

A Punch on the Jaw is a Sure Knockout, but You've Got to Land It

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Judgments

WITH the faithful Aaron O'Neill to uphold his hands, Moses Comiskey has delivered Des Moines from the captivity of Uncle Jawn Higgins into the promised land, placing Isbell over the tribe and he will have associated with him Tom Fairweather, so that this insures Des Moines' return to the base ball map. What we said would transpire has and now we are ready for the process of regeneration. Frank Isbell is the boy for Des Moines at this stage of its career and Des Moines surely will give him the kind of support it should. It has manifested such a spirit in a successful season and seasons upon seasons. Much re-organization will have to be done and yet there are some good players on the team's roster now, left over from last season when it played such a desultory game. Pueblo is sorely rent over Isbell's desertion and it may not be blamed, though the best interests of the league seemed to call for Isbell at Des Moines. To take the team away from Pueblo and give it back to Wichita, though, does, really, look like a tough deal, especially since Wichita so miserably failed to support the team when it had it and when the team was up near the top. A prudent man will Frank Isbell show himself to be, by remaining as far away from Pueblo during the heated season as convenient.

Cap. Anson threatens to break back into the game. He will "stick around" in some of the big league training camps in the south this spring and cover first for the "locals," and if, he shows well, will strike some big league for a job as utility hitter in the regular season. What a romance it would be to see this man, up in his fifties, "come back" even to the extent of pinch hitting, such a romance as we never expect to see, invincible a batter as the old boy was. Anson's case is one of melancholy verities of the star's career—unless he learns the art of saving his money as well as playing ball, an art which Ans never acquired.

Joe Knave's may develop into a first-class shortstop in the south. He may prove far more valuable than he was in Omaha, but Omaha fans will not scold Pa Rourke for swapping him. They got his goat and when that happens to a player he might as well move on. Joe blated at them some, though, before they went after him. "Wild" Jack Ryan, a right-handed pitcher, who comes from Mobile in exchange for Kneaves, is touted as a good one and he had better be, for only good ones are wanted here this year.

Chance's problem this year is expected to be his pitching staff. Even if Brown returns, he must show better than he did last year to be the "steady resistor" of old. Ruelbach is looked upon for a lot of work this year and it may be the very thing needed to give Big Ed the control he lacks. But only think, that waiters were asked on him early last season.

Charley Withnell is threatening to close up the smoke house or shut down on corn-cob fire, unless Brother Dave builds a fire-proof bin for his roasting ear fuel. Dick Gotte has borrowed Dan Butler's hammer and bought a few boards and nails and is trying to fix things up, while Pa says he never did believe it paid to burn coals instead of wood, anyway.

Old Jimmy Cockman is a candidate for the management of the Grand Island team and we hope he lands. James has been a grand old wagon and earlier in his career, before his wheel was smashed, he went along like a real steam-roller. He is a heady ball player and has been a working good third baseman and nifty with the stick.

In the meantime Frank Gotch is resting while the human box cars are pushing one another around on the mat for the delegation of crowds who are eager to see the real thing.

Johnny Gending with ten good offers at his disposal, one of which is from Omaha, is a standing argument that it pays a ball player to deliver his best in every game.

Danny Shay denies the report that he is in league with the "Outlaws." No, he has severed all relations with White Wings.

Chicago sports have put the ban on fake wrestlers, but are still paying real money to see Doc Rolfer perform. Can you beat it?

Don Carlos Hagan is signed up with Brooklyn this year as plain Patrick Hagan. Yet he's mixing with the gentry.

It would make a heathen cry to hear George Tebeau expatiate upon the evil of outlawry in base ball.

Be an insurgent in politics, if you must, but stand pat for the grand old game.

The open season for White hopes is showing some splendid bags.

This snow is good for Pa's grass.

PRIZES FOR THE ATHLETES

Svea Club Will Award Silver Cups and Trophies.

BANQUET FOLLOWS THE MEET
Plans for Seating Two Men to the Olympic Games This Year Are to Be Discussed.

The Svea Athletic club will hold its third anniversary celebration Sunday evening, January 20, at Fraternity hall, when the prizes won in the outdoor field meet at Elmwood park last September will be awarded.

Silver trophy cups will be awarded athletes who had the highest average in each of the three divisions, or camps, and individual gold, silver and bronze medals will be given the three highest men in each camp. Blue, red and white ribbons will be given those who finished among the first three in each event.

Gunner Carlsson, secretary of the club, will make the presentation of prizes, after which a banquet will be given and plans discussed for holding another meet this spring for the purpose of selecting two of the best Swedish athletes in Omaha to be entered in preliminary competition in this country for the Olympic games at Stockholm this year.

Carl Engstrom took the individual honors of the meet, with a total of twenty-six points, winning five firsts and one third. The most closely contested event of the meet, the javelin throw, was won by A. W. Kemner.

The meet in which the prizes were won was held last September at Elmwood park and attracted considerable interest. A total of forty-two athletes entered the competition, which was very keen in all events. Following are the prize winners.

Camp Winners.
First Camp—Carl Engstrom, silver trophy cup and gold medal; H. Magnusson, silver medal; H. Pearson, bronze medal.
Second Camp—H. Norman, silver trophy cup and gold medal; Carl Engstrom, silver medal; Knut Lundquist, bronze medal.
Third Camp—A. W. Kemner, silver trophy cup and gold medal; Phillip Carlsson, silver medal; Carl Engstrom, bronze medal.

Individual Event Winners.
100-Yard Dash—Carl Engstrom, blue ribbon; H. Magnusson, red ribbon; B. Pearson, white ribbon.
220-Yard Dash—Carl Engstrom, blue ribbon; H. Magnusson, red ribbon; K. Pearson, white ribbon.
440-Yard Dash—Carl Engstrom, blue ribbon; B. Pearson, red ribbon; Erik Erickson, white ribbon.
Running High Jump—H. Magnusson, blue ribbon; H. Norman, red ribbon; Carl Engstrom, white ribbon.
Pole Vault—H. Norman, blue ribbon; J. Isacson, red ribbon; Albert Rehn, white ribbon.
Running Broad Jump—Carl Engstrom, blue ribbon; H. Norman, red ribbon; A. Rehn, white ribbon.
Javelin Throw—A. W. Kemner, blue ribbon; G. Peterson, red ribbon; H. Magnusson, white ribbon.
Hammer Throw—A. W. Kemner, blue ribbon; G. Peterson, red ribbon; B. Pearson, white ribbon.
Shotput—A. Rehn, blue ribbon; G. Kemner, red ribbon; A. W. Kemner, white ribbon.
Discus Throw—Erik Erickson, blue ribbon; A. W. Kemner, red ribbon; A. Rehn, white ribbon.
200-Yard Run—Carl Engstrom, blue ribbon; B. Pearson, red ribbon; Edward Ström, white ribbon.
Mile Run—Phillip Carlsson, blue ribbon; B. Johnson, red ribbon; J. Isacson, white ribbon.

FOREIGNER WILL ENTER BALK LINE TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The international B.L. balk line tourney, which is to be held here next month, will have at least one foreign entrant, and he will be M. Roudil, a former French amateur champion. Roudil is expected here in a week or two. The big tournament is to be held at the Liederkreis club and will begin on February 15.

Steps to Institute New Competition Taken in Tennis

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Even before the result of the matches for the Davis cup, held at Christ Church, New Zealand, was known, steps to institute an entirely new competition for the lawn tennis championship of the world had been taken. A formal invitation has been sent to the various lawn tennis governing bodies by the president of the Union des Societes Francaises de Sports Athletiques, which rules lawn tennis in France, asking them to send representatives to a conference which is to be held in Paris in July. The purpose of this conference is to decide whether it is desirable to institute a lawn tennis championship of the world, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, to formulate rules to govern the competition and to select a time and place for holding the first meeting. It is almost a certainty that Great Britain, Germany, Austria and Belgium will send delegates to the conference, while France will, of course, have its representatives there.

For a number of years there has been talk of a world's championship lawn tennis meeting. It is felt that the Davis cup competition, while in a measure serving the purpose, has never done so fully owing to its being a contest between nations instead of one between individuals. This feeling has gained in strength with each year the Davis cup has been held in Australasia. It is pointed out that since 1907 there has been no real competition among the "championship nations," to employ the phraseology of the Davis cup regulations, inasmuch as America is the only country that has sent a team to the antipodes, owing to the great distance and the amount of time required to make the trip. It is recalled that so long as the cup was held in England all the other nations sent teams to battle for it.

The same conditions of affairs would prevail if America were the holding country. It is said that the European nations were only waiting for the cup to be brought back to America to challenge for it almost in a body. Had the New Zealand contest resulted differently the greatest lawn tennis competition in the world's history would have been held here this year. Great Britain, France and Germany were ready to send teams, and Australasia would almost certainly have challenged, with Brookes to captain its team, in the endeavor to regain what it has come to look upon as its own.

There never has been a world's lawn tennis championship instituted, and many people are disposed to conclude that it is not feasible to hold one. The principal tennis playing nations are located so near each other—with the exception of Australasia—that no insuperable difficulties exist, however. If European players were ready to cross the ocean in pursuit of the Davis cup they would be even more ready to do so if the prize were a real world's championship. If a European capital should be selected as the locale of the matches, however, there would be even less trouble experienced in getting entries in the European centers. As for American players, there are probably half a dozen who would view with favor the plan of making a bid for titular honors. Many Americans have contested for English championship honors at Wimbledon in the past, and several of the topnotchers of today have been quietly turning over the project of having a try next year for the English title.

CONSUMY MAY ENLARGE PARK.

So confident is President Comiskey of the ability of Manager Callahan to make a winning team out of the White Sox that he is figuring on increasing the seating capacity of the Comiskey park and already has obtained estimates of the probable cost and specifications for the needed materials. The improvement he has in mind will involve the expenditure of an additional \$100,000.

FLANNAGAN CASE ODD ONE

Big Weight Thrower May Represent England or America.

IRISHMAN NOW IN TRAINING
Latest Report that He Will Wear Colors of United Kingdom at the Olympic Games in Stockholm This Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The new rule of the Olympic games defining the residential qualifications of intending competitors has developed one of the oddest situations in the history of international athletics. At the Budapest conference last spring it was decided that an athlete could represent his native country any time, even were he a naturalized citizen of another country. Just now the rule applies to John Flanagan, the present Olympic hammer champion, and who, it is understood, will be a contender at Stockholm. For several years Flanagan was a resident here and successfully represented the United States in Paris in 1900 and at London four years ago. Last year he took a sudden notion and went back to his home in Ireland, where he competed all through the season, one of his star engagements being the international match between Scotland and Ireland.

All along it was well known that Flanagan had his eye on the Sweden fixture, and some of his friends here volunteered the information that he was to keep in training through the entire winter so as to be well rounded up by July. Various rumors have been floating around about his plans, one being that he was coming back and would make one of the American team once more, but this view was set at rest in a letter which was received by Ben Sherman of Harvard, a fellow hammer thrower. The note directed Sherman to go to James E. Sullivan, secretary of the American Olympic committee, and inquire if America would object if Flanagan represented the old country, or, if he came back, was he eligible to throw for America.

HE COULD COME BACK.

The reply was that the hammer thrower could come back and wear the Stars and Stripes, or he could throw for England without protest on the part of America. In explaining the case Sullivan said there was nothing in the Olympic rules that could prevent Flanagan from picking his choice of the two countries. Were he to decide in favor of America he would not even have to come back here. He could stay in Ireland up to the last minute when he could join the Yankee team at Stockholm. The only bother he would meet were he to come back here again for good would be that he would have to wait a full year before he could represent an American club, but in the meantime he could compete unattached.

The latest report about Flanagan is that he will represent the United Kingdom, and the decision is important in the fact that he will surely take some points from America in the weights. He will have the advantage, too, of knowing more about the style of mallet used by the Swedes, while the men from here will be more or less in the dark until they land on the scene of action. That will be the wrong time to be experimenting with any new implements. When the games were held in Paris in 1900, it was the initial introduction of the hammer, and Flanagan won with a throw of 36 feet, 4 inches. He was to the fore at St. Louis in 1904 with a pitch of 38 feet, 1 inch, and made his third win at London in 1908 with 170 feet, 4 1/2 inches, which is now the Olympic record. Several times last season Flanagan threw in the neighborhood of 130 feet, so it is safe to assume that he will be a most dangerous man at Sweden.

NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES.

The national league umpire staff as announced is Klem, Johnstone, Mason, Rigler, Finerman, Brennan, Elmira, Bush and Owens.

Prospective Pitching Wonder



Jeff Tesreau, young pitcher of the Toronto (eastern league) club last season, who will join the New York Giants this year. Tesreau was tried out by the Giants a year ago, having been grabbed from the Shreveport team of the Texas league, but he was found wanting by McGraw, who wanted him to be polished up a little more in his work. Accordingly he was farmed out to Toronto for the 1911 season. With Toronto he did so well that McGraw expects to make him a regular member of the Giant pitching corps this year. Tesreau is a big fellow, almost the same size as Christy Mathewson, and he also has a facial resemblance to "Big Six."

GRIMSON OARSMEN SUPERIOR

Outlook for Events During Coming Season Are Much Brighter.

TRAINING WILL START SOON
At Poughkeepsie Most Interesting Contest Will Be Between Cornell and Columbia, as It Was Last Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—With the college oarsmen getting ready to begin their early indoor training for the races next season, rowing experts in reviewing the season of 1911 can hand first honors to Harvard, Yale and Harvard, were brought into competition with the crews in the early season, which later rowed at Poughkeepsie, and the result of their races showed the superiority of the Crimson.

The last season was marked by the re-entrance of Princeton into intercollegiate rowing after an absence of over a quarter of a century. By its fine performance, in competition with the veterans, Cornell and Yale, it jumped into the limelight of the rowing world. College rowing in the west also took a big boom, and a big western regatta may be held next year.

The outlook for this year is most bright for even a greater college rowing year than the record breaking one of 1911. All of the crews will be on the rowing machines in a few days. At Poughkeepsie the fight in all probability will be, as it was last year, between Cornell and Columbia. Courtney, as usual, has an abundance of good material. He has many veterans left.

For the first time in years Columbia's chances are most encouraging at the beginning of the year. As a rule few men, either old or new, come out, and the university has to be raked over by inside accounts. Even then some of the really good ones present themselves only after the boats are on the water, thus losing the individual coaching for body work, which Rice pays so much attention to indoors that he may have more time for blade work later.

Like Cornell, Columbia has the bulk of last year's crew, including Strok Downing, who, by the way, is now captain. Hiller, an excellent oar of a couple of seasons ago, is back at college and has an excellent look in for a seat. Then there is the whole boatload of rattling good youngsters who so easily ran away from Cornell in last year's freshmen race, to fall back upon.

Stroke is Different.

The style of stroke at Columbia and Cornell have gradually drawn apart and bid fair to be even more radically different this year. It is well known that an outsider who watches different crews year in and year out, detects changes as he sees them between intervals, while the coach himself, who is constantly with his men, is often oblivious to the gradual change.

Cornell, without a doubt, has increased the slow part of the recover. A few years ago the first three-quarters of the slide on the recover was very rapidly done, and after that came the slow down. Courtney has decreased the fast part so much that to the eyes it seems as if the proportions were reversed and that only the first quarter was fast and the last three-quarters slow. This is carried out in the swing.

Rice has shortened his stroke. But he has made this change intentionally. He has cut the useless over-reach, which brings the shoulders far forward and which makes the men step on the full reach, bringing the blades too high just before the catch. In this he leans slightly toward the Belgian style. The slight amount which he loses in length is made up for by two things: (1) The more rational placing of the applied force and (2) quickness.

Yale Makes Departure.

After its vicissitudes of the last few years, Yale has again made a radical departure, and the pendulum of rowing policy has once more swung back to the graduate coach system. Rogers, an old Yale rowing man, has been made head coach, but it is not at all impossible that Bob Cook will be on hand, too. The old Yale coach has long been out of it, but if he can "come back" and teach rowing in the rare way that he once did, the monotonous series of Harvard victories may be broken.

The Canadian sculler, E. B. Butler, who won the American single scull championship at Saratoga, was the sensation of the season. Starting comparatively recently, he has gone up through the ranks at meteoric pace until he reached the top of the ladder last summer. An hour before the race he was not even eligible for the senior event, as he had to win the association singles to qualify.

This he did, and after a short rest went out for the big race. As a topper he took the senior quarter-mile dash, beating the blithely almost invincible (for the distance) Fred Fuesell. But in all three races he rowed hard only at the beginning and end of the course. In each event he shot out, got a commanding lead, and then simply rowed well within himself, keeping his men safe.

Just before the finish he let out and won as he pleased. So we don't know what he really can do when he may choose to cut loose. Thus it is that we have a youngster upon whom all rowing eyes are focused. He will be heard from some more this year.

Pueblo's Threat is Not Taken to Heart by Base Ball Barons

Pueblo's threat to begin legal proceedings against the transfer of the Pueblo ball club to Wichita are not considered seriously by those who are familiar with the situation and with the constitution of the Western league.

Pueblo might cause a temporary toup in Western league affairs, but it is not thought that the Colorado town can win in the end. Technically Pueblo had no ball club last summer and has had no Western league franchise since it sold out to St. Joseph in the fall of 1909. So far as the Western league magnates know, officially, Isbell's club finished the season in Wichita last year.

The league constitution provides that a transfer of a club must be ratified by a three-fourths vote of the league members either by letter or wire. This vote was never taken when Isbell went to Pueblo. The constitution also provides that a vote must be taken at the next league meeting following a transfer. So far as can be learned from the reticent magnates no such vote was taken at the Chicago meeting in November.

Frank Isbell also is authority for the statement that he signed no paper agreeing to retain a Western league base ball club in Pueblo for any stated time, and that he made no such oral agreement. Had he signed a contract agreeing to keep the club in Pueblo it would be void, for the constitution of the Western league reserves that right to the league.

If Pueblo has any legal rights to the Wichita club those who claim to know something about the law say they cannot see them. Everyone, however, agrees that Pueblo may have some moral rights, and that "Little Pittsburgh" has been used as a first-class "goal."

Kearney High is Proud of Record

"Victory does not lie in the score, but the good, consistent, hard fighting of the team," is the Kearney High school team's motto.

But recalling the record of the team for 1911, it seems their motto does not hold good:

Oct. 6—Kearney High school, 4; Nebraska State normal, 11.
Oct. 13—Kearney High school, 2; Lexington High school, 2.
Oct. 20—Kearney High school, 25; Aurora High school, 6.
Oct. 27—Kearney High school, 9; Grand Island High school, 1.
Nov. 3—Kearney High school, 6; Hastings High school, 4.
Nov. 10—Kearney High school, 9; North Platte High school, 8.
Nov. 20—Kearney High school, 13; Kearney Military academy, 6.
Kearney High school, 11; opponents, 17; touchdowns, Kearney High school, 12; opponents, 5.

Kearney High School Foot Ball Team, 1911



The team is shown in a group photograph, with some players sitting on the ground in the front row and others standing behind them. They are wearing dark jerseys and light-colored pants.