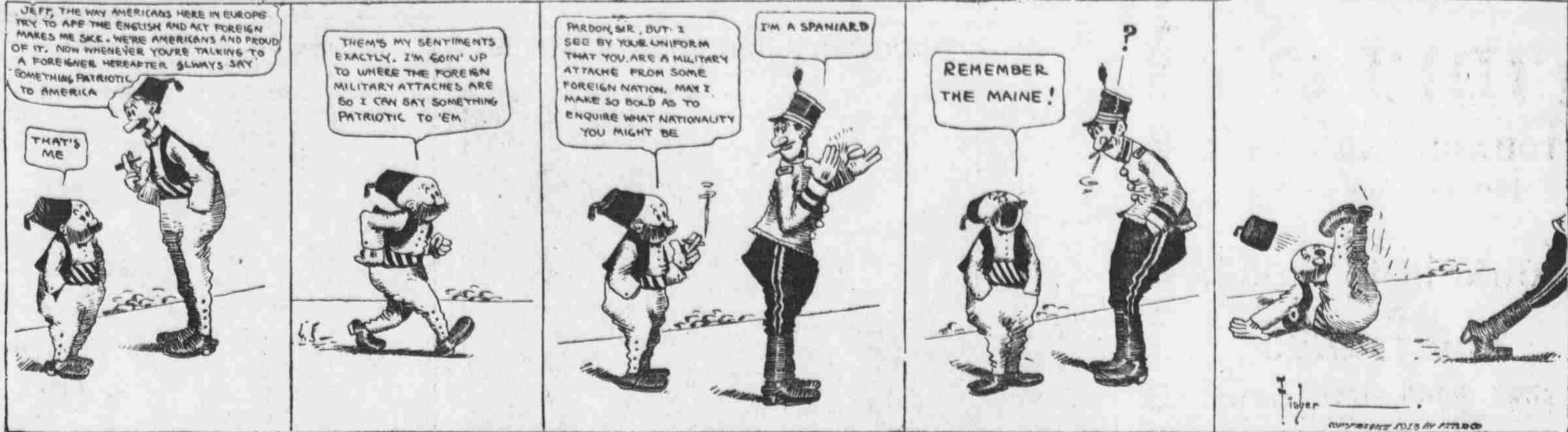


Jeff is Strong on Patriotism, but Weak on Judgment

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

INTEREST in both major league races this year, for several reasons, should be above par. The circumstances surrounding the case of Chance help to infuse zest in the outcome of both. The Cubs, with a new leader after following Chance for seven years, will come in for their share of the interest. Chicago has ten national league pennants to its credit in the thirty-eight years that league has been playing, and four of these were won under the leadership of the man Murphy humiliated, two of them rising into world's championships. No other city has as many national league pennants to its credit. Boston ranks second with eight, New York third with six and Pittsburgh fourth with four. Chicago's first pennant came in 1870, the first year of the league's organization, under Al Spalding, and five came in 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 under Anson, and not another flag waved over the National grounds in the windy city until Frank Chance unfurled his first one in 1906. It is a matter of melancholy interest that old Anson got from Jim Hart even worse treatment for his great achievement than Chance got from Murphy. And Anson never rose again. The race in the National this year is believed to be between the Giants and Pirates chiefly. What Tinker may do with Cincinnati is a problem. The Cubs, undoubtedly, will have a strong lineup, but a comparison between these two organizations is so slight as to afford no ground for comment. The Western shows up as strong, if not stronger than the coast at times. But this was the price of peace, which the big 'uns tossed to the recalcitrant American association, or to be more precise, to White Wings Tebeau, who is the American association.

By a most remarkable coincidence three old-time St. Louis Browns catchers of the old four-time winner days, have died in the last few weeks. They are Jack Boyle, Tom Dolan and Mike Driscoll. Like magic those old names strike the veteran fans, for they clung to men most famous in their day. And what is even more coincidental in these deaths is that the famous team, himself lie upon what is admitted to be his deathbed. Another of the old Browns' great catchers—the greatest, in fact—Dr. Albert J. Bushong, passed away not so very long ago. To judge from the mortality statistics of the Browns of the '90s one would be justified in concluding that ball players are not long lived. Aside from the five mentioned, both Foutz and Caruthers, the two star pitchers of their day there, are gone, so is Curtis Welch, "the king of fielders," and supposedly, Hank Robinson, second baseman.

We have been told already that Pa Rourke would have a poor team for 1913. Well, it is a little early for our predictions. We generally wait for the grass to turn green, at least, before making up our minds as to the finish. We don't mind saying this, however, that with the best of last year's team as a nucleus to start with, it seems a little strange to us why Rourke should not have a fairly good team this year. We think anyone will admit the acceptability of Johnson, Kane, Schipper, Scanton, Justice, Nishoff, Coyte, Thomason and a few others with us last year. Everyone of these men is in the class of the league. It looks as if, with such a starter, it should be easier to land a good club than a poor one. Yet, of course, we don't know. Our theory may be all wrong, but we shall not abandon it until the season opens, anyway.

Reports are that Joe Wood, the phenom Boston pitcher, has been boosted to \$5,000 for the coming season and Tris Speaker, outfielder and slugger, to \$3,000. Some of the high-salaried men, Cobb leading the way with his \$15,000 a year, are found outside the diamond, but the top catchers are usually nearer the box than that. Sam Crawford is said to get \$6,000 and is demanding \$8,000. He is worth it and more, if Cobb is worth \$15,000, which he doubtless is.

Overall Overall, recently reinstated on his own application. It is reputed to have announced base ball once more. It may not make a heap of difference what Orvie does, but this announcement seems to us a bit premature and for the present, fishy. If in playing form, Orvie, we suspect, will be hanging onto somebody's payroll when the thing gets going.

Was that going sounded?

BUSY ON LOCAL DIAMONDS

Teams Are Brushing up When the Weather Does Not Interfere.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED PLAYERS

Total Number of Nonprofessional Ball Players in This Locality Aggregates Close to 1,800 in Round Numbers.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY.

As the beginning of the spring draws near base ball interest increases among the amateurs that cavort on our local sand lots. Already the boys are taking advantage of every day laced with spring. Before the robins begin to sing the majority of the local amateurs will, at least be playing catch with their neighbors from approximately five and a half strikes to six and a half bells every evening, climatic conditions excepted.

It is a safe prediction that we will have 100 teams in Omaha this season, twenty-five in Council Bluffs, fifteen in South Omaha, three in Benson, three in Florence and a pair in Dundee. In Council Bluffs, South Omaha and suburbs there will be approximately 150 teams. Figuring from the standpoint that each team carries twelve men, we have 1,200 humans in this neck of the woods that enjoy base ball as their chief recreation. Even amateur base ball is a great help to the commercial world. These 1,200 base ball players have to be equipped with the necessary paraphernalia at the minimum cost of \$1.50 or somewhere between and at the maximum cost, which is \$2.50. Aside from this base balls and bats are necessary articles. Figure it most any way you want to and you will find that the amateurs aforementioned spend over \$300,000 a season. So you can plainly see, although possibly you never realized it before, that amateur base ball is a very valuable pecuniary asset to some of our Omaha merchants.

First to Organize. One of the first teams to organize this season was the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Last season they made an enviable record, although they got a miserable start. They stuck to the fight like trojans and before many moons rolled, made their presence felt. During the latter part of the season all the locals were letting their lids slip to them in appreciation of their wonderful work. This season they hope to surpass all their former deeds. Frank Quigley will again manage the bunch. Herewith the men that will represent them on the diamond: C. Coe H. Coe, Hollanders, Kelly, W. Quigley, Welch, Elliott, McAndrews, Frucha, F. Quigley, Prefka, McCreary, Young, Korran, Nolan, Wright, Cass and Mowbray.

Last night the Ancient Order of United Workmen held their annual banquet, which was some spread. Speeches pertaining to base ball were made by Reger, Quigley, McAndrews and Young.

The Storz Triumphs will have identically the same bunch with two exceptions. The exceptions are Falconer and Dougherty formerly with the Hollys. Their annual banquet given by the boy factory to the team will be held at Wroth's next week. As customary, this feed will be a magnificent affair. Every season the Storz family spend approximately 200 beans to entertain the boys that advertise their happy water. Herewith the lineup: Hachten, Clair, Probst, Oleson, Chamberlain, Drummy, Graham, G. Dougherty, Durkee, Minicus, F. Dougherty, Falconer, Welch, Lawler and Bradford. They will utilize Rourke's park on the Sundays that our leaguers are visiting. Fred Bradford will again be at the helm for the Storz Triumphs.

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Gossip of the Diamond.

Gus Bole, who is well known in local base ball circles, will be the main squeeze of the Woodbine, Ia., sphere tossers.

According to Francisco De Tennis Spellman, the Uralu cheese factory will slip under the ropes with a fast aggregation of base ball tossers.

When the bell taps for the 1913 season to bunch in this or any other city will be more contented than O. D. Kiplinger base ball contingent.

The Luxus Dudes are coming back this season with the firm determination to land on the top rung. Before last season this team ran independently under the American appellation.

Several of our base ball gangs that acquired considerable fame last season, have fallen by the wayside. Although rumors have been going the rounds to the effect that the Hollys were contemplating to slip back amongst us, but these reports are without foundation.

The Farrell park located directly opposite Krug park, well known as Laxus park. Work on the new grounds will be rushed ahead, if the weather is favorable. Their lineup is James Danze, manager; Dyck, Fox, Hachten, Kapp, Smith, Tracey, Denny, Melady and Vanous.

In Council Bluffs the Dundee Imperials were the first herd to greet the 1913 season. The lineup will be as follows: Swingwood, first; Wolcott, second; Devo, third; Young, short; Payne, catcher; Waterman and Crounse, pitchers; Colburn, Mortenson, Rice, Grow and Christenson, outfielders.

With Tom (Cat) Noone as the chief magistrate the Townsends will loom up with a strong galaxy of stars on or about April 1. The team is as follows: Adams, catcher; French, pitcher; Krieger, second; second; Blanchard, short; Stup, third; Hanson, left; Kemp, center; Prefka, right, and Noone, utility.

From appearances it looks as though the Knights of Columbus are going to flirt with base ball this season. Their order contains many husky, medium and diminutive athletes that would be glad to have the opportunity afforded them during their recreation days.

Under the faithful guidance of John Krulish the Ramblers will again enter the field. Many new stars will be found in their lineup. Following will be found: Honack, first; Putman, second; Kay, third; Holbrook, short; Nystrom, left; Bachman, center; Campbell, right; Bruce, pitcher, and Sunnie, catcher.

It is presumed that the Cross family will be known as the Jabez Cross team this season because Mr. Cross has got his moniker spread all over the starchy part of the shirt. Here is the bunch: Johnson, pitcher; Jarosh, catcher; Groszner, McDermott, Donahue, Langer, Murray, Bohan, Ashton and Penton.

Wilson Atkins is doing some tall figuring these days vainly making his active cranium to see if he can think of about ten real fast base ball artists that have not already agreed to join his team. If his endeavors in this respect prove successful the Standard Oil company will let their colors fly on our Omaha lots.

In South Omaha the Shamrocks will blossom out before many days slip by under the supervision of the manager of the local business. George (Kay) Kennedy will be the irrefragable George doing the driving. Here is the bunch to fear. There is nothing definite about their lineup as yet, but as soon as it is available it will be found in these columns.

The picture show kids, better known as the Alhambras, are going to have a continuous run of victories, so they say. Manager (Bully) Horns says if his team doesn't make a good showing with him he will be willing to acknowledge that he is a lawyer. Herewith is the army: Dodd, first; Horns, second; Lacey, third; Munro, short; Green, left; Harvey, right; Kufman and Berger, center; Vernon, pitcher, and Richter, catcher.

The Omaha Gas company is going to explode with a team this season. Last year they swung into line after the season was in full bloom, but they didn't stand the gaff. Following is the Gas company's lineup: Fuller, catcher; Carlson, left; Ritchie, second; Berg, short; Westergard and Blimmes, pitchers; McDonald, first; Crawford, center; Resneck, right; McAndrews, third; Peterson and Nelson, substitutes.

Those Advos are backed by the McCord-Bradley company, will make their debut in excellent record compiled by them during 1912, easily entitle them to the privilege of associating with the speed merchants. Sam Feltman will again captain the crowd and Louis Feltman as usual will tend to the managerial end. Their paraphernalia will be the best available. Here is the gang: Coe, catcher; Baker and Karbowak, pitchers; McGrath, first; Boyd, second; Probst, third; Minikus, short; Hollanders, left; McDonald, center, and Carmody, right.

When the Hansonmen folks mosey out on the greenward this season madam hoodoo is apt to shake paws with them. At the beginning of this century they flourished on organizing a team, but put it off until 1910. As this is their thirty-first year they ought to be real lucky or the reverse. The clever Captain Benson will run the segregation and their supervision they will undoubtedly step in at or pretty close to the championship. Herewith the boys that will defend their colors: Cavanaugh, Benson, Mortenson, Baudo, Collins, Bogatts, Front, Jenks, Cavanaugh, Stephens, Kasaki and Joyce.

Great Finnish Athlete

Before a Man Can Achieve High Athletic Honors He Must Work.



Hannes Kolehmainen, the wonderful Finnish runner, who is looked upon by many experts as the greatest distance runner the world ever produced. Here are some of his records: 10,000 metre (Olympic record), 31:20. 5,000 metre (world's record), 14:36. 3,000 metre (world's record), 8:35-9-10. 34 miles (American record), 16:13. 34 miles (American record), 17:34. 34 miles (American record), 18:44. 44 miles (American record), 21:27. 44 miles (American record), 22:09. Hannes is 34 years old. He quit laying brick in Finland and came to this country last fall. He beat the French phenomenon, Jean Boutin, and all the American phenomina who have gone against Hannes have also been beaten. His principal methods are unlike those of Americans, in that he relies principally upon massage to keep in shape.

'Phone Basket Ball Tossers Will Play Wesleyan Squad

The local basket ball season will virtually be brought to a close next Friday evening with a game between the Nebraska Telephone company's five and the Wesleyan University of University Place. The game was originally scheduled between the University of Omaha and Wesleyan, but owing to the fact that the university five has finished its season the telephone team has taken the game.

The contest promises to be perhaps the best that has been played in Omaha this season, for both teams are strong on team work and have some of the best individual players in the state. For two seasons Wesleyan has been victorious over every college and university squad in Nebraska save the Cornhusker team, and has twice this season given them scares and in one game came within a few points of taking the game. Recently it beat Captain Shocks and his teamers from the University of South Dakota.

The phone boys, on the other hand, while not having the wide reputation that their opponents have, constitute one of the best teams in Nebraska. The team is a member of a Young Men's Christian association league and is hoping to get the preacher's number.

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Wichita Base Ball Club Lands Speedy Cheyenne Indian

WICHITA, Kan., March 1.—The Wichita Base Ball club has landed an Indian pitcher. The new man is Herbert Whiteshield, a Cheyenne of Cantonment, Okla., and he looks like a winner. He is a graduate of Carlisle and a friend of James Thorpe, the famous athlete who has signed with the New York Giants. Whiteshield is six feet tall and is remarkably fast for a big man. The Wichita management has been trying to land him for a year. He won nine shut-out games last season in semi-professional base ball. He has everything a pitcher needs to become a big leaguer. His habits are of the best and he works better when the break is going against him. He is a good hitter and he fields his position like a flash. Fans who saw him work last season say that he fields like a man in full bloom, but they don't stand the gaff. Following is the Cheyenne's lineup: Whiteshield, pitcher; Berg, short; Westergard and Blimmes, pitchers; McDonald, first; Crawford, center; Resneck, right; McAndrews, third; Peterson and Nelson, substitutes.

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HOW KOLEHMAINEN GOES AT IT

From Early Morning Until Late at Night He Is in Harness Training Every Muscle to Respond Freely.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Lots of people think it is a cinch to be a champion athlete. The average citizen who takes an athletic meet now and then has an idea that all that a young man like Hannes Kolehmainen does to win world's laurels is to go out and take a practice run now and then. All that the average citizen sees of the development in a runner's condition is the racing that he engages in. "Another race will put him right" is an expression often heard at athletic gatherings, but the ordinary man does not realize that there are hours of hard work and dozens of little things to be done in preparation before "another race" comes.

Take Kolehmainen, for instance. There never was a youth more careful of his condition than this lad from Finland, and a study of his methods will invariably bring out the comment: "It's no wonder he's a world's champion."

How Kolehmainen Lives. Hannes lives with his brother, Willie, the world's professional distance champion, and his attendant live in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. The trio are as happy as newly-married folks in their little suite of rooms. They cook their own meals, preparing every morsel that they take with as much care as does Oscar of Waldorf-Astoria fame.

Hannes Kolehmainen eats no meat. He specializes on fish and oatmeal, with plenty of vegetables as a "litter." The greatest amateur runner in the world eliminated meat from his diet more than a year ago and declares that since he took this step he has been a better man in every respect.

Six o'clock in the morning is the hour that starts Kolehmainen to training. He hops out of bed and after taking half a dozen long breaths gets into his clothes for a bit of a walk. Hannes tries to walk two hours before breakfast every morning. Sometimes his work interferes, but it is safe to assert that he gets two hours' leg exercise before breakfast three days out of four. When he returns from the walk Kolehmainen gets a light rub, after which he puts away a breakfast that would kill an ordinary apartment dweller.

Works Tirelessly. The Kolehmainens do all their practice running at the same time of day, namely, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Hannes has his job arranged so that he can get away at that time every day, and when training never misses a day, no matter what the weather may be. Once the Kolehmainens offered to help a local runner in his development by running with him. "What night will I come out?" asked the local champion. "We run at 3 o'clock every afternoon," said Willie Kolehmainen. "Hannes has always trained at this time of day, and he will not change for anything." The local boy had to pass up the opportunity because he worked in an office and could not get away in the afternoon.

The care of the muscles is another thing that bothers Kolehmainen. His muscles to get chilled. Watch the Finnish wonder preparing for a two-mile race. He will make as much fuss over his big sinews as does the ordinary Marathoner who expects to do over twenty-five miles. Nor will Hannes allow his muscles to get chilled when he has no race in the immediate future. On very cold days Kolehmainen wears women's stockings that reach well up his thigh to insure keeping the cold out of the great muscles that have made him the most famous athlete in the world.

If the average athletic enthusiast were to spend a day with Hannes Kolehmainen, get up with him at 6 a. m., walk two hours with him before breakfast and then go through the rest of the day with the Finlander, doing something at every turn to better his condition, Hannes' wonderful ability to glide away from the other distance runners and smash world's records would be better understood.

Hagerman Signs. Casey Hagerman, the pitcher released back by the Boston Red Sox to Denver last season, but who refused to report, has been reconsidered and signed with the Grizzlies.

"Y" CLASSES PLAN INTER-CLASS ATHLETIC MEET

The interclass athletic meet of the Young Men's Christian association has been set for March 22, and will comprise a schedule of contests of which the following are the only ones so far planned: Twenty-yard dash, twelve-pound shot put, one mile run, running high jump, pole vault and quarter mile relay race. The individual winners will receive ribbon laurels, while the team scoring the most number of points will get a bronze shield or banner declaring them the champion class of 1912-13.

Umpire for American. President Chivinton of the American association announces his umpire staff as complete with the signing of O'Brien, Westervelt, Johnstone and Murray, with the holdovers, Chitt, Irwin, Handberg and Conolly.

New Foot Ball Rules

Will Likely Bring an Improved Game

NEW YORK, March 1.—Walter Camp thinks that the foot ball rules as arranged for next season will be an improvement on those of last year. In commenting upon the alterations, he says: "There was accidently full appreciation by members of the rules committee that the rules of 1912 had worked such satisfactory results in the style of the game that alteration in that code would be an experiment or perhaps a mistake. Hence they made but few alterations. The change that is the most important, and in fact the only one likely to affect the game itself is the elimination of the five-yard restriction upon kicks. This will bring back the possibility of the quick kick from scrimmage formation, one of the most excellent of the old methods for surprising opponents. By catching them unawares it gives possibilities of kicking over the head of the fullback. The balance of the changes are more for the sake of classifying doubtful rulings."

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Wonderful Specific for Sciatica, Lumbago, and a Cure for Dreaded Articular Rheumatism.



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