

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Rucker Says Intuition Is Needed For Success in Baseball.

FAST THINKING WHAT COUNTS

Brooklyn's Star Southpaw Twirler Points Out Why Many Players Succeed or Fail When They Get Trial in Fast Company.

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A young pitcher may come into the big leagues from a minor club with a great record. He may have good curves, fair control and great speed. Many people are under the impression that this is all that is needed to keep the recruit in fast company. This is not so, however. The youngster may possess all these qualities and yet may not be fit for fast company, and he is quickly sent back to where he came from. It is the little things that count the most for the twirler in the big leagues. For instance, here are a few: A pitcher must know how to stand when a runner reaches first. He must learn how to use his shoulders in making a quick movement as if to throw to first when shooting the ball up to the next batter. This little act will serve to make the runner keep on the jump, not knowing just what is going to happen.

Another important point for a young twirler to master is in covering first



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base on everything hit in the direction of right field, whether it be foul or fair. And yet how many players ever go over to cover the bag? A twirler who is in the habit of running over to cover first sack whenever a ball is hit in the right field direction is of great value to a team in every game played. The matter of learning to cover the initial sack on the pitch is easy. All the twirler must do when delivering the ball is to slightly incline his body in the direction of first corner, and in the swing with the ball he gets a fairly good start in the desired direction.

Every now and then the fans read of "boneheads" in baseball. The reason for this is that they do not possess a subconscious mind. Many times there are plays on the diamond which the player must as soon as the ball is hit know exactly what to do. His hands and feet must be ready to act with his mind. Many persons call this instinct, but it is nothing else, however, than the inner mind. In this advanced day of the game ball tossers must think and do so rapidly. They must also possess an inner mind. Could a manager have on his team nine such men he would come close to owning a pennant winning team.

How many times have you read about the wonderful curves that some young pitcher has, and just as soon as the season lengthens how little do you hear of him? A pitcher with freak ball and curves does not last very long in the big leagues.

In the first place, throwing that kind of balls all the time is so hard on the muscles of the arm that one cannot stand the strain very long, and, secondly, in time the batters are bound to get wise to curves and then bat them all over the diamond.

My advice to young men who aspire to success as pitchers is to learn how to throw a straight ball with unerring accuracy, either very fast, very slow or halfway between, as the occasion demands.

I've found that my most effective ball is a high, swift, straight shoot, cutting the inside corner of the plate. Of course this should be varied occasionally with a slow tender, and in a tight pinch a curve or a slow drop will do no harm. Just make it a point to see how many batters make a safe hit off a ball that comes in swift on the level and close to the shoulders.

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 3, 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:

W. Seiker through his attorney Matthew Gering filed a bill of \$23.00 for taxes paid under protest account being transferred from school district No. 24 to school district No. 95 on the grounds that the boundaries were not regularly and legally changed. The above bill was refused and the claimant waives notice of disallowance.

It is further agreed that upon final determination of the suit the county Board and the other parties similarly situated with the claimant Wm. Wm. Seiker shall abide by and be bound by such determination.

Road petition filed of A. G. Bach and others praying that a road be established as follows: Commencing at a point in the west line of lot 26 in section 20 Town 12, range 14 east of 6th P. M. in the county of Cass, State of Nebraska, 105 feet north of the S. W. corner of said described lot and running thence in a westerly direction up a ravine to intersect with county road 214 on the west line of lot 120 in Sec. 10 town 12, Range 14, east of the 6 P. M. in the County of Cass, State of Nebraska. Road to be 40 feet in width.

After satisfying themselves that all the provisions required has been complied with, they declared themselves ready to hear remonstrances, etc., pertaining to the matter.

Petition from L. H. Daft and others requesting the appointment of W. E. Hand as Justice of the Peace for Salt Creek precinct filed and the appointment made. Bond of W. E. Hand for Justice of the Peace for

Salt Creek Preet. Approved.

Bond of Andre Thomsen, The Bankers Surety Co., for saloon at Cedar Creek, Cass county, Neb. approved.

Bond of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Alvo as County Depository, approved.

Application of the Nehawka Bank to become a county depository received and the bank named ass such.

Resolution ordering Bridge Contractor to proceed with repairs already examined and allowed.

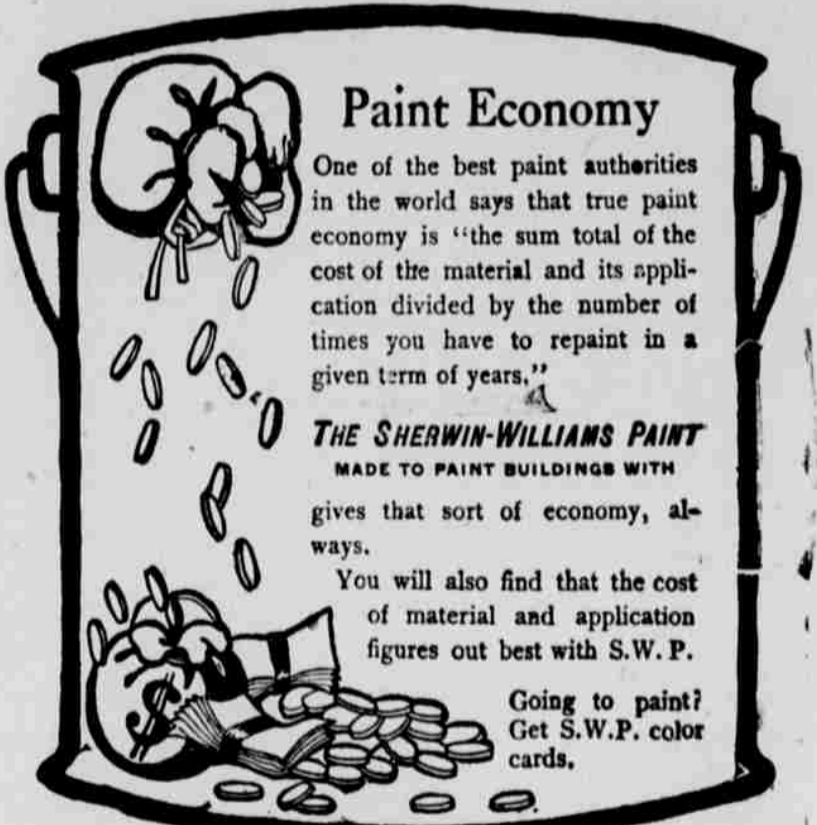
County treasurer was instructed to transfer the sum of \$490.05 from the Commissioners Road Fund Dist. 12 to Road Dist No. 12.

The following claims were allowed on the General Fund.

C. D. Quinton, acting coroner	
David J. Shuma	\$ 14.05
W. J. Schneider, constable for same	4.35
Henry J. Frey, witness, same	1.10
J. J. Schneider, Jury, same	1.10
J. W. Keil, same	1.10
John Meisinger, same	1.10
Philip Stoehr, same	1.10
Nick Schaefer, same	1.10
William Hermann, same	1.10
Frances Weidman, transferring numerical index	54.95
D. C. Morgan, salary and expense	186.81
C. R. Jordan, salary	25.00
L. Muir, M. D. report of births and deaths, 1st qtr. 1910	1.50
G. D. Maseman, same	4.55
Geo. Reitter, jr, same	1.00
B. I. Clements, same	3.25
W. E. Hand, same	2.25
Mike Tritsch, same	6.50
P. S. Crink, same	2.25
H. M. Soennehisen, same	4.15
Wm. H. Lyman, same	5.55
Mr. Stites, same	20
A. Kurtz, same	60
H. F. Kropp, same	60
S. Hulfish, same	10
Klopp & Bartlett, supplies	70.82
Mary E. Foster, salary and expense	136.16
C. W. Bayllor, coal to county	26.47
Fred Patterson, office work for month of April	28.00
J. H. Donnelly, work in assessors office	30.00
Wm. Seiker, taxes paid under	

protest, refused	23.00
John Hirz, appraising damage Ferry road sects. 19 and 20-12-14	4.00
Wm. Starkjohn, same	4.00
M. Sulser, same	4.00
Tom S. Svoboda, salary and laundry	62.50
H. A. Schneider, stamped envelopes	27.46
Fre Patterson, use of field instruments April, refused	5.00
Peter Claus, mdse to farm	1.00
A. Kurtz, burial of John Jurin	4.00
Hammond & Stephens, supplies to county supt.	3.40
E. Manspeaker, salary month of April	37.50
Michael Hild, burial of John Erwin	40.25
R. A. Bates, agent, typewriter for county sheriff	60.00
A. L. Tidd, Admr., typewriter for county judge	50.00
H. C. Lindsey, costs Clarence vs. State in Supreme case	46.15
Plattsmouth telephone com. rent and tolls	25.65
R. B. Jameson, assessing Weeping Water precinct	91.80
L. D. Switzer, salary	30.80
W. C. Ramsey, salary and expense	88.45
C. C. Valentine, bill of exceptions Cass vs. Sarpy Co.	71.50
J. H. Tams salary and expense	75.00
L. G. Larson, labor at jail	33.85
S. F. Girardet, mdse to poor	10.00
M. L. Friedrich, salary	16.25
The Platts. Journal, printing	21.50
C. R. Jordan, error in footing bill	10.00
R. L. Newell, fees State vs Burns and Bolderston, refused	12.45
School district 88, room for election Eight Mile Grove	5.00
John Bauer, mdse to poor farm	11.80
J. W. Crabill, six months care of clock and material	23.00
Neb. Lighting com., gas to jail and court house	20.48
Neb. Telephone Co., rent and tolls	4.75
Klopp & Bartlett Co., supplies	7.00
D. O. Dwyer, inebriate	5.00
James Robertson, same	.95
James Robertson, State vs. Walter Speck	1.50

C. D. Quinton, same	3.48	John Newkirk, same R. D. 6.	34.40
H. Z. Wedgwood, fees Cass Co. vs. Sarpy Co.	50.00	Wallace Philpot, grading roads R. D. 9	102.00
John Bauer, labor and material at court house	115.90	Major Robyler, road work, R. D. 16	5.20
Kroehler Bros., mdse to court house	9.10	Jess Hardnock, same, R. D. 16	16.25
S. H. Shumaker, repairs to wind mill at Co. farm	13.50	Wm. Rush, same R. D. 7	279.75
Claims allowed on road fund:		Jess Stone, same, R. D. 6	15.20
J. C. Niday, road work, Road District No. 11	142.00	A. Sutton, same, R. D. 16	4.00
Weeping Water Republican, printing notice "Inheritance Tax Fund"	3.00	Chas. Sutton, same, R. D. 16	7.80
E. T. Tool, lumber, Road District No. 7	75.02	W. A. Hardnock, same, R. D. 16	39.38
A. D. Welton, repairs to grader R. D. 5	3.00	A. W. Norris, same, R. D. 16	4.00
Will Laughlin, road work, R. D. 5	4.00	Joe Vicker, same, R. D. 6	4.50
M. Dalbey, material, R. D. 5	41.53	G. W. Leach, same, R. D. 14	90.00
Frank Rouse, road work, R. D. 5	24.00	J. M. Hoover, same, R. D. 3	49.75
John Coleman, road work, R. D. 5	4.00	Chas Ayres, same, R. D. 6	11.00
Harley Coleman, road work, R. D. 5	4.00	Dean Kamm, same, R. D. 6	6.40
W. D. Coleman, same, R. D. 5	52.00	Christ Hoffman, same, R. D. 6	8.00
John Buck, repairs, R. D. 5	75	C. J. Earls, same, R. D. 7	12.20
A. Aron Wright, road work, R. D. 5	8.00	W. J. Althouse, same, R. D. 6	23.30
W. E. Palmeter, repair work, R. D. 7	17.85	Stroemer Lumber Co., lumber R. D. 15	5.12
Wm. Stohman, Road work, R. D. 8	84.00	John Bauer, material, R. D. 10	3.30
A. N. Speer, lumber, R. D. 8	65.00	Reinhald Woitzel, road work, R. D. 6	2.25
A. F. Sturm, same, R. D. 12	103.05	Frank Rouse, same, R. D. 8	11.50
Mike Lutz, road work, R. D. 1	163.70	Claims allowed on bridge fund:	
W. F. Reese, same, R. D. 7	86.00	W. R. Sperry, concrete arch bridge	330.00
A. N. Sper, lumber, R. D. 9	6.15	City Natl. bank, Weeping Water, assignment W. R. Sperry bill	150.00
A. W. Barrett Lumber Co., lumber, R. D. 7	24.45	Union Lumber Co., Bridge material	100.00
H. H. Murfin, road work and spikes, R. D. 7	57.75	M. Dalbey, same	104.70
Glen Copple, road work, R. D. 7	20.00	Wm. H. Rush, bridge work	32.85
C. F. Ronnfeldt, road work R. D. 7	12.00	A. N. Speer, bridge material	61.27
George Johnson, road work R. D.	48.00	J. Adams & Son, same	54.49
W. L. Murfin, same, R. D. 7	45.00	Cedar Creek Lumber Co., lumber for bridges	38.75
Grover Otte, same R. D. 7	8.00	The following claim was allowed on the commissioners road fund:	
Wesley Gillespie, same, R. D. 7	8.00	A. F. Sturm, lumber for road district 12	146.80
H. H. Gerbling, same, R. D. 7	26.00	Board adjourned to meet May 4th 1910.	
J. E. Bates, road work and repairs, R. D. 13	85.50	Plattsmouth, Neb., May 4, 1910.	
Wm. Ketch, R. D. 12	212.00	Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present L. D. Switzer and M. L. Friedrich, county commissioners, D. C. Morgan, county clerk.	
T. Crabtree, same, r. d. 16	4.20	Commissioners acting on the petition of A. G. Bach and others for the establishment of a road commencing at a point in the west line of lot 26 in sec. 20, town 12, Range 14 east of 6th P. M. in the county of Cass, State of Nebraska, 105 ft. north of the S. W. corner of said described lot and running thence in a westerly direction up a ravine to intersect with county road 214 on the west line of lot 120 in Section 19, Town 12, Range 14, East of the 6th P. M. in the County of Cass, State of Nebraska; visited the proposed location and refused to establish same.	
Wm. Richards, same, R. D. 4	56.81	Bids having been advertised for, to grade roads between Nehawka and Avoca, there being but one bid received and that from G. E. Young at \$80.00 per mile, the same was rejected.	
Wm. Casey, same, R. D. 16	7.00	Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session, that the customary fee of \$20.00 to accompany a road petition, under the new law is insufficient and that hereafter the fee to accompany a read petition shall be \$30.00.	
Frank Blotzer, same, R. D.	27.25	W. H. Jones, sheriff of Nemaha Co., notified the Board that he would appeal from their action in disallowing his claim of \$50.00 for capture of the stealing Fred Creamer's team.	
John A. Hennings, same, R. D. 2	152.80	Board adjourned to meet May 17, 1910.	
Henry Sander, same, R. D. 2	40.65	D. C. Morgan, County Clerk.	
Ben Beckman, same R. D. 10	117.75		
Lee Arnett, culvert, R. D. 11	48.00		
Same, grader, R. D.	12xxxxx		
Same, grader, R. D. 12	175.00		
Same, culvert, R. D. 16	73.76		
J. Adams & Son, coal and lumber, R. D. 16	22.74		
Ed Casey, road work, R. D. 16	3.20		
Carl Johnson, same, R. D. 16	6.40		
Sam Hardknock, same, R. D. 16	8.00		
Jes Wall, same, R. D. 16	74.45		
W. W. Coatsman, same R. D. 16	1.00		
O. W. Fischer, repairs, R. D. 15	176.00		
F. H. Baldwin, repairs, R. D. 9	3.00		
Union Lumber Co., Matl., R. D. 15	37.30		
Alfred Anderson, road work R. D. 6	4.00		
Charles Sutton, same, R. D. 6	3.00		
Henry Hanson, same R. D. 6	12.80		
George Kamm, road work, R. D. 6	6.40		



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