Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



FOLLOW HIGH COST OF LIVING

Prices for Seeing Base Ball Games Are Being Boosted.

SIZE OF BLEACHERS CUT DOWN

in Order to Force the Fans to Buy Where the Prices Are Higher.

NEW YORK, March 29.-Base ball is going to cost a whole lot more this season-that is, if the fans want regular seats from which they can see things happening in the field. Real seats have been advanced in prices. The 50-cent bleacher seat of the old days is being eaten up gradually by grand stand additions and the erection of new stadiums and the older 25-cent accommodations are disappearing slowly but surely. Not so many years back the 50-cent bleachers at the Polo grounds, for instance, started behind the first and third base tines. Now a seat in the same location or thereabouts costs 75 cents and upstairs \$1, while the old 50-cent bleacherite is shifted to the back of the grounds where field glasses are almost a necessity.

When Charille Ebbets made his little speech on the high cost of base ball, in connection with his new \$750,000 base bail stadium in Brooklyn, he inadvertently. perhaps, started a fire of indignation among the fans, which has been smoldering for a couple of years. Ebbets says the price of base ball is going up, makes bones about it, and intimates that the fans must foot the bills. In other words, they will be taxed more for seats, which formerly cost them from 25 to 50 cents less. The Dodgers' owner explains this by saying players' salaries have increased and everything else has gone up,

In mapping out a plan of recouping, 25-cent bleachers at his new stadium, a raise of 50 cents in the price of box sents besides, and a smaller number of insvitable. 50-cent seats. Ebbets, however, lan't cent seats decreased in numbers.

higher prices, of course) around both sides, and the old-time bleacherite has been steadily pushed further away from

While the base ball public lets out long and raucous yells of protest against the increased cost of the national sport the magnates are emphatic in declaring that higher prices can't be helped, because to make both ends meet it is necessary to charge more on account of the great rise in players' salaries. Then there are other expenses an owner must incur to turn out a winning team.

Manager's Task.

The situation that confronts the magnates is made known by John B. Foster. secretary of the New York Base Ball club, who has been identified with the diamond game for twenty-five years. "The base ball public little realizes the

tremendous cost of base ball," said Secretary Foster discussing the pending movement to raise the admission charges in some cities. "Big crowds are seen at the Polo grounds, and the fans get the idea that fortunes are made over night in the game. But the profits are not so great, when, say, that out of a crowd of 20,000, probably 5,000 are deadbeads.

"Base ball owners, like other people. have been forced to mit back and see expenses steadily climb during the past twenty years. Take one item alone, players' salaries. Men like Mathewson, Cobb and Wagner are paid any way from M to 40 per cent more than the stars of the brotherhood days. The increase in the well paid, but the same man today is receiving \$2,000 or \$3,000. Even the minors have out in on the higher scale with an increase of 25 per cent in their malaries.

"To carry a team through a season now requires the services of nearly twenty-seven men. In the old days fourteen and even twelve players were deemed sufficient. The raise in players was created and the resultant keen comstarted to bid against each other for shape to go onstar players, with the result that now many are paid bank presidents' salaries. Back in 1899 a team's franchise could be outs will be held Wednesday night. purchased for about \$35,000, but that sum would hardly buy two players of the Cobb and Mathewson type now.

Wages Increase. 'Along with that of the players, the wages of umpires and other officials were increased 50 and 100 per cent. Then to take up another item of expense-that of transportation. It costs about 200 per the ponds sufrounding Geneva has been sent more to send teams around the very good this spring, although few big McGraw has assured that he will be country now than it did in the days be- bage have been garnered by the sports permanently engaged. Cooper's hitting fore the Interstate railroad laws went men in that region. Mr. Carson says that has been timely, his work on the bases into effect. Arriving at a hotel a base while coming to Omaha he saw thirty or unsurpassed; he has shown lightning ball manager finds that it costs \$50 a more dead birds strewn along the banks speed in the outfield and his throwing

Hotel arrangements were vastly differ- their death durin gthe storm ent in the old days. Then it was cusomary for the hostelries to cater to the ball teams and the best rooms in the house could be had for \$2.25."

interesting facts about the polo grounds, the city. Those who were out have mostly the secretary, "costs the club \$200. So, ers are concerned the cirds have little to Cheap Sents Given Poor Locations when only a small crowd turns out it can readily be seen that the loss to the club the season in this one particular is considerable.

"The greatest cost, however, that was saddled on the magnates was the building of the great stadiums in New York. Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Boston and Brooklyn. The fans became very high-toned in their tastes a great deal of money, in fact several of the stadiums represented an outlay of over \$1,000,000.

Prices Raised.

Philadelphia American league club. shortly after the beautiful Shibe park have had champion teams since 1906 and he had a policy. Philadelphia is a good base ball city. While the figures were never given out was under "Connie" Mack at Milwaukee it is believed that the Philadelphia club during the infancy of the American just barely made expenses during this league. Getting back to the New York club, Mr.

of 1904, until the late Mr. Brush took the statement that base ball, from the side of the magnate, was a huge gamble. A club can lose in one year the profits

"Jiggs' was one of nine brothers, all clubs do business on a trust-to-luck policy like a race goer who hopes to get a good his clos dancing. break from the barrier.

Secretary John Heydler of the national ase ball commission agreed with John GOOD ROADS ARE NEEDED Ebbets has decided that there'll be fewer Foster that cheap ball was on its last legs. Mr. Heydler voiced the opinion that the higher cost of the diamond sport was

alone in the movement to raise the prices, the charges to the fans," said the secre- warmest responses from George E. Danfor supporters of the Athletics in Phila- lary, "and the days of 26 cent base ball fels, vice president and general manager delphia have seen their cheap bleachers are over, really they were over five years of the Oakland Motor Car company. Mr. replaced by grand stand extensions, and ago, for then the tide began turning to Daniels has some very decided views or Boston rooters also have had their Z- the high scale of prices. A true fan, the comparative advantages of well-connevertheless, will cheerfully come acress structed highways over huge navies, and The Giants' management, too, have felt with 50, 75 cents or \$1 to see a good it is his opinion that greater benefit to compelled to stretch the grand stand (at | game," declared the genial secretary.

UNIVERSITY-TEAMS HINDERED BY COLD

(Continued from Page One) winkle, Clark and Racely were picked to compose the team with Lindstrum and Bates as alternates.

Spring Foot Ball Practice. Although Stiehm had planned on the first spring foot ball practice Monday it was Thursday before the squad finally assembled. The meeting resulted in nothing more than organizing and active practice will begin next week.

Stiehm carefully outlined the features which he expects to take up in spring training. In the squad were a number of last year's veterans, including Captain Purdy.

Nebraska's newly established wrestling department will hold its first tournament of the year next Saturday with the University of Iowa. The Cornhuskers will wrestle the Iowans at Iowa City.

Injuries have crippled the Nebraska team and it will be the last of the week before the team is definitely selected. Tryouts were held last Thursday, but another series of elimination bouts will be held to definitely select the representatives.

In the lightweight class the Cornhusk ers have two classy men-Gans and Phares-and the scrap between the two is a close one. Gans won last year and succeeded in taking his match against the lows man after a tussle tasting nearly an hour. Guenther has been selected wages of the average run of players is definitely to represent the Cornhuskers much more. A player getting \$1,000 in the weiterweight class. In the tryout twenty years back was thought to be Thursday he failed to secure a fall from Franklin, but showed greater speed, skill and experience, and was the unanimous choice of the judges.

Bates and Keer are yet to decide the niddleweight class representative. Bates njured his knee severely and the bout had to be put off Thursday.

In the heavyweight class it is conceded that McCormick, the foot ball man, will wages began when the American league have the call providing he is in shape to wrestle, but he recently injured himself pelition with the National league. Teams in a practice bout and may not be in

The team is scheduled to leave for lowa City Thursday and the last work-

DUCK SEASON NEARS AN END

(Continued from Page One.) spending several days in Omaha visiting relatives, reports that the shooting on

Local parties which had been planning campaigns out in the state last week and this have nearly all abandoned the idea. Secretary Foster here divulged some owing to the disaster which has swept "Just to open the grounds," went on all returned and as far as Omaha shootfear from them during the remainder

in Insane Asylum

CHICAGO, March 29.-The fact that and wanted only their stands constructed John "Jiggs" Donohue, the former Chiof iron and steel. Naturally all this costs | cago American league first baseman, who won fame in the world's series games of 1996, between the two Chicago league teams, is dead, became known here today. The man who was termed the great-"This burden proved too heavy and the est first baseman he had ever known, by President Comisky of the local American league club, died in an insane asylum was completed, was forced to abolish the near Columbus, O., five weeks ago. Mrs. cent seats. This move was taken not- Donohue was notified of his death yesterwithstanding the fact that the Athletics day by an insurance company, in which

The players first big league engagement In 1906 he accepted 1,986 chances at first base, a record which has never been equalled. "Jiggs" also had the rec-Poster said that the Giants lost money ord on the fewest number of chances every year from 1889, with the exception in a single game, on May 25, having only one. He made one assist. It had hever charge. The secretary concluded with been known in base ball before where

made in three, and the second division of whom were base ball players. Dono-"Jigge' was one of nine brothers, all

MORE THAN BATTLESHIPS

"Battleships against Good Roads" s "Base ball expenses have outstepped a topic for debate always enlists the the sountry at large can be secured through a good roads movement than through a plan to increase the equipment of our navy.

> COOPER HAS WON A PLACE WITH THE GIANTS.



Claude Cooper, the recruit outfielder of the New York Glants, whom Manager day to house each member of his team of the Platte, which had no doubt met arm equals that of any major leaguer.

O'Toole Looks Good



Recruits and Regulars.

Not Progressed as Past as it

Should, the Axe Will Not

Full for Awhile.

(Continued from Page One.)

was on third and Congalton at second

no more than a futile stab at it. both

runners scoring. In the third he sent a

long fly to center field, which, had it

not been dead against a forty-mile gale.

would have gone over the fielder's head,

make the Omahas, for Rourke has said

he has had several offers for him and

Neff has somewhat of the same thing

a better game than some of these now

on the infield and eyen if he does not

make a regular berth, he still has a

chance of beating Scanlon out for utility

Weather Unfavorable.

The weather here since the Rourkes

went into camp has been characteristic

health and has not reported.

Scanlon has been in poor

infielder.

that he can place him to advantage.

the Pittsburgh Pirates' twirling staff. who is expected to pitch to his true form this year, has been rouding into form very slowly, but at the close of last season appeared to have all the batleague on his nip. Marty is expected to be a big factor in keeping the Buccaneers in the race for scason. Western league patrons are especially interested in O'Toole, for it was in this league he first attracted notice. His pitching for Sloux City was of the sensational order that afterwards raised him to the position of the highest priced ball player ever sold. He has not been a disappointment at Pittsburgh, for the shown just the sort of ability he was expected to have. That his record of games lost appears to be to the fact that the Pirates have always seemed to play their poorest back of him, while it was his posed to him the class of the league

Marty O'Toole the

'\$22,000 beauty" of

class of the league in the way of pitchers.

In the way of pitchers.

In the way of pitchers.

It the majority. Storms have been general all over the country, many of the teams that are starting home have not had more work than has Omaha, and as soon as the effect of the present storm has passed, which will be within the next day or two, conditions here will not be iso bad. One of the good features of the local ball park for spring games is that the soil is extremely sandy, one or two days being amply sufficient to permit play even after the worst downpours. The groundseeper expedited the drying process by getting busy before the four-inch snow started to melt and scraping it of the diamond. On account of the location of the grandstand and the directions of the soli is extracted to melt and scraping it of the diamond. On account of the location of the grandstand and the directions. ROURKE PLAYERS SHOW FINE Omaha Magnate Pleased with His NO SLICING FOR SOME TIME Owing to the Fact that Work Has off the diamond. On account of the location of the grandstand and the direc-A hit meant two runs if properly placed. tion of the wind, drifts near the home He allowed the first strike to be called plate were five or six feet deep. on him and then drove a hot one through short so fast Dowling had time to make

Buy your rubber goods of a rubber house; rubber footwear and auto coats. Omaha Rubber Co., 1608 Harney .- Advertisement.

but it was caught. In the sixth he slammed out another single to left and in the eighth, after Cobb's home run had miliarize yourself with the road before tied the score. Shestak opened the second half by laying the pili far over the of a young woman who called on a fortune teller.

ond half by laying the pili far over the left field fence, winning the same unassisted, for no one scored thereafter.

Two Men Hard Hit.

The two youngsters that appear to have the hardest row to hoe to a regular berth are Neff. an infielder, and Bright, an outfielder. It would be next to impossible for any club short of the majors to put in an outfield superior to Coyle, Thomason and Congalton. The first two have been tried and found worthy by Omaha, and Congalton never hit below 300 since he entered the American association several years ago. This is what

clation several years ago. This is what Bright is up against. Yet he should not have cause to worry if he should not make the Omahas, for Bould not make the Omahas the Oma Queer Styles of Authors. of allence followed.

Saturday Evening Post—Her feet were to contend with in his fight for a station swollen from standing in wet.

to contend with in his fight for a station inside. Kane promises to play his best season this year at first, Schipke at second and Justice at short both are going well, while Grubb at third looks like a phenomenal youngster. A book could be written sulogizing his prospects, but such a publication might turn the head of a more experienced hero, and since up to the present time Grubb is a model youngster for modesty, it probably would be better to suspend publication for a while at least. Neff has shown ability both

at least. Neff has shown ability both in the field and with the stick. There is the field and with the stick is the field and with the stick. There is the field and with the stick is the field and with the stick. There is the field and with the stick is the fie

Not Personally Blamable. "So it's your son, is it, who orose the windows in my empty house and set fire to the summer kitchen? Well, I'll see that he's put where he can't do any more mischief."

"You wouldn't be as unreasonable as that, would you? The boy isn't to blame, it's the fault of his artistic temperament."

of that encountered by the major leaguers this spring. It has been a bad apring everywhere and if anything the Omaha club has been favored more than ruins."—Cleveland Piale Dealer.

CITY OFFICIAL NOTICES.

PROPOSALS FOR STREET IMPROVE-MENTS.
Sealed proposals are invited and will be received by the City Cierk of the City of Omaha on Tuesday. April 1, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., in the council chamber, in the city hall for the following street im-provements.

the city hall for the following street improvements.

Farnam street from 44th street to the east line of the Omaha Belt railway right-of-way in Street Improvement District No. 1236 by repaying, readjusting the old curbs and replacing all defective curbing, and that part of Farnam streer from the east line of the Omaha Belt railway right-of-way to 48th street by paving and erroing in accordance with Ordinance No. 7843.

37th street from Dodge street to Davenport street in Street Improvement District No. 1274, by paving and curbins, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7807.

Fratt street from Sherman avenue to the west line of 19th street south in Street improvement District No. 1274, by paving and curbing, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7807.

Walnut street from 35d street to 5th below.

paving and curbing, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7857.

Wainut street from 35d street to 35th street in Street Improvement District No. 1296, by paving and curbing, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7888.

Alley between Farnam street and Harney street from 14th street to 15th street in Street Improvement District No. 1256, by repaving, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7897.

18th street from Farnam street to Harney street in Street Improvement District No. 1228, by repaving, readjusting the old curbs and replacing defective curbing, in accordance with Ordinance No. 8018.

ing, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2018.

Alley between Douglas street and Farnam street from 25th avenue to 25th avenue, in Street improvement District No. 1332, by paving, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2633.

Bids for such improvements must be made upon asphait, stone, vitrified brick, vitrified brick block, artificial stone, macadam and cressoted wood block, and must be made under and in accordance with plans and specifications for said work prepared by and on file in office of the City Engineer and in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 2534 and Ordinance No. 2534 and

Contractors shall begin work within

ten days after receiving written notice from the City Engineer and spid work shall be carried on regularly and uninterruptedly to completion, within a carried by the City Engineer, unless otherwise determined by the Mayor and City

The husband pointed out that this was constant of the completion of

Proposals must be addressed to Thomas J. Flynn, City Clerk, Council Chamber, City Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, and marked "Proposal for Street Improvement dis-trict No. —." giving the number of the district bid upon district bid upon.
The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Omaha, Nebraska, March 13, 1913.
THOMAS J. FLYNN,
Mi3dist City Clerk.

NOTICE
PROPOSALS FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.
Sealed proposals are invited and will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Omaha until Tuesday, April 1, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the construction or widening of such sidewalks as may be ordered by the Mayor and City Council during the year 1913, of stone, artificial stone, brick tiling and white pine in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer and adopted and approved by the Mayor and City Council.

brepared by the City Engineer and adopted and approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$1,000 as a guarantee of good faith, and to be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages in event of failure to enter into contract if award be made thereon.

Proposals must be made upon printed bianks provided by the City Engineer, and no proposal will be considered if detached from the package in which it was bound, but the entire package must be unbroken and in good order when the proposal is deposited.

Prices must be stated in words and figures in the respective columns provided in the printed blanks.

Proposals must be scaled, marked "Proposal for Sidewalk Construction," and addressed to Thomas J. Flynn, City Clerk Omaha, Nebraska and will be presented to the City Council unopened at the regular meeting to be held on Tuosday, April 1, 1918, at 9 o'clock a m. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Ordinance No. 583, Omaha, Nebraska, March 19, 1913.

Omaha, Nebraska, March 12, 1912.
THOMAS J. FLYNN.
Miscier. City Clerk.

LIVING IN LAND OF HORRORS

Pilgrim Right from the Spot Dages Reporter with Weird Tale.

You can't call a man a nature faker; t's libelous. So we won't say that about Alexander Waltole, who came to New

tole, "and for fifty of my 76 years I

poison. It's about eight inches long and has horns. "The barber-pole snake says Wooff

Woof! when it wriggles. It has black and white stripes, and, if it bites you, you laugh hysterically for twenty-four hours. It's a common sight to find a native lying alongside the road laughing himself into fits. The snake's scientific name is 'Sukkeldonder.

"The Samsonian bug attacks chickens

met a hay wagon fully loaded, woman declared that the farme

"I don't care," insisted. "I won't riove if we have to stay here all night."
The man in the automobile was starting to argue the matter when the farmer, who had been sitting quietly on the hav. interrupted:

"Never mind, sir!" he exclaimed, "I'll try to back out. I've got one just like her at home."—Chicago Record-Herald.

CITY OFFICIAL NOTICE. NOTICE TO SEWER CONTRACTORS. NOTICE TO SEWER CONTRACTORS.

By authority of the City Council in accordance with Resolution No. 1288, current series, scaled proposals are invited and will be received at the office of the City Engineer, Room 404, City Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, until two octock b. m. Wednesday, April 24, 1913, for the construction of storm sewer in 38th street to Mason street which from Pacific street to Mason street equires: -foot 0-inch two-ring brick gircular

sewer sewer. 61.2

Proposals are to be made upon printed blanks which will, upon application, be furnished by the City Engineet and all the plans, profiles and specifications fowerk must be done in accordance with evidence of good faith, each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check on some Omaha bank payable to the City of Omaha in an amount not less than five per cent of the total of each bid and in no case to be less than one hundred dollars, which amount shall be held by the City of Omaha as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to enter into contract with good and sufficient sureties within ten days after award has been made thereon.

Proposals shall be addressed to "City Engineer, Omaha, Nebraska," and marked "Proposal for Sewer Construction."

The City reserves the right to reject Proposal for Sewer Construction The City reserves the right to reject The City reserved any and all bids.
Omaha, Nebraska, March 21, 1913.
WATSON TOWNSEND,
City Engineer.
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LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

NOTICE-MATTER OF APPLICATION OF John F Rouser Co. for Liquer License, Notice is berely given that Jehn F. Rouser Co. did upon the 17th day of March. A. D. 1211, file its application with the City Cauncil of the City of Chanks, for Jicense to sell mait, apirituoue and vinque higuers at No. 23 Francastrest, wholesale, first floor, 22 bf. 122 feet, Third ward, Omaha, Nobraska, from the first day of January, 1911, to the first day of January, 1911, to the first day of January, 1914, to the first day of January, 1914, to the first day of January attance or protest filed within two weeks from strance or protest filed within two weeks from the 18th day of March, A. D. 1816, the said itemse will be granted, JOHN F. ROUSER Cy., by John F. Rouser, President, Applicant, Mchill-Apri

TWENTIETH CENTURY FARMER

