

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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JUDGMENTS

fitting a few players for having participated in alleged "outlaw" games during the winter, the National commission may have saved its own conscience, but it hasn't added anything to the dignity or importance of organized base ball.

We are coming to three important dates—March 23, April 15 and April 23. The first is the day on which the members of the Bourke family report in Omaha, the second the day on which the Western league season opens and the third the day on which the first championship game is played in Omaha.

The death during the week of George Munson of St. Louis is an event of sorrowful interest in the sporting world. Mr. Munson left his imprint on the history of base ball, particularly as the sporting editor of the St. Louis Republic, now the Republic, and as secretary of the old St. Louis Browns.

The University of Nebraska will suffer some as a result of the conference rule on freshmen, but it will only be for one season. Then the Cornhuskers can get into the game as strong as any of them.

Objection to organized rooting doesn't mean that people at ball games are to be prohibited from cheering or exercising their natural right to roar the umpire. It simply means that thoughtless persons are not to be permitted to combine their efforts to destroy the pleasure of the game for more sedate and considerate patrons.

HOME-LOVING PRIZEFIGHTERS

Many Experts with the Gloves Enjoy Simple Life.

FITZSIMMONS DOES OWN COOKING

Jeffries Prefers Quietude in California to the Glare of the Footlights—John L. Planning to Retire to a Farm.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Contrary to general belief a majority of the noted men of the prize ring of modern times have good homes and try to live as respectable citizens. James J. Jeffries, for instance, has two fine residences at Los Angeles, one a city house furnished expensively and in excellent style, and the other a country home surrounded by a large farm in the most picturesque part of California.

John L. Sullivan is just the reverse. He likes the bright lights, the excitement, the admiration bestowed upon him by big crowds while the band plays "See, the Conquering Hero Comes!" Ever since Sullivan left his parents' modest home in South Boston more than twenty-five years ago he has always lived in hotels where he has been in close touch with the world.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons. James J. Corbett is also fond of the glitter of the footlights. His ambition is to become a great actor one of these fine days, when he will be able to take rank with Booth, Barrett, Irving, McCullough and other famous men of the stage now dead and gone.

These Loved Their Homes. Jack McAuliffe is naturally a domestic fellow. For years he has kept his aged mother in a comfortable home at Bath Beach, where he has also helped to raise a younger sister and other relatives.

Charley Mitchell, the noted English boxer, has his fine home at St. John's Wood, London, where he entertains in royal style some of the nobility. For Charley is a high flier and has always tried to get in with the best people. Lord Cecil is his special pal, while some of the sweetest noblemen

enjoy going to the races with the former British champion. Tom Sharkey has a house at Sheepshead Bay. He believes in sticking close to the fire-side when not engaged in handling affairs in his Fourteenth street drink emporium. Sharkey never thinks of fighting nowadays, but he is still a physical marvel. He is a churchgoer and a quiet liver.

Kid McCoy in Society.

Kid McCoy, or rather Norman Shelby, is trying to break into society. He recently purchased a residence at Orange, N. J., and when the people of that select neighborhood found that they were going to have a former prizefighter among them they got together and offered McCoy \$5,000 more than he paid for the house.

Ed Strick, who died about a year ago, was a striking example of a domestic pugilist. Price in his young days was a topnotcher in the heavy-weight division and took part in many bare knuckle encounters on the turf. He was a self-made man. He studied hard and became a noted lawyer, playwright and linguist.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien owns a house in Quakerville, hereabouts. He calls it "The House That Jack Built." O'Brien also possesses much real estate and takes care of the members of his family in excellent style.

Billy Madden, once John L.'s manager, has a residence in South Brooklyn, where he lives quietly with his wife and son. Billy Myer, who fought McAuliffe for the lightweight championship in 1892, has a splendid mansion in New Orleans. Jack Fallon, known in his fighting days as "the Brooklyn Strong Boy," is a policeman, and when off duty he takes life easy at his home in Flatbush.

FIFTY-FIVE HORSES LISTED AS PROBABLE STARTERS FOR THE METROPOLITAN

NEW YORK, March 21.—Fifty-five entries have been received for the \$10,000 Metropolitan handicap, to be run at Belmont park on May 13. The list includes Chautepiece, Fair Play, The Shaughraun, Faust, King Cobalt, W. H. Daniels, Gowan, Blue Book, Kentucky Beau, Johnnie Blake, Lawrence P. Daley, Minnie Adams, Live Wire, Running Water, Ben Ban, Don Creole, Old Honey, Natasuga, Montgomery, Mellick, Uncle, Tony Faust, Dan Ballou, Superman, Colt, Restigouche, Oxford, Elliott, King James, The Quail, McCarter, Spooner, Cohort, Nealon, Charles Edward, Don Enrique, De Mand, Star-

gowan, Far West, Dr. Gardner, Jack Atkin, Westford, Light Wool, Brookdale Nymph, Baby Wolf, Westbury, Falcaida and Fancy.

BIG MONEY IN FIGHTS AT 'FRISCO

Jimmy Coffroth Makes Report on Gate Receipts. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—That there is more money in the fighting game is shown by a statement of James Coffroth to the effect that since the sport was resumed here last July the battles decided up to the first of this year drew as follows: Squires and Burns, \$25,000; Joe Thomas and Ketchell, \$8,700; Squires and Jack (Twin) Sullivan, \$6,600; Jack Johnson and Jim Flynn, \$7,500; Jack Sullivan and Al Kaufmann, \$1,800; Moran and Atell, \$14,000; Britt and Nelson, \$2,600; Kaufmann and Schreck, \$4,500; Gans and Britt, \$38,000; Moran and Neil, \$7,000, and Ketchell and Joe Thomas (second fight), \$8,000.

THE FOOT FAULT RULE AGAIN

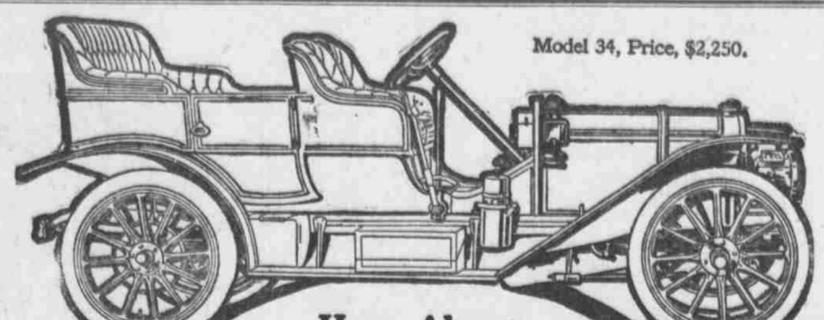
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after the international competition of that year, but the lawn tennis champion still subscribes to that view. This, it is contended, will put an end to the activities of players who consistently violate the rule. L. O. S. Poldevin, a well-known Australian lawn tennis player and cricketer, is in favor of closer watch on foot faulting chiefly because the player who is guilty of foot faulting is taking an unfair advantage over the player he is opposing.

There is, it seems to me, a twofold objection to it. Theoretically it is quite wrong to artificially limit the server's feet to one definite and unalterable position. For various and obvious reasons there is a naturalness and variety about the service as at present practiced that forms a most desirable aspect of the game.

However, in America almost all players offend against the rule. The trouble seems to be the non-enforcement of the regulation of the books by the officials at lawn tennis tournaments here. "The objection to the present rule is not so much that it is a bad rule in itself as that it is unworkable because of the perennial scarcity of umpires and especially of competent base line umpires."

Mr. Poldevin's idea is that there is nothing particularly wrong with the present rules of service, but that they are not carefully administered. As to the both feet on the ground idea, he says: "There is, it seems to me, a twofold objection to it. Theoretically it is quite wrong to artificially limit the server's feet to one definite and unalterable position."



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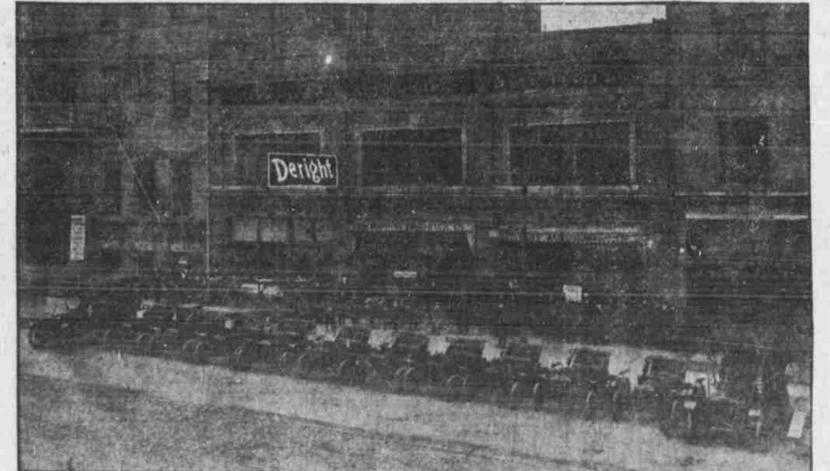
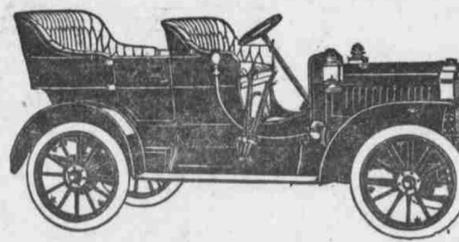
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