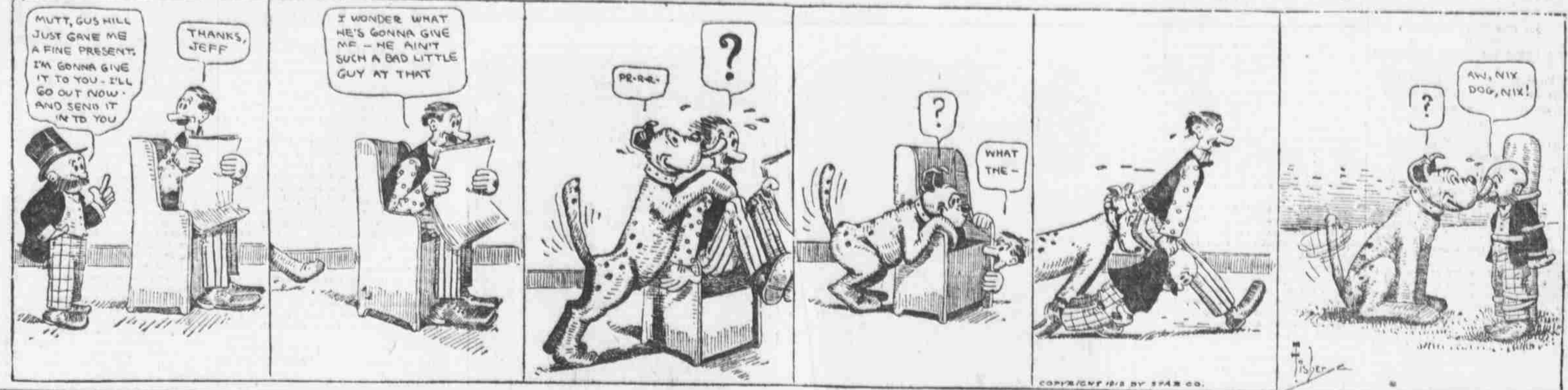


Mutt May Like Dogs, But Not Large, Affectionate Ones

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Judgments

This United States base ball league differs about like the Fletcher league of last year that signed up all the star players at two and three times their regular salaries. It boasts of franchises in seven cities—Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, New York, Brooklyn, Reading (Pa.), Richmond, Washington and appeals from Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Buffalo. The promoters, who are total strangers in base ball, have sites already located in some cities. But nobody else has been able to locate them. Managers think players seeking salary increases are agitating this bluff. Perhaps so; we cannot think of a better explanation. But they cannot be very shrewd players. It would take several million dollars—seven or eight, we should say, to plant such a league in eight cities before even a player was bought. That is one little item that does not lend substance to the story. Money is not so "easy" just now that capitalists are anxious to finance so doubtful an enterprise as a third major league since in the last few months relations and conditions have so shaped themselves as to remove the immediate demand if one existed, for such an organization.

The compromise reached between the majors and the American association settles the provocation that threatened an invasion and it is not so easy to find another to take the place in a day. Nor is it at all likely or evident that any number of players will follow the call of this alien voice now, not with the echoes of Mr. Fletcher's wolf cries still ringing in their ears. Conversation money does not look good to a youth with a real pay check. If the managers are correct in assuming that this is a players' trick, it must be a very few very short-sighted players.

Well, the AA boys are through. They have returned from the war with the pelts of victory dangling at their sides and if they are satisfied, then all we have to say is they are easily contented. For, aside from the name, what have they? One thing, they have the privilege of paying more for drafted players, which, with the other concessions, will call for higher salaries paid by them. Perhaps the AA league, which are wedded in between the class A's and majors, can cash in their nominal advancement for enough to offset the other factor. If so, then so much the better. The Western and Southern of the class A, it seems to us, came out of the shake-up all right. Hereafter they will get \$1,500 instead of \$1,000 for a player taken by draft. While it really seems as if the whole thing ended satisfactorily, it nevertheless becomes a fiasco so far as the American association is concerned because of the hubbub Tebeau and one of two created in advance with their threats. They may have got all they needed, but it is very little as compared to their big talk for a year or two.

With reference to Miner Brown's talk of leaving the diamond to enter business it is worth noting that the miner's contract with the Cubs expired last fall and is not yet renewed. It is hardly fair to assume that he will see any better pitching days. But whether Murphy can be scared or whether the old rescuer would attempt to scare him into submitting an improved contract or one as good as Mordecai had, we would not say.

Two old time major league stars are to be prosed back into service this year—Kid Gleason by the White Sox and Monte Cross by the Browns. They are to coach and help young players and the managers—Callahan and Wallace. Gleason will wear the title of assistant manager. The scheme is a good one. Men of this type are valuable to any team for their experience and knowledge of the game and how to teach it.

The National commission finally discovered enough backbone to whitewash the whole ticket scalping situation, praises the Athletics and Clinton for their precautions against scalping, urges state and local legislation to prevent it and closes the incident with a two-column "finding." Now, all ready for another dose in 1912.

Now, if you think they are not burning some cubs down at the Smoke House these days—and night, you're off. Why, John Goding, Dick Grotte and Brother Dave had to work so ten-minute shifts there one day and then Pa "howed they weren't keeping steam up."

It was necessary to call the games at 2:30 o'clock last week owing to the cold weather and early darkness.

If Tom Fairweather arranges to take hold of Des Moines for the year, here's hoping he makes a go of it.

There is still blood on the moon at Lincoln. Surely, there must be something wrong down there. What is it?

Joe Tinker says the Cubs will win this year—if Chance, Evers and Brown "come back." If not, then the Pirates.

Chance is entitled to a judgment in these columns. He says the Athletics are there for one and maybe two more seasons.

And now come the bowlers, who will hold the center of the stage for a week.

TRI-CITY SCHEDULE READY

Games to Start This Week and Continue Until March.

FOUR DATES FOR EACH WEEK

Matches to Be Played at Y. M. C. A. Gyms in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs and at Omaha Uni.

The Tri-City Basketball league, which was officially organized at the local association last Wednesday evening, has attracted considerable interest in Omaha as well as Council Bluffs and South Omaha. That the league will prove a success is assured, as it already has the backing of prominent athletic enthusiasts and the various schools of the three cities.

Nearly all the teams entered are experienced at the floor game and some fast contests are expected to be pulled off during the season. The quintet entered include Bellevue, Creighton, University of Omaha, the Council Bluffs and South Omaha Young Men's Christian associations, the Omaha and South Omaha High schools and the Pirates and Tiger Cubs of the local association.

Games will be played in the local association gymnasium, the Council Bluffs and South Omaha associations, and at the University of Omaha. All games scheduled are for Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. It will be impossible for the high school quintets of the league to play games on either Monday or Tuesday evenings, as the school authorities have a ruling against allowing any athletic events during school nights of the week.

J. Truitt Maxwell, physical director of the local association, the president of the league and also the founder of it, is well pleased with the interest that the different athletic organizations have taken in the project and believes that it will be a success. Prof. C. E. Reed of the Omaha High school is secretary-treasurer and Claude Deits of Creighton the vice president.

The league season will open Tuesday evening at the University of Omaha gymnasium, when the Omaha High school quintet will meet the red and black athletes from the university and Creighton will clash with Bellevue. All four teams have been practicing for some time and are in excellent condition for the opening game. In both of these games the players will be about evenly matched.

Following is the league schedule for the season:

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.** Omaha High school against University of Omaha at University of Omaha gymnasium.
- Creighton against Bellevue at Omaha University gymnasium.**
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.** Tiger Cubs of Omaha Young Men's Christian association against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at the local association gymnasium.
- South Omaha High school against Bellevue at South Omaha Young Men's Christian association.**
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.** University of Omaha against Creighton at University of Omaha.
- Tiger Cubs against Pirates in the local association gymnasium.**
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.** Omaha High school against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at the local association.
- South Omaha High school against Creighton at the local association.**
- University of Omaha against Bellevue at University of Omaha.**
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.** Pirates against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at the local association.
- Tiger Cubs against University of Omaha at local association.**
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.** Tiger Cubs against Omaha High school at University of Omaha.
- Creighton against Creighton at University of Omaha.**
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.** Tiger Cubs against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at the local association.
- Pirates against Bellevue at local association.**
- University of Omaha against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at University of Omaha.**
- Tiger Cubs against Creighton at University of Omaha.**
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2.** University of Omaha against South Omaha High school at University of Omaha.
- Friday, February 2.** Tiger Cubs against Creighton at University of Omaha.
- Saturday, February 2.** Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association against Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association at the local association.
- Tuesday, February 4.** Pirates against University of Omaha at University of Omaha.
- Omaha High school against Bellevue at local association.**
- Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association against Creighton at local association.**
- Friday, February 9.** Buffalo Young Men's Christian association at Council Bluffs gymnasium.
- Saturday, February 10.** Tiger Cubs against Bellevue at local association.
- Pirates against South Omaha High school at local association.**
- Tuesday, February 13.** Creighton against Bellevue at local association.
- University of Omaha against South Omaha High school at local association.**
- Saturday, February 17.** Omaha High school against Creighton at University of Omaha.
- South Omaha High school against Bellevue at University of Omaha.**
- Monday, February 19.** Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association against South Omaha High school at Council Bluffs association.
- Tuesday, February 20.** Tiger Cubs against Pirates at local association.
- University of Omaha against Creighton at local association.**
- Friday, February 23.** Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association against Pirates at Council Bluffs association.
- Saturday, February 24.** Pirates against Creighton at local association.
- Omaha High school against South Omaha High school at local association.**
- Tuesday, February 27.** South Omaha High school against

Twenty-two Thousand Dollar Beauty



CHAMP SCULLING MATCH ARRANGED FOR TORONTO

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—A match for the professional sculling championship of the United States has been arranged by Eddie Durman of Canada and William Haines of Boston. The race will be rowed on Toronto bay next June.

ANTE-SEASON BALL GAMES FOR ST JOSEPH IN MARCH

St. Joseph base ball fans will see a short series between the Jostes and the Kansas City Blues this spring. The ante-season games of the year will be played there Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, between these two clubs.

Chicago Bowlers Will Visit Omaha

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Chicago boosters have arranged the greatest trip ever made by a bowling club to boost a tournament when the Chalmers club of this city will leave early next month for a three weeks' campaign to all of the leading cities of the west, taking in Los Angeles before they return. The trip of the bowling experts is being financed by the Chalmers team itself, but it will carry extra banks of the American Bowling congress tournament, which starts in this city on March 2, and distribute them broadcast at every town the club will visit.

The first stop of the Illinois state champions will be at St. Paul, where they will compete in the International Bowling association tournament on February 12. From there it will visit Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City and then take in Los Angeles for a whirl at the big prize of the Western Bowling congress tournament. Trips to San Francisco, Seattle and other big cities in the west are being planned by the bowlers before they return to Chicago.

River to River Road to Come to Omaha

In a recent talk with John E. Kelly, chairman of the good roads committee of the Chicago Motor club, H. O. Cobb, an officer of the American Automobile association, told of the plans being made by the national organization to push a federal aid roads bill through congress. The bill will call for a national highway from Washington, through Chicago to Davenport, Ia., then to follow the river-to-river road across the state to Omaha, thence to Kansas City and over the Santa Fe trail to the Pacific coast. A national highway through Springfield to St. Louis also is to be asked for.

TO START MONDAY BOWLING CONTEST

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- man and Gierde.
- 9 P. M.—Tracy and Lamb; Dober and Mokry.
- 11 P. M.—Hengelo and Howell; Landgren and P. Thomas.
- Thursday.**
- 7 P. M.—Chambers and Hughes; Daugherty and Grotte.
- 8 P. M.—Hinn and Ohnesorg; Zecek and Volstead.
- 9 P. M.—Hriggs and Hull; Fitzgerald and Hall.
- 10 P. M.—Chadd and Godenschwager; H. Primeau and C. Primeau.
- 11 P. M.—Voss and Walczak; Heaton and A. Bowers.
- Friday.**
- 7 P. M.—Neale and Conrad; Demman and Hakens.
- 8 P. M.—Hartley and Huntington; Nelson and Harry Green.
- 9 P. M.—Krusse and Clayburn; Marietta and Larling.
- 10 P. M.—Bunnell and Weimer; Martin and Kitor.
- 11 P. M.—Wiley and Hatch; Reynolds and Wartchow.
- Saturday.**
- 7 P. M.—Solomon and Hinrichs; Baehr and Giltbreath.
- 8 P. M.—Mullin and Wolfe; J. and H. Landwerkama.
- 9 P. M.—Koch and Detrenner; Cooley and Hammer.
- 10 P. M.—Tomlin and C. Rice; Sprague and Prackovic.
- 11 P. M.—Layton and Hammerstrom; Eldon and Matthe.
- Sunday.**
- 2 P. M.—Tombrink and Powell; Klaucek and Zerp.
- 4 P. M.—Gustavson and Boien; Howell and Melum.
- 7 P. M.—Lepinski and Kennedy; Piltner and Ely.
- 8 P. M.—Hembien and E. Norgard; Hoesing and Haskin.
- 9 P. M.—Hove and L. A. Smith; Durkee and Eastman.

Players in Five-Men Event.

- Doyce Cracker Jacks—Krus, Martin, Tom Larkins, Harry Green, R. E. Clayburn.
- Leislow Coils—G. Gustavson, J. P. Wolfe, Charles Howe, C. E. Boien, J. M. Muen.
- Petersen Candy Kids—C. R. Hunt, S. Winers, J. L. Martin, F. Clark, C. J. Francisco, P. Peterson, F. Fagenberg.
- Parkers, South Omaha—E. A. Hammond, Pa. Leibrner, H. Horwich, A. J. Koch, R. Cooley, T. J. Parker.
- Armour, South Omaha—W. H. Bonnell, E. A. Schanaky, J. Weimer, F. Heysa, C. W. Stem.
- J. S. Cross—Maytham, Cain, Johnson, Wiley, Yousem, Christanson.
- Martin Tagers, South Omaha—A. H. Frye, H. Fritcher, G. S. Kennedy, H. Hembien, F. M. Lepinski.
- Lukas—N. Nelson, A. Bowers, W. S. Heaton, George Sutton, H. Beslin.
- Omaha Field Club—Bill Chambers, Dan Daukerty, Jack Hughes, W. J. Perkins, Bill Grotte.
- Hellings, South Omaha—Gus Volstead, Charles Winter, J. J. Ohnesorg, William Ham, John Zeck.
- Brandeis Stores—Bob Manley, William Lippold, H. W. Brenizer, Don Amnden, H. Leyandick.
- Mercantile Specials—G. E. Johnson, F. Jaros, R. L. Smith, E. Kranda, G. E. Carpenter, J. A. Smith.
- Cudaly, South Omaha—Heffner, Hansler, Larsen, Thomas, Nichols, Swift.
- Jetters Gold Tops, Omaha—J. Klaucek.

Base Ball Prospects Bright for Wichita

The base ball outlook for Wichita this year is promising. As far as raising the money necessary to purchase the team is concerned, there is no doubt about it. The best part of it is that Wichita is not the only town which wants to have a base ball team. Pa. Rourke is heartily in favor of its getting into the Western league again this season. Pa. said: "I would like to see Wichita get back into the next league season and I don't think there is any doubt but what they will. If a downtown park is secured in Wichita, it will be one of the best towns in the league, as they have the right kind of boosters in that place. Wichita will undoubtedly get the Pueblo franchise and there will not be a manager in the league who will not be heartily glad to go back to Wichita with his team."

Runs Are Abandoned.

Cross-country running at the Omaha High school has been abandoned for the year on account of the lack of interest taken in the work and the cold weather which makes it impossible for the lads to continue their semi-weekly practice runs.

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