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PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS TAKE NO CHANCES



Ned Hanlon, manager of the famous Baltimore Orioles, one of the greatest teams ever organized, says that players of the present day fall to reach sublime heights in the baseball art because they do not take chances, being afraid of injuries.

of distance and speed. They figured out almost to a fraction of an inch, it seemed, just how far they could beat a throw or how far it was likely to beat them.

PLAYERS HARM GAME

Promoters Get Little But Experience for Their Pains.

President Gilmore Says Federal League is Out to Win, From Both Public and Organized Ball—Not Huge Success.

"It is a shame," declares President Gilmore of the Federal league, "that the lawyers and the players are getting all of the money now made in the national game.

"Mind you, the Federal league is in the field until it gains its point. The men behind it are determined to win, from both the public and organized baseball, the boon of major league recognition.

"But getting back to the folly of this prolonged war. There are many players in our league and in the National and American leagues, too, who are at best only a heavy burden to their employers.

"During the present war baseball has suffered far more through the indifference of certain stars than through the average of these men which prompted them to make and break contracts at will.



JOHN GIBBONS. Judge of the Circuit Court and Candidate for Re-Election on the Republican Ticket.

CIVIL SERVICE BUNK

How Many Examinations in Chicago Are Framed Up for Favorites to Shut Out Ordinary Citizens?

The People of Chicago demand a thorough investigation of the Civil Service Commissions department of the city government.

"They demand an investigation that will go back for years and unearth the treacherous and illegal treatment accorded to honest citizens for the benefit of a chosen few.

The people are paying \$100,000 a year for the administration of the civil service law in the city government.

They are paying \$100,000 a year for a roosting place for men to make out "psychological" examination papers.

In a recent examination for stenographers the easiest word handed out for them to typewrite quickly was "teleomonymary."

Is any one foolish enough to suppose that this examination was on the square and that these hard words were not asked to keep out people who were not of the favored class?

New departments, entirely unnecessary, have been created in the civil service for pet faddists and high-brow loafers.

The taxpayers who pay the freight would not be permitted to pass an examination for dog catcher.

Poor men, devoid of education, and with starving families, who are looking for work with a pick and shovel as day laborers, have to go through a civil service examination that would shock the Sultan of Turkey.

A daily newspaper printed the following about the absurd questions asked of these poor laboring men by these high-brow reformers who control the aristocracy of office holders in Chicago:

"Ten thousand men who want jobs in the streets, sewers and small parks are being put through an examination by the labor bureau of the Civil Service Commission. Here are some questions that apply:

"How much more does a wheelbarrow of dirt weigh in Jackson Park than on the moon?"

"What amount of street sweepings can be put into a curb box three feet long, two feet wide and fifteen inches deep?"

"What is the superficial area of Madison street from State street to the river?"

"How long would it take a gang of 200 men to shovel a ten-inch snowfall off it? How much could the time be increased?"

"If a hod of brick be dropped from the top of a building 200 feet high with what velocity will it strike a street sweeper in the alley?"

But the jobs that have been created for intellectual giants are the ones that take the cake.

You can search all of the dictionaries and encyclopedias in vain for words and titles that can beat for utter obsolescence some of the productions of the Chicago Civil Service Commission.

The Official Bulletin of the Chicago Civil Service Commission for April 6, 1915, contained the following under the head of "Examinations ordered."

Read it carefully and you will learn the duties of an "Industrial Psychologist" for which you will have to pay out \$2,100 every year out of your hard earned money:

"Industrial Psychologist, Class H, Grade IV, \$1,740-2,100, April 7.

"Subjects of Examination: Special subject 4, educational (penmanship 1, arithmetic 1) 2, experience 3, report 1.

"Duties: Makes thorough mental examination and partial physical examination of individuals, using modern experimental material; makes inspection of the subject's capacity as to memory, imagination, retention, association and their psychological attributes; organizes intensive system of experimental research to determine value of these tests; make analyses of mental and physical units and processes involved in manufacture of certain articles in the institution; aids in placing inmates in most suitable industries; cooperates with outside industries for placing of ex-inmates, and checks up on work they do after leaving the institution; assists superintendent in formation and abolition of industries."

If this doesn't take the cake, our ignorance is more profound than we thought it was.

The leading members of every society and club in Chicago read The Eagle.



ORRIN N. CARTER. Candidate for Re-Election as Judge of the Supreme Court.

JOSEPH SABATH. Judge of the Municipal Court Nominated for Circuit Judge by the Democrats.

SPORT AND POLITICS

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

WHITE SOX HOME GAMES.

Table with columns for Date and Team, listing White Sox home games from May 28 to October 1.

Judge Merritt W. Finckney deserves re-election on his record.

Judge Joseph Sabath has long been regarded by The Eagle as one of the very best magistrates on the municipal bench. We have often taken occasion to call attention to the many good public qualities of our friend and now that he is a candidate for election to the Circuit bench, we hope that he will be elected.

Judge Charles A. Williams has pleased his friends by his fine record on the Municipal bench.

Thomas Taylor, Jr., would make a good Circuit Judge.

Thomas G. Windes, who is every inch a judge, as he has shown in his many years' service on the Circuit Bench, will undoubtedly be re-elected by a large majority. He certainly deserves to be.

Francis D. Connelly will make a good comptroller of the Sanitary District.

McKenzie Cleland, the able former judge, is a man who is never afraid to stand up for what he believes to be right.

Judge Elbridge Haney is one of the sprightliest men at the bar, notwithstanding his long service on the bench and in the legal battle lines.

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Judge Charles A. Williams has never disappointed the public. His record is clear.

Charles R. Francis was appointed city attorney and will succeed N. L. Piotrowski. His appointment does not need to be confirmed by the Council. He is a member of the law firm of Bither, Goff & Francis. William A. Bither of that firm was active in Thompson's campaign.

Captain Percy B. Coffin is making a good record in his new position as president of the Civil Service Commission. He evidently is opposed to maintaining a lodging house for incapables at public expense.

Judge George Kersten has made a splendid record on the bench.

Judge John E. Owens has not lost any friends judging from the big vote cast for him in the Herald lawyers poll.

Judge Thomas F. Scully has shown since his election to the County bench that he is the right man in the right place. He has met every question raised concerning the election machinery with ability and firmness. The people are proud of him.

Judge Frank Baker has made a good record on the Circuit bench.

William J. O'Brien, former senator and alderman, is making a wonderful success in his theatrical business.

Fortune Bros. Brewing Company's Topaz, the High Grade Beer, is popular with everybody. Telephones Monroe 40 and 41.—Advertisement.

DOBBS' ELECTRIC SOAP does not chap the hands being perfectly pure. Many people afflicted with Salt Rheum have been cured by its use. Preserves and whitens clothes. Have your grocer order it and try it now.—Adv.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

West Point has a crack pitcher in Neyland.

Artie Hofman seems to have lost his batting eye.

Fred Clarke of the Pirates released Southpaw Kelly to the Atlanta club.

By the way, this Cuban Luque, pitcher for the Boston Braves, luques good.

Bill Donovan of the Yanks sent Recruit Catcher Pickering to the Richmond International club.

The fans of Philadelphia are not taking kindly to Larry Lajoie, even though the veteran is playing fine ball.

Harry Harper, the Washington pitcher, has a contract that stipulates that he will not have to play ball on Sunday.

Eddie Collins has played on ten golf courses since February 18. The driver is Eddie's favorite club. He also is some driver in baseball.

Things to avoid saying in the presence of Jack Fournier: "Jacques, you can't play first base," "you can't hit" and "you can't steal bases."

Manager Rowland of the White Sox is wearing a happy smile, because he believes that he has succeeded in getting his men into a winning spirit.

In the Brooklyn-Buffalo Fed game on April 17 the Brookfeds stole ten bases on Walter Blair, Kauff stealing second, third and home in one inning.

In these days when anything can happen, how about suggesting that the world series take place between the American and Federal league winners.

Fielder Jones says that McGraw was desperate and that his attempt to play Benny Kauff in direct violation of the rules of the game was only for advertising purposes.

Walter Johnson has a strong rival for the honor of being the best pitcher in the country. The aforesaid rival is Grover Cleveland Alexander, the mighty slinger of the Phillies.

Business Manager Bancroft of the Reds, who escorted the All-American team to Honolulu last fall, believes that the big city in the Pacific ocean is a good place for a ball team to go every winter.

Sheldon Lejeune is back in the minors again. This time the Pirates gave him the blue envelope and shipped him to Sioux City of the Western league. Last year, while with this club, Lejeune hit over the .400 mark.

YANKES HAVE STAR PLAYER

Birdie Cree, Husky Little Outfielder of New York Americans, is Playing Grand Game.

Birdie Cree of the New York American league team is playing grand ball, both on the defense and offense, and right now is more feared than any other batman on the Yanks' roster. Pitchers all over the circuit say that they would rather have any other man on the team than Cree up in the pinch.

Cree is a natural ball player. He started as an infielder, but the outfield is where he belongs. The first season he was with the Yanks he gave the fans heart failure every time he went after a fly ball. He would run



Birdie Cree.

all around it before making the catch. But today he is an excellent judge of a line drive or a high lift, and once he gets his hands on the pellet it is there to stay.

At the bat he oftentimes swings wildly at the ball, but he breaks up many good games by hitting wild pitches around his ear out of the lot. He can hit to any field, being a natural place hitter. He can run 100 yards close in to ten seconds, and has a wing that is about the strongest and most accurate ever possessed by a big league gardener.

Interferes With Hard Hit. An odd play came up in a Cleveland-Indianapolis game in the Association. Kirk hit a line drive that Schardt dodged. In ducking the ball he threw his hand up and thus knocked off his cap, and the ball, in its flight, caught the cap, and took it along on the journey toward the outfield. Now, the question arises, did Schardt interfere with the progress of the ball by throwing his cap at it, and should Kirk therefore have a three-base hit as a result?



President Gilmore of Federal League.

tion because it has ruptured discipline. Genuine club spirit now seems to be the exception rather than the rule.

"The principles of the Baseball Players' fraternity are doubtless logical and sound. But here again the undesirable element of the profession—the men who are content to accept money for loafing—has gone altogether too far. The association has been used in some cases as a fulcrum to pry loose salary increases. These unfortunate conditions may not be alleviated while the rival forces of baseball are at each other's throats. That is why I declare further continuation of the fight is a shameful waste of time and money."

OSCAR VITT HAS GRIEVANCE

Claims He is Abused Because Rated as Utility Player and is Forced Into Game Every Day.

Oscar Vitt is there with a grievance. He claims that he is being abused, because he's officially rated as a utility player, and is being forced to get into the game regularly, day after day.

"I'll lose my reputation," he said one afternoon, "if Moriarty don't play a game occasionally. Folks will begin to think I'm a regular ball player, instead of a substitute."

Vitt shines at third, is a good shortstop and can play second acceptably. But his aspirations are for the outfield. He explained this in a recent conversation.

"I can't play these gardens, I guess," he said. "They call me Hon-



Oscar Vitt.

dini. But you observed, didn't you, that Tyrus signed his contract, in 1913, just a few days after he had a chance to read what the papers said about my work in the outfield."

First Triple Play.

The first triple play of the year in the third league was made in the Terrier-Tip Top game, which the latter won, 3 to 2. With Evans on second and Meyers on first, Tobin grabbed a line drive from Holt's bat and threw to Bridwell, who relayed to Johnson, getting Evans. A peg to Borton nipped Meyers off first. Tobin's catch was a one-handed affair that he barely held on to.