

There was a young walker named Ned. Who walked on his toes a good deal. This habit he had He learned from his dad. Who had to walk softly to steel.



There's no time like the present, observed a famous scholar, And there's no present like the time, with watches at a dollar



There was a great wrestler in Maine Whose training had not been in vain. He found it great stuff When throwing a bluff Or gripping the rods 'neath a train.

NEW YORK MAY GET SUNDAY BASE BALL

Three Major League Clubs in Gotham Aid Minors in Fight for New Sabbath Law.

WOULD BE A BIG HELP

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dreams of Sunday base ball at the Polo grounds, with the Giants and Yankees engaging in regular league games with their rivals of the National and American leagues, respectively, are now being enjoyed by the fans of the big city. Within the last few days new rumors have been given to the proposition which has never entirely been abandoned here, even though no real noise has been made and no work visible for some years.

The latest movement for legalized Sunday base ball in New York state has the support of three major league club owners, two Class AA owners and numerous magnates of Class B rating. That it has the support of fans by the thousands goes without saying. Public sentiment may be strong enough to bring about the passage of the act for Sunday base ball to be introduced in the next session of the state legislature.

Two of New York's major league officials were in attendance at a meeting held here during the last week for the purpose of devising ways and means to further the project. The minors were represented by Secretary John H. Farrell of the National association. Sunday base ball would prove a life-saver to the minor league clubs of the state, and it would undoubtedly prove highly profitable to the owners of Giants, Yankees and Robins.

Under a law legalizing Sunday base ball every club in the two major leagues, the International league and the New York State league would be benefited. Saturday dates here are regarded as plums, and it is believed that Sunday would be even better, with the chances of the Polo grounds being crowded to its 38,000 capacity a few times during the summer months. It should mean a great thing for four classes with all clubs sharing the extra prosperity.

Hotels Take Poke At Pocketbooks of The Poor Magnates

The latest burden to fall upon the shoulders of the poor magnates is a raise in the hotel rates around the circuit. Major league presidents are in receipt of letters from several hotels at which their teams put up during the playing season advising that the rates will be boosted from 50 cents to \$1 per day per man. As the club carries an average of twenty-five men while on the road during the championship season this addition to the cost of traveling will amount to quite a sum during the course of the year. A dollar a day increase in the cost of hotel accommodations means \$25 a day to the club, or an advance in the expenses of about \$2,000 in a year. Thus do things conspire to annoy the once plutocratic but now shy and shrinking club owner.

Johnny Raimy Has Run His Last Race

Johnny Raimy, famous as a dirt track race driver, is spending the winter in the foothills of the Rocky mountains, near Denver. Too many seasons spent in breathing the dust on the dirt tracks have helped Raimy to contract tuberculosis, and the doctors hold out little hope for his recovery from the disease, but are certain that Johnny will never drive in races again.

Braves Will Try to Get Vincent Campbell Back

Manager George Stallings of the Boston Braves makes the interesting announcement that he will ask Vincent Campbell to report to the club in the spring. Campbell retired and went into business in Baltimore after the River of the Federal league, but the Boston club still has a claim to his services.

MAY CHANGE BIG LEAGUE SEASONS

Schedule Committee May Chop Number of Games to One Hundred and Forty.

INTER-LOOP MATTER IS UP

New York, Dec. 30.—The schedule committee of the National and American leagues, which will soon begin its all-important meeting at some far-away camp or winter resort, has under consideration the most important step ever planned in major leagues. Not only is there a chance of them shortening the playing season to 140 games, but it is within their power—such authority having been given them to arrange an interleague series of games beginning the latter part of August. This had been proposed as a way of avoiding scandal that may arise out of trying to change the prices and prize distribution for the world's series.

The arrangement, if adopted, will be very similar to that recently agreed upon between the International league and the American association. The idea originated with Garry Herrmann several years ago and is not entirely new, though it has never been tried.

The plan contemplates having all eight clubs in the National league play all eight clubs in the American league three or more games. The winner, under one of the arrangements, is to be considered the champion of the world.

Another variation is for the pennant to be decided in each league, and then have a world's series after the inter-league games are finished. Still another suggestion is for the winner of the interleague games to be entered in a world's series which will be three cornered.

Base ball people have discovered that interest is less in the races among the clubs that have no chance toward the end of the season, and to build up that interest something radical must be done.

The plan of having all the players share in the prize money of the world's series, the amount depending upon their position at the finish of the race had that aim also.

Busy All January. The schedule committee will be very busy during the month of January, as they have to agree on a schedule and report back to the leagues in February. Each league will frame a schedule and then a joint committee will pass upon it.

If the season is chopped short, as so many magnates have suggested, the chopping will be done in April instead of October. Experience during the last ten years has taught that the weather is much better for base ball during the early days of October than of April. Both leagues lost thousands of dollars by the postponements last spring, and they did not get it back in the double-headers that came later on.

It is necessary that a decision be reached very soon, so that the managers may be able to fix dates for beginning their spring training.

Now Gotham Has Ice Tennis to Go Half Crazy About

New York, Dec. 30.—With a regulation tennis court marked out on the ice surface with a specially prepared black paint that permitted the players to skate over it without impeding their progress, and with a regulation net raised about three inches from the ice to offset the added height the skates gave the players, Fred B. Alexander, Karl Behr, Dean Mathey, Francis Hunter and T. R. Pell presented the new game of ice tennis at the One Hundred and Eighty-first street ice skating palace the other night. The unanimous verdict after the practice had been completed was that a new sport, faster and demanding more athletic skill than any other, had been added to the calendar.

The game seems to be a pronounced success. The service of all the players was strong, but what was more impressive and stamped the game as a real sport was the keen and prolonged volleying. The players placed their strokes just as if they were playing on the turf. They moved about on their skates, advancing to the net and dropping back to cover the rear of the court quickly and executing their strokes with the same precision that features their work out of doors.

Moran Is Finished As Title Contender

New York, Dec. 30.—Frank Moran is no longer to be considered as one of the contenders for the heavyweight title. With Willard threatening retirement, Moran would be in a position to battle for the crown, even though he did make a poor showing against Dillon. He was in poor condition that night and could ask for a return bout with the Giant Killer. His showing against Gunboat Smith, however, seems to be conclusive proof that the Dillon fight was a real tip-off on the retrogression of the Pittsburgh heavyweight. Smith dropped out of the front ranks of heavyweights some time ago, when the knockout punch of his once powerful right hand deserted him. Since that time he has been having only a fair amount of success, but he was able to outpoint Moran with something to spare. Less than a year ago Moran was regarded as having some chances against Jess Willard and Smith was not considered. Today Moran is regarded as no better than before he went to Paris and engaged in the bout with Jack Johnson. How the mighty have fallen.

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SPORT IN OMAHA LOOKS BACK OVER GREATEST YEAR

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ties employed by Lewis. The go went five hours before it was called a draw by the referee. Despite the fact that it was unsatisfactory, this match attracted more attention than any other wrestling event held during the year.

The Stecher-Lewis match was not the only wrestling bout held in Omaha. Stecher tangled with Joe Rogers, heroically disposing of the Buffalo giant, and Charley Peters exhibited his prowess in three matches, defeating Martinson, Plesington and Demetral in bouts here last spring. Earl Caddock and Mort Henderson also wrestled at Council Bluffs.

A tug-of-war tournament, in which six teams were entered, was held at the Auditorium last January. The Danish team won the championship of the city to the Swedes, captained by Al Samuelson.

The state billiard tournament was held in Omaha in February. The doze was considerably upset in this event when Harry Symes captured the title, but Harry lost it shortly afterwards in a match with Al Chorn, the former title holder.

The annual Young Men's Christian association indoor athletic and gymnastic tournament was held at the Auditorium on March 31. It was the largest and most successful tourney the local "Y" ever held.

In June the Omaha Gun club entertained the annual Western Handicap trap shooting tournament, the second largest registered trap shoot in the country. Two hundred marksmen attended and gave Omaha an exhibition of fancy shotgun shooting for four days.

The state golf tournament was held in Omaha in July. Sam Reynolds of Omaha won the title from a large field, including many from Omaha and other Nebraska cities and towns.

Nineteen sixteen saw Creighton university, Omaha's largest college, begin to assert itself in the field of athletics. The new \$100,000 gymnasium, one of the largest and most completely equipped in the middle west, was opened this fall, and with its opening sport activities at the Blue and White college immediately began to pick up. Creighton had a good foot ball eleven this year, defeating South Dakota for the first time, and now, as a result of the building of the new gym, will be represented for the first time by a basketball team. This fall, too, saw Creighton's first attempt to enter into athletic relations with some of the biggest schools of the middle west.

Nineteen sixteen also saw the passing of Jumbo Stehm at the University of Nebraska. Stehm, after five years of service with the Cornhusker institution, went to Indiana and was succeeded by Dr. E. J. Stewart, who came from the Oregon Aggies. The Cornhuskers did not have an overly successful season, losing two games, but they lost little of their prestige because it was simply one of those off-years experienced by every school.

Golf saw its biggest year in Omaha. Another eighteen-hole course was opened, the money links at Elmwood park, and a new golf club, the Elmwood Park Golf club, was organized. More players than ever enlisted themselves with the golfing fraternity of this city.

The first annual women's state golf championship tournament was held in Omaha this year at the Omaha Field club. Miss Louise Pound of Lincoln captured the title from Mrs. J. T. Stewart of Omaha.

Tennis, of course, did not enjoy the prosperity this year it did three or four years ago, when big tournaments were held each year at the Field club. But it did very well. Ralph Powell, an Omaha youngster still in his teens, won the city title and also went up to Wayne to the state tournament and won the state championship.

Amateur base ball is another sport which enjoyed a big year. It is true the Omaha champions, the Armourers, did not get as far in the national championship as did the Luxus a year ago, but locally there were more players than ever, and the interest taken in the sandlot game was greater than ever before.

Bowling, billiards, basket ball, football, soccer and all other sports had a big year and as far as Omaha is concerned if 1917 equals the record set up by 1916 it will have to travel some.

SPORT ON HIGH PLANE DURING THE LAST YEAR

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And yet more devotees keep clamoring for admission to the ranks. What is true of golf is also true in other lines, even those sports which have been struggling for resuscitation—as racing—have found their place during the season just past. And speaking of the turf, the season has been indicative that the American public still holds this regal sport close to its heart. A careful survey of the year shows nothing else in more prominence than that our facilities for gratifying the increasing tendency of the public to participate in sport is before long to be sorely taxed, unless new provision are made.

For several years it has been evident that the growth in sport was mainly toward those lines where actual participation was the governing influence, and the last twelve months showed this inclination to even a greater extent than in preceding years, as is evidenced by the many who have been drawn to golf, tennis, motor boating and the like. In college athletics, too, the trail is blazed toward this end. Where a squad of forty to seventy composed the entire foot ball interest of a college a few seasons back, there are grizzled warriors now where all who are interested in the game may play.

The system of sport for the many rather than the few is gaining supporters and has gains of many in the year just closing. This applies to every line of college endeavor, rowing, basket ball, base ball and their contemporary athletic interests. Even the schools taking it up are finding in it the success which its early advocates predicted. Intramural sport is not new, but it is now enjoying a more advanced status than ever before long promises to be a big asset to the athletic teams, but because it will build up the men who perhaps are in no wise varsity material, and after all this is one of the chief aims of all athletics.

Of the professional sports, base ball has been through its fire of war and during the year has regained much of its old prestige. The elimination of base ball disension has been one of the noteworthy happenings of the year, and it was a fortunate ending, at a time when the public was just on the point of abandoning its first love in sport because of the too ostentatious display of the commercial features. Even now the earmarks are not lacking. The major leagues certainly are enjoying much of their old popularity, but with the minor leagues the public has not been so disposed to forget, and they are struggling along on the ragged edge.

Base ball is the one exception with regard to professional sport. In the main this has not been a year of success for the professional athlete. Where amateur sport has made tremendous strides, the professional game has lagged behind or gone back. This is no doubt due to the increase in amateur sports. One or the other had to suffer. Professional sport must always be a spectacle, else there is no purse and no incentive. Apparently the public has definitely turned away from the spectacle, except with regard to base ball, and turned to such endeavors where participation is the keynote.

Weekly Trap Shoot at Omaha Gun Club Today

A trap shoot will be held at the Omaha Gun club today. Turkey shoots have been held on the local range the last few Sundays and they proved so popular among the marksmen that the club decided to continue the Sunday shoots as long as the weather permits and the interest remains even though the season for poultry shoots has passed. The club has enough shells to provide all shooters who attend.

White Sox Training Camp Has Golf Links

When the Chicago Americans reach Mineral Wells, Tex., the latter part of March, to get into training for the 1917 campaign, they will find a new golf course at their disposal. Several of the White Sox players, including Eddie Collins, George Weaver, "Happy" Felsch and Joe Benz, are enthusiastic golfers. The White Sox trained at the Texas resort in 1910.

JAP STAR PRAISES AMERICAN PLAYERS

Jengo Shimidzu Says Johnston and Griffin Make Wonderful Doubles Team.

PLAYED ALL OVER WORLD

New York, Dec. 30.—New York's snow-bound tennis colony is almost unanimously expecting the arrival of Jengo Shimidzu, the Japanese racket wielder, whose smile reminded the Pacific coast of Charlie Chaplin, and whose back hand is said to be very much like Bill Johnston's. Mr. Shimidzu left San Francisco a few days ago after almost a month of courtly dalliance, so to speak, with the greatest of the California players, and when last seen was headed toward New York.

Before leaving the coast the Japanese expert declared that he considered Clarence Griffin and William Johnston the finest doubles team he has ever played against, and during the course of a trip around the world he has played wherever a tennis racket is known, usually against the ranking players of the country in which he happened to be sojourning.

Griffin and Johnston are superior to all others in their team work and perfect technique," he declared the other day after the champions had beaten him and Johnny Strachan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. "The brothers Lowe, whom I met in England, struck me as the next best pair to your wonderful Californians, and if the four could ever be brought together I would cross the Pacific to see the game. Johnston and Griffin would doubtless win, but their margin of victory would be very narrow."

Due to Atmospheric. Mr. Shimidzu expressed the opinion that the impressive skill of the leading Californians is in no small part due to the atmosphere and enthusiasm with which they are continually surrounded.

"There seems to be something important, in a tennis sense, happening every day in San Francisco," he said. "One night I go to your spacious city auditorium and see four of the greatest players in the world in action before a vast assemblage. The next I visit the park and find everybody from grandfathers to children just out of perambulators, playing tennis. The next day I have the privilege of playing in a great contest on a club court before another big crowd."

"Tell me, does no one work or stay at home in San Francisco?"

While in England some months ago Shimidzu played a series of matches for the benefit of various war funds. Dixon Prebble and Hamilton Priede impressed him as being exceptionally strong players, but he was most enthusiastic in his praise of the Lowe brothers, one of whom is an internationalist with a fine record in Davis cup plays. The Japanese also played in India, where he found tennis making rapid progress toward general popularity. The season there lasts from October to March.

Here's One that Happened to Our Old Friend Cadman

Fred McMullin, the infield utility man for the White Sox, was playing for Tacoma at Seattle a few years ago. He came in from third on the dead run and slid for the plate. McMullin knew he didn't touch it, but he was afraid to slide back, as the catcher had the ball in his hand. The umpire also knew he didn't score, but said nothing, as that was not his business.

Fred dusted off his uniform and stalked, nonchalantly, to the Tacoma bench. A couple of the Seattle players yelled for a decision.

"He wasn't safe, was he?" demanded Cadman, who was catching for Seattle. The umpire shook his head. At this Cadman, holding the ball in his hand, dashed over to the Tacoma bench to tag McMullin. Fred waited until he all but reached his end of the bench, and then slid over to the other end. Cadman followed him, and as he did so slipped on some mud and fell to his knees. McMullin leaped up from his seat, sprinted to the plate and touched it.

Indiana Gives Stiehm Power to Card Games

E. O. Stiehm, athletic director at Indiana university, has been empowered to make up the 1917 foot ball schedule without further consultation with the athletic committee.

Coach Stiehm said that except for the Ohio and Purdue games nothing definite has been settled as to the schedule. There is a possibility, he said, of opening the season with Wabash. Ohio State will be played at Indianapolis on November 3. It is probable that the Minnesota game will be played at Minneapolis.

Joe Tinker Says Third Base is Easy Proposition

Joseph B. Tinker, purchaser of the Columbus club of the American association, considers third base the easiest position in the infield.

"That's why I'm going to play third for Columbus next season—because I think it will be a soft spot," the former manager of the Chicago Nationals said.

Rowland Will Keep Kid Gleason as Assistant

William "Kid" Gleason, the veteran base ball player, probably will be retained as coach of the Chicago American league club next season, although the announcement has not been made.

Clarence Rowland, manager of the team, considers Gleason a valuable aid in developing young players. Gleason's temperament, Rowland says, makes him thoroughly fitted for the task.

NO CHANGES MADE IN FOOT BALL CODE

Only Minor Matters Are Due to Come Before Rules Committee Meeting.

PENALIZE FORWARD PASS

The foot ball rules committee will meet in February to consider amendments in the gridiron code. It is not likely that any material changes will be made; the idea being that the game—now well on its way to standardization—had best be left alone. Minor changes based on experience of the past season will, however, be made, and, if suggestions are followed, stipulations may result which while not touching the body of the game will none the less involve changed conditions for players and spectators. One authority would assign a certain number of plays to each quarter, thereby doing away with a timekeeper. This would be a radical step, and yet in some ways a good one, since it would do away with the tedious taking out of time and playing to kill time.

It is, however, a matter that requires deeper study. There certainly should be something done about palpable interference with the receiver of a forward pass. The present penalty is inadequate. Harvard in the Princeton game found that by knocking down a receiver who was clear it could exchange a thirty to forty-yard gain against her for a fifty-yard penalty; a rule that permits such a thing makes for bad foot ball. The multiple kick and kicking the ball from a head helmet will probably be acted on, the rules as they stand at present permitting field goals to be made in this way.

There is no prospect that the necessity of kicking a goal after touching down will be abrogated. It is a fool play, a useless and irritating encumbrance. But on the whole the game is coming down to a bedrock basis, and when various little points are cleaned up and the forward pass system has been either eliminated or adjusted with regard to relative details, there seems no reason why the rules committee should have a great deal to do at its annual meetings.

Will Deny Plea to Abolish the Draft

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The plea of the three class AA leagues, the International, Pacific Coast and American Association, for the abolition of the draft rule will in all probability be denied when the National Base Ball commission meets in Cincinnati next week, President Johnson of the American league said today.

President Johnson, a member of the commission said the present draft rule was changed by the commission at the suggestion of the same leagues which now ask that it be amended.

"The class AA club owners opposed the old rule," Mr. Johnson said, "because they complained that it caused disension among the drafted players if they eventually were rejected. The commission changed it to meet their own demands. I do not think there is a chance of it being changed again."

Aviator Out Too Far at Sea And He Has to Be Rescued

New York, Dec. 30.—Perched atop a disabled hydro-airplane and half frozen by the waves that had dashed over him for two hours, T. K. Okuri, a Japanese student aviator, was rescued from a perilous position four miles off the Staten island shore late today. The captain of a tugboat saw him wildly waving his arms for help and took him on board, but was unable to save the machine.

Okuri, who came from California, was taking a lesson at a Staten island aviation school and flew four miles out to sea to test the machine's position. When he alighted on the water the waves washed over the engine, he said, and put the carburetor out of commission.

Carrigan Gets Fortune for Managing Boston Americans

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—William F. Carrigan was paid \$23,300 for managing the Boston Americans last season, it was learned today. Of this amount \$10,000 was salary under his contract, \$3,800 his world series share, \$2,500 special bonus for winning the American league pennant and \$7,000 a percentage allowance on the receipts of the Boston club.

Carrigan, who announced his retirement last fall, is now considering an offer from the new owners of the world champions to resume direction of the team. H. H. Frazer said he was ready to pay an amount in excess of \$18,000.

Plans for the Railroad Legislation Will Go On

Washington, Dec. 30.—Chairman Newlands of the senate interstate commerce committee said today the failure of railroad brotherhood officials and the railroad managers to reach an agreement regarding an eight-hour schedule, pending determination of the constitutionality of the Adamson law, would not alter his plans for consideration of railroad legislation urged by President Wilson in his last message to congress.

BILLIE MISKE IS NEWEST FAVORITE

New York Goes Crazy Over St. Paul Pug and Wants to See Him Fight Carpenter.

LICKS BELLIPOSE DILLON

New York, Dec. 30.—Fortune's hand is on the spigot prepared to turn on a golden stream for "Billie" Miske. The St. Paul light heavyweight, who annexed fresh laurels by defeating "Jack" Dillon, may be the opponent of Georges Carpentier, instead of "Jess" Willard, if the French pugilist should come to this country.

"Tex" Rickard, the promoter, who has been negotiating for a match between Carpentier and Willard, is thinking of substituting Miske for the American champion, in view of the fact that the St. Paul boxer and the Frenchman are of about the same physical proportions. Mr. Rickard was so impressed by Miske's showing against Dillon, it was understood, he will ask his terms for a match with Carpentier.

"Billie" Miske has "arrived" with both feet. He has proven conclusively he is without peer at his weight in this country and is the logical opponent for the French champion. A bout between Willard and Carpentier would be something akin to a joke, in view of their difference in height and weight, but Miske and the Frenchman would be equally matched. Furthermore, Miske right now is a bigger drawing card than any other heavyweight with the exception of Willard, and his services could be obtained for a much smaller sum than the champion. In other respects, according to Mr. Rickard, a Carpentier-Miske match would be a better proposition than one involving Willard and the Frenchman.

Urges "Mills" Instead of Quills for School Children

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Typewriters instead of pens for public school children were advocated today by Prof. Franklin Bobbitt of the School of Education of the University of Chicago in addressing the Illinois women's legislative congress. He said that public schools were only 50 per cent efficient.

Libeled George Washington And Must Go to Penitentiary

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 30.—As a libeler of George Washington's memory, Paul Haffer of Tacoma, must serve four months in the county jail, the Washington supreme court today upholding the conviction of Haffer on a criminal charge. Haffer published an article accusing the first president of the United States of various irregularities.

Prof. Howard of Nebraska Heads Sociological Society

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—Prof. George E. Howard of the University of Nebraska was elected president of the American Sociological society here today, succeeding George E. Vincent of the University of Minnesota. Prof. Scott W. Bedford of the University of Chicago was re-elected secretary.

Culls From the Wire

Higher requirements than high school diploma for admission to law schools were demanded in resolution adopted at the closing session of the sixteenth annual meeting of the Association of American Law schools at Chicago.

The federal grand jury at Chicago sworn in last November charged among other duties with an investigation of reports of manipulation of food supplies, was discharged today without having returned indictments in any of the cases.

Application for a temporary injunction to restrain transcontinental railroads from putting into effect increased rates on steel and iron shipments to Portland and Seattle from eastern points, was denied at Portland, Ore., by Judge W. R. Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals.

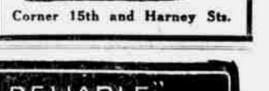
The two commissions on unification of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal church held their first joint meeting at Baltimore, and effected formal organization of the joint commission. Like the earlier sessions of the separate commissions the meeting was secret.

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