

TURE—George McManus Staked a Bookmaker and Broke His Own Book With One Bet.

LOCAL RACING—Miss Mae Day One of the Best Three-Year-Olds in America—Winner of 13 Races.

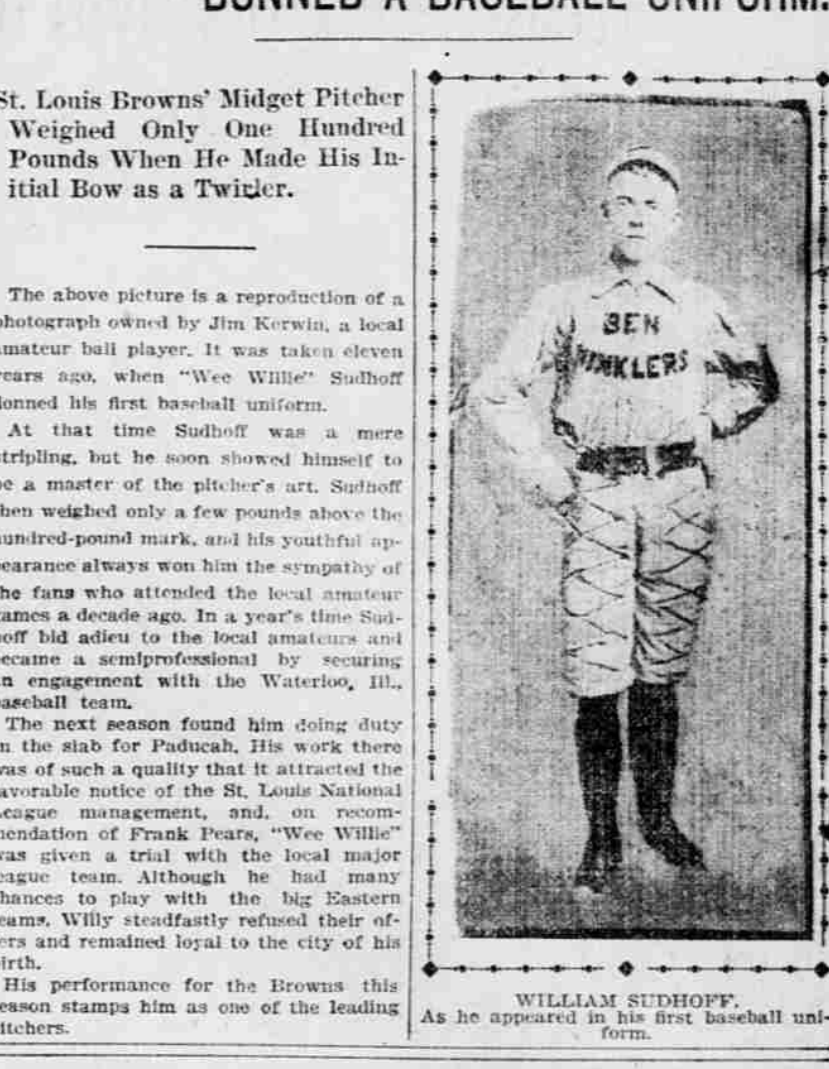
FOOTBALL—Local Teams Have Settled Down to Work—Smith Academy Prospects Bright.

PROMINENT ST. LOUIS BASEBALL PLAYERS CAUGHT BY A REPUBLIC CAMERA.



JESSE BURKETT. The Browns' left fielder, who has been among the league's heavy hitters for the last ten years.
 BIG JOHN ANDERSON. The Browns' speedy first baseman, who is the best guard of the initial sack in the American League.
 BOBBY WALLACE. Who has played a consistent game all season.
 HOMER SMOOT. The Cardinals' meteoric young center fielder. He is one of the best youngsters in the game.
 "JIMMY" BURKE. The Pride of Goose Hollow.

WHEN "WEE WILLIE" SUDHOFF FIRST DONNED A BASEBALL UNIFORM.



St. Louis Browns' Midget Pitcher Weighed Only One Hundred Pounds When He Made His Initial Bow as a Twirler.
 WILLIAM SUDHOFF. As he appeared in his first baseball uniform.

BASEBALL WILL CLOSE MOST PROSPEROUS SEASON NEXT WEEK

Only One League Has Failed During the 1903 Campaign—Players Get Their Share of the Prosperity — Post Season Series of Games to be Played in Many Cities — Large Wads Paid for Minor League Players—Richest Ball Player Is Frank Dwyer—Sam Crawford of Detroit Is a Model Athlete—Giant Players Troubled With Enlarged Craniums.

Written for the SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

When old Father Time pushes his calendar around for another week, the 1903 baseball season will have passed into history as one of the most glorious and prosperous eras of the national game.

The National League, through its president, has but recently stated that the parent organization of baseball has not before finished a campaign since the present eight-club regime in such a prosperous condition.

According to Mr. Pulliam, not a club in his organization lost money while New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Cincinnati have all made money in sufficient quantities to stave off the wolf for several seasons.

Only one league, the Pacific National, has failed this season, and it is not a total wreck, as four clubs will continue to carry through their part of the original eight-club schedule.

The failure of the Pacific National was due in a very large measure to the cumbersome traveling distances, more than to any lack of patronage.

UNDER "KING BAN."

The American League under the reign of "King Ban" has flourished. Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago should quit the season away to the good. St. Louis and Washington have also made money for their stockholders. The only doubtful proposition in the American League, so far as the "profit and loss" end of the game is concerned, is New York. The invaders, with their heavy salary list, will more than likely quit to the bad.

The American Association has made more money than last year, while the Western League is on a sound footing, as a result of its recent business. The Three-Base League, K. I. T. League, Missouri Valley, New England, and the ever-prosperous Eastern League, have all made more money, as a whole, this season, than any time during the last ten years.

PLAYERS' SHARE OF PROSPERITY.

Ner have the stockholders of the clubs been the only beneficiaries of the era of prosperity. The players have come in for their share of the gate receipts. Their salaries have been higher than at almost any time in the history of the game.

Of course the players who have no contracts covering a specified period of time will not be offered the enticing inducement this season that was held out for their services last season. But they will at least have the prospect of receiving that the proposed reduction in salary will have the effect of putting the game on a more stable basis.

In all, the season about to close has been a prosperous one for player and owner alike, and from the present outlook

SUNDAY GAMES ARE SCHEDULED FOR LEAGUE PARK

Some days ago there arose an argument among the members of the Cincinnati team as to the identity of the player still connected with the game who had accumulated the most money in baseball. Various names were suggested, but when that of Frank Dwyer, formerly of the Cardinals and now manager of the Detroit team, was sprung, the opposition collapsed, and it was generally conceded that the Gentian was "it."

Dwyer always was noted for not tossing any of his dollars in the direction of the dicky birds. While he never denied himself anything that would add to his comfort or respectability, he did not toss his coin about promiscuously. He knew of a savings bank in Geneva where money was paid on deposits. Later, when he had acquired a little capital, in this way, he found that there was even a bigger return in leaving it out himself on real estate. After doing business in this way for some years, in the meantime adding to his working capital by drawing a good salary from the Cincinnati club, he found that there were times when it was necessary to forego the mortgage, and that real estate so acquired usually found a ready market.

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POST-SEASON FEVER.

The post-season fever has struck all the towns except New York, and baseball will continue to be to the fore this year for at least ten days after the close of the championship season.

The series between the two Boston teams will not be played for the reason that Collins' men have an urgent engagement with the Pittsburgh aggregation. Of all the "after-dinner" games this should prove the most interesting, as the world's championship is not the only issue at stake. In a measure, at least, it will decide the question of superiority between the two major leagues. The American League people look on the "Beneaters" as the flower of their organization, while Pittsburgh stands alone in the National League. Should Pittsburgh win the clubs of the National League will take it as a triumph of their organization, while victory for Boston will be hailed by the American League teams as a token of superiority of their organization.

In Ohio the Cleveland Blues and Cincinnati "Reds" will establish a new record for players remaining in fast company," declared Ed Poole, the Cincinnati pitcher, during the recent series in Chicago, when Kelley's men for the Detroit aggregation were guests at the same hotel for two days.

"Crawford is a marvel in many ways," continued Poole. "There is not a man playing baseball today who has so few vices as the big fellow from Detroit. He does not drink or smoke; he keeps the best of his humor, he does not get into any quarrels, he does not cut with his knife, so his chances of cutting his throat are extremely remote; he knows nothing of him, for on no occasion has he ever been known to throw money to them—in fact, he is a modest ball player. No manager ever has to figure on what Crawford is doing at any hour of the day or night. He can always rest assured that the big fellow is doing nothing that will in the least impair his value or ability as a player. And all these qualities combined are going to keep Crawford in the game perhaps longer than any player ever connected with baseball. Why it would not surprise me to see him playing in fast company twenty-five years from now, provided he cares to continue in the game that long. Crawford is less than 25 years of age, and with his constitution and the excellent care he takes of himself all the time he should be a good athlete up to

GIANTS HAVE SWELLED HEADS.

Speaking of the Giant players recently, a New York fan said:

"I am a great admirer of Brenanham, and hence have watched him closely. But in justice I am compelled to say that he has invariably fallen down when his service was most needed. He seems to have no difficulty whatever in cracking out a single triple, double or homer. But there is no one on base that a bit of this sort will assist in scoring, but if the game is close and the Giants have men on bases and need runs to win out, Brenanham almost always raises a little fly to the infield or else runs down a boundary to the opposing shortstop. I cannot explain this, but it is a fact, nevertheless. Brenanham is another man who does the same thing. He is a great hitter when his arms are not worth much. When they mean something he is found wanting."

There is one great trouble with Brenanham, Merzes, Mathewson and other reputed stars on the New York team which have been given more notoriety than is good for them. Barney Dreyfuss once said:

"If I were a ball player I would not want to be a member of the New York team."

"Why?" he was asked.

"Simply because the people make too great heroes of them at first," he replied.

"When a player who has shown winning form breaks into New York he is hailed at once by the populace, while great enlarged pictures of him are spread clear across the pages of the newspapers. This tends to give him an exaggerated idea of the value of his own talents, and he comes sooner or later to depend more on his quicky-earned reputation than on his playing ability to carry him through. When a player reaches this stage, it is not difficult to see his finish. But let a New York player show signs of letting up or of deteriorating, and the same hero worshipers, who a few weeks before lauded him to the skies will pounce upon him and denounce him in the strongest terms."

And there is a great deal of truth in what the Pirate chief says. You can never get a great show of it are seldom noticed by the crowds, while the favored few are the cynosure of all eyes, and their every move favorably commented upon. No matter what it may be.

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