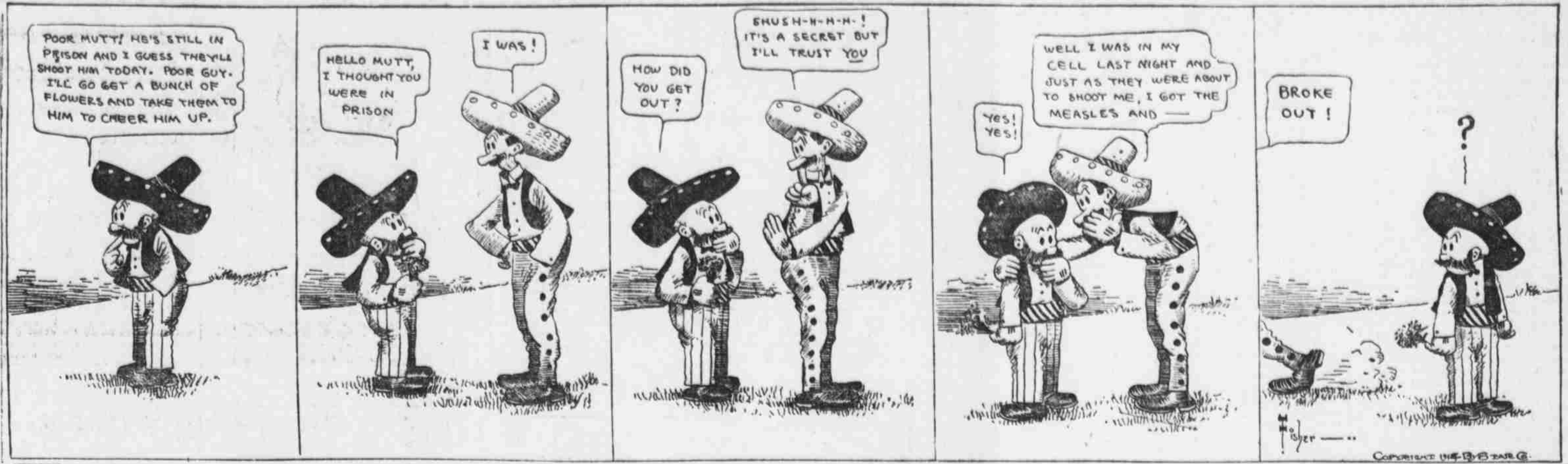


Mutt Should Have Been Shot for This

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

Speaking softer on the side, we desire by this token to commend the new policy of Pa Rourke in calling up the boys when he has a piece of news and giving it to them. Now, Pa never meant to be close on news. News is the easiest thing in the world to part with. But we have felt at times that Pa held onto it most terribly tight, like when he would have been the pitcher to loosen up. But, of course, a busy base ball magnate does not always see those little fine points of the game like a fellow who "ain't" a magnate, unless, of course, he was brought up on the news side of the fence, like our fellow-craftsman, Chubby Chawley Murphy, for instance. Charles springs from his typewriter on Mr. Taft's paper right into the big seat and knows the value of news down to the very penny. But Pa is there, now, and we are with him, as ever, yours truly. The fans have been gorged with good news during the week. The acquisition of a whole new infield and nearly a whole new outfield, with new pitchers and catchers and things is enough to make everybody happy. It may be said in a sort of invidious sense that Pa's selection of having a winner for the coming season, is old stuff, but from the amount of really new stuff he has already signed up, it must be admitted that he is not just talking. Seriously, there isn't a doubt that Bill Rourke, more keenly than anyone else, realizes the importance of having a winning team for this year, and is doing his best to have it. The grueling he got from that bunch of pitchers, together with a few other offenders, last year fired all the Irish blood in Bill's veins. And when you tap them and examine Bill's veins very carefully, you will find very little other kind of blood in them. He's pretty near a thoroughbred when it comes to that. Kane, Coyne, Justice, none of them was none all of last year, spiritually speaking. Justice played his spectacular game at short, but simply is not there at the bat, and can't run to make up for his weak hitting, while Jim Kane, who has done us yeoman service, may be improved upon; we haven't seen his successor yet, but Pa has and he is making the deal.

Ha, ha, while Ed Smith, a sporting writer on a Chicago newspaper, is ostensibly negotiating for the purchase of the Denver team, none other than Charles Alphonso Comiskey is said to be the real man behind the roll. And to wit, Billy Sullivan, for so long main backstop for the White Sox, is touted as the next manager for the Grizzlies. All of which may come true without causing much grief in the Western league. It would mean a continuation of a ball team in Denver and a lot of stimulus all over the circuit. Men of Sullivan's type will help any league, and we are glad if this one attracts him.

That was a desperate effort at burying the Federal league, but it seems to have failed. The little old rascal is as lively as any twelve-pound kid you ever saw, just a-licking and a-squalling all over everywhere. In Baltimore the mayor turned the first dirt for a new park; in Chicago they have let the contract for stands and all around the circuit they are still signing up players. If it is going to perish before the groundhog comes its would-be assassins will have to hurry. The Chicago Tribune gave a good deal of space the other day to show how the Federal league gains on the enemy. Papers all over the country are evidently badly fooled if this is all a false alarm.

The Killifer case seems to indicate that the Federal league powers are not afraid of the civil courts. Of course, the Killifer case is not in the courts yet, but the Federalists insist that it will be unless Killifer and the Phillies that signed him (after he had signed with a Federal team and taken advance money, even though he turned it back) undo their arrangement.

"Why do you persist in expressing confidence in this outlaw project?" writes an anxious inquirer. For much the same reason that the late Admiral Schley deemed it foolish for his enemies to attack him for his great victory in the southern waters—there is base ball patronage enough for all. That strikes us as the fundamental answer. If the Federal league prospers, along with all the others, if it will be secure because base ball as a national game has developed to the stage where there is room and patronage enough for another big league. For our part we believe this is the case just as we felt sure when the outlaw American league came into existence that there was patronage enough for two majors. The National league and its blind devotees thought not; the very same arguments were raised then against the Comiskey-Johnson outfit as are raised now against the Federalists. That is why we still hold to the belief that this thing is a go. If we are wrong we will have ample company all over the country to keep us from being lonely and selected, as you don't need us and be impatient with us yet. Wait for the finish. The game is never over, you know, till the last man's out, especially when the score is close.

Having obtained his unconditional re-

No Nursing for Lingerin' Yank This Spring



Frank Chance, the hustling manager of the New York Yankees, who does not intend to dilly-dally with his charges during spring training at Houston, Tex. Last spring in Bermuda Chance was rather lenient with his men, and as a result the Yanks were in no condition to

play when the championship season started. Chance intends to drive his players hard and fast from the time they arrive at Marlin until next October. If hard work counts for anything, Chance says, the Yankees will be the best conditioned team on the ball field next summer.

less from Cincinnati, Johnny Kling is now a free moral agent. John always did look to us like a good Presbyterian.

Frank Chance seems to be having his troubles with this pesky young outlaw, too. It seems to have gathered in several of his best fledglings, notably Ford and Zeider, likewise Sweeney. Sweeney and Zeider seem not to have signed as yet, so there is still time for New York to make a larger bid.

Wonder what Chubby Chawley thinks by now of this Federal fly-by-night.

New York Will Permit Boxing Decisions

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Official decisions on boxing bouts in New York state, which have not been allowable since the Frawley law went into effect, may be permitted in the near future. The State Athletic commission, which has sole charge of the question, now has under consideration a plan which is likely to get a trial, even though it may not become a permanent feature. The Frawley law contains no mention in favor of or against the giving of decisions, but the commission made a regulation against them at its first meeting and has since refused to make any change.

The plan under consideration is the same as that now in force in amateur boxing contests. It calls for two judges who shall occupy seats at different sides of the ring and confer with the referee at the close of the bout. Each judge will have as much power as the referee and the majority rule will prevail. The verdict will be announced immediately after the referee has conferred at the end of the bout.

Lewis to Learn to Sprint.
Duffy Lewis of the Boston Red Sox thinks he doesn't know how to run. Duffy is going to place himself in the hands of an athletic trainer and take lessons in the art of sprinting in the spring. Duffy's idea is that he can improve his base running if he can learn to run on his toes. Lewis at present is enjoying himself on Manager Bill Carrigan's farm in Maine.

Walsh Preparing.
Ed Walsh is already laying his plans for a big come-back with the Chicago White Sox this year. He will go to the Paso Robles training camp in advance of the squad that is to start work there under Gleason pending the return of the world tourists, and slowly work himself into shape for another campaign as an iron man.

Naval Academy Will Make Some Radical Changes in Sports

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—A radical change will be made in regard to athletics at the Naval Academy by Captain J. H. Gibbons, the superintendent. The major sports, such as foot ball and base ball, will no longer be included as one of the coefficients in determining the winner of the colors of the brigade of midshipmen. Superintendent Gibbons will soon issue an order to this effect.

Athletics have heretofore played an important part in the naming of the color company. The contests have been based upon the award of points in professional duties, namely, in infantry, artillery, seamanship, target practice, sailing, rowing and athletics. Hereafter his major sports will play no part in selecting the winner of the contest. A few minor sports, such as fencing and wrestling, will be included. Excellence in other branches of athletics will be made an entirely separate competition among the several companies for a special trophy, which will be awarded by the Athletic association. The Navy Athletic association held its semi-annual meeting recently and discussed a plan for the Army-Navy game next season. The officials praised the game as it was played at the Polo grounds last November and although no action was taken on the matter it is believed that the Navy will favor New York as the scene of the game next fall.

The selection of a head coach for the foot ball team for next season also was discussed and after the Navy defeat some of the members favor a change in the coaching staff. Head Coach Howard, however, is favored by several of the influential officials, and his reappointment is not unlikely. Both the selection of coach and the place for the game was referred to the executive committee. The Washington representatives of the association were appointed as follows: Commander Martin E. Trench, Naval Constructor Emory S. Land and Lieutenant Commander Needham L. Jones, U. S. N.

Mullin in Politics.
George Mullin, who once upon a time worried the Mackman not a little, has permanently retired from base ball. He is holding down a political job in Detroit, where the pen is mightier than the corked ball.

MURPHY TO RACE IRENE BEAU

Smith's Good Racing Filly Goes to Grand Circuit Driver.

SUCCESSFUL WINNER LAST YEAR

Mare Which Took Best Paces of Middle West Into Camp Will Try Conclusions with Eastern Stake Horses.

Irene Beau, 2:15 1/4, a daughter of Murmur S., by Star Pointer, 1:59 1/4, the first harness horse to travel a mile in two minutes, is to be given an opportunity this year by her owner, Otis M. Smith, vice president of the Missouri Valley Elevator company, to prove her worth against the Grand Circuit stake pacers. She will be driven by Thomas Murphy. Irene's 4-year-old campaign in the middle west last year, during which she was piloted by Charles Hardy, was highly creditable and several drivers were anxious to add her to their stables. She won seven out of nine races, including stakes at Sioux City and Huron, and was beaten by only a head at Lincoln in time close to 2:10. She is by Silver Beau, son of The Beau Ideal, 2:15.

H. M. Whitmer of Omaha is an enthusiast who is equally at home as an owner, trainer or breeder. His horses are at Hopper Stock farm, Indianola, Ia., the home of Expedition, 2:15 1/4; Rediac, 2:07 1/2, and Bergen, 2:06 1/2, and from his record mares he is producing colts which are likely to induce him to return to the firing line. Narka Star, 2:13 1/4, by Competing; Clear Drift, 2:30 1/4, by Driftaway, 2:19 1/4, and Beauty Belle, 2:34 1/4, by Kl. Ti. Belle, son of Bow Belle, 2:19 1/4, will produce foals by Bergen next spring. A 2-year-old filly by Swift, 2:27 1/4, out of Beauty Belle, granddam, the dam of three in the list, is being jorzed at the Hopper farm. Mr. Whitmer also has there a 2-year-old colt by Bergen, dam Clear Drift, and a yearling by Bingenwood, 2:30, out of the same mare. The

2-year-old is considered the best colt sired by Bergen to date. Breeding race horses from highly-bred record mares is a hobby of his owner.

There is said to be some discussion in Council Bluffs of a proposal to put up a half-mile track racing plant east of the river. Natural conditions and street car service favor this location.

A. G. Hahn of Sioux Falls, S. D., a frequent business visitor to Omaha, who formerly was a well-known race horse owner, says he has retired from the game.

To Submit New Tennis Rule for Amateurs

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—An amateur rule which is likely to meet with the favorable consideration of the majority of American lawn tennis players has been drafted and will be offered for action at the thirty-third annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, which will be held at the Hotel Waldorf, Friday, February 6. In the estimation of members of the executive committee the rule proposed for adoption in this country meets the requirements of the all-powerful International Lawn Tennis Federation, which is now attempting to standardize the rules and laws of the game throughout the world.

The American rule goes only a step beyond the European rule in providing that the expenses of a player may be paid by an association club to national, regional and state championship tournaments.

Remarks from Hedges.
Colonel Hedges of the Browns, who has been hunting in Texas, reports extraordinary success in the way of bagging game-not players. He is likewise sure that his new manager, Branch Rickey, will win a pennant some day after his Browns have trained at St. Petersburg, Fla., and one of the best in the east. Bostonians believe he will lower the colors of the Olympic star.

Lippincott and Halpin in Match Race



DONALD LIPPINCOTT.
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 24.—A special match race over a course of thirty-nine yards has been arranged between Donald Lippincott, intercollegiate furion champion, and Tom Halpin, track captain of the Boston Athletic association, as the feature event of that organization's annual indoor meet, which will be held here on February 8. Halpin is considered the greatest middle distance man in New England, and one of the best in the east. Bostonians believe he will lower the colors of the Olympic star.

Ryan a College Coach.
Jack Ryan, Clark Griffith's right-hand man at Washington, is to coach the University of Michigan base ball players this coming season.

During the Long Dry Spell

BY F. S. HUNTER.

From the first of the year to the finish, it's all kinds of weather we get. From the tang of crisp fall through days of foot ball. To the bitterest cold ever yet: But the best days of all are neither winter nor hot fall.

They come in sweet summer and spring. When the song of the bird is constantly heard. And the cries of the fans clearly ring.

It is perceived that Wichita and Omaha will have automobile shows during the same week. Which fact makes Clarke Powell predict that every man in Kansas will attend the Omaha show.

Messrs. Rourke, Holland and Labell held a nice quiet little board of directors' meeting in St. Joseph last week and before the session was concluded Mr. Hanlon of Sioux City and several other distinguished members of the Western circuit were handed a package or two which will take a long time to digest, but which, nevertheless, will be digested before the league meeting here next month.

Wichita is going to have another automobile polo match, "Nuff sed."

Sing a song of six pence, Pocket full of rye. Hats are closed on Sunday. That's the reason why.

Charlie Cutler, who is at the present time making considerable racket in Chicago, breaks forth with the statement that he would like to throw Youstiff Hunsman of this village a couple of times. Charlie only thinks he would, and it's a pretty bum think at that.

Organized ball attempted to throw the hooks into the Feds by giving Mr. Wegman the Brown franchise, but the meal ticket person didn't fall. All of which adds strength to the assertions that the men behind the Feds have a little business sense, anyhow.

It will be a grand little fight when the Feds and the majors start the reserve clause controversy and a safe prediction is that the lawyers will come out of the fray with 80 per cent of the gate receipts.

Reports from Sioux City appear to indicate that President Hanlon will invade Omaha with the just of fight glaring from both eyes when the Western league meeting is called. Mr. Hanlon has a couple of hundred grievances to voice.

Nobody but Laura Jean Libbey can live on love, and base ball players all have a weakness for ham and eggs for breakfast.

The way objections regarding the in-

Rouner Achieves the Ambition of His Life at Y. M. C. A. Meet

Ever since he was a little lad in short pants Arthur Rouner, the Hutchinson boy who broke the amateur weight-lifting record at the Auditorium Friday night, has looked ahead to the breaking of the record as his crowning ambition, and he was the happiest man in Omaha when he achieved that result.

When he was 12 years of age, Rouner appeared before E. F. Denison of the local "Y," and expressed the desire to train for weight lifting. Denison took the lad under his protective wing and put him through regular routines of training. Ever since that day Rouner trained diligently and conscientiously. He dieted constantly. He developed his muscles gradually, so that they would not relax after the strain. He worked continually to improve himself.

During the last two years Rouner has secured some attention from the Omaha athletic world because of his remarkable performance for so young a boy. Friday night was a decided surprise, however. It was acknowledged that he could lift almost 25 1/2 pounds, but nobody be-

lied he would be able to pick up 250 pounds from the ground and put it on his shoulder. He did it, however, and when his crowning ambition was achieved he set a new mark, fourteen and one-half pounds higher than the old record, for fellows in his class.

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