold benefit to the country.

OMAHA HIGH AND CRANE TECH PLAY ON BIRD DAY

Negotiations between Omaha High school and Crane Technology of Chicago have been closed for a Thanksgiving gridiron battle upon a local field.

The cadet eleven will play at North Platte today, where a stiff encounter is expected with the high school team there.

VEIL OVER SECRET PRACTICE

Stiehm Putting Team Through New Formation Behind Closed Gates.

EXPECTING A STIFF BATTLE

Cornhusker Coach Drilling Eleven for One of the Bitterest Contested Foot Ball Struggles of Whole Season.

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Coach Jumbo Stiehm drew the veil of secrecy just a little bit closer last night than any time since he has been in charge of Cornhusker athletics. The coach looks for one of the hardest games with the Kansas Jayhawkers that he has ever faced, and is determined that the new formations of the last few days shall not become known to any Kansas spy, if he can prevent it.

In addition to a long signal drill Stiehm gave his men a severe scrimmage practice with the freshmen. It was dark before he finally called a halt.

Chamberlain Twists Leg.

The scrimmage brought more bad luck to the Huskers. Chamberlain got his leg twisted and was forced to retire. He will be kept out of scrimmage for the remainder of the week to insure him against further injuries.

Potter, who has been suffering from an injured leg, was again in uniform last night. Rutherford and Halligan were exhorted to take care of themselves.

The freshmen again attempted to use the Kansas formations against the varsity, and they did not get very far with them.

Stiehm and Assistant Coach Hoffel believe that Kansas is laying for Nebraska and are anxious because of it.

Rooters to Organize.

There is going to be more organized rooting at the game next Saturday than in several moons. The Kansas delegation will number close to 600, according to latest reports from Lawrence, and it is possible that 1,000 students will make the trip. Kansas City also promises a delegation to root for the Jayhawkers. The Kansans will be seated on the north side of the field. Just to the west of them the Nebraska Law college has secured an entire section and will attend the game in a body. The "laws" have always been awarded the prize for songs and yells, and the two yell leaders for the college have been busy over a week working up new songs.

Reed says the crowd is going to pack the field and that the advance reservations show but few seats will be left on the day of the game.

The Kansas foot ball squad is due to arrive in Lincoln Friday morning and will have a complete day's rest before the game.

WESTERN LEAGUE SHORTENS LENGTH OF SEASON'S PLAY

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this circuit from the Federal league late in the season. One other umpire was accepted by some of the clubs, but Van Sickle is the only man sure of his job.

To Use Fewer Balls.

Another economy measure provides that but two new balls be used each game instead of six or eight. It was learned that in the American association last year one umpire collected a whole trunk full of brand new balls. As balls cost perfectly good money it was decided to use but two new ones, and the umps would have no chance to cop side money by that method.

No players can be ejected from the Western league grounds this coming year. Instead the umpires will attach cute little fines on them when they become belligerent or sassy. If the player is fined once and then continues his rambles another fine will be tacked on and the matter taken before the president of the league.

Wichita and Topeka will still be in the league. Dan Breese, the Wichita mogul, will remain with his club, but the directors of the Topeka club are willing to sell their franchise for a fair price.

Catcher Marshall Drafted by Giants

Dick Kinsella, the demon scout for the New York Giants, who has been attending the minor league convention here in behalf of John McGraw, put through his first deal yesterday whereby he obtains by purchase from John McGill of Denver, Catcher Marshall for the Giants next spring. Denver drafted Marshall from Davenport of the champion Three-I team this fall and now Marshall goes up, so McGill picks up a little soft coin.