

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

JUDGMENTS

HE Sporting News nips in the bud that very attractive bit of fiction about the wholesale swapping of the Tigers for the Browns. It also disposes of the alibids to the story that the Tigers may be sent to St. Louis, the Browns to Kansas City and that Kansas City may take the place of Detroit in the American league. Of course, much study of this rumor would have disclosed its fallacy without any explanation. Trades of that character involve more than teams—they involve whole leagues. Both the National and American leagues would have to consent to an exchange like the Tigers and Browns and the American association would be drawn into the situation were one of its teams involved. So that matter is off. But, as the News points out, what is to be looked for is a reassignment of the St. Louis American league will promise more victories. So long as the Cardinals run along losers like the Browns it is not such a critical question, but now with the National league team winning the Browns must do something and their fate more directly affects their league. Their owner, Hodges, has called for help in the press. Will get it: Other teams have available players they do not need. Some of them may be sent to St. Louis. Detroit, of course, is not a good ball town, while St. Louis is and the theory underlying this rumored exchange had that in mind. Next year some changes certainly will be made in the baseball map and it would not be surprising to find a live class A town like Kansas City in major company. Undoubtedly, it could hold up its end there, just as Omaha could and would hold up its end in faster company. With the expiration of the ten-year franchise of the American association this year we shall see some interesting shakeups unless all signs and plans fail.

Manager Uelgah is making changes before it is too late. The tendency of home writers sometimes to minimize the value of a player after he has joined another team, is diminishing the trade by which Bert King left Omaha for Topeka, we desire to avoid that fault. There is no denying King's ability as a fielder and his record as a hitter, though of late he had set down at the bat. Few outfielders ever played in the Western league. It was not because of his fielding that Pa was willing, if not anxious, to dispose of King. Nor was it his batting, for it is quite probable that his slump is only temporary. King's chief weakness as a player was running bases and it was a serious weakness. Fleet of foot though he was he was safe on the bases. Yet even this did not primarily actuate Pa. King is a hard man to handle. He is disposed to wrangle and nag other players, thus fomenting strife, and then he generally holds out at the opening of a season on his contract. We cater believe that if Pa Rourke were made manager of business to others, he would admit that this was what influenced him more than anything else in the King deal. Tomason, who supplants King in center, is a splendid fielder, a better base runner than a King, a good hitter and on the whole, we believe, is more valuable than King. He has not been thrown in for Cook, had proved about worthless to Omaha. He may come back for Topeka. We cannot pass judgment on Cook. But, taking the deal as a whole, we think Omaha has profited very clearly.

The case of Pitcher Cheney is one of the base ball wonders of the year. Here he was losing about every game he pitched for Indianapolis until the Hoosiers called for waivers on him and Pa Rourke made the bid that was acceptable to the Indianapolis management. Cheney was about to start for Omaha, we could almost see him winking that spitter of his in and out around the puzled pates of our competing batters, when of a sudden, Louisville interposes an objection, refusing to waive, and taking the man. He has pitched eight games for the Colonels since, winning only one. He has, in fact, pitched Louisville into the American association race and he could not be had from that team for a good sum. Now comes Frank Howerman, the ex-Giant and ex-Indianapolis catcher, saying he wonders why it is Cheney is not tested by a major league team. Howerman, now with Kansas City says: "He has the best break of his spitter I ever saw. One time it will shoot in and the next time it is likely to take a jump and come up around the neck. Cheney's spitter is not tested by a major league team. Howerman, now with Kansas City says: "He has the best break of his spitter I ever saw. One time it will shoot in and the next time it is likely to take a jump and come up around the neck. Cheney's spitter is not tested by a major league team. Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest is that which says: 'I wish it had been.'"

Our tempestuous old friend, Ducky Holmsa, is about to be cited before the high court to show cause why the rotter of organized base ball should not be slipped under him. Ducky went down to Mobile to run the team there in the Southern league and lasted something over fifteen minutes. He got into a fight, it seems, with everybody who would fight. Now they have him charged with inciting mutiny among the players and strizing a siren song that got them to sign outside contracts. Billy Fox, erstwhile of Lincoln and Omaha, is one of the players mentioned, though, with the others, he denies the allegation. Ducky is said to be quacking about getting back in the Western league. If it takes the National Commission's ukase to head him off, we almost hope that Ducky will be barred from the game entirely, though we wish him no ill luck.

The return to life and old-time form during the week of Captain Bill Schipke was the joy of the fans. Bill lit on the ball like a fender, batting at will and in left field, unfamiliar ground, he actually did some star performance. Of course, it is foolish to think of a man at Schipke's age being out of it; in fact the only thing he had ever lost was his nerve. Now that that has returned, he ought to be as good as ever.

Pa Rourke, in his desperate effort to land a winning team has bought another pitcher, Demott, from Cleveland, who promises well. The team seems, at least, to have got over its stage fright and is now playing ball, if not winning as many games as we should like.

Manager Uelgah of Lincoln is sorely disappointed with his pitchers. So is everybody else who banked on them. They looked by all odds to be the one unbeatable staff in the league, but they got hammered with distressing regularity.

MATTICK LEADS IN SLUGGING

Big Des Moines Fielder Hitting the Ball at a 360 Clip.

THOMASON BEGS OMAHA HITTER

Thirty-eight Leaguers Are Hitting Over 300—Jackson Leads for Pitching Honors—Omaha Far Behind in Fielding.

When Tomason joined the Omaha team he brought with him a batting average which materially boosts the Omaha team average. At the present time he is among the top ones in batting and likewise leading the Rourkes with an average of .331. But it is still the big Bill Matticks of the Des Moines team that has it on the other leaguers and is leading the sluggers with an average of .360. Matticks has averaged the sluggers in the league for the number of times he has been at bat. Jackson of Pueblo leads the pitchers, having won fourteen and lost but four games.

Batting Averages.

Table with columns: Name, Team, Average. Includes Matticks (.360), Jackson (.331), Tomason (.331), etc.

Pitching Honors—Omaha Far Behind in Fielding.

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Fielding Averages.

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E. H. Sprague Putting Up Road Markers for Omaha Auto Club



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DOUBLE BILL AT ROURKE PARK

Two Games Scheduled While Leaguers Are Out of Town.

The local encounter at Benson this afternoon will be between the Brodegaard Crowns and the Benson Eagles. Last Sunday the Benson birds distinguished themselves by smothering the Omaha Browns. Those colored warriors thought they could cut a few wings off the Eagles, but they didn't even get a small. A bunch of doughnuts reigned supreme on their session of the score board. According to the dope the Benosites are all to the horseradish and the gang that climbs over them will have to climb a tall ladder. Their reputation doesn't bother the Brodegaard Crowns, as they are stepping after the speed merchants and they would just as soon scalp the Benson gang as anybody else. There will be only one game at Benson and one at Florence park as many of the teams are out visiting our base ball loving neighbors.

HOLLYS AND STORZ TO DO BATTLE

All the Amateur Teams seem to be Lining Up for Games for Fire-cracker Day in the Various Small Towns.

The Western league warriors are out of town today, consequently two amateur arguments are slated for Rourke park for this afternoon, the first of which will be between the Advos and the Victors, and the second dual Storz Triumphs vs. Hollis. Last Sunday the Advos jammed a twelve inning wrangle on to their register and the Victors do not always peak their tangle in over the Hollis and Storz. They will probably have a high as they can get them because they vanquished their toughest enemy, viz. the Council Bluffs Imperials. They will be up against the Hollis Storz Triumphs, who are a right to attack their lids up as high as they can get them because they vanquished their toughest enemy, viz. the Council Bluffs Imperials. They will be up against the Hollis Storz Triumphs, who are a right to attack their lids up as high as they can get them because they vanquished their toughest enemy, viz. the Council Bluffs Imperials.

OMAHA WAINS BIG BRANCH

Olds Motor Works to Establish Big Branch, Covering Distribution for Six States.

Plans for a \$50,000 salesroom and garage will be realized when E. H. Sprague, building here in charge of the opening branch of the Olds Motor Works, announces that he has secured a big branch of the Olds Motor Works, covering distribution for six states. The branch is temporarily located at the independent auto garage on Farman, near Twenty-fourth street. All of the 1911 models of the Oldsmobile factory are on exhibition there, including the ninety-horsepower, six-cylinder "Limited."

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Hooters will fight out an encounter which will undoubtedly be filled with hard and brilliant work from both sides as a 1000 purse will be divided, 50 per cent to the winner and 50 per cent to the loser. Criticism of all kinds will be held in the west town and Manager Kennedy expects to see his boys with their best feet on the field with rosters for the contending teams.

Eight-Year Men in Big League Teams Not Very Numerous

Only Sixty-Five Show Up on the Combined Rosters of the Major Organizations.

NEW YORK, July 1.—One of the laws of organized professional base ball provides that between May 20 and August 30 of each season the major league clubs, which comprise the American and National leagues can carry but twenty-five players on their rosters. This means that during the three most important months of the campaign 60 players are maintained on the salary lists of these major league clubs. Of this number nearly one-sixth—sixty-five, to be exact—have been playing in the two principal organizations of the great "outdoor leagues" for eight years or more.

When the rack and tear on physical and mental powers by every day competition for six months, the actual playing season is taken into consideration, this is a large percentage. When it is also realized that each spring some 600 odd ball players are taken south for spring training by these same sixteen clubs, the percentage grows proportionately. It has been said by those who have made a profession of base ball for years that the average life of the professional player in the two major leagues is four years. This can readily be understood when it is recalled how many athletes and the fall to these camps, taken with the fall to the wear and tear, yet Mathewson of the Giants, Mordecai Brown of the Cubs, "Fats" Flaherty of the Boston Nationals, "Long Tom" Hughes of Washington, George Mullin and Bill Donovan of Detroit, "Eddie" Plank and "Chief" Bender of the Athletics, Charles Phillips and "Sam" Leever of Pittsburgh, George Witte and Leon Ames of the Giants, not to forget "Cy" Young of Cleveland, have weathered the ravages of time and are included in the sixty-five.

Notes for the Amateurs. Yep, the Bonatti brothers are the official battery for the Hancock Parks. Last week several out-of-town applications for games on noise day showed up. Blancheard, tried to get Probst of the Storz Triumphs to leave for them for Fourth of July. Chicago's left fielder, has been pulling down fly balls in a sensational manner of late. Captain Benson was seen scouting over the records last week. He was searching for a good infielder. Since the breaking up of the Farrell Trips a few good men are looking for a berth on some line-up.

Now then! A Coat and Pants Sale

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