

Bringing Up Father

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Judgments

THOSE prolific press agents of Organized Base Ball who continue to vent their spleen upon the Federal league despite the fact that the Federal league is now defunct, received a gentle slap on the wrist from Henry Ford Sinclair the other day. In making the announcement that he is through with base ball Sinclair asserted that he did not lose any money in the Federal league as the above-mentioned prolific press agents declared, but on the contrary was netted a little profit through the sale of players. It is very likely Sinclair spoke the truth for the loss of a few dollars to a man of Sinclair's wealth is no calamitous adversity, and Sinclair would very probably admit it if the truth. The publicity hounds Organized Ball had on its staff during the war had the funds on the verge of destruction for two years and it was a sad blow to them when the amalgamation occurred. Since then they have constantly considered the merger a philanthropic concession on the part of Organized ball and have tried to smother their disappointment by relating lurid tales of exaggerated losses of the Federal magnates. An investigation of the books probably would find that Organized base ball teams lost just as much money during the war as any of the Federal league clubs and it's about time to quit harping on the subject.

Numerous are the complaints heard that professional base ball players are over-paid. Perhaps it is true; considering that many a ball player with a skull of solid rock and possessing nothing but an inherent ability to play ball, could not earn the price of more than two new suits a year at any other line of endeavor. But a glance at the fabulous sums paid performers in other athletic lines makes these paid ball players small by comparison. Take for instance the enormous purse which will be paid Jess Willard and Frank Moran. For a scant thirty minutes of work which may or not be satisfactory—probably not—Willard will get \$7,000 and Moran will get \$2,500. Ty Cobb draws an annual salary of \$15,000. To earn this he works something like 300 or 400 hours, a little more perhaps. And Cobb's performance is practically certain to be satisfactory. If Willard is worth \$7,000 for thirty minutes work is Cobb over-paid when he gets \$15,000 for 600 hours? Figuring the relative merits of the men if Ty Cobb is worth only \$15,000 a year Willard would have to pay for the privilege of boxing thirty minutes with Moran.

There is no gain-saying the fact, Omaha is rapidly approaching the proportions of a big city. The latest proof we have of this fact is the Omaha Athletic club project which is attracting the attention of the leading business men of the city. And the Omaha Athletic club is to be a real one, with an eight-story club house erected at a cost of over \$100,000. Most of the big cities of the country have or are organizing athletic clubs. An athletic club is an attraction for a city. It is an incentive to the advancement of sport. The men who are behind the Omaha Athletic club are evidently determined Omaha's club shall be equal to any in the country or they would not contemplate the erection of so costly a building. Omaha will welcome the club and be behind it in everything it undertakes.

Dr. Stewart, newly appointed director of athletics at the University of Nebraska, will be introduced to Cornhusker supporters this week. Dr. Stewart is to make a short visit to the Husker university to get acquainted with the men with whom he will associate next fall. Let us extend Dr. Stewart a welcome greeting and assure him that Nebraska from boundary to boundary is with him. Jumbo Steinhilber seems to be almost completely forgotten. Even his irate opponents in Lincoln have ceased to apply the branding iron to Jumbo. Steinhilber is a Hoosier now, and Stewart is the Nebraska man. When the new director arrives let's give him the spotlight and the entire stage as well—and keep Steinhilber behind the scenes, he's no longer a member of the Cornhusker troupe.

If you don't believe the training season adds to an athlete's speed, visit one of the southern camps and see for yourself a practical demonstration when the runner goes hit.

Blood will tell. After spending years at the Carlisle Indian school trying to learn to be civilized, War Eagle chose wrestling as a profession. A player was recently given a decision by the national commission, showing that there is still something wrong with base ball.

It used to be pool, now they call it the American pocket billiard championship tournament.

SIX LOOPS HOLD MEETINGS

Call of the Sandlot Grips Amateurs and Leagues Are Being Organized Every Week.

MANAGERS SIGN ATHLETES

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Enthusiasm in local base ball circles is rapidly reaching fever heat, and before many days will be the majority of the leagues will be organized and ready for Mr. Baseball to take the throne. Six leagues held meetings last week and laid the foundation for the ensuing season. Some of these leagues have already secured their contracts from Secretary Blossier, and the different managers are busy getting players to attach their monikers as a politician with a petition. The latest acquisition to the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association is the recently organized Metropolitan league. When the leaders of the different teams now affiliated with the Metropolitan league learned that it was practically impossible to secure a franchise in the American or City leagues, they immediately got their roofs together and organized. Six teams have already joined this league and as this league will contain eight teams, two more are needed. Any team desiring a franchise should have a representative on hand next Wednesday night, when this band will congregate at the city hall.

Only Twelve Men. One thing which is probably the most essential point not to be overlooked by managers, when reading over the new constitution, is that the managers will only be allowed to sign up fifteen players. They can hold fifteen men until June 1 when the team will have to be reduced to twelve and no new men can be signed after June 15, except in cases where something unforeseen happens. The fifteen days from June 1 to June 15 are left open in order that players that receive the axe will be afforded an opportunity to hitch on with some other organization.

The other day one of the old guards that delivered his base ball aspirations to the grave yard some calendars ago, uttered these words: "Gee, it's a lead pipe for a squad to find a place to deliver their wares these days, but years ago base ball diamonds were as scarce as radium." The fact of the matter is that not very many years ago numerous teams were compelled to back arguments with out-of-town teams or lay-off on account of the scarcity of diamonds, and if they did secure a vacant patch a copper might push his frame through the crowd and impart the fearful news that it was time to pack up. Many incidents of this nature happened during the stormy days, but today finds the Omaha amateurs well fortified with parks. Still you will find some of the amateurs crabbng and they are more particular about which one of the municipal diamonds they receive than if they were picking a life partner.

Alamitos Drop Out. When the chiefs of the Greater Omaha league convened last week they found one seat vacant, which was formerly occupied by the Alamitos, runners-up for the championship last term. They have not decided in regard to filling this vacancy, as they will probably have a seven-team league, which will allow one team to secure an out-of-town game every Sunday. These seven teams have deposited their \$50 forfeit money, namely: Ducky Holmes, Burgess-Nash, Omaha Gas Company, Armour, Luxus, T. B. C.'s and Bourgeois. Two hundred dollars of this money will be distributed three ways, \$100, \$50 and \$50, respectively, going to the three leading teams. The balance of the money will be an expense fund, which will be used to defray the current expenses, and if any balance remains at the expiration of the season it will be equally split between the seven teams.

Pre-Season Gossip. Logan Barr, for years associated with Class A teams, will probably try his luck with the Hollies this year. Schaeffer, a pitcher of note, is a dark horse manager Hull has stored away for spring on the Class A warriors. Horrester the J. D. Crews, formerly with the Bourgeois league, will play Class B ball in the American league.

The news is swimming around that Joe Glick will come to the field this term in the Modern Woodmen Camp 66, under the personal direction of H. E. Graves. On corner one, Graham, formerly with the Bourgeois league, will be billeted for Ducky Holmes. He signed up the other day.

Next week the Luxus team that won the championship last year will congregate and repair their wrecking machinery for 1916.

With James Milota engineering affairs for the Beeslin aggregation, the other magnates of the City league should watch their step.

In the center patch Pete Murray will pick high ones from the clouds for the Bourgeois. He used to chase flies for the Alamitos. Hereafter Thomas Noone, the gent that has threatened to quit the game time and

High School of Commerce Basket Ball Quintet



READING LEFT TO RIGHT: CARLISLE JOHNSON, MILBERG, ROKUSEK, FIKS, CONHISER, REEVES, NICHOLSON, MOSKOWITZ AND COACH JAMES DRUMMOND.

time again, will be perched on the throne for the Te He Coe. Harry Cross will endeavor to make good as an umpire under George Clark. He is well versed in the game and knows how to handle amateurs. A team composed of auto row and West Leavenworth merchants will roam around under Chris Lyck's appellation. They will play Class B ball.

A new bunch to be known as the Walnut Grove Athletics will enter the field under the personal supervision of W. Nelson. Colfax 2122 will catch him. Marty Flanagan, star leader, semi-manipulator at Creighton university last fall, will get into condition stopping pellets for Ducky Holmes' sphere alimaster. G. J. Anderson, who hails from Chicago, blew into Omaha the other day and would like to sign up with some classy organization. Douglas 1093 will land him.

Sugar Joe Kane is seriously contemplating reorganizing the Hotel Castle bunch. They started out as strong as mustard last term, but quit after a few flashes. Joseph Dugher, formerly the shining light on pough one for the Browning-King team, is anxious to sign up with a Class A team. For further information call Webster 3591.

John A. Gentleman, the undertaker, will not undertake to back a team this season, as he buried his base ball aspirations. He backed the Gentleman Hollies last year.

W. Nelson, president of the newly organized Metropolitan league, says with vehemence that they will show the other Class A team. For further information call Webster 3591.

The initial meeting of the umpires to be known as supervisor will be held on March 16 by George Clark, the chief supervisor. He will have competent men besides himself to teach the rookies.

According to a story emanating from Lincoln, the United States Naval academy, failing to land Guy Chamberlain, is now trying to get Jimmy Gardner. Omaha boy, who played at halfback for the Cornhuskers last year, is expected to be one of the stars this year, to enter the academy. The Lincoln yarn even goes so far as to say Gardner has been offered an appointment by Congressman Lobeck.

And Cornhusker circles in Lincoln are up in arms. The Husker supporters declare the navy bunch wants Jimmy for their foot ball team and are deliberately trying to rob Nebraska. It is known the navy tried to get Chamberlain, even though Guy is too old to be eligible to enter the academy, and Cornhuskers wouldn't put anything past the Annapolis outfit.

Tobin with the Feds FROM BIRTH TO DEATH Jack Tobin, the outfielder of the St. Louis Browns, and a native of that town, is the only player with the Federal from his birth to his death. Tobin was picked up by the Feds in 1912, the year the league was organized.

FOUR MATCHES FOR PETERS

Nebraska Wrestler Will Meet Demetral, Westergaard, Hussans and Beall.

HOLD THREE BOUTS IN OMAHA

Charley Peters will not do much romancing around during the next thirty or sixty days. For Charley's manager believes in making Charley work and has accordingly made arrangements for the Nebraska boy to do battle with four of the huskiest wrestlers in the business. Peters has been matched to wrestle Youssif Hussano, the terrible Turk who ceased to be so blooming terrible a few weeks ago when Joe Stecher twisted his tail; Walter Demetral, who gained a little additional fame the other day by biting a fellow-grappler in Chicago; Jess Westergaard, the big Swede from Des Moines, and Fred Beall, the little veteran who knows as much about wrestling as any man in the game.

No dates for any of these matches have been set, but they will all occur within the next thirty or sixty days. Three of the four matches will be held in Omaha so local fans are looking forward to something of a treat. Demetral, Westergaard and Beall will all wrestle Peters in Omaha. The bout with Youssif Hussano will be held in Evansville, Ind.

If Peters succeeds in winning all of these matches—and he is regarded as a favorite by most of the ring fans who have followed his work—the Nebraska boy will have established quite a reputation for himself. He has already met and defeated in straight falls such men as Kuyvaros, Martensen, Schamdar and Piestina and all of these chaps are good wrestlers.

Not content with the four approaching matches, Peters' manager is trying to get Strangler Lewis, Charley Cutler and Young Zbyasko to tackle Charley. It may be that Cutler or Zbyasko will take a chance with the Nebraska, but it is a likely Lewis will. When Lewis made a visit to Omaha last fall Peters offered to wrestle him in public or in private, for money, marbles or chalk and Lewis quickly beat it out of town.

HANDICAP WHIST EVENT AT PRAIRIE PARK CLUB

A handicap whist tournament will open at the Prairie Park Whist club Monday night. The tournament will continue all month. A paid-up membership ticket for the season of 1915-16 has been hung up as a prize.

ATHLETICS SEND M'AVOY BACK TO BALTIMORE CLUB

The Athletic club has released Catcher M'Avoy to the Baltimore International club, from whom the Athletic club purchased him in 1914.

Second Squad of Cardinals Reports At Texas Quarters

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—The second squad of the St. Louis Nationals will have joined the first at the spring training grounds near San Antonio, Tex., by tomorrow. The second squad consists of the infielders and outfielders. The pitchers and catchers had an early start and will have had a week's practice before the rest of the team join them.

Following are the players ordered to report at San Antonio: Pitchers: Salles, Doak, Ames, Meadows, Griner, Hall, Jasper, Warhop, Siecie, Williams and Lamline. Catchers: Snyder, Gonzales and Brotten. Gonzales will not report until March 10.

Infielders: Miller, Reisel, Corhan, Beck, Butler, Hornaby and C. Miller. Outfielders: Wilson, Bascher, Long, T. Smith and Cruise.

Britton Insures Athletes Against Accident Off Field

President Britton of the St. Louis Cardinals has insured his players against accident off the ball field, and the athletes now can run their automobiles with the most reckless abandon. Though, of course, they will have to pay their own fines, damages for breaking down telegraph poles, etc. President Haughton of the Boston Braves has insured his players against sickness—and they can eat anything and everything on the bill of fare without loss to the club, except for the hotel man's bill.

Caddock Fails to Answer Challenge

Marvin Piestina is anxiously awaiting word from Earl Caddock. Last Monday night Piestina offered to hit the mat with Caddock in a grappling tilt and posted the sum of \$100 with the sporting editor of The Bee as evidence of good faith. Piestina is still in Omaha, but Caddock has failed to reply to the challenge. Piestina declares he would like to meet Caddock as he believes he can dump the Iowa lad. Caddock was recently credited with an assertion that he could throw Peters and Piestina the same night. Piestina opines that if Caddock really thinks he is such a woolly wad he should be willing to tackle the lesser half of that program.

Jack Compton Fired

Jack Compton, pitcher and last year manager of the Eastern Central league team, has been given his unconditional release.

HERE IS BRANDEIS LINEUP

Manager Bradford Announces Personnel of the Brandeis Store Base Ball Team.

HARRY WELCH WILL COME BACK

The lineup of the Brandeis base ball team, Omaha's leading semi-pro nine, has been chosen and announced. The Brandeis team played under the Stars name last year.

The lineup is as follows: Vanous, first. Graham, second. Dyer, third. Woodruff, short. Rober, outfield. Dyer, outfield. Lawler, outfield. Welch, outfield. Lyck, catch. Olson, pitch. Ray, pitch.

This is practically the same lineup as the last year Stars team, and it will be remembered the Stars won a considerable percentage of games last year. Harry Welch, former Omaha star, is back with the Brandeis, and declares he will play regularly. Welch almost forgot the national game, but the call of the diamond was too strong and he was forced to succumb.

Vanous, Graham, Durkes and Woodruff make up a pretty nifty infield quartet. All are good fielders and are dangerous at the bat when the pinch arrives. With the veterans Welch and Lawler and those fleet-footed youngsters, Rober and Dyer, in the outfield, the garden is well protected.

Young Pete Lyck, who could play professional ball this year if he so wished, will act as first string catcher, while Olson and Ray, both of whom are known as dependable hurlers, will occupy the mound for the department store crew.

It looks like a mighty good team. Manager Bradford has assembled, and some good semi-pro ball will be seen when the Rourikes are out of town.

Giants May Sign "Smoky Joe" Wood

BOSTON, Mass., March 4.—One of the best pitchers in base ball, or that ever was in base ball, is in New York without a job, and it would not be surprising if the Giants grabbed him up at the last minute to add a little strength to the twirling staff, where it is most needed. The gentleman in question is "Smoky Joe" Wood, the man who twice licked the Giants in a world's series and who led the Boston Red Sox to a pennant. Though the matter appears to have been overlooked by a number of the clubs in search of talent, waivers were asked on Wood some time ago, and as yet no one has claimed him. The former star is spending the winter in New York, and says he has no idea just where he will go this spring.

OMAHA'S CHANCES ARE GOOD

Central and South High Floor Fives Expected to Make Good Showing in State Tourney.

TWO OTHER TEAMS FROM OMAHA

By KARL LEE. Omaha with four teams out of eighty-nine basket ball quintets registered for the annual state basket ball tourney at the Capital city the last four days of next week, brings about a flavor of considerable local interest in the big meet—the biggest in the entire country. Who will be the state champs and who won't, who will be the "runners-up" and who won't is a matter that several scores of thousands of people in Omaha, Lincoln and other villages of the state are highly interested in just at present.

In the first place it can be safely said that the state champs will be: Crete or Omaha Central or South High or Geneva or Lincoln or someone else. It is possible to carry the reader through the third round without a likely hitch, but to go beyond it is necessary to resort to speculation. The two Class A divisions have been so drawn that three distinct leaders are pretty sure to survive in each division. Crete, South High and Lincoln are probable candidates for the third round in the first division, while Central High, Columbus and either Beatrice or Geneva will probably contest for berths in the semi-finals in the second division.

Past Faves in First Round.

The first round will witness several pretty battles, with some of the predicted "runners-up" eliminated. Crete is anticipated will defeat Fremont, Lincoln, Central High, South High, Geneva and Gothenburg and the State Argies and University Place are expected to stage a couple of the hardest fought battles of the tourney. No favorite rules for either of these battles. South High is expected to easily defeat Sutton as should Geneva win over west Polk and Beatrice over Fairmount. Hastings and Havelock and Plattsmouth and Friend are expected to stage close battles, with the former two coming away with the bacon.

Eight of ten games in the second round can hardly be in doubt. Crete, Hebron, South High, Central High, Newman Grove, University Place and the State Argies should have little trouble in defeating their scheduled opponents, Shelton, Plattsmouth, Hastings, Chadron and Wilbur, in the order named. The Hastings-South High game will be a snappy one, but it is naturally supposed that Weston protoges will be in the lead at the finish.

The final test of the tournament lies in the third round. Pairings will not be made known until several hours after the second round is played Thursday afternoon, so that all that can be done is to speculate on the results which determine the elimination of all teams except those that will enter the semi-finals. If Crete and Lincoln and South High and Hebron are paired in the first division, it is almost certain that Crete and South High will battle for a place in the finals, with the odds in favor of the local team. If these two teams are matched, the game will undoubtedly be one of the fastest of the entire tournament. On the other hand, if South High draws Lincoln, Crete's hopes will be doubly strengthened, as it is almost certain that Coach Janda's Hebron five will be unable to stand the pace of any of its three possible opposites.

Central High Was It Easy.

In the second division Central High will have pretty much its own way unless the teams slumps. Commercial High and University Place and Beatrice are the only possible dangerous opponents, and with the exception of the Lincoln team all will have spent their energy in semi-round battles. Added to this, the local team has directly defeated two of the quintets and holds sway over the other two by comparative scores. It is safe to say that no matter who the opponent is, the local team will eventually gain entrance to the semi-finals and also the finals.

So all in all, Omaha will be splendidly represented at the state tourney. With two other teams, Commercial High and the School for the Deaf, in the two other classes, local rooters should feel well satisfied with home basket ball talent. In the first division, South High has one chance in three of gaining a berth in the finals, while Central High has a clear-field in the other division, with the state championship within its grasp. It is safe to say that no matter who the opponent is, the local team will eventually gain entrance to the semi-finals and also the finals.

WIVES BARRED BY BOTH STALLINGS AND M'GRAW

Manager McGraw, like Manager Stallings, has issued notice to his players that wives are to be barred from the training camp. Hence all the fox trotting at the Marlin hotel will find the village belles unopposed as partner attractions. This is straight goods and Marlin is noted for its good orchestra and classy dancing floor.