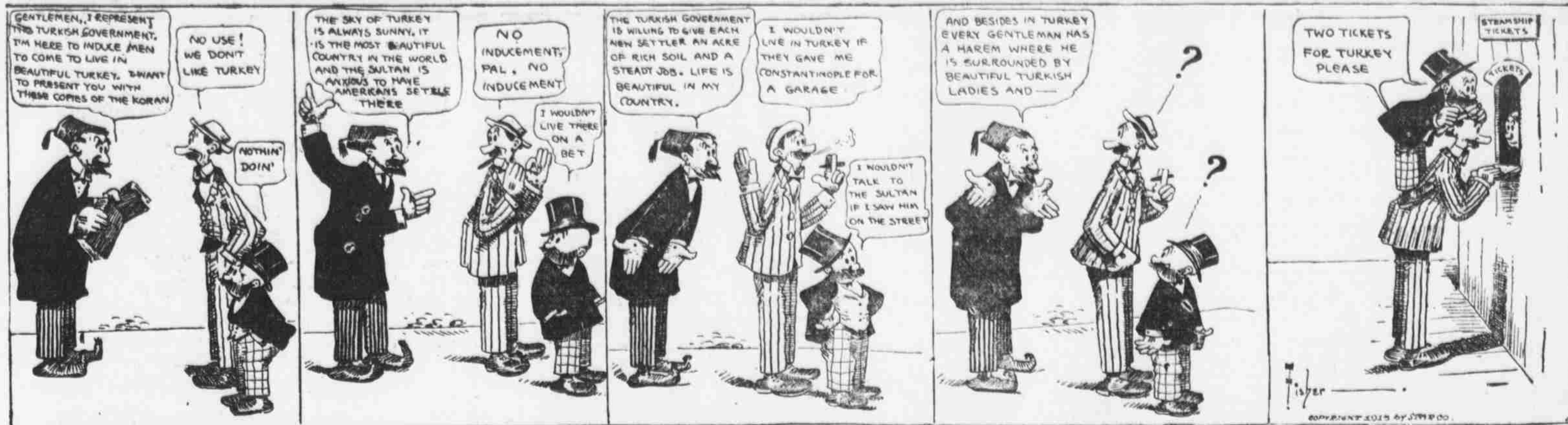


# Mutt and Jeff Are Evidently on the Way to Turkey

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## Judgments

**S**AYS the Sporting News: That was a neat counter of President Tip O'Neil to the demand of the Western league club owners that he move his office to some city within the circuit. He asked them to designate the city and naturally there were eight club owners who had eight different opinions as to the proper city for headquarters. Each club owner being cognizant of his own city, a permanent deadlock is assured and President Tip will continue to hold forth in Chicago pending a decision. You have to hand it to Tipperary.

Correct and the chief reason why you have to give it to Tipperary in this particular case is that he was in the right and the other fellows in the wrong, that is, those who set the peg to move him and the headquarters. O'Neil conducted his case like a master from the start and not only won it, but set his pin-headed enemies back on their haunches, where they belong.

You won't hear much, we fancy, about moving Tip from now on, at least, not until his present contract with three years to run expires. The fatal weakness of the whole foolish plot was that it sought to override a legal contract. The Western league had engaged Norris L. O'Neil as its president for a term of years. Three of those years were yet to come and if the malcontents had succeeded in ousting O'Neil, he could have recovered, undoubtedly, in the civil court. So when one of these chaps tells you how magnanimously he acted in relenting and leaving O'Neil on the job, hit him in the eye with the assertion of the facts.

The grim reaper has played a conspicuous role in base ball history during the week. He has put out at the home plate two former stars of the long, long ago and clouded the sky around another one. Tom Dolan and Jack Boyle, both former catchers of the old St. Louis Browns, owned by Chris von der Ahe and managed by Charley Comiskey—the four-time winners—died and Von Der Ahe was reported as near death's door. Dolan was on the Browns even before their ascendancy as the champions of the old American association and once of the world. He and Tom Dearsley did the catching when Tony Mullane and George McGinnis were the big men in the box. Dolan remained with the team after it began to win pennants in 1885, but not long. His premier catcher during most of those four years was Albert J. (Doc) Bushong, now dead and Jack Boyle, succeeded Bushong to the white until Bushong, with the two great pitchers, Bobby Caruthers and Dave Foutz, were traded to Brooklyn in that celebrated \$14,500 deal. Strange to say, both Foutz and Caruthers also are dead.

The late experiences of Bresnahan and Chance prove that the Lord cares for his own. Roger is deliberately fired at St. Louis, despite the fact that he had several years of a contract to run, gets a bunch of the money under the contract and a \$50,000 or better job to boot. Chance gets a dirty deal from Chicago, where his annual earnings netted probably \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year, salary and dividends, and—well, you know the rest. Moral: It pays to be a martyr, in a lucrative cause.

Now, it appears, Murphy tried to kiss and make up with Chance in time to save himself and the Cubs from the damaging loss of the peerless leader. But Chance, not being of the kiss-and-make-up character of man, refused, saying he was through with Murphy, willing to take his chances with the public. And Mr. Murphy, it is said, is still suing for peace. But it is financial peace he most laments losing.

Mordcael Brown has signed a contract to pitch for Joe Tinker's Cincinnati Reds and Joe is still struggling to persuade the Hon. John Kling to do likewise, and we hope Jawn comes across, for it would be a great thing to have this famous old battery together once more.

When a team is bound to change managers, you can't prevent it from finding a reason. Philadelphia, admitting Doolin's great play and able manager, wants another because Red is unlucky.

Jess Westergaard thinks he ought to make a good white hope, at least Emil Klank, the hefty "manager" thinks so. And certainly Jess couldn't make a worse one than most of those we've had.

The remark is made that the men at the head of the New York Giants are not practical base ball men. Perhaps not, but from McGraw down they are intensely practical.

Things seem to be shaping around for some good base ball interest and playing out in the state this year and here's hoping.

On the theory that every man should stick to his knitting, Hank O'Day ought never quit umpiring again for managing a team.

Frank Chance, though a Scotchman, objects to the name Highlanders for his New York team. Hoot, mon!

## IMPROVE FIELD CLUB GREENS

Golf Expert Has Made Many Changes in the Big Course.

### NEW MOTOR POWER MOWER

With This Big Machine the Ground Keeper Will Be Able to Go Over the Entire Course Every Five Days.

When the golfing season is formally launched at the Omaha Field club this year the enthusiasts will find the course practically remodeled and the fairgreens, approaches and tees in such shape that they will be the envy of every golf course in the city.

W. D. Clarke, golf expert of the Field club, has prevailed upon the board of directors until that body has given him permission to go ahead and fix up the entire course. At first it was decided to purchase a motor power mower weighing somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000 pounds and cutting a swath forty inches wide. But for the present this machine will not be secured. As soon as the course is such that the machine would be able to go over it the mower will be purchased.

With this large machine, which would do the work of one single and one double mower, it will be possible to roll out the many "cupps" lies that exist on any course if not given rolling almost constantly. The speed of this machine is twelve miles an hour, making it possible to cut the grass and roll the Field club course in five days.

**Slight Alterations.** There is nothing seriously wrong with the general layout of the various holes as they stand at present, yet several can be improved by slight alterations, such as shortening and lengthening and judicious bunkering, and the board has decided to take this up soon. However, there are several improvements which ought to be made at once.

The entire fairgreens will be seeded and fertilized. Fifty-five hundred pounds of Kentucky bluegrass will be used. Greater attention will be given the approaches than heretofore. All the tees are to be made over and all duplicated so that when one is in use the other is being treated and rested. The tees are one of the hardest problems a greenkeeper has to contend with and duplicate tees is the only way to keep good tees with good soil all the hot summer.

Four of the putting greens, Nos. 7, 8, 11 and 12, are to be enlarged somewhat and regraded, the other putting greens being treated as usual with seed, sand, black dirt and fertilizer.

At hole No. 1 half the fairgreen at the north end has been plowed and leveled. At No. 2 the big ditch 200 yards from the tee will be filled in. This ditch has always made it necessary to employ a local rule for a ball driven from the tee and landing there. This whole fairgreen has been treated with black dirt to fill up all the holes and all lumps leveled by cutting off with a scraper.

**Fairgreen Widened.** At hole No. 3 the fairgreen has been widened fifty or sixty feet on the east side and the putting green moved some thirty yards further south and nearer the line of trees. No. 4 stands as it did. At No. 5 the grade immediately in front of the green will be cut so that the mower may make the slope easily. No. 6 needs no repairing and will remain as it is. A new tee will be placed at the north of No. 7 and near the green at No. 15, so as to get lined up with the center of the fairgreen. At No. 8 the "lie" at the 300-yard mark from the tee has been plowed and leveled from the top of the hill on the north side of Woolworth avenue down to the slope in front of the putting green. It has also been plowed and leveled out. Two hundred yards from the tee at No. 3 the "lie" has been leveled.

No. 10 has always been a bad proposition to deal with, but now that the fairgreen between the bunker and the road at Poppleton avenue has been leveled. Two of the big gullies filled in, the good tee shot will get fair treatment. No. 11 park has been leveled and plowed out of all its unevenness. No. 12 still remains the puzzle it was. Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 are all right, but No. 17 demanded the plow and grader and got it, as did the approach at 15, 18.

## "Knockout" Brown and Uvick Monday

A good card is promised the many fans of Omaha and South Omaha tomorrow night at the Eagles hall in South Omaha. The Ak-Sar-Ben Athletic association offers to its many patrons once more, a real card of merit, and has matched two of America's sturdiest middleweights, Billy Uvick and "Knockout" Brown.

This big event should be one of the best seen in the state of Nebraska for some time. The two clever men ought to be able to put up a most sensational battle. And, as the winner will get a chance at the middleweight champion, Eddie McGeorty, it will mean a big feather in the cap to the boxer who cups the verdict. As usual a splendid eight-round semi-final will be put on with two good preliminaries.

## Maurice McLoughlin, U. S. Tennis Champ



While the California youth is a wonder at the tennis game, there are so many great players after his scalp that it is believed by experts he will not be able to retain his title nearly so long as did Bill Larned.

## Tennis Champion May Not Be Able to Hold His Title

**NEW YORK, Jan. 18.**—Maurice McLoughlin, U. S. A. Larned's successor as tennis champion of the United States of America, has been coming forward rapidly of late, and last season, reached the top. But while undoubtedly an expert of great ability it is still a question as to whether he is or will be another Larned—a champion able to protect his title through several years to come.

McLoughlin, in fact, has a hard year looming directly ahead without considering a run of seasons. In addition to his Pacific coast star, McLoughlin is sure to face high-grade competition from E. N. Williams, Wallace Johnson, Raymond D. Little and Touchard.

If Larned is able to return in proper physical condition to make an old-time fight, the present champion's troubles will be even heavier. It is doubtful, however, whether Larned will be able to face a year of active competition.

With Larned out of it, it is rather unlikely that McLoughlin will be displaced unless decided improvement is shown by several of his rivals. While one or two are now within close reach of his class, there is none who can be considered his master with better than an even chance to win.

The proposed invasion to make another fight for the Davis cup, now lodged in England, will mean a big boom to tennis and will draw out the best season of preliminary play the game has known so far as America is concerned. This feature may figure in the development of the titleholder, but McLoughlin hasn't reached his top form yet and will likely improve, as much as any of his rivals. He is expected to be the leading factor in America's proposed invasion of England to fight again for the cup which England recently lifted from Australian shores.

## Harvard Perplexed Over Problems for Different Coaches

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 18.**—Harvard undergraduates are uneasy over the coaching problem in several sports. While it is not likely that any coaches are to be lost, several men have not been re-engaged, and there is a desire at other universities to obtain their services. Percy D. Haughton's contract has expired, and nothing has yet been done to retain him for the eleven. Frank Sexton, the base ball coach, is in the same position, and Alfred Shrubbs, whose coaching gave Harvard the victory on the cross-country run, has not been re-engaged.

In addition, James Wray's contract as coach for the crew expires in a year, and no steps have been taken looking to its renewal. Harvard is at the top of the wave in these sports, and the undergraduates and alumni wonder why nothing is done to retain the men who have made the Crimson famous in these respects. Various reasons are given for the delay in the contract with Haughton, and probably all are wide of the mark, but it is believed that Shrubbs and Sexton are not satisfied with the payment for their services. Wray has made no complaints. One of the causes may be the resignation of Garcelon as graduate treasurer of the Athletic association, and the failure to choose a successor. There is a strong movement toward securing Paul Withington for the place, although, as far as is known, Withington has not been consulted in the matter. As Garcelon's assistant, he knows the ropes and it is believed that there should be no change whatever in policy now that Harvard is in such a good condition in the major sports.

## COACH STAGG OFFERS A SILVER CUP FOR RUNNERS

**CHICAGO, Jan. 18.**—Coach A. A. Stagg of Chicago university has offered silver cups to the forty-eight athletes who show the greatest ability in endurance runs, the object being to develop distance runners at the university. The track team has been weak in this respect for years, and under the plan all athletic departments will contend for long-distance honors and the best five or six will be taken on the track team.

**Kick on Price.** They are talking about the blunder of Mrs. Britton in letting Roger Bresnahan go without realizing a cent out of him, yet Murphy got but \$100 for Chance and Somers traded Stoval to St. Louis for Lefty George.

**Jokerst at Waterloo.** Ed Jokerst, for the last two seasons with Grand Island in the Nebraska State league, will be with Jay Andrew's Waterloo team in the Central Association this year.

## TO INITIATE SQUAD IN SPRING

Coach Stiehm Will Put Tenement Dwellers Through Hard Training.

### IS BUSY WITH BASKET BALL

Most Important Game Scheduled is the One with Minnesota, Which Will Be Played Next Saturday at Minneapolis.

**BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.** LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The recruits to the Cornhuskers' first real squad of 1913, will have their first real initiation into varsity foot ball early in the spring, when Coach Jumbo Stiehm, all year coach at Nebraska university, will personally take charge of the most systematic spring training the tenement dwellers' squad has ever had.

Coach Stiehm will issue an order directing all candidates for the varsity from last season's freshmen squad, all new material eligible for the squad, which has since entered school and some of the varsity players themselves to don moccasins and receive instructions in the rudiments of the game. Just how severe Stiehm will make his school of instruction is not yet decided. It will probably include practice every day during the week, however, with the head coach completely in charge of the drill. Heretofore spring training has been rather neglected at Nebraska university, owing to the many difficult duties in connection with track and basket ball falling on the coach's shoulders.

Stiehm feels, however, that the tenement dwellers have needlessly lost much valuable time in the early fall practice in learning the rudiments of the game and owing to the rule in the Missouri Valley conference, which makes it impossible to start foot ball practice before fall registration week, which usually comes two or three weeks later at Nebraska than after other schools have started—time is a most important item.

Stiehm will also include running of signals, punting, line defensive drill and tackling. It is thought that the spring squad will number between twenty and twenty-five players, as nearly all of the freshmen have made inquiries concerning it and have expressed an intention of getting out for it. The freshman basketball last season had three of the most promising players in years, and Rutherford, the old Beatrice high school star, is especially expected to do wonders in practice next spring and fall.

Coach Stiehm will take the tenement dwellers basket ball five next Wednesday night on the first basket ball trip of

## Changes Coming in Rules of Base Ball, Says an Authority

**NEW YORK, Jan. 18.**—Ted Sullivan, an authority on base ball, says: In the national game of America changes have been made in the rules since its birth. When they compelled an outfielder to catch a ball on the fly instead of the first bound, there were objections against that; when they did away with the dispoising of a batsman by the foul bound and foul tip, there were strong objections against that change.

There were also objections against making the first two fouls by a batsman strike, so it matters not what they advocate for the progress of the game they will still have the usual objections.

I will now modestly state that other changes in the rules will take place and if they are not changed one year they will be the next. I will say, first, that they will be made in exempting a base runner from being put out by sliding back or running over them. To call a base runner out after he actually steals either of those two bases is a cheap pot out and an accidental one at best. Another rule that will make in time, is that when a pinch hitter bats for any member of a team that member should not be declared out of the game, but to qualify that rule the pinch hitter should be barred further in the game from batting any more.

**PLANS FOR RIFLE TOURNEY ARE RAPIDLY MATURING** CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—The plans for the international rifle shooting tournament to be held at Camp Perry next summer are rapidly maturing. The contests, which will be held under the auspices of the National Rifle association, are scheduled for the last week in August and the first week in September. Invitations to compete have been sent to the leading national rifle associations in Europe, and, judging from the early acceptances received, the tournament will be the greatest ever held in the history of rifle shooting.

Nearly \$50,000 in prize money and trophies will be awarded, and there will be numerous team and individual matches in which the leading experts of the world will compete.

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