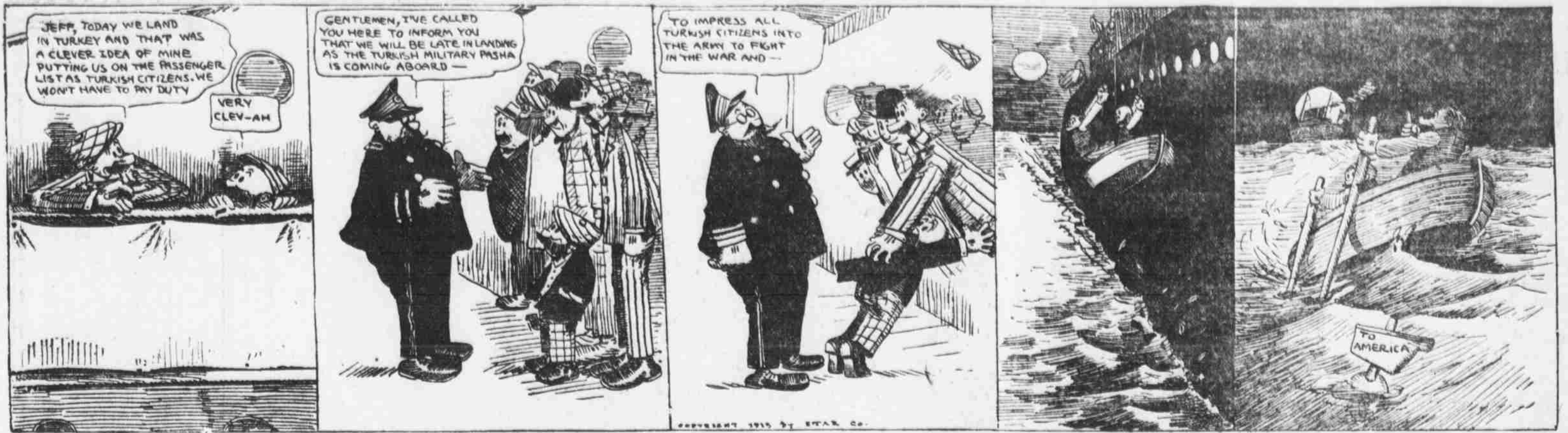


Mutt May Be a Bad Soldier, but He is a Great Oarsman

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

SUGGESTIONS for a better system of coaching football teams at the University of Nebraska must meet with a responsive chord among the alumni of the state school who are interested in the success of their alma mater in athletics. A method that has produced only one victory in twelve years over an eleven that is supplied with no better gridiron material than the Cornhuskers receive each fall has very little to recommend it. In theory, as the writer says in another part of this paper, the one-man plan is wrong; too much work appertains to drilling and moulding a football machine to permit one man to successfully cope with the task. He may be a giant for work, doing much more than the ordinary man, and yet he cannot do enough to master a squad and shape it so that it will win against a team that is ramparted by tricks and strength that come from the advice and coaching of a set of six or ten men. The side that is handicapped by lack of brains must give way to the one that possesses the mental capabilities. It is folly to force on one man the entire task of devising plays for an eleven that is to meet opponents who are tutored and drilled by several coaches. One coach can form only a certain number of effective plays, while six or eight coaches can invent many, many more, equipping their eleven so well that it always will be a step ahead of the one-man-coach and his players. In order for Nebraska to win its share of games from Minnesota, Coach Stehm must be given a crew of assistants, and the coaches must be backed up by an advisory board which will point out errors and render aid in many ways. The change should be made in time to whip Minnesota at Lincoln next fall.

MAY CHANGE BALL DRAFT
Teams in First Division Now Get Most of the Cream from Profits.

CONSEQUENTLY GET BEST STARS
Because They Can Pay Big Prices and Get the Very Best Material from Minor Leagues with but Little Trouble.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—It would not be surprising to see some change made in the baseball drafting rules before next fall. Under the present system the league champions stand just as good a chance of obtaining the cream of the draft as does any other club. During the season the teams in the first division are usually the ones whose books show the biggest profit, so that they are in the best position to pay big prices for the stars of the minor leagues before the drafting season commences. The closer the race the more interest it attracts and the better it is financially for all concerned. It is, therefore, a good business proposition for the magnates to strengthen the weaker clubs.

With this end in view several owners are in favor of giving the second division clubs the first opportunity at drafted players. If a list of all players for whom drafts were put in was made and then the tailenders given first pick, the clubs in seventh position second pick, and so on in rotation, the championship club getting the last choice, it would not only distribute the incoming material fairly, but would have a tendency materially to strengthen the weaker teams.

Comiskey May Take Two Professional Teams Around World

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Tim Murnane is authority for the statement that Owner Charles Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox is contemplating a tour of the world with two professional baseball teams next year. If the plans for such a trip materialize it will be one of the greatest booms for the American pastime ever attempted and would serve to show other countries, where the game is little heard of, what a scientific contest it represents.

It is conceded that no manager or owner would be more capable in a project of this kind than would Comiskey, and that he could work it to a success, both artistically and financially. He would no doubt surround himself with a gathering of bright minds and up-to-date entertainers, who would keep the party in a happy mood through all the countries in which they would travel and leave a favorable impression on the foreigners.

It is admitted that the game will never hold in England, as the Englishmen has been educated to look for his outdoor game in cricket, and soccer football, but South America and the Orient are looked to for future development of base ball.

One of Mack's Stars

Eddie Collins swinging on a fast one. Connie Mack's star second baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics has hit around .350 for the last four years. He has a keen eye and leans against the ball with great force. Eddie is also a past master in the art of stealing bases. He is particularly adept at evading the fielder while shooting for the bag. His tricks for preventing the man with the ball from getting it onto him are much like Cobb's.

Twenty-One Games is Training Schedule For New York Giants

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Baldwin's preliminary campaign involving the three teams of greater New York, promises to be a record breaker.

The Giants have announced a training schedule of twenty-one games, while owners Farrell and Ebbetts have agreed to open Brooklyn's new ball park on Saturday, April 7, and come back with a second engagement on Monday. This means a double dedication or inauguration, as it will introduce Frank Chance here in charge of his new assignment, as boss of the Yanks. Chicago will send his Bermuda trained athletes against Bill Dahlen's Dodgers, and if both slabs are ready and right, Russ Ford and Nap Rucker may hook up in the way of a final touch for the opening five days later.

By the time the Giants finish their spring engagement they should be fit for another rush start. Twenty games should leave the squad conditioned and ready at top speed, as it means almost a month's exhibition play. This time Metraw will play but one preliminary game in New York—that with Yale on April 10, the day before the season opens. His two best contacts will be with the Senators at Washington on April 7 and 8, where Griff and his American league lineup are looking for revenge.

SYRACUSE MAY GET BIG MEET
Intercollegiate Athletic Assembly May Be Held in Big Stadium.

OTHER PLACES SOLICIT IT
All Struggle to Have the Track and Field Championships Tried Out Upon Their Own Grounds to Boost Schools.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—There is a chance for Syracuse holding the intercollegiate track and field championships in its big new stadium this year, although Philadelphia wants a return engagement. Harvard has put in a demand, and New York wants them as well. According to the terms of the gift by Henry Law Higinson, who gave the land for the stadium at Harvard, there is a quasi demand that no games shall be held there on Decoration day, for he gave it as a memorial of his friends, who fell in the civil war, and the preliminary events this year are held on that day, which seems to take Harvard out of consideration. Syracuse declares that its fine new stadium should have a trial, and Pennsylvania retorts that the games were so successful last year on Franklin field that they should be continued there. Two of the big New York athletic clubs are also anxious for the honor, so when the intercollegiate Athletic association comes to consider the question there will be ample argument from four sources. It is many years since the games have been held in this city, while Harvard has had four years of them, so it might be wise to try New York City for a change, even though there is no stadium. Certainly the New York Athletic club grounds at Travers Island would be an ideal spot in the last days of May for an outdoor meet.

Comiskey has set an example in lower prices for base ball, which other major leagues are following. McAleer of Boston has decided on a running downward revision, affording some good seats for 25 cents. This tendency is inevitable. Base ball's popularity makes it so. It will not be long, we imagine, before all the big parks will be selling cheaper, and the crowds will be even larger than now. Of course, the American is going to have his base ball, but he showed last year that he might sandwich in something else between games when business was a little slow. Box offices over the country, especially in the minors, showed marked declines in attendance in 1912 and this may have had some influence on the situation, though if so, it is paradoxical that Comiskey and McAleer should take the lead in this reform, as they were also in the lead of the big money-makers. You couldn't fight the fans out of Comiskey's park, no matter what you charged them. But Commy never was a hog, although Chicago has seen hogs running ball teams, so to speak; he has carved a fortune and may carve others, but he still thinks the fan has a few rights. How soon the tendency toward a downward revision of prices will strike in on the minors, we cannot say. Most of the minors are now getting only a fair price for their game, and yet some are finding it hard riding. Almost every minor league has a lame club to carry and some have more than one. It might be that more popular prices would prove the remedy needed, we can't tell.

Base Ball League May Be Organized in South Dakota

If the plans now under way in South Dakota develop, a base ball league of D class will be formed in that state to embrace Aberdeen, Watertown, Redfield, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Huron. Two years ago a league was formed in that state, but the larger cities were not represented and consequently the proposition went to the wall.

According to Steve Meltzer, who is in Omaha, he and Henrie Schonwobber, another professional league player, have been lining the proposition up, and Meltzer says everything is ready for the final formations but the securing of the Sioux Falls Commercial club to put a team in the field.

Aberdeen, Mitchell and Watertown are greatly in favor of the proposition, while the Sioux Falls bunch will probably come through, although at present they are not saying much about the deal. Mitchell is all worked up over the idea and all the other towns are working strongly for the league. All that is needed to make the affair a success is the favorable report from Sioux Falls.

At Mitchell it is said there are enough former leaguers to start a good team in the field, although Steve Meltzer says he does not know whether he will play in the league or not. Meltzer has an offer to play in the Northwestern league, but if he can get into the Western league he will do so. He is trying to locate with the Omaha team, but if not will probably go to Wichita, from whence he has received an offer.

Base Ball Managers Looking in Canada For Valuable Finds

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—In their search for material to strengthen their teams, the owners and managers of the various big base ball league teams are now looking over Canadian territory in the hope of making a valuable find. Several good players have been found about Canadian towns during the last couple of years. Findings, however, have not proven very numerous of late, and by no means as numerous as the managers would like to have them.

Charles A. Comiskey, president and owner of the Chicago American league club is one of the first of the big men to strike out in Canada. He is determined to strengthen his team for the coming season and has appointed Joe Page, well known throughout Canada as a base ball league organizer, as the sole Canadian representative for the Chicago club. Joe is now able to go after any likely looking material he may come across, and has the right to let the player affix his signature to a contract. Comiskey has known Page for some time, and is confident of his ability to land a couple of promising youngsters.

Farmer Burns Plans Interstate Tourney for All Wrestlers

WILL MEET HERE TO FIX UP STATE RACING DATES

C. Shinastok of West Point, president of the Nebraska speed association, will call a meeting of the directors of the association for Omaha within a couple of weeks to arrange for dates for the circuit for the coming year. Tokamah has not decided whether to put on a meet this year.

An interstate wrestling tournament, to decide the championship of Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri, by elimination contests, is the proposition which Farmer Burns is working on. He is planning on every wrestler in the three states, regardless of weight, competing in the big undertaking.

The plan as outlined by Farmer Burns is that every wrestler in the state of Nebraska enter elimination contests and the winner of the Nebraska tourney wrestle the winner of the Iowa tourney and the winner of the Iowa-Nebraska match take on the winner of the Missouri tournament. In this way the wrestlers would be eliminated until one man would hold the championship of the three states.

In Nebraska there are over fifty wrestlers who could enter the tournament, including some good men. In Iowa there are almost this number, while in Missouri there are close onto 100 grapplers. In Iowa there is one man who would probably stand the best show to win. This is Jess Westergaard, Frank Gotch having retired from the mat would probably land on top in the eliminations, while there are three or four men about equally matched in Missouri.

Motor Cyclists to Hold Convention This Year in July

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 25.—Denver and Chicago are the cities that are already being talked of for the 1913 convention and races of the Federation of American Motor Cyclists, which are expected to be held in July. Chicago is an active candidate for the event, but Denver has been strongly canvassing and will contend that the far west should be recognized.

Should the latter city get the convention it is probable that a big motor cycle tour from Kansas City to the convention city will be planned. An easy schedule from seventy-five to 100 miles a day could be arranged for those who care to travel leisurely over the Santa Fe or Golden Belt routes. There is talk also of a road race, which would be so timed as to allow the tourists and competitors in the race to reach their destination at the same time.

When the 1913 riding season gets under way the great army of motor cyclists of the United States will be found clad in a new, neat and serviceable uniform of dark olive. This is the result of the adoption by the American Motor Cyclists of an official uniform for its members.

PRESENT YEAR TO SEE BIG INCREASE IN MOTOR-DRIVEN

Most of the big motor car factories—and many of the smaller ones—have announced that their 1913 production will be a largely increased one if they are to supply the demand that is ahead.

And, of course, it is to be expected that truck manufacturers will be put to it to handle the rush of business that will pile up on them during the year. Because the utility of the gasoline car is pretty well established by this time, both in the pleasure and commercial end of the business, and the "knockers" are becoming fewer and further between every year.

So it is safe to hazard the prediction that 1913 will be far and away the biggest year that motor driven vehicles have ever had.

And a great big percentage of the motor-driven vehicles that will be sold in 1913 will be motorcycles.

In 1912 something like 50,000 of the two-wheelers passed into the hands of riders, and motorcycle authorities estimate that three times that figure will be somewhere near the number sold this year.

Creighton Dents to Have Some Interclass Games

Although the Creighton Dental college furnishes the bulk of the varsity basketball team, interest in the game has led to the organization of an inter-class league at the Dental college, and three teams will contest for the championship of that department.

From these class teams has been selected a number who will represent the Dental college in games with outsiders. Games throughout Nebraska have been scheduled and the team will take a short trip. The team is composed of Balderston, Haller, Bliss, Boyne, Kling and Munsel. Of these, the first three are varsity men, while the rest are players of no mean reputation.

Coach Ellis Ward to Serve Last Year with Pennsylvania Crew

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—Pennsylvania's crews will row for the last time under the training of Ellis Ward, for the rowing committee of the university has announced that when the coach's contract expires on August 31, it will not be renewed. This announcement is in response to an agitation against Ward, at the university, among the graduates and undergraduates, which took shape a few days ago in a letter published in the college daily to J. W. Townsend, chairman of the committee, asking why Ward had been retained in the face of the decision of the committee that a new coach had been decided upon. Townsend has chosen to make known the decision, and it is signed by C. H. Scott, Jr., R. E. Lamberton, John Alexander, J. A. Brown and J. E. Townsend, Jr., the full committee.

With a new coach, teaching the accepted strokes for four-mile races, Pennsylvania is likely to take a higher position on the river than she has of late. There is plenty of good material for oarsmen at the university, but for the last few years it has been sadly misdirected.

Needs Work, Too.

Joe Birmingham is warned by Cleveland critics not to take things too easy next season. They want him to do just as much training as his players, and, if possible, get into the game. It is charged that Harry Davis made a failure of his regime at Cleveland, because he made no effort to get himself in shape in the spring. He did not set the pace for his players and he lost their respect by so doing.

Powell Goes to Louisville.

The St. Louis club has released Pitcher Jack Powell to the Louisville club. Powell's departure follows that of Catcher Jimmy Stephens and leaves Bobby Wallace as the only veteran member of the Browns. Powell went to St. Louis in 1906, when the Robinsons transferred their Cleveland Spiders to Vandeventer avenue for the misfit St. Louis team. Jack jumped to the Browns with six other mates in 1902, later was sold to New York, and returned to St. Louis again.

Idaho Phenom.

St. Louis critics are crowding young Baumgardner with pitching laurels greater than Walter Johnson ever was invested with. In addition, such experts as George Stovall, Bobby Wallace and Lou Criger have gone on record as saying that Baumgardner has seen tremendous speed and other promising points that they have pronounced him as having "more" than the Idaho phenom.

Milan Returns Contract.

Following his usual custom of not signing his contract until he reports at the training camp, Outfielder Clyde Milan of St. Louis has returned the contract submitted to him by Manager Griffith, stating that he would prefer to take the matter up with Griffith personally when he reported for training work. Milan has done this every year of late.

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