

has shown enough stuff to take him through nine innings against a first-class ball team. Cheney is still troubled by wildness, and is also disposed to weaken somewhat toward the end of the battle.

A week still remains before the opening of the season. In that time Cheney and Vaughn will each get some daily work and each will also be sent one more full game to prepare for the season's opening. There is little doubt that one of the star pair will be selected to open the campaign. Bresnahan will do the bulk of the catching at the season's beginning, as Archer is suffering from an injured hand.

There is little doubt as to the identity of the pitcher who will first step to the box for the White Sox in the 1915 American league season. Jim Scott is the man and he will be as right as he ever was in his life. Throughout the spring trip Scott has been pitching major league ball. Not only has he been baffling the batters through the bush circuit, but he has possessed enough of his usual stuff to have deceived the best that the American league boasts.

Scott has been pitching nine-inning games for the last month and at the finish of each he has been stronger than in the one preceding. He blanked Little Rock yesterday in what may be his final breezeout before he cracks open the season.

The third-base question, a big one for Manager Rowland, is being solved excellently by the work of Jimmy Breton. Not because of the collegian's fielding, but on the score of his batting, which, since he joined the regulars, has been better than that of any other man in the troop. Breton will face much better pitching when he gets in the major league belt, but the numerous bingles he has been registering through the "sticks" will give him confidence when he faces the Walter Johnson and Dutch Leonards.

When the Whales went south, we

heard some fervid comments from war correspondents about the work of a young pitcher named Dave Beard, who had the motion and everything else of Mordeci Brown. Yesterday Joe Tinker cut Mr. Beard off the pay roll because he had little more than the motion and a faith in human nature.

So much for the accuracy of news about spring phenoms.

The Whales are due to arrive in town tomorrow night, having a couple more games to play with teams of little strength, and from whom they will get little practice. The only real value of these combats is to the pitchers. The batters are not hard to deceive, but the boxmen are aided in securing their control, timing their curves, and putting the necessary zip behind the fast one.

One of the biggest gains Tinker has made is in the condition of Ad Brennan, almost valueless last season. Brennan has taken excellent care of himself, and can pitch a full nine-inning game right now, and do it well. He will be capable of a game every four days this season, and with Hendrix, Johnson and Brown, will give Tinker the most efficient pitching staff in the Federal league.

George Chip battered Al McCoy in ten rounds at New York. McCoy was down for the count of "nine" twice in the ninth round.

#### TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

John Day, Ore., April 7. — Juvenile wrath grew hot when Principal E. S. Stutz of the John Day grammar school ruled that "mullein" is the correct spelling. It came out at a recent orthographical contest. Next day the adherents of "mullen" waylaid Stutz, bombarded him with eggs and drove him back to his boarding house. Parental apologies followed as many spankings and Prof. Stutz has agreed to referee another spelling bee.

The wealth of this nation per capita is \$1,318.11.