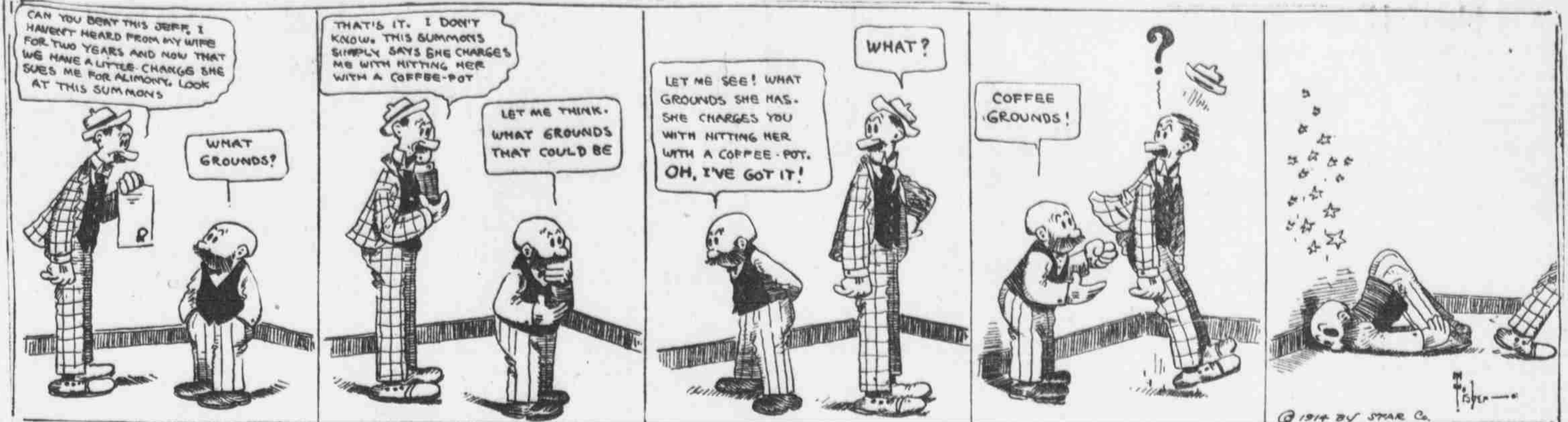


Jeff is No Pat Henry When it Comes to Law

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

MOST prominent of the several features of the Western league race so far is the weakness of the pitching. It didn't need the exhibition given in Omaha on Friday afternoon to demonstrate this. Careful scrutiny of the averages for the season so far will show this. Denver, leading the league, Topeka and St. Joseph, all have team batting averages of above .300, while Omaha, tail-end, is batting at a team average of .282. These abnormal figures can only be accounted for by the conclusion that the pitching being done for the Western league is poor. So far not a pitcher has shown exceptional quality, the best work having been registered by Crossman of Omaha, who has twice whitewashed St. Joseph, a team that is made up of sluggers, according to the dope from the records. What is most singular, is that a number of the pitchers who are thus being mauled were on the roster of the league last season, and were showing up pretty good all the time. Maybe it is due to the fact that the time for preparation before opening the season was principally spent indoors, keeping out of the rain and cold, and so the pitchers have not gotten down to regular work as yet, but whatever the reason, the fact remains that unless some decided improvement is shown, not many of the youngsters who are now twirling out this way will get a look-in at the World's Series next year.

Frank Chance gives as his opinion that the ultimate adjustment of relations between the Federals and the older major leagues is sure to work harm to the players, for it will mean a reduction in pay. This doesn't necessarily follow, for, admitting that the magnates will have control of the situation in a general way, it isn't likely they will try any costly experiments in the way of reducing salaries. The big bump in pay that followed the invasion of the National's precincts by the American three years ago was phenomenal, but it is nothing to what took place during the most peaceful period of the understanding between the two major organizations. By Cobb forcing a fabulous raise in his pay by simply holding out, Honus Wagner got boosted to \$10,000 a year by simply saying he preferred to farm, and Frank Chance himself saw his pay mount many thousands by reason of his being fired as no longer of service. Quite likely the initial pay of the youngsters who are just breaking into the business will not be what it is this season, but the stars of the game will still be in demand, and will be entirely turned around. In the National the sectional division is not so pronounced, nor, by that same token, is the fight so interesting.

This week will give a little better chance for a line on the relative merits of the big leagues, as the first of the inter-sectional games will be played. The National eastern teams come west, and the western American teams go east, bringing the two sections together for the first time this season. Some dope may be upset as the result. On paper, it looks as if the American eastern section were the stronger, and that the first division places belong to Philadelphia, Washington, Boston and the Yankees, but this dope may be entirely turned around. In the National the sectional division is not so pronounced, nor, by that same token, is the fight so interesting.

We hope Jimmy Kane makes a home run every time he goes to bat all season long; this wish was expressed in this column last season, also. But while we are throwing up our hats and hollering for him, let us not forget that he finished last year with a batting average well under .300, and that thirty-nine Western league players ranked above him as batters at the end of the season.

The appeal in the Killifer case will meet approval all the way along the line, for the principle involved must be made very clear before base ball's business end can get on an even keel. To leave the owners in their present predicament would very likely wreck the business.

Eighty-seven base hits were made in the Western league on Friday. Which looks but one of being an average of twenty-two to the game or eleven to the team. Omaha is not the only Western league team that is in dire need of pitchers.

Chief Johnson is now just about where he would like to be. By order of the court he is prevented from playing ball, and all he has to do is to sit on the bench and draw his pay. This ought to suit him right down to the ground.

Jack Johnson says he would sooner sit an iron ball around his neck and jump into the Seine than let an American white hope whip him. Nobody's holding him.

One of Jimmy Kane's hits over the right field fence on the Omaha grounds cost Sioux City a pennant a couple of years ago.

Maybe it isn't worth pitching, but a marvelous lot of hitters that is troubling the Westerns.

Even Joe Lotz couldn't do worse than some of them have been showing.

MARYLAND MAN LEADS SHOTS

Tops List of Shotgun Experts for 1914 with Fine Record.

NEBRASKAN IN THIRTEEN HOLE

George Maxwell of Hastings Has the Hoodoo Notch on the List and Carter of Lincoln is Fifty-Fifth.

A Maryland shot gun expert heads the list of American trapshooters for 1914, up to May 1, 1914, according to records just compiled. Nebraska comes thirteenth in the list of professionals, where George Maxwell of Hastings stands; and then drops to forty-fifth, the niche occupied by George L. Carter of Lincoln. A Pennsylvania man heads the amateur list, and the first Nebraska name to appear is E. W. Varner of Adams, who is No. 52, while others are scattered along down through the list. The full showing is:

Table listing names and scores for Maryland man leads shots and Nebraska in thirteen hole.

AMATEURS.

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