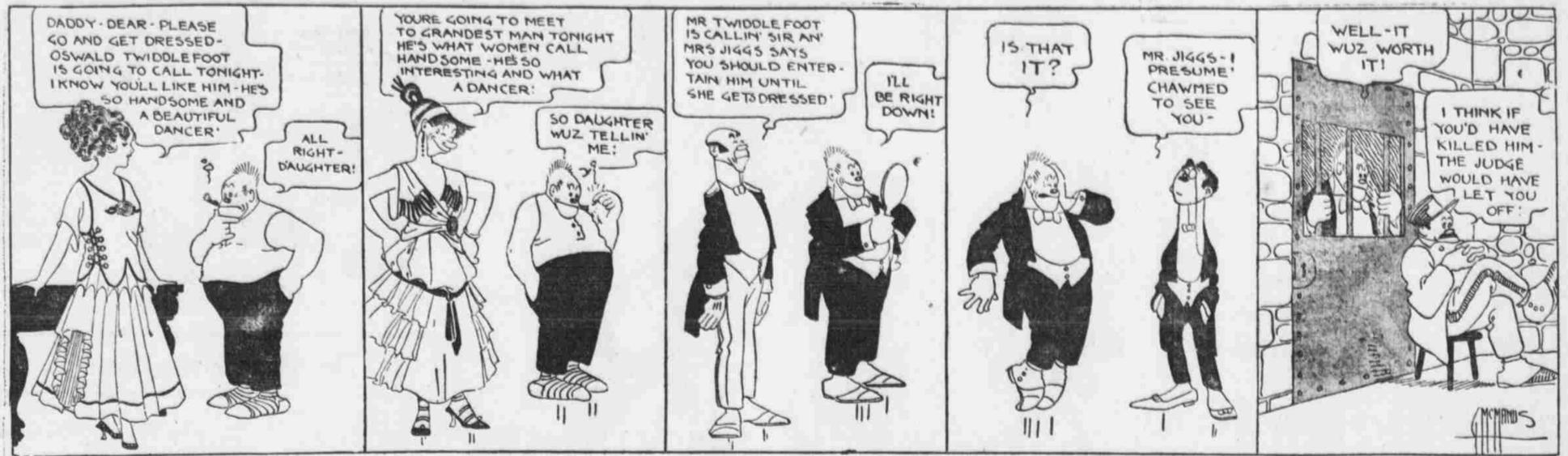


Bringing Up Father



Judgments

ALBERT G. SPAULDING, whose death occurred on Friday, was one of the pioneers of professional baseball, and had the pleasure of seeing the game grow into a mighty institution. His own contribution to its wonderful expansion was not small. As a player, manager, team owner and sporting goods manufacturer, he contributed quite as much as any one man to make baseball popular and the professional game successful. He was one of that coterie of players whose list includes Harry Wright and others whose names are recalled with loving tenderness by the older men of the country, who have followed baseball for all the days of its half-century of real growth. As a pitcher, Al Spaulding was noted in his time, and his achievements in the early days of the game were quite as noteworthy as any of his successors. He was aided in reducing the game to the beautiful scientific contest it has become. As owner of the old Chicago White Sox, he helped to bring the game to the highest point of business development, and his achievement in saving the reserve rule, which has kept the game from being organized but a possible. For many years his connection with the game has been that of semi-detachment, his sporting goods interest keeping him concerned in the prosperity of base ball, as well as all other matters that require apparatus or equipment, but his attitude was that of one who is deeply involved in the work of preserving the best interests of base ball at all times. He will be sincerely mourned by many, and his passing will be noticed by millions who know him only because of his connection with base ball.

The drafting season opens next Wednesday, and in a little while the minor league owners will know just to what extent they will have to rebuild their teams for the coming season. It is scarcely probable that the experience of the last few years will be duplicated, for the big league owners are held back by their twenty-one player limit, and mighty few of them are anxious to load down the payroll with untried bats, just to keep the other fellow from getting him. The leagues have been pretty well picked over already by the scouts, and a number of sales have been made to the big leagues, and the fact that the new player has been given right into the game, to take the place of the man he displaced on the roster, checked out to the effect that the big league managers are buying for immediate consumption, as they say on the board of trade, and not for futures. However, a few days will tell the story.

Somewhat over in Chicago is wonderfully busy these days, turning the Omaha franchise and grounds over to a successor to Pa. Bourke. So far no amount of inquiry has been able to develop the identity of this person. He is to be a farm team, but Bourke is willing to sell out, if he can get his price, but he has no intention of giving the team away. For the information of some of the persons who may be interested in the transaction, it may here be stated that to make the deal, the laws of the national agreement, and the laws of the National Association, both Bourke and the Western league must be satisfied, and then the matter must be passed upon by the National Association. Quite a little red tape has to be wound these days when transferring ownership of a base ball club.

A lot of folks who thought they were not seeing the usual high grade of baseball in the Western league during the last season, and especially at Omaha, may be referred to the performance of the players who have been sold and are now being used regularly by the big leagues. Take Kreuger, for example, who went from Omaha to the Yanks; he has been working offener than any other catcher since he joined New York and is making good. The proceedings had quite a Western league flavor the other day, when Mordridge and Kreuger formed the battery for New York, and they beat the Boston Red Sox. We did have some pretty good ball here during the summer, when the weather man would let the boys play.

The race is not over yet in any of the major leagues, and the fans are waiting to warm up as they haven't since the days when Chicago and New York tied for first place and had to play off that celebrated Merkle game. Almost any of them can pick the winner, and tell you why he is right, and that's what really makes the game good. Also, almost any of them may be wrong.

Connie Mack is able to smile these days. He knows he isn't going to win any pennants, but he has banked a lot of good money through the sale of players, and that helps a lot.

Fourty Retires. Tom Fogarty, president and secretary of the Harrisburg club, retired from that position. Frank De Wan of Jersey City was chosen to succeed him.

Jackson Traded Back. The Chicago American club has turned back to the Birmingham club of the I. L. league Charles Jackson, of St. Louis due to the acquisition of Joe Jackson.

Clemens Takes Jump. Roy Clements of the Tulsa team of the Western association has signed with the St. Louis Federals.

WITH THE OMAHA AMATEURS

Class B and C Championships Are to Be Decided This Afternoon at Luxus Park.

LUXUS TO TACKLE ALAMITOS

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Today will be a real gala day in amateur base ball circles in Omaha. Two championship battles and one pennant-deciding conflict are carded to occupy the boards.

The class B and class C championships will be settled at Luxus park today. In the former class the Brown Park Merchants and Drexels will mix and the Trimble Bros. and the G. A. Nelsons will settle the C honors.

In class A the Luxus and the Alamitos will play for the championship of the Greater Omaha league. These two teams are tied at present. This game will be played at the Douglas County Fair grounds.

In all probability the best battle will be staged by the Alamitos and Luxus, the contestants that are knotted for the top roost in the Greater Omaha league. Both of these teams have amply demonstrated the fact that they consist of the best material available around these jungles and as both managers will have a barrel of pepper on deck to be injected if required, a real live fight for supremacy will undoubtedly be dished out. Holland, the old reliable, will utilize his left lunch hook on the mound to dish up puzlers to fool the hard-hitting hitmiths of the milk crew. The milky children will attack Stengel, the cream of their slabaters, on the firing line. He is a southpaw and here of late has been twirling like an old veteran. Anyway a warlike full of base ball enmity in which the rivalry will stick out very conspicuously will be on the bill of fare. This contest will ring in on or about 3 bells at the county fair grounds which is located directly opposite Krug park.

Nelsons Are Favorites. Down at Luxus park the class C and B championships will be decided. The first argument will be between the Trimble Bros., the dudes that grabbed the ear in the Inter-City league, and the G. A. Nelsons, the boys that copped the flag in the Booster league. The strength of these two teams cannot be estimated because of the different leagues they are associated with, but the general opinion is that the Booster league played the fastest base ball, therefore, the G. A. Nelsons look like the best. Nevertheless, the Trimble state with vehemence that the Nelson will have to step fast to hook the bacon.

As soon as the game is history the Brown Park Merchants and the Drexels Shoe Company arguments will clash to decide the Class B championship and incidentally ascertain which team will be eligible to participate in the National Amateur association Class B elimination series, the first game of which will be played at St. Paul. Oodles of rivalry exists between these two squads, so a contest full of thrills is anticipated by the followers of both congregations.

Sendlet Gossp. Ben Kennedy says that next season he will try and find time to be the chief pitcher for the Kennedy & Beselins. The Nebraska Auto School team are still looking for games. Call Webster 822 and make a noise for Frank Jacobs.

That Colonial league and another one organized in the city across the waves were the only ones to explode this season. Mattie M-Frith stroled in last week and struck with the bushers. At that Mattie had a very successful season.

From all indications McKee will be re-elected president of the Inter-City league. His work proved satisfactory to all concerned.

Hicky Po-... than he does in base ball, but at his garden.

Gentleman's Hollys would like to play grounds, at 3:30 p. m. against Trimble Bros. Luxus park, 1:30 p. m.

Michigan Prospects Bright in Foot Ball

Coach Yost, former star on the local firmament, is starting the natives with the phenomenal stuff he pulls off.



COACH YOST, FORMER CAPT. COCHRAN. COACH FIELDING H. YOST AND CAPTAIN COCHRAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ELEVEN.

"Hurry Up" Yost, coach of the University of Michigan eleven, is not worrying so very much these days, for the famous foot ball instructor has a lot of promising material at the Wolverine college. Besides Captain Cochran of last year's team, Maubach, the sensation of last year; Reiman, Benten, Dunne, Staats and Watson are left to the Wolverines this year. Most of these men were "green" at the beginning of last season, but they improved toward

the end of the year. In addition there are some very promising men from the last year's freshman team. With the discovery of a good drop kicker to take the place of Spizer, the Michigan team should shape up well. Yost is now looking for a boot artist, but feels confident that out of the thirty-seven men who will report for practice on September 20 he will find or develop a man who can take care of the kicking end of the game for the maize and blue.

HARVARD IS A HOME SCHOOL

Nearly All Players on Percy Houghton's Eleven Come from Within State of Massachusetts.

SEVERAL ARE FROM BOSTON. BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 11.—While Yale and Princeton get foot ball players from all over the country, the best foot ball material at Harvard has been drawn from Massachusetts. Of the 1914 first-string team, only three live outside of Massachusetts. Wallace, the center, came from California, where he played foot ball before entering Harvard; Penock, the all-American guard, came from Syracuse, N. Y., and Parson, the tackle, came from Providence. Captain Brickley made Everett famous, and Captain Eddie Mahan of the 1915 team is upholding the prestige that Natick has gained in the past by being the birthplace of the late Mike Murphy, Keene Fitzpatrick, Poch Donovan, Tom Connelly, Johnny Mack, and others identified with athletics.

Amateur Games Today

Luxus against Alamitos, county fair grounds, at 3:30 p. m. against Trimble Bros. Luxus park, 1:30 p. m. Brown Park Merchants against Drexels Shoe Co. Luxus park, 3:30 p. m. Bourke against Ducky Holmes, Twentieth and Martha. Bourke against Dodge, Neb., at Bourke park. Nebraska Auto School against South Omaha Merchants, Fontenelle park, east diamond, 3:30 p. m. Williams Pharmacy against Council Bluffs Athletics, Twenty-first and First avenue, Council Bluffs. Dundee Woodmen Mills at Elkorn, Neb. Amateurs at Pender, Neb. Hamblers against Council Bluffs State first game, Athletic club Bluffs. Joe Smiths against Council Bluffs. Joe Vietors, second game, Athletic club Council Bluffs. Chris Lycks against Luxus, county fair grounds, at 1:30 p. m. Columbus 8-10 Shelton. The Columbus club has sold Outfielder Shelton to the New York Americans.

COBB'S BATTING SLUMPS

Georgia Peach, However, is Far in Lead, with Crawford First in Total Bases.

FINAL AVERAGES OF WESTERNS

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Ty Cobb has again fallen into a batting slump. But despite a drop of five points below his mark of last week, the Detroit star is still leading the American league with an average of .370, according to averages published here today.

Cobb maintains his speed on the bases however, and is leading the league with eighty-two stolen bases. He also has strengthened his margin as the leading runner, having scored 130. Crawford, Cobb's teammate, drove Ty from the top of the total base column with a total of 249 bases, twelve more than Cobb's mark.

Other batters in the American league who are hitting in the 300 class are: Jackson, Chicago, .327; Speaker, Boston, .321; E. Collins, Chicago, .318; Crawford, Detroit, .318; Fournier, Chicago, .314; Veach, Detroit, .313; McInnis, Philadelphia, .310; Strunk, Philadelphia, .303; Maisei, New York, .300.

Burns of Detroit holds the lead in home runs with five.

In club batting, the pennant contenders are bunched, with Detroit leading with 209 and Boston and Chicago close behind, with 205 and 202, respectively. Pitchers who have worked in twenty-five or more games and are in the select class are: Foster, Boston, won 18 and lost 4; Scott, Chicago, 21 and 9; Ruth, Boston, 14 and 6; Shore, Boston, 15 and 7; Coveleskie, Detroit, 22 and 8; Dausa, Detroit, 22 and 10; Fisher, New York, 15 and 8; Fisher, Chicago, 21 and 11; Boland, Detroit, and Leonard, Boston, 11 and 4; Johnson, Washington, 22 and 13; Dubuc, Detroit, 17 and 11; Ayres, Washington, and Benz, Chicago, 12 and 4.

Doyle Leads Nationals. Captain Larry Doyle, batted himself into the lead again in the National league this week, although there is very little change among the first ten. The New Yorker has an average of .327. Those following him are: Lederer, Philadelphia, .325; Long, St. Louis, and Daubert, Brooklyn, tied with .309; Snyder, St. Louis, .308; Merkle, New York, and Hinchman, Pittsburgh, tied with .304; Griffith, Cincinnati, .296; Groh, Cincinnati, .294; Fisher, Chicago, and Collins, Pittsburgh, tied with .293; Robertson, New York, .293.

Lois leads in club batting, with .327, and Cincinnati is next, with .274. Doyle leads in total bases, with 215; Crawford, Philadelphia, leads in runs scored, with 76, and in home runs, with 21. Carey, Pittsburgh, with 24, leads the base stealers.

The leading pitchers are: Marnaux, Pittsburgh, won 20 and lost 7; Alexander, Philadelphia, 25 and 9; Toney, Cincinnati, 11 and 4; S. Smith, Brooklyn, 12 and 6; Pierce, Chicago, 11 and 6; Dale, Cincinnati, 18 and 11; Pfeffer, Brooklyn, 14 and 9; Meadows, St. Louis, 12 and 5; Standridge, Chicago, 5 and 2; Haran, Boston, 18 and 11; Mayer, Philadelphia, 18 and 13.

Federal Figures. The ten leading batters of the Federal league are: Kauff, Brooklyn, .350; Magee, Brooklyn, .348; Fischer, Chicago, .343; Kuntzberg, Pittsburgh, .318; Deal, St. Louis, .314; Rousch, Newark, .315; Campbell, Newark, .312; Yerkes, Pittsburgh, .311; Flack, Chicago, .309; Dalton, Buffalo, .308.

Magee leads in runs scored, with 32; Kauff, with 43, leads the base stealers; Konechey has the most total bases—246; and Chase, Buffalo, with 16, leads the home run department.

The leading pitchers are: F. Allen, Pittsburgh, 21 won and 9 lost; McCConnell, Chicago, 21 and 9; Crandall, St. Louis, 18 and 9; Barger, Pittsburgh, 8 and 4; Reulbach, Newark, 16 and 9; Schulz, Buffalo, 20 and 12; E. Smith, Brooklyn, 10 and 6; Anderson, Buffalo, 15 and 10; Cullop, Kansas City, 17 and 11; Plank, St. Louis, 15 and 10; M. Brown, Chicago, 12 and 8.

Brooklyn, with .371, leads in club batting and Pittsburgh is second with .367.

Lelivelt Leads Association. Compton, Kansas City, no longer holds the lead in batting in the American association. This honor goes to Lelivelt, Kansas City, who has an average of .244. Compton's mark is .243.

Minneapolis leads in club batting with .381, and Kansas City and Indianapolis are tied for second with .371. The leading pitcher is Hall, St. Paul, 21 won and 9 lost.

Western League Final Averages. The final averages of the Western league give LeJeune, Sioux City, first place in the batting column among players who played in half the games of the season. His average is .351. Following him are Galloway, Denver, .346; Forsythe, Omaha, .338; Spencer, Denver, .335; Morse, Lincoln, .332; Jones, Des Moines, .329; Kane, Sioux City, .318; Jackson, Topeka, .316; Britton, Wichita, .309; Callahan, Sioux City, .306.

Denver holds the club batting honors with .353, with Sioux City second, with .329.

Jones scored the most runs, 103; Galloway, with 280, leads total bases; McCormick, Denver, made the greatest number of home runs—16; and McGaffigan, Lincoln, is the stolen base king, with 44 to his credit.

WILLARD WILLING TO FIGHT

Champion Finds Only Remaining Way to Collect Spoils is to Enter Ring Again.

THREE CANDIDATES TO BATTLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Jess Willard has finally reached the stage, wanting to be ready to talk fight again. The big champion's contract with the Wild West show he is now with, expires on November 1, and after that date it will be necessary for him to enter the ring if he expects to make capital of his honors.

As it takes a month or two to boom a championship match, it is high time for him to select an opponent and name a date for the bout to take place. Although Willard declares that he will not demand an impossible guarantee and will leave the matter of selecting an opponent in the hands of the promoter, apparently it is going to be a difficult matter to arrange a match that will meet with the full approval of the fighting public.

Just at present there are only three men worthy to be named in the same breath with the man who humbled Jack Johnson. They are: Coffey, Weir and Moran. As Coffey and Moran are scheduled to meet in the near future, the winner and Willard will then be left to fight out.

Because he is the lightest one of the three, Willard has received the least consideration so far. It is felt that it would be unfair to ask him to pit his 180 pounds against Willard's 250. Still, if past performances are to be taken into account, it must be admitted that the Jersey man is entitled to as high a rating as either of his two rivals.

Apparently neither Moran nor Coffey is in the least anxious to assume the task of demonstrating that Willard does not belong in the hunt. Although without a championship wallop, Willard has a corner on what little speed and skill there is in the heavyweight divisions at present, and his heavier but more clumsy rivals are well satisfied to leave him alone. They are wise enough to realize that they are not likely to advance their prestige by an attempt to keep pace with a man of his speed.

Since Willard has beaten Coffey and also Gunboat Smith, who took the measure of Moran, it is only logical to assume that he could outpoint either of his rivals, and yet Willard undoubtedly would have the least chance of defeating Willard in the only way that a defeat would affect the title—by a knockout. If the boxing solons decide to permit referees' decisions Willard will have to be taken more seriously in the future. In that event his victories will count, even though not gained by the knockout route. Whether this can be taken as an argument for or against decisions is somewhat doubtful, however. So far as a championship is concerned opinion is practically unanimous that ten rounds are not a sufficient test.

Short Bout Standard. Still the time is fast approaching when ten rounds will be the standard distance for all bouts, if that time has not actually arrived. While it would appear unfair to Willard, who won his title in a long battle, to risk it in a short skirmish, eventually it will become necessary to make the rules of the ring conform to the laws of the land.

Amateur championships are decided in four rounds and there is seldom much dispute as to the winners. It is merely a matter of pace. When the time is limited the speed is increased in proportion. All needless stalling in the future, in order to get quick results. Boxers who have taken part in twenty-round bouts admit that it is possible to cram as much action into ten rounds as generally takes place in battles of twice that length. There is no doubt that the sporting public would be well satisfied with ten-round bouts for the titles. It would mean that the stagnation that results owing to the difficulty of locating a long distance battle ground would disappear. Instead of being treated as the private property of the holder long after his fighting ability had departed a title would be constantly on the market. Of course, the difficulty will be to induce the present set of champions to conform to modern conditions. Once a precedent is established there should be no further ground of objection, as what is fair for one is fair for all.

WEINERT IS A COMING PUG

Nineteen-Year-Old Youngster is About Best Bet in Heavyweights Outside of Willard.

HAS LICKED MOTORMAN COFFEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Heavyweight contenders come and go with bewildering rapidity. Every few months a complete change in the situation, as the man who has enjoyed a brief spell of popularity is forced to give way for someone else. This season Charley Weinert's star seems to be in the ascendant.

Apparently Weinert is due to last a little longer than the average seeker after Willard's title. Already he has met and defeated Jim Coffey, Gunboat Smith, Porky Flynn, Battling Levensky and Jim Savage. Only Frank Moran is missing to make the list complete, and judging by past performances Moran will go the way of the others when he faces the Jersey speed merchant. Some record for a 19-year-old youngster!

The one thing missing that would make Weinert the sensation of the age is a knockout punch. So far his record is barren of decisive wins, all his victories having been gained on the point basis. But for that weakness Weinert would now be in line for a championship match, since he has eliminated all the contenders that are worth considering. But although Weinert has established his supremacy over the ten-round distance he seems to have reached the end of his rope, for the time being at least. The sporting world will not accept a heavyweight who lacks a punch. Jim Corbett did get by, but he was an exception. And even Corbett won the title with a knockout, although his defeat of Sullivan was nothing more than a result of owing to the latter's poor condition.

Has Plenty of Time. But Weinert has plenty of time to acquire a real wallop. He is big enough for all requirements, being well over six feet in height. He is taking on weight rapidly and it will not be long before he reaches the 200-pound mark. At that figure even Willard's huge bulk should have no terrors for him, provided he retains his speed as he gains in flesh.

There seems to be no good reason why Weinert cannot learn to hit effectively. He is a splendidly muscled fellow, and it is evident that the power is there if he can only learn to make use of it.

Whether Weinert will retain his good form as he grows older is a question. As a rule a boxer who begins to young becomes burnt out by the time he reaches his full development. Weinert began boxing three years ago, and it will be at least three years more before he is fully matured. By that time he may be worn out by the strain of continually training and fighting. The fact that he is unable to cut short a fair average of his bouts to a round or so means that he must do considerable more work than the man who can make quick work of an opponent.

Faults on Honeymoon. After organizing the Tigers and Oakes into the Blue Bell Players' fraternity, David L. Fultz, chief of that organization, left Los Angeles for the north. Fultz is combining business with pleasure, as he is on his honeymoon.

Sett Three to Cards. The Montreal club of the International league has sold three players—Paul Smith, outfielder, and Frank Miller, a pitcher, to Pittsburgh, and Kenneth Nash, infielder, to the Cardinals.

Terry to Go Up. With Zeb Terry definitely assured of a big league trial next season President Fultz is combining business with pleasure in making preparations for Terry to take his place in the Angels' infield next year.

Are After Eng's. The Salt Lake City club announces that it has about completed a deal by which Pitcher Joe Eng, recent cast from Washington to Minneapolis, will become a Bee.

Advertisement for Krug Pilsener beer. The text reads: 'Krug Pilsener THE BEER YOU LIKE is the extract of the golden grain with a delicious hop flavor. Each bottle has a coupon. Save them and get Free Premium. Phone Douglas 1889. Luxus Mercantile Co. Distributors Fred Krug Brewing Co.'