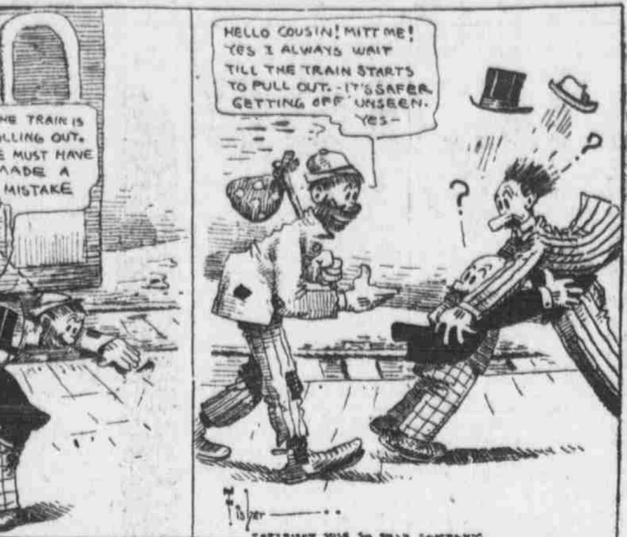


Jeff's Cousin Was No Piker at That



Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



ROURKE PLAYERS ON DECK

Long List of Youngsters Report to Pa for Practice. MANAGER IS WELL PLEASED

When Pa Bourke called the roll at the headquarters yesterday fifteen athletes stepped up to answer "Papa." Among those present were Pitchers Brady, Art Cloonan, Eben Cloonan, Bronner, Plevanov, Ormsby, Catchers Gouling and Smith, Outfielders Conzation, Bell and Pitts, Infielders Chase Wallace, Schipke and Thomas and one sent by the name of Caldwell. With balls from Fayette, Idaho Caldwell seems out for the team and any old place is good. In addition to the rookies, which would naturally accompany the arrival of a handful of athletes, Pa became well nigh hilarious when he was handed a communication from Mr. M. Krug, who now says he will report March 22.

No work was done by the eager athletes in the morning, but Pa Bourke put out through their hands in the afternoon with his basket ball soccer game, and a little running. The exertions in the morning were confined to distribution of most tickets and car checks, with Brother Dave acting as master of ceremonies. Dave also slipped his charges the locks with which to guard the property within their lockers. In so doing Dave was careful to warn the athletes not to leave both keys to the lock inside the locker, because the locks cost \$1 and were not made to be broken just because some ball player should forget his keys. This inspired an outburst from Conzation, who has received that same advice from many a secretary.

Host for Omaha. Emmet Ormsby and Fred Thomas came in together and started right off boosting Omaha as some swell town. This tickled Pa, but Brother Dave accepted this information with a grain of salt, as both are from Chicago and Dave can't see Chicago with a telescope. The youngsters are all anxious to know where they will put up a better fight for regular positions on the team. Conzation appeared in better shape than he has been in a long time. He was severely sick for quite a while last winter and lost some thirty pounds. Now he is completely recovered and ready to slant the pill out of the park at a moment's notice.

Caldwell from Iowa. The surprise of the morning was Mr. Caldwell from Fayette, Idaho. Caldwell has an idea he is a ball player because the halls from the station which is the short stop from the town where Walter Dolphus started on his career. Also Caldwell played some college ball. Caldwell wrote to Pa some time ago, asking him if he could try out for the team. Pa readily acquiesced, but heard nothing until the lad appeared on the scene ready to enter the fray. Caldwell's parents own a big fruit ranch in Idaho and are reluctant to permit his playing ball. His love of the game overruled the parental objection, so he is here.

The rest of the players are expected shortly. Hicks will be in about Wednesday, while Clancy, Ward, Thomason, Stevens, Alexander, Rogers, Shestak and Payne should be in today or Wednesday. Krug will be the last to report, arriving March 22.

TODAY ANNOUNCES PART OF LINEUP FOR CUBS

CHICAGO, March 16.—Captain Tommy Leahy will get back his old place of third base and Helms Zimmerman will play shortstop when the Chicago Nationals take the field next month, according to an announcement of the team's makeup telegraphed by Manager O'Day today from Jacksonville, Fla. Good, Schutte and Johnston will compose the outfield.

WICHITA CLUB BUYS PITCHER ANDERSON

WICHITA, Kan., March 16.—Fred Anderson, a pitcher, was today purchased by the local Western league club from the Boston Americans. Anderson was a star pitcher for the Boston team of the New England league before Boston bought him. He is said to have come to some club with the Buffalo Federal league club.

Gilmore Will Try to Enjoin Killifer

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—A bill asking for a permanent injunction to prevent William Killifer from playing with any base ball club except the Chicago Federal league club, will be filed in the United States court at Grand Rapids, Mich., next Thursday. It was announced today by James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league.

This Killifer case, Gilmore said, will be the first of a series of test cases to be started by the Federal league. Gilmore said he would bring E. J. Bland and Kahler of the Cleveland American league club into court to show cause why they should not report to the Federal league, but this will not be done until the Killifer case is settled.

FEDERAL SECRETARY LEAVES CHICAGO FOR ST. LOUIS

CHICAGO, March 16.—Lloyd Rickart, secretary of the Federal league, left today for St. Louis, where he will begin the work of drafting the league's playing schedule. It was said efforts would be made to avoid conflicts with the better drawing teams in cities which have both American and National league clubs and if possible to avoid them entirely in the other.

STATE BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT IN IOWA

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 16.—(Special.)—Sixty City, Fort Dodge, Clinton, Cedar Rapids, Corning, College Springs, Grinnell and Davenport are the high schools certified to the local management as eligible to enter the finals in the race for the state basketball championship here next Friday and Saturday. The list is composed of the two leading teams in each of the four sections into which the state was divided for the purpose of holding sectional championships.

PITCHER IS STRUCK IN FACE BY BATTED BALL

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 16.—(Special.)—I. H. Deardorff of Malvern, Ia., a candidate for the freshman base ball team, was struck in the face by a batted ball while pitching in the cage Saturday and sustained a fractured cheek bone and a badly injured eye. Doctors at the university hospital pronounced his injury serious.

CLAUDE COOPER SIGNS WITH BROOKLYN FEDS

PORT WORTH, Tex., March 16.—Outfielder Claude Cooper of the New York base ball team announced today that he had signed a three-year contract with the Brooklyn Federals. His salary was said to be \$2,000 per year, and he received one year's pay in advance today.

Logan Wins Title. LOGAN, Ia., March 16.—(Special.)—The local team of the Logan High school defeated the girls team of the Missouri Valley school, by a score of 25 to 10, and in the boys' title the Logan players won over Missouri Valley by a score of 41 to 15.

Keep Children Off Railroad Property

The railroad companies are having all kinds of trouble with the school children that insist upon walking on the tracks and through the yards on their way to and from school. The youngsters also jump on and off the cars while in motion, ride the brake beams and rods and refuse to move when ordered away. Watchmen and yard officers are unable to keep the children off the tracks and have appealed to the juvenile officers and the police, but the officials of the country and city are unable to afford any relief. The railroad people do not object so much to the children being on the track and about the yards, but they realize that they are in constant danger of being maimed or killed. For the personal safety of the children, they are trying to keep them off railroad property, but are unable to do so.

IS FINED FOR RUNNING AN "ILL-GOVERNED HOUSE"

A new one was sprung in police court. Phil Shanahan, 42 South Thirtieth street, was fined \$5 and costs for "keeping a common ill-governed house." Shanahan was arrested for selling liquor after hours and the officers told the judge there was evidence that he was keeping a disorderly house. "Well, you are in here after 8 o'clock, so we'll make it an ill-governed house," replied the strong arm of the law.

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BELL SYSTEM IS GROWING

President Vail Makes Annual Report to Stockholders.

AGAINST PUBLIC OWNERSHIP He Says Service in America is Much Better Than in Europe, Where Government Owns the Plants.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The continued growth of the Bell system, its earnings and expenses and general financial prosperity, its attitude as to government ownership, its agreement with the Department of Justice, the sale of its Western Union holdings and its relation with the general public are all set forth in detail in the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company just issued.

President Theodore N. Vail has something very definite to say in regard to the government ownership of telephones and his frank discussion of this question is perhaps the most interesting feature of the report.

Government Ownership. In summing up the attitude of the company towards this subject, Mr. Vail says: "Our opposition to government operation and ownership is not based on pecuniary, partisan, prejudiced or personal reasons. It is because of our interest in the upbuilding of a great public utility and its preservation.

"We are opposed to government ownership because we know that no government-owned telephone system in the world is giving as cheap and efficient service as the American public is getting from all its telephone companies. We do not believe that our government would be any exception to the rule."

He states that the common impression that the postmaster general has made a report favoring the acquisition of the wire lines is erroneous. It is not a departmental report, he says, but merely the conclusions of three officials of the Postoffice department, transmitted without comment by the postmaster general.

As to possible government purchases, Mr. Vail quotes Congressman Lewis, the congressional exponent of government ownership, to the effect that there is no water in the Bell capitalization, and urges the stockholders not to be induced to part with their holdings through fear of confiscation.

He shows that there is a deficit in all government owned systems and says that every telephone system in the world adopts the Bell system as a standard, uses the Bell operating methods and either uses Bell apparatus or copies it. And yet there is not one, he continues, that gives an approximation to the facilities that the Bell system gives or gives as good or as cheap service, all paid prophecies to the contrary notwithstanding.

Advantages of One Telephone System. The advantages of one telephone system are clearly set forth, as are the differences between the exact technical knowledge required for operation and the judicial ability necessary for regulation.

"Government administration," the report says, "is more or less a game of politics, and while it is possible to have efficiency, it may sometimes be possible to have efficiency, it will always be impossible to have economy."

"The government owned European telephone plants, notwithstanding the low price of foreign labor, are carried at a much higher cost than those of the Bell system, and yet every one of them uses the Bell system as a model. The book value of the plant of the Bell system per station is less than 20 per cent that of Belgium; less than 12 per cent that of Austria; about 81 per cent that of Germany, Great Britain and Switzerland, and all of them government owned."

Mr. Vail brings out the fact that Americans are better supplied with telephone facilities than any other people, having at times as many as ten telephones per capita as Great Britain and thirteen times as many as France, and that the rates here are as popular as those of any government owned plant.

In showing the inability of the postoffice to operate the telephone business efficiently, he says: "The success of the parcel post has been set up as a reason for the government operation of the telephones and telegraph. Why it should be hard to understand. The two services have nothing in common and are in no way comparable. The parcel post is not in any sense a new service; it has merely increased the volume of the mails by removing some limitations as to size and weight of packages mailed, and making some reduction in rates of postage for merchandise."

"It would not be a question of capacity; the experiment would be disastrous principally because the postmasters are not fitted by experience or training for the telegraph or telephone business, but also because it would be secondary to their green-dry goods-motion shop, their principal business."

Another reason is that the telephone reaches more places than there are post-offices. Growth of the Bell System. During the last year subscribers' telephone stations have increased until now there are 3,125,000, a gain of 475,000. These stations reach 7,000 localities, or 1,000 more than the number of postoffices. The

total wire mileage is 16,111,031, of which 22 per cent is copper.

More than half the wire mileage is underground, the total underground plant representing a cost of \$15,500,000. The number of daily telephone connections showed a growth of nearly 2,000,000, reaching an average of 27,327,000 a day. Europe has only two-fifths of the telephone traffic of the United States. The extension of the telephone plant during the year amounted to \$4,871,000, making a total for fourteen years of \$46,915,200. According to present estimates the construction for the current year will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, of which the local resources of the companies will supply \$2,000,000.

Jamieson Declares He Was Intoxicated When Married; Asks Divorce

Alleging that he was intoxicated when he wedded her, James D. Jamieson yesterday sought to have District Judge Sears annul his marriage to Luella Jamieson. Jamieson declared that he did not know what he was doing when the wedding ceremony was performed by the late Justice Altland, December 14, 1911.

A friend who witnessed the ceremony testified that all the members of the wedding party were the worse for liquor, but that he thought he retained his faculties to a greater degree than the others. He named another friend as "best man" at the wedding.

"I thought you said you were the best man," remarked Judge Sears. "No, I wasn't the best man." "Well, but you said you carried your liquor better."

At this point all those who were in the court room showed their appreciation of the judicial joke by indulging in laughter. After hearing more evidence Judge Sears postponed decision until the marriage license clerk should be called to testify whether Jamieson was intoxicated when the license was secured.

Fear Postmaster a Victim of Robbers

Mystery still surrounds the recent disappearance of Postmaster Carl Frederickson from Hubbard, Neb., and acquaintances of the man are advancing the theory that he has been foully dealt with, as he had between \$200 and \$300 on his person when last seen. Postoffice Inspector Thompson says he has learned that Frederickson was in Sioux City several days after leaving Hubbard, but no further trace of him has been discovered. George Timlin has been appointed acting postmaster at Hubbard in Frederickson's place.

IRWIN BROS. TAKE WILD WEST SHOW TO NEW YORK

Irwin brothers, the showmen, went east yesterday morning over the Northwestern, taking with them two sets of people and horses. They were enroute to New York, where during the coming summer they will put on and conduct their wild west show. The show will be along the lines of the one the Irwin brothers put on in Omaha last fall during the Akbar-Ben festivities.

CADETS GET PROMOTIONS

Captain Stritzinger Reads Assignments at High School.

LIST IS EAGERLY AWAITED Local High School Leads Are Given Promotions in the Omaha Cadet Regiment for the Year.

The following promotions were read Monday to the Omaha high school regiment by Commandant Stritzinger, to take effect immediately. The announcement of the advancement has been looked forward to with great interest by the rest of the high school regiment: John Brotherton, from first lieutenant Company D to first lieutenant and battalion adjutant Third battalion. William Nielsen, from private band to second lieutenant band. Ralph Benedict, from sergeant Company G to first lieutenant Company D. Edward Moser, from sergeant Company A to second lieutenant Company A. Fred Nielsen, from sergeant Company I to second lieutenant Company I. Frank Kolomy, from sergeant Company C to second lieutenant Company C. Bernard Telford, from sergeant Company B to second lieutenant Company B. Harold Hudspeth, corporal Company F to regimental quartermaster sergeant. Fred Douglas, from private Company A to sergeant major Third battalion. Arvid Olson, from private Company E to sergeant major Third battalion. Reed Zimmerman, from private Company F to color sergeant, National. Benjamin Brubaker, from private Company E to color sergeant, regimental. E. Ticknor, from private band to drum major band. Fred Eyer, from sergeant major First battalion to first sergeant Company G. Benjamin Brubaker, from private Company B to sergeant Company A. Gus Wickstrom, from private Company B to sergeant Company B. John Jenkins, from private Company I to sergeant Company B. Hagan Campen, from private Company B to sergeant Company H. Carl Anderson, from private Company E to sergeant Company F. Arthur Braker, from private Company H to sergeant Company G. Byron Sackett, from private Company B to sergeant Company H. Clifton Cooper, from private Company A to sergeant Company I. Harry Seagren, from private Company A to sergeant Company L. Emil Storz, from private Company A to corporal Company B. John Morris, from private Company H to corporal Company B. Dan Woodward, from private Company B to corporal Company B. John Woodley, from private Company H to corporal Company B. Arthur Holzquist, from private Company C to corporal Company C. Fred Curtis, from private Company C to corporal Company C. Clarence Landon, from private Company F to corporal Company F. Owen Camp, from private Company E to corporal Company E. Bernie Holzquist, from private Company F to corporal Company F. Emerson Westgate, from private Company F to corporal Company F. John Hodge, from private Company F to corporal Company F. Ralph Schultz, from private Company H to corporal Company H. Ben Swartz, from private Company G to corporal Company G. Robert Christie, from private Company H to corporal Company H. Dell Edwin, from private Company I to corporal Company I. Ben Swartz, from private Company G to corporal Company G.

Plans Complete for the Big Legislative Banquet at Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Final plans for the big legislative banquet to be held at the Lindell hotel here Friday evening have been fully made, and requests for seats have been coming in rapidly for the last three days to the office of the secretary of state. Secretary Henry Richmond is mailing banquet tickets to every legislator who has written him, and will continue to mail them out until Wednesday night. He predicts a large attendance. The afternoon meeting will be held at representative hall at 2:30. The dinner will be held at 4:30 sharp. Church Howe of Auburn will preside. The revised toast list is as follows: "The Old Guard," John C. Watson, Nebraska City. "Keeping Down Expenses," C. D. Casper, Bridgeport. "Now and Then," J. H. Grosvener, Aurora. "Good of the Order," John H. Mockett, Jr., Lincoln. "Roosevelt," Benjamin S. Baker, Omaha. "Legislative Bank," Ralph Q. Clark, Stella. "These Striving Days," Thos D. Crane, Omaha. "Postoffice and Statesmen," Edgar Howard, Columbus. "Philosophy of Legislation," John M. Tanner, South Omaha. "State Board of Control," Ella A. Holcomb, Broken Bow. "You will be astonished at the results. If your rheumatism is of such a nature that you would like to consult a specialist, write in the medical department, The Swift Specific Co., 267 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

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After three years of persistent training, so as to bring his weight up to the navy recruiting requirements, C. A. Reynolds of Plattsmouth has at last succeeded in achieving a life ambition to join the navy. He applied, and was immediately accepted, when he managed to tip the scales at 125 pounds. Had he been a few ounces lighter he would have been disappointed. Since he tried to enlist three years ago and found he was not quite heavy enough he has endeavored to increase his weight. He was a member of the militia, and says he wanted to enter the navy because of the education and travel offered in the sea service.

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There is a host of pills, powders, tablets and what-not for rheumatism, but they all lack the first essential to being a natural medicine. To begin with, rheumatism is simply a name given to designate a variety of pains, and can only be reached by irrigating the entire blood supply with a naturally assimilative antidote. True, the pain may be eased with narcotics or the acids may be neutralized for the time being. But such methods merely temporize and do not even lead to a cure. There is a standard rheumatism remedy, and is sold in all drug stores under the name of S. S. S. Attempts are often made to sell something claimed to be "just as good." Insist positively that you will have nothing but S. S. S.

It contains only purely vegetable elements and is absolutely free of mercury, iodide of potash or arsenic. The recoveries of all types of rheumatism by the use of S. S. S. is a fine tribute to the natural efficacy of this remarkable medicine. For it is assimilated just as naturally and just as well as food, and is the most acceptable, most palatable, and most readily digested food. Do not fail to get a bottle of S. S. S. today. You will be astonished at the results. If your rheumatism is of such a nature that you would like to consult a specialist, write in the medical department, The Swift Specific Co., 267 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

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