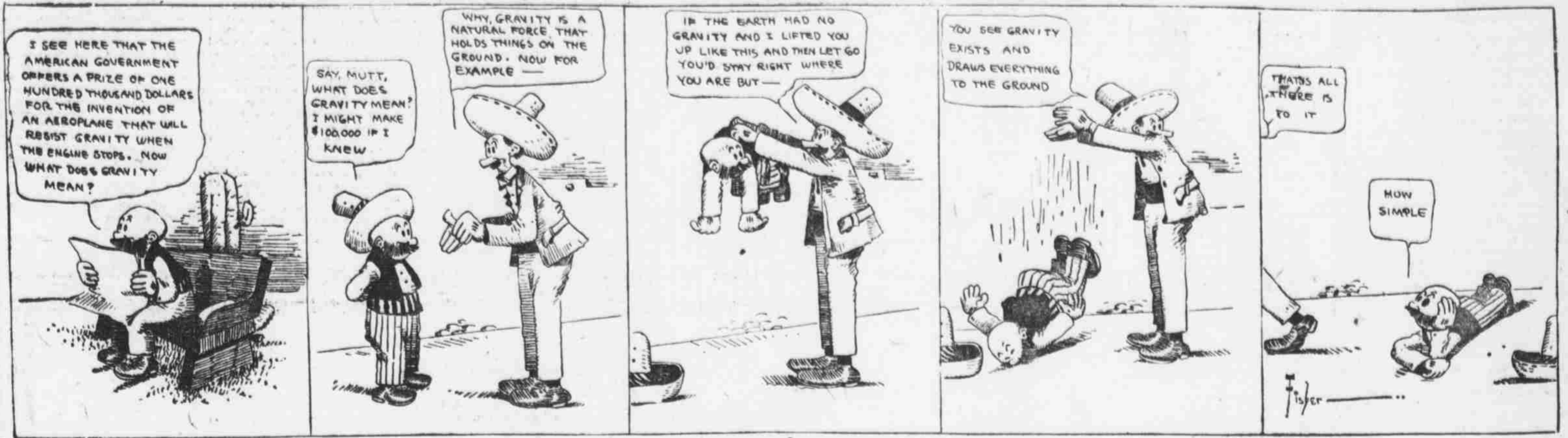


The Attraction of Gravity is Just as Strong in Mexico as in Kansas

By "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

MOST, if not all, the important disputes between major league managers and players have been settled, it seems. The number was large during the winter. Unusual disturbances set in soon after the closing of last season, most notable of which was the clash between Murphy and Chance, which resulted, finally, so advantageously for Chance, though only after Murphy had exerted himself to avoid it. Out of it all rises a renewed demand for a better equality of rights between the player and manager. This question cannot be ignored with impunity to the larger interests of base ball. Under present regulations the manager or owner has the power of making or unmaking the prospects of a player and unscrupulous men make use of that power. This is wrong. Players, of course, as experience has shown, require a certain amount of legal restraint, but they are, after all, the game and must not be unfairly restrained and made the victims of arbitrary or domineering dispositions. When, for instance, a player is found guilty of playing in bad form, he is put out of the game by the power which the reserve clause vests in the owner. It is time to ask if this power is not excessive. If that can be done with all if one player, it can be done with all and if so, where will it bring up? In the transport of prosperity, it is a good time to reflect on some of these sterner problems and the magnates with fortunes at stake are the ones to do the reflecting. They should not permit the avarice and spleen of one or two small, vindictive men to jeopardize their interests and the interests of the game.

The death of Jiggs Donahue removes an interesting character from the arena of base ball. Jiggs, of course, has not been actively at work in the arena for some time. A year ago he attempted to "come back" with the White Sox, where he had a standing invitation from Comiskey whenever he could make it, but the old fellow failed. Strength was going and he could not show form. Donahue, in 1906, was as good a first baseman as ever covered the bag, and Comiskey and a lot of others that he met. He certainly was a prodigy and maintained the high standard for several seasons. But it was that year, when the Sox beat the Cubs for the world's flag, that Jiggs reached his zenith. His work throughout the season and past series was simply marvelous. Jiggs was one of those all-around ball players, having done good service earlier in his career behind the bat. He was popular with the other players, with the fans and the management, and always working for the team's welfare. Jiggs could have had a deed to the south side in Chicago had he asked it in those years of his supremacy.

And now Manager McGraw admits that the Indian, Thorpe, the prodigy over whom half a dozen major league clubs were scrambling, is a failure as a ball player, in fact, the "rawest of recruits," but says he will keep him for a while for advertising purposes. Not long, we imagine, unless he should develop into a ball player. All of which is rather disappointing for the country had got itself set for another Bender or Chief Meyers. We happen to recall at this time that Don Carlos Ragan, our fellow townsman, who whips them across the rubber for Brooklyn, said when all the fuss was brewing over Thorpe, that was a zoid brick.

Manager Chance of the New York Americans has his name affixed to a magazine story, in which he graciously lauds Mr. John J. Evers, his successor as manager of the esteemed Chicago Cubs. He thinks both Evers and the Cubs will be comers this season and would not be surprised to find them up there where he used to keep that old team fighting it out for the flag. But of a man named Murphy, owner of the team, Chance doesn't think so much. He says Murphy is too apt to mess things up at the wrong time. And yet, Chance probably thinks as much of Murphy as some one else does.

His list, listen to this:
E. S. Quick, right-handed pitcher; three years Class A experience, Union Association, 1911-12, good condition, free agent. Send terms, Denver.
And Eddie forgot to mention the freckled vests and his popularity with the ladies.

The opening day for base ball in Omaha is a matter of uncertainty now, so far as the set program is concerned. Everything waits upon the first duty of ministering to the stricken people.

Congalton and Thomason make two outspan outfielders and Coyte bats that way. If Congalton depicts himself otherwise as Coyte and Thomason do, whoopie, won't we have some outfield?

The Sporting News, it seems to us, takes a narrow view of the situation when it suggests that the Young Men's Christian Association advocate Sunday ball. In all fairness, it could not and should not be so blind.

We hope the pre-season form Congalton is showing continues throughout the working days of the next few months.

Linings Up for Base Ball

Creighton Expects Strong Team on the Diamond This Season.

MANY RECRUITS ARE PICKED

Active Practice to Begin Tuesday and Continue Until Weeding is Finished and Boys Are Ready for Work.

Creighton university will begin base ball practice Tuesday afternoon, providing weather permits. Owing to the snows and the excitement during the last week, all thought of base ball was dropped by the students, but with the lull and the coming of good weather, candidates are anxious to get into training.

There are some twenty-five candidates for the various positions. They are: Catchers, Miller, Pass and Storkan; first basemen, Quigley, Murphy and Ruisum; second basemen, Rogers, Vandever and Coody; shortstops, McKee and Kane; third basemen, Kelly; outfielders, Howard, Dally, O'Neil, Balderson and McGuire; pitchers, Roche, Madden, Vandever, Moore and Bets. These are assured and many more are expected within a week after practice opens.

New suits have been ordered by the Athletic board and will arrive this week. They will be distributed to the players at once. They are of a light gray, with the same colored caps, and dark blue stockings, unstriped.

A captain will probably be elected from those who have played on previous squads soon after practice begins.

Manager Daily is still in communication with the Nebraska State university, but as yet the negotiations for a game have not been made. Games are being arranged with Pa. Rourke's squad, and teams of the State league. Games with Omaha High school, University of Omaha, Bellevue, Peru and northwestern Missouri Normal, are assured.

The Creighton campus has been in bad shape during the last week, but warm weather has dried the mud and no trouble is expected on that score Tuesday.

Athletics in the College

M. K. Gordon Insists that Present System is Entirely Wrong.

POINTS OUT SOME OF EVILS

Contents that Games Have Been Converted Into Money-Making Machines for the Benefit of a Few.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The question of whether athletics are carried too far in American colleges and universities is one for considerable debate. Intellectually sports under existing conditions have come up from time to time for much criticism. The worst fault, it seems, lies in the fact that too few undergraduates are able to compete in the various branches. Malcolm K. Gordon, an authority on the club system of athletics, says that the present system is wrong. He points out the evils in the modern collegiate athletic system in the Yale Alumni News in part as follows:

"College athletics, according to the generally accepted term, refer to those gigantic spectacular attractions where a few athletes perform before the eyes of thousands of good American citizens, who would have us believe that our country is athletic because we are willing to build a great stadium and pay high prices for seats therein. Certainly our college athletics are carried too far, when, as has been the case for many years, only a small fraction of the student body has the chance to play naturally in games that require grounds and buildings. If we allow that athletics are to be encouraged for the physical benefit of the college in general, then these great contests between colleges accomplish but little, because the few men who represent the college are necessarily the most physically perfect and need this development least of all men.

"Again, college athletics have gone too far, when we consider the unwholesome notoriety given to athletes in the daily press. The commercialism which has been built up within and without our colleges, the money made by the college ath-

Bellevue Announces Track Schedule

Manager Quackenbush has completed the track schedule for the Bellevue squad and announces two dual meets with Wesleyan and Tarkio in the home grounds and a dual meet with Doane at Crete. In addition to the interscholastic state meet at Wesleyan, May 24.

The season will open with the indoor meet at the Auditorium, in which it is hoped to enter a relay team and one or two men in the distance runs. Following this, on April 22, will occur the annual interclass meet, which is always an important event. Each class elects a class queen and captain, who strive for the honor of their respective classes. The queen whose team wins the meet is declared queen of the games and crowns the winner of individual honors with the laurel wreath, proclaiming him the king of the games. This meet was won by the sophomores last year, who, however, have been considerably weakened by the loss of Paulson, the star sprinter, and will have close competition in the seniors and freshmen this year.

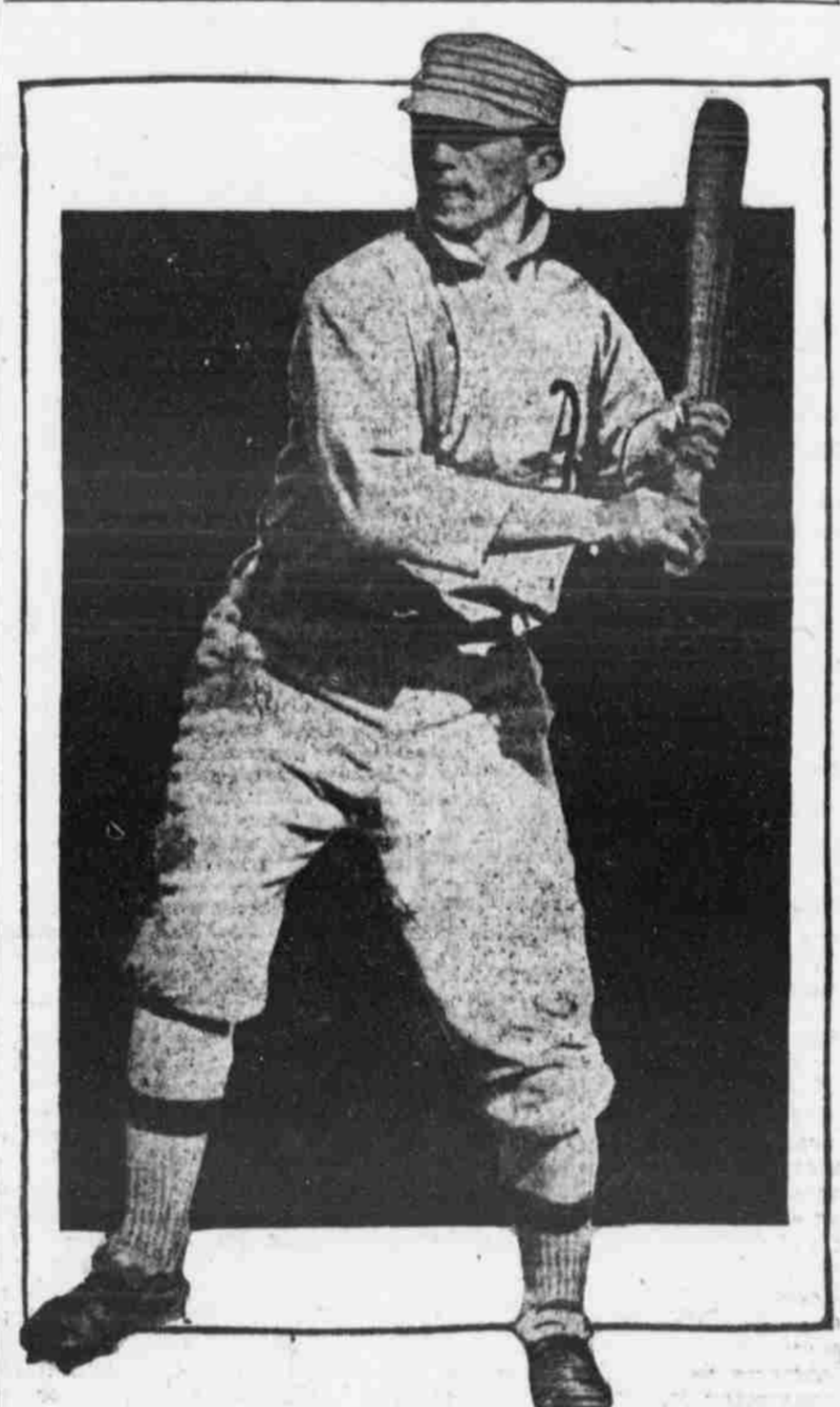
The schedule is as follows:
April 4—Indoor meet, Auditorium.
April 22—Interclass meet, Bellevue.
May 2—Tarkio at Bellevue.
May 10—Wesleyan at Bellevue.
May 17—Doane at Crete.
May 24—State meet at University Place.

Jarnigan a Coach.
Clyde Jarnigan, the twirler, formerly with Pueblo, Des Moines and Wichita in the Western league, has accepted a position as base ball coach at Cornell (Ia.) college.

BURNS MAY WIN JOSH DEVORE'S PLACE.

George Burns, the hustling young utility outfielder of the New York Giants, whose work in the south has caused the experts to predict that Burns will displace Little Josh Devore in the regular left field berth. Burns is a very fast man, and his hitting has been little short of phenomenal this spring. He has been a faithful student of McGraw's style of base ball and plays the game in a way that endears him to the heart of the little Napoleon of base ball.

Baker at His Old Tricks



J. Franklin Baker, the slugging third sacker of the Philadelphia Athletics, who is living up to his title of "Home Run".

AMATEURS TO CAVORT TODAY

Local Diamonds Will Be the Scenes of Several Hot Contests.

QUIGLEY BREAKS HIS LEG

Double Bill at Rourke Park is Off, but One at Fort Omaha Scheduled for This Afternoon Will Be Played.

Rod and Gun Club Sustains Some Losses

Despite the fact that the Omaha Rod and Gun club was badly torn up and cottages in the course of construction almost demolished, it is the intention of the officers to open the club on the date set. Work has been started already rebuilding the cottages.

feat upon the shoulders of the brewery boys.

Samuel E. Gross is undecided as to which team in Council Bluffs he will be associated with as an official tabstar. George (Ray) Kennedy will hover around the middle pillow for the Shamrocks. He is still all to the mustard.

AMATEUR DIAMOND DUST.

Suppose some of our few base ball players favor the three ball rule.

To date Earl Eisenhart has not coughed through as to his intention for this season.

The Florence Athletics have just completed arrangements to open the season April 20.

Bones Hout is now driving a choo choo cart and as a consequence he won't be able to report.

Suppose Harry Welch of the Stora Triumphs will continue to demoralize our pitchers' slants.

Yes, the gas company team was going to open up with the Rod and Gun club on Decoration day.

Suppose it would be a disastrous operation for some of our base ball players to get out their cigarettes.

Those rubber cross base ball bats have got the rainbow backed off the boards when it comes to colors.

Some day next week Harry Cross will kick his frame out of this burg. He is going to reside in Canada.

Manager James P. Mullen says with vehemence that the only fellows that can trim his team are the Barberbers.

Tub Carter will in all probability be given a chance to demonstrate his adjudicating ability at Luxus park.

After Bob Elliott heard four bawls the



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