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THOUSANDS IN MANAGING BALL TEAMS THESE DAYS



McGraw Can Afford to Retire From Baseball at the Expiration of the Fat Contract He Has Just Signed to Manage the Giants.

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PRETTY soft for John McGraw—a five-year contract at \$200,000 a year. John can afford to retire after that and spend his time fishing for yellowtail at Catalina Island. I don't think, however, that any one will deny McGraw's right to such a salary. The man who can handle a big league team and bring it through a winner now and then brings hundreds of thousands of dollars to the gates of the ball parks where his team plays. It's only fair that he should have a share of the profits of the game. McGraw has worked himself into a salary-commanding position. He deserves all he can get.

The funny thought: Did the club give the big raise because he deserved it, or because the Highlanders were getting so much free advertising through the "record salary" paid to the new manager, Frank Chance?

NOW let Frank Farrell call the N. Y. National club's bluff, and raise Chance to \$25,000 a year. Chance won't have the slightest objection in the world.

THIS is the motor boat show weather. It's good enough to hold the show on water. Now, if the old Gulf Stream slides in a little closer next year, why not try it? A motor boat in Madison Square Garden looks about as much at home as an automobile would in the middle of Gravesend Bay.

SAMUEL P. GINDER of Annapolis had his leg broken a couple of days ago while playing soccer. Better change the soccer rules, might make every player wear feather pillows on his shin, and prohibit any movement faster than a wobbling walk. That would please the safety-at-any-price bugs.

CALIFORNIA will see some classy lightweight fighting next Monday. In Los Angeles K. O. Brown meets Rivers; in San Francisco Tommy Murphy meets Wolgast. These won't be much travel up and down the Coast this week.

K. O. Brown has made a great hit in Los Angeles. The Californians have heard all about K. O. for many months. D. Morgan has conducted a campaign of education, by mail. So far the betting is at even.

Rivers has some advantage over Brown. He is a better boxer. In fact, he's a very good defensive boxer, as well as a good hitter and a rough customer. Rivers, too, is accustomed to the distance—twenty rounds. Brown never fought a twenty-round fight. Twelve, to date, has been his limit. He hasn't fought in the twenty-round country. But K. O. has a great pair of lungs for a lightweight and good endurance. The length of the route may not trouble him. In any case, here's luck, K. O. You're a good kid, and as willing as they make 'em.

THE Murphy-Wolgast affair has more of the human interest element than the other. Tommy Murphy owes Ad a regular grudge for sidestepping him when Wolgast held the title. Murphy whipped Wolgast in six rounds just before the Nelson fight that gave Ad his title. And from that day to this Wolgast has dodged Murphy with all the activity of a man ducking bullets.

Wolgast needed an excuse for this. So he said that Murphy had insulted him after his six-round bout. What really occurred on that occasion is worth telling.

Just before the bout, which was fought in Pittsburgh, Wolgast came into Murphy's dressing room and, stung Tommy up, with an impudent grin said: "Hello! Are you the snippy young kid I heard you lick in a little while?"

Murphy answered never a word. But after the bout Murphy dressed first. Going in where Ad was still receiving first aid for the injured treatment from his seconds, Tommy looked Ad over in apparent surprise. "Hello!" said he, "are you the snippy young kid I heard a little while ago?"

Ad Ad, who had enough conceit for a heavyweight, never forgave him. THAT McFarland-Britton match has been rumored and positively announced so many times that I, for one, refuse to "fall for it" any more. I'll believe that McFarland and Britton are going to box when I see them in the ring and hear the bell for the beginning of the first round. Oh, yes. If they get there they'll go it all right. They're both galting that way. And a flat failure to make good, to show action, would knock both of their reputations into a cocked hat—whatever that means.

Speaker of Red Sox Signs. BOSTON, Feb. 17.—James McLean, president of the club, has made word from the club that the club has signed Red Sox pitcher, Fred Clarke, to a contract for 1913. Clarke is the first Red Sox pitcher to be signed for the coming season, and it is understood he will continue to pitch for the club.



NOTES OF A PAID AMATEUR BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

KEEN disappointment was expressed by Grover Cleveland Hartley, Christy Mathewson and a couple of the scribes when they left for Marlin over the fact that the party was not sufficiently large for a game of "parade." That means a long, tedious trip until St. Louis is reached, when enough of the regulars will get on to fill all the seats. Of course Jim Thorpe and Goulet are along, but newcomers are not admitted to the game until they have had a few days of observation from orchestra seats. McGraw does not play cards and Robby is observed off by having his young son with him. We will, therefore, be unable to give a form chart of winners for several days.

LOOKS PRETTY SOFT FOR PHIL. Phil Schenk, the American League groundkeeper who sailed with Frank Chance, Arthur Irwin, Roy Hartal and the chef Saturday, feels that his job this spring is going to be soft picking. A letter from Bermuda says the grass on the Cricket Ground is like a green carpet and that local enthusiasts have already laid out the grounds. On his return Phil can take a long rest, as the Highlanders will play on the Polo Grounds.

ANYWAY, IT CAN'T PUT YOU OUT OF THE GAME. McGraw is anxious to see that umpiring device before he takes a chance on it with his team and is trying to get it sent to Marlin for a tryout. They'll have to keep it under lock and key, though, as he says some pitcher is liable to put a plug in the main spring. There is no chance of satisfying the batters with these mechanical devices or any other kind, for that matter, and that phase of the new project will not be considered. Can you imagine three strikes being called on Larry Doyle and nobody to talk about it?

WHY BALL PLAYERS ARE CLEAN SHAVED. The discovery of a cave or a pocket in the back of Jimmy Conkakey's red whiskers, in which was found a stickpin, recalls the fact that at the time Harry Wright played big league ball and wore the long goggles a low throw to first got tangled in his whiskers one day at Boston and he had scored ten minutes before they found the ball. That is not a feat Milligan story and Arlie Latham will vouch for it.

WHIPPING HIM INTO LINE, AS IT WERE. If President Madero of Mexico doesn't hurry up and turn over the papers that take his office with them we will be compelled to list him among the famous "holdouts" that have upset the workings of baseball for the last two months.

THE LAST OF THE LEFT HANDERS. Rube Marquard, who is vaudevilizing out on the Chapman circuit, writes that he will positively continue in his task of uplifting the drama and will not report to McGraw or anybody else to play ball this season. Rube claims to be miffed at McGraw, but just what for we can't figure unless it was for paying him a salary for three years when he was known as the "\$11,000 Lemon" and thereby holding back a noted historic career. The worst of it is, Clark Griffith says there are no left handers left.

TAKE 'EM OFF, CHIEF, WE KNOW YOU. Chief Meyers in a letter to Secretary Foster of the Giants says he has been playing in the outfield "and hasn't been hit on the head yet." Some may construe this as meaning that the Chief is a good outfielder, but we happen to know that when he went to California he took his mask and breast protector with him.

WHY THE CUB MACHINE STOPPED TICKING. At last the feeling between Tinker and Evers, former team mates, has come to the surface. After saying that he wished Tinker luck for a long time Johnny now charges that the old partner has been violating baseball law by tampering with Pitcher Cheney. He wishes Frank Chance good luck on his present voyage by naively remarking that if anything happens "Frank is a good swimmer."

RATTY'S PREHISTORIC FIND. In exploring the rubbish incident to the clearing out of McGraw's billiard parlors Tommy Ratty, the popular manager, found a ticket to the famous game at the Polo Grounds in which Merkle failed to touch second. Tommy prizes his find highly, but says he hopes he will never have to use it. By the way, he suggests that all such trouble can be obviated in the future by having the bags so arranged that when a runner's foot touches them a bell rings in the press box.

Entries Continue to Pour in For Evening World's Tourney

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STARS NOW RACING AT JUAREZ TRACK

Some Good Two-Year-Olds Get Preparation for Kentucky Meetings.

(Special to The Evening World.) JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 17.—The race meeting now in progress at the Jockey Club, Juarez, course still continues under flourishing conditions. All the best horses, including the cracks of the two-year-old division, are being sent to the track and the stars of the older brigade are now being raced to season them for racing in the coming spring and summer on the Kentucky and Canadian tracks.

John Lowe will likely take his big public racing stable from here to Kentucky in the spring and race throughout the season this year at the Louisville and Latonia tracks, returning to Juarez next fall for the winter season. Lowe has a handy bunch of horses

now in his care, headed by Jim Bassy, a sprinter of class and a performer capable of running a mile cleverly. None of the horses trained by Lowe had won at Juarez until twenty days of the meeting had been run off, but since they began winning on Dec. 21 he has added up to and including Feb. 4 a total of seven winners, which combined have won a total of twenty-one races. Jim Bassy, Gen. Marchmont, Marie Girl and El Palomar have each won four races. The Cinder and Florence Roberts have both won twice and Gasket has also won a race since coming into Lowe's charge. It is likely that El

Palomar will be eliminated by his owner, C. W. Clark, in the Kentucky and Latonia Derby races this season.

Advice to the Heart Hungry The Mis-sent Letter:

Dear Editor:-- I made an awful break last night. I wrote to a young man I know very slightly asking him to dinner, and at the same time wrote to a girl friend. I got the letters in the wrong envelopes and this is what I sent the young man:

Dear Kid:-- Please send me a pair of your pyjamas. I want to use them as a pattern. I am afraid he will think I am forward. What shall I do to make up for this bad slip?

Your little friend, Myrtle Green

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