

# Mr. Jack Gives His Wife a Big Surprise

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## Judgments

THE Western league this week presents some figures of unusual interest. First, the batting averages. Forty-five men are hitting .300 or better. At once we see the reason—poor pitching. It is our opinion that this league has not in many seasons had as uniformly weak work in the box as this year. Just as a matter of contrast let us note that only about half a dozen .300 hitters are found in the American league this year, where on the other hand are to be found a set of pitchers considered by many old observers as the greatest galaxy ever assembled in any league. Surely the fan who delights in slugging is getting his fill this year in the Western. Omaha contributes six to this list of forty-five .300 hitters—Conekaton, Ward, Thomas, Thomason, Schlipke and Grover, in order named, and Krug misses by one little mark, batting .299. Congalton ranks third in the league with a percentage of .370, being topped by Leleune of Sioux City with .401 and Mullen of Lincoln with .371 to date. Omaha as a team comes second in batting with a percentage of .289, Denver leading with .304. Think of it, a team averaging more than .300! Omaha is fielding third in the league list—batting second, fielding third, ranking sixth to date. The answer? It has one pitcher to date—Willis—who has won as many games as he has lost; he has won ten and lost two. Tipple has won four, lost five; Grover, four and six; Clossman, six and ten. These figures close the work up to Thursday of the week past. We say again that if we can pick up in pitching—and with the two new men, Slagle and Styles, we may—the team ought to get into the race for the flag. With a rapid-fire infield, three of whom—with Ward at first—are hitting .300 and better, and a good outfield, all hitting practically as well the team, though still a little weak behind the bat, ought to make it with pitching strength. To revert to the league's slugging, note that while Denver leads at the bat, has a team average of .304, Lincoln, ranking last, comes along with a percentage of .263, which is really high enough for first place.

Mr. Navin's statement of Cobb's loyalty to Detroit should serve to settle the speculation about Ty's intentions of jumping to the Federals. Navin says that Cobb voluntarily signed for two years with him, though obliged to sign for only one, and that he acknowledges his mistake in the recent pickup, which has deprived the team of his services for a time, and is determined to try to make up for the loss when he gets back into harness. So far so good for Tyrus, and doubtless the butcher will say so too.

Lincoln is said to have received \$5,000 for Mullen, conditionally; \$1,000 down for a thirty days' look-over, the balance if he makes good, and Lincoln gets the use of Williams to boot. We hope Mullen makes good, and believe he certainly will if he can hit, but think of going from the pitchers we have at present in this league up to face those phenoms in the American. At that, Chance got the pick of this league for first sacker.

Run your eye down this line of pitching talent and then tell why the Sox don't win more games; Benz, Scott, Cigarette, Faber, Russell. Isn't the answer this—that the lineup of the team is shifted too often? And so it's been for several seasons. The men don't get to perfect the team work of a smooth-running machine, which is essential to ball playing.

Clark Griffith reminds the base ball world of the long time ago in forfelling a game. Very few games are forfeited these days, whereas twenty years and more ago such a thing was not at all uncommon. Fans do not care to stand for it now, and fans continue to cut an increasingly big figure in the situation.

Mr. Kinzella's experience in faster company did not show out very strong in the part of Friday's game that he pitched against Omaha. No pitcher has been punished on the local lot this season as he was in one inning when six hits and five runs came through, and two of these were triples.

Western league umpires are extremely averse to calling balls, either that or they watch for them, for pitchers are belting almost every day with impunity. It is as fair, perhaps, for one team as another, only that it is not quite the system. A ball is a ball and should be called.

Fred Thomas, the nifty little infielder and slugger for Pa. Rourke, met with his third strikeout Friday—only three since joining the team. What do you think of that? And when he hits the ball he puts a force and crack in it that sends it fiercely on its way.

The Giants continue to act a good deal like pennant winners. The Pirates have lost caste considerably since the opening of the season.

We hope George Graham accepts Jack Holland's offer. His friends would be glad to see him back in the game again.

## SEASON IS YET ABOVE PAR

### Sandloters Advance in Spite of Numerous Fistic Conflicts.

### LIVE ATTRACTIONS FOR TODAY

Old Taverns of Des Moines and Leland Giants from Chicago Will Offer Some Good Sport on Local Diamonds.

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Although fistic encounters have disheartened many Omaha bugs and the interest in local base ball has fallen off tremendously, nevertheless on account of the increased interest when this season rolled in it is still above par compared with preceding years. Last Sunday one little miss was pulled off at Fort Omaha. It didn't amount to much, but it provoked the fans, and it is a two to one shot that it will get in its deadly work. Probably they could accommodate some of the fighters down in Mexico. They would sure be of more use down there than here.

All the local managers are in favor of good clean base ball and according to the dope the handing out of better results in this respect is expected in the very immediate future. Get the players acquainted with the fact that rough tactics are not in accordance with your desires and it can be easily obliterated. Well, from all appearances and present indications it seems as though the Brown Park Pharmacy crowd are going to run away with the rag in the City league. Something radically wrong would have to bob up in order to keep them from oozing away with the grapes. They hail from South Omaha and that is the only thing that makes the Omaha insects a little nervous. Several times they have been accused by the opposition of robbing them, but in all of these cases their opponents have been beaten by a score large enough to make such assertions sound unreasonable. Boys, if they have mustered together a contingent of stars that are capable of trouncing you, give them credit.

Of course it is rather early with predictions as several teams in the City league, especially the Vinton Street Merchants and the Murphy did. Its might wreck things before the asbestos drops. Still the Advos are in the running even if they did let the Murphys trim them.

In the Saturday class "A" league things are as bright as the sun now that they have secured a team to fill the gap left open by the departure of the Auditorium Pharmacy crew.

**Today's Attractions.**  
The attractions in this vicinity today are the Old Taverns, a side gang from Des Moines, and the Chicago Leland Giants, as well as the struggle that will be staged between the Armours and the Luxus. The latter game will be played at 1:30 o'clock at the Athletic park in Council Bluffs for a bunch of green aggregating around the century mark. Immediately after this contest, the Joe Smiths will buck up against that strong colored tribe known as the Leland Giants from Chicago. The Studs army mentioned above will struggle for supremacy with the Storz at Pa. Rourke's pasture. Sanders will wage their for the Omaha gang with McGuire on the reserve list and little Peavee. Several times they have been either Adams, Smith or Jarigan will work for the opposition. This debate will ring in at 3 o'clock.

**Diamond Dust.**  
The Wagmans have sure got an ambitious catcher in the auto gang from here to late Conners, the left-paw wangler, is not linking them for Plattsburgh. The Hollis will journey to Springfield, Neb., to play next Saturday and Sunday.

The Auto Row children have rowed themselves to the front of the Booster league.

Ralph Whitney is now the chief for the Auto Row. You can commune with him over Webster 2583.

Murray, Clarke and Sutej got six of the nine hits in the first corner for the Alamosa at Plattsburgh.

Oleson and Hatcher of the Stors have been hired by Louisville, Neb., to do the better stuff today.

On the left side of bag two, Kelly is performing admirably for the Chris Lycks and he is also singing the pill.

Last Sunday the West End Merchants collected the most runs. They circled the diamond for twenty-seven counters.

The Independents have changed their monicker to O. D. K's. This is the third venture for the backer of the O. D. K's.

Hannigan, formerly with the Western Auto Supply congregation, is now affiliated with the South Omaha Shamrocks.

For the Chris Lycks, Devine clubbed two out of two last Sunday. One thousand for an average looks pretty sweet.

On the club Bohag has been doing grand work for the Eagles. The only defect he has is that his lasting powers are limited.

An injury to Morearty's arm caused him to lose his effectiveness last season, but according to Morey he can toss them like he used to.

On Wednesday the J. H. Bourgeois team will play at Cedar Bluffs, Neb., and on the following Saturday will perform at Schuyler, Neb.

Burns, the Ancient Order of United Workmen backstopper, picked up a hunk of coin performing behind the willow for Logan, Ia., last Sunday.

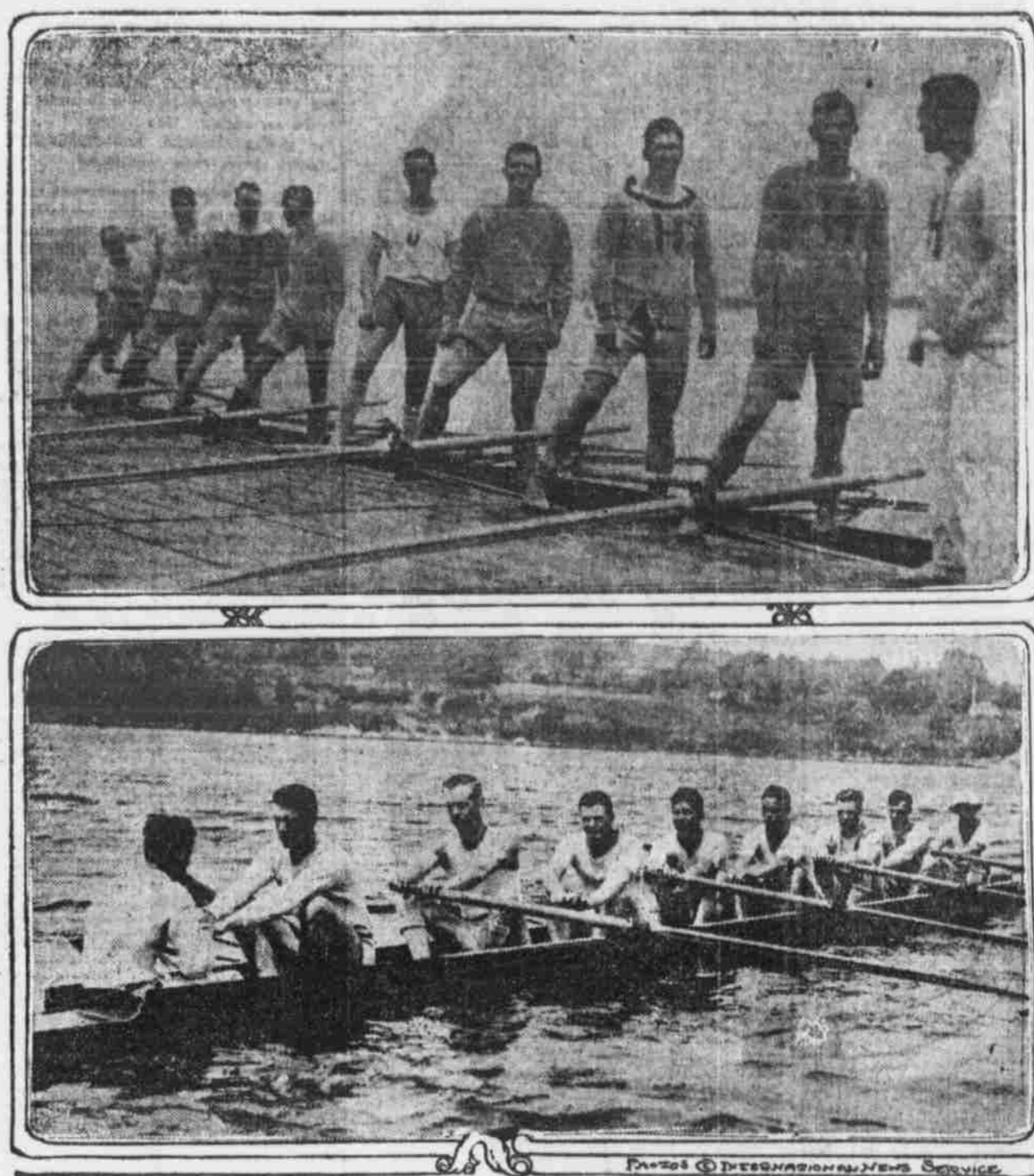
At the hot corner, Carmody, formerly a shining light with the defunct Advos of 1913, is shining as bright as ever. He is hitting stronger than ever.

Chip Bowley of the Luxus gang helps the Eagles to sail into the win column on Saturdays. He steals more bases on Saturdays than on Sundays.

For trouble with the Farrell Syrup call Louie Mosher at Douglas 572 or Harney 192. They need a few more games to complete their schedule.

Last Sunday the Black Kats were only able to get one blow off of Joe Adams

## Two American Crews Which Compete in the Henley Regatta



These pictures show the crew of the Union Club of Boston (above) and the Harvard varsity second crew (below), which will row in the Henley regatta on the Thames river July 1 to July 4. The members of the Union club crew are, with one exception, old Harvard men, dependable fellows who have rowed for many years. The Harvard second varsity won its event against Yale on a Thames June 19 and is certain to prove an even more formidable opponent this year. The Henley meet is international this year to a greater extent than ever before. Canada, Germany and Switzerland have

crew entered. Both American crews and the crew of the Winnipeg Rowing club will struggle to capture the grand challenge cup for eight.

The stewards' challenge cup for fours will also bring forth a struggle, as the Mainz Rowing club from Germany intends to send over a four. Last year the Mainz four defeated the Argonauts of Toronto and also Leander in this event, but lost the final to New college on a foul, the Germans steering very erratically and colliding with their opponents.

In the diamond sculls, R. Dibble, amateur sculling champion of America, will represent the Don Rowing club of Toronto.

Dibble will have a big field to contend against, including A. McCullough, Leander, who has won the event once before; F. G. Williams, a Cambridge oarsman; S. E. Swann, last year's president of the Oxford Boating club; E. D. F. Pinka, the runner-up in 1913, London Rowing club; F. L. Watts, Thames Rowing club; N. L. Huggins, Twickenham; C. M. Stewart, Kingston, and G. C. Frupp, Manchester.

Crews from the universities also will defend the stewards' cup for England. For the ladies' challenge plate and the Thames challenge cup all the university colleges and many of the public schools will enter.

At Fort Omaha.

Victory against O. D. K's, Twenty-seventh and Grand avenue.

Imperials against Jepsen Brothers, at Twenty-seventh and Burt streets.

Alamosa against Pontonick, at Pontonick park, east diamond, first game.

Wainwright Hill Merchants against Montonick Park, second game, Fontonelle park, east diamond.

Vinton Street Merchants against Advos, second game, at Twenty-fourth and Vinton.

Neb. Auto School against Beacon Press, first game, west diamond, Fontonelle park.

Brown Park Pharmacy against Murphy did it, first game at Miller park.

R. L. Trankham against West End Merchants, second game at Miller park.

Windsor Hotel against Bennington, Neb.

F. M. Valentines against Black Kats, second game at Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue.

Alamosa Vintrolas against Montclair, at Pontonick park, west diamond, second game.

King-Peck against Brandels, at Fort Omaha, this morning.

Drexel Shoe Company against Thomas Kluetricks, thirty-second street and Dewey avenue, this morning.

F. O. Hippobolies against Browning-King & Co., Fontonelle park, this morning.

Arbitt Transfers against Superiors, first game at Riverway park.

Western Auto Supply against Bemis Park Reserve, first game, at Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue.

Trumble Brothers against Auto Row, new diamond, Elmwood park, second game.

Chris Lycks against Polish Athletic Club, second game, at Chris Lyck park.

Walter G. Clarke at Paulillon, Neb.

J. L. Bourgeois against Springward Crows, first game, at Chris Lyck park.

Wagmans at Woodbine, Ia.

Florence Athletics against Springward Crows, second game at Florence park.

Rambler second game at Florence park.

West Side Electric against West Side Imperials, at Elmwood park.

Lundie Imperial of Council Bluffs, at Underwood, Ia.

## Omaha Sandloters to Play Live Schedule of Ball Games Today

Games to be played by Omaha crews today, follow:

Ancient Order of United Workmen at Plattsburgh, Neb.

Stors against Old Taverns of Des Moines, at Houck park.

Buzzards against Armours, first game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs.

Joe Smiths against Chicago Leland Giants, second game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs.

Townsend against Dundee Woolen Mills, first game at Fort Omaha.

Alamosa against K & M, second game

## JAPANESE BALL TEAM PLAYS AT SEATTLE THIS WEEK

SEATTLE, June 27.—The Meiji University base ball team from Yokohama is due to arrive here on July 2. Games have been arranged with teams throughout the United States during July and August. The team will go all the way to the eastern section of the United States.

Advertiser lost articles in The Bee. Most people are honest and this is the only way the finder can locate you.

## What Will the Harvest Be?

BY F. S. HUNTER.

**By the Office Boy.**  
Say, cull, you've got an awful nerve to throw that ball you do. You're either floozy in the attic or your pipe's too big for you. You ought to use the needle, then perhaps you'd draw a grin. But the way you grin that chatter only wrinkles up my chin.

Were you punctured in the lattice, or is it merely in your brain? For the verses that you scribble have a smell like gasoline. If you want to write the right stuff and make a hit with all my gang, you will have to give to English, put the kibosh on that slang.

The O. B. has been reading Shakespeare and thus the attack against our metaphorical abuse.

Han Johnson says that the Feds are out for the money. Speaking with much confidence we have a suspicion that Han is out for the same commodity.

The question is did Walter Johnson get married to change his luck or because he was in love? From the looks of things the former purpose was a success.

Our Woody drove a golf ball and forgot to holler "fore." He shaved a young attorney, nearly a smothered him to the floor. Then the lawyer with much anger and with feelings hurt and sore, to our prelie gave a C. King, with profanity did roar. The language of the lawyer was so apley and so hot. That our prelie did a Weston to the White House from the lot. He forgot the Potts convention of Huerta and the blot. And he did not try to mediate with the accent on the not. \*Poetic license number 487, chapter 57, paragraph 24, Meaning Villa.

There are over a score of pitchers in this circuit who are eager to congratulate Manager Mullen's success in being punched by the majors. About six of that score reside in Omaha.

Newspaper men are the only persons who are not out for that filthy stuff.

Far be it from us to rain on the procession, but we hope that winter billiard league doesn't hit Omaha.

Propitious place to acquire additions to your vocabulary: Any golf course, first tee, Sunday morning.

A player on a Chicago amateur nine played a game with his law broken. Perhaps not a remarkable stunt, but we'd like to see Tex Jones try it.

Waiters have been asked on Marty O'Toole. It is not necessary to ask waiters on the \$22.50.

From latest reports Organized Base Ball is four injunctions and six briefs and seven delays ahead of the Feds.

When Johnny Goding made the last change in the Bourke lineup he placed Bunk Congalton in sixth position. Bunk queried why he should be shunted down so far in the list. Whereupon Joe Ward gravely told Bunk that it was advantageous to have the speed up ahead of the heavy hitters. Bunk, who believes himself to be a considerable runner and capable of doing 100 yards in something less than twenty minutes, took a deep breath and quoth thus: "Well, I don't see any of 'em stealing first."

Which remark we can assure you is plumb full of logic.

To the Polo Cup.  
We surely hate to see you go. And leave naught but a tale of woe. But lest some sloth should quite forget. Remember this, we'll get you yet.

In view of the fact that the west has taken up polo we may condescend to class the game with other sports.

Troub Lipton is having an awful lot of trouble hiding the secrets of his precious boat, but so far as we can see helping screws of construction will not help him to win.

Some people are born lucky and others good looking. Mr. Walsh has been transferred from the Yankees to the Athletics.

News Note.  
The Undertakers' association will attend the Sioux City races in a body July 4.

Words of Wisdom.  
"Just give us time, it's time we need." These words bowed old friend Han. To jumping athletes give no heed. To them we'll tie a can."

To this the magnate makes reply: "You say they'll lose their gale. But from the clearness in their sky? It looks like a halava wait."

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