

SANDLOTTERS SET TO START TROUBLE

George Clark Schooling Many Umpires in Tricks of the Trade.

NEW LOTS ON SOUTH SIDE

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Good judgment was used by the magnates of the Greater Omaha league when they elected Abner Kaiman their chief executive and pushed Otto Pecha to the secretary's chair. Kaiman has had lots of experience with base ball managers and, as a consequence, has the gray matter to understand their peculiarities, define their troubles and adjust them in a diplomatic manner. For several years he has been the official tabulator for the Brandeis team. Last year Otto Pecha was the president of the National league, a Class A organization, over which the final obsequies were performed a few weeks ago.

Under the personal supervision of George Clark, old-time ball player and professional barker, the umpire's school has opened. Nearly all of the old adjudicators are back on the job and several new gents with aspirations to dodge pop bottles are getting their elemental education. The recruiting office is now open and recruits will be mustered into service providing they file their applications with George Clark.

Walter M. Walton, chief of the Carter Lake troupe, will consult Commissioner Hummel relative to securing the services of a municipal umpire every Sunday to handle the games played on the Carter Lake club diamond. Of course this diamond does not come under the jurisdiction of municipal affairs, but in all probability arrangements will be made to take care of the situation.

Three Enclosed Parks.

From all appearances the Greater Omaha league will only utilize three enclosed parks this term namely Ernie Holmes park, C. B. DeVol Victors park and Melady Bros. park. Of course, Armour park is still at their disposal, but the gates will probably be locked, because it never did prove very magnetic in drawing power. Either the south town fans were shy of the park or shy the necessary two bits taxed at the gate, or probably they were especially interested in the conflicts staged on the municipal lots. Anyway, if the Greater Omaha league magnates don't play a different tune the Ar-

mour park will be relegated to the wood pile.

A couple of municipal diamonds in porkville will probably be ready for use when the bell tinkles, one at Twenty-seventh and T streets and the other at Thirty-seventh and K streets. When these diamonds are completed the packersville warriors who heretofore were compelled to make long journeys to play on a municipal lot will undoubtedly chuckle with glee.

No Directors' Meeting.

Nothing of particular importance was on the bill of fare last week, consequently the board of directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association did not convene, but they will congregate tomorrow night at the council chamber of the city hall.

Six leagues are now organized to battle on Sundays and it is a good bet that another will be launched in the immediate future. These leagues are members of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association. Possibly the Union Pacific league will join the association. There will be several leagues that will not be affiliated with the association, namely the Young Men's Hebrew association, Bloomer league and the American Smelting and Refining company league.

Monday night at the council chamber the American league magnates will assemble and decide whether or not to have six or eight teams, arrange for their schedule, decide what the amount of forfeit will be and how to split same. The following teams are now members of this league: Omaha Bicycle Indians, Townsends, South Omaha Merchants, National Cash Registers, Waterloo Creamery company and McCarthys. The Western Union and Swift & Co. teams will probably join this league. To date the Chris Lycks are in the doubtful column.

Traffic Cop Believes Rickey Is Hard Luck Guy

Branch Rickey, the new president of the St. Louis Nationals, who faces a law suit because of his contract with the St. Louis Americans, nearly bumped into more trouble recently. Rickey was driving home in his new motor car when a traffic policeman raised his hand.

"Which way?" asked Rickey. "Right to the police station," exploded the copper; "you are using an old license. Orders are to arrest drivers not using the new license."

"Say," asked the policeman after he had climbed into the car, "what's your name?" "Rickey," replied the new Cardinal boss.

"Lemme out. Your luck is bad enough without being pinched."

MACK'S SCHOOL NOT MUCH FOR MANAGERS

Seventeen Former Athletics Have Had Chances With-out Great Success.

HOW WILL BARRY PAN OUT?

Will Jack Barry make good as a manager? Seventeen former members of the Philadelphia Athletics have had chances in the managerial line, but none has been a great success. There has been a whole lot of pro and con talk about the signing up of Jack Barry by the Red Sox, but it is well to remember that if Harry Frazee had not hooked Barry for the manager job he would be panned very severely by some of the fellows who are now questioning Barry's managerial capacity. The whole discussion is interesting, though.

Some one suggests that Connie Mack is not much of a man for making managers because only one graduate of his team in seventeen has made good. The same critic could say that mighty few of Connie Mack's graduates show star work on other teams. Only Eddie Collins, Jack Barry and Eddie Plank have continued to show sterling baseball after leaving Mack's school as stars. Of course, there have been other fellows—non graduates—who have shone after leaving the Athletics, but we are talking of fellows who were accepted as stars with the Philadelphia team. Connie has overlooked a few of the comers, but only a few. The vast majority of the fellows who came to him and became stars did their fanciest work under him. He developed them. He did a large fraction of their thinking. Most of them needed Cornelius.

The list of former athletic players who have tried their hand at managing follows: Harry Barton, Bill Bernhard, Arthur Brouthers, Charley Carr, Monte Cross, Lave Cross, Lou Castro, Harry Davis, Topsy Hartsel, Weldon Henley, Jack Knight, Larry Lajoie, Briscoe Lord, Dan Murphy, Ollie Pickering, Socks Seybold, and now Jack Barry. Bill Bernhard will have another chance this season, as he is to pilot the Salt Lake team of the Pacific Coast league. Bernhard tried his hand at Nashville and Memphis, then turned umpire, and was officiating in the Southern league when appointed to his new position. Dan Murphy was no whirlwind in New Haven last year. He may get the hook. Larry Lajoie is slated for an International league post. All

others are on the retired list of are looking about for positions.

Many of the old Mack stars had excellent opportunities, but failed to produce. Carr at Indianapolis was a success until he tried to devote part of his time to business but Castro and Lajoie were the only other Mack men to keep a team in the race throughout the season, and they never amounted to much after one season. Harry Davis and Lajoie both had major league trials at Cleveland, but failed. Knight, Seybold, Hartsel and Monte Cross were in the American association and other places. Bernhard, Castro and Lord piloted Southern association teams. Art Brouthers and Henley were in the South Atlantic circuit. The others piloted Class C or D teams without success. All this only goes to show that Mr. Mack must be quite a manager himself. Evidently he has had little "managerial" help from his players.

Negro Fighter is Knocked Out Twice In One Ring Fight

Jack Mitchell, Indianapolis negro middleweight, bears the unique experience of being knocked out twice in one night's ring battle. This occurred when he met Gorilla Jones in a scheduled twenty-round fight. In the tenth round Mitchell was counted out, but when the referee attempted to raise Jones' hand in token of victory, the "kayoed gladiator" sprang to his feet and renewed hostilities. After a few punches between the boxers the gong sounded and both men went to their corners and began anew in the eleventh round.

Ad Wolgast's Wife Is Named His Guardian

Through a court order issued by Judge Gillen, of Cadillac, Mich., Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, is now a ward of his wife. She has been appointed guardian of his estate of \$200,000. Wolgast is in a sanitarium suffering, according to physicians, from a brain disease.

Stan Coveleskie Says Old Spitter Has Come Back

Stanley Coveleskie believes he is going to pitch winning ball for the Cleveland Americans this season. His spittball, which refused to work properly at the start of the 1916 campaign, now is breaking in great style, he says.

HERE'S ANOTHER BASE BALL FREAK

One Player Throws Light Ball, While Another Throws One Heavy as Lead.

NOT QUESTION OF SPEED

Waxahachie, Tex., March 28.—Why does one player throw a light ball, while another player, who uses even less speed, hurls a ball which comes to a felder as if it was a lump of lead?

This freak of base ball, one of the interesting scientific problems of the game, again is claiming the attention of members of the Detroit Americans, who are training here. Many theories have been advanced, but it is seldom that more than two players on a club agree upon a possible solution.

Archie Yelle, a recruit catcher, was one of the players whose work started the discussion this season. Yelle is a clever receiver and a splendid thrower, but he hurls a ball which nearly knocks a baseman into the outfield. Yelle has tried to remedy this fault, but, like many other catchers, some of whom were stars, he has failed. Detroit infielders would rather stop a piece of shrapnel than a throw from this recruit backstop.

"Hack" Spencer, the comeback, who may be Detroit's first string catcher this year, sends the ball to second like a rifle shot. His throw is low all the way and despite this fact Bush and Young solemnly insist that the ball seems to float into their glove. Stanage, too, is a fine thrower and his offerings are gentle. McKee, fourth member of the staff, is an erratic thrower, who seems to be pitching lead.

Two of Detroit's infielders are heavy throwers and two serve up much lighter offerings. Shortstop Bush and Second Baseman Young are disciples of the Spencer class, while Oscar Vitt and George Burns throw as Yelle does.

Years ago base ball experts tried to solve this mystery. In the dim days when Malachi Kittredge was in his prime and feared by base runners he was equally feared by the men who had to stop his terrible throws. Malachi had very small hands and some players believed that his inability to get a better grip on the horsehide gave the ball a spin which made it feel so heavy. But Donie Bush's

Gossip of the Sand Lots

Hatch, a local gridiron warrior of merit, recently signed a contract to play base ball with the Carter Lake club.

With Hustler Coan at the wheel, the Reddies should make an enviable record in the Metropolitan league.

This season the Polish merchants will undoubtedly make a splendid record. Their lineup looks sugary on paper.

In Earl Higgins the Te-Be Co's will have at least one regular roofer. It would be a difficult matter to keep Earl quiet if muscled at a ball game.

Many excellent Class A ball players are still unassigned. It looks as if some of them will have to hitch on with a Class B aggregation or loaf.

James Sullivan, brother of Sullivan, who used to split 'em over the platter for the Armour, is anxious to sign up with a Class C congregation.

Reber, who used to act as sack 3 for the Pollys, is now associated with the Murphy Dids.

From present indications the base ball craze is in order for L. P. Reber, formerly a live wire in local circles.

According to Skybumper Albert Watt, the Ancient Order of United Workmen would back a base ball team if a gent with the proper line of chatter would explicate the central committee.

Another old-timer tagged Ernie Charnquist is again anxious to display his wares. Managers can commune with him over Tyler 188.

During the season of 1913 John A. Gentlemen, the undertaker, undertook to back two teams, one known as the Gentleman Hollys and the other the Gentleman Ath-

letes. The Omaha Gas company team has exploded. The contemplations of several players were wrecked in the explosion.

When conversing about his players, McAndrews of the Ramblers uses the sky for the limit and sometimes kicks a hole through it.

Only three managers that were in the ring five years ago are still on the carpet, namely, Fred Bradford, Bill Dolsen and Roy Stacey.

Five years ago John Dennison severed his connection as a player with the Townsends and became field captain of the Grain Exchange team and later he blossomed into a manager.

Nash and Ralph Tuttle has not shown any life to date. Strange if he is in this neighborhood that he is so silent.

Yep, Anny Graves will slip back into the harness again. He will be on duty for the Armour. He is one of the oldest war horses on deck.

Several speedy hurlers will be given a trout by the Council Bluffs De Vol manager. All of their monickers look sweet on paper.

Players in possession of baseball suits and side dishes that are the property of the Burgess-Nash company are requested to return same to Cecil Lehr.

If the Te-Be-Ce clear has as much smoke as Curtis Peterson, who will twirl for the Te-Be-Ce's, it would have to attach a smoke consumer.

With such a gingery dude as Roy Stacey at the helm the Besslin team should compile an excellent record.

Fans, do not get the George Grammas mixed up. One holds down bag two for the Brandeis and the other is the manager of a City league squad.

Most all of the leagues will gather at the city hall this week to finish up the preliminary arrangements preparatory for the initial arrangements.

Although the president of the Inter-City league is labeled Blunt, nevertheless he is a sharp and shrewd handler of youthful tossers.

The Stage and Woodman of the World will engage in a practice contest this afternoon.

Next Wednesday night the Metropolitan league will meet.

A good many local pill-chasers will mander out to Rourke park today to watch the Brandeis battle Pa Rourke's children.

A newcomer to Class C circles will be the recently organized Dresher Bros. team, which has a franchise in the Booster league.

Bill Schall was unanimously elected captain of the Dreshers at their recent meeting.

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