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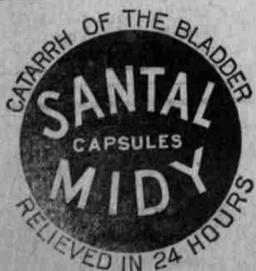
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NO BASEBALL IN GATE CITY THIS SUMMER

BLUE LAWS BLAMED FOR DISBANDMENT OF CLASSIEST TEAM IN TERRITORY

No baseball for Raton this summer is the report that reached here today from the Gate City. It is said the management paid off the players who reported for the early season and notified the others under contract that they are free to play with any other teams they may choose. The clamping down of the "Sunday lid" is alleged to have been the cause for this action, although why that should affect baseball, a good, clean sport, is not known. It will come as a blow to the fans throughout New Mexico to know that Raton's high-salaried team has gone on the bum. Even though Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Albuquerque knew the Raton aggregation probably could win two games out of three from their less pretentious teams they took pride in knowing New Mexico could support such a classy bunch of ball players.

Whatever effect the lid may have had on baseball in Raton it is no mistake to believe the aforementioned lid is down and tightly fastened. Saloons are closed all day Sunday, as are billiard and pool halls. The fact that billiard halls allowed young boys to gamble and pay slot machines in their places is said to have been the cause for commanding them to close on Sundays. The slot machines have been banished and no gambling by either boys or men is permitted.

YALE-PENN BOAT RACE TOMORROW

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., TO BE THE SCENE OF INTERESTING AQUATIC EVENT

Springfield, Mass., May 12.—With the expectation of witnessing one of the greatest aquatic events of the year, hundreds of enthusiasts of the sport came pouring into Springfield today to attend the boat race between the varsity crews of Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, which is to be rowed on the Connecticut river tomorrow. It will be the first time in years that the two varsity crews have met and the first time that the Yale crew has appeared on the Connecticut river since 1877.

The race will be rowed at 4:30 o'clock and will be two miles straightaway. The start will be at the Country Club in West Springfield and the finish at the North End bridge. Robert Herrick, an old Crimson oarsman and chairman of the Harvard rowing committee, will referee the contest. The final practice spins of the two teams were taken today and were witnessed by hundreds of spectators who lined the banks of the river.

FIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

Jim Kendrick vs. Frankie Burns, 10 rounds, at New York City.
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STRUGGLE IN BIG LEAGUES IS ON IN EARNEST

INVASIONS EAST AND WEST WILL GIVE THE FIRST REAL "LINE"

With the big league games this week the East-and-West engagements became general and the first real test of relative strength began.

Of course, the main interest in the National League centers in the three-cornered pennant fracas which most followers of the game consider will be fought out among Pittsburgh, Chicago and New York. A good many now are conceding Philadelphia more than a look in, too, figuring that the flying start of the Dooins should carry them along, even should they begin to flag. But the Pirates now are only one full game behind, running smoothly in the field and hitting fiercely and consistently behind good, steady pitching. If the Pirates should win today and the Phillies loose today, the lead will be narrowed to a theoretical point or two; merely the difference in the total number of games played; and should the Pittsburghers get no better than an even break in the series they still would be in easy striking distance of the lead, ready to go to the top at any flicker of the Philadelphiaans.

But only one full game behind the Pirates come the Giants, with Mugsy McGraw, scrappiest of managers, out to redeem lost laurels this season with a peppery, fighting team, whose only weakness is on the mound, and with material there that is likely to round into winning form at any time. Mathewson, the mainstay of many a hard fought campaign, still is in grand shape, Marquard is showing the best style of his erratic career. Wilton and Ames, both excellent pitchers when right, are getting better daily, and Crandall is as good as ever, with Raymond to toss into the going whenever the insect shows a flash of his really brilliant ability. The Giants are ready and fit to give a determined account of themselves this season and it looks now, from their game rally after a sorry start, as if the club that beats them out will get to the world's series.

And the four-times champion Cubs? Word comes that Chance has asked for waivers on two of his standby pitchers of the last five seasons, Reulbach and Jack Pfeister. "Lack of control" is given as the reason why "Big Ed" may not again hold Brooklyn helpless with that almost uncanny power he always has showed over that team or why the "Giant Killer" is no longer considered fit to face McGraw's array with that formerly deadly assortment of sweeping portside curves that used to be the terror of the Giants. Overall has gone. Only Brown, of the pruned digits, remains of the "Big Four" that toyed with the Tigers and supplied the best defense of the Cub machine at its finest, Can Brown, slowing in mechanical ability, but with the master brain as of old, carry the burden, with Weaver, a recruit, and Richie and McIntire?

Toney and Griffin, raw youngsters, may round to. Chance may pick up other good pitchers in trades or by purchase. But admirers of the Cubs must admit that the iron grip of the alabaster has been broken and that, with an incomplete infield the Cub machine must rely more than ever on fierce hitting and the chances that a club must take when its integral parts are working none too smoothly. The present eastern trip of Chance's men will come nearly telling the story of the season for that club. If it can stall through the journey and return home within a few games of the top, there will be a chance for another flag in the Windy City. If not, the chances are all the other way.

And while the National League leaders are at each other's throats in the east, followers of the game are watching with interest the spectacular career of the Detroit Tigers in the west, wondering if the invaders will be able to put a crimp in the al-

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Of course, the season is young. The Red Sox and the Yankees have about settled to their accustomed places. The Athletics have been climbing, climbing, as champions should. But what about Detroit. Young as is the season, the Tigers are steaming along with a lead of eight full games over the innocuous Red Sox and nine and a half games over their real rivals, the Athletics. That means that Detroit must lose, obligingly, more than

nine games while the Athletics are winning that many before the lead changes hands. Of course, Detroit's present spectacular percentage, 21 games won out of 23 played, cannot endure. It is almost an unparalleled start. But it gives the club a fine working margin on which to rest its regular pitchers, to try out youngsters to run along easily and confidently, while its rivals must fight to the finish for every game.

Of course, the invasion from the east may tell another story. But it will have to be a vastly different story to affect the stride of the Tigers or to shake them down to even terms with the present champions.

TRAVELING MEN MEET

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