

# Meeting of Amateur Baseball Commission Postponed Until After Inauguration

By Goldberg

## YOUNG POSTPONES AMATEUR MEETING

Commission President Thinks It Unwise to Hold Session Before the Inauguration.

WILL CONVENE MARCH 10

Commercial Interests Expect to Revive Talk of Strong Circuit and Band Together.

By BRYAN MORSE.

Those who framed the constitution of the amateur baseball commission failed signally to take into account the fact that inauguration, with its attendant activities, would play an important part once every four years with the baseball situation here. The constitution states that the annual meeting of the commission shall be held before the first of March.

President Robert H. Young, of the amateur commission, says that there isn't the slightest chance of holding a session before inauguration and that the followers of the sand lot game here have too much of interest at present to think of amateur baseball yet awhile. "Just at this time just say President Young, 'there is too much going on in town to think of amateur baseball and besides this there are several important matters which must be threshed out by the rules committee before they can make a report.'"

"We all think it wise to hold the annual meeting after the inauguration when everything is quieted down and the fans will have begun to think more seriously of baseball. Just at this time it would be worse than folly to attempt to hold a meeting."

Meet in Two Weeks. While the date of the annual meeting has not been selected, it is expected that President Young will call the amateur baseball solons together on March 10, at which time the election of officers will be held.

There is little doing among the amateur leagues now in regard to organization, but the next two weeks are expected to bring out just what will comprise the leagues to come under the commission this year, so that the various league presidents will have full power to voice their sentiments at the annual meeting.

There is at present no demand for the annual meeting, as the fans are not in the frame of mind, and the awakening spark of baseball fever is not ready to kindle.

President Young is of the opinion that the amateur baseball fans will be ready in about two weeks. As yet there have been no inquiries about the meeting and the fact that the fans are not interested owing to the fact that inauguration is taking every thought and activity.

Rules Body Reports. As soon as the rules committee is ready with the report on the suggestion to advance to the commission on the advisability of taking the power out of the hands of the commission as a whole, and turning it over to an arbitration board of three members, the meeting will be ready to do business. President Young maintains that the idea advanced by the rules committee is a good one. It may be, however, that the amateurs will want to continue under the old regime for at least another year. In this event no changes in the constitution will be forthcoming.

At the present time the rules committee is out and the details of the proposed changes have yet to be whipped into shape for the presentation to the middle of the month. Details will take concrete form in the report, and Manager Griffith's proposal of a three-man form of committee will probably be selected.

One S. S. League. Reports from the Sunday school circuits intimate that there may be a radical change in policy this year. For several years past the teams have been recruited from the Sunday schools, attendance being required. It would seem that the schools themselves had been failing to give proper support, for President Cornelius is reported as saying that the barriers will be let down and the teams will be allowed to recruit from whatever source they like.

It is thus intended to give the Sunday School League teams greater strength in allowing them to sign up players from any part of the city. Details will be announced in the fact has been made, but it is thought that there will be but one Sunday School League in operation.

A six-club circuit from the former church and Sunday school interests will be formed in all likelihood, and there are those who say that the banding together of the church and Sunday school interests will mean that other allied interests will form leagues.

May Form New Circuit. At the close of the season last summer it was announced that several commercial houses would form a league. At that time Poppe, winner of the city championship; Cornell Company, American Security and Trust Company, the Gas Company, and the P. P. Andrews Paper Company were talking of getting into a circuit.

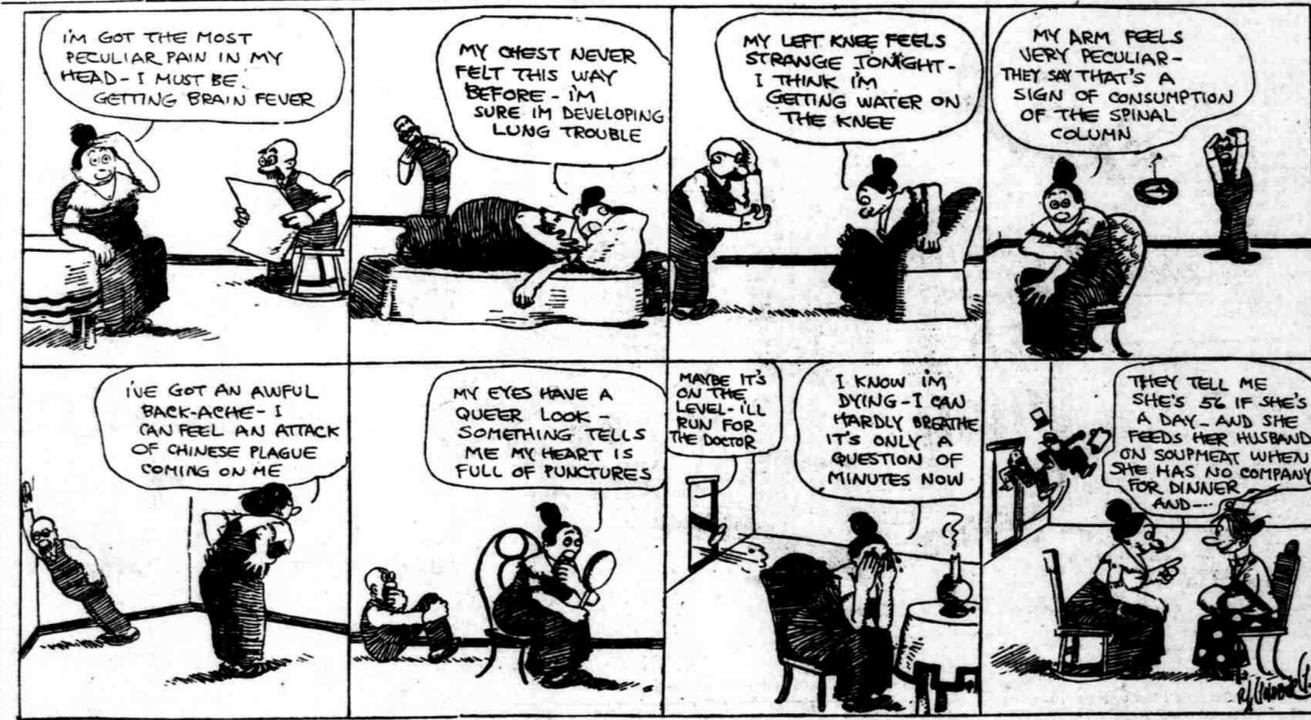
It was pointed out that these teams spread through the various leagues has had an easy time of it during the season, and by virtue of having won so easily has discouraged other teams in the league. It was also advanced that the commercial houses were able to get teams together more easily than the clubs and associations, and that a fact league could be formed with these teams competing.

A revival of interest in baseball about the middle of next month will bring the amateurs up standing, and at that time it is confidently expected that things will be booming among the sand-lotters in the city.

To Play Tonight. The Bull Moose's basketball team of the Y. M. C. A. is carded to play the Aloysius team at the Gonzaga gymnasium. Both teams are reported in fine shape. The game starts at 9 o'clock.

TONIGHT'S BOWLING. District League—Navy vs. Agriculture, at Palace alleys.

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## MANY ENTER THE POLE VAULT EVENT

Yale Will Send Wagoner, Its Captain, to Compete in That Game.

Probably the greatest fields of pole vaulters, which ever competed in the South, will enter the vaulting event at the Georgetown University games, which are to be held in Convention Hall on March 1. Wagoner, the captain of the Yale University track troupe, is probably the best performer now participating in college ranks, as he has a record of 12 feet 8 inches and is reported to be doing over 12 feet 4 inches consistently in practice.

Against the Ell star will be pitted Sprinman, of Georgetown, who is South Atlantic A. U. champion. Robertson, and Costello, also of the Blue and Gray squad, Achilles, a teamster of Wagoner, Sterret, of local fame, Harold Shipa, the crack Episcopal High School vaulter, and several other talented athletes, who will be prominent contenders with the handicaps, which will be awarded. Wagoner and probably Weldon, will enter the event from scratch.

The militia championship of this section of the country will be decided at the Blue and Gray games, when the relay fours representing the District, National Guards, Richmond Light Infantry, Blue and Gray, and the Fifth Regiment of Baltimore get together in a one-mile relay race. The Old Dominion soldiers will be represented by McCree, Spotten, Vaughn, and Burke; the Monumental warriors by Black, Robinson, Schumann, and Larkin; and while the local aggregation have not as yet sent in their entry list, it is expected to be in keeping with the teams from Baltimore and Richmond.

Jones, the crack Western High School sprinter, who worked so far this season has featured the scholastic campaign, has sent in his entry for the 50-yard scholastic and open dashes, and he will undoubtedly be able to give his customary high-class exhibition. Against Jones will be pitted such talented performers as Robinson, the Merceburg crack, Childs, the Georgetown Prep leader, who captured the event a year ago, and speed merchants from Woodberry Forest, Episcopal High, Central High, Army and Navy, Epps, and Marston University School.

Central High School, of this city, will enter the one-mile relay team in addition to the individual entries and an effort is being made to match the Blue and White four against the aggregations of Woodberry Forest and Episcopal High of Alexandria. The seats for the games, which will be held at the Capital Athletic Club, will be sold at a rapid rate and everything points to the largest and most successful attended a similar event in this city.

## Relays Featured in Y. M. C. A. Indoor Meet

With several days left in which to enter the boys' department indoor track meet, announcement is made today that more than sixty boys have signified their intention of taking part in the games.

Relay races are to feature the meet, several organizations having already entered boys to compete. Teams so far entered are: The Y. M. C. A. Olympic Club, the Y. M. C. A. Heter Club, the Y. M. C. A. Outlaws, the Knights of Sir Godfrey, and the ten Bible clubs for boys. There will be a relay race between the boys' department of the Port Myer Y. M. C. A. and the Central Branch of the Y. M. C. A. The probable runners in this event are: Port Myer, Grim, Krum, Haines, Wise, and Clark; Olympic Club, Towles, Schumann, Dreisenstock, Cross, and E. Austin. These events are in addition to those already given out on the official program.

## Fordham Begins Baseball Practice

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Regular practice was started at Fordham yesterday, when forty-two candidates reported to Captain Kehoe, shortstop of the Aloysius team at the Gonzaga gymnasium. Both teams are reported in fine shape. The game starts at 9 o'clock.

## BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice

A Short Jaunt With Kipling. Sometimes you'll stick to one system— Sometimes you'll veer to the right; But the things that you'll learn from the Braves and the Browns Won't help you a lot in the fight. The experts are there with the doping— I remember last year they stood pat In framing Griff's club as a seventh-place tub— And I learned about prospects from that.

The Rushing Fighter. Joe Rivers, rushing head-on into Johnny Kilbane's punches, more than doubled the kick in the Kilbane wallop, and soon brought on the Mexican's downfall. Backing away, Rivers would not have been jarred. Knockout, jamming his frontpiece at full speed into Rivers' punches, increased the whaling power by the same ratio, and the blond German toppled to the same fate.

The same rule runs in the national game. A rushing attack may break up an ordinary defense and scatter it to the whirling winds. But against a cool, quick defense the headlong assault soon crumbled up. The Giants last summer ran rough-shod over the Reds and at one sweep tore off fifteen consecutive victories. They ran wild and tore open the Red rampart.

Against the Cubs, with the keen-eyed, sure-pegging Archer guarding the way, this style was useless. After a bad start, dropping five of the first six games played, the Cubs turned, broke up the Giant assault through Archer's wonderful catching and won something like thirteen from the next sixteen contests staged.

Pittsburgh, most of last season, had a harder hitting ball club than New York and a much stronger defensive team. But the Pirate attack was not nearly so shifty and alert as the Giant rush and this offset the remaining advantages. For the year ahead Pittsburgh looks to have a more powerful attack

But Pittsburgh, to win, must show a much more alert attack than she at bat and a much better balanced defense in the box and the field. carried last season. Clarke's team dropped game after game to the Giants which his people had already won—or which they should have packed away through greater power in batting, pitching, and fielding. But where the Giants offered openings Pittsburgh would not accept, and where Pittsburgh offered a small gap the Giant hordes rushed through.

The A. L. Big Three. Griff's Senatorial line-up in the American is arranged more after the Giant style of warfare than any other club in that circuit. Griff hasn't the natural power on his club shown by either Boston or New York. But he has a fast, shifty team able to skirt the ends, and this type of club is always likely to break away for a long run. If you will remember these two teams were the only pair to tear off an abnormal number of consecutive victories. The Giants blew themselves to sixteen straight, while the Senators dashed through seventeen unbroken victories before they crashed at full speed into Frank Baker's death-dealing mace.

Hail—Gentle Spring. A non-combatant sends us in a sure proof of spring's advent—into the hearts—if not the hearts of men. "I was not walking," he writes, "when I heard a truck driver slip this to his horse, pulling out of a rut—'That a-boy, old top; that a-boy; keep on a-workin'; you've got 'em; you've got 'em.'"

Messrs. Ketcham and Jones have mapped out a running start against that 20-0 score from April 15 on. And we are offering money that in this spring practice there will be at least one earnest athlete stationed out where he can begin to learn how a punt should be handled.

All Boston was able to acknowledge this past twelve month was a championship baseball, football, crew, and hockey team. What's the trouble with her pinocchio players? Ban Johnson has issued an edict that hereafter in his circuit no ball players shall be allowed to write for the newspapers. This is the first time we knew ball players were guilty of such an offense. We've seen a package of stuff ball players have signed, but nothing yet that a player ever wrote.

It's the old gag. "What are you bawling me out for?" one player asked another recently in regard to a certain article. "Did I bawl you out?" replied the other in astonishment. "I'll go buy a paper and see what I wrote."

The safest way to break up this practice would be to make a player write what he signed. After which a sudden lull would develop in one angle at least of the popular literature of the period. It's an even break, at that. There are as many good writers among ball players as there are good ball players among writers, the score at the end of the third quarter standing 0 to 0, with the ball in the middle of the field.

Records to Fall in Toledo Tourney. TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 25.—All A. B. C. bowling records are due to be smashed here today after watching Toledo rollers gather big scores in the first three days of the national bowling tournament. Here are the first five leaders in each division: FIVE-MEN TEAMS. College Inn ..... 2,574; Annheim-Weber ..... 2,559; Wenger-Rosenstein ..... 2,493; Horton-Sievert ..... 2,443; Millwright ..... 2,443. TWO MEN. Cunningham-Burgin ..... 1,172; Annheim-Weber ..... 1,135; Wenger-Rosenstein ..... 1,110; Horton-Sievert ..... 1,122; Perlot-Bender ..... 1,122. INDIVIDUALS. Brady ..... 623; Harting ..... 611; Jud ..... 583; Kuitnie ..... 583. Braves Will Play On Red Sox Field. BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—Fenway Park, home of the world's champion Red Sox, will be used by the Boston National League on two holidays this season, according to the statement of President McAleer, of the Red Sox. On Patriot's day, April 19, the Giants will meet the Braves and on Memorial Day Brookline will be the attraction. Fenway Park will seat three times the number of fans that can be accommodated at Fenway Park. The Red Sox will be on the road then and we can't lose anything. Anyway, the best of feeling exists between the two big leagues and I am delighted to be able to do my little bit toward keeping up this condition. "Walters' out on Clyde Engle, the utility man of the Red Sox, and he is expected to go to Jersey City. The world's championship flag will be raised here June 25, with the Yankees as the attraction. On June 3 the American League pennant will be hung to the breeze in the presence of the White Sox.

Middleweights Will Wrestle at Lyceum. Both John Kilbane and Louis Montano, who meet at the Lyceum Thursday night after the regular performance, are training constantly for the first middleweight wrestling match which Manager Mayer has put on this year. While both of these athletes come here in good condition, they want to be at their height for Thursday night. Each is anxious to make a favorable impression before the Lyceum patrons—in hopes that future engagements may be made for them. Kilbane, claims to be the best Greek middleweight in the East, and has issued a challenge for any man of his size to do. Montano, is a son of Italy, and believes that that country has no better champion of the middleweight title in America. Both are open to challenges from any and all who weigh in at the middleweight limit.

## Link and Lundin Meet Tomorrow

Wrestling fans are today evincing much interest in the heavyweight match which Manager George Peck has arranged for the Gayety Theater tomorrow night after the burlesque show has cleared the stage. Hjalmar Lundin and Shad Link are the athletes who will clash, and a battle royal is sure to be the result.

Link, who is a veteran of the game, has for years been the wrestling partner of American, the Baltimore heavyweight, and his prowess on the mat is almost as well known as that of American. Lundin, also has an enviable name as a wrestler. His clean tactics have won for him the right to face the foremost challengers of the heavyweight title.

Hoppe Will Play French Champion. Willie Hoppe, billiard champion, has signed to meet the French title holder, Firmin Casignol, in a game of 1,500 points extending over three nights play. The match has been talked of for some time, but Victor Breyer, the leading French sport promoter, finally hooked up Hoppe for the engagement.

While the match will call for no official title it will determine the best billiard player for the two experts. Hoppe will practice with Morningstar until his departure for France. The match will be held on April 7, 8 and 9.

## New Motor Car Oil Causes Sensation

A sensation was created in Washington today among automobile sellers and users by the announcement that a new fuel selling at three cents a gallon less and with 25 per cent more power and one-quarter more mileage per gallon than gasoline, is about to be put on the market.

The new discovery is known as motor spirit, and is said to resemble gasoline closely, except that it is yellow in color instead of white, and has a very pungent odor. It is not so much the lower cost of the fuel or its greater power that makes so much to the motorist. It is the fact that by its production the output of fuel for gasoline engines from a given amount of crude petroleum productivity is doubled. This is expected to promise further rise in the price of gasoline. The use of the spirit, it is said, requires a slight adjustment of the carburetor, as it requires more air for combustion.

Although the new fuel has the disadvantages of lower cost and increased economy in miles per gallon, it has in its present state several advantages which may militate against its widespread adoption, particularly its use in pleasure cars. Just when the new fuel will be marketed is not known but its advent, even with its disadvantages, will be hailed with delight by motorists who now see the days of dirt-cant gasoline approaching rapidly.

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