

One guess on Benny's chest measurement as he rolled into Chicago.

# The Shrinking Violet Finally Turned the Trick

Can you see Benny wearing those Chicago pants when they start to ride him? Ch. boy.

## Battle of Magnates Due at Louisville Meeting of Western Loop Club Owners

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 12.—That Western league meeting, which according to advance reports is to be held in Louisville November 11, is almost certain to be one which will furnish plenty of real excitement and sensations for all concerned, for as the prospects now line up it appears that the magnates are in for the busiest and most prolific session of their young lives.

To begin with, there is bound to be a readjustment of the circuit. Dickerson has said that the Western did well during the past season. Pure camouflage. Those who know anything of base ball know also that outside of two cities, every town on the Western map lost money. According to the Dickerson report, Ed Hanlon's team made money while in St. Joseph, according to the secretary of the club, the team did not break even here, although it did much better than at Sioux City.

Ed Hanlon returned from the west this week and was surprised when he learned of the decision to hold a meeting in Louisville. Hanlon is in Sioux City now and expresses the belief that the meeting should have been held within the Western League circuit. However, he will not raise any objection to the place of holding provided the meeting brings forth some of the results which he most desires—first of which is adjusting things between himself, the league and Jack Holland so that all three know just where they stand. The civic organizations of this town want Hanlon, that has been established beyond peradventure of a doubt. It is not Hugh Jones nor Ducky Holmes they crave, it is Ed Hanlon and they are going to fight hard to retain him, but there is a growing suspicion that league politics are being played to keep Hanlon out of this town and to return the franchise—if indeed this was ever taken from him—to Jack Holland, who will in turn dispose of it to some other magnate, probably Jones.

Hanlon and Rourke are in favor of cutting loose from the league as at present constituted and of joining forces with four towns of the American association and leaving the Western free to remain in such towns as Hutchinson, Joplin and Wichita.

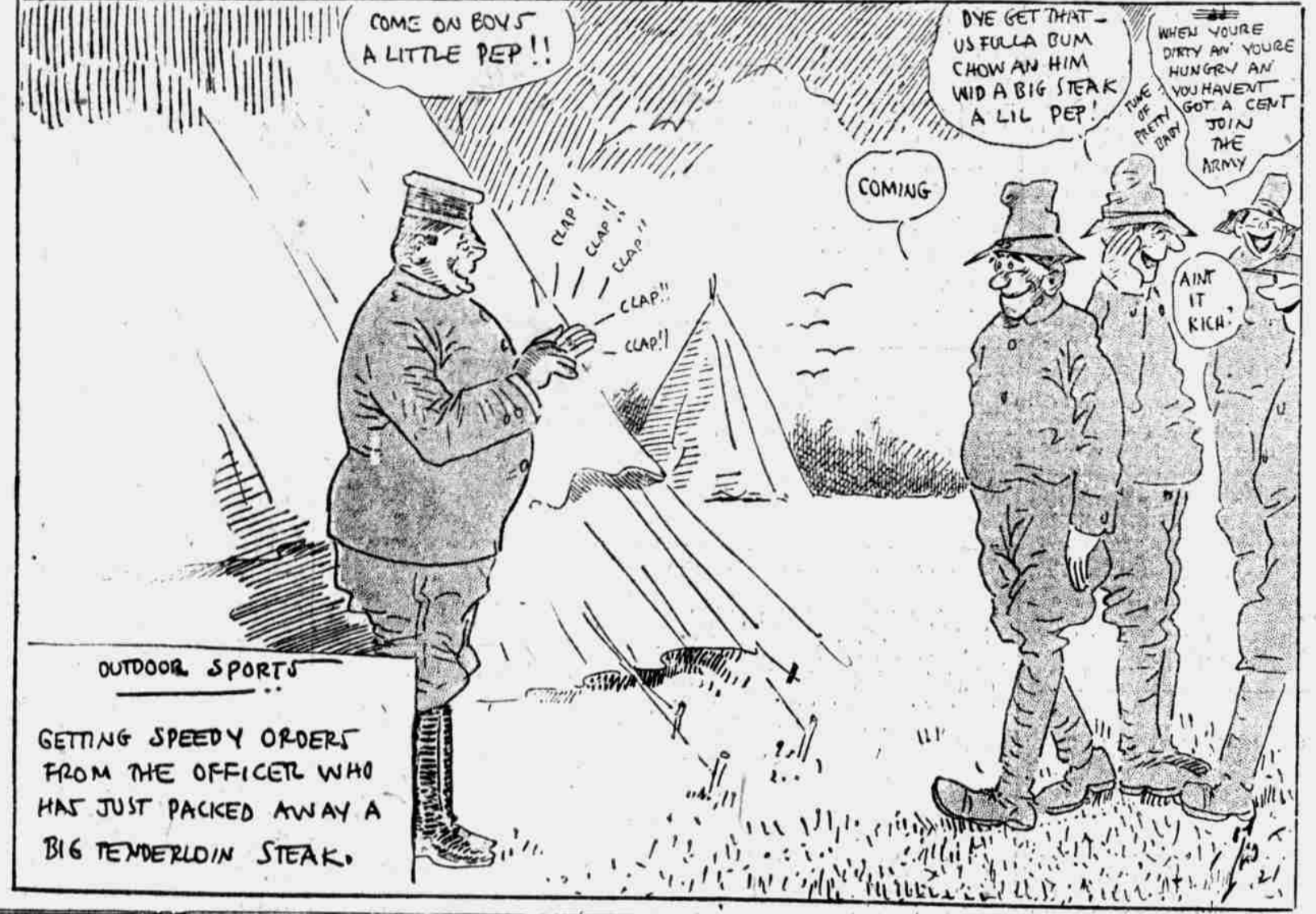
Despite the fact that Lincoln lost money last season, with every plan suggested the Nebraska capital is included as a strong probability for

membership in a larger and stronger circuit for next season. Perhaps this is due to the fact that Lincoln, given a square deal in which the fortunes of some other newcomer in the league are not considered first, is recognized as a live ball town. Denver is in the discard in all the calculations, while Omaha, Des Moines and St. Joseph are inevitably linked together. It is the feeling among a good many of the base ball men that a circuit composed of these four towns and four from the American association would make an ideal "river to river league." Of course Milwaukee is figured in these calculations and is a bit over the Mississippi line, but small things like that can be waived. Then the chance of these four clubs being linked with Davenport, Peoria, Rock Island and perhaps Sioux City for a new Western league.

Strange things are being done. The president's office in Kansas City has been closed, the executive has gone to Grand Rapids to spend the winter, the magnates are scurrying back and forth, holding hurried conferences, each one disclaims any knowledge of what is to happen at the league meeting and yet one just as decidedly declares that base ball history is to be made at that session.

And there is to be a fine little row when the opposing forces meet, you may depend upon that, for the Hanlon-Rourke crowd have lined up against the Holland-Jones crew and fur is likely to fly when the "magnates" gather about the festal board in Colonel Watterson's home.

## Outdoor Sports: By Tad



OUTDOOR SPORTS  
GETTING SPEEDY ORDERS FROM THE OFFICER WHO HAS JUST PACKED AWAY A BIG TENDERLOIN STEAK.

## PENN ELEVEN CUTS OUT PAID SCOUTS

Folwell Says Professional Espionage System Will Be Abolished at Quaker Institution This Year.

Robert Folwell announced that Pennsylvania university has decided to do away with paid scouting this season. Whether this means that the Quakers will be without that elaborate system of espionage which various important events have developed in the course of modern foot ball depends on whether or not there are alumni sufficiently versed in the technique of the game who are willing to give their services free of charge. It is reasonable to assume that such will not be the case, and that, as a consequence, Pennsylvania's intelligence bureau will be rather loosely ordered.

The system of scouting which has grown wide, complete, and expensive up to and including the season of 1916, had its bitter opponents and its staunch adherents. Those who were against it denounced it as an important phase of the theory of anything for victory, coupling it with such evils as expensive coaching staffs, transfer of students from one college to another and preparatory school proscriting. Proponents of the system held that any team organized to play foot ball along advanced lines, and which expected to meet well trained rivals with hope of success could not forego the advantage of some degree of familiarity with their basic formations, and with the style, prows, and specialized attributes of individuals.

Scouting in former times was not such an important factor in the development of an eleven as it has come to be. A coach would leave his squad or send an assistant once or twice in the course of a season to witness the coming opponent in action against another strong eleven. Later, however, the practice of scouting was systematized and special staffs of keen observers recruited for this purpose. For example, the coach of a big eleven would detail one or two men to attend every game played by a rival college team, their reports coming in week by week and kept carefully on file for reference against the time when it was necessary to prepare for the crucial contest against that outfit.

The fans in Pittsburgh are showing unusual enthusiasm over base ball. They realize that the season is over.

## ON THE SPORT TRAIL WITH FRED S. HUNTER

Tesreau, once the Giants' best bet in the box, stands fifth among McGraw's pitchers on the season's records.

Geno Delmont, the southern featherweight, is anxious to hook up in a clash with any New England boxer before a Boston club.

Both the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals moved up from their second division berth in 1916 to the first division this year.

Unofficial batting averages show that Duffy Lewis of the Red Sox landed within the .300 circle at the very finish of the season.

New York boxing promoters are angling for a return match between Jack Dillon and Harry Greb, the clever Pittsburgh middleweight.

A number of foot ball coaches are needed at the various military training camps. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Slam Anderson, former Badger and Yale gridiron star, is assisting Coaches Richards and Jones with the University of Wisconsin foot ball squad.

Frank Moran says he wants to box Carl Morris and if Morris persists in foul fighting Moran will use similar tactics and rough-house the Oklahoma giant.

Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul claimant to the bantamweight title, will be a sorely disappointed boxer if Champion Pete Herman refuses to meet him before the latter joins the army.

Danmuth's foot ball squad has been increased by the unexpected return of Gene Neely, the one-armed guard who gained quite a reputation as a clever grizzer last year.

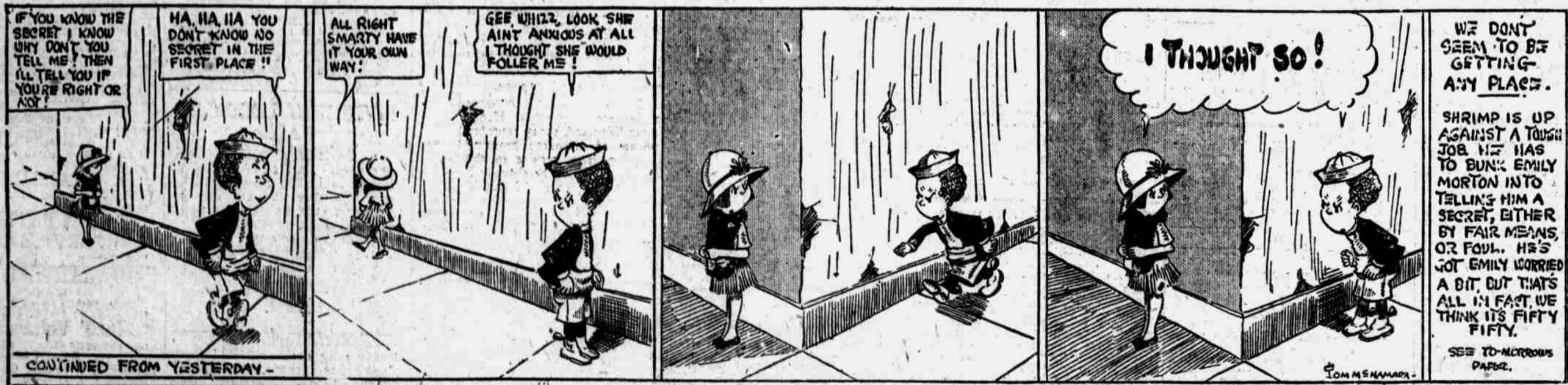
Rumor has it that both the Braves and Red Sox first sackers are likely to become managers next season. Konechty of the Braves is slated as the Cardinals' pilot and Hohlitzel is down to lead the Red Sox.

Clarence De Mar, former marathon title holder, made a remarkable "come-back" when he won the Brockton marathon in record time. In this event De Mar defeated a trio of star distance runners, comprising Villir Lyronen, Arthur Roth and Bill Kennedy.

The Baltimore Orioles of twenty years ago have more members still in the major leagues than any other of the same age ever had. McGraw, manager of the Giants; Robison, manager of the Dodgers; Kelley, scout of the Yankees, and Coach Gleason of the White Sox are all Oriole veterans.

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