

Nebraska League News

The GREATEST PLAY I EVER SAW
AS TOLD TO Hugh S. Fullerton
 BY ROLLIE ZEIDER.

Captain and Second Baseman of Chicago White Sox, 1910, and for Three Years the Idol of the Pacific Coast League.

There is one play I never will forget. I know it is the greatest play I ever saw and I think it was the greatest play ever made anywhere. Anyhow, I cannot imagine how a more wonderful play could be made, taking into consideration the situation, the kind of hit, and the quick thinking required to make the play at all.

The play was made on the San Francisco grounds by Carlisle, now with the Vernon team in the Coast league, but then with Los Angeles;



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and it beat San Francisco out of a game. It was the tenth inning of the game and the score was 4 to 3 in favor of Los Angeles, they having scored a run on an error in the first half of the inning. I led off with a two-base hit and was sacrificed to third base, which of course pulled the infield in to cut me off at the plate, and it looked as if we certainly would tie the score, and perhaps win the game right there. I was on my toes to go home on anything. Dillon was playing first base for the Los Angeles team.

The San Francisco grounds are low and rather small, surrounded by immense fences topped with signs, and the stands and fences completely circle the grounds, so that there is very little foul territory on either side, either in right or left field. Carlisle that day was swung over into right field and the right fielder was swung nearly to the foul line, because the batter usually hit in that direction. The batter hit a foul fly over first base, and the ball was falling within fifteen feet of the stands and about two-thirds of the way out to the right fielder's regular position. On a clear field the right fielder could have caught the ball without much trouble, but with the stands so close he feared to risk a collision and started to slow up when he saw where the ball was going. He knew and I knew that if he caught the ball he would run on and have to throw out his hands to prevent hitting the stands, and if he held to it I could trot home with the tying score. He decided to let the ball fall. Dillon had turned and run out perhaps 50 feet toward the ball. He too saw the trouble, and stopped. Carlisle, however, tearing across from center field, had thought out a possible play. He is a wonderfully fast man, and when I saw him keep on I stepped back onto third base, ready to start home, but wondering what he was trying to do. I heard him yell something to Dillon, who ran out a bit forward and turned until he half faced the diamond. Afterwards I learned Carlisle had yelled "Get into position to throw. Get into position." Dillon, not knowing what was coming, got ready for anything. Carlisle kept on at top speed, crossed the foul line, sprinted on over, threw out his hands, and without catching the ball scooped it, batting it with both hands perhaps 40 feet to Dillon, who grabbed the ball, whirled and shot it to the plate just in time to cut me off and retire the side—giving Los Angeles the game. Carlisle, unable to stop, plunged on head first against a mass of wires under the stand, but escaped with a few bruises.

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A New Stage Lighting Scheme.
 A Spanish engineer has developed a new method of stage lighting in theaters by means of which the glare of the ordinary arc and clusters is done away with. He uses an arc lamp as the ordinary source of light, but the rays, instead of falling directly on the scene, are thrown against a series of silk bands, which are unrolled and set in any position by means of pulleys. The bands serve to reflect the light and diffuse it perfectly. The device also include a sky, formed in a quarter of a sphere lined with a dead white coating. The diffused light is thrown into this dome and gives the illusion of unlimited space.—Popular Mechanic.

Kissell holds to one hit. That was the way the headlines read this morning in describing the game between Columbus and Superior at Superior yesterday. The score board showed that Columbus had taken three runs and left but a little single for Superior. And the other part of the story is that it took ten innings to win the game, which shows that it was not a walking match by any means. Columbus started the scoring in the fourth by running in one and Superior followed the trick in the seventh with one. Then it was a tie, and remained so during the next inning and also the ninth. Then our Discoverers came to themselves again and brought two men home, which was too much for the Superiors to overcome. During the game five hits were made by our men, Meixell, Coppel, the two Browns, and Kissell each getting the location for one. McDowell, the big second baseman for Superior was the only one to untangle Paul's style, which was certainly in good control that day.



Kissell Held Superior to One Hit.

Among the other towns yesterday the winners were Seward from Kearney at Seward; 10 to 7; Fremont from York at York; 7 to 6; Grand Island from Hastings, at Hastings, 4 to 3. The game, however, was protested by Hastings.

Only two games were played in the league Monday, Columbus losing to Superior at Superior and Hastings winning from Grand Island at Hastings. The games scheduled for Fremont at York and Kearney at Seward were called off on account of wet grounds. Sunday there was nothing

doing in the league anywhere the rain being so general that every town where games had been scheduled, were out in the wet.

In the Columbus-Superior game it took ten innings for Superior to win on their own grounds. Spade was in the box for the greater part of the game and along toward the last he was relieved by Kissell. The Discoverers played an errorless game, but two mistakes were chalked up against the enemy. Superior gathered six hits off our pitchers, and their pitcher, Gibson, saved our lads from taking more than five.

Over at Hastings, the Grand Island boys didn't get a lookin'; oh, yes they did too, but that was all; they just peeped over the transom and got one man home, in the ninth inning, while the Third City bunch took things away five times.

In the Saturday game, our Discoverers were entertained at York, and defeated them in a slow game, the final score being 11 to 9. Hits, Columbus, 13; York 12; errors, six each. York's first baseman, Mills, was hurt by one of the baserunners running into him. That was a great game for home runs, Harns, Hennessey, Buchanan, Meixell and Malum each climbing over the fence for a homer. In addition to all this, Malum, both Browns and Coppel took two stations on big hits during the game.

Grand Island must have a mighty selfish bunch of players. They think they are getting into the habit of giving the other fellows shut-outs, and indeed they are to some extent. That day they did it to Superior, and carried away eight runs for themselves.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Columbus players were at home. On Wednesday they played their second game with Superior, losing the game by a score of 8 to 4. The boys were clearly out-played that day, the visitors getting thirteen hits to the home boys seven. Of course, a game would not be complete without a home run by Buster, and he came with his share of the bacon that day the same as usual.

At Grand Island, the game was won by the home team, by eight to five, the success being charged to loose fielding on the part of Seward. Hastings won from Fremont on errors by eight to five and the same score was the history of the defeat of Kearney by York.

Hastings Brickmakers were our guests Thursday and Friday. The

story of that first game is too awful to think of repeating, the score being fourteen to six, in favor of the visitors, although our boys piled up a dozen hits to half a score for Hastings. Hastings made six errors. That was awful. But if Columbus had made one more error they would have had twice as many. The next day things went differently, and Columbus won by a 3-2 score, two of these being on account of Buster getting in with a home run when there was another man on bases.



Hastings Protests Her First Home Game.

In the other games, Fremont defeated Superior nine to eight; Grand Island butchered York twelve to five. While at Kearney the game was called on account of the high wind.

The Discoverers are at Hastings today and tomorrow, and Friday and Saturday they will play Seward, then to Fremont for Sunday and Monday. They will then return home to spend Decoration Day, taking a day's rest and be prepared to meet the other main line towns here at home commencing next Wednesday.

The following is the percentage standing today.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Grand Island	9	2	81.8
Columbus	7	4	63.6
Fremont	6	4	60.0
Hastings	6	5	54.5
Kearney	4	5	44.4
Seward	4	7	36.4
Superior	4	7	36.4
York	2	8	20.0

Cedar Chips.
 There will be preaching at Clear Creek next Sunday afternoon. Sunday school as usual.
 Mr. Guthrie, who was well known

In this part of the county, died at his home at Arcadia, Monday. The funeral will be held Friday at Silver Creek, where he lived for many years.

Theodore Spitz lost one of his work horses last week.

Mrs. Enyeart, of University Place, is visiting with her children for a couple of weeks.

Mahlon Donner came up Thursday from York, on his motor cycle. He has gone to work on the farm for J. C. Turner, north-east of Columbus.

As Mrs. Mike Abts was on her way home from Columbus Monday afternoon, some brush lying in the road caught in the wheel of her rig, and struck one of the horses. They took fright and ran away, overturning the rig and slightly injuring Mrs. Abts. They broke loose and ran over a buggy being driven by Mrs. Briggs, injuring her severely. The horses were badly used up, one of them having his breast penetrated by the end of a neck yoke, and will probably die.

The Ben Hurs were entertained at the home of Henry Houser in west Columbus Saturday. After a splendid dinner a crowd of them took an auto ride and called on Mrs. C. A. Church at the hospital.

For Good Roads.

The following letter has been received at The Tribune-Journal office, and we give it the space for publication for the benefit of the people of Columbus and the surrounding country. The roads in Merrick county have been widely advertised as being among the best in this part of the state, and if the people hereabout will work together, it would seem that we can get equally as good results as they have there.

The letter, which follows, explains itself:

Omaha, Neb., May 22, 1911.
 Mr. D. E. Watkins, Secretary of the Nebraska State Automobile Association, returned Saturday night from a trip out through Butler, Polk and Merrick counties, and reports great success in getting the automobile owners organized.

In Polk County no automobile club existed, and upon last Friday night, one was organized with the following officers: Dr. L. M. Shaw, President; Dr. C. L. LeMar, Secretary; E. E. Hinemeyer, Treasurer, said officers being elected temporary, and upon next Friday evening, May 26th, a meeting will be had, and the organization made permanent. Committees were appointed all over the county, and no doubt, a club of at least One Hundred (100) will be out.

Mr. Watkins reports great activity in the way of improving the roads in Merrick County, more so, than in any county that he has yet visited. He met with the Central City Automobile Club upon Friday evening, May 19th, and so learned Merrick County was very much in the lead. While there he met Mr. Hidel, a government engineer, whom the government has sent there to solve the treatment of the soil, which is rather sandy. Mr.

Hidel reports great interest was being manifested throughout the west in their road building, and prophesies that in the very near future Nebraska, with the enthusiasm that was being shown, they would soon be above par along this line.

May 22nd and May 23rd, all farmers and men in other lines of business and professional men will doff their coats and will labor, (real manual labor), with the pick, shovel and teams in building a cross-country road, which in length is about forty (40) miles.

The officers of the club are Dr. H. E. Glatfelter, President, Joe A. Hays, Secretary; Mr. Sprague, Treasurer, all of whom are certainly good road boosters.

Flight of Sea Eagle.

When one observes a sea eagle perched upon a lofty cliff, it may be remarked that in order to quit his eyrie it waits until a gust of wind arises, then it lets itself fall forward with extended wings, gives a beat or two as it turns, brings itself to face the wind, and thus mounts without a wing-beat hundreds of yards high. What is the secret of this feat?

Illuminating Tunnel.

An ingenious way of illuminating a tunnel has been devised by a Parisian inventor. Reflectors throw the light from many electric lamps sixteen feet above the rails to the sides of the tunnel, where it is again reflected by burnished tin, giving a soft and agreeable light. The trains automatically turn the current on and off when entering and leaving the tunnel.

Ladies' Umbrellas AT GRAY'S 89c.

"Black Lightning."
 In photographs of lightning, streaks of "black lightning" are often seen branching out from the main white flash, and people have long wondered what these were. It is now found, says the Scientific American, that they are due to the over-exposure of the photographic plate and the "reversal" of the negative into a positive.

World's Jewish Population.
 The numbers of Jews in the world is 11,625,658. Of these 1,903,926 are in America. The only country in the world having a larger Jewish population is Russia, with 5,062,242. In the list of cities showing the percentage of Jews to the population Jerusalem comes first with 55 per cent, and then Lodz, 49.59; Odessa, 33.75, and Warsaw, 23.36. The Jewish population of London is 2.23 per cent.

Daring Escape Puffin.

For the first time in living memory a convict has escaped from Schlüsselburg fortress, in Russia. While working in the afternoon in the open air the convict scaled the wall with the aid of a rope, and subsequently, though chained, walked all night across the ice of Lake Ladoga toward Bugrovsky lighthouse. Early on the following morning the man was discovered by some peasants, and was seized and taken back to Schlüsselburg prison.

Lost—Between Columbus and Shelby, Saturday noon, a hand satchel containing man's wearing apparel and memo book with name and address. Finder please notify Eugene Bolden, Seward, Nebraska. Reward for return.

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