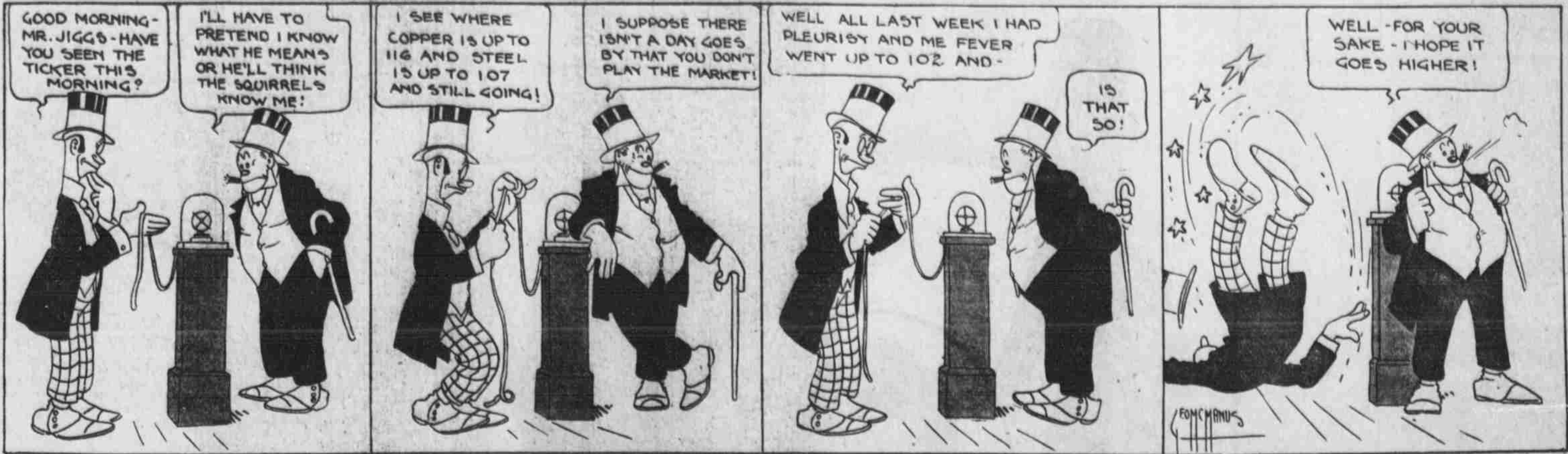


BRINGING UP FATHER

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Judgments

W HILE proud Nebraskans are busily extolling the many virtues of this state, it might not be amiss to point out the annual interscholastic basketball tournament which will be held at Lincoln in March. This basketball tournament was last year the biggest interscholastic event of its kind in the United States, with seventy teams participating. Already this year 137 high schools of the state have signified intentions of taking part. A gain of 100 per cent. With such a large entry list the tourney this year will not only be the biggest basketball event in the United States, but will probably be the biggest interscholastic event in any branch of sport. What better proof that the state of Nebraska is making its mark in the field of athletics? The wrestling champion of the world, a championship football team, a championship trapshooter and the biggest interscholastic event in the country. Nebraska is truly a potent factor in sport.

Some fear is expressed that Nebraska may jeopardize its standing in the Missouri Valley conference by playing the Oregon Aggies next fall in Portland, which city is not the site of the Oregon Agricultural college. A Missouri Valley conference ruling prohibits the playing of games in cities at which neither of the participating schools are situated. No fear need enter the minds of the Nebraska athletic board on this score. The conference rule was drawn up and passed for the express purpose to take a "trap" at Omaha and Kansas City. If Nebraska should play the Oregon Aggies at Portland or Yale at Chicago or Heidelberg at Paris, nary a peep would be heard from the Missouri Valley conference, but let Nebraska play Ames at Omaha, or Kansas play Missouri at Kansas City and a squawk that would subvert an army of Krupp's would instantly be heard.

Tomorrow the Western league will adopt its schedule for the approaching season. It has informally been decided by the magnates that a return to the playing season of 154 games will be made. Last year but 140 games were played. The return to the longer season is good evidence that the magnates are looking forward to a year of prosperity. The longer season makes a better pennant race, but the shorter season lessens expenses. All eight of the club owners favor the longer schedule which means that eight men experienced in base ball agree that base ball is due to return to its old popularity. And such a verdict from eight men is a pretty good indication that the national pastime will "come back."

Willie Hoppe declares that his extreme skill on the billiard table is entirely the result of steadiness, due to a consistently clean life and great physical condition. And as we look back among the records we find the names of Jake Schaefer, Tommy Huston, John Daly, all experts at the cue game; John L. Sullivan, Young Griffio, Peter Jackson, Terry McGovern, Ted Nolan and countless others whose success was in no way due to clean living, or impaired by the lack of it. The making of a champion is a peculiar thing, an enigma unsolved, and Willie Hoppe nor anybody else will ever be able to provide a sure formula.

A mighty tribute to the national pastime of the United States was paid by Judge Landis last week when he dismissed the suit against Organized Base Ball after proving that the policy of watchful waiting paid insofar as base ball is concerned at least. Judge Landis, in his dismissal, declared that the closest examination of the evidence and arguments failed to reflect on the honor of the game or upon any individual player. What more could the men of Organized Base Ball ask than such a tribute from a man of the profound intelligence of a Judge in one of the busiest of United States circuit courts.

Jess Willard and his corps of managers seem to be following the ring philosophy of Freddie Welsh. Freddie has held a championship for many moons now by appearing in nothing but no-decision bouts. He has also netted himself a tidy income. Now Willard starts the ten-round, no-decision campaign with Frank Moran in New York. Prospective and hopeful champs with a willingness to fight will find it just as hard to get Willard to risk his title as the Heavyweights have found Welsh. It's a gay life and the public continues to play the part of the sucker.

A Milwaukee caddy has brought suit against the Milwaukee Country club for \$15,000 because of injuries suffered at the hands of a member of the club. The caddy alleges the member of the club hit him on the head with a ball while putting. Fortunately the golfer with the Herculean strength was not driving at the time.

Trap shooting is said to be the ideal sport for both men and women. And also for the powder manufacturers.

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM—Left to right: Coach A. I. Grinnell, Dana (captain), Eagan, Ellersbrook, Teigler, Christenson, Fittsimmons, Eidam and Gardner.



WRESTLER WHO MEETS JOE STECHER TUESDAY NIGHT.



JOE ROGERS. Joe Rogers, who battles Joe Stecher at Council Bluffs Tuesday night, is the largest wrestler in captivity. He tips the scales at 255 pounds and is six feet seven inches tall. He is said to be a good man and capable of giving the Dodge lad a battle.

TUG-O-WAR TOURNAMENT AT FLORENCE THIS WEEK

Much interest is being manifested in the tug-of-war tournament to be held in the Eagles' hall at Florence Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Seven teams have entered the lists for the prizes, the Eagles, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Firemen, Woodmen of the World and two teams from the Keystone class of the Presbyterian church. The winner of the latter two teams of boys will also pull the losing team of the lodge men. The following week a team of big husky country lads will pull the winners of the tournament for a nice purse and side money.

Fremont, since the return of Captain Dana, who has been laid up for some time with serious illness, is rapidly forging to the front among leaders in state basketball. Their latest victory over the fast Council Bluffs quintet two weeks ago, is one of the first true evidences of their strength. South Omaha and Columbus are at present the only two fives in the state that have been able to outdo them, and these defeats were due mainly to the loss of Captain Dana.

Johnnie Dennison Finds Himself Almost as Popular as a Politician

Johnnie Dennison, manager of the championship Luxus amateur base ball nine, declares that the successful politician who has a large and extensive supply of pies to deal off a prolific pie counter, has nothing on him for sudden popularity.

Since Johnny piloted the Luxus to the amateur championship of Omaha and then led that aggregation on a junket to Cleveland as a reward for his efforts, Johnny has discovered that all the would-be, almost, not-quite, once-were and think-they-are athletes in the world are great friends of his. Until Johnny won the championship he didn't know this.

Now Dennison gets on the average of fourteen telephone calls a night, sixty-three letters a week and 36 personal calls a month. All want to play on the Luxus team, assist Doc Coughlin in the hospital corps, carry water or polish Dennison's bats. Anyway to become affiliated with the Luxus.

For on paper it looks very much as if the Luxus would gather in the cherished championship again, and that means another trip, and a trip on which railroad fare, Pullman fare, the price of sumptuous meals, hotel charges and the like are paid by somebody else, is not a thing to be sneezed at.

Of course the ambitious athletes disclaim any such mercenary intentions, they are friends of Dennison and want to see him succeed. Oh, yes.

But among the list of athletes who have applied to Dennison for jobs some may make good. There is one chap, a fellow named Davis, who recently moved to Omaha, may prove a find for Dennison. Davis is a pitcher and worked in a South Dakota semi-pro league last year, where he made a good record. He may be just the man to strengthen the Luxus hurling corps.

Dennison has informed all the candidates that he will give them a chance to show their wares, and he says it wouldn't surprise him to see fifty ball players in addition to his regular staff, report on the first day of practice. They'll all get a chance, Johnny asserts. If they make a good showing he'll give 'em a trial.

One letter Dennison received in good



Johnnie Dennison

for a big laugh. The writer wanted to know if Dennison could use him, and if not, requested that the Luxus manager recommend him to the manager for the Auto Row team. The Auto Row team is Class C organization.

SINCLAIR IS DOUBLE-CROSSED

Angel of the Feds Given Icy Mitt by Ruppert and Huston After the Agreement Was Made.

OIL MAN SHOWS HE'S A SPORT

Henry Ford Sinclair, the arch-'angel' of the Federal league, whose millions forced base ball peace, is withdrawing from the game only because he was decorated with the double-cross.

The true story of Sinclair's sad plight has just come to light. Here it is: When peace negotiations were begun Sinclair had a verbal understanding with Messrs. Ruppert and Huston of the Yanks and Ban Johnson of the American league that he was to acquire a third interest in the New York American league club. Furthermore, he was to build a home for the Yanks on the property at Lenox Oval, where the Feds threatened to invade Manhattan.

Ban Johnson was enthusiastic about this plan, as he always has been ambitious to have his own park in New York City. Besides that, he wanted Sinclair's bank roll in his league. Sinclair also was eager to get in the same circuit as his friend, Phil Ball, who was chiefly responsible for him (Sinclair) getting into base ball.

But as the peace plans unfolded, Sinclair came to realize that he trusted too much on his verbal agreement with the Yankers' owners. Ruppert and Huston balked at the last minute and left Sinclair high and dry.

Sinclair a "Good Sport."

Several conferences were held between Ruppert, Johnson and Sinclair, but the New York brewer steadfastly refused to part with any portion of his club. There was nothing left for Sinclair to do but accept the double-cross. His other alternative was to bail the peace plans. He was too much of a thoroughbred to do that, so he quietly dropped out.

Since then relations between Ruppert and Johnson have been somewhat strained. To close the breach, Ruppert has bought every promising ball player in sight, hoping that he can appease Johnson's anger by putting a winner in New York.

He has gone a long way in this direction. The purchase price of Lee Magee, Joe Gedeon, Nick Cillop and seven German Schaefer, in each case, was steep. Besides that the Yanks have cornered the market on pitchers on the roster for the coming season.

The American league wants a toe-hold in New York, and unless Ruppert and Huston acquire that this season they will find themselves in disfavor. They have spent, it is estimated, over \$100,000 for new players, having acquired the pick of the International, Association and Southern leagues. They get Dan Tippie from Indianapolis, who was regarded as the best young pitcher in the A. A. They also grabbed the pick of the International, paying top prices.

However, Ban Johnson will not be thoroughly pleased, even with a winner. In time he wants a ball park built, and it is almost imperative that the Yanks develop a winning strike this season.

BILLIARD PLAY NEARS END

Two Players Have Finished Their Play, While Remainder in Last Matches This Week.

CAHN AND SYMES IN THE LEAD

STANDING OF PLAYERS

Player	W	L	Pct.
Albert Cahn	2	0	1.000
Harry Symes	2	0	1.000
R. A. Sciple	2	1	.750
W. N. Chambers	2	3	.600
Arthur Sturges	2	2	.500
Fierb McCoy	1	2	.500
R. J. Williams	0	6	.000

The last week of the state billiard tournament, now being played at the Symes billiard parlors, will be started Monday night with Albert Cahn and Arthur Sturges as the opponents. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights this week, and the final match of the tournament will be played Monday of next week, with Cahn and Symes playing.

Cahn and Symes are now tied for the lead with three games won and none lost. Both have three more matches to play, including the one between each other. It is expected they will meet on the final night with each owning perfect scores, as has been the fact during past years.

Bill Chambers and R. J. Williams have played their last matches. Both have played the total of six games. Chambers broke even with three games won and three lost, while Williams, playing his first year in the tourney, failed to earn a victory.

The schedule of the remaining games is as follows: Monday—Cahn plays Sturges. Tuesday—Symes plays McCoy. Wednesday—Sciple plays Cahn. Thursday—McCoy plays Sturges. Friday—Sciple plays Symes. Monday—Cahn plays Symes.

Trips Is Promoted. Doll Derr of Hagerstown, Md., who made good as an umpire in the Blue Ridge league last season, has made application to handle the indicator in the Southern league.

Caddock Will Meet Schmarder and Daily Will Battle Zorbas

Rap Page, manager of Earl Caddock, Owen Daily and Clarence Eklund, announced two matches in Omaha yesterday. Page announced that Caddock will meet Fred Schmarder of Louisville, Neb., the man Charley Peters beat at Papillon Friday night, at Vent, Neb., Saturday night. He also announced that Owen Daily, who is the lightweight champion of the world, will grapple with Louis Zorbas of Duluth, Minn., at Lincoln, February 25. Zorbas is now making ready to come to Omaha to train for his match with Daily.

Duluth Signs Hurley. Manager Darby O'Brien of the Duluth club of the Northern league has signed Fletcher Lytle, a big right-hander, who had a tryout with the Minneapolis club last summer.



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Willie Hoppe Will Show Skill in Omaha

Willie Hoppe, champion billiardist of the world, and Koji Yamada, sensational Japanese player, will give exhibitions in the Castle hotel ball room Friday and Saturday of this week.

Ebbets Loses Young Fortune. President Ebbets of Brooklyn says that he lost \$1,000 in Newark.

KEARNS WILL REFEREE UNIVERSITY FLOOR FRAYS

"Bud" Kearns, physical director of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, will referee the Nebraska-Kansas Aggies basket ball games at Lincoln Friday and Saturday. These games will go a long way in determining the Missouri Valley conference championship. The Cornhuskers lead in the northern division and the Aggies in the southern with Missouri.