

Bringing Up Father



Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Judgments

THE Lincoln correspondent of the Sporting News that the President Jones of the Lincoln team: "We have been fighting hard for second place all summer, and in spite of the fact that we have scarcely dipped below third place all year, our attendance has dropped amazingly." The correspondent adds that the attendance in Lincoln this year is 15,000 below that of 1912. Lincoln has a good team, it has played good ball all season; the owner has been alert to strengthen weak places with new material. The same may be said of other teams in the league, whose attendance also has fallen off amazingly. What is the answer? Can it be that the patrons of Western league baseball have grown weary of watching seven teams trail Denver season in and season out? From the very jump off this year the pennant race has been no race at all; the flag has been Denver's from the start. It is not enough for two or three teams to fight for second place unless there be some chance of a contest for first place. It is the hope of winning that keeps the game going and when that hope is destroyed the game has had its end. Let this league develop a real race just once, such, for example, as we see almost every season in the American association, and the fans will find it out and settle the question of attendance very speedily. There is no reason for the disparity existing between minor league teams as has existed in this league for so many seasons. If one owner can succeed so well in assembling winning players, others should come somewhere near him. It's a hard task to get good ball players, you say? Sure, but not so hard as it is for one another, surely. Some ten years ago five teams had almost an even break for the flag up to the last week. They were neck and neck to the last game. No one heard anything of amazing slumps in attendances that year.

The St. Louis Republic makes the un-convincing assertion that Sam Agnew, former Omaha, was the main string catcher for the Browns, "the best throwing arm of any catcher in the American league and he knows how to use it." Sam was slid out of Omaha pretty much as a turnip. He only showed well in flashes and we doubt if Agnew ever knew why he failed to develop here, as he did in Los Angeles. The fact is quite well known to some of the inside, though. Sam was picked out by some of his helpful associates as the goat of the team. You know, every team must have a goat. Sam had as much chance to develop here as a lamb has to kill a butcher. Had Pa Roureks been handling the managerial reins himself this might have been averted, greatly to his and his team's advantage. The fact is Agnew will do as a basis for saying that in the matter of goat-making, it might prove effective to let out the goat-punchers instead of the goat once in a while.

A clever statistician figured out that Joe Kosavas and Dick together lost thirty-two games for us the season they were called at short and third. Our own observation confirmed the finding. When the present season closes we doubt little that Congalton could be shown to have won about that many games for us in 1912. Certainly he has put many a one on Joe for the home team with that faithful old side of his. And Conroy's fielding is far ahead of his reputation. He has that happy faculty of all good old outfielders of starting with the crack of the bat, which enables him to take care of difficult chances without making the catches seem sensational, which the felder with the late start is apt to do. Thomason, Congalton, Kane and Johnson—what a quartette of fence-busters for a pitcher to face one after another. But for this array of sluggers, with the fielding we've had most of the season, the team would have been further down the scale than it is.

Omaha loses but one man by the draft. The splendid and lynch-eyed scouts have again overlooked Thomason in their search for outfielders. Scouts are a good deal like unaires—wrong about as often as right. But as for Johnson, he ought to make the Giants a good second string catcher and with his ability to hit find a warm welcome in the McGraw camp of heavy-hitting catchers.

Joe Lutz finished the season in the Nebraska State league with a batting average of .473, which led the league. If Joe will manage to hit at least half that hard and win a little more than half his games in the Western next season we won't ask anything more of him.

Tebau ran into the business end of the National commission when he attempted to sell Chairman Herrmann a crippled player.

If there is such a thing as a manager fighting his way to success, Joe Tinker will find it.

McGill says he just must go. Well, Mac'll keep of yourself, Jim.

CLOSE SEASON NEXT SUNDAY

Sandlot Teams Will Then Pack Up Until the Robins Nest Again.

BOYS ALL HIGHLY PLEASED

Games Have Been Well Supported by the Fans and There Have Been No Big Squabbles to Mar the Year's Playing.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Well, boys, there are only a few more days left on the calendar before the time rolls around for the asbestos to drop. Guess there is not anything to regret, however, and there will not be much available space for remorse around camp this fall. Without a doubt this season to date has been the best local diamond covey ever indulged in. Trouble was nearly obliterated and only on a couple of different occasions was a contest broken up before the final chapter. Everything has gone along fine and all the boys feel highly elated over the way the fans have supported them and also about their own classy work on the diamond. We have played faster baseball and the boys' beifrya have played a more conspicuous part this year than ever before. Next Sunday is the day set aside for the locals to pack up until the robins begin to chirp again.

Two Mixes at Fort.

Two excellent mixes are predicted for beautiful Fort Omaha's diamond this afternoon when the first Ancient Order United Workmen team meet the Advos in the initial argument and the Luxus from Beaverville and the Townsends are seen in the windup. The last dual between the Lodgettes and the Pure Food dispensers resulted in a victory for the latter mentioned after a grueling battle for twelve long innings by the score of 3 to 2. The Lodge tents are raring for revenge, so it is a clinch that they will exert all their energy to clean up the Advos this trip. Baker will swing them over for the Advos and Holland will work for the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Townsends are also looking for some revenge to be delivered at the expense of the Luxus. At the present writing the Gunners look pretty sugary and the Brewery rascals will have to steam up if they want to cop the grapes, but Old Man Koehler says they can "doer." Dyck will sail them across for the Luxus and McGuire will work for the Townsends.

Lineup, first game: A. O. U. W. ADVOS. Dougherty.....First.....McGrath. Welch.....Second.....Bowley. McAndrews.....Third.....Robles. Stephens.....Fourth.....Minicus. Hall.....Fifth.....Dennison. Sherer.....Center.....Feltman. Miller.....Right.....Handy. Goff. Prefka.....Catcher.....Coe. Holland.....Pitcher.....Carter. McGraw.....Pitcher.....Meyer. Lineup, second game: LUXUS. TOWNSENDS. Vanous.....First.....Kreigler. Galt.....Second.....Coady. Tracy.....Third.....McGowan. Rapp.....Fourth.....Penny. Mackin.....Left.....Moore. Hanson.....Center.....Gardner. Fox.....Right.....Pass. Hill.....Catcher.....Russum. Dyer.....Pitcher.....Adams. Lineup, third game: STORZ. Drummy.....First.....Swingwood. Drahman.....Second.....Fahl. Drahman.....Third.....McLean. Gilliam.....Fourth.....Kemp. Fahl.....Pitcher.....Steele. Welch.....Right.....Rice. Wright.....Catcher.....Gillespie. Alder.....Center.....Frost. Olson.....Pitcher.....Steele. Kelly.....Pitcher.....Kemp. Fugate.....Pitcher.....Crowe.

Two Fast Arguments.

A couple of fast arguments are looked for at Athletic park this afternoon, when a couple of class B teams put on the first show and the Storz Triumphs and the Council Bluffs Merchants put on the finisher. A couple of weeks ago the first time since the Storz Triumphs lit the match, the Council Bluffs Merchants walloped them to the tune of 5 to 2. Of course, the beer slingers are now looking for revenge so it is a lead-pipe that they will do their damndest and then come in order to slip the Bluffers some distasteful medicine. Fans will never regret squandering two-bits to see this fight. Not being satisfied with trimming the hop kids once, the Merchants think they can "doer" again. Alderman will probably work for the Omaha crew and pitching will be done by some dark horse who will kick them for the Merchants.

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Next Sunday the Emil Hansens will again parade up to Schuyler, Neb., where they have already played on two different occasions. They sure must like that burg. The two games which these two teams have already indulged in have been interesting affairs so this debate will undoubtedly be a corker.

At Neola, Ia., the Brodegaard Crews will touch today and after the big feed they will endeavor to amply demonstrate to the Neola populace just how the grand old national joy should be delivered. Hell will probably shoot them for the Crews and Haggerty will be on the mound for the village base ball manipulators.

Already this term the Orkin Brothers' band have delivered their wares at Den-

nington, Neb., but notwithstanding this fact, Manager Weiss went to the trouble of mustering his troupe together again so the Bennington fans would have the pleasure of seeing these two brigades fight out their life. As it stands they have capped a game advice. It was the intention of Manager Weiss to balance up his books and quit business for the season, but he changed his sky piece when old man sun slipped in unmoisted last week. This will be one grand game and anyone making the trip will not regret it.

On the vacant gap located at thirty-second Street and Dewey avenue, the Dundee Woolen Mills will bump up against the California Athletics. This game should be conceded to the Dundees before it is played for the Athletics haven't got an even break.

At Florence park the Overlands will endeavor to wipe the Florence Athletics off the map. The Florence boys always put up a hard fight, but on too many occasions they are forced to swallow the dope known as defeat. It is their intention to show what they have got today by whipping the noted Overlands, if they do this they should be saluted in recognition of their fighting spirit.

At Luxus park the Chris Lycks will put on a double-header, the first game of which will be with the Brown Park Pharmacy and the second mix with the C. B. DeVos Victors. These three teams are all approximately evenly hooked up to a couple of games that should make the hair stand on end and are anticipated. First dual at 1:30 o'clock, second at three and a half bells.

Pontenelle park will be the scene of some battle this afternoon when the Foresters buck up against the K and M's. The last meeting between these two squad resulted in a victory for the K and M tribe and since then the Foresters have been unable to figure out just how it happened. So they are decided to take another whirl at this bunch and see if they couldn't tell a different story after the smoke clears away.

On the vacant piece of earth at Twenty-first and Charles streets the Hoiys and the Burlingtons will hook up at two and a half whistles. This game will be a local affair because codies of sour stuff exists between the two crews.

Up at Wahoo, Neb., the champs of south town via the Armour's will do their damndest to wait home with the sweetmeats. They will be up against a stiff proposition as Wahoo has one of the fastest organizations in the state and aside from this their empire invariably seem to think that they are unable obligations to the home town. Gunners will kick them for the Armour's and Anderson will work for the opposition.

Diamond Dust.

Gibraltar is not the strength of some of the local hitters. Do your shopping for players early. Next season is only six months off. Well, get ready to hang up your lids. The steam will be turned off next Sunday. Gee, doesn't it seem like a thousand years ago before the next season floats around.

It is nearly a toss up as to who is the best first baseman in town, Kreigler or Vanous. Next Sunday will be the funeral, when the sandlot fans kiss this grand season goodbye.

Those All-Stars got a hold of some good soap and washed themselves away to the graveyard. It is a terror to slamben when called in an emergency.

Madam Rumer has it that George Kenyon has been unhit by the South Omaha Athletics.

Joe Lutz, who formerly was a big noise in the local amateur circles, is again back on Pa. Bourke's payroll.

Today the Council Bluffs Stolz and the Joe Smiths will clash at the Joe Smith park at Lake Manawa.

Ed Smith says he is going to organize the Omaha Athletics next season. He tips his hat to the Omaha Athletics.

Hammer merchants have found out this season that knocks often reverberate back on their own attic.

Chimnie Danze is doing fine at North Platte, Neb. He amply demonstrated that he could deliver the goods.

As a pinch hitter Paul Bohan looks no better than a terror to slamben when called in an emergency.

If George Falconer keeps up his purloining on the paths he will soon be eligible to register in the big show.

Edward Spellman will rise in today's wadlow for Oshkosh, Wis., this season.

Morcy Miller will be back this week to join the Crestview players.

He has been catching for Greeley, Neb.

The Auditorium Pharmacy team are still willing to play any team that is not willing to concede them the championship.

The trouble with some of the amateur hitters is that they put too many of them exactly where the clubbers want them.

George Dougherty is showing some class on the initial punch of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is hitting the pill hard.

Lately, Drummy of the Storz has failed to live up to his reputation as a slugger. He has let it all to see him come up in a pinch.

You have to give it to Jim McAndrews as being polite as well as a good umpire. He has let it on all of the gentlemen cricketers.

Nay, nay, Pauline, out-of-town games are not all that because the umpire gives the opposition the best of it. Even your

sweetheart will lie about a base ball game.

Don't think that a suffragette base ball team would be much of a success. They can't even knock the stuffing out of a balding box.

You have to give it to William Pahl for injecting stinger and pepper into the O. D. Kiplingers. They made a remarkable record.

Penny's breathing machinery was nearly out of commission after he circumnavigated the bases for the Townsends Sunday.

Although approximately eighty teams in the three cities went kerplunk this season, they will have about sixty left when the ball begins.

If some of the managers would only quit protecting a few of the ivory-crowned players on their squad they would probably get some place ahead.

If some of the local base ballists would leave the high balls alone they would probably increase their fielding average. Do you get me, Orlando?

Harry Sage is still itching the nicks as an adjudicator. This summer Harry has made approximately fifty bucks per week doing the aforementioned stunt.

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GRAYATH IS "HOME RUN KID"

Has Long List of Such Victories to His Credit.

WORKED ALL BUT BROOKLYN

Pitchers on that Team Were the Only Ones that Did Not Let Him Pound Out Four-Sacker.

If Gabby Cravath of the Phillies shatters the National league record for home runs established by Bucky Freeman in 1909, the Brooklyn pitchers will not be to blame. They have refused to allow Doolin's fence breaker to once put the ball out of the lot this season. The same cannot be said of any other set of National league slambers, for Gabby has obtained four big-baggers in the games with the Cardinals, three each in the games with the Pirates, the Giants, the Reds and the Braves, and two in the games with the Cubs. Thirteen of his four-run home runs were struck at home, two in St. Louis, one in Cincinnati, one in Boston and one in New York.

It was by hitting for the grand tour that Cravath became a Phillie regular this season. He was doing bench duty for Doolin until Monday, May 5. The previous Saturday, acting as a pinch hitter for Bill Killifer, Cravath had without hesitation and on the first ball pitched lifted the serve of Christy Mathewson among the gutters of the left field bleachers. In the regular lineup on the following Monday Cravath whaled another homer, and he has been contributing them pretty regularly since.

Patriotic Fellow. Cravath seems to be a patriotic sort of batsman. He got one homer on Decoration day and another on the Fourth of July. On Independence day Cravath was acting as sub watter. On August 4 Cravath got two four-baggers off Mordecai Brown of the Reds in one game. The Quaker swatmith hasn't yet hit for the full distance with all the bases occupied, but he is likely to do so before the season ends, though said season no longer is in its infancy.

Home Runs Made At Home. May 3—Off Mathewson, New York, one being on base. Cravath was acting in pinch hitting capacity for Killifer and hit the first ball pitched by "Big Six." May 8—Off Marquard, New York, no one being on base. May 13—Off Camnitz, Pittsburgh, one man being on base. July 6—Off Rudolph, Boston, two men being on base. Cravath batted for Becker. July 7—Off Perdue, Boston, two men being on base. July 8—Off Camnitz, Pittsburgh, one man being on base. July 13—Off Geyer, St. Louis, two men being on base. July 16—Off Griner, St. Louis, one man being on base. Hit decided game in Philadelphia favor. July 22—Off Lavender, Chicago, no one being on base. Hit decided game in Philadelphia favor. August 1—Off Brown, Cincinnati, two men being on base. First homer made with no one on base. August 2—Off Lavender, Chicago, no one being on base. August 28—Off Lehren, Pittsburgh, one man being on base. FOUR-BAGGERS MADE ABROAD. June 25—Off James, Boston, no one being on base. August 3—Off Burns, Cincinnati, no one being on base. August 4—Off Harmon, St. Louis, one man being on base. August 6—Off Harmon, St. Louis, no one being on base.

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