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BASEBALL IS AGAIN OBJECT OF ATTACK

FACING ANOTHER BIG FIGHT AGAINST ITS EXISTENCE—BALTIMORE CLUB STARTS IT

Philadelphia, March 20.—Organized baseball is facing another attack against its existence in a suit for \$900,000 damages filed in the United States district court here yesterday under the national anti-trust laws by the federal club of Baltimore. The defendants in the suit are the National and American leagues and the sixteen clubs making up their membership, and three commission: James A. Gilmore, Charles E. Weegham and Harry Sinclair, formerly of the federal league.

In Peril Again

If the Federal league of Baltimore wins its suit, organized baseball will be in peril of attack by the national government it is said. The difference between the suit filed yesterday and the one begun by the Federal league against organized baseball in Chicago in January, 1915, is that the present one is for damages only while the first was for an injunction to restrain organized baseball from continuing certain acts alleged to be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

To win the present action the Baltimore club must show that organized baseball as at present constituted is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Clayton anti-trust law.

The Baltimore club alleges that it was not considered in the negotiations last winter which resulted in the so-called peace between organized baseball and the federal league owners and that in consequence, it suffered a loss of \$300,000 and asks for triple damages under the federal anti-trust laws.

History of Game

The bill of complaint gives a history of the present organization of the game and its operation, mentioning the national agreement, the national commission, the baseball players' fraternity and the various leagues that enter into organized baseball.

The complaint recites the organization of the Federal league, charges that organized baseball entered into a conspiracy to wreck it and goes into details of the negotiations whereby the Federal league was eliminated from baseball competition.

The Baltimore club charges that the National and American leagues are operating in a combination or conspiracy to monopolize or to attempt to monopolize a part of the commerce of the states in violation of the federal anti-trust laws.

The bill of complaint states that in the alleged conspiracy to wreck the Federal league organized baseball "gave or secured" to the Brooklyn Federal league club \$400,000 to induce that club to cease competing with the defendants and that by cash contributions of not less than \$50,000 and "flattery and persuasion" induced Charles Weegham and his associates to desert the Federal league.

The complaint also states: "This plaintiff is informed and believes he alleges, that all of the remaining constituent members of the Federal league not including the plaintiff, authorized a committee, consisting, according to the information of the plaintiff of the defendants, James A. Gilmore, Harry Sinclair and Charles E. Weegham to settle their position and to protect their rights as best they might induced thereto the plaintiffs believes and charges on account of the realization of the hopelessness of repairing the damage already done to the Federal league as a whole by the defection from its ranks of most important members. And said committee has now signed a petition on behalf of all the dissenting members of the Federal league agreeing to eliminate further connection with the defendants."

Heavy River Ice Goes Out at Last

After several attempts and several weeks delay the ice on the Missouri started on its journey to the gulf Sunday night and now we have a clean channel here. However it will be some time before we forget that we had ice as the bottoms on both sides of the channel are covered with it and it will be up to "Old Sol" to make it fade away.

Why not plant potatoes on that vacant lot?

Amendments To Senate Army Bill

Washington, April 1.—Senator Smith of South Carolina submitted an amendment to the senate army bill, reported yesterday from the committee on agricultural, to appropriate \$15,000,000 for five government water power plants for the production of nitrates for munitions of war and fertilizer. Another amendment was offered by Senator Works to create on the Pacific coast 200,000 men known as mobile land forces and military reserve to serve alternately as soldiers and laborers in the forestry and reclamation service.

Discuss Work

Plans for a government hydro-electric plant to take nitrates from the air were discussed at a conference today between Secretary Baker, General Crozier and Senator Shields. No conclusion was announced.

LADD WINS FAMOUS "LARD PAIL" CASE

U. S. SUPREME COURT GIVES DECISION IN FAVOR OF STATE LAW—THREE YEARS' OLD

Fargo, N. D., April 4.—E. F. Ladd's success in the famous North Dakota "lard pail" case, in the United States supreme court decision of yesterday, brings to an end litigation that has extended over a period of three years, and the decision vests in the food commissioner of the state, powers relating to the question of full weight that are extremely important.

Several years ago, Prof. E. F. Ladd insisted that the dealers in lard were perpetrating a fraud upon the public in the selling of lard in tin pails. He appealed to the legislature for a law covering the proposition, and a measure was enacted, providing that a 3-pound pail or a 5-pound pail of lard meant three or five pounds of lard, as the case might be.

Mr. Ladd's tests showed that 3-pound pails of lard contained but little over two pounds of lard, and that the five pound pails of lard were on the same basis.

The commissioner then insisted that the meat companies should sell pails containing three pounds of lard, and as a result, suit was brought against Ladd to prevent the carrying into operation of the measure. In the state courts, he was upheld, and now the United States supreme court has taken a like view.

Since the case has been pending, pail lard has not been sold in North Dakota—only bulk lard being shipped to the state.

CLAIM THAT ROOT WILL FAVOR TEDDY

RUMOR CLAIMS ROOT OUT OF RACE—FAVORS ROOSEVELT—WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT

New York, April 1.—Politicians here are discussing a meeting attended by Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, General Wood and Senator Lodge, at the residence of Robert Bacon. It is the first meeting of Roosevelt and Root since the break of five years ago. Roosevelt insisted the luncheon was for the purpose of discussing means to insure preparedness for the country in the future. He denied that there was any political talk.

Root for Roosevelt

A story is circulating here that Root will throw his influence to Roosevelt for president, provided he is to be secretary of state. He has ceased to aspire to the presidency, but he wants to have a hand in bringing peace to Europe. He also is understood to desire the elimination of William Barnes.

BANKS FOR NEW TOWNS

The State Banking board met in Minot last week and considered applications for banks in proposed towns on the Wildrose extension of the Great Northern which it is claimed will be built about forty miles further west this summer. There were at least two applications for every place and more reported coming.

A gang of surveyors arrived in Stanley last week and are out running the preliminary survey now. This extension would carry the new line about to the Montana border.

LYNN IS NOMINATED FOR HEAD OF TICKET

HALL ONLY PRESENT OFFICE HOLDER ENDORSED BY NON PARTISAN LEAGUE

Fargo, N. D., March 31.—At the meeting of the Non-Partisan league this afternoon, the following was announced as the list of state candidates endorsed by the delegates:

Governor, Lynn J. Frazier, Hoople; lieutenant governor, Myron Johnson, Tolna; secretary of state, Thomas Hall, Bismarck; state auditor, Carl R. Kositsky, Bismarck; attorney general, W. J. Langer, Mandan; state treasurer, P. M. Casey, Lisbon; superintendent of public instruction, N. C. MacDonald, Valley City; insurance commissioner, S. A. Clemens, Sheyenne; commissioner of agriculture, John A. Hagen, Deering; supreme court justices, L. E. Birdzell, Grand Forks; J. E. Robinson, Fargo; R. H. Grace, Mohall; railroad commissioners, Chas. Blisek, Elgin; M. P. Johnson, Tolley; Sam Andahl, Litchville.

Hall Endorsed

Thomas Hall is the only one of the present state officials endorsed, and N. C. MacDonald is the only person whose candidacy has heretofore been announced, who is approved by the league.

No Senatorial Candidate

No action has been taken or intended on the candidacy of any person for the United States senate.

All the candidates endorsed are republicans with the exception of Casey, candidate for treasurer, who is a democrat, and the candidates for state superintendent of public instruction and supreme court justice, who will run on non-partisan ballots.

It is understood that there has been communication with most of the candidates endorsed, and President Townley announced from the platform this morning that the candidates would be in the city to address the convention on Saturday evening.

Ready for Row

The proceedings in the convention hall are well staged with a view to dramatic effect, but President Townley gave evidence of his expectation of a tempest when he denounced in advance the men who, he was informed, would attempt later on to disrupt the convention, from the platform.

Fine Production At The Orpheum

The Management of the Orpheum Theatre is offering some extraordinary productions for the latter part of this week and all of next.

Triangle productions will hold the board on Friday and Saturday of this week, with a complete new program each day.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week Rex Beach's most popular novel filmed by the Selig Company, producers of THE SPOILERS, "THE NERD OF WELL" will be presented. This picture is doing even better business than The Spoilers in the theatres throughout the country, and the Orpheum Theatre is presenting the production the first of any houses in this territory, it being shipped direct from Williston to Minneapolis for a weeks run in that city.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week the Pathe version of MADAM X will be presented. This is another big feature attraction, numbered among the best that are on the market at the present time.

LEFT FOR MINNEAPOLIS

Anton Lee, president of the Stoney Creek school board, has sold his farm and left a few days ago with his family for Minneapolis where he will engage in the lumber business. Mr. Lee was a very successful farmer and says that he made more money here than anywhere else he has been and if he don't like it east he will come back. He was greatly interested in schools and is a great booster for the consolidated school, since his experience with the one in his district.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

In honor of her ninth birthday, Miss Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blaisdell, very pleasantly entertained twelve of her little girl friends at her home last Saturday, April 1. Coupled with various games befitting the day and an extraordinary fine luncheon prepared by the little hostesses mother the afternoon passed all too quickly. Miss Edna was the recipient of many fine presents.

WELFARE OF BABIES WILL BE DISCUSSED

CLUBS PLAN FOR BABY WEEK AND PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED—SLOGAN ADOPTED

"Baby Week" will be observed in this city and the various clubs have arranged a program beginning with the opening day Thursday the thirteenth. The following slogan has been adopted:

GOOD FARE—GOOD CARE—FRESH AIR—FOR EVERY WILLISTON BABY.

On Thursday the Child's Welfare is to be discussed by the members of the various Ladies Aid Societies.

Friday will be "Brothers and Sisters day at the schools. The members of the Womens clubs will distribute programs and deliver talks in the homes.

On Saturday the Baby Parade will be held beginning at one o'clock from the Odd Fellows hall. All mothers are urged to be out with their babies in decorated carriages. The parade will be directed by Mrs. John Bruegger, Mrs. Cunningham and anyone wanting any further information can obtain it by calling up either Mrs. Bruegger or Mrs. Cunningham.

A special program will be held in the Odd Fellows hall at one thirty. Miss Bertha R. Palmer will have charge of the music.

The following papers will be read: Babies Enemies and Proper Care of Infants—Dr. F. W. MacManus. Care of Children's Teeth—Dr. H. J. Baker.

Care of Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat—Dr. M. E. Trainor.

Good Reading for Children—Bessie R. Baldwin.

Symposium—How the Community can better conditions for children from the standpoint of clubs—Mrs. E. C. Carney; From the Standpoint of Churches—Rev. J. H. Batten; From the Standpoint of Schools—Supt. L. A. White.

Selected Reading—Mrs. Erick Kather.

Child's Welfare Exhibit under direction of Mrs. S. M. Hyde.

Sunday 16th—Sermons regarding children in the various churches.

Suggestions For Road Improvement

Certainly the present conditions of our roads in every direction, offer an opportunity to make valuable observations and records as to locations of sections of roads that will need attention during the coming season of road construction and repair. This is particularly true of the problem of drainage, a most important part of the Good Roads Problem. It is suggested that road supervisors and all citizens interested in the Good Roads, make such observations, and follow it up with a letter to the Chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Commercial Club, with such information and suggestions as they think proper that will help the Committee map out their Good Roads Campaign.

ANSWERS LAST CALL

Mrs. Bernard Crosby died at her home near Froid, Montana, March 15, 1916, after a few hours illness. Death was caused by heart failure. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, March 19 and were conducted by W. W. Keltner assisted by O. A. Myer. The remains were buried in the cemetery nine miles west of Williston.

The deceased was the only daughter of Rigdon and Hellen Harper McCoy and was born in Funkstown, Washington county, Md. January 15, 1870. The McCoy's moved to Mt. Morris, Ill., in 1873 and here the deceased and her brothers spent their early life.

Five brothers were able to attend the funeral and acted as pall bearers. The deceased also leaves to mourn her loss her husband and father and mother.

Word Is Received From John Burke

Devils Lake, N. D., April 4.—Formal announcement of his candidacy for United States senator from North Dakota came from U. S. Treasurer John Burke at Washington today, in this message: "On the progressive endorsement and petitions of voters of North Dakota, I accept the endorsement and will run for senate."

Have Warm Tilt In The Youman Case

Minot, N. D., April 1.—There was a warm tilt, which threatened to cause a commotion in the court room during the trial of the Grant S. Youmans case against Governor L. B. Hanna and others. When the plaintiff, who was on the stand, was asked regarding certain alleged questionable methods of business, threw a record book at Attorney F. Murphy. Senator Purcell arose and when told by Youmans that he was not in on the examination, said: "Well, I will show you how an Irishman can fight."

Before the tilt could have its effect on the attendants, order was restored.

In the cross-examination of Youmans, counsel for the defense continued the probe into the alleged fraudulent papers contained in the assets of the bank at the time of the closing.

VILLA RETREATED INTO MOUNTAINS

TROOPS MUST HAVE USE OF ROADS AND PURSUIT WILL BE MUCH HARDER NOW

San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—Official admission of the belief that villa has fled far beyond the American forces and now is operating south of Chihuahua was made at General Funston's headquarters. Since yesterday much information indicating that Villa was in the neighborhood of Satevo and moving towards Parral was received, but that regarded by Funston and his staff as most reliable is from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua. If it is proven beyond doubt that Villa is on his way south toward Parral, the campaign against him cannot be carried much farther without the help of railroads and more troops to strengthen the lines of communication. This was frankly stated at General Funston's headquarters, where it was intimated representation to this effect would be made at Washington.

Washington, April 4.—General Funston advised the war department that he is sending more troops into Mexico from Columbus to protect the line of communication with General Pershing. Funston did not state whether any additional troops have been sent forward to the military base.

So far Funston has not suggested the reinforcement of Pershing's forces, except merely to protect the extended communication lines, and there is no confirmation of border reinforcement.

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GOLDEN RULE WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY

NEW GENERAL CLOTHING STORE TO OPEN ON APRIL NINTH—MANAGER IS A HUSTLER

The "Golden Rule," one of the line of stores throughout the country established by J. C. Penny & Co., will open for business next Saturday April 9th in the building on West Broadway formerly occupied by the Farmers Creamery. The new store will carry a full line of clothing both ladies and gents.

A. Michelich as manager has made many friends since arriving in the city and proven himself a hustler first, last and all the time. He has rushed the work on fixing up the room, the finishing, stocking of goods, advertising, etc., and accomplished what would possibly have taken many another man two or three weeks longer to do. Under such capable management the new store is assured success from the beginning.

Ten Cent Store In New Building

Mr. Hutchinson had the opening last Saturday of his Ten Cent Store in its new location in the building formerly occupied by J. D. Wolpert. The building had been repaired and gives Mr. Hutchinson a fine store and an excellent location. The opening was well attended, a large crowd being in waiting when the doors were opened in the morning.

HOLLAND CLOSES HER GERMAN FRONTIER

Rome, April 4.—Wireless reports from Zurich state that Holland has closed her German frontier and massed all her available forces there.

COMMISSIONER WEBB GOOD ROADS BOOSTER

DECLARES IMPROVED ROADS MEAN SHORT CUT TO HEALTH WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Dear Editor: I would be very much pleased to have the use of your columns for the above subject. Some time ago Mr. Fields, Mr. Borden and myself explained through your columns our views in regards to a better road system; thinking by so doing we would draw more into the game. Although disappointed in results we are not discouraged. Enter into an argument with any taxpayer in Williams Co. and see how quick he will mention the bad road conditions, that is if you are arguing on what we are all striving for, Wealth, Health and Happiness. The civilized man makes roads; the savage does not. That is the surest test of civilization. Among us, in all communities are individuals who do not take any interest in roads. And still we want to boast about our advanced civilization, and point with pride to the fact that in most all lines of human endeavor our progress has been little short of marvelous.

Invention has crowded on invention, and an improvement has hardly been announced until the improvement has been improved. We have been "going some" in many directions, but in one particular direction we have been marking time. For instance, what have we done in the last one hundred years toward improving our system of building public highways?

The farmer readily adopts improved machinery and methods because he can see by so doing his labor will be lightened and his products and profits increased; it is to his personal interest, and he is willing to spend money to make more money. Once in a while you will hear a man say I am not going to help build a road for other people to wear out. That's the very thing you are doing now Mr. taxpayer under our present system. But under the Bond system you, Mr. Farmer can travel the well built highway and the next fellow that comes along helps pay for it. What will it cost to build permanent roads in our county? One road across our county from East to West a distance of about 55 to 60 miles then one out of every town or village North and South to the county's boundary lines, or in all about 400 to 450 miles. Will it cost \$400,000? Maybe more, or maybe less. Stop! listen a moment more before you throw the paper aside. Under our old system of road levy at the present time the commissioners can levy \$35,000 per year, that is at the present assessed valuation of the rural districts which is \$7,000,000 bond for 20 years and the \$35,000,000 that can be levied at the present time on an assessed valuation of \$7,000,000.00 or 5 mills on the dollar, can be graded off of an assessed valuation of \$8,000,000.00 in round No's or a little less than 4 2-5 mills, a saving of 8 3-5 mills on every dollar assessable in the Rural districts.

How will we do it? That's easy." Create a sinking fund. Now Mr. Rizer I will take sides with you in regards to the road question you had in last week's issue of the Williston Herald. We all know that is a bad road from Tande Hill to Williston after a rain. The road should be over north next to the bluff and it would be a wise move for your board to establish one there before the new bridge goes in across Sand Creek.

About the automobiles damaging the grade so much more than wagons and buggies I will have to differ with you. A buggy for instance will pick up that soil till the tires are a foot broad, carry it along till finally the weight of the dirt gets so great that it drops off, the result is a bump and that means a rut hole. Did any one ever see an auto tire pick up clay like a wagon or buggy wheel. In regards to the \$7500 auto tax fund your township gets, it is a donation as it is nothing else than double taxation. But say Mr. Rizer, these town fellows automobiles are assessed in the towns so we cannot grab off any road tax under our old system of road levies. But give us the bond system and we'll get them; that will make triple taxation on the automobiles in the towns. After all what has been said and done in regards to better roads we are still in the land of mud. Then there is the boy which we must not forget, you want him for a partner when he grows up. But some day the city

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