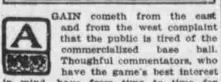


# Judgments



in mind, have from time to time for ern league was one of the earliest of observers of the game to comment adversely on the habit of exploiting mythiteam or another. He also gave it as his judgment that it was harmful to the game to establish the thought in the minds of the people that the dollars and cents side of the sport was uppermost. While money is needed to run a team. and the public has never shown any sign of begrudging either owner or player the profits of the sport, no matter how large they might be, the persistence with which the monetary side of the game, especially since the entry of the Federal league, has been dwelt upon, has turned away many a supporter, who felt whatever of patriotism and civic pride he might have from the box office. The team owner who will quit talking about how much he pays for his players, and will put out to win back what they all miss-the

Pa Rourke's efforts to provide a ball team for Omaha seem about to be realized. It looks as if we had at last gotten a lot of youngsters who have the necesthing of crudity may yet attach to their went to the bat in the ninth inning, five May 2. runs to the bad, and tied the score. The | President Isaacson would be pleased if rally was a magnificent spurt, and proves all the boys would attend. the mettle of the youngsters who march banner. Later in the season, when the Bloszies were brought up, but as the pitching staff has been brought down to teams interested failed to show up the a better working basis, and some of the finesse of the sport is made available, Omaha is going to furnish splendid entertainment on the ball field.

Taking it by and large, the Western league is doing fairly well, thank you. The paying strength of the teams is much nearer balanced than it was last season, and this without weakening the quality of base ball provided for the public's pleasure. A result of this is that public interest is more general, and attendance at the games is better. As the season moves ahead, and the relative strength of the teams is better developed, this interest ought to get back to the pitch when the Western boasted of the best average attendance of any of the minor leagues, which was because it furnished the best ball of any.

Omaha lost a bright light when George pose of the tickets. ("Shanty") Falconer sild over the plate If each manager would get rid of apfor the last time. He was a player of proximately ten tickets, the association the type that men admire. Modest as he would be on easy street, and the balwas efficient, clean in all his ways, and ance left over would be sufficient to soing into the sport for the sake of the have a big spread at the Auditorium for sport, he made for himself a name that all the base ball manipulators in Omaha will long be recalled by those who watch next fail. the games on the commons. "Shanty's" name is out of the line-up for all time now, but his memory is warm in the heart of many a hustling ball tosser in this section.

Pa Rourke packed his little kit and slipped away from home Friday, without telling anybody whither he was bound. Only one reason may be cited, and that is that he is on the trial of another pitching person.

Do you suppose Bill Donovan is merely a lucky guy, or is it that the Yanks like him better than they did Frank Chance? At any rate, he is doing what the Peorless couldn't do-he's making that gang play ball.

Marty Krug looks like the von Hindenberg of the Western. He is making such time-tried veterans as Isbell, Jack Holtand and Josh Clarke sit up and take

With Topeks at one end and Wichita at the other, those Kansas teams seem Chance in breaking his speechless spell. to have the Western league standing table but there were spots in that geme today

Those untried youngsters of Rourke's are surely showing the real goods. If YALE ORDERS EIGHT-OAR they'll keep it up, the way to the bigger

fields of base ball is open. One good way to make base ball a success is to go to the games and afford

practical encouragement by your pres-Don't worry about Conny Mack; he

knows pretty well what he's doing all the

Cliff Rowland is showing them that Commy wasn't crazy after all.

## Prospects for Sandlot Base Ball Said to Be Brightest in the

History of Game. TEAMS WORK IN HARMONY

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

From present indications this season many months, called attention to this will surpass all others since amateur fact, and yet the magnates have waited base ball was put on the map in Omaha. to have the force of the argument come More enthusiasm has already been with the overwhelming proof of the evinced this season than ever before. In public's indifference to their personal nearly every contest harmony reigns. concerns. President O'Neill of the West- Only a couple of small differences have been reported to date.

At a recent meeting of the American league it was decided that the West cal sums paid for ball players by one Leavenworth Merchants and the Dundee Woolen Mills teams should play over score of 10 to 7. Both teams differed on represent the Meadowbrook club of nearly every decision made by the umpire, and it is asserted that the Merchants failed to abide by some of the decisions. After the different managers heard the stories of both sides they could not see their way clear to let the Merchants get away with this victory.

Not in This Year. After finding that it is a difficult matter to schedule games with Class-A had swallowed up in the swelling wave teams since the organization of the Greater Omaha league, Blair and Plattsmouth want to join the league. President Cook says he will be willing to a combination of winners, without an- consider their applications next season, nexing cost tags to any, will be the one but he can't cope with the situation at present. Nevertheless he has taken it upon his shoulders to arrange matters popular favor so necessary to success in so that Plattsmouth and Blair can play one of the Greater Omaha teams every Sunday if they so desire.

Only eight of the fourteen directors of the Omaha Amateur association showed up at the meeting last week. It is imsary vim, skill and persistence to win a portant that all of the directors should majority of the games they enter. Some- be on deck. The writer cannot conceive style, but they show a willingness that were so enthusiastic at the beginning of is very commendable, and a pertinacity the season, fails to answer the roll call that will make the other fellows watch when his help and co-operation is all summer long. No better example of earnestly requested and needed. The this quality was ever given than that next meeting will be held at the council shown over at Des Moines, when Omaha chamber of the city hall, Wednesday,

At the last meeting several protests protests are now the property of the waste basket. The Gantz-McAndrews difference was dropped because Gantz failed to appear to prosecute.

Plan for Raising Money.

From appearances the Central Parks were willing to hand their franchise in the Booster league to the Monmouth Parks, because they falled to register a kick. Because of the fact that it will require considerable money to defray the expenses of the different winners in the various leagues for their excursions at the termination of this season, a plan was submitted by Louis Cook for raising the money. He suggested that tickets be I was green and tried to make me throw secured, to be disposed of at \$1 each. which would entitle the bearer to witness all of the championship games. A committee was appointed consisting of Fred Hunter, Louis Cook and Fred Krail, to Amateur and "semi-pro" base ball in make the necessary arrangements to dis-

### Would Have Traded Wife for Base Hit

the Arbistics cleaned up the Cubs: "Chance was awfully blue after the with his head on his chest.

him along. But Frank refused to be appeals made to him in the interest of a old Indianapolis? asks an official hischeered. Finally, in desperation, Mrs. postponement. The winner of the com- torian of the Detroit team, and then, the heart of a lion, said to Frank: "'Now, dear, don't take it so hard, more than forty days from May 15.

"'Yes, I know I've got you,' said ing months. when I would have traded you for a base

Coach Guy Nickalls of the Yale uni- the regular par of the course this year solute need of a shortstop who could versity currents has a new English instead of against a special par, like it field and hit and run bases if his team eight-cared shell and English made cars was last yes. The Tom Morris play will was to win the pennant. Bush was purfor his varsity crew. The boats are occur this year on June 16, simultane-chased from Indianapolis of the Ameri-equipped with the thole-jin ris. The reasly at all clubs which are members of can association and was ordered to reseats, however, are rigged in a straight the Western Golf association. Eight port to Jennings in St. Louis. line instead of being adjusted in zigzag players from each club participate. The The day Detroit was opposed to Rubs fashion along the keep, which is the Country. Pleid and Happy Hollow clubs Waddell, as well as some other pitchers. English style of rowing.

### ALL EYES ON THE DIAMONDS Will Take Long Rest in Preparation for San Francisco Games

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.-James Edward Meredith, the star runner of the University of Pennsylvania, is planning to take a long rest from competition right after the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. games, which are to be run off at Philadelphia on May 28 and 29. As soon as he has run his last race at the big college meet, Ted will hang up his shoes and forget running for several weeks. After college closes Meredith will go to summer camp at Bantam lake in the Berkshires for a complete rest from every sort of mental and physical work, and here the Olympic 800-meter champion will stay until it's time to go to the their eleven-inning game that terminated Panama-Pacific games at the San in a victory for the Merchants, by a Francisco exposition, in which he will Philadelphia.

Mcredith has the same idea about training for the Panama-Pacific meet as Homer Baker of the New York Athletic He wants to get into fair condition before leaving the east, and then finish up his training with two or three weeks of hard work in the Pacific coast commute. Both the Pennsylvania and the mercury footer will do their training on the exposition track.

It is likely that Meredith will train for the quarter-mile at the Panama-Pacific games, though he may start in the halfmile event as well. The latter race, with Meredith, Baker and Dave Caldwell of Boston in the running, would unquestionably develop one of the greatest halfmile performances ever seen en an American cinderpath.

### While Benton Grins Tinker Cops Second, Third and the Plate

Rube Benton, the Cincinnati southpaw didn't know any too much about the art of pitching when he made his major lengue debut a couple of seasons ago. Cincinnati and Chicago were playing and Benton pitching. Joe Tinker, who was then playing short for the Cubs, walked and then proceeded to have some fun with the Rube. He took a long lead off first. behind Marty Krug under the Rourke that were registered with Secretary Benton turned around and grinned, but made no attempt to catch him. Tinker walked to second. Joe bluffed a steal to third and when Benton made no move to stop him walked to that base.

Manager Griffith was raving by this time. Tinker took another look at the grinning Rube and then made a break for home. Tinker scored standing up. "What's the matter with you? What in the blankety-blankety-blank were you

doing out there?" cried Griffith when Benton came in from the field. Benton smiled the happy smile of a child that has just been presented with a six-foot sugar cane.

"Oh, they can't fool me," he replied, "That man Tinker thought he was going to play a smart trick on me. He thought the ball, but I fooled him." There's no record of how long Griffith's fainting spell lasted.

## Moore and De Oro Will Contest Matches Soon

NEW YORK, May 15,-George W. Moore and Alfredo De Oro will contest their match for the three-cushion carom billiard championship in this city on the nights of May 17, 18 and 19. They will play 150 points, 50 each night.

Both De Oro and Moore wished to defer the match until September. The obstacle was William B. Huey of Chicago, who had challenged the winner. If he could have been induced to with-Frank Chance always was a hard loser draw his challenge De Oro would have and Joe Tinker tells this one on him as withdrawn his challenge, dated April 2, an incident of the world's series in which and immediately issued another, which would mature in June. Then as a champion cannot be compelled to play in June, loss of the third game. He went home July or August, Moore, as champion. Huey to play in not less than thrty nor the story. Come on, cheer up. What if you do lose The coming match will be for a puree

#### CHANGE METHOD OF PLAY FOR TOM MORRIS TROPHY

An important change in the method of play for the Tom Morris Memorial of Omaha are al; members

MISS LILLIAN B. HYDE GETS SCRATCH RATING AT GOLF-According to the annual rating list Miss Lillian B. Hyde of the South Shore Field club is again alone on the scratch mark of the Women's Metropolitan Golf association. Miss Hyde is the present holder of the championship title which she won last summer over the links of the Essex County Country Club of West Orange, N. J., after a brilliant display of golf.



Tigers Were Too Rough an Outfit for Donie When He Saw Them Play First Game.

Have you heard the story of how Donie Bush joined the Tigers and was so upcould postpone playing until September, set, mentally, by their actions, not to-"When he reached his hotel he was a Angered because the National Associa- wards him, but their opponents, that he day had taken a liking to Ruan, can tell fit subject for the deaf and dumb asy- tion of Amateur Billiard Players had wanted to tear up his contract and go to the balance of the story. Says Sam: lum, Mrs. Chance tried in value to cheer pronounced him a professional. Huey the quietness of a home fireside in dear Chance, in a tone that would have wen ing match, if so disposed, may compel without waiting for an answer, he tells

Here it is: "Donle, as almost everyone who folthis series. Remember, deerie, you have of \$500 and the trophy, which must be lows base ball at all knows, reported to Donfe defended continuously for twelve play. Detroit in the fall of 1908. These were the days when Detroit was fighting off They're not going to hurt you. I an-Chicago and Cleveland in the mad rush swered. for the American league pennant. These were the days, you'll recall, when Donovan and Schmit and Rossman and Killiar and all those fellows who have gone

out were creating base ball history. "Charley O'Leary, regular shortstop, year. The various clubs will play against the time came when Jennings was in ab- was him.

some pitcher, whose name has been for- ville

BUSH LONGED TO GO HOME gotten, started the contest against the Hill of the same city. the infield.

went after the pitcher. This disturbed mile race-going public. Bush, but he stuck to the bench. When BUT HE CAUGHT FEVER LATER Waddell went into the center of the dia- tity at this time is that his machine is

> left-hander, who has since died. Crawford Completes Yarn, Sam Crawford, who, even on that first

" I happened to glance around after we his feet up, his head between his hands and looking the picture of homesickness. I went over to him and said What's the matter, kid?"

"'I don't like this bunch, answered "'Don't pay any attention to them.

" Right afterwards Waddell was chased from the same and us he passed the Detroit beach, Davy Jones jumped on his the world. back and rode him out of the park. Donie hunched down still further and, if there WEST POINT HURLER COPS was ever a youngster who went under SHELL FROM OLD ENGLAND trophy competition has been made this had been going bad for some time and the baptism of fire in the big leagues it

" 'Hut two or three days afterwards he ! us for not showing enough pepper."

tiors Out of Omaha.

The Bryne-Hammer team of the Commercial league makes its first out-oftown trip this afternoon, going to Louis-

### Fans Tire of the Commercial Side of National Game

NEW YORK, May 15.-Commercialism s killing the interest in base ball these days, Fans are becoming tired of the spectacle of clubs out-bidding one another for the services of star players. and civic pride, as far as it relates to base ball, is almost a dead issue.

because of the warring forces. It seems a case of the survival of the fittest financially. The players incidentally the most important part of base ball, naturally go where the money is and play accordingly. Years ago, in the days of Mike Tiernan, George Gore and Tim Keefe and "Smiling Mickey" Weish, the financial end of ball playing wasn't to apparent.

Of course, the Federal league may be blamed for present conditions, but its backers should not be censured any too severely for butting in on the bonansa that their rivals seemed to monopolise. Today the Feneral league is in the same position as was the American league at its inception. At that time "Organized Base Ball" consisted almost solely of the National league, and the American, backed by the brains of Ban Johnson, was considered the nerviest kind of an outlaw organization for even thinking about breaking in on the long established and respected National league. It was fought tooth and nail, and only money in large gobs kept the opposition going Pinally, Johnson forces are recognized and considered, and today both leagues stand as double-barrelled opponents to the Federals, who are trying to do the same thing as the Johnson organization did years ago. Three big lengues are not necessary to appeare the country's appetite for bas balle, but as things stand now the Federal league, with its collection of stars, is as much entitled to coneideration and prestig tional or American.

# Fans Four, Then Sees Each Bring in Tally

Clinton Rogge, the new and promising twirler with the Pittsburgh Feds, lays claim to the distinction of being the only time, 1:47:00. This is a record for the pitcher who struck out four men in one inning and lived to see every one of the

four score a run. It happened in a college game in Michigan. Rogge is a big chap with a world of speed. The varsity catcher was a 116pound mite and couldn't hold Rogge, who struck out three men in a row, and every one went to first when the catcher failed to clutch the third strike. With the bases londed, Rogge struck out the fourth batter and the man on third came home with the first tally, while the fanned

batter raced to first in safety. An error and a hit followed, and the three other strikeout victims who had gained the bases through the inability of the catcher to hold Rogge scooted home with the runs that won the game.

## Wilson Bals Enters Indianapolis Race

The mystery of the "unknown car" in the next Indianapolis 500-mile race is no more. The machine is announced as the Bals' special, entered by Wilson A. Bals of Indianapolis, and driven by Jimmy

Tigers and Jenning's men simply turned | Bals originally intended to name his his curves into straight, fast ones over car the "Skunk," but when he found out that a driver named Limberg had entered "Rush was on one end of the bench a machine, changed his mind. Skunk and when the game started and the Tigers, Limberg, he thought, would be too much, with their old rush and yells of derision even for the hardened beezers of a 500-

Bala' reason for announcing his idenmond every man in the team went off now in ratisfactory shape and that he the bench and started after the famous is confident it will make a good showing. The car is a 1969 Marmon, privately re- important speed contests this agason. built, and has been brought to comple tion only this week.

#### AUSTRALIA DIGS UP NEW HOPE FROM AMATEUR RANK

"Snowy" Baker, the Australian boxing promoter, announces the professional debut of Harold Hardwick, a versatile antipodean athlete who won the amateur championship of the British empire at the Empire games in London. His 2703 Leavenworth St., Omaha, Neb. record is such as to cause him to be regarded in England, Australia and elsewhere as a most promising candidate for the beavyweight boxing championship of

# NINETEEN GAMES IN ROW

Cadet Robert R. Neyland of the Fourth was out in the infield and climbing all of congressional district of Texas, whose home is in Greenville, Tex., has won nineteen straight games for the West Point base ball team. Neyland went through last season without a defeat, beating the Navy in 1913 and again in 1914. He is 23 years old, and is als boxer and foot ball player.

## STATE TRAP SHOOT IS NEXT

At Least Eight of Omaha's Cracks Will Go to North Platte for Big Tournament.

AFTER 1916 EVENT FOR OMAHA

Quite a number of Omaha trap shooters will invade North Platte, where the annual state trap shooting tournament is to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and The daily attendance at the ball parks Thursday of this week. The Omaha agare not what they used to be, and all gregation will hike to the Platte river village for two reasons, one to cop as much of the prize money as possible and second to bring the 1916 state tournament to Omaha.

Among those expected to take part in the event are Ray Kingsley, Don Mc-Cown, Bert Dixon, Henry McDonald, George Redick, Sam Huntley, Doc Hall and Wolfe. The fact that Huntley and Kingsley intend to make the trip assures Omaha of some money winners.

The Omnha aggregation are confident that the 1916 shoot will be awarded to the Omaha Gun club. The Omaha club has one of the best firing lines in the country. traps are of the very best and visiting shooters are always given a royal time when here. It is thought by the Omaha shooters

that the North Platte shoot will be about the best state tourney ever held in Nebraska. All of the Nebraska shooters who attended the registered shoot here Monday and Tuesday will be entered in the state, and it is believed the entry

# Man with Crippled Legs Wins Big Swim

Advices from Sydney tell of a notable wimming performance achieved by E. Friedlander of Kalgoorlie in winning the fourth annual swim through Perth, a distance of five miles. Friedlander, who was third in the 1913 race, is in business at Kalgoorlie and uses crutches, his legs being uscless owing to some physical weakness. To win under such cir-cumstances, notwithstanding that he has massive arms and shoulders, is an undoubted triumph. Handleapped at 22:00. he did the trip in 2:08:30, which is 28:30 better than the time of last year's winner. He beat the scratch man, W. Reed, by one-half minute. Reed made the fastest

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