

JUDGMENTS

These palatial trains that about across the country at this time of the year carrying the various major league ball teams to their respective training quarters, such trains as the one that bore Comiskey and his White Sox through Omaha to the Pacific coast—what are they? One thing, they are monuments that mark off the amazing progress of the game is making. They are annual reminders of the fact that base ball, instead of being a mere pleasure-giving game, is one of the stable institutions in our national life. Into the business of base ball have come immense fortunes; out of it have come riches in amazing profusion. The coffers, its revenues, its earning powers are simply colossal. And so when team owners and managers start out for the season's work they contract for a special train, fit it up with all the modern comforts and some luxuries, fill it with robust young men and strike across a continent...

STARS TELL OF TWO STARS

Astrologer Finds that the Twinklers Indicate Jeffries Will Win.

JOHNSON LACKING IN GAMENESS

Although Having Never Seen Either Man, Scientist Declares There is Something the Matter with Johnson's Feet.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 5.—Now comes Professor C. L. Cordray, a scientific astrologer and adviser of the sport fans of the country to bet their money on Jeffries, declaring that all the signs of the heavens, retrograde the champion. The professor says Jeffries will win, but he is doubtful of the fight taking place, because both men are of practically the same basic nature. The professor has made an approximate delineation of the physical powers of endurance as regards the fighting ability of the two pugilists. He says that Jeffries was born on Thursday, April 15, 1878. At that time the planets of our solar system were poised in the signs of zodiac as follows: The sun was in the twenty-fifth degree of Aries; the moon in the twenty-ninth degree of Leo; Uranus in the twenty-seventh degree of Libra; Mars in the twenty-eighth degree of Sagittary; the planet Venus in the fourteenth degree of Pisces; Mercury in the second degree of Aries, and the sign Taurus was arising at the time.

This position of the planets certainly gives Jeffries plenty of physical strength and combativeness to fight any one to a finish, for on the day of his birth the laws of nature were in his favor, for Aries, Leo and Sagittary are the three powerful fighting signs of the heavens, and with the sun, moon, Mars, Uranus and Mercury all equally divided among these signs, and that powerful fighting sign, Taurus, the bull, arising and sending his influence over mother earth at the time of his birth, gives Jeffries Herculean strength in his shoulders, neck and arms. The professor also says that every time the "wise ones" of the heavens, the so-called champions cannot come back, because he has been out of the ring so long, they are easily mistaken, and that he will fool them completely.

Born on Sunday, "Jack" Johnson was born on Sunday, March 31, 1878. At that time the sun was in the tenth degree of Aries, the moon in the fourteenth degree of Pisces, the planet Uranus in the twenty-fifth degree of Leo; Saturn in the twenty-fifth degree of Pisces; Jupiter in the second degree of Aquarius; Mars in the seventh degree of Gemini; Venus in the first degree of Pisces; Mercury in the twenty-first degree of Aries. These are the positions of the planets at the time of Johnson's birth. It will be seen that the sun and Mercury were in the sign Aries at the birth of both men, and Uranus in Leo was the same sign, but the sign Aries is a fire sign, while the sign Pisces is one of the water signs. This is where the lesser light of the heavens, was in the Pisces with the planet Saturn and Venus at the time of Johnson's birth, and this is not very good for a prize fighter. An analysis of the elements of the material beings of these two men show that Johnson is composed of fire and water, and those opposite elements do not work well together. Jeffries is mostly fire, tempered by earth, and the resistance is very strong, one to the other, without any injury one to the other. In summing up the two men, Prof. Cordray says that Johnson is a natural athlete and is much more like Jeffries. For he has the fiery nature of Aries, tempered by the watery element of Pisces, the fishes, and this is where he gets the quick action from.

Jeffries' elements are Aries, fire, tempered by earth from the sign Taurus, the bull. This is where Jeffries gets his arm strength, as Taurus is the sign which ruins or governs the shoulders and arms. They are both natures of Aries, the lamb in Leo. Their basic natures, temperaments and dispositions are pretty much alike, but Johnson for activity and Jeffries for endurance. Prof. Cordray says that the combination of fire and water in Johnson's make-up indicates that he lacks gameness, or, in other words, that he possesses a "yellow streak." He also predicts that Johnson is approaching a financial crisis, while Jeffries will continue to increase his wealth. The professor has never seen either man, but declares that the signs show that there is something the matter with Johnson's feet. When told that he was flat-footed he remarked that explains it. He does not think that Johnson will be able to stand the punishment that Jeffries will do him, while Jeff will not be hurt by Johnson's blows.

FATE OF VANISHED COINS

Disappearance of the Once Familiar Three-Cent Piece Explained.

The disappearance of the 3-cent piece has for years been a matter of mild speculation. Few persons are aware that a large proportion of the coins of this denomination which remained in circulation when the government stopped issuing them, are peacefully slumbering in suitcases, large fat canvas bags in the vaults of a certain electrical manufacturing company of Chicago. They are not for sale just yet. Years ago the company equipped many telephone pay stations with dime slot machines. It was supposed that they could be worked only with dimes. Hardly six months passed before one of the telephone companies discovered that the collectors were yielding a harvest of 3-cent pieces. Then from all over the country came similar complaints. Each company forwarded the pieces to the manufacturing company, and more or less politely asked that a corresponding number of dimes or a check for an equivalent amount be sent back in exchange. A council was held at the office of the manufacturing company. The cost of collecting the boxes was compared with fairly good information of the number of 3-cent pieces in circulation. It was found that a balance was in favor of the 3-cent, and it was decided to accept the pieces as dimes. Gradually the liquor of 3-cent pieces narrowed down to the small amount currently. The company seemed to have about all the pieces. It offered to collectors at prices based upon the original cost to the company, plus six per cent a year, plus cost of storage, plus cost of guarding, plus cost of carrying the fund upon the books. Long ago the slot machine that collected them were relegated to the scrap heap.—New York Sun.

Free Asthma Cure.

D. J. Lane, a chemist at 23 Lane building, St. Marys, Kan., manufactures a remedy for asthma in which he has so much confidence that he sends a 1/2 bottle by express to anyone who will write for it. His offer is that he is to be paid for it in full, and the one taking the treatment is to be the judge.

Another Comet Nearing Earth



Papke is In Bad with Sports of Gay Old Parce

PAPKE, March 5.—Billy Papke, the Illinois thunderbolt, who came into Paris with a flourish of trumpets, hailed as the world's champion at the middleweight, will beat a hasty retreat, a discredited person with his fellow Americans and new-found Paris admirers who turned out to welcome him sneering at the mere mention of his name. The sudden change in the aspect of things was brought about by a cowardly and unprovoked assault committed by Papke on the small body of Dan McKeitrick, whom he laid low with a vicious and most cowardly blow dealt from behind on the darkened stage of the Theater Femina the other night.

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The stage was filled with pugilists when the pictures were being shown, and as many of the fighters had not seen them, they were watching every move of the two men on the canvas. A number of leading Paris business men were among the hundreds of more persons on the stage, and Al Lippe and McKeitrick were explaining the merits of the two fighters and the different blows to them.

Lippe explained that Ketchel, despite his defeat, was still the middleweight champion, whereas McKeitrick told Lippe to keep quiet, as they were advertising Papke as the champion over here, and it will not do to boom Ketchel too much just now. Lippe got his cue and kept quiet, so far as the championship was concerned, but a moment later was explaining the Ketchel shift and said that it was with this that Ketchel knocked out most of his men.

It was here that Papke broke in and showed himself. He had just come from his dressing room after his exhibition bout, and hearing some one remark that he had copied the Ketchel shift with success, objected. In the darkness he made for the man nearest him who happened to be little Dan McKeitrick, who weighs 110 pounds. "I won't allow any one to knock me down. I am the middleweight champion and I don't copy any one's style." Papke said, and before McKeitrick could explain that he had not said a word, Papke let go a terrific left-hander which landed on McKeitrick's cheek and knocked him out, cutting an angry gash, which required four stitches. McKeitrick sank unconscious to the floor, and before the others could realize it Papke sneaked away in the darkness. The indignation of the other pugilists knew no bounds, and in little groups they began to search for Papke, vowing to give him a sound thrashing for his cowardly deed. The officials of the Bete Société de Propagation de la Box, who brought Papke to France, are in a high state of indignation, and at a meeting will probably cancel his engagement. Meanwhile, they insist that McKeitrick bring civil action against the fighter, and things may go very badly for Papke here.

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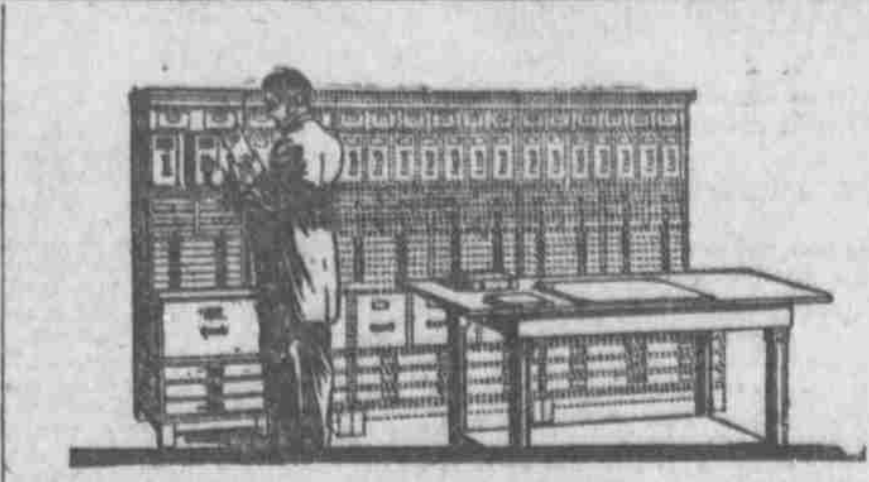
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Others of the board who favor Jones have observed closely the results attained in the west by other Yale coaches. Both Williams of Minnesota and Stag of Chicago are Yale graduates. These two men have been among the most successful coaches in the west. Stag is noted as the leading all-around coach of both the east and west. At Minnesota, Williams has produced a foot ball team each season for eleven years that has been one of the leaders in the "Big Eight." With Jones there is the same fault to find that there is in the case of Page, ex-Chicago; he does not know a great amount about basket ball and track athletics. His experience at Syracuse this year will probably show what ability he has in dealing with other branches of athletics. Westeners Want Place, Too. In the west there are several men who would like the Nebraska position. From Colorado has come a glowing recommendation of one Richards, who at present is located at Colorado Springs. It is said Richards was once coach of the Colorado school of Mines team when that institution had a winner. He is athletic director of the Colorado Springs High school, receiving a salary of \$3,500, which is probably the highest salary paid to any man in the United States for the same work. Richards is an all-around coach and has had experience in base ball, foot ball, basketball and track athletics. The party who recommended Richards says the Colorado Springs man would be certain to make a success of the work at Nebraska, and that he would be willing to accept a salary less than that which he is paid at Colorado Springs just in order to show the Cornhuskers what he can do. Deacon Koehler, formerly coach at the University of Denver, would like the place. Koehler was at the Denver school for four years and there had a large amount of success. His foot ball team in 1908 was the champion of the Colorado region. Last fall it met but two defeats, one by Haskell and the other by Nebraska. Koehler has instructed the Denverites in all branches of athletics. He turned out a star basketball team one winter and also had a strong track team for one spring. After the foot ball season last fall Koehler resigned his position at Denver and applied for the Nebraska foot ball coaching job. Koehler played foot ball at Nebraska for two years in the early part of Booth's regime and then went to Chicago, where he played for two years. Besides the men who have been mentioned herein, the Nebraska board has had applications for the year-round job from coaches at many universities in all parts of the country. Recommendations have been received in all places. Several of Coach Test's former pupils who have made a success of coaching have asked for the Cornhusker job. The Nebraska athletic board has considered all the applications and all the recommendations, but it is not yet ready to make a selection. It is waiting to hear from other men and to hear about other men. It wants to learn of every man on the available list before it makes a choice. If any one knows of a good man, who might do for the Cornhusker position, the board would like to be informed of that man. When all parts of the country have been heard from, when every available man has been listed, then the Cornhusker board will begin its sifting process that will result in the elimination of all the availables excepting one, who shall become Nebraska's year-round coach. It may be a month or two, or more before the board finally makes a choice, but the matter will not be allowed to darg along until next fall. The Nebraska board of control wants a coach elected this year, so that he can take up the work of training the basket ball team next November. "King" Cole has been re-elected foot ball coach for next fall, and, of course, will have charge of the Cornhuskers in that line of endeavor, but with the close of the foot ball season the individual coaching system will go, and the year-round man will come on the job. This Year Good Lesson. The experience of the present school year has taught the Nebraska board a lesson that has made it anxious to prevent a repetition of the things that have happened since last fall. Since Dr. Clapp resigned last fall, the Nebraska board has had no full coach. The Cornhusker board has permitted the financial consideration of the coaching system to determine its policy, and the men selected to train the various teams have not met with the approval of the students and alumni. 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