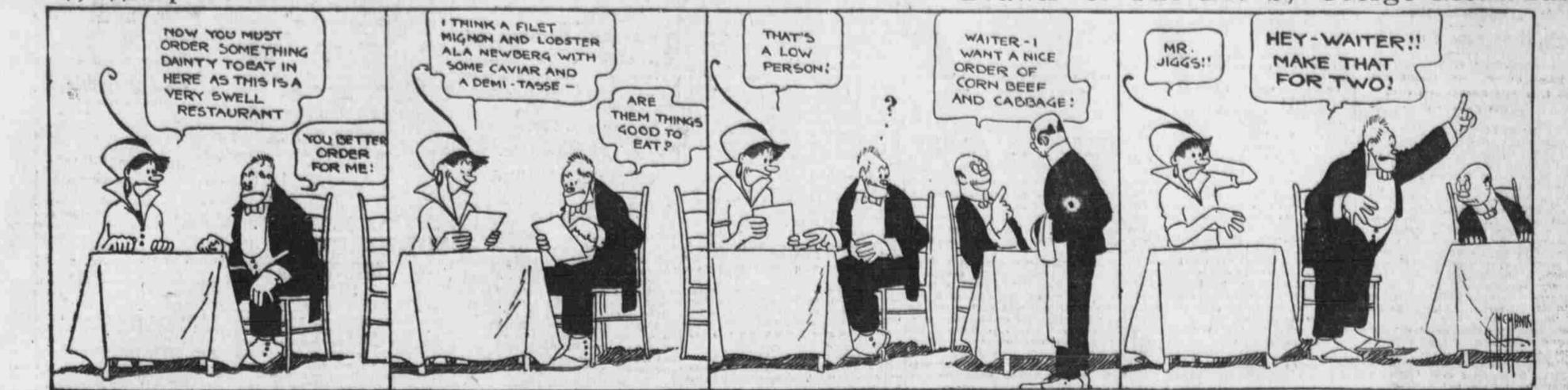


Bringing Up Father



Drawn for The Bee by George McManus

Judgments

THE signing of Hube Marquard by the Brooklyn Federals came so hot upon the heels of Walter Johnson's leap to the Chicago Federals as to cast a somewhat dimming shadow over the latter for the moment, though it may, with Marquard's case, be later reflected in the courts. Johnson is accused merely of violating an option clause in his contract. Washington maintains that by virtue of this clause it had a string on the great pitcher's services, which could not be broken without its waiver. The point is disputed. Reports come from Washington that astute lawyers for the American league club there say the clause is binding, while the Fed's lawyers in Chicago, equally astute, no doubt, are just as certain that the clause does not legally prevent Johnson from signing with Tinker's team. So there you are. It looks from this distance like a fat snap for the lawyers. But Marquard's case seems to be different. New York claims he is still under regular contract to hurl for the Giants in 1915, and that the Giants have an additional option on his services past 1915. If this is true, Marquard is entitled to no consideration for those who believe that the principle of common honesty and decent business should govern base ball. The Wards, who own the Brooklyn and are themselves lawyers—at least John M. is of course appreciate that and the worth of a contract. They are represented as saying that they will first have to "see" the contract by which the hube is still legally bound to New York; that he told them there was no such contract now, and that they believe he dealt with them in good faith. Of course, if there is a contract, New York can produce it, in which event it would seem to leave Mr. Marquard "hanged, drawn and quartered." David Fultz, president of the Players' fraternity, expresses amazement at Marquard's action, declaring that if it is proven that he was under contract to the Giants he will be dismissed from the fraternity, which will neither aid nor hinder Marquard in any way. Fultz, that ought to help him with those who have not been able to perceive good in him or his fraternity. We have not been in this class. Fultz, we think, is a high-minded gentleman, and his fraternity, properly conducted, ought to serve the best interests of base ball. But whether Johnson and Marquard are found to have violated legal agreements or not, their cases to them, emphasize the fact that Messrs. Johnson, Herrmann et al. have badly underestimated the situation if they think war does not yet exist in base ball, or existing, if it is a thing to be sneered at. The sooner, we repeat, the big men on both sides of this ugly dispute get down to common sense and try to find a common ground for settling their trouble the sooner they will all prosper.

PIGSKINNERS CLOSE SEASON

Curtain Drops Today for All the Amateur Eleven Matches.

TWO BATTLES AT ROURKE'S

Spaldings and Masda Tigers Will Play First Game and Second Will Be Columbians and Monmouth Parks.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Guess all the fans will join the chorus and unanimously endorse this season as the best the local exponents of the leather egg have ever staged. Even the smaller fellows have by their knowledge of technique of the game been able to show up on occasion because they were able to handle sturdier opponents in a workmanlike manner and hold themselves safe when less fitted foot ballists would have encountered trouble. The class "A" teams have showed up real strong and the championship to date has been bitterly fought. All the teams have been especially fortunate as far as finances are concerned, and the Sunday foot ball devotees have been afforded the opportunity to witness many excellent exhibitions. Taken as a whole, the season has been one grand distinct success.

Today is the day set aside for the amateurs to drop. The local independent teams will settle their difficulties out at Rourke park this afternoon. Two games are on the bill of fare, the first of which will be between the Spaldings and the much-pouted Masda Tigers. According to the hope, this jamboree should be a humdinger.

Immediately after this game the Columbians and the Monmouth Parks will stage a battle royal for supremacy, which, according to the dope going the rounds, will be some torrid affair.

First game at 1:30 p. m. Second game at 3 p. m.

Lineup: COLLEBIANS. MON. PARKE. Selden, C.C.; C.C. Blackman, Maise, R.G.; R.G. T. Payne, Raso, R.C.; L.C. J. Payne, Fitch, R.R.; R.R. Nordstrom, McCormick, L.L.; L.L. Schmitt, Kelly, E.L.; E.L. Simpson, Quigley, O.B.; O.B. McCarey, Williams, H.B.; H.B. De Franco, Bandau, F.B.; F.B. F. Golden. Substitutes: Murphy, Lynch, Fibush, Cref, Moran. Although the Masda Tigers have been doing a good deal of squawking about the Class B championship, nevertheless the Columbian Reserves say they don't have to play the Tigers again because they trimmed them during the early part of the season. They claim the class "B" championship because they were not defeated by an Omaha contingent and further because they were not scored on. Here is their record: Columbians Reserves, 6; Masda Tigers, 6; Columbian Reserves, 3; Shamrocks, 0; Columbian Reserves, 4; Hyland Parks, 6; Columbian Reserves, 2; CHION III Merchants, 6; Columbian Reserves, 1; Council Bluffs Tigers, 4; Columbian Reserves, 2; Monmouth Park Reserves, 6; Columbian Reserves, 0; Spaldings, 6.

In regard to the Valley, Neb., challenge the Columbians are willing to play them in Omaha next Sunday. Valley states that they would play the Columbians, but insist on a neutral ground. Now the Columbians are not exactly in foot ball for their health and furthermore they are not putting out any dough to demonstrate to Valley their foot ball supremacy. If this game was arranged and scheduled for Omaha on Christmas day, it would draw a large crowd and both teams would fare well financially. Valley could assure themselves of a victory deal because the Columbians would let them furnish all the officials and as Rourke park is well fortified on occasions of this kind with police protection, it would be a difficult matter to rob Valley.

By the Fireside. Sitting by the fireside with the lights on and low you will wander back to the games you played years ago; you can remember when after the plights you chased, and that inward feeling of joy when your team were leaders in the race; when the newspapers chronicled the brightest star that shined; you will also remember the day you gave up the race, either because your condition was such that your foot ball days are over and the book is closed, be a booster for the game, but please don't pose.

Gridiron Fletism. Next season the Superiors will again be back on the job.

Big Harry Williams proved to be a very efficient official this season. Flanagan of the California Athletics has developed into a splendid tackle. That big husky halfback tagged Third list and then ask yourself if old 'Chris, 'Der Poss Manager,' left nothing.

Our idea of a real winter sport is a game of soccer foot ball between and Irish and English team, such as was fought out at Rourke park yesterday. This week in New York we are promised a resumption of that popular indoor sport of eliminating Murphy. Ban Johnson will start it off.

Ah, cruel fates, even the faithful Hank O'Day threatens to jump to the Feds.

Columbians, Who Claim City Foot Ball Championship



Bottom Row, Left to Right—Fibush, end; Murphy, center; Frank Quigley, manager and quarterback; Kiely, end; Foran, end; Middle Row—Fitch, tackle; Lynch, mascot; Maise, guard; Flanagan, halfback and captain; Selden, center. Top Row—Hermlock, doctor; Lynch, guard; Waggoner, halfback; Fitzgerald, halfback; Johnson, coach; Newman, tackle; T. Sandan, guard; Rosso, guard; P. Sandan, fullback.

of the Spaldings is sure a line plunging ward. Fred Carlson says with vehemence that he will never again do the moolah. Ed Diamond says he will be back among the leather egg booters next season.

Frank Golden, the phenomenal line plunger, will play fullback for the Monmouth Parks today.

Well, the famous Wisner, Neb., team went through the season without letting their opponents score a point.

Arthur Moran, who is the largest backfield man at local level, is one of the cleanest players around these jungles.

Jack Fitzgerald says it tickles him like a feather to think that he ditched his ankle sprained before Thanksgiving day.

If the Masda Tigers can trim the Spaldings the Columbian Reserves would give them another whack at the Class B championship.

Next Sunday an "All-Star" lineup, picked by Harry Williams and Harry Wright, local officials, will appear in these columns.

In the Spalding-South Omaha Merchants game one of the southwindsy lads got his nose broken and another put his left shoulder on the bum.

To look at Maise, the young lad who has garnered the rep as chief pun of the Columbian, you would think he was an Archibald and wore a glass in one glemmer.

Matty won't play Sabbath Ball, but Golf is Different. Christy Mathewson, of the Giants, is a good example of what golf will do to an otherwise perfectly Christian-like gentleman.

Matty, as most every one knows, does not play ball on Sunday. Such an act would conflict with his religious scruples. He made it a condition when he joined the Giants that he never was to participate in a Sunday game.

Hearing of Matty's stand and admiring it, a St. Louis clergyman called at the Giants' hotel to congratulate Matty when the Giants were in the Mount City recently. It was on Sunday.

"Mr. Mathewson is out, sir," the hotel clerk told the minister.

"Could you tell me, please, where I can find him?" asked the clergyman.

"Yep; he's out playing golf, his second round today," was the reply.

Johnny Evers Gives Example of Working Fine Points of Game. John Evers was discussing major and minor league base ball.

"A leading difference in the two," said the Trojan, "is in working the fine points of the game. To illustrate: We were playing the Cardinals—this was when I was on the Cubs—and the St. Louis pitcher was a spit baller. We noticed that at certain times Allan Hauser, who was playing short, would set his fingers, stoop and rub it on the dirt.

Columbus Shooters To Mix with Omaha Men in Team Match

A match shoot between a dozen of Omaha's crack trap shooters and a like number from the Columbus Gun club will be held a week from today. It has not been definitely decided whether the shoot will occur at the Carter Lake Gun club or the Omaha Gun club, but probably the former.

Lester Gates is piloting the Columbus crew and he promises that his men will show the Omaha trappers a few things about the blue rocks. Outside of Omaha Columbus possesses the most enthusiastic bunch of shooters in Nebraska and they will be held a week from today. It has not been definitely decided whether the shoot will occur at the Carter Lake Gun club or the Omaha Gun club, but probably the former.

Official American League Batting Averages for 1914

Table with columns for CLUB BATTING, INDIVIDUAL BATTING, and player statistics including name, team, and various batting metrics.

COAST PUGS UP IN THE AIR

California Promoters Looking for Places to Run Fights.

M'CARREY OUT PROSPECTING

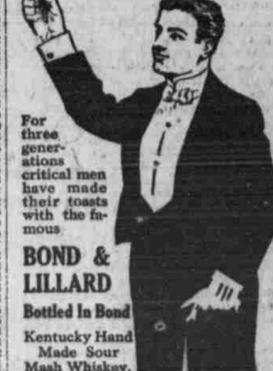
Noted Pugilistic Impresario Trying to Settle Upon New Orleans as a Location for His Activities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The efforts of California fight promoters to locate new fields for their activities have not met with much success so far. Of late Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles veteran pugilistic impresario, has been trying to blow up the game at New Orleans, where Promoter Tortorich enjoys a monopoly. Needless to say Tortorich views with alarm the prospects of having to compete with the Californian. Tortorich expresses his views thusly: "You can say for me that no outsider is going to run a boxing club in this town. I'm boss down here. I've struggled along through the lean times and I'm going to be in on the harvest. There is not room for two clubs. I was largely responsible for putting through a bill giving us twenty-round bouts, and now that the game has been legislated out of existence on the coast, I don't think it is fair for McCarey to encroach on this territory."

That Tortorich will have his own way in the matter is not likely, however. The merchants of New Orleans see in boxing a grand opportunity to advertise the city, and to attract throngs of visitors, provided bouts that will secure country-wide attention are put on. So far Tortorich has not been very successful in his ventures. In fact, suit has been filed against him for rent of one of the arenas in which he is interested. The last bout he staged was a financial failure, although the card was one that looked to be attractive.

McCarey in Favor. Apparently the impression prevails that McCarey is the man most likely to restore the Crescent City's lost standing as a pugilistic and all round sporting center. He has had plenty of experience in handling championship matches, many of the most important battles having been held under his auspices. At McCarey's request a meeting of New Orleans newspaper owners was called to ascertain whether attention was put on. So far Tortorich has not been very successful in his ventures. In fact, suit has been filed against him for rent of one of the arenas in which he is interested. The last bout he staged was a financial failure, although the card was one that looked to be attractive.

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