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# MINORS ARE RETRENCHING DESIRE COSTS WELSH MONEY

Some of the Bigger Leagues May Fanatical Ambition Has Taken Tidy Abandon Spring Training. Fortune from Champ's Pocket. TRIP IS QUITE EXPENSIVE Cost Five to Ten Thousand Dollars and the Profits Derived Are

Not Worth the Money It Takes.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Some of the big minor league clubs may abandon the spring training trip this year in keeping with the retreachment policy.

the trip isn't worth the outlay," said one ing camp days it is likely that our men sions to his crown. will get into pretty good shape. But even at that it doesn't mean that our men will come north in much better shape the title in London, engaged in six fights than they would be in if they had re- in as many weeks, the cry went out that mained north and worked the kinks out the new champion was avaricious and of their systems there.

had weather and that means that the and one that sounds plausible. Freddie benefits of the trip are almost nil. The insists that the desire to fight at least players come back in but little better shape than when they left.

"Another thing is this: Players who he was a real champion. train in the south get used to the warm limate. When it comes time to travel north they begin to hit cold weather, and when they reach the home town it often been idle over a month now, and the happens that their muscles have become stiff again, and it will be a month before they are ironed out.

North Training Advantageous. 'If a club trains in the north its men will work out in the same sort of climate that they will face when they begin the regular season. If the weather is cold during the first two weeks of the regular season it would not prove a setback, as it does when the men train in the south. The men won't be so liable to get sore arms and stiff muscles, because they will

be used to the weather. "The major league clubs make up part of their expenses by playing exhibition games while beating it back to the The minor leaguers are not much of an attraction, because there are so major league clubs down south, and it rarely happens that we can get an exhibition game that will bring any sort of a gate receipt divvy."

ok just now as if the big league clubs in Organized Base Ball are not coing to observe the new rule that limits the roster to twenty-one men between May 1 and September 1. Most of the managers have balked at the plan. A club can operate for a season with twenty-one players, argue the managers, but it can't build for the future by carrying twenty-one men, and a successful man-ager is one who builds for the future by sceping a lot of subplayers on the bench ughout the regular season.

If the twenty-one-player-rule had been in force some years ago it is more than likely that McGraw wouldn't have hung onte "Rube" Marquard so long, for "Rube" would have been taking place of a man who was more valuable to McGraw at the time. Connie Mack probably wouldn't have kept Eddie Collins if the wenty-oce-player rule was in force, for just at the time that Collins broke into the same. Connie had a large flock of veterans and he would have given them the preference over Collins if he had been forced to lat some of the excess Daggage loos

See Folly in Limit. There are a score and more of instances

champoin cuts no figure with me. There liar to the Marquard and Collins are any number of good lightweights who cases and the managers who are howling are more entitled to meet me than is Kilban

WORKS TOO MUCH AT ONCE Famous Boxer's Vigor Sapped as Result and He Is Obliged to Take. a Compulsory Lay-Off at Great Expense.

By RINGSIDE. NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- A fanatical desire to prove to a fickle boxing public that he is a champion worthy of the name has cost Freddie Weish a tidy little for-"It costs us from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each tune. Since attaining the premiership in year to take the spring trip, and past the lightweight division, Harry Pollack's experience has convinced most of us that beyond peradventure that he is a capable minor league magnate. "If we hit a titleholder and is willing to consider as streak of nice weather during the train- an opponent anybody who has preten-

When Weish, upon his return to this country after relieving Willie Ritchie of was trying to corner the money market. Very often a club hits a spell of very But Welsh has a different explanation. once a week was not actuated by cupidity, but by a sincere desire to prove that

> True, Freddie cleared up approximately \$50,000 in those few weeks; but look at how long he has been passive. He has compulsory layoff has cost him thousands. He was forced to rest up in order to regain his waning strength. The strain of fighting week in and week out

> sapped the champion of vigor, and it was deemed advisable by Manager Pollock that Freddie take a prolonged siesta.

> > Weish Never Shirks.

But Weish is not the sort that shirks work when there is work to be done. While enjoying his little vacation he has found time to combine business with his pursuit for pleasure. Freddle has had an eye for the future ever since he embarked on a boxing career, and it will soon be seen what a foresighted young man the world's lightweight champion is. When Johnny Kilbane, boss of the featherweights, fought over in Philadel-phia the other day (his opponent being Willie Houck), there was one spectator who watched with a microscopic eye every movement made by the Kilbane person. That spectator was none other than Freddie Welsh, kingpin lightweight. His disguise was easily penetrated. He said little, but his silence bespoke great thinking power. For Freddie was thinking hard as Kilbane went through the mases in beating up his unschooled rival. Weish's presence at the bout started all sorts of conjectures. Finally the cham-plen was asked pointblank the reason for going all the way from New York to see his most persistent challenger in action. Weish evidently was not unprepared for the inquiry. He seemed to divine the question and unhesitatingly answered:

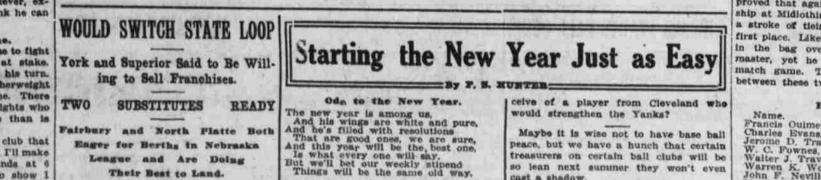
"Well, what I saw tonight may come in handy soon. I had heard so much about Kilbano's cleverness that I thought I would see for myself. He is clever, extramely clever, but I do not think he can deliver a hard punch.

Will Take on Kilbane. "Kilbane has been molesting me to fight him with my champeinship at stake. That's a go. But he must walt his turn. The fact that he is the featherweight

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# Hockey Stars of the East Start the Season

These photographs show two of the tain of the Princeton foot ball team and league this winter. On the right is Eric he leading hockey players of the east. On an all around athlete. He is playing with the left is Hobey Baker, formerly cap-



# BIG THREE IN GOLF PUZZLE sin exists clearly lies with Ouimet. Travers is another past master.

### Followers of the Sport Staggered on How to Place Leaders.

OUIMET IS BEST IN SOME WAYS

While Chick Evans is Good, but Cannot Control Nerves, and Travers Great, but Lacks Confidence.

over the names of the amateur golfers, 1910, when he practically dropped out of who, in the opinion of the writer, have been deserving of a rating, it is worthy of mention in passing that during a period

of nine consecutive years there are only two, Walter J. Travis and Fred Herreshoff, who have never been omitted. Unfortunately golf has no official ranking list, the nearest approach being the national handicaps, -compiled annually by the United States Golf association. This work of the United States Golf association executive committee is for the purpose of determining who shall and who shall not have the right to compete in the annual championship tournament. The list of names includes those from scratch to five, inclusive, and numbers more than 200. A large percentage of these eligibles are grouped in the five classes and many others at four. The Linksman, to the best of his of his ability, picks the first sixteen. He has no two on an equality.

Without question the "big three" in amateur circles at present are Francis sister of Travers, Travis, Wood, Egan, Ouimet, Charles Evans, jr., and Jerome D. Travers. Just how these men should be placed has puzzled a good many. In fact, selecting the leading golfers any time is a ticklish undertaking, like playing with fire, but after facing this sort of danger for years one naturally becomes more or less hardened.

### Ouimet in Lead.

Returning, therefore, to the leaders, when it comes to making the rubber core this year. As for Marston and Allis, behave, where is there the equal of both were lads in knickerbockers. Ouimet to be found among the amateur golfers in the United States With him

You don't hear Quimet say, "I hate medal play," or "I never could score over that rotten course." Open champion in 1913 and amateur title holder in 1914 is surely going some, without doing anything else. But he has done a great deal more. Playing almost daily over a variety of courses from spring until well into the autumn, the Massachusetts product averaged close to seventy-five. Ability to score and win, not merely at home, but on strange courses and on testing links, to say nothing of the callbre of opponents met, should all be con

sidered as factors before rendering the final decision. Ouimet, therefore, without a weak spot in his armor, may be said to be almost in a class by himself

Cannot Control Nerves. Evans, No. 2, on the list, cannot always control his nerves, and when nerves enter into the game it is a certainty that the ball will go a-wandering. "Chick" is a wonder at medal play. He proved that again in the open championship at Midlothian, when he came within a stroke of tieing Walter C. Hagen for first place. Like Ouimet, there is no shot in the bag over which Evans is not

Travers is another past master, who for years has been striving to regain confidence with his wooden clubs. Dospite this handlcap, rare powers of recovery, supplemented by putting so deadly as at times to be almost mechanical in its accuracy, and an ideal fighting temperament, have worked to keep the Upper Montclair man close to the top, when his driving went wrong it shook his confidence. Even so, he is a hard player to defeat in a match. Travers never was a good medal player. He is third on my list this year. In fact, once has his name been missing NEW YORK. Jan. 2-While looking and that was because of his lapse in only

### The Thirteen Others.

the game.

It is not the intention at this time to discuss at length each member of the chosen sixteen. Briefly, the thirteen others are as follows:

W. C. Fornes, jr., of Oakmont, Walter J. Travis of Garden City, Warren K. Wood of Flossmoor, John F. Neville of San Francisco, H. Chandler Egan of Medford, Fred Herreshoff of Garden City, John G. Anderson of Brae Burn, Eben M. Byers of Allegheny, Oswald Kirkby of Englewood, D. E. Sawyer of Wheaton, Ras R. Gorton of Bras Burn, Maxwell R. Marston of Baltusrol and Edward P. Allis, 3d, of Milwaukee. That old axiom, once a golfer always a golfer, is borne out by a glance at the composite table extending over a period of nine years. In 1906 no less than seven of those now regarded as the top sixteen were given a rating. They con-

Herreshoff, Byers and Sawyer. At that time Quimet and Evans were scarcely out of the caddle ranks, while Fownes did not show real prominently until the following year. Jack Neville was unheard of, nor was Anderson considered until the following year. Kirkby, a mere boy in 1905, did not get on the list until several seasons later. Gorton, also an indifferent golfer nine years ago, did nothing to claim recognition until

To carry the analysis further, it will the object of the game-'to get the ball 1996, who do not appear now, practically be seen that of the others dealt with in into the hole with the least number of all have allowed their game to slip, strokes"-is never forgotten. He applies largely through lack of opportunity. that motto to match as well as medal These include John M. Ward, now engrossed with baseball managerial duties; Gilman P. Tiffany, who finds less and less time for golf with each succeeding

season; Archie Graham, having long since dropped out of the competitive game: Robert Abbott, rarely seen since his Yale days; W. C. Chick, Dwight Partridge, W. C. Clowe, jr., Thomas M. Sherman and Walter Egan, all of whom have seen either the wisdom or necessity of allowing business to interfore with golf.

### O'LEARY IS ANXIOUS TO MEET THE BEST OF THEM

Freddie Welsh, Charley White and Joe Shugrue had better look toward their laurels. Johnnie O'Leary, a youthful lightweight with ambitions, is coming

eastward and he is heralding his advance by expression of willingness to meet any lightweight in the world, bar none. Freddie Bogan, O'Leary's manager, has written to Omaha that he would like to show his man here. O'Leary declares he has annexed the championship of the Pacific coast and Canada and is destined to become the champion of the universe master, yet he defeats himself at the before the passing of another New Year's match game. There is little to choose day. between these two stars, but what man

How Golf Players Have Been Ranked Since 1906. Name. 1914, 1918, 1912, 1911, 1950, 1 Ouimet

against the twenty-one-player-rule point to them as examples of the folly of limiting the roster to twenty-one men. There-fore, it is more than likely that the National league at its February meeting, will rescind its rule and place the limit at twenty-three.

The American league, it is said, will not force the managers to adhere to the and I stand ready to prove it. At best I wenty-one-men-rule, and the managers will have only three or four pounds the wil be permitted to cary about twenty-

If the twenty-one-player-rule wasn't supposed to be in force in the National league right now, John McGraw wouldn't waste much time in getting the signature Bo a Weish-Kilbane match is not so

waste much time in setting the signature of "Germany" Schaefer to a contract. The funny man from Washington has been wanted by McGraw for a long time. McGraw figured that "Germany" with his rapid fire flow of humor, would do an\_awful lot to keep the Giants in good apirits, and that "Germany" would keep the fame amused during the dull moments

"But I can't grab Schaefer now." said. McGraw. If that twenty-one-player-rule is to hold I'll have a hard job in pruning fown my list of regular players to keep

# Kiviat to Save His Strength for Mile Record Smashing

NEW YORK, Jan. 2-Abel Kiviat's ion to break the American amatour record of four minutes fourteen and two-fifths seconds is responsible for the letermination of the Irish American Athlette club middle distance runner to stay out of all special events for the remainler of the indoor season. This will be egretted by these who have had a chance see the wonderful form displayed by weight. It is not at all unitary that a Staten Islander this winter, but at Clabby will tackle a medicore opponent the same time experts agree that in ning. view of his purposed attempt on the recand he is wise to keep out of strenuous

ides the hope of lowering John Paul We shall see. nes' figures for the mile, Kiviat is anxious to be in condition for the bir ath-lefs meeting on the Pactic coast next summer, and he foels that the wear and tear of specal events would serve to take the edge off his speed. His idea is to take matters casy during the winter by competing in handions races and relay events, for which much training with not be required. At present it is Kiviat's plan to try for the mile record as carry in the spring to be in condition for the big ath-

the mile record as early in the spring as he can get in condition, perhaps at the games of the New York Athletic club sea has can get in condition, perhaps at the games of the New York Athletic club in Jones if the track is right and a race to suit the purpose is on the program. In case he fails, then he will still have the change at the championship meeting in San Prancisco. Park Deceded to Giants. The city of Marin. Tex., has presented the New York Neilonni club with a dece

Park Deeded to Glants. The city of Marin, Tex., has presented in the property of the series of the internet park, in Marin, where the internet park, in Marin, where the internet park is property on the series of the first selfs as a fit under an agreed into the series of the Marin Arrend in the which the tits of Marin a present in which the site of Marin a present is being the set without any intermined or seven years.

"I'll fight Kilbane before any club that offers suitable inducements. And I'll make weight for him, too-123 pounds at 6 o'clock. I will do this more to show 1 am a legitimate lightweight than to

please Kilbane's whims. "Yes, I am confident I can lick Kilbane best of the weights, but this should not be a disadvantage to him, as he would

So a Weish-Kilbane match is tap off as we were inclined to believe For ultra-boxing skill this bout would produce enough of it to satisfy the most rabid boxing enthusiast.

Awaiting Clabby's Views. mmy Clabby will be in our midat Jin a few short days, and then we shall hear how he views the middleweight situation That Clabby has the call over Mike Gib tions with the boxing promoters was evidenced when a Milwaukee club owner drew out a proposed Gibbons-Eddle Moloorty match in order to bring together

Ciabby and McGoorty. Gibbons' fiasco with McGoorty at the Garden a little over two years ago is perior do not welcome another season, still remembered. Gibbons showed that as they were forced to dig down deep night that there is a strain of saffron in their pockets last year to liquidate the oncealed about his person, and no pro- debts of the clubs. Three years ago when

oter would care for a repetition of they won the pennant. York led the league in attendance, but last year the hat affair. Mike is a marvelous fighter-that is team was far down in the lists, resulting universally admitted-but he has yet to in a financial failure. show real fighting spirit when opposed

But even though York and Superior to a rival of high caliber. quit the league two cities' are engerly Clabby's first efforts here will be to waiting to snap up their franchise. Both inveigie Al McCoy, the pseudo middle- North Platte and Fairbury believe they weight champion, into a match. That is could support state league ball and if not, the only way McCoy will ever be drawn certain merchants and business men of into a meeting with a high class middle- the towns are willing to provide for weight. It is not at all unlikely that losses.

Both Enger for Franchises. first, and feign that he has lost his cun North Platte is pretty far went, but it Then only is McCoy likely to fall. is a live city and the impression prevails Others have used this means to draw on that it would be a good paying location. a prospective opponent; why not Clabby? Whether Fairbury would support a team or not uncertain, but Fairbury wants

that Superior franchise and the fans Ryau Coaches Indiana.

there are working hard to swing it their way. If they evince as much enthusiasm in attending the games as they are in trying to bring the club there, financial success is assured.

Scaton Still Workhorse,

Henry P. Cohrad has applied for an option on the St. Paul club, of the Amer-ican association, and will endeavor to organize a stock company to take over the property if he succeeds in obtaining it. Mr. Conrad plans to form a ten-porary organization at once which will later incorporate for a sum sufficient to take over the entire holdings of the St. Paul club, including players, fran-chises and grounds. Reds Buy a Wagner.

The Cincinnali club has purchased Second Baseman Joe Wagner from the Spokane club of the Northwestera league. Wagner is winitering with a squad of ball players at Priest Lake Camp. Wash He is still young, on the under side of twenty-four yrats, is fast, has all the "makins" and has a spicodid future. Branda Bonus Yarns Fake. It is stated by President Glimore that Les Mages is the only player who ever received a bonus for signing a Federal induct contract. Reports have been pour inducts of or a year concerning a bonus awarded whenever a star signed, but dimore states these stories are aborus inducts. etc., have been merciy advances in originates.

Eager for Berths in Nebraska League and Are Doing Their Best to Land.

We will bet that Europe's fighters Will be fighting all the time, And the dove of blessed pence, sir, Will be battered like our rhyme. And that Johnson and J. Gilmore Will continue in their fight. And our hopping fitte athletes Will keep hopping day and night. The topography of the Nebraska State ague may be altered a bit next season if several changes now in contemplatio are effected. At the recent meeting th information was given out that no changes in the circuit would be made

changes in the circuit would be made, but since that time two clubs. Superior and York, have evinced a willingness to dispose of their franchises. Since the windup of the 1914 season there has been considerable internal strife in the circuit. First some dissatisfaction was expressed repareding the official

was expressed regarding the official conduct of President C. J. Miles. Mr. The Yanks they'll keep on selling. Although Ruppert's made the buy. And they'll fire old Charley Murphy. Though 'tis said, he's said goodby. And the Rourkes will all be wonders. In the gentle little spring. But we hate to look to August And think what time will bring. Miles, however, was re-elected to the office at the meeting as he has proven himself an able director of the league. Violate Salary Limit.

Next charges of violations of the sal ary limit were made and even admitted by one or two clubs. At the meeting the culprits promised faithfully to abide by the agreements set by the national association at the Omaha meeting and that difficulty was disposed of. But no wthe owners of York and Su

We will have the same old wrestlers, They'll be with us still, And the puglist will prosper With his crooked ten-round mill, And New York and wise Chicago Will have the old bike race, And we'll have the tiny mustache On every other face. And money will be tighter, Just as it always is. And the pessimist will holler That the blink is on his bis. And the year will be like others. Twill be just the same each day. And this last is most important. We'll all draw the same old pay.

Eddie Plank says he will quit base ball in two more years. If things continue as they are, it will be base ball that will quit in two more years.

### WAR BULLETIN.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Jan. 1-(Spe-cial)-Clark Griffith has surrounded the city with the king's guard to protect Walter Johnson.

Duluth is planning a big ski tournament Among others who will compete will be Walter Johnson, Bill Killifer and Earl Hamilton.

No. Marie, the curiers at Miller park do not use curling trons.

Robert McLean and Platt Adams have been accused of being professionals. Things have come to a preity state of affairs when an honest. , conscientious noying investigations.

Willie Ritchie says he'll fight Freddie Welsh, Charley White or Joe Shagrue if the financial inducements are satisfac tory, Prohably Mr. Ritchie would think the state of Texas satisfactory.

A Real White Hope

There is a gink named Corsey, For Charles's he's called Chick; He's one in many thousands That Gunboat Smith cas lick.

Tip to Postoffice department: If no body wants that \$6,000, our address is Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Would that all base ball managers were like Clarence Rowland in their demand for speed. We might occasionally get home in time for midnight lunch.

It has been suggested that all American J. Cope Morton, Philadelphia; William league clubs furnish Ruppert players to Henderson, August Bloese and Rober strengthen the Yankz. But can you con-

peace, but we have a hunch that certs treasurers on certain ball clubs will so lean next summer they won't ev cast a shadow

There seems to be considerable wor as to where Rube Marquard will of next year. But can you imagine wi there should be any worr as to whe Rube Marquard should play next yea

Jess Willard says he entered the fig game with the end in view to tack Jack Johnson. You have got to hand to Jess-he selected some end.

Oh, You Contract. Twinkle, twinkle, base ball atar. You'll be wondering where you are; When the magnates cease to fight For you 'twill be a sweet good night.

The following lines are dedicated to M Robert C. Moore, a business office ver etable, who committed matrimony night before New Year's eve:

We will hand you credit, Robert, And when your time is up, You should join the fighting allies, For you would face a Krupp.

Chicago Will Bid for Next Champion Billiard Tourney

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- Chicago, represented by the Sportsmen's Club of America, will bid for the next championship tournament of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, the opening date of which has been set for February 22. The directorate of the unique Chicago organisation is onthusiastic over the possibility of securing this tournament, for which its members have already set their caps.

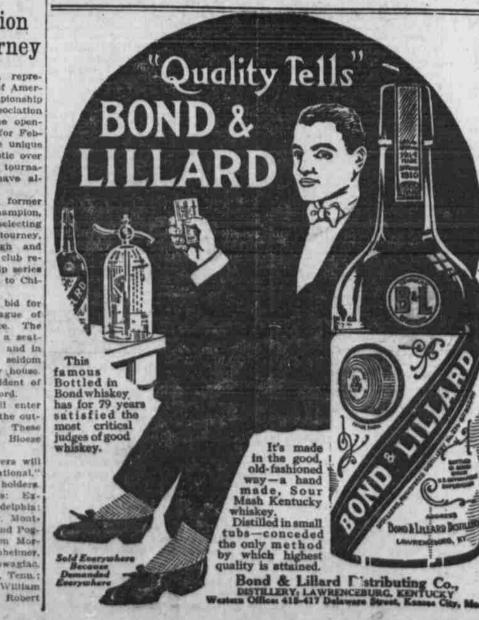
Charles F. Conklin of Chicago, former national and international champion, with whom rests the task of selecting western entrants to the national tourney. will confer with President Pugh and other officers of the Sportsmen's club relating to holding the championship series in his home city. All signs point to Chicago landing the tournament.

Of the eastern clubs likely to bid for the tournament the Union League of Phi'adelphia has the best chance. The amateur can't make a living without an- Union League amphitheater has a scating capacity of more than 1,100, and in 1512 the amateur billiardists seldon failed to play before a capacity house

Chicago, nevertheless, feels confident of equaling, if not beating, this record. In all probability Chicago will enter three players unknown so far as the outside billiard world is concerned. These are Wilson Henderson, August Bloca

and Robert Lord. It is probable that eleven players will start in the next amateur "national," Several of them are former title holders. The entry should be as follows: Ex-Champion Joseph Mayer, Philodelphia Champian Edward W. Gardner, Mont clair, N. J.; ex-Champion Ferdinand Pog genburg, New York; ex-Champion Morris Brown, Brooklyn; Dr. Uffenheimer, Philadelphia: Charles Hedden, Dowagian Mich.; Eugene Milburn, Memphis, Tenn.

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Two new towns in the Nebraska league would be a beneficial boost, as it would gugment the interest and enthusiasm in the other cities.

To Save St. Paul.

Gaffney