

THIS is the first of a series of Al Demaree's baseball comics, which are to be a regular feature of the El Paso Herald during the coming season. Mr. Demaree is a member of the Giants, and is one of the most sensational young pitchers in the major leagues. His humor and inside knowledge of the game help to make his cartoons one of the many entertaining features The Herald offers its sporting readers.

Baseball Pests

By Al Demaree, Giant Twirler



Claim Major Leagues Have Been Using Trust Tactics

Actions of Organized Baseball in the Fight Against the Federals Is Cited as Evidence that the Same Methods Are Used as Those Brought Into Play by Other Corporations.

By Frank G. Menke

NEW YORK, March 8.—Is there a baseball trust? There is, say we. "There ain't," assert Messrs. Herrmann, Johnson, Tener, et al. Well, then, let's see. A trust, remarked Mr. Webster, the well known assembler of words, "is a combination formed for the control of several generally competitive corporations under one direction. Its object is to reduce expenses, regulate production and do away with or otherwise overcome competition, and thus dominate the market and obtain a maximum return for the capital invested." Doesn't that about fit the description of organized baseball? What happened about 19 or 21 years ago when the American league showed that it had become as great a baseball power as the National league? Did the two leagues continue to wage warfare, each other? Did the magnates continue the practice of paying big salaries to players to keep them from jumping to the rival outfit? No, they did not. They combined forces. They figured that competition wasn't benefiting any one but the player. And what happened afterward? The two big leagues, they combined, decided to take the smaller leagues "under their wing." In other words, it occurred the minor league teams to join in the national agreement, where they would be bound by the dictates of the ruling powers of the two big leagues. The major leaders pointed out to the minor leaguers the big benefits the minor leaguers would derive from this action. The minors would get the "protection" of the

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By W. W. Naughton

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"Billy" Evans's Puzzling Problems of the Diamond

By Billy Evans, Famous American League Umpire.

FATE often deals unkindly with the umpire. When it seems that he has protected himself against every possibility, the uncertainty of the game asserts itself by presenting some play that stirs up a lot of argument and trouble. A well known minor league umpire wrote me last summer of a unique happening that for a time caused him to be the most unpopular man in the world with the baseball fans of a certain city. The park on which the play came up is a rather small affair, the right field in particular being short. The right field fence is just the required distance from the plate. In front of the fence, for a considerable distance, stand the quarter bleachers. From the plate to the start of these bleachers is not much of a drive. Fly balls that would be easy outs on the average field drop safely into these bleachers. Because of the shortness of the playing field, there is a league agreement that all balls hit into the right field bleachers shall be good for only two bases. Balls that are knocked clear over the fence go for a home run. It so happened in a very important game last summer that the home team went to bat in the last half of the ninth with the score standing 2 to 1 against it. The first man up received a base on balls. The next batter dropped a high fly into the right field bleachers. The fans grew hilarious, for they realized that this hit would permit the runner on first to move to third and the batter to take second. With men on second and third and no one out, chances for a victory loomed up big. Then the unexpected happened. A rather small crowd was in the bleachers that day. Usually, some one catches the ball or grabs it on the rebound. On this day the ball hit the seats squarely and then bounded over the top of the fence. The home team insisted that it was a home run and that the hit won the game, 3 to 2. The side in the field contended that it was a two-base hit and that the runners should only move to second and third. If you had been the umpire what would have been your decision? (Copyright, 1914, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Answer to Saturday's Problem.

THE umpire allowed the runner originally on second to score, but he caused the other runner, the man who was on first when the hit was made, to go back to third, and allowed the batter only second base. The next batter fled out, retiring the side, and causing the home team to drop the game by the margin of a run. The umpire contended that the advancement of the runners must be reckoned from the start of the play, which, he held, was at the time the batter hit the ball, and that despite the overthrow, which was made after the batter had reached first, he could advance no farther than second base. The latter part of section 3 of rule 72, which governs this play, says: "The umpire, in awarding such bases, shall be governed by the position of the runner or runners at the time the throw is made." When the outfielder made the wild throw, the batter had reached first through the medium of the single, and the runner on first had reached second, consequently, it would have been proper to have allowed the runner then on second to advance home, tying up the game, while the batter should have been sent to third.—B. E.

BURNS HOME RUN

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 9.—A home run by first baseman Burns, a recruit, gave Detroit a 7 to 4 victory Sunday over the New Orleans team of the Southern association. Burns made his drive in the 10th, with the bases full. New Orleans made one run in its half of the 10th. The score: R. H. E. Detroit..... 7 8 2 New Orleans..... 4 10 2 Batteries: C. Williams, Schlie, Matins and Baker, McKee; Walker, Stiles and Higgins, Adams.

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