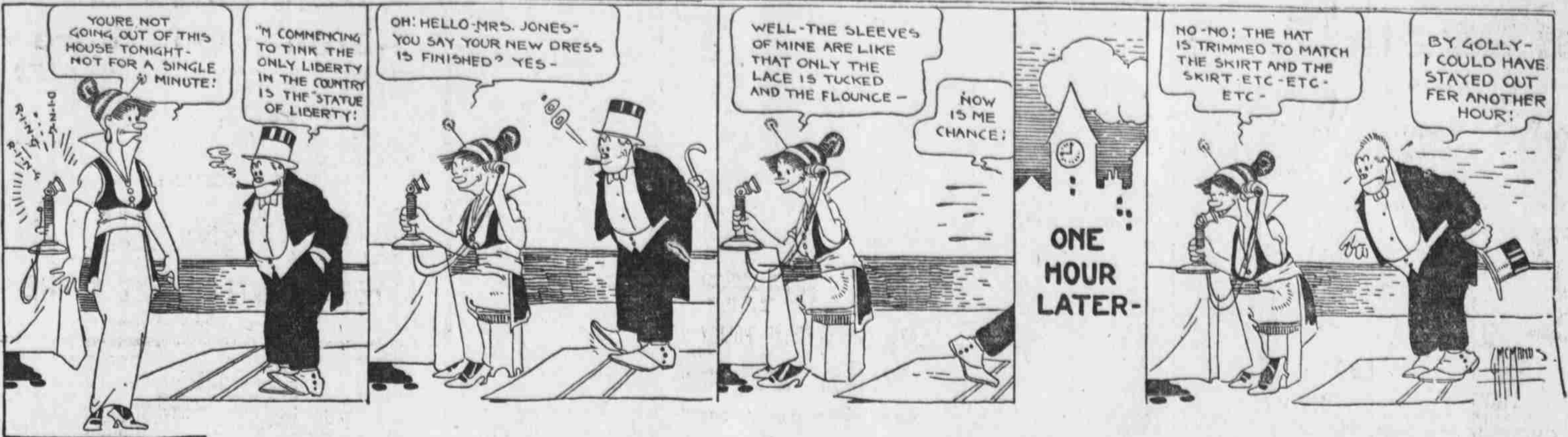


Bringing Up Father

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Judgments

WILL the Nationals have met and adjourned and Charles Webb Murphy is still among the living. It will be recalled that upon the eve of this assembly Brother Ban Johnson once more proclaimed his intention of slipping the earth from under the bumptious Mr. Murphy and letting him fall anywhere he pleased outside the pale of Organized base ball. Really, for the sake of the dignity and decorum of the game, oughtn't Brother Ban lay off of that jesting stuff? Bulletins from the front were watched as eagerly as if coming from Loda, or Calais, or some other war center, and when the final report was flashed, what was it? Only this—and nothing more, as the raven quoth—"The name of Murphy was not mentioned in the meeting." As the Postum man would say, "There's a reason," no doubt of it. Perhaps the reason was this or that; perhaps it was found that Brother Tatt was sitting upon the lid with so much impact as to persuade Brother Johnson of the futility of attempting anything at Mither Murphy's expense. Or, perhaps, the forces of Organized base ball conceived the importance of standing together against a common foe and decided not to precipitate anything new within their own ranks: not to start going any eccentric circles. All of which would not be a bad decision to arrive at under the circumstances, only it does seem to leave Brother Ban Johnson rather unduly exposed. Incidentally, while the name of Murphy was not mentioned, that of the Federal league was—many times.

Reports of the annual meeting of the Nebraska State league reflect definite charges of violations of the salary-limit rule. This is done in major and minor alike and done with impunity. We are promised observance of the rule, though from now on. But with what assurance? Inasmuch as the rule never yet has been observed whenever a team owner cared to violate it, we shall have to await the proof in action. And this is only one of many such rules and laws that have already been ignored and violated by such as did not see fit to keep them. It has long been against the law of base ball to "farm out" players, yet players are farmed out generally and with impunity. "Covering up" players has been an offense in base ball, yet it is done constantly being covered up. The point is this, if Organized base ball is going to violate or ignore its own laws, what can it expect of outlaw base ball? In other words, what difference in fact is there between the so-called organized forces and those that openly admit they are outlaws? "Physicians, heal thyself," is a timely reminder here to the organized people. Too long they have given cause for the question, "What is Organized base ball?" It does no good to play the ostrich act and pretend that such violations are not being committed or if they are not known abroad. Neither may one set of men set up rules for others to keep, which they themselves, refuse to keep.

Johnson, Marquard, Bender, Plank—the list lengthens. Regardless of rights, contracts, options and other things, the fact is that a number of live players are joining the ranks of the Federal league, which makes it all the more a modern and not a theory which to deal with. The deep-seated belief that but for Brother Ban Johnson and others have been much of a Federal league continues to sink itself in many minds. Incidentally, with Ban, Chief and Walter, there has been a good deal of Johnson figuring one way and another in this outlaw organization from the first. So far as Connie Mack is concerned, the Federal's acquisition of Bender and Plank is no great triumph, as Connie had wanted on both, although all the other clubs had not. It remains to be seen how many other conspicuous players will follow these into the outlaw ranks.

For our part, we wish to regard the base ball war and the Federal's purely on their merits as elements that actually exist, together with their news value. In common with other impartial and unbiased observers, we could not help but see three years ago the trend of events that has led up to present conditions. We still believe that tact at the proper time on the part of some organized base ball leaders, particularly Ban Johnson, might have averted the war, though in our opinion it would be mistaken. It seems to us the dogmatic boys have been those, chiefly, who for various reasons have tried to bring the possibility of the invasion. It little was the silliest sophistry that ever led anyone to say, as some said, both in 1913 and again in 1914, that "the Federal would never open the season." Indeed, that is a reflection, as we see it, of the blind-ness which is largely responsible for what exists.

The Eddie Collins' deal may go down as the biggest base ball transfer thus far, especially if as reported it involves \$150,000 or its equivalent. "What has Connie Mack decided on?" some one asked us. "On getting rid of some of his players, in our judgment," we replied. "We don't know how it looks to the rest of you, but

PICK ALL-STAR AMATEURS

Foot Ball Officials Point Out Top-Liners Among Sandlotters.

WIN FOR VARIOUS REASONS

Some Have Had More Experience, Others Show Extraordinary Natural Ability in Playing the Game.

All star lineup for Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs picked by Harry Williams and Harry Wright, men that have officiated at many of the main local contests, follow:

At the pivot positions, Selden, Blackman and Lindmeier are all good, but Blackman gets the position on account of his grand defensive ability. Payne and Rosso have plainly demonstrated their championship caliber at the guard positions. The tackles have some competition because Carlson, Shrum and Schlusky are strong competitors. Carlson loses out on account of being crippled a good part of the season and Schlusky has not proved to be as good a ground gainer as the two picked, namely Moran and McCormick. Many good ends are on the menu, but Furbush and McCreary are the only two that could kick about the two picked. These two, Foran and Simpson, got the positions mostly on account of their experience.

At quarterback Quigley had no serious competition this season. He showed up well, tacking, running with the ball and in generalship. Tollman was picked for right half on account of his ability as a ground gainer. Flanagan at left half on account of his good open field work and his excellent heavy work. Golden at fullback because he is the best line plunger in Omaha. Quigley would also be the logical candidate for manager and Flanagan for captain.

Mullen Was Class Hitter of League

During the latter part of the Western league season it was generally thought that Sheldon Lejeune, the battling Belgian of the Sioux City club, was the king batsman of the league. He was striving hard for that honor, but he wasn't quite fast enough to catch up with Charley Mullen, former manager of the Links from Lincoln, and now first sacker for the New York Americans. Mullen topped the Western batters with .31 and that Lejeune was twenty points behind. Mullen played in seventy-one games in the Western and was at bat 28 times, making forty-six runs and ninety-six hits. He also stole nineteen bases to make the average look rosy. Of course, it is more difficult to maintain a batting average for 150 games than seventy-one, but the way Mullen was going it is more than probable that he would have led Lejeune more than twenty points if both had played the same number of games.

Quigley to Again Head Columbians

Last week the Columbian foot ball squad held its annual banquet at Frank Murphy's residence, 1073 South Twenty-third. The team and its friends were present, approximately fifty in all. Following the feed the following men were elected: Frank Quigley, manager; McCormick, captain, and Maddox, treasurer. This season the Columbians made an enviable record. They are the undefeated champions of the three cities, Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. They scored 128 points against teams from these three towns and the town teams were unable to register a point against them. Next season it is their intention to muster together a congregation that can trim Wimer, Neb.

That would be our guess at long range of the meaning of the disposition of Messrs. Collins, Plank, Bender and Coombe. What else he means Connie knows; we don't. But we'll guess again and say, that betcha the Old Roman is out after a ball team. Watch "our Sox." And yet Collins is not to be the manager, only the captain. At that, he probably will give better returns on that gold mine than if put under the handicap of the manager'ship.

Wise depositors notwithstanding, Fred Clarke has signed up to manage the Pirates in 1915, and Jimmy Archer has assured Bresnahan of his loyalty. Evidently the Feds have not made the right offer as yet to James.

Norfolk High School Foot Ball Team for 1914



FIRST GAME IS WITH DRAKE

Cornhuskers Sign Two-Year Contract with Iowa Aggregation.

WILL MEET CONFERENCE TEAMS

Early Part of the Season Will Be Taken Up Entirely by Battles with Elevens of Missouri Valley Membership.

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Nebraska starts the 1915 foot ball season with a Missouri Valley conference member. Coach Jumbo Stehm announced here today that he had entered into a two-year agreement with Manager John Griffith of Drake university for a series of two games with Drake, both to be played in Lincoln, as the first games on the 1915 and 1916 schedule.

The scheduling of the game with Drake means that Nebraska will drop foot ball relations with Washburn, one of the strongest elevens in the valley, but not a member of the conference. The Drake game assures Nebraska of a strong opening attraction, inasmuch as Drake has one of the strongest elevens in Iowa. Stehm also announced that the Kansas Aggies would be Nebraska's second opponent on the gridiron in 1915. The Aggie game is moved one week ahead to make room for stronger teams. The Kansas Aggies are also members of the Missouri Valley conference, so Nebraska will meet none but conference teams in the so-called early season games. The new schedule means that Washburn and South Dakota, who played Nebraska to a 0 to 0 tie in the game last fall, will be left off the Missouri Game Impossible.

Although it has been suggested that Nebraska and Missouri meet next fall on the gridiron, Coach Stehm announced definitely today that it was impossible for the two schools to arrange a game next fall. A game with Ames and Kansas for the other two Missouri valley schools is assured. The Kansas game will be played in Lawrence, while the Ames game will be staged in Ames. Coach Stehm has also offered Coach Kline of Wesleyan, the champions of the Nebraska Collegiate league, a game, and the Wesleyan authorities will no doubt accept. Stehm is hot after an inter-sectional game as one of the attractions for the Cornhuskers in 1915, but has nothing to announce so far.

Manager Reed received a telegram Wednesday from Washington State university, asking for a Thanksgiving day game, but on account of the distance, the game is an impossibility.

Schedule for Track Meets. Manager Reed has also announced his track schedule for next spring as follows: April 15—Drake relay games at Des Moines. May 1—Ames Aggies at Lincoln. May 15—Kansas university at Lincoln. May 15—Minnesota university at Minneapolis. May 25—Missouri Valley conference meet at Columbia, Mo. June 5—Western conference meet at Chicago.

Reed also received seven sweaters this week for members of last spring's track squad. The men who get "N's" are Captain Reavis, Captain-elect Myers, Lindstrom, Reese, Goetz, Irwin and Zouwink.

The faithful members of the scrubs,

Top row, left to right, Kieg, Hubbard (coach), Henry Schmode; second row, Odolone, Horapugh, George Schmode, Kretsch, Cole; front row, Blakeman, Sedilly (captain), Lucas, Rankdlev, South, McCormick. The Norfolk High school this year produced one of the greatest high school foot ball teams that Norfolk has known. Norfolk foot ball fans are ready to back the statement that

there is no high school team in Nebraska that Norfolk can not beat. It is true that Lincoln did score a victory of 7 to 6 against the local team, but Norfolk foot ball enthusiasts believe Norfolk could beat Lincoln today. The Norfolk team scored 389 points this season and had 23 points scored against it. George Hubbard, formerly an Oberlin player, coached the team.

otherwise known as the freshmen, received foot ball reserve numerals '14 today. Those who received the sweaters were Brouhardt, Cook, Otopalik, Crawford, Donnican, Gereke, Jimmy Gardner, Harmon, Hoadley, E. Keltky, Kelley, King, Maloney, Mosher, Ottenstein, Procter, Ridel, Shaw and Sturm.

Shooters Fear that Omaha Will Not Get The Handicap Meet

That Omaha will not entertain at the annual western open handicap shoot next year is the fear of local shooters. The new Omaha Gun club and the Carter Lake Gun club got together recently and invited the western order to hold its 1915 event here. The selection was made on December 4 and the reason for believing that Omaha will be disappointed is the fact that no notice has been given here of the locality of the selection. It is thought that Omaha would be immediately notified if this city were chosen as the site for the big tourney. The fact that Secretary Shaner has neglected to even state where the shoot will be held is thought to be indicative of the selection of another city.

However, several of Omaha's most ardent shooters still have hope. It may be that Secretary Shaner merely has failed to make any announcement of the choice. It was thought that Omaha had more than an even chance to obtain the tournament, and the hundred shooters here are loathe to believe they were unsuccessful.

Marquard Return on Stage. It is hard to reform an actor. Even Rubie Marquard's long losing streak could not induce him to forego the spotlight for long. Blossom Seely and Marquard will open in Boston within a few days, with Larry McLean as the third member of the act. Larry was taken in to make up for Marquard's lack of singing ability.

Finware for Elberfeld. Kid Elberfeld who did a turn at assistant manager, coach, emergency scout and substitute shortstop of the Superbas last season, is to be let out by the Brooklyn National club. All the Superba players who are expected to help the team next season are signed with the exception of Catcher McCarty and outfielder Jack Dalton.

FED RAIDS BRING IN REAL ATHLETES

(Continued from Page One.)

aged goods" and the like. Several teams were literally wrecked by the jump. Take Washington. Walter Johnson has been the mainstay of the Senators. He kept that team as high in the race as it was. His loss will be keenly felt both in the percentage standing and at the box office and Organized ball must admit it. Eddie Plank and Chief Bender, two players who have been idols of the fans, take away that charm, which has been attached to the Athletics, and they will prove powerful attractions with the Federal.

Great First Sacker. Eddie Konetchy is a great first baseman. When with the Cardinals many thought him the best in the game. He didn't play true to form with the Pirates for personal reasons, but with the Feds in Pittsburgh he promises to come back to form and play real base ball. The Cardinals suffer more severely than any other team. Three sterling athletes, Ivy Wingo, Lee Magee and Polly Perritt, have deserted and Miller Huggins faces a critical situation next year.

Wingo is one of the best catchers in the game. He was one of the few National leaguers who hit over .300. Magee is so valuable that President Britton of the Cards would very much like to fight for his services in the courts. Perritt is a young pitcher who has made good. In his first year in the majors he proved to be one of the most dependable twirlers in the older circuit and will undoubtedly this year be as great a heaver as Grover Alexander, Christy Mathewson and Willie Soak. That trio will leave a hole in the Card lineup which Huggins will find hard to fill and the Feds will be the gainer thereby.

Henry Allen was, excepting Pfeffer, the best hurler on the Brooklyn staff. He has several one, two and three hit games to his credit and he should be a neat acquisition to the outlaw league.

Caldwell Wonderful Pitcher. Ray Caldwell was more or less of a disturbing influence with the Yankees last year, but he is acknowledged for all that a very wonderful pitcher. Rip Hagerman was about the best Cleveland had last year. He got in bad with Birmingham and was not given a chance to show his real worth. But with the Chiefs he should go good and be a tower of strength.

Marty Berghammer was the best utility man in the National and he will probably prove the same with the Feds.

There is still an element of doubt in Rubie Marquard's jump. It has been asserted that he has been returned to the Giants, but that has not yet been verified and is only conjecture. He is a good pitcher, that cannot be questioned, and,

if he jumps, will seriously cripple McGraw.

It will be noticed that those jumping players are pretty evenly distributed. Johnson and Hagerman go to the Chicago Feds. With Claude Hendrix, Hankin Johnson and Ad Brennan, the Chiefs will have a pretty cute hurling staff and they will give the Cubs and Sox a run for popularity in the Windy City.

Eddie Plank goes to help boost up the St. Louis team. Konetchy, Perritt, Allen and Berghammer will bolster up the weak Pittsburgh team, which was at the bottom of the league last year.

To Strengthen Baltimore. Magee and Marquard will strengthen the already strong Brooklyn team and Bender will help Otto Knabe's Baltimore men.

Buffalo will get Caldwell and Wingo. Indianapolis, the team which walked home with the 1914 pennant, did not get a player. Thus it can be seen that the Feds are doing one thing which Organized ball does not do, try to make the teams as evenly matched as possible.

During the winter months many more of Organized ball's stars may be expected to hop to the outlaws and it is safe to declare that the Federal league will be every bit as strong an organization next year and play just as good ball as either the American or National league.

Temple Deserts Florida. William C. Temple, the former Pittsburgh magnate, who has been a mighty out, for which National league clubs played in lieu of a world's series during the '08, has given up the life of a Florida planter, which he has followed for several years. With his retirement from base ball and also from his steel interests, Mr. Temple went to Winter Park, Fla. to live, and at once interested himself in the citrus industry, in which he became the recognized leader in that state and the country as well. Publications devoted to that industry have lauded him to the skies on his retirement.

HUNTING SEASON WAS POOR

No Big Bags Were Made in Nebraska During the Last Year.

NEW LAWS DID NOT HELP

Open Season is All Closed and It is Now Up to the Sportsman to Sally Forth After Little Cottontail.

The open season on wild fowl comes to an end Wednesday, and after that date there will be no excuse for hunters to get out the old hammerless and tramp the damp marshes around the old Missouri river. But Nebraska trappers worry not that the game season is over, for the ducks and geese ceased to fly about these parts several days hence, and the closing Wednesday will be merely a formal matter, as the scattering of ducks which did fly over were uncollected.

The shooting season this year was the poorest in years. Despite the new federal law, which predicted that the ducks would be of much better quality and much larger quantity this fall, ducks were never plentiful and no big killings were registered by Omaha sportsmen. Ducks were no better in quality this year than before, but that may be because Nebraska has always been blessed with exceedingly good ducks.

But the number of ducks was woefully small. Only in September was there any shooting, and the ducks which provides the sport were locally bred ducks. Chicken shooting was fairly good at times, but far from up to standard. The open season on the shooting of prairie chicken closed November 30, and might just as well have closed October 30, for November was a barren month for the chicken shooter.

The tender quail was the chosen game this year. Open season on quail was but two weeks long, from November 1 to 15. As a result there was practically no quail shooting in Nebraska, while in former years that branch of the hunters' sport was a full pleasure to be anticipated.

Taken as a whole, it has been a mighty poor season, and the best the poor shooter could do was bust the little blue rocks at one of the Omaha gun clubs. And in the spring the federal law will prevent the usual enjoyment toward which the huntman looks.

The timid little cottontail is attracting the hunter's attention now and reports of the success of shooters who have been taking advantage of the first snowfall declare that the rabbit is in abundant numbers this year. But rabbit shooting is spasmodic and is dependent upon heavy snowfall in order to track the slippery little animal, thus to the real huntman this sport is but a substitute for real hunting.

Advertisement for Bond & Lillard. The ad features a large bottle of Bond & Lillard whiskey. Text includes: "Quality Tells", "Sold Every where Because Demanded Every where", "Quality maintained for 79 years.", "BOND & LILLARD Bottled in Bond", "has always led all others in popularity and its length today is greater than ever. Made in Kentucky—the old-fashioned, hand made way.", "BOND & LILLARD DISTRIBUTING CO., Lawrenceburg, Ky.", "WESTERN OFFICE: 415-517 Delaware St., Kansas City, Mo."