

Bringing Up Father



Judgments

WHIRLING snowflakes and chilly north winds don't give to the general outlook for base ball a very rosy hue, but the fans will know that this sort of weather isn't going to last very much longer, and that soon the warm sun of spring will drive away all signs of winter and the Roarke youngsters will be busy on the ball field. The date for their assemblage is tomorrow, and Pa has all things prepared for their arrival, and just as soon as the weather man will permit, the practice work on the diamond at Roarke park will start. Pa has had enough of the southern trip for training; his idea of getting his young men started on the home diamond is a good one, and has the support of reason as well as of experience. Down south the big league teams are all hampered in their preparatory work by the weather conditions, and in a couple of weeks they'll be coming north but little better prepared to play the game than when they went down there and with much less ability to stand off the weather that will overtake them during April. The weather man isn't much inclined to regard the feelings of the base ball man, though, and all will suffer alike, just as they have since the notion of starting the season early in April and ending it in October has obsessed the managers.

HUNDRED TEAMS IN FIELD

Something Like 1,800 Amateur Athletes Will Pastime on Lots Around Omaha This Year.

MANY LEAGUES ARE FORMED

From all indications it is a safe wager that amateur base ball will wait right by all previous records and make the former achievements of our local base ball manipulators sink far down into the graveyard of the past. Already approximately 100 teams have simplified their intention of being on the bill of fare this season. About twenty-five will be organized in South Omaha, five probably in Benson and approximately twenty in the burg across the waves. The total number of teams in Omaha figuring twelve men to a team there will be 1,800 ball players preambulating in and around these jungles. Already nine leagues are practically ready for the bell to ring. The latest acquisition is a class C league to be known as the Inter-City league. They have elected their officers, but at the present writing are in a sadly depleted condition as far as teams is concerned. Now there are plenty of class C teams in this neck of the woods that would like to join, but their leaders fail to appear on meeting nights. This league will meet again next Thursday at the city hall, so you class C managers that are interested want to be on deck.

New Class B Loop

That new class B league, namely, the American league, has already bumped up against some of the trials and tribulations associated with sandlot base ball. Said grief occurred when the Clarks decided to uphook from their league and join the neighbor class B City league. They went over this small hill comparatively easy because it is an easy matter to land a new member before the season sounds, but after the pills have been bounding around and the majority of teams are settled for the season it is a difficult matter to settle a question of this kind.

Class A Boys Pay Up

Some of the class A boys have coughed up the necessary mazzina to make them real contenders in the Greater Omaha league. As soon as a class A team (dishes) out 25 plunks, President Louis Cook gives the manager contracts so he can sign the players. The forfeit money put up by each team will be divided in three ways at the expiration of the season, \$10 to the winner, \$5 to the second team in the race and the third team will cap \$5.

The Greater Omaha League will open

on Sunday, April 18, and close about September 1. They have adopted the constitution and bylaws. Any team that fails to produce the necessary kake by April 5 will be disfranchised. All the contracts must be signed up and in the hands of the president on or before April 10. The Saturday class "A" league decided to keep the same appellation and Frank Quigley was re-elected president. Last year this league was composed of eight teams, but some has been reduced to six. If a couple of fast teams can be secured in the very immediate future they will have an eight-team league. Any fast team wishing to join this league call Frank Quigley at Douglas 2256. Here are the six teams that now compose this league: Luxus, Armour, Alambito, Standard Oil Co., Crane & Co., and Patricians.

Eight Clubs in City

This year the City league will as customary be composed of eight clubs. The Moonmouth Parks and the Vinton Street Merchants dropped out and the Gentleman Hoists and Mickel's Victorians were given their franchises. It was decided to only play two games apiece to decide the championship. The winner of the City league pennant will then buck up against the rag grabber of the American league to decide the class "B" championship.

All the class "C" teams of the Booster league will dig up their entry and forfeit fee for this week and then they will be ready for the season to sell it. A \$1 entry fee is required and a \$3 forfeit fee. This league added two teams to their league last week. President Johnson thought it would be more interesting to have eight teams fight a battle royal for supremacy. This league did not have much trouble last season and under the supervision of Johnson, the sailing ought to be smooth this term.

GETS RELEASE FROM ARMY TO DRIVE IN LONG RACE

After months of effort Jean Chassagne, holder of the world's hour record, and one of Europe's most brilliant drivers, finally managed to obtain his release from the French army and entered the next 500-mile race at Indianapolis. Chassagne will drive a Sunbeam car, taking the place of D. Reata, who will handle a Peugeot instead. During his term of service Chassagne was an artillery man in a naval port at Marseilles. He only secured his dismissal, it is said, because attack upon that fortress seemed very improbable to the commanding forces.

Undeclared Champions of the Church Basket Ball League



First Christians, undefeated champions of class "A" Church league. Left to right, top row: M. M. Miles, Robert Weigel, Second row: C. Carl Weigel, captain; Adaman, manager; Klepper. Bottom row: George Parrish; Leo Hobson, Chauncey Evans.

YALE CREW HARD AT WORK

Coach Nickalls back from England and Eli is planning for another victory over Harvard.

WILL USE AN ENGLISH SHELL

NEW YORK, March 20.—With Guy Nickalls back from England, crew work at Yale has become active, in preparation of another victory over the Crimson at New London next June. Last season the new Yale rowing policy was something of an experiment, and hopes and doubts struggled against each other almost up to the day of the big race. This is a different condition now. Nickalls has proved his theory by an indelible victory, and this judgment from now on will remain unquestioned in all that pertains to the rowing policy at New Haven. And, as a matter of fact, that policy has been quite clearly outlined.

Hay Fever Benefit To Eddie Cicotte

Eddie Cicotte is one of the sharper members of the Order of Kerchoo, past master of the Hay Fever. Far from permitting a little thing like that to trouble him he makes use of it. He was pitching a game for the Chicago White Sox in Philadelphia and he perpetrated a frightful balk. The umpire was just lifting his hand to call the balk when Eddie cut loose a kerchoo that started the fans flapping on the stands. "Balk nothing," yelled Eddie as he recovered. "I was sneezing."

NATIONAL LEAGUE MOVES QUARTERS FIRST OF MAY

May 1 will be moving day at the offices of the National league in New York. On that date President Fennell and his retinue will leave the rooms in the Metropolitan tower for quarters at 8 West Fortieth street. The reason is that the old offices have grown too small, and it was not possible to enlarge them. At the new building there will be a big room to be used for the meeting of the club owners, private offices for John T. Tener, John Heydler and Roy Reeves, the secretaries, and a room for Miss Caylor, the stenographer.

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Kansas City may hold the Federal

league franchise, or at least the men who put up the money for the team there last season may get some of it back. It is rather amusing to read what some of the eastern sporting writers have to say about the ability of Kansas City to support a base ball team, they apparently being imbued with the notion that the people down there do not care much about the game. As a matter of fact, Kansas City has been persistently on the base ball map for nearly forty years, and has always borne a good reputation. The experiment of two teams there was not undertaken with the utmost confidence, yet if the loss was what has been set for publicly, \$20,000 or \$30,000, the situation down there ought to encourage the promoters of the Federal to stick by Kansas City. It has many advantages over Jersey City, the only point in favor of the latter place being the Sunday ball that can be played there and that will be expected to draw crowds sufficient to maintain the team. In any event, the progress of the injunction suit indicates that the Kansas City Federal backers will get some return for their franchise, instead of having it dragged away from them.

With no Davis cup matches to distract

attention this coming summer, the tennis patriots are planning for a campaign that is to generally revive the sport in the United States. Old fixtures are to be revived, and the ones that had survived will be given newer interest. In Omaha, it is quite likely that the request by the city will show more of enthusiasm than for several seasons, and it may yet be that we will see some one developed to wear the honors once borne by Charley Cullingham, Con Young, Larry Dennis and Frank Haskill, who came about as near being first-crop tennis players as Omaha ever had.

You'll not hear so much blather about

the big salaries for a little while now; cause why, Uncle Sam has taken after the expensive willow wilders, and proposes to collect a little bit of income tax from everyone of the boys who is grabbing off the sum of \$100 a year net for his services. Oh, very well; the Western leaguers are still exempt.

J. Frank Baker, home runner, is out in

the open now. He loves the cows and chickens, all right, but if Connie Mack comes along with a little more cads, J. Frank will quickly do the same. However, he's no cheap guy, and says he'd rather loaf than take a kopeck under the figure named, which figure is still a deep secret between player and manager.

Western league affairs are the quietest

they have ever been at this season of the year. Since Topinka's fate was determined, the magnates have had no occasion for dispute, except over the playing schedule, and this has been so mildly debated that it hasn't caused even a ripple on the surface.

The new amateur rule promulgated by

the United States Golf association is broad enough to cover all offenses against purity, and clear enough to be easily understood by any. Its observance would seem to be easy, and should put an end to quite a little discussion that sometimes becomes unpleasant.

Halling Mike Gibbons as champion of

the middleweights isn't going to stop the clamor of Jimmy Clabby and Eddie McGorty, not for a minute. And, by that same token, Eddie ought to have some sort of recognition if only for his name, for that's about the toughest terminals ever a "Mac" run into.

Artie Thomson didn't look natural in

the attitude of a holdout. His regular position is slammer 'em where they ain't.

Brother Dave knows he's going to have

some snow in the outfield this year; that's what the snow is doing for him.

MILAN WANTS TO LEAD IN BASE STEALING AGAIN

Clayde Milan has ambitions to lead the American league in base running again next year. The Linden sprinter is much lighter this spring than he has been in some time, and he expects to have all his old speed. Milan went out of the running last season, due to the enforced idle spell he encountered as the result of the injury which kept him out of the game for a long while. The year before he led the league with eighty-eight pilfers, but he is ambitious to beat this mark.

CHARLEY BOLD SENT BACK TO MINORS BY THE BROWNS

The St. Louis American club has transferred Charley Bold to the Waco club of the Texas league. Bold was in line for a regular berth with the Browns last year, when he broke a leg and was out practically all season. He is still in his teens and Manager Rieley believes that with a year's experience in the minors he will come back fitted to hold a regular job.

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