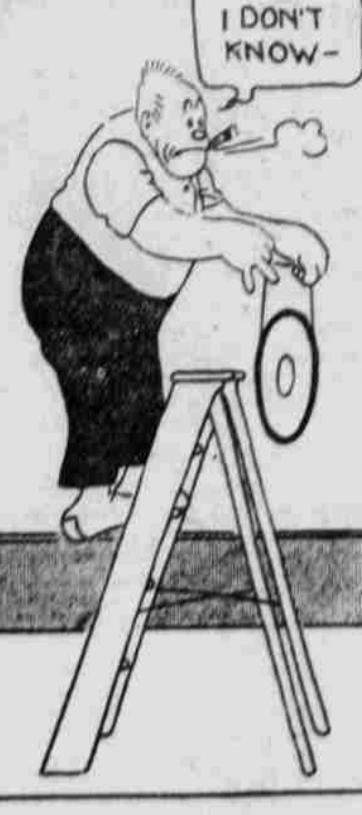


Bringing Up Father



ROURKES START BY BEATING BOOSTERS

Omaha Steps Off in Western by Founding Isbell's Pets for 14-2 Win.

NORTH DOES WELL AT START

By F. S. HUNTER. DES MOINES, Ia., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha blew the lid off the 1916 Western league campaign today and almost blew up the Des Moines club turning the trick. After two hours and a half of wretched pastime, during which the demon Rourke hammered the daylight out of three of Hedy Isbell's pet hurlers, the fray ended with Omaha leading, 14 to 2.

The Rourkes looked like a great ball club, while the Boosters manifested all the symptoms of punk bushers. Des Moines made its bid for the "Cup" cup today and it was a woefully weak one. A cruel weatherman, who evidently did not want Isbell to add to his collection of jewelry, turned loose a flock of black clouds and a breeze which chilled to the bone. As a result a bare 130 persons turned out to see the opening combat of the year.

North Looks Good. Omaha started after Baker, Isbell's first pitching choice, in the second round. Ray Miller boomed a nipper over the right field fence for a circuit clout. In this inning Marty Krug pasted one clear over the center field fence, and a walk to Forsythe, followed by hits by Miller and Kruger, counted a second run. This ended the career of Mr. Baker, and Lefty Thomas emerged from the dugout to attempt to stem the Rourke's bombardment.

Lefty's Craft Fails. But Lefty was not the man to spike the Omaha artillery today, in the fourth inning Pete Kilduff whanged a single to center, North sacrificed and Kilduff came home on Earl Smith's two-base drive to center. Krug's single counted Smith.

Kilduff's single, Hartford's error and Smith's hit netted Omaha another one in the fifth. The sixth frame was a speedy event. A couple of walks, a bunch of miscues, some homebats and a hit by Boucher gave Omaha three runs.

This ended it for Thomas, and a youngster named Kileen was haled into the pasture to be brutally bruised and battered by the Rourke sluggers. Kileen got away fairly good during the seventh and eighth innings, but in the ninth he got it in the neck and he got it good. A couple of walks, an error and hits by Forsythe, Boucher and Kilduff gave Omaha five runs.

Pete Kilduff is "There." Pete Kilduff was the demon slugger for the Rourkes. The little shortstop reeled four hits out of four times at bat. Every hit was a hard hit ball without any traces of a scratch. Ray Miller was also on the job with his bludgeon, hammering out three hits in four times to the plate. Both Miller and Krug made home-run drives. Marty Krug made three safe swats, and Boucher and Smith two each.

Priest arrived this morning from Rochester and worked at record time this afternoon in great style. His shoddy Italian shoes very capably. Before the game today a parade was held, but it did not bring out a crowd because of the bad weather.

Omaha plays Des Moines again tomorrow. Cecil Thompson will probably throw his southpaw hook at the Booster batters, while Paul Mosser is expected to work for Des Moines.

Standing of Teams

Table with columns for Nat. League, Amer. League, and West. League, listing teams and their records.

Yesterday's Results. WESTERN LEAGUE. Omaha, 1; Des Moines, 2. Topeka, 2; St. Joseph, 2. Winona, 1; Des Moines, 1. Sioux City, Lincoln, wet ground.

TOPEKA WINS FROM ST. JOE. Kawa Defeat Drummers in Opening Game at St. Joseph. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 20.—Topeka scored a clean victory over St. Joseph in the opening game of the Western league season.

Table showing batting statistics for Topeka and St. Joseph.

BEARS DEFEAT WICHITANS. Denver Takes Opener from Wolves. DENVER, April 20.—Denver took the opening game of the Western league season from Wichita here today, 3 to 1.

Table showing batting statistics for Denver and Wichita.

ROURKE SIGNS PRIEST TO PLAY SECOND BASE. The Rourkes has signed a new second baseman named Priest, from Rochester, N. Y. and he has joined the team at Des Moines. He will play second until the recovery of Trank.

Table showing batting statistics for Rourke's team.

CUBS WIN OPENER ON HOME GROUNDS

Slashing Single by Saier Sends Over Run that Gives Chicago Seven-to-Six Victory.

FOUR PITCHERS ARE USED

CHICAGO, April 20.—A slashing single by Victor Saier sent over the run today that gave Chicago its opening game on the new North side grounds in an eleven-inning battle with Cincinnati, 7 to 4. Thirty men took part in the contest, seventeen Cubs and thirteen Reds. Each side used four pitchers.

Table showing batting statistics for Chicago and Cincinnati.

Pirates Lose to Cards. PITTSBURGH, April 20.—St. Louis defeated Pittsburgh, 5 to 0, in the opening game of the local season today. The visitors scored three runs in the second inning on triples by Long, Betzel and Hornaby and Snyder's sacrifice fly, and more in the seventh on hits by Boucher, Beck, Smith and Viox error.

Table showing batting statistics for Pirates and Cards.

Braves Blank Brooklyn. BROOKLYN, April 20.—The Braves' National club today won their season at Braves field today with an 8 to 0 victory over Brooklyn. The Harvard college class of 1915, of which President P. H. Houghton was a member, attended in a body and gave him a floral piece.

Braves Blank Brooklyn. The game was an exhibition of remarkable fielding by the Boston team, and of high class pitching promises by Barnes, Carey, Stoinis, Wharton, the Brooklyn second baseman, made three consecutive errors in the second inning, letting two grounders by him and throwing wildly to the plate.

Braves Blank Brooklyn. Boston batted Combs hard in connection with passes and sailed an early lead.

Table showing batting statistics for Braves and Brooklyn.

Pat's Whip Glants. NEW YORK, April 20.—The New York Nationals scored their home season today before a large crowd, losing to the

Today's Calendar of Sports

Golf: Middle Florida tournament opens at Ormond Beach, Fla. Fencing: Finals in eastern intercollegiate championships at Hotel Astor, New York. Track: Texas-Oklahoma A. and M. dual meet at Austin, Tex. Tennis: Princeton against Johns Hopkins, at Baltimore. Boxing: Canadian amateur championship, at Toronto. George Lewis against Kid Graves, in rounds, at Toledo.

PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia champions in an exciting twelve-inning game, 7 to 6. Mayor Mitchell threw out the first ball. The Giants also bunched eight hits in the second and sixth innings, scoring six runs and driving Chalmers from the game. From then on it was a pitchers' battle between Palmero for New York and McQuillen for Philadelphia.

Table showing batting statistics for Philadelphia and New York.

AT INDIANAPOLIS. R.H.E. St. Paul, 1; Indianapolis, 1. Batteries: Upham, Benton and Land; Carter and Schanz.

AT COLUMBUS. R.H.E. Kansas City, 4; Columbus, 2. Batteries: Gardner, Sanders and Berry; Hargrave and Coleman.

AT DAVENPORT. IOWA CITY, Ia., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Davenport, 6; Iowa, 1.

College Base Ball

Maryland Agates, 2; Princeton, 1. Catholic, 11; Harvard, 8. Georgetown, 13; Boston College, 11; len Inning.

AT COLUMBUS. R.H.E. Pennsylvania State, 1; A. and M. of North Carolina, 4. Johns Hopkins, 11; Yale, 10.

Robert Weidensall's Eightieth Birthday Celebrated in Chicago

It is seldom that a secretary of a youthful organization such as the Young Men's Christian association, is permitted to celebrate his eightieth birthday anniversary, but such is the experience of Robert Weidensall, who, on April 20, passed his eightieth milestone. Mr. Weidensall has been actively engaged in Young Men's Christian association work for forty-eight years, and during this entire time has represented the international committee of Young Men's Christian associations in pioneering and organizing new departments of association work.

From 1906 to 1907 Mr. Weidensall made a trip around the world, in which he visited practically all the Young Men's Christian associations then in existence and helped to establish the work in a number of new centers. In 1912 Pennsylvania college conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. in recognition of the splendid work he has done for the young men of all lands.

A formal celebration of Mr. Weidensall's eightieth birthday occurred at the Young Men's Christian association college yesterday afternoon followed by a dinner at the Union League club in the evening. The following well known Young Men's Christian association workers spoke in appreciation of Mr. Weidensall's long and faithful Young Men's Christian association service: Richard C. Morse, consulting secretary, Young Men's Christian association, New York; L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary Young Men's Christian association, Milwaukee; E. W. McGill, Young Men's Christian association, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Frank H. Burt, president Young Men's Christian association college, Chicago; Hon. Selden P. Spencer, St. Louis; A. T. Hemmingway, formerly general secretary Young Men's Christian association, Chicago, and others.

"Uncle Robert," as he is familiarly called, holds the love and esteem of the 4,500 Young Men's Christian association employed officers and of thousands of Christian laymen throughout the entire world. Hundreds of these friends send telegrams and letters of greeting on his birthday.

Mr. Weidensall was one of the early secretaries of the Young Men's Christian association in Omaha, and made his home here for several years.

Crew of Princeton Beats Harvard Eight

PRINCETON, N. J., April 20.—Princeton's varsity crew defeated Harvard's eight on Lake Carnegie late today by about a half foot. The junior varsity race was won by Harvard by two lengths. Time of boat races: Princeton varsity, 9:24; Harvard, 9:13. Harvard junior, 9:46; Princeton, 9:35.

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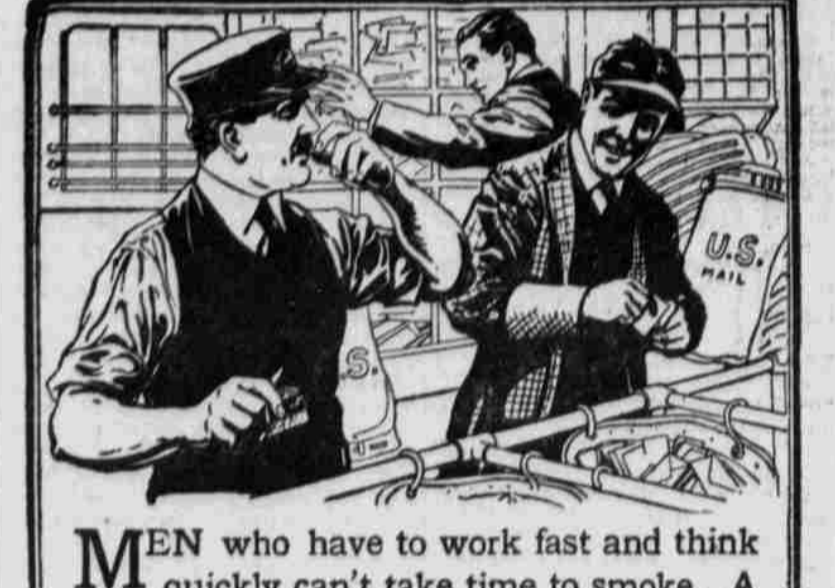
Would Economize By Abolishing the Postage Stamp

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) MUNICH, Germany, April 12.—One of the most easily affected economies in the postal service, not only of Germany but of any country, would be the abolition of the postage stamp, the Neust Nachrichten points out. It recommends the substitution of a franking machine for the postage stamp, and remarks that this change would save Germany nearly \$2,000,000 a year.

The franking machine by a single operation would not only imprint the letter with a device indicating that the postal charges had been prepaid, but would also put on the postmark and obviate the necessity of using the cancelling machine. This method is already used in Bavaria and in New Zealand, while the German field post has taught the people of Germany that the change is entirely practicable.

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