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SPORT AND POLITICS

Notes About Men and Their Doings in the Two Great Fields of National Pastime.

van senatorial candidacy. He was traded off and slaughtered primary day.

The way the Sullivan organization cut A. A. Worsley, the able lawyer who was the first man on its municipal slate, was a fright.

Rocco D. Stefano was put on the Sullivan organization slate to draw the Italian vote to Sullivan's senatorial boom. Mr. Stefano was traded off on primary day and defeated.

Robert Hulman, who was traded off as a candidate for county commissioner for votes for Sullivan for senator, has many friends who are sore.

Nathan Jasenovsky's friends blame the Sullivan bull con for his defeat at the Democratic primary.

Julius F. Kallah, candidate for county commissioner, was thrown high in the air by the Sullivan senatorial workers.

John T. Keating, who was a staunch Sullivan worker before the primaries, had the political life traded out of him by the Sullivan organization as a candidate for commissioner primary day.

John C. Kelly's friends wanted to see him a county commissioner. The Sullivan senatorial gang knifed and beat him at the primary.

M. L. Kensington knows more about politics since the Sullivan crowd defeated him at the primaries.

Charles Hoppe's friends were with Sullivan before the primary. The way the gang traded his candidacy for county commissioner for votes for their man has cured some of them.

Joseph Honan was a candidate for county commissioner who was traded off by the Sullivan organization.

John F. Hodge is not so strong a Sullivan man as he was. He learned something primary day.

Daniel J. Harris, now a county commissioner and a strong Sullivan man, got what was coming to him primary day, when the Sullivan organization threw him high in the air.

William S. Haskell would have made a good county commissioner. The Sullivan crowd thought otherwise.

John C. Harding had many promises of support from the Sullivan organization for county commissioner and president of the county board. He got the con smile and the knife on primary day.

Edward J. Glaser felt the Sullivan knife in his candidacy primary day.

Joseph B. Gecan knows more about the Sullivan crowd since they beat him for county commissioner.

Stanley Kuslewski has many friends who are disgusted with the way the Sullivan organization treated him at the primary and beat him for county commissioner.

Charles J. Byrne is not so good a Sullivan man as he was before his candidacy was knifed on primary day.

John Kercher for county commissioner was beaten by the Sullivan traders.

Weghman Park, North Clark and Addison Streets.

Sept. 30—With St. Louis. Oct. 1, 3, 4—With St. Louis. Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8—With Kansas City.

Comiskey Park, 35th Street and Shields Avenue.

September 17, 18, 19—New York. September 20, 21, 22—Washington. September 24, 25, 26—Philadelphia. September 27, 28—Boston. October 2, 3, 4—St. Louis.

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POLICY OF FEDERAL LEAGUE

Baltimore Club is Advised to Get Busy and Secure Players to Strengthen Their Team.

Star Matthews, in the Baltimore Sun offers this kindly advice to the Baltimore Federal League Club: It has been the policy of the club to go its way in peace, not touching players who are under contract, for organized ball has kept its hands off Baltimore's athletes. It was a wise policy earlier in the season, for nothing is to be gained by having a clever man under contract if, through an injunction, the club is robbed of his services. Paying large salaries to men for holding down seats in the grandstand is not good baseball and it doesn't win pennants. Yet, since the courts have told that the Federal league is right in its contention that the 10-day clause is worthless and unfair, Baltimore might as well get in early on the mad rush for stars of baseball, which is bound to begin some time before the flag falls on this race. The local directors can be relied upon to get what they need if it is on the market, but it would be foolish for them to take any kind of a ball player simply because he can be secured. Good material will strengthen the club, but useless timber will only load up the payroll and nothing will be gained on the playing field. So, with the hope of securing players who will be of assistance next year as well as this, the Terrapin officials are looking for only the best.

MACK OVERLOOKED BIG BET

Pitcher Carrol Brown, Now With New York Yankees, Was Regarded as Real "Iron Man."

Carroll Brown, the pitcher recently paroled by the Yanks from Connie Mack, was regarded as the "iron man" of the minor leagues.

While with the New London (Conn.) club in the Eastern League, in 1908,



1909 and 1910 he pitched a total of 135 games—an average of 45 games a season. In 1911 he figured in nearly fifty games, pitching part of the season for New Britain, Conn., and finishing with Waterbury, Conn. Mack secured him from Waterbury at the end of the 1911 season. In 1912 Brown pitched in 35 games for the Athletics, winning 13 and losing 11, while in 1913 he worked in 44 games, winning 18 and dropping 10.

TROUBLES OF NATIONAL GAME

Federal League and European War Have Caused Big Loss in Gate Receipts This Season.

Baseball has been a heavy loser this year because of its own troubles with the Federal league war, and it is going to be a heavier loser because of the European war. How organized baseball will stand the two troubles that have overlapped, will be an interesting and vitally important development that must be awaited by thousands of persons, writes Tom Rice in Brooklyn Eagle.

Already many occupations in this country have been seriously affected by the cutting off of imported raw material for manufacturing. The concerns involved will have to close down because of a lack of work. The water front is already filled with idle men, who have been deprived of their incomes by the tying up of the foreign shipping trade. And so it will go.

That the big leagues are in no danger of collapse for this season is almost a certainty, but that some of the minor leagues will be crippled, or even crushed, is equally certain. One New England town already reported that it has 10,000 men out of work because the importers could not land stuff here from abroad. That sounds like the doom of whatever ball team that town has, and in the smaller leagues the death of a franchise usually means the crumpling of the circuit.

The general tightening of money, with the tendency on the part of all hands to hoard, will have a wide-reaching effect on the club owners, not only for this year, but for next, and the era of excessively high salaries in the pastime will come to an end through no fault of either the players or the magnates.

Star Southpaw Twirlers. The Boston American league club appears to be trying to effect a corner in southpaw pitchers. The average big league team is content with one or two serviceable left-handers, but the Red Sox now have about enough for a complete staff. The acquisition of Vann Gregg from Cleveland gives Bill Carrigan's outfit no fewer than four portlanders, for in addition to Gregg, Carrigan already has Collins, Leonard and Futh. And with the exception of Ruth, who is fresh from the Baltimore club of the International league, all of them are rated among the first-class hurlers in the major.

BONUS FOR HITTING IS WISH OF LAJOIE



Napoleon Lajoie of Cleveland.

Napoleon Lajoie never has been known to complain regarding the salary paid him by Charles W. Somers, but it is quite likely that he wishes that during all the time he has worked for the Naps their liberal owner had offered him a bonus such as Joe Jackson has been offered this season.

Jackson, according to rumor, is to get so much if he hits above .400, so much if he hits above .375, and so much if he hits above .350. Never having hit below the last-named mark since he has been in the American league, the chances are that J. J. will earn at least one of the extra sums his contract calls for, even if the Cincinnati base hit has been abolished.

Look what Lajoie would have had, however, in the way of extra remuneration had his contract called for more money in the event of his hitting above .350, .375, or .400. In 1901, working for Connie Mack, he piled up an average of .422, still the high-water mark for the American league, and only approached by Ty Cobb in 1911, the year he was accounted the most valuable player in the younger organization. Cobb hit .420 that year, and .410 the next; Joe Jackson having an average of .408 in 1911, and Charley ("Duke") Farrell an average of .404 in 1913.

During two years of his employment by Somers Larry has hit better than .375 and in five years better than .350. Cobb has been above the last-named mark six times, Hans Wagner five times, Joe Jackson four times, Tris Speaker, Ed Delahanty, Olaf Henriksen and Mike Donlin twice each.

USED CURVE BALL BUT ONCE

Pitcher Harry Gaspar Hoodwinked Manager Clarke Griffith While With Cincinnati Team.

Harry Gaspar, who pitched for Clarke Griffith a few years ago, broke into fast company because he learned Griffith's weakness was a curve ball pitcher, and was wise enough to take advantage of it.

Griffith, while manager for the Cincinnati club, had practically picked his twirling corps for the season. There was some doubt about Gaspar catching on. Gaspar was a wise old owl, and had plenty of pluck, but didn't have a curve ball.

"If Gaspar shows me a curve before the seasons opens, he'll land," said Griffith.

Somebody tipped this off to Gaspar, and Harry got busy. It wasn't much of a curve, and he could throw it only about a half dozen times in an afternoon—but it was a curve.

Griffith walked up behind Gaspar on the day he had set for deciding the make up of his staff. Gaspar was pitching. To Griffith's amazement, he saw Gaspar throw a beautiful incurve.



Harry Gaspar.

Four more followed. Then Griffith walked away. Gaspar had cinched his job, but it has been recorded that he didn't pitch another real curve ball as long as he remained in the big show, although one of the best pitchers in the league that year.

Left-Handers Hit Hard. There seems to be a lot of foolishness in the idea that left handed batters cannot hit the slants and shoots of southpaw twirlers. Most of the big league clubs carry an extra right-handed pinch hitter along so that they may send him against a left-handed twirler, but it seems a waste of money. Joe Jackson, Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins, Frank Baker, Sam Crawford, Larry Doyle, Dave Robertson, Frank Schulte, Harry Hooper, Jake Daubert, Bert Shotton, Gus Williams and Fred Luderus are all left-handed hitters, yet they club the offerings of port-side pitchers with as much frequency and eclat as they do those that are served up by the starboard twirlers.

Pitcher Swann Released. Pitcher Harry Swann was unconditionally released on July 11 by President Weghman, of the Chicago Federals. Swann was signed for one year by Manager Tinker, but has been unable to gain control of the ball, and the president of the Chiefs made a cash settlement with him last Saturday. He returned to his home in Pittsburgh.

Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Browns has been on a little scouting expedition of his own. Rickey would like to get a hard-hitting catcher to help Sam Agnew out, as he wishes to use Jack Leary at first base all the time.

BATTING SYSTEM IS QUERIED

New Scheme of Secretary Rickart of Federal League, is of Much Interest to Ball Fans.

Lloyd H. Rickart, secretary of the Federal league, who is sponsor for the scheme of having two batting averages compiled, one for the right handers and the other for the left handers, has received from all over the country queries and comments regarding the innovation.

Baseball magnates and players throughout the country have taken a deep interest in the scheme, which is entirely original with Mr. Rickart, and is likely to be adopted sooner or later by all the leagues, as his arguments in favor of the new batting record system are convincing.

Mr. Rickart argues that, as the batter stands closer to first base when he bats left handed and the natural force of his stroke helps to place him in his stride, he has a big advantage over the right hander, who stands on the other side of the home plate when he hits and is out of stride after his stroke at the ball and must get under way without the running start of the left hander.

It can be readily seen, therefore that a slow runner who bats left handed has a big advantage over a fast runner who bats right handed. It can also be seen that many of the batting stars of the country owe their high batting records to the fact that they swing left handed.

Supposing that two runners, one left handed and the other right handed take practically the same length of step and are practically of equal speed on the bases, it therefore follows that the two yard handicap that the left hander has over the right hander on account of his batting position oftentimes will enable him to beat out a grounder that the right hander would be thrown out on by a close decision.

The distance from home plate to first is ninety feet and, supposing that the two runners each make the distance in thirty steps, the left hander, therefore, has practically two steps advantage, or 6 2/3 per cent. In other words, if the batting percentages of the two men are equal at the end of the season, the right hander is really 6 2/3 per cent the best.

GROWING ABUSE OF PITCHERS

Rule Makers Should Put a Stop to Use of Rosin and Other Foreign Substances by Hurlers.

"Pitcher Demaree of the Giants pushes the ball from his shoulder like a shot putter and uses plenty of rosin which he carries in his hip pocket. This rosin business is getting to be too much of a good thing. Gregg of the Naps had his left trouser leg covered with it so that he could put it on his fingers before delivering the ball. The rulemakers ought to put a stop to the use of rosin and other foreign substances by the pitchers, who already have an immense advantage over the batsmen. The foul-strike rule, the spit ball and the raised box helps the pitcher."

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POLITICAL TALK

Heard from the Various Camps During the Week About Men Prominent in Politics.

What the Leaders Are Doing and What People Have to Say About Them.

Judge Charles A. Williams is making the excellent record on the Municipal Court bench that all his friends predicted he would make.

Judge Edward Osgood Brown would be a valuable addition to the Federal bench.

Judge Kichham Scanlan is making a record on the bench that is commended by everybody.

Judge John A. Mahoney of the Municipal court is very popular with the people because of the good, common sense he displays on the bench.

William Hale Thompson was the father of the children's playgrounds of Chicago. As alderman, he introduced and had passed through the City Council, by his own efforts, the ordinance that gave Chicago its first Children's Playground.

Thomas A. Smyth, the able and honest president of the Sanitary District of Chicago, has nothing to fear from attacks made upon him by spoliemen. His record is above reproach and the saving he has made for the taxpayers is appreciated by them.

John R. Caverly's record on the Municipal bench is worthy of all praise.

John A. Cervenka deserves re-election as Clerk of the Probate Court. His record is good.

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