SPORTING SECTION

IN MAJOR LEAGUE TRAINING CAMPS

Athletics Trim Cubs in Fifth Game and Series Ends With Mackmen Ahead.

FED BLOKES WIN AGAIN

Manager Callahan Makes Decided Changes in Sox Second Lineup —Portland Easy for Regulars.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 18.—Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Athletics met yesterday afternoon in the fifth game of the series for the championship of nothing in particular. Statisticians present for the purpose of gathering useful baseball information for fans in the cities whose heroes were engaged in the fray estimated the final count as 15 to 11 in favor of the world's champions. The series thus stands 3 to 2 in favor of the big Macks.

A capacity crowd again filled the local ball yard, and it saw everything possible to crowd into the box score except a double play, a triple play, and a passed ball. It saw the Cubs establish a lead of 9 to 3 when Carrol Brown was not only solved but was punctured for seven hits in three innings, to which he added four bases on balls while the Athletics were getting four fielding errors out of their systems.

Blokes Win Third Straight.

Shreveport, La., March 18.—Jimmy Block's Blokes won their third straight game yesterday when they gave Centenary college nine a decisive beating at the college diamond, 8 to 2. Those Blokes sure can play ball, and now Block threatens to quit as their manager if they lose a game all spring.

The collegians, who are coached by Wilson Mathews, the oldtime player and umpire, began the combat with startling bits of big league stuff that caused the Blokes great surprise. In the first inning, one of the college sprinters legged it from first to third on a sacrifice bunt and came on home when the peg to third went wild. This brought forth a scream of delight from the students, who imagined their boys were going to tear the "big leaguers" into small bits. A little later the Blokes tied the count, then began belting the ball to the fence, and the college boys lost their hearts and also their heads.

Callahan Takes Charge.

Sacramento, Calif., March 18.—No metamorphosis ever was more complete—not even that which St. Patrick made in Ireland years ago yesterday—than that which Mr. Callahan worked in the White Sox Goofs and they went out and licked the hide off the Sacramento Wolves to the tune of 10 to 3 in the second game of the series.

Clinton Rogge was given the honor of being the first Goof twirler to work the full route. He justified the selection by holding the Wolves to seven base hits, two of which came in the last inning after two were down. Rogge passed only three batsmen, which is the record for the No. 2 team so far this year. His support was not good, but Manager Callahan had the suboutfielders instructed to play within sight of the home plate, and they got more of the flies than they did formerly.

Sox Trim Portland.

Santa Maria, Calif., March 18.—Chicago White Sox defeated the Portland Beavers, champions of the Pacific Coast league, 5 to 1. Bill Lathrop came back and pitched a great game for the Sox, holding Portland to six scattering hits. Andy Slight showed up well at first base with Chase playing in the outfield. Buddy Ryan, formerly with the Cleveland Naps, failed to make a hit off Lathrop. It was the hottest day of the training trip.

ROLL LAST GAMES HERE

Winners in Tri-County Tournament to Be Decided Tonight.

The final games in the Tri-County bowling tournament will be rolled at the Harms' alleys. The Monmouth boys are 335 pins ahead of Klove's Colts and are looked upon as probable winners. The Aledo team is 71 pins ahead of the Rock Island team for second place, and "some battle" is assured the fans when the teams clash for this position. Klove's Colts have copped the small end of the scores in both series rolled so far, but are determined to show the visitors that there are still some bowlers left in this fair city. A crowd of rooters are expected to be present at the alleys tonight when the teams meet. The scores folows:

	1st series.	2nd series.	Total.
Monmouth	2324	2461	4785
Aledo	2208	2307	4515
Rock Island	2197	2247	4444

A banquet at the Harms hotel will follow the games and the prizes awarded the winners.

BAPTISTS TAKE OPENER IN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

First games of the Moline Y. M. C. A. Sunday school basketball league were played in the association gymnasium, the Baptists winning from the First Methodist by a score of 47 to 18. The Baptist tossers led throughout the contest and at half time the score stood at 29 to 11.

Walter Swanson, of the Baptists, was easily the star of the game in the scoring department, nabbing fourteen goals from the field and two foul baskets. The second game scheduled for the evening was forfeited by the Second Congregationals to the Second Methodists.

GAMES IS ISLAND CITY LEAGUE ARE POSTPONED

No games were rolled in the Island City Bowling league last evening as scheduled, all of them being postponed. The Rock Island Brews and the 2600's will roll Saturday night at the St. Julien alleys and the Colts and the Hubers will play Sunday afternoon at the Harms' alleys.

FORM CLUB AT ILLINOIS

Winners of "I's" at State University Eligible for Membership.

Urbana, Ill., March 18.—University of Illinois "I" men perfected the organization of an "I" club to enroll all the athletes who have won their varsity letter at Illinois. Director Huff, Coaches Zuppke, Gill and Jones, and others addressed the meeting. The University of Illinois tennis team has contracted to meet Leland Stanford, Jr. university here when the Californians come east in May. The University of Texas also will send a tennis team north when its baseball team makes a trip.

Chicago Fed Recruit Pitchers Put Hope in Tinker

Some Chicago Fed recruit twirlers.

Joe Tinker reports from Shreveport, La., where he has his Chicago Feds in spring training, that he has uncovered some good pitching material. The picture shows a few of the husky recruit pitchers "showing off."

RIVERS IS EASY FOR ENGLISHMAN

Freddie Welsh Outclasses Spaniard in 20 Round Bout at Vernon, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—Joe Rivers is no longer a contender in the first division of the lightweight brigade. His elimination occurred at the end of the 20th round at Vernon yesterday afternoon when Referee Charley Eyton raised Freddie Welsh's hand in token of a well earned decision over the Spaniard.

Probably never before did Welsh fight so well, and proably never before did Rivers fight so badly. The English champion shoved more gloves into the Mexicans' face than the latter ever thought were manufactured. He always had one there. Rivers never had a chance to use both of his eyes for more than a moment at a time. He tried hard, but couldn't fight back. Boxing master that he is, he looked like a mark before Welsh, and when the referee moved toward Freddie's position at the end of the battle to raise his hand Rivers turned his back and strode off, acknowledging defeat.

A TRAP FOR MARINERS.

Salmadina Bank, Off Colombia's Coast, Is a Perilous Shoal.

One of the most dangerous places for navigation is the Salmadina bank, which lies just outside the harbor of Cartagena, Colombia. Many vessels have come to grief on the treacherous sands of Salmadina in the past, and because of the impossibility of keeping buoys on it the shoal is a constant menace to ships plying those waters.

This dangerous bank is about four miles long and two miles wide. There is scarcely more than twelve feet of water over it at any time. The sea is usually smooth in that part of the Caribbean, and unless there is ground swell enough to cause waves to break on the reef there is nothing to warn the navigator that he is approaching this shallow spot. He may have his lead going and get plenty of water one minute and be bang up on the shoal the next.

The lighthouse people will probably never be able to put buoys on Salmadina that will stay there. They are invariably carried away in the terrific hurricanes that periodically sweep these waters. So it seems as if Salmadina was a bad spot put there for the permanent worriment of shipmasters. —New York Sun.

Penalties For Sabbath Breaking.

Sabbath breaking in Dundee was an expensive business in former times, to judge by the table of fines, etc., drawn up by the local Guild of Bonnetmakers in 1685. For traveling or drinking in a tavern on Sunday the fine was fixed at 40 shillings for each offense. For "hanging out bonnets, clothing or fish to dry—penalty for bonnets, 6s. 8d.; for clothes, 4 shillings; for fish, 3 shillings. Carrying water from the well or washing meat thereat in time of sermon, penalty, 8 shillings; gathering kail in time of sermon, penalty, 5 shillings; going to neighbors' houses in time of sermon without lawful excuse, such as sickness, penalty for first fault, 12 shillings, and for second twice as much, with rebuke before the craft, and for the third, summons before the kirk session."—London Chronicle.

Seattle—Captain J. H. Griffith, U. S. A., connected with the quartermaster's depot in Seattle, was suspended from duty by Major Hugh J. Gallagher, in charge of the office. An alleged shortage of $8,000 in Griffith's accounts as disbursing officer was the reason assigned.

Gossip Of The Central Association

With the better weather of the past week the spirit of baseball in the Central association, which has been more or less active during the winter, has grown stronger, and signs of preparation for the coming spring training season are well advanced. The greatest activity is, of course, in the two new cities of the league, Clinton and Marshalltown, which have an entire baseball equipment to prepare before any practice work can be commenced at home. New parks will have to be laid out and appropriate buildings and seating arrangements erected. In both cities these plans have all been arranged for and the work will be prosecuted as soon as the frost is out of the ground. All the managers are busy as bees developing the best strength of their squads on paper. All are claiming they have superior material, but the melting pot of the work out season will show just how good their judgment has been.

In respect to the selection of new players, of course, the various managers of the league like Hayden, of Burlington, Egan of Ottumwa, Hough of Clinton and Hill of Cedar Rapids, and Boyle of Muscatine have a better chance than the men new in this league. The fact that they are widely known among baseball players, helps, but their mature judgment of playing material is the supreme thing which always enables them to be pretty sure of what they want and what they get in the early stages of the season.

Marshalltown's first great puzzle was what to call its team. This was put to a vote and by a large majority the name "Anson" was chosen. This is in honor of old "Pop" Adrian Anson, who was born and raised in Marshalltown and whose venerable father still lives there. The old baseball veteran has been notified and if he can arrange it he will be present at the first game played in Marshalltown as an acknowledgement of the honor. This will assure an immense attendance on that day. Manager Richards, who has charge of Marshalltown, reports that his infield is complete and that he has five good outfielders to pick from, and three catchers. He has offers from several higher clubs to let him have their discards. Pitcher Palmer, of Racine, will probably be on his list. Palmer had 16 victories and eight losses last season.

The fans of Waterloo are showing a good deal of life just now. They have organized a boosters club with officers who mean business. Manager Andrews is going in for youngsters this year, as is the case of a number of other managers in the Central. He says in a recent interview: "I have picked a number of promising youngsters all of whom have been recommended to me by well known players, and with a number of my best players from last season's team I am confident I can organize a club that will be a winner." He expects his players to begin reporting in Waterloo about April 1. The entire squad will be there by the 15th when the club will play the Des Moines team of the Western association.

Practice Begins.

The ides of March are up to the bosses of the association, and they seem fully to realize the necessity of active work in the matter of preparing their squads for the tryouts they are to undergo in order to ascertain who will form the clubs of the various cities in the league this season. Already some practicing is being done and in this respect it is likely that Burlington is leading the way. President Tom Hayden, whose home is in Webb City, Mo., has collected in the southern field a squad of players who are to form, in part, the Pathfinders that are expected to make Burlington famous. These men are now playing in that mild climate, and are making a good account of themselves, according to reports received. They will be in good shape for the opening in this city about April 15.

Burlington Has Edge.

In this respect Burlington will have the edge on the other teams in the circuit, although all will have a good lot of hard training before the season opens. Every manager has secured one or more series of exhibition games with upper league clubs, and they will also play with each other this spring, and according to the schedules published by the various managers the training season is to be a very busy one so far as the public is concerned.

Andrews Signs Many.

Andrews is using his wide acquaintance among big league people to build up his team. He makes his headquarters in Des Moines and from there sends the following list of players he has so far signed:

First base—George Reed, Fairly, Ia.; Charles Marshall, Pittsburg, Kans.

Second base—"Butch" Free, Manning, Ia.; Harry Glazier, St. Louis.

Third base—Joe Wintz, Ratesville, Ind.

Shortstop—J. Macauley, Wichita, Kans.; Richard Harrison, Novelville, Ind.

Outfielders—David H. White, Merriam, Kans.; Dan M. Tearney, New York; C. A. Dudley, Manchester; John Tombey, Chicago; C. N. Stodfelt, Indianapolis, Ind.

Catchers—W. C. Schaunberg, Garrison, Neb.; Frank Ashland, Blaine, Wash.; William Wagner, Waterloo; Anderson, Farmington, Ia.; Harry Nieman and Rex Smith, Akron, Ia.

Pitchers—Howard Tuttle, St. Joseph, Mo.; Herbert Hill, Waterloo; Joe Wilkus, Jefferson, Ia.; Willis Sutcliffe, Wheaton, Ill.; Lloyd Carnes, Plattsville, Wis.

Ottumwa Has New Team.

While Clinton and Marshalltown are in the lime light just now because they are new, it is not to be imagined that there is no interest in what the other fellows are doing. Every scrap of information about any of the older cities of the league is read with interest. Ottumwa, for instance, is always able to hold a prominent position in Central association news because Manager Egan usually gives out dope that is worth while. This season Egan will have practically a new team. He has already selected a large bunch of players all of whom are strangers to this league, and many of whom never played professional baseball in their lives. He has given out the names of some of his prospective speedboys as follows: Robert Setstill and R. Moore of Colorado; Fred R. Gluck of Chillicothe, Mo.; Fred Haley of Cincinnati, Ohio; Earl Thompson of Deer Park, Wis., and P. J. Zimmerman of Turtle Lake, Wis., and D. P. Anderson of Jefferson, Ia. In addition to these Egan says he has a dozen others that he will give trial, and that altogether his list of prospectives this spring will be larges than ever. Of the old men it is supposed that Kensel and Link will again hold a position on the team, but even this is not certain.

Keokuk's Prospects Bright.

Manager Abbott of the Keokuk team will arrive in Keokuk soon. He has a good string of prospects, most of them coming with him from the Pacific coast, where they helped him win a pennant last season. Secondbaseman Clarence Jack is a sure man, but he may not join the team the first of the season, as he has signed a contract to coach the Monmouth college baseball team, which will keep him busy right up to the time of starting the regular season, if not a little later.

Burlington Fans Enthusiastic.

The baseball enthusiasm in Burlington is growing rapidly. The latest indication of the manner in which the game is to be supported this season is the rapidity with which some booster buttons were sold recently. The finances of the team are in good shape, but as a matter of stirring up enthusiasm a lot of handsome pins were issued bearing the words "Boost for B. B. in Burlington." These pins were sold at one dollar apiece and a dozen or more traveling men of Post G. Traveler's Protective association, of Burlington at once subscribed for ten buttons each and there is a demand for the others. In addition a number of small buttons sold at 50 cents each are on the market.

M'CUE SAYS BOXING IS NOT BRUTAL GAME

Albany, N. Y., March 18.—The Murray bill, which seeks to abolish the state athletic commission and stop all professional boxing exhibitions in this state, is likely to provide some lively scenes in the legislature. Assemblyman Martin G. McCue of New York City, in opening for the opposition, declared that professional boxing was the finest of manly sports. "Many of you know," McCue declared, "that for years before becoming a member of this body I was a prize fighter. The sport as regarded by law is manly, not brutal or degrading. I wish everything in political life were done as openly and as thoroughly as things are done under the present law in the squared circle." Andrew F. Murray, a New York City progressive, replied with an attack on boxing. He said the exhibitions are controlled by crooked politicians and are unspeakably degrading.

As She Is Spoke In Lancashire.

First Lancashire schoolboy from the top of a passing tramcar to a school friend:

"Gooin' th' 'all t'neet?"

Second L. S.—Yi.

"Hayve past?"

"Aw reet."

The two, explains the Manchester Guardian, have made an appointment to meet at half past 6 for the first show of the local picture hall, which will be faithfully kept.

Easy to Remember.

"Beg pardon, sir," observed the tough-looking waiter suggestively. "Gentlemen who dine at this table usually—er—remember me, sir."

"I don't wonder," said the customer cordially. "That mug of yours would be hard to forget."—Dallas News.

The Cranky Stage.

"What is the difference between sickness and convalescence, pa?"

"The convalescent, my boy, generally makes those around him sick."—Boston Transcript.

Honors come by diligence; riches spring from economy.—John Francis Davis.

TAFT IN CHICAGO REFUSES TO SELL

May Keep Chicago Cubs is Announcement Ex-President's Relative Gives Out.

MURPHY HOST TO VISITOR

Former Cub Boss Greets Cincinnati Magnate at Station—$750,000 Held Liberal Offer.

Chicago, Ill., March 18.—Charles P. Taft, majority stockholder of the Chicago National league baseball club, arrived in Chicago last night. Although bombarded with questions, he was unable to enlighten his interrogators as to what will become of the Cubs. He went so far as to say that he would keep the club himself if he did not sell it. Today he may be able to give some definite information, although he made no specific promise to this effect.

"I have come to look over the property and see what I have got," said Mr. Taft. "Tomorrow I intend to visit the ball park and get in touch with the local situation. Regarding possible changes in the administration I have nothing to say."

Murphy Greets Taft.

The Cincinnati magnate then was taken in tow by Charles W. Murphy, acting president of the Cubs, who met him at the station.

Local developments, coupled with information coming from Cincinnati, indicate that Mr. Taft intends to retain control of the club, but there appears to be a slight chance he may recede from the position he took when interviewed on Monday at Cincinnati by John T. Connery and Franc D. Mayer, representatives of the Connery-Spiegel syndicate.

These men returned to Chicago yesterday morning and announced that as far as any further overtures from them were concerned the deal for the purchase of the Cubs was off. They asserted their offer of $750,000 was a liberal one, and that as the complete rehabilitation of the club probably would entail an expenditure of about $500,000 more, any increase in their bid would make them look foolish in the eyes of the business world.