

JUDGMENTS

THE week has brought forth several changes in base ball of great interest because they involve additions around whom hopes of undimmed glory hang. Pat Moran, the old Cub catcher, has gone the route of the best of them, been sold. He goes to Philadelphia. It was a task for the Chicago management to break the news to Pat, for he remained a prime favorite to the last and always gave the team the best he had. So Murphy and Chance both deserted the job and threw it onto Murphy's secretary. This is one of the hard sides to the game, but must be done to keep it going. Fred Tenney, for so many years first baseman and leader of Boston Nationals, and the last two seasons with the Giants, has been unconditionally released. He is free to sign wherever he pleases, but thus far has had no proposition from a base ball club that stamps him. He has, however, been tempted by the New York Times to become a sporting editor and is considering the proposition. Tenney is a college-bred man, having been graduated from Brown university. Until he joined the Giants he never would play Sunday base ball and has always been one of the clean men on the diamond. Wee Willie Keeler, the oldest of them all, has decided that he can play good enough to sign with the Giants and has done so. Keeler is a scrupulously conscientious man. Last year he offered his resignation to the New York Americans because he felt that he was of too old an age to play Sunday base ball and they would like it if he could resign his old-time form that made him famous as a member with McGraw of the old Baltimore Orioles.

Hundreds of Omaha's younger athletes will compete in field and track indoor athletics this week at the Young Men's Christian association, commencing ending in a grand final meet at the Auditorium Thursday night. This is an innovation started in Omaha a couple of years ago and it is working up a splendid athletic spirit among the boys. As the returning hunter likes to say, it "puts them on their fighting edges." These games are instilling a love of fair competition into the boys which will be a lasting asset to them through life. They learn to win without too much gloating over their competitors and they find it best to lose without being disgruntled. They learn that the thing to do when they lose is simply to return to training with a determination to do better next time.

The Cubs have certainly not made a formidable showing thus far. Of course, they have started out this year as they have for three years past with a lot of sick or crippled players, too. Chance, Tinker, Rubeck have been sent out and something must be ailing Miner Brown, for he has not shown his cunning as yet. These things help to offset what advantage Kling is to the team and have kept it from winning as consistently as it should to stay at the top. One little item of interest is that other teams are probably stronger this year.

The Bourkes have wheeled around since coming home and are going at a promising clip, though not entirely satisfactory yet. If this team does not nose the leader hard we miss our guess. It undoubtedly is strong in every department and there is nothing left but to play team ball. With Pa Bourke on the bench it certainly should not be excused for falling down on this. Its infield and outfield are fast and its batteries strong. We believe it will go to the top.

People who are asking the governor of California and the mayor of San Francisco to suppress the Jeffries-Johnson fight are counting without their host, righteous as their cause may be. There is so much more in San Francisco and environs that is infinitely worse than a prize fight that it must strike even the governor and mayor as futile to put the lid on the fight. There is very little chance of heading off this thing now.

Farmer Burns ought to be able to cash in Jeff's estimate of him—"the greatest conditioner in the world." When the old man decides he doesn't want to wrestle any more he can hang on his shingle as Doctor of Conditions. If Jeff wins that fight—and what is there to prevent it, Omaha, through its distinguished citizen, Mr. Farmer Burns, will have some place in the records, if that will help any.

What is this that has come over Chicago? The mayor, refusing a permit for the Gutch-Zyzyreka wrestling smacks a little of the kind coming. What it needs to do is to show people that it is all it represents itself to be. A meritorious match between these two men would certainly be most desirable from a sportsman's standpoint.

"Austin played a wonderful game at third." These are the sort of reports come in from Omaha's Jimmie these days. He is rated today as the fastest man in the American league except Cobb and close on to that man. Austin is bound to win. He is an exemplary athlete, takes the best of care of himself and is made on an ideal plan.



WILBER HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM

TOP ROW—READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: IRVIN, SUB; KUHN, COACH; SUPERINTENDENT DILLI, MANAGER, CHALOUKA, SUB. LOWER ROW: LUSE, FORWARD; PRUCKA, FORWARD; BINGER, CENTER; BALDERSON, GUARD; EHMERDA, GUARD.

CONDING STILL LEADS FOR PA

Shotton and Two Pitchers Only Others Above Coveted Mark.

IMPROVE ON HOME GROUNDS Hanson Is the Only Omaha Pitcher Who Has Not Lost a Game

Condong continues to lead the Omaha team in batting, although his percentage has decreased in the last week. He has been sticking at the rate of .533 for the three weeks of the Western league season, shotted in the second best so far, with .525. These two, with the exception of Patton and McCafferty, who have played three games each, are the only four over the 300 mark. Raftis of Des Moines is the heaviest batter in the league. He has an average of .400, having been to bat sixty times and made thirteen runs and twenty-four hits.

Harry Welch maintained his perfect fielding record. He has made thirty put-outs and has not made an error. Shaw of Wichita is the only player in the league who has not made an error. He has had seventy-six put-outs and has not erred in handling the ball.

Omaha is last in team batting, seventh in team fielding, seventh in stolen bases and fourth in sacrifices hitting.

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