

LOOK OUT FOR THE REDS.

Cincinnati Has Become Logical Factor In Pennant Race.

TEAM LOOKS FORMIDABLE.

Much Depends on Shortstop, as Team Is All to the Good in Other Places. Griffith's Pitching Staff Stronger Than Ever.

Look out for Clark Griffith and his band of Cincinnati Reds this season. Watch out for them from the very jump, and don't let your vigilance slacken anywhere along the route. A little carelessness, a little bullheadedness, a lack of precaution in dealing with this formidable baseball outfit, and the pennant will be floating over the park near the Ohio river. The Cincinnati aggregation lacks a few numbers of being of championship team caliber, and any slackness in fighting the Reds will mean a jolt that will make Pittsburgh, Chicago and New York howl like lions.

Batting counts terribly nowadays, when there isn't much of it, and the Reds will come very near being the best batting team in the National league this season. A little money can be found, if need be, that they will out-hit Pittsburgh on the official averages when the count is taken. Base running? They are the best base running team in the National league right now, and they are not going to lose any of their speed. Fielding? They were not as good in the field work last season as they should have been, but this year they are going to be there with the stops and pickups almost as accurately as even the Cubs, who are the smoothest and fittest machines in baseball. The pitching department of the Reds held them back last season and now Griffith thinks this has been corrected. Net result: The Cincinnati team comes pretty near being the one best bet in baseball today if anybody offers decent odds. While it is generally accepted as a solid proposition that Pittsburgh and Chicago will fight it out, Cincinnati will be the dark horse.

The batting strength of the Cincinnati team, as Griffith has doped it out, is tremendous and is sure to be much better this season for several reasons.

Be it remembered also that both Lobert and Downey are great base runners naturally and that if they come back to their proper batting form this year they will also steal a heap of extra cushions.

Hoblitzel, on first, is a magnificent batsman, a mere boy, and likely to hit better as he gains muscle. Egan, on second, is a splendid hitter and one of the classiest base runners in the game. Lobert and Downey, as has been said, are almost certain to come back to form. These four men were new to one another last season and played the infield raggedly. All of them are natural fielders, and this year they will play infield ball of the machine pattern. Egan in particular will teach the ginger and speed and will mold them into a quartet of winners.

Mike Mitchell, in right, is a fine fielder, swell thrower and one of the best batsmen in the country. In center Griff has his choice among Paskert, Miller and McCabe. Paskert is a neat batsman and fast fielder. Miller is easily the master of the lot with the stick and the best base runner, but has had an almost useless throwing arm. If the wing gets well he will yet nail the regular job; if not, Paskert will take it at the start, as McCabe, though a fine hitter, is crude and also a slow runner for so young a man.

Another element of added power is found in left—Bob Bescher. This man, new to the big league, was the leading base runner of the circuit last season, though he hit lightly. Bescher is by rights a fine hitter and should return to form without fail.

It will be seen, therefore, that Griffith can count on all the batting and base running strength he had in 1930.

The catchers, McLean, Clark and a new man named Conick, are all good. McLean is a cocking catcher and swell hitter when in good condition. Conick is rated as a sure-catcher, and Clark showed more than common quality last autumn.

Fromme, Spahr, Gasper, Downey, Bescher and Covaleski make up a pitching staff that is good enough to win without more than good enough with a team of sluggers back of them.

Give the Reds the best bit of track start them on a winning streak, and it will be almost impossible to choke them. Pin a dose back right here! The Reds are going to be the heavy hitters of the league, and if Pittsburgh or Chicago lose to the Braves for even a little time that Red team is going to win the flag.

Steinfeldt in Grant Sheple.

Harry Steinfeldt, the Cubs' star third sacker, is faster than he was in 1930. Instead of going back he is displaying more pluck than ever. He attributes his fine condition to his workout at Marlin Springs. "Finest place in the world to train," he says.

Western Handicap Shoot.

The great western handicap shoot will be held in Des Moines, May 24 to 26.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 19, 1910. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present C. R. Jordan, L. D. Switzer and M. L. Friedrich, county commissioners, D. C. Morgan county clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved when the following business was transacted in regular form.

The County Board recognizing that they had made a clerical error in the matter of reward of \$50.00 allowed W. H. Jones, sheriff of Nemaha Co., for capture of Arthur Brann, inasmuch as they had allowed reward on bill filed for capture of Brann for stealing team of Fred Creamer when their intention was to allow the reward for stealing team of Fred Lake, they therefore reconsidered and reversed their action and corrected the minutes of April 5th, in accordance herewith and made the allowance of the \$50.00 on the capture of the Lake team thief.

Bond of J. R. C. Gregory, road overseer road district No. 9 approved.

Report of fees collected by Clerk of District Court 1st quarter amounting to \$869.58, filed. Resolution adopted ordering the Nebraska Construction Co. to proceed with the erection and repair of bridges heretofore examined by them.

Request of Fred Patterson, county surveyor for the following tools and instruments to complete equipments of his office; 1 surveyors transit, 1 tripod for surveyors transit, 1 Y level, 1 Tripod for level or 1 combination surveyors transit, clamp and tangent level and tripod and 1 plummet, 1 leveling rod, 3 flag poles and 1 reading glass, etc. The above request refused.

The following claims were allowed on the general fund:

E. E. Schlater, postage	\$ 2.02
L. D. Switzer, salary	16.50
M. L. Friedrich, salary	31.70
W. O. Gillespie, team to commissioners	2.00
C. R. Jordan, salary	22.00
Klopp & Bartlett, office supplies and stationery	30.41
J. H. Donnelly, labor in assessors office	51.00
Geo. W. Snyder, viewing Rock Bluff road	4.00
M. Hild, burial of Holtselaw and mds.	46.10
L. B. Egenberger, mds to poor	27.45
Adam Kurtz, digging grave Holtselaw	4.00
M. Archer, State vs. James M. McMichael	4.80
D. L. Amick, same	2.10
James Robertson, State vs. James Lynch and Harry C. Harrison	12.65
James Robertson, State vs. John Lish	1.50
C. D. Quinton, same	9.51
Germo Mfg. Con., sweeping compound	2.50
H. C. NMcMaken & Sons, setting head markers for old soldiers	11.00
James, Robertson, State vs. Arthur Brann	11.70
Will Robertson, same, refused	35.00

The following claims were allowed on the Road Fund:

Lee Arnett, scraper for road district No. 16	16.00
Lee Arnett, culvert, R. D. 5	49.12
Lee Arnett, scraper, R. D. 4	16.00
Lee Arnett, culvert, R. D. 12	98.73
Lee Arnett, scraper, R. D. 6	16.00
Lee Arnett, grader, R. D. 2	145.00
Lee Arnett, grader, R. D. 14	100.00
Stroemer Lumber Co., lumber, sand and cement, R. D. 16	71.62
Carl Johnson, road work R. D. 16	4.00
J. C. Vickers, same, R. D. 16	8.00
S. C. Boyles, same, R. D. 16	4.00
Chas. Sutton, same, R. D. 16	11.00
C. R. Jordan, same, R. D. 16	8.00
Fred Leyda, same, R. D. 16	8.00
Allen Meyers, same, R. D. 16	7.20
Frank Rouse, same, R. D. 5	1.00
City of Plattsmouth, proportion of district road funds R. D. 17	1100.00
Linch & Stone, nails to R. D. 16	2.30
Same, R. D. 6	4.49
Bea Beckman, road work R. D. 10	61.40

The following claims were allowed on the Commissioners road fund:

City of Plattsmouth, proportion of Com. road fund, R. D. No. 17	3.0000
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The following claims were allowed on the Bridge fund:

S. C. Boyles, bridge work	8.00
Nebraska Construction Co., bridge material	44.41

Board adjourned to meet May 3rd 1910. D. C. Morgan, County Clerk.

Kroehler have something new in the stove line at their hardware store on Main street. It is a range that can be used either for gas or coal and it is quite a convenience for the house wife of today.

LETTER FROM THE SUNFLOWER STATE

Mr. D. F. Kiser Writes About Their New Home Down In Kansas.

Wakeeney, Kansas, April 18, 1910. To the editor of the News:

Dear Sir:—As per promise I will try to write this country up for the News. We arrived here in good shape and have been blessed with good health ever since. The soil here is like that of your county except a little more sand in this, just enough to make a good mulch and stand drouth. The subsoil here is good and at the right depth from the surface to hold moisture for necessities and it has an abundance or distribution even at the present time, yet we have had very little rain this spring. Some of the potatoes here are 2 inches tall and the small grain looks fine where it was put in right. They drill some of the fall wheat in the stubble ground. I would say it is a poor way, yet at present it seems all right. Wheat, kaffir corn, cane, broomcorn and milo maize are the chief crops, but being so near the mountains I think Indian corn will never be a success here, for the nights are too cool. We had some hot days here but when the night came we needed good bed covers, and the last two nights left enough ice that skating was good for June bugs and grasshoppers, and that reminds me of what they say they use here as substitutes for alarm clocks. When they retire for the night they place a big Russian thistle close to their head on the south and one on the opposite side, and as the wind nearly always blows from the north or from the south when it blows at all and nearly always begins at about 5 a. m. if you know the nature of a Russian thistle you know what inevitably happens. They say the man who invented this alarm or quick eye opener will apply for a patent and continue harping until he gets it. So much for the Russian thistle and yet we have wild onions here of which if you eat you will want more, and all we need to do is to pick them up. Cass county may have something nearly as good as Russian thistles but when we just think of onions we see her so far beneath that she is nearly out of sight, for we know how we had to get the onions in old Cass. Jackrabbits, badgers, skunks and prairie chickens are here in abundance. We think we will run a pickling and canning jackrabbit factory next fall and winter and now I will mention our fishing trip, it occurred about three weeks ago on the Saline river. I caught 37 fish with hook and line in about three hours. To keep them we salted them down and we have some yet, and they have a good flavor while ham is 25c a pound. We saw hundreds of them in the water and could have caught more but we didn't want to be selfish. If we had used a seine I think we could have got a wagon load but we didn't want to pay \$50 apiece. I must close for this time. More anon. D. F. Kiser.

Havelock Depot Burns.

The Burlington passenger depot at Havelock was totally destroyed by fire this morning about three o'clock and the building is now a smoking ruin. It was a frame structure not valued very highly, but had been recently repaired and raised on its foundation so that it made a very respectable depot. Masons were at work on the building yesterday making additional repairs on the foundation. The exact origin of the fire cannot be stated by the company, but was probably started by the spark of a passing engine, although there are some who are looking suspiciously towards the strikers who are out of work in that city.

The strike conditions there seem to be improving steadily. A number of the strike breakers who were rushed to work in the shops are now being replaced by more experienced men who will be able to turn out the work in a more satisfactory manner. There were seventy-five men sent to the city in the last twenty four hours.

Isn't It Peculiar.

There are a number of rumors around town today that Dan Cupid has been getting so busy lately around a fair maid that he is now working in a private family, formerly a cigar factory employee, and a youth who draws his shock at a liquid refreshment emporium, that a minister is unable to be called into service tonight, if there hasn't been at one work on case already. The rumors are stoutly denied today by the parties interested in the affair but still the suspicion exists in the minds of the friends of the young couple. As a matter of fact the couple in question are spending the day in Omaha.

Mrs. Wash Smith left on an early train for Central City where she will make her home with her daughter Mrs. Cleve Scott.

WASHINGTON DOPE.

The endeavors that Senator Burkett has been making for the last two or three years to prevent federal courts from interfering with state officers in the performance of their duties seems destined to bear some fruit. The Judiciary committee has reported a bill providing that before an injunction shall be granted the application must be heard before three judges, at least two of whom shall be circuit judges and than providing appeal shall lie directly to the Supreme court. While it does not go so far as Senator Burkett's bill, it is a step in the right direction and recognizes to a degree at least the contentions of Senator Burkett that the federal courts have heretofore been too free in their interference with state officers in the performance of their legal duties.

Irrigation and drainage are two important propositions to Nebraska. Irrigation of course has long been a recognized factor in increasing land values, but the question of drainage has not been given much attention. It is being recognized more and more, however, for the farmers as they understand it are better are realizing that drainage, properly installed is worth more to them than they supposed. The Drainage Bureau of the Department of Agriculture is one of growing importance as its work is better understood, and advantage is being taken of it by many communities throughout eastern Nebraska. Down in Richardson county there is a great drainage district that it is believed will increase farm values hundreds of thousands of dollars when it is completed. It includes a part of the lands of the Sac and Fox Indians, and hence a bill has been necessary to enable their lands to be assessed for the cost. The bill which was introduced by Senator Burkett has passed the senate and will doubtless go through the House. Another project is being pushed by Senator Burkett up in Dakota county. The department has just promised Senator Burkett to send one of their engineers there to approve the project which has been under way for several years. Another district which Senator Burkett helped establish was the great Logan Valley project in Cuming and adjacent counties, affecting many thousands of acres. Lincoln is to drain the Salt Creek bottom, with the assistance of the bureau; another project is under way in or near Tecumseh, and others are scattered over the state. Senator Burkett is keenly interested in the work of the Drainage Bureau and his membership in the Committee on Agriculture places him in a position to give effective support to drainage measures.

Senator Burkett and Congressman Kinkaid appeared before the Committee on Public Lands Monday morning in support of a bill enabling those who took 160 acres prior to the passage of the Kinkaid Act to take an additional 480 acres of land on Kinkaid homesteads. Congressman Kinkaid has the bill in the house and Senator Burkett in the Senate and the chances are good for the passage of the measure.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Mrs. J. C. Williams was in Omaha today at the home of friends.

Dr. T. P. Livingston was a Plattsmouth caller in the metropolis this morning.

Mrs. Sarah Lair was a morning passenger on the Burlington this morning going up to Omaha for the day.

Mrs. W. W. Coates and mother Mrs. Meredith went up on an early train this morning to spend the day in Omaha.

Mrs. August Hesse went up on the eight fifteen train to the metropolis this morning where she will make a brief stay with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chalfant made a brief sojourn in the metropolis today, going up on one of the early trains this morning.

Bernan Fieldas and family left on a Burlington train this morning for Sheridan, Wyoming for a weeks visit with Mrs. Fieldas brother, Henry Walker.

Mrs. E. E. Monroe of Pacific Junction was in the city a short time today while on her way to Murray where she is under medical treatment.

Mrs. S. S. Gooding was expected to return home today from a two weeks absence from the city. Mrs. Gooding was called to Morrystown, S. D. by the death of her brother Ray Richardson, and later proceeded

to Minneapolis to visit with one of her brothers.

Mrs. J. W. Larkin went up to Omaha to see the famous actress Maud Adams.

Mrs. H. S. Austin is entertaining a party of lady friends at a bridge party this afternoon.

Charles Parmelee and family were in Omaha last evening to attend the week's leading attraction of the theaters, Maud Adams.

Mrs. W. T. Scotten and daughters Loretta and Margaret were passengers on the early Omaha train. Miss Margaret will proceed to Lincoln for a brief stay.

The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Newell, and all the members will enjoy a special missionary program that has been prepared.

Mrs. A. N. Sullivan was brought home yesterday afternoon from an Omaha hospital where she has been confined for the past six or eight weeks. Her many friends in the city will be glad to hear of her recovery and to know that she is back at her old home again.

J. E. Houlgate and family of Madison, Nebraska are in the city for a few days visiting with their many fond friends. Mr. Houlgate was pastor of the Methodist church for a number of years and the Plattsmouth people hold many pleasant memories of their old resident and family.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church last evening was another success added to the list of the Evangelists Cambell and a good meeting is being promised by the church people for tonight. On account of other attractions last evening the attendance was not as large as at some of the previous meetings, but perhaps for this reason there were fine results obtained.

Mrs. L. Poppen, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. P. A. Barrows, left today for Albion where she usually spends the summer with another daughter. As Mrs. Barrows is in Idaho and Miss Barrows in Kansas City this leaves the editor a lone "wider" for an indefinite period and his only companion "Ducky" the family dog. Mr. Barrows accompanied Mrs. Poppen as far as Omaha and assisted her in making the change to the Northwestern train.

An Interesting Link.

One curious incident in the siege of Badajos may be related. The day after the assault two Spanish ladies, the younger a beautiful girl of fourteen, appealed for help to two officers of the rifles, who were passing through one of the streets of the town. Their dresses were torn, their ears, from which rings had been roughly snatched, were bleeding, and to escape outrage or death they cast themselves on the protection of the first British officers they met. One of the officers was Captain Harry Smith of the rifles. Two years later he married the girl he had saved in a scene so wild. Captain Harry Smith in after years served at the Cape as Sir Harry, and this Spanish girl, as Lady Smith, gave her name to the historic town which Sir George White defended with such stubborn valor.—"Wellington's Men."

He Saw Double.

Mr. Lushleigh came up the stairway with his shoes in his hand and his hat hanging precariously upon one ear, singing, "We Won't Go Home Till Morning" with wondrous disregard for pronunciation and melody. Mrs. Lushleigh met him with a cold stare and exclaimed:

"Well, to see you in such a condition! William Henry Lushleigh, I am beside myself with indignation!"

"Thank ri," agreed Mr. Lushleigh, moodily watching the bureau as it writhed about him, "thank ri—you're beside y'self. I c'n see you right shore beside y'self. Glad you tell me. Was beginning to think I's a bigamist."

There were approximations as far back as history can take us, but they were not iron shoes fastened by nails to the hoof. When such shoes first came into use will probably never be known. The ancient horse-shoes—those used by the Greeks, Romans and others—were plates covering the entire bottom of the foot and fastened by thongs fixed about the animal's ankle. The oldest horse-shoe nails found by antiquaries date back to the time of Childeric I, who died in 481. It is generally understood that horse-shoes were introduced into England by William the Conqueror in 1066.—New York American.

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Jack Doyle Says Old Orioles Were Greatest Ball Team.

PULLED OFF MANY STUNTS.

Tricks and Schemes of Baltimore Club Way Back in Nineties Would Almost Fill Book—How Single Was Forced Into Home Run.

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Every now and then one will read of or see a daring, sensational or brainy piece of headwork pulled off on the diamond. To the average fan this or that stunt may appear wonderful, but to the player himself it is only part of his work. I do not want to be egotistical, but it is a fact. When I was a member of the old Baltimore Orioles I managed to pull off many clever stunts and helped engineer several sensational plays which were very successful and thought nothing of it. It was part of my daily work. I've always said and still think that the old Baltimore team was the brainiest aggregation of ball tossers ever brought together. The tricks and schemes they worked successfully on the diamond would come pretty near filling a book.

For instance, here is one they pulled off and what I consider the greatest I ever saw. It was made by Willie Keeler and Johnny McGraw in a game with Washington away back in the nineties. Unlike most plays, this wasn't a fielding stunt, but a piece of base running. Willie was on first and McGraw at the bat. The latter shot a neat single into left field, and Al Selbach loomed a bit on it, seeing that Keeler was sure to make third with ease, but expecting him to pull up there. Willie instead of pulling up went full steam ahead for home plate, and before Bill Joyce had received the ball was virtually over the plate. McGraw never stopped at first, but kept on to second to draw a throw that would enable Keeler to score. McGraw recognized Selbach's loaf, and like a flash he guessed that Keeler was going home. He never hesitated at second, but dashed for third, arriving just as Joyce was gathering in Selbach's throw out of the grass. Here McGraw did some very quick thinking. He remembered that Joyce had a bad arm and thought that the catcher would not be expecting a throw. Without pulling up at third at all he scooted for the plate. His quick thinking turned out to be right. The dust from Keeler's slide was just lifting as McGraw dived for the home plate and beat in the throw with a close decision. There two runs scored on what should have been only a single, though the scorer had to give McGraw credit for a home run. This is just a sample of what won three pennants for Baltimore.

Recently a manager of a prominent club in the American league was quoted as saying that he had a long list of code signals that could not be beat. This fellow's ideas are all wrong. No team should have a long list of signals. It is not always the ball club with the most signals that wins games. The old Baltimore club, of which I was a member for several seasons, had very few signals, and what they did have were very simple ones at that. Still, the team managed to win three banners in a row and came very near capturing the fourth. Here is another instance. When Jimmy Collins managed the Boston Americans and won three flags no signs were used at all excepting, of course, those necessary between the two ends of the batteries. The most complicated system of baseball, while theoretically astounding, has never been a practical success.

A short time ago I had quite a little chat with Amos Rusie, the famous old New York pitcher. Amos is now a hardworking lumberman in Muncie, Ind., and not a pearl diver at \$1.50 a day, as has been reported many times, and the big fellow is contented with his environment. In his day Rusie was the greatest twister doing slin's duty. He had everything that a twister needed—control, speed and good curves—and well I know it for I caught him in many games. I'll never forget my first trip with Rusie on the road. The members of the team told him that every trip they made on a Pullman a number of pairs of shoes were stolen. They said that suspicion pointed to the porter, and Amos was asked to sit up and watch for the midnight raider. Rusie selected a seat in the smoker prepared to do detecting duty and a little bawling out on the side. He dozed off after awhile and wasn't awakened until about 3 in the morning, when the porter walked into the smoker with several pairs of shoes that he intended shinning in order to get a morning kip. Rusie at once decided that he had found his victim and jumped from his seat and grabbed the porter. In less than three minutes he had the colored man in worse condition than Voltaire had Nelson.

The porter spent a week or so in the hospital as a result of the mixup, and it cost the New York club several hundred dollars to square things.

Jack Doyle