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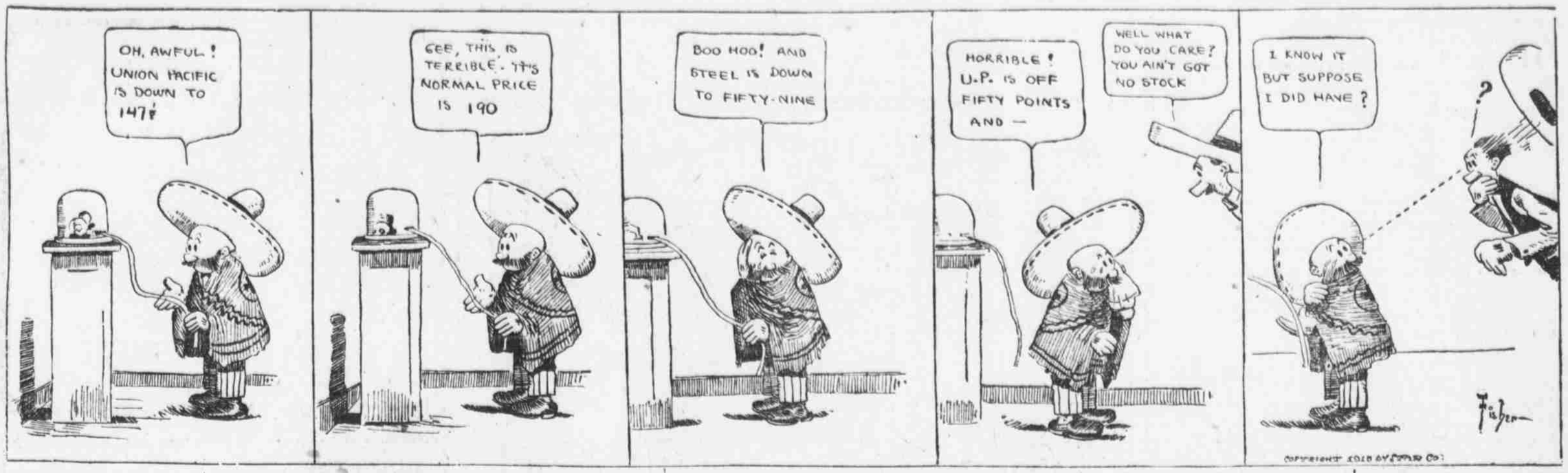

Judgments

STILL the agitation runs over the time to call the games this season. Shall it be 3:30 or 3? Prior to last year it was 3.45, and last year Rourke made it 3:30 in response to what he conceived to be a very general demand. We happen to have a very vivid recollection that many and many a game did not begin, however, until 3:45. Why? Not because Rourke was specially wedded to that hour, but simply because the fans who had "very generally" demanded the earlier hour were not on hand to watch the game and it was deemed best to postpone the performance until such time as they might saunter in. Now, this must not be construed as a knock on early opening. For our part, we would favor that with the same zeal as we do early closing, but we merely suggest that if last season was any criterion, the early opening is not as generally demanded as has been made to appear. There are many who, we have been advised, could and would attend the games if they begun at 3, who are not able to go at 3:30. Some of these are men engaged in businesses that are best patronized from 5 to 7 p. m., and if the proprietors or employes are at the ball game, which does not begin till 3:30 or 3:45, then the business suffers and the upshot will be they will stay away from the games. These are good fans, the most enthusiastic, many of them, and they are more entitled to consideration than those who are at liberty to attend a ball game at whatever hour it may begin and with whom the choice or preference of time is purely arbitrary or whimsical. The early hour is being favored in larger cities. Mr. C. Webb Murphy, the debonair proprietor of the Chicago Cubs, announces his intention to start the fireworks this year promptly at 2 p. m.. But then Omaha is not Chicago.

It is the current belief that the old-time ball player was a rowdy and many were. We think the general level of demeanor has been raised, but it would be a gross error to imagine that all the gentlemen of the diamond were confined to the present day and generation. In fact, one might be able to find a few today who did not rank so very high as models of gentility, which, of course, is not a reflection on the general run of professional ball players. But to come to the point. There were some of the old boys who stood as conspicuously for their gentlemanliness as any today and one of these was the late Dr. Albert J. Bushong, the great little catcher for Comiskey's old St. Louis Browns. Bushong was quiet and cultured and did not even swear. Frank Bandle, county register of deeds, who was some catcher himself in the days gone by, relates an interesting little anecdote that shows Bushong's character. They were catching for opposing teams. Bandle had hit safely and stole second and third, Bushong attempting in both instances to catch him. As Bandle slid safely under the throw at third, Bushong stood for a second and looked at him and remarked in his quiet way, "Bandle, dog-gone you, you'd steal from the devil." "And that was so near to cursing for Al. Bushong," said Bandle, "that it occasioned loud and general comment from all who heard it."

Oklahoma City is said to be anxious for admission to the Western league. It has been for a season or two and last year some serious thought was given to the possibility of admitting it. If Topeka cares to hold its place on this circuit it will have to improve in patonage over its former record, and if it fails again, then it may expect to drop out and be succeeded by Oklahoma City, or if Topeka makes good and any other city fails, the southern town may get in. For our part we would like to see Oklahoma City in this league. It is a large and growing town, larger than several we have, and growing faster, perhaps, than any. It has vast wealth and resources, a lively set of fans and a burning zeal for the game. It belongs in a Class A league. So, while we are not anxious to part with any of our present neighbors on the circuit, we know that it will behoove every one of them to get up and dust this year, for Oklahoma City is favorably regarded by all the magnates, and it would be a very simple thing to transfer a team there, just as transfers have been made back and forth for several seasons in the Western.

Even the "makeup" man now and then stumbles into a blunder that gives a point to his work. For instance, on the sport page the other day appeared an item of news under a Detroit date line telling that Sam Crawford had at last secured terms and signed up for the year. And run in as if a part of the item, without a rule to separate the two appeared this: "Persistent advertising is the road to big returns."

We are happy to observe that Norman Coyle is in the fold, ready for the gong when it sounds. Norman has an Arkansas cotton plantation, he and his brother, but not the heart to stay on it when there's the chance to make some real money playing ball outside of Arkansas.

AMATEURS SOON IN ACTION

Some Teams Will Indulge in Practice Games Today.

BIG GAMES TO START SUNDAY

Live Gossip of the Teams Which Will Cavort Around the Local Amateur Diamonds During Coming Summer.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Well, today is the day we will give eggs away and also start the fireworks of our Omaha amateur base ball world if climatic conditions are favorable. A few games are on the platter for today, but nothing important. These mixes will simply be for the sake of seeing how it feels to bump, stop and catch the horsehide after a vacation of five months. Of course, all the boys will be decorated in their new bonnets in order to look appropriate for this occasion.

By next Sunday the majority of our herds will be ready to greet the bell with all the pomp and splendor necessary for a base ball opening. The games next Sunday will be neither here nor there in regard to being considered when the summary for the rag is taken. April 6 will mark the real opening. On and after that date every game will have a meaning of its own.

We will have numerous Saturday teams this season and many of the leading business houses will be represented. It might be a good idea for these Saturday congregations to organize a league. They would have nothing to lose and would gain considerable experience. The main obstacle to a Sunday city league is the dough question. Several teams have got the edge on the balance and they don't care to give up a good thing. Guess we can't blame them for their stand. No money is involved in Saturday contests.

Game Next Sunday.

The most important argument on the bill of fare for next Sunday is the mix between the champion Storz Triumphs and the All Stars. These All Stars consist of professional base ball players that promenade on the turf for different salaried herds. They are all natives and during the sharp days Omaha is where they fill their lunch baskets. Fans that are acquainted with the local situation can readily see that the happy water family is up against a stiff proposition by inspecting the lineup. The preliminary fuss will be under the jurisdiction of Butch Freese. The initial debate on this day will be between the Advos and the O. D. Kiplingers. The first row won't be a slouch affair, so if you miss your Sunday fill up to see this debate you will never regret it.

Herewith the lineup for the second game:

Storz Triumphs.		All-Stars.
Drummy	First	Henry
Graham	Second	Brown
Daugherty	Short	Gillham
Burkee	Third	Kelly
Prucha	Left	Lisv
Falconer	Center	Rubin
Welch	Right	Spellman
Hachten	Catch	Brickson
Creighton	Catch	
Oleson	Pitch	Rhode
Kelly	Pitch	Bills

Alamito Team.

After much deliberation James P. Mullen decided to enter the field. The first thing he had to do was to hunt up a backer and he found this job a starchy proposition, but after wearing out a few cowhides he finally landed in the right pew when he bumped into the Alamito Creamery company. They were looking for what Mullen had to offer, so it was easy sailing. He has mustered together an aggregation of stars that will play havoc with the headliners. Several of his team were formerly associated with the Storz Triumphs and as they have still got oodles of base ball incased in their frames this gang ought to land at or near the top. For years the Alamitos have been considered second raters, but without any hesitation or the part of our local amateur followers they will slip the following players in class A: Clair and Cavanaugh, catchers; Moriarty and Adams, pitchers; figuring on John Daugherty for first base, Hall, second; G. Dougherty, short; Minikus, third; Woodruff, left; Murray, center; Malum, right.

Around the Bases.

Don't cut loose today, wait until about May.

Could a base ball foul be stewed? No, but a chicken could.

Guess the Storz Triumphs can beat everything except a carpet.

Amateur base ball players that can't make good might go to China for a Pek-in.

Wonder what Judge Foster would say if we changed the name of fouls to chickens.

Overman will pick 'em out of the clouds in the sun meadow for the Jabez Cross hickes.

Thursday night the Luxus brigade gathered together to figure out a couple of conundrums.

For tussles with the Florence Athletics tell your troubles to Herman Grossman over Florence 228.

Now it is up to Tom Noone to uphold the reputation made by the Townsends. Guess he can do it.

Last season out of approximately twenty-five games played the C. B. Stolz crowd cornered twenty.

According to reports Samuel E. Gross will not be the official scorer of the C. B. Merchants this season.

Carmody, who will take care of the sun pasture for the Advos, is also a gent of extraordinary utility ability.

Beber, the star slabster of the Cross herd, is figuring on making all of us notice his twisters this year.

Remember that swallowing and digesting large mouthfuls of smoke is very detrimental to your blow pipes.

The breaking up of the Mink league also broke up Dineen's chances of breaking into professional company.

This season Dukes Daugherty, the peer of Omaha first sackers, will trot around in a Luxus or Alamito uniform.

The Townsends signed up a new gink, with Jackson for a monicker. He hails from the Kansas State league.

Tom Knapp says that if he organizes a team this season they will be like hard boiled eggs. They can't be beat.

Frank Gibson is doing excellent work with the Detroit Tigers. Here is hoping he lands a berth in the big parade.

The Dundee Woolen mills have secured the services of three large gas carts to lug them when they play out of town.

Mayfield, the kid with rabbit blood, ought to help George Kennedy push the Shamrocks to the Pikes' Peak of fame.

Hollander, the noted sticksmith, will loaf in the left garden for the food dispensers better known as the Advos.

In all probability the Hanscom Parks will change their monniker to Wagmans. Joseph Wagman is an excellent backer.

If Cavanaugh don't land one of the soft cushion political jobs in Packersville, he will probably again enter the professional ranks.

Lells, a local heaver of repute, has consented to wiggle the cherry for the Ancient Order of United Workmen globe tossers.

Guess William Pahl, the leader of the C. D. Kiplingers will let a few of the speed mollies know he is on the map this summer.

In order to outtalk Hageman, who is the secretary-treasurer of the Jabez Cross army, you will have to get up with the roosters.

Those Dundee Woolen mills are keeping their lineup locked up. Maybe when it is sprung some of the wiseacres will be surprised.

Today the Townsends will work out down on the banks of Lake Carter. They have a nifty little clubhouse located in that neighborhood.

Don't know as to whether or not the Fort Crook soldiers will loom up real strong this season. It depends on the situation in Mexico.

For games with the Jabez Cross outfit tickle the buzzer on Webster-650 or send your pleadings to Roy Penton at 1435 North Twentieth street.

George Kennedy says he is going to make lemonade out of his lemon base ball players. Probably he will use his sweet ones for sugar.

Campbell and Guinnee are the two slingers who will float them over to the consternation of the Council Bluffs Merchants' opponents this trip.

Walworth, the Wisner star, was in Omaha last week. He was visiting friends in Peru and breezed in here en route from Peru to Wisner.

That Prucha dispute is still unsettled. Kennedy says he is a fixture on the Shamrock squad, and Bradford spits the same junk with Storz on the end.

As the C. B. Stolz team will be strengthened by several new mugs this year, they expect to improve on the enviable record they iced last term.

Mullen says he has got McGuire and so does Danze. We will let him stay out in the rain until we see him firmly planted with one bunch or the other.

The Dundees will sport up with new socks and headgears this season. They have been promised plenty of base balls and base ball smashers by their angel backer.

Speed McCullough will have charge of the sphere heavers at Fort Omaha. If he can muster together nine men like himself he will have a congregation hard to beat.

At a meeting of the Stolz base ball squad last week Sam Austin was elected captain. Under his supervision this team ought to grab the grapes quite frequently.

Today when the Ancient Order of United Workmen team fodders on the green at Fort Omaha all the recruits will have as good a show as Ringling Brothers.

Wachtler will be the chief custodian of the sun meadow this season for the Townsends. He is some sky tickler grabber and can also belt them with the mushroom.

The time has passed that in order to be a full fledged base ball player it is necessary to have a Sultan's dream adorning your kisser in a very conspicuous manner.

Wonder how fast the Ramblers are going to ramble this season. Think they ought to ramble over to Council Bluffs and waltz around with the Rambler team owned by that village.

Ross Stone, a dude with a hard name, floated into our burg with a parchment record a mile long about his former didings on the diamond. Any of our local managers that want to speculate on his ability can commune with him over Douglas 5151.

Base ball in some respects resembles a game of cards. We have plenty of base ball kings. Many queens are present at the games. We use clubs, have diamonds, our hearts are always in the game and spades come in handy to prepare the field. Sometimes the manager raises the deuce with jack, fines him a ten spot and he develops into an ace high player.

Today the Ancient Order United Workmen team will get in a few hours of preparatory work at Fort Omaha. This season their team will consist of speedy, brainy fielders, who are mediocre hitsmiths. Their opponents will have to watch them when they get on the pans, in hawklike fashion, because the whole bunch is inoculated with rabbit blood. They will play their first game with the Jabez Cross team at Fort Omaha next Sunday.

Monmouth Parks, who have always created quite a disturbance in foot ball circles, but have failed to shine so conspicuously in base ball, will be back amongst us this season. Henry Jordan will be at the helm. Nothing much is known about his ability as a base ball general, as a consequence no comments are forthcoming. Here is the talent: Jacobs, first; Mordicke, second; Jordan, third; Adams, short; Brown, left; Smith, center; Carlson, right; Harker, catch; Kellister and Lightel, pitchers, and Kenebeck, utility.

Welch After Ritchie's Scalp

Two poses of Freddie Welch, the English lightweight champion, who will soon sail for America for the purpose of inducing World's Champion Willie Ritchie to sign articles for a twenty-round battle to be fought in California for the title.

Mullin to Pitch for Tigers.

George Mullin, of course, will pitch the opening game for the Detroit Tigers, but to remove all doubt the announcement has been formally made by Manager Jennings. Mullin says he will start the season with one of the no-hit games he has promised himself this year.

CHANGES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

German Committee of Berlin Would Abandon Discus and Javelin.

ARE BOTH LEFT-HANDED ARTS

And Authorities in Charge Do Not Believe that Left-Handed Development is Natural or Correct.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Two changes have already been made by the German committee on the Olympic games in Berlin in 1916. The left-handed shot putting and discus and javelin throwing are to be abandoned, if the international committee confirms the decision and it probably will. It is stated that the German authorities do not believe that the principle of symmetrical physical development is physiologically correct, and that one-arm development is more natural, and their position would seem to be justified. Standing jumps have also been eliminated, but that may not be approved by the international committee. At every recurrence of the Olympic games the nation in charge makes a change in the program, and generally it is made to include some sport peculiar to the nation holding the sports, and comment is not always favorable. It is high time that some standard program was arranged by the international committee, to be used in all games, no matter what country holds them. There is no reason why the committee should not do this, and thus avoid trouble in future games. Every nation has some sport in which it excels, or which no other country practices and to put it into an international program will simply add to the points scored by that nation. Complaints will continue until a standard set of games is arranged for all time.

Chicago Has "Chance Day."

Just to show their feelings 2,000 fans recognized in Chicago as Cub supporters ordinarily, have bought seats in advance for "Chance day" at the White Sox park on May 17.

TENNIS TRIALS AT HARVARD

Immediately After Spring Recess Teams Will Warm Up.

OUTLOOK IS QUITE PROMISING

Abundant Material is on Tap for an Extra Strong Eight and Harvard Expects Some Honors.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 22.—Trials for the Harvard tennis team will be held immediately after the spring recess, and prospects for a successful season are bright. Last year the team won five out of six of its matches, losing to Yale by one point. The intercollegiate title was won by Princeton. This year, however, the outlook is more promising, abundant material being offered for the formation of a strong eight.

Of the men who won their insignia last year C. S. Cutting, last year's captain; L. I. Grinnell and A. M. Hyde have been graduated. Five members of last year's team, however, remain—Captain A. L. Lowrey, J. C. Devereux, N. H. Smith, E. H. Whitney and E. H. Woods. In addition to these all the members of the 1915 class team will be available, including M. A. Hofer, E. S. Draper, D. Kimball and W. M. Washburn, who was ranked in the second class this summer by the national ranking committee. Among the other promising candidates are E. R. Hastings, O. Williams and G. A. S. McKean.

In the intercollegiate meet next summer the team will be greatly strengthened by the presence of two men who are not eligible for the spring matches—R. N. Williams, who is ranked as the second best player in the United States, and J. J. Armstrong, who won the western intercollegiate championship last summer. He will not be able to play this spring, since this is his first year in college.

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CREIGHTON PROSPECTS GOOD

Indications for a Good Base Ball Team Are Excellent.

MANY PITCHERS APPEARING

Practice is to Begin Thursday—Games Are Being Scheduled, with Indications of All Time Filled.

With the return Thursday of the art students from their Easter vacation, base ball will begin at Creighton. Although bad weather has made it impossible to get much of a line on the ability of the prospective varsity men the few good days have been utilized and a number of good men have been rounded up.

In the arts department are Dailey, Howard, Bets, Pass, Collins and Peterson. Of these Bets and Pass are the only unknown quantities, but both have performed with much gusto in practice. At the dental college O'Neil has announced his intention of coming out. He is a fast little outfielder and is well known in Omaha. Balderson, also a dent, is an outfielder of repute, who will probably make the team.

At the law is Wilfred Boyle, an infielder, who is said to be fast. He comes from Wisconsin. At the medical department there are some twenty applicants. Among them are Kelly, McKee, Russum, Vandever, Quigley, Rogers and Roche. Rogers is an infielder and Roche is a pitcher of experience. Both are recent additions to the list of announced candidates. In the pharmacy department is Miller, one of the best catchers in these parts and a terror with the war club.

Plenty of Pitchers.

With the uncovering of a number of pitchers the material for a good team seems available. There are now at least six men who have seen pitching service who will try for places, and the position which seemed most doubtful early in the month, now looms up as strong. In the catching department are several good men, Miller being the favorite at the present running. Pass is a new man of promise and Russum is also a catcher.

In the infield are McKee, Coady, Vandever, Rogers, Russum, Kelly, Kane and Murphy.

Manager Dailey has added several more games to the schedule. A game with Peru is now assured when that team comes through here on a trip. Spalding college has made Dailey an offer for a game here and it will probably be accepted. Negotiations are still on for a game with Nebraska, and the state league teams will probably be played. Games have already been scheduled with Omaha High, Bellevue and Omaha uniboard. They will be of a bluish gray versity.

Suits have been ordered by the athletic with white and blue stockings and white caps. A number of balls and bats and a catcher's outfit have also been ordered.

The field is in comparatively good shape and will not require much work to put it into good condition.

Hockey May Become Major Sport with Princeton Tigers

PRINCETON, N. Y., March 22.—Talk of making hockey a major sport at Princeton has been revived again following the discussion at Harvard and Yale and the near-championship of the Tiger seven. This time things seem more hopeful, however, because of the existence now of a committee of the athletic board which was appointed to consider the athletic needs of the university, among which special mention was made of the artificial ice hockey rink, along with the stadium and base ball cage. This committee reports about April 1 to the board and the latter takes action before submitting it to the board of trustees at its annual spring meeting. It is probable that in view of the agitation over the need of a rink a favorable report will be made. The Tigers have turned out teams during the past three years, two of which have captured the big titles. There are in college now practically all of the men who composed the team that finished second during the last season, and all of them will be eligible for the 1914 team. There is no lack of interest among the undergraduates for the sport; a report recommending a rink would find universal acceptance with the students, all of whom are enthusiastic about the game.

Gettmann to Hold Down First.

Jake Gettmann, sold by Baltimore to St. Joseph, will it is said, be used on first base by the Western league club. Though he will draw a smaller salary than he did in the International, Gettmann is satisfied with the change. The Western plays a longer season and St. Joseph is near his home at Hastings, Neb.

Welch to Manage Fremont.

Battle Axe Welch, who played several seasons with Sioux City and part of last season with Des Moines, will manage Fremont in the Nebraska State league this season. Welch is spending this winter in Estherville, Ia., where, during the latter part of last season he managed a team.

Wants Coast League Franchise.

While on the coast, Dick Kinsella, scout for John McGraw, announced that he was in the market for a coast league franchise and some rumors were heard that he might buy the Oakland club, which is still more or less afflicted with reports of syndicate ownership.

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