

Judgments

WHILE the Hot Stove league this winter will miss those choice morsels of base ball politics provided by the Federal league the last three winter seasons, it will find a new subject in the world's series. The 1916 world's series didn't make much of a hit and already murmurs have been heard. Because too much stress has been laid upon the financial gains to be made, some suggestions have been advanced that the post-season event be abandoned for a few years. The bugbear of commercialism has threatened the existence of professional base ball a number of times in the last few years. The Federal league, bringing out as it did the greediness of the players, gave the game a bad taste. Of course, one cannot condemn a player for trying to increase the size of his pay envelope as much as possible, but there is no getting around the fact that it has a tendency to injure the sport of the game. This fall again the price of the world's series tickets was increased. In addition the spirit—or lack of spirit—of the Brooklyn players was severely criticized. Some have openly charged that the Robins after the first game let the series slide, content to pick up the loser's end and caring little about the championship itself. Base ball is America's national pastime. If it wasn't it would have been run into the ground long ago. But it needs a doctor badly and perhaps it wouldn't be such a poor plan to abolish the world's series for a couple of years just to remove that taint of commercialism.

That an international flavor will be added to the American league by the removal of the Washington franchise to Toronto is a report gaining favor. Toronto was the only city in the International league that made money this year and it is said base ball heads believe it is ripe for a major league club. Washington has never been much of a money maker. If Toronto made money this year, handicapped by the European war, it ought to be a major league town at least when the strife is over.

Two years ago when the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues held its convention in Omaha forty odd minor leagues were represented. When it meets in November in New Orleans the list will have dwindled to less than twenty-five. It's no wonder the little fellows are getting alarmed, and it ought to be a signal for the big fellows to lend a helping hand, although, we will have to admit, they probably won't.

Ban Johnson is authority for the statement that the American league attracted 1,000,000 more fans this year than during 1915. Of course, the tight race had something to do with this increase in the business, but it's just as certain that the absence of the Feds had its share. The magnates were wise all right to wipe out the outlaws; 1,000,000 persons at an average of about 60 cents a head is considerable of a gain.

They are firing both Rowland and Tinker in Chicago every thirty minutes these days. Tying the tinkling tinware to athletics is a popular pastime in the Windy city. They fired Heinie Zim for over a year and finally accomplished the feat. Now they're trying to fire two at once, showing that ambition lies in every human breast, providing you can call a base ball scribble human.

Washington and Philadelphia, it is said, are the only two American league clubs which lost money this year. But in the National league the Giants, Phillies and Robins were the only ones to show a profit at the end of the year. The other clubs were lucky if they broke even. And in the minors, speak of it not.

Just as trap shooting was becoming one of the most popular of American sports the price of powder took flight for those same ethereal regions occupied by coal, sugar and bread and it's getting so a guy has to ruin a savings account or hock his automobile in order to smash up a handful of the blue rocks.

They say Hal Chase was the "real" leader of the hitters in the National league. And yet McCarty, who turned in a better average, played in ninety games. How many games play does a man have to play in the National league in order to be recognized?

There's no doubt about it, the poor athlete is a slave of circumstance these days. The four-day Cub-Sox series was so poorly attended the winners only made \$500 and the losers \$400. Tough lines, indeed, for four days' work.

If those university lads had succeeded in "bumming" their way to Portland with the Cornhusker eleven, they would be able to boast of an achievement that would make the celebrated A. No. 1 turn green with envy.

Harry Sinclair denies that he has made any dicker for the Brooklyn franchise. Evidently Harry believes that enough is a sufficiency and he got enough acting as angel de luxe for the late lamented Feds.

Jack Barry couldn't play in the world's series because of a sore mitt, but we'd risk a few spare nickels that he didn't have any trouble endorsing that world's series check just the same.

Rube Marquard has taken up the stump for Wilson. If the public has no more respect for the Rube's words than the Red Sox batters had for his curves—oh, well, why rule it in?

You have got to hand it to Tex Rickard; he's got a lot of big-city ideas. And he generally makes the "wise boys" back up, too.

One would believe those Trinity and Bellevue gridiron warriors must have thought they were playing on a base ball field.

The farmer might have been enthusiastic over the snow last week, but the goiter didn't go crazy over it.

It's about time for the "rasslers" to start their pernicious work again, isn't it?

All right, let's have your guess on next year.

AMATEUR FOOT BALL PLAYERS SO MODEST

NONpareils Continue to Be Only Band Willing to Tackle Anybody and Everybody.

OTHERS STAY IN B CLASS

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

From present indications, the Sunday foot ball followers will have to confine their enthusiasm mostly to the Class B teams this season, because most all of the Class A leaders have given over the strenuous sport. The Nonpareils are about the only ones left in the top classification and they are getting lonesome.

Bluff Lads Peevish.

Those Council Bluffs organizations are somewhat peeved at their Omaha neighbors because the lads on this side of the Muddy are not favorably inclined to display their wares in Council Bluffs. Turn about is fair play, but the Omaha managers won't even concede that it is. They tell the Council Bluffs chiefs they will play them in Omaha and will not even listen to a proposition of scheduling two games, one in Omaha and the other in Council Bluffs. The stand taken by the managers is prompted by the players. To date only one Omaha team, namely the Mazdas, has played in Council Bluffs.

It is probable that a team will be mustered together in the north end for the purpose of battling the Nonpareils for the championship. This squad will be known as the Monmouth Parks and will consist of part of last year's Monmouth Park team and other stars formerly affiliated with Class A organizations. There is plenty of Class A talent available and it could be easily plastered together if the proper leader was secured to forward such a move.

Games Today.

In all probability the best bout on the bill of fare today will be the struggle between the Ducky Holmes and the Dundee Woolen Mills, billed for Ducky Holmes park at 3:30 p.m. Unless something happens to mar the arrangements made between the Miller Parks and the Thirtieth Street Merchants, they will put on the preliminary show at the aforementioned park at 1:30 p.m.

This morning the Athletics planted themselves on a smoke machine ready for Dunlap, Ia., where they will lock horns with the fast oval manipulators stationed there.

On the Municipal lot, Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, a new squad known as the Tigers will line up against the Mohawks at 3 p.m. Although their ability is unknown, followers of the Tigers say they will give the Mohawks a warm reception.

Riverview park will be the scene of a grand mixup this afternoon at 3 o'clock when the Nourse Oil gang will endeavor to check the German Shamrocks.

Over in Council Bluffs at Athletic park, the C. B. Midgets and the Mazdas will tangle. These two teams are approximately evenly matched, so a good stiff argument is looked for.

At 1:30 p.m. on the gridiron at Fontenelle park, the Fontenelle Reserves and the Thirty-third and California Street Merchants will bump. Although the Reserves lost last Sunday, they are coming back today in a triumphant mood and endeavor to put the kibosh on the hopes of their opponents.

Story of Stallings And His Ivory Pets

Many humorous stories are told about George Stallings and his "boneheads." The best one was when George was managing the Yanks, when they played on the old hilltop grounds. Ray Demmitt was then with the team, and a Yank was on third with two out. Ray turned to the big chief for advice, and asked: "Shall I try to bring him in with a long fly, Mr. Stallings?" "You better fly into the clubhouse," said the coach. "Or I'll massacre you."

Then there is the more recent story about an incident during the Braves' pennant drive in 1914. "Now, if Gowdy gets on, 'Bonehead' will bat for the pitcher," said George. Gowdy got on and every Boston reserve ran out and grabbed a stick. If we recall right, however, Stallings had particular reference that day to Josh Devore.

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Two Soccer Frays at Rourke Park Today

A double-header of soccer football will be played at Rourke park this afternoon. The first game, starting at 2 o'clock, will be between the Chechie and Caledonian teams and the second game will be between the Townsends and Nonpareils. Both games are scheduled conflicts in the Omaha district Soccer league.

Ty Cobb Has Issue to Settle With Stallings

George Stallings will have to square himself for that interview when he gets back to Georgia this fall and his old pal, T. Cobb, shows up at the Meadows. George came out flatfooted and said that he had been rooting for Carrigan's outfit all along, and for many reasons. Wait until the fiery Tyrus sees that and has his chance at the Miracle Man.

Brandeis Floor Five Already Is at Work for Coming Season

The Brandeis basket ball quintet, which captured the championship of Omaha last year and won its way into a couple of rounds of the national tournament at Chicago, evidently has aspirations to repeat this year. Despite the fact that the floor season does not start until December, and real activity scarcely gets started until January, the Brandeis five has lined up its squad and started practice for the year.

That the Omaha champs are much stronger this year than last is the positive assertion of J. J. Isaacson, manager of the team. Virgil Rector, former Omaha High school star and later a regular on the Dartmouth university quintet, is the inspiration

for Isaacson's confidence. Rector is the world's greatest center, according to Isaacson, and with him in the lineup the hustling manager insists the Brandeis team will be the fastest floor five in the country.

Bob Koran and Warren Ritchie, guards last year, return, and that fixes the defensive game of the department store crew. Leslie Burkenroad, Ernest Adams and Hoppert are the forwards. Adams is a new acquisition this year. Hoppert finished the season with the Brandeis last winter and proved to be a sensation.

The Brandeis certainly look like the real class with this improved lineup and will undoubtedly start the league season favorites for the local

RING RIVALS BOTH SEEK SAME RECORD

Jack Dillon and Battling Levinsky Are in Race for "Indefatigable" Honor.

SEE WHO FIGHTS THE MOST

New York, Oct. 21.—Battling Barney Levinsky and Jack Dillon, who have already fought more bouts than the average boxing fan can recall, and who will probably fight as many more before either establishes his undisputed supremacy over the other, are rivals outside the ropes as well as within. Each cherishes the ambition to hang up a record for "indefatigability," or something like that. In other words, they nourish the desire to engage in more matches within a certain period of time than any other boxer has ever known. It may be merely a vanity, but they would rather realize it than—well, it could almost be said for comparison, score a knockout victory over each other.

A fight a week is the average Levinsky hopes to attain ere the year 1916 goes the way of the 1915 that preceded it. Both Battling Barney and "Man-Killing" Jack are, perhaps, the two most active boxers in the game today; certainly they are the two busiest among the heavyweights. To date, Levinsky is far in front of the Indianapolis man. He has already had thirty-two fights this year; about twelve more than Dillon. Within the next month or five weeks, Barney is scheduled for five fistie engagements. After these are fought his manager, Dan Morgan, the noted "Mute," has other engagements in sight, which will bring Barney's total for the year to the desired fifty-two, providing something unforeseen does not intervene in the meantime to prevent him going through with them.

The Huskers will return from the coast Wednesday afternoon and on the following day will plunge into preparation for the Wesleyan game of Saturday. The Nebraska mentor is figuring that his squad will have a little bit more than a practice romp against the Coyotes, who have established a supremacy among secondary colleges of the state which has not been questioned in the last four years. Then Dr. Stewart and his warriors have their eyes turned to the Ames game, which follows that of next Saturday, and which is believed will determine largely the Missouri valley championship.

Ames Strong.

The Ames Aggies loom up as the most serious contender in questioning the Huskers right to a sixth Missouri valley title in as many years. Coach Mayser did not get a good start at Ames last season, but he apparently has his squad in splendid condition this fall and Nebraska is expecting the Ames game to prove the most severe test for the honors in the conference.

By defeating the Kansas Jayhawkers last Saturday the Aggies have won the wholesome respect of the Huskers. Mayser does not have a heavy squad this season, but the backfield is reputed to be fast and shifty and apparently lugs a more powerful punch than the Huskers can boast of just now.

Once the Huskers clear the Ames hurdle Nebraskans see little in the road to dispute the title of the Nebraska eleven for a sixth Missouri valley title.

Letters for Cheering.

The Wesleyan game is the only one on the schedule this year which does not count towards a letter. The athletic board ruling provides that letters will be awarded for participation in games against Missouri valley conference schools or elevens from universities and colleges of equal rank. Although Drake counts towards a letter, the Methodists will put up a harder fight.

An innovation passed by the athletic board this week provides for recognition of the faithful cheer leaders.

The board provided that all cheer leaders might be presented appropriate letters, as distinguished from the award for athletic prowess.

Organized rooting is admittedly a great factor in the winning of games, the board believes, and it takes this means of recognizing the men responsible for the efficiency of the rooting squad.

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TIGERS TAKE UP OPEN GAME STYLE

Princeton Will Concentrate Its Efforts to Working Out Successful Scoring Attack.

TO USE FORWARD PASS

New York, Oct. 21.—Followers of foot ball are commencing to see possibilities of Princeton team which will take a leaf out of the book of some of the so-called small colleges and depend largely for attacking force on the open game. Heretofore, Princeton teams, like those of the other "big colleges," have not taken to the open game very seriously, although they did not hesitate to use the modern game in the pinches. When the practice for this year started Head Coach John Rush had his men working on the straight foot ball plays with hardly ever an excursion into the open style.

Recent reports from the camp of the Tigers, however, show that the head coach has made some little changes in the daily routine and has had the men working hard on the forward pass. How weak the Orange and Black was at this play was clearly demonstrated in Worcester, when Princeton made only one successful forward pass against Holy Cross. Little better could have been expected of the team as a matter of fact, for the men had had practically no training for the play.

That Princeton should prosper with a highly developed squad of forward passers seems certain. It will be remembered that a couple of years ago Washington and Jefferson, with a team that could not have accomplished a great deal on straight foot ball tactics, played havoc with its opponents through the skillful use of the forward pass. From what Princeton has shown in practice this season and in its lone game against Holy Cross it appears that Rush has a squad of men whose speed and power would be augmented greatly by free use of the open game.

Ritchie Mitchell Out of Game With Busted Digits

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 21.—Ritchie Mitchell, a promising lightweight, will be unable to box for at least three weeks, because his hands were so seriously damaged in eastern contests.

roll, colored, no decision, New London; Bob Devere, no decision, Syracuse; Jack Connors, no decision, Yonkers; Bartley Madden, no decision, Queensboro Athletic club; Jack Keating, no decision, Schenectady; Jack Geyer, no decision, Shenandoah, Pa.; Jim Savage, no decision, Madison Square Garden, and Jack Dillon, no decision, Broadway Sporting club.

In March, Levinsky had five battles. He boxed Tom McMahon at Scranton, Tom Cowler at Boston, Silas Green at Montreal, Al Reich at Boston, and Zulu Kid at the Long Acer club here.

Without doubt or exception, Levinsky is the most remarkable boxer among present-day glovers. He has fought more bouts than any other battler. He has been in the ring now about five years, and in that time has pulled on his gloves for no less than 224 contests. The majority of these were fought within the last three and a half years, or since he placed himself under the management of Morgan. Their association dates back to 1913. In that year Morgan put Levinsky thirty-one matches. In 1914 Barney fought thirty-four times. Last year he crawled through the ropes for actual combat twenty-four times.

This is a record that has never been even approached by any other boxer. For sustained effort, Levinsky surely is the personification of perpetual motion.

Life of Umpire Is a Tough One

Pity the poor umpire once again.