

BRINGING UP FATHER

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Players Must Parade Streets in Spangles, Western Owners Decide

Club Houses for the Visiting Athletes to Be Heaved Into the Discard.

Shades of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Honey Boy" Evans and P. T. Barnum, the Western league is going to return to the parade as a method of bringing the shining quarters and the glittering half dollars into the magnates' coffers, where they once reposed in such generous numbers, but have since fled to parts unknown. The Western league yesterday at the specially called meeting at the Rome hotel resolved to abandon the club house for visiting teams.

For several years the Western league was a big show affair in the matter of club houses. Every park was equipped with two club houses, one for the home club and a second for the visiting team. Steam heat, hot water and shower baths were ready for the athletes weary after an afternoon of desperate conflict.

But yesterday with a wave of a hand the club house for visiting players was abolished and in the future players will have to don the spangles of the profession at the hotel and in public display parade in a carry-all, a sea-going hack or a one-lunged jitney from the hotel to the ball park. The return trip after the game must be made the same way.

Good Advertisement. Two reasons are ascribed for the abolishment of the club house. In the first place the parade gives the populace a chance to look at the athletes. There is an advertising value. In the second place 'tis said home players and visiting players have become too clubby and chummy after games. Thus the visiting players in the Western league will return to the inconvenience of former days, when no thought was given to the comforts of any but the home athletes.

To further eliminate inclinations to become too friendly the moguls decided the visiting club would not be allowed to make its appearance at the park more than five minutes before game time. Also the visitors will only be allowed fifteen minutes' batting practice before a game, instead of twenty.

These rulings may seem on the surface somewhat unimportant, but the magnates have a very good reason for

making them. In the past, when the visiting players were permitted at the park at an early hour and they hung around until a late hour after the game because of the club house facilities, it was the custom of the players to air their grievances, knock the league, the towns in the league, the fans in the towns, the club owners, the other players, the umpires and everybody else they could think of. Old players aroused the spirit of mutiny in the young players with tales of mistreatment. The result was that after a month or six weeks following the opening of the season the league was in a turmoil, the knockings of the players got around to the fans and the attendance at the games was hurt.

The magnates did not take up the matter of the Topeka franchise beyond giving John Savage, holder of the piece of paper, their full permission to place it in their town he sees fit. Pueblo or Hutchinson, Kan., are the two most likely candidates for the franchise right now, with the former having a slight edge. Savage is given until the time of the schedule meeting to make his plans and he is to report any action taken to the president of the league immediately. Zehrung will not attend the minor league meeting at Chicago today. It was the consensus of opinion among the magnates that the Western league would gain nothing by taking territory from the Three-I or Central association, nor has the Western anything to give. In addition the league meeting made it impossible for Zehrung to leave Omaha.

Enforce Balk Rule. The balk rule will be rigidly enforced this year. The club owners instructed President Zehrung to insist that his umpires enforce the balk rule to the letter. The pitcher in throwing to a base must step directly toward that base and not make any false movements that are illegal. Last year half the pitchers in the league made from one to a dozen balks a game and seldom were penalized. Stricter enforcement of the coaching rules is another order of the magnates to the president. Ragging the opposition must stop, say the moguls, and all coaching, both from the coaching lines and the bench, must be confined to encouragement of colleagues, not abuse directed toward opponents.

LATHERS ANNOUNCE THEIR PAY GOES UP

Secretary Marks Notifies Contractors, Who Mumble Protest On Self-Raising Pay.

BUILDERS MAY REVOLT

Lathers in Omaha demand increased pay beginning February 15. A letter has gone out to the building contractors of Omaha from Secretary Marvin F. Marks of local No. 136 of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International union. The letter does not beat around the bush. It merely states the following: "Beginning February 15, 1917, and continuing until January 1, 1918, a new scale of wages for lathers will be effective. The present rate of 65 cents per hour will be increased to 70 cents. The rate for foremen will be increased from 75 cents to 82 1/2 cents per hour. All overtime will be double time."

"That is a rather blunt notice, to say the least," said one contractor on reading the letter.

Builders May Balk. "I suppose we have nothing to say about what we pay these men," said another. "There has been no conference and we have not been asked to grant any increase. But here we get a notice served on us that after a certain date we are going to pay certain wages."

Another said: "This letter says after a certain date a new and higher scale will be in effect. I very much doubt whether the contractors will pay it."

V. Ray Gould, president of the Omaha Builders' exchange, said: "This will not really affect the general contractors very much directly. It is a matter to be handled wholly by the plastering contractors. I doubt if the Builders' exchange will take the matter up officially, as I understand the letters were not sent to the exchange as an organization, but were sent to all the contractors individually."

DOUGLAS COUNTY IS DEEP IN DEBT

Dewey's Report Shows Deficiency Because of Expense of Tax Collections.

WATER BOARD EVADES

County Comptroller Dewey's report to the commissioners on the expenditures in the treasurer's office for the last year shows that the county is behind just \$8,163.64 by reason of assuming to pay for all expenses of collecting the taxes of the school district, water board, city and county. The general fund is short that amount on account of a 1 per cent expense for collection not being allowed from all different funds, according to Mr. Dewey. The school board and the water board do not pay anything. Mr. Dewey says that if the county hopes to split even in this phase of the expenses, an average of 1 per cent should be collected from each of the funds.

Question of Fees.

The fee collected under the general plan throughout the state is 2 per cent and fraction from all municipalities. Omaha is the only exception to this plan, Mr. Dewey said, adding that in his opinion legislation should be put through to allow 1 per cent from all funds collected by the treasurer's office.

"The total expenses of the treasurer's office last year were \$71,288.29," he pointed out. "I believe the city should have paid one-half of this amount. As it was, with the Water board and School board contributing nothing, the city's payment was only \$27,480."

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PLAYERS' FRAT TO JOIN THE A. F. OF L.

Request Is Made Following Conference of Dave Fultz and Samuel Gompers.

MAGNATES READY SAYS BAN

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Base Ball Players' Fraternity has applied to the American Federation of Labor for a charter. The application will be considered at the next meeting of the executive council of the federation on Saturday.

New York, Jan. 15.—A new phase of the threatened strike of the Base Ball Players' Fraternity developed here late today, when it was learned that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and President David L. Fultz of the players' organization had been in conference relative to the proposed action of the fraternity members in refusing to sign 1917 base ball contracts until such time as the minor league magnates should grant requests made by the players.

When asked if the fraternity was a member of the American Federation of Labor, Gompers replied: "Not yet, but soon, I expect. While the players' organization is not affiliated with us, yet I am in full sympathy with their requests and actions and they have my moral support. I am deeply interested in the welfare of the ball players and they will have my support in any action that they may see fit to take in order to better existing conditions."

President B. B. Johnson of the American league arrived late today from Chicago. He said he had come to attend the meeting of the schedule committees. Johnson said he did not care to talk about the players' proposed strike, but that if it materialized the American league had enough players under contract to start the season and that others would be secured to fill any vacancies that might exist.

Owners Are Prepared. "I do not think," he said, "that the players of the major leagues will carry their contentions so far as to strike, but if they do, we will be prepared to meet the emergency and will go right on playing ball as usual. I am of the opinion that if the major leagues do strike it will be a violation of the agreement made with the fraternity at Cincinnati several years ago, and such action will virtually cancel the compact and dissolve the club owners from the terms of that agreement."

Johnson also said that he was not in favor of the plan to divide the proceeds of the players' share of the world's series money among any except the competing club players. "To the victors belong the spoils," he added.

Kaaba, Owned by Mrs. Fleu, Wins Prize at Cat Show

Kaaba is a good, black cat with orange eyes and a royal purple pedigree. At the Fremont cat show Friday and Saturday Kaaba, whose sire is the famous Little Bear and whose ma is Black Princess Pattie and whose grand-dad is the imported Champ Erebus, won first prize for his long, coal-black fur and orange eyes. Kaaba is owned by Mrs. F. O. Fleu of Benson and was looked at the show as an Omaha entry. Miss Elizabeth Grace, the judge who awarded premier honors to Kaaba, says the cat is of better points than even his famous grand-sire. New York judges collaborated with Miss Grace at Fremont in passing judgment on the feline beauties. Kaaba won against a field of 150 entries. Kaaba, although only 1 1/2 years old, has won seven special prizes.

Ten Hunters Killed in State of Washington

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15.—During the hunting season, which began September 15 and ended today, ten hunters met violent deaths in the state of Washington. Two were shot by hunting companions, four accidentally shot themselves, two were frozen to death and two either committed suicide to escape freezing to death, or one shot killed both.

Red Murray Signs Up to Manage Toronto Club

Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 15.—John (Red) Murray, for many years outfielder for the New York Giants and last season with Toronto International league team signed a contract today with the New York Nationals for the coming season.

SLEEK CROOK GETS OLD MAN'S SAVINGS

Penniless and Too Old to Work, Peter Seidel Asks the Police for Aid.

MAY GO TO THE POORHOUSE

Swindled by a confidence man of \$3,300, his life's savings, Peter Seidel, aged 69, of Fremont, broken in health and destitute, is in Omaha and has asked police officials to bend their efforts to capture Alva Clay Ficklen, the man who victimized him. When Ficklen is safely behind prison bars and not until then, will he be supremely happy, asserts Seidel. Seidel, who is a carpenter, is 69 years of age and is no longer able to ply his trade. "All I have left is the few clothes on my back and my two hands, and I have grown too old to work," he cried. "It looks like the poor house for me."

How They Met. Seidel was in Omaha a year ago and lived at Twentieth and Capitol avenue until he completed a couple of jobs here. It was there he met Ficklen, a young man, and a strong friendship sprang up between them. Finally, Seidel declares, Ficklen told him he had an opportunity to buy a saloon very cheap and induced him to join in the partnership. In this way Seidel was blest of his earnings. Seidel asserts he even paid Ficklen's fare out of town. He says a man who asserted he was Ficklen's brother came to Omaha and agreed to take Ficklen out to his ranch in South Dakota so that he could earn enough money to repay Seidel. This was after Seidel knew that Ficklen had swindled him.

Aeroplanes and Motor Trucks Will Hunt Army Airmen

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 15.—Three army airplanes are scheduled to leave here today to attempt the rescue of Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, Jr., the army aviators who disappeared while on an unauthorized flight to Calexico, Cal., and return last Wednesday.

The machines will be piloted by Captain Byron D. Jones, Captain Herbert Dargue and Flying Instructor Albert Smith, each of whom will be accompanied by an observer.

Estaban Cantu, governor of lower California, has given permission for the American aeroplanes to cross the border. The aeroplanes will be accompanied by motor trucks and automobile detachments from the signal corps aviation school here, carrying skilled mechanics and extra equipment for the air flotilla. Fuel and provisions bases will be established throughout the volcanic lake country, where Bishop and Robertson were last sighted. The main supply base will be at Calexico.

Upon reaching the Volcano lake country, below the border, each plane will be assigned a certain section of terrain to reconnoissance, but all will fly in a direction parallel and in sight of each other in order that assistance quickly can be rendered in the event of a forced landing.

Of the two men that are to fly today Captain Dargue is most experienced in the hazardous work of crossing mountains and desert. While attached to the expeditionary forces in northern New Mexico he flew from Colona Dublin to Columbus in a blinding snowstorm with a passenger. Captain Dargue also made a number of night reconnoissance flights over the mountainous regions of northern Mexico and is recognized as the foremost exponent of night flying in this country.

Shoots and Kills Self.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A. C. Cunningham, a navy engineer assigned to the training station at Great Lakes, Ill., shot and killed himself here today. He came to his Washington home several days ago on leave. He was a native of New York.

Advertisement for 'The New ARROW Form Fit COLLARS'. The text says: 'The New ARROW Form Fit COLLARS are curve cut to fit the shoulders perfectly. 15 cents each, 6 for 50¢. CLUETT, PEABODY & CO. INC. Makers'.

WIFE HELPS HER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Mrs. Maud Lucky Will Testify For Man Who Killed Marion W. Lucky.

HATMAKER RESCUED HER

Harry Hatmaker's prosecution on charges of manslaughter will be marked by at least one unusual feature. Mrs. Maud Lucky, the young wife of Marion W. Lucky, who was shot and killed by Hatmaker in a row at 2417 Capitol avenue, will stand by the slayer of her spouse. For two or three days after the affair Mrs. Lucky was held at the city jail as a witness, and Friday her statement was taken by detectives. At that time she was solicitous as to Hatmaker's welfare and seemed unmoved when informed that her husband had died. She got this information in response to a casual question as to her husband's welfare.

At the inquest Saturday Mrs. Lucky testified that Hatmaker shot Lucky only after he had been attacked by the latter, who flourished a butcher knife. The jury recommended that Hatmaker be held for manslaughter and suggested further investigation of the case on the part of the county attorney's office. Deputies will determine the status of Hatmaker's relations with the wife of the slain man. Hatmaker will appear for preliminary examination Tuesday in police court.

Paving Law Is Upheld By State Supreme Court

Lincoln, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—In a small grist of opinions handed down today by the supreme court it is held in an appeal from Buffalo county that in cities of the first-class having a population of from \$5,000 to \$25,000 people, the street specified to be paved and the property abutting thereon constitutes the paving district. An ordinance specifying the street or part of street to be paved sufficiently describes the proposed paving district and the judgment of the district court is affirmed. The case was brought by George H. Chittenden against the city attorney.

Former Queen "Lil" is Again Critically Ill

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—The condition of former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is again critical, according to advices received here today from Honolulu. The ex-queen rallied from an indisposition some months ago, but is now suffering from a general breakdown due to advancing age, it is said. She was born in 1838.

State House Notes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Governor Neville will follow the lead of Governor Morrill and will not ask for appropriation for household expenses or for traveling expenses. However, he will ask the legislature to make an appropriation sufficient to take care of some improvements which should be made at the mansion and to paint the same.

J. H. Wehn, new bank examiner, called on Governor Neville today, ready to assume his duties. Mr. Wehn's home is in Bridgeport and he was appointed to fill the place of John Boatman of Morrill, who was not a candidate for reappointment.

According to Health Inspector Cass, unbalanced water pressure in the Burlington railroad yards at Ravenna is responsible for the outbreak of typhoid in that town. Back water from the creek, which was forced into the main, caused the trouble.

A case from Nemaha county entitled state against Ad N. Harris, was affirmed by the supreme court today. It covers the right of county commissioners to furnish deputies to a county sheriff.

The right of the state to collect old income accounts against several counties, which have refused to pay the same is upheld by the supreme court, which affirmed the findings of the special referee, J. H. Treddy in a suit brought to compel Stanton county to pay.

Burglar Alarm Snares Crook in Store of J. Janous

J. E. Janous, proprietor of a barber shop at 1826 Sherman avenue, installed a burglar alarm in his place of business Saturday night and thirty-six hours later it brought about the arrest of Frank Farrell of Erie, Pa., who was caught redhanded while engaged in the theft of a quantity of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco.

Farrell, it is alleged, pried open a side window and when he did so an alarm sounded in Janous' home. Janous called the police and Farrell was caught just as he was about to leave the shop. He was bound over to the district court under \$500 bonds.

Morgan Syndicate Buys Argentine Rail Notes

New York, Jan. 16.—A banking syndicate, which includes J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City bank, has concluded arrangements for the purchase of \$15,000,000 ten-year 6 per cent convertible notes of the Central Argentine Railway company. The proceeds of these notes will be applied to the retirement of an equal number of notes now held by British interests.

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WALTERS VISITS BIG MUDDY WELLS

General Manager of Northwestern Reports Prosperity in Wyoming Oil Fields.

NEED MORE REFINERIES

General Manager Walters of the Northwestern is back from a trip over the company's Wyoming lines. While in Wyoming Mr. Walters visited the Big Muddy oil fields along the line of road, west of Douglas, and noted fifteen drilling rigs at work between Douglas and Casper, a distance of fifty miles. Numerous wells have been drilled and in nearly all of them oil in paying quantities has been struck. The refineries nearest to Douglas and Glen Rock are at Casper and oil from these fields is being carried to the Casper refineries in tank cars. There is talk of the building of a refinery at either Douglas or Glen Rock and perhaps one at each place. Companies pushing development of the field are the Standard, the Texas and the Midwest companies. Another company, the Merit, has recently come into the field with a capital stock of \$6,000,000. Its stock is on the New York curb and is selling at \$12 to \$14 for \$10 shares.

Rheumatism an Insidious Disease; Begins With Insignificant Pains

Real Torture Bound to Follow If the First Warnings Are Not Heeded.

Anyone afflicted with the pangs of Rheumatism will tell you that the first pains were hardly noticeable. Slight at first, in fact too insignificant to be heeded, pains increasing very gradually, the disease had them firmly in its grasp before they realized that they were its victims. Those who have been trying liniments and other external applications will find that they have not reached the cause of the trouble, and that their Rheumatism is back with them again, increasing in severity as the days go by.

Rheumatism. Prompt treatment is highly important, but the right treatment is the only kind that will do you any good. Have you ever known of Rheumatism being cured by liniments, or other external applications? Most certainly not. Do not, therefore, make the mistake that many have, but bear in mind that external remedies positively cannot reach Rheumatism. It cannot be rubbed out of the blood. S. S. S. can be relied upon to cleanse the blood and has been giving relief from Rheumatism for more than fifty years, and some of the most severe cases have yielded to it. Write today and give full information about your case, and our medical adviser will give you advice without cost. Address medical department, Swift Specific Co., 32 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

Advertisement for 'ROCK ISLAND To Chicago'. It says: 'Arrive La Salle Station—on the Loop—any part of the city quickly reached by elevated trains. Most convenient location in Chicago. "Chicago Day Express" at 6:00 a. m. "Chicago-Colorado Express" at 3:55 p. m. "Chicago-Nebraska Limited" at 6:08 p. m. "Rocky Mountain Limited" at 2:00 a. m. Connections at Englewood Union Station (63rd Street) with limited trains for all Eastern territory. Automatic Block Signals. Finest Modern All-Steel Equipment. Superior Dining Car Service. Tickets, reservations and information at Rock Island Travel Bureau, 1323 Farnam Street, or at Union Station. J. S. McNALLY, Division Passenger Agent, Phone Douglas 428'.

Advertisement for 'The Exclusive Difference'. It says: 'A battery is not a piece of machinery. It is a chemical in its action. That is why it needs the occasional attention of a battery expert. Come and see us. FREE BATTERY INSPECTION. Delco Exide Service Station. 2024 Farnam St. Tel. D. 3697. Omaha, Neb.'

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