

VON DER AHE STORIES

Had Comical Views on Matters Pertaining to Baseball.

Gave Kid Gleason \$50 for Telling on Himself and Then Fined \$100 for Knocking Off President's New Silk Hat.

Stories concerning the late Chris Von der Ahe, former owner of the old St. Louis Browns, who died recently, are now making the rounds. Kid Gleason, now assistant manager of the White Sox, is responsible for these Chris Von der Ahe stories: The Browns had a parade of players and officials one opening day and Von der Ahe appeared wearing a huge and shining silk hat. As the procession wound its way in front of the stands Von der Ahe repeatedly lifted his hat and bowed. And so it happened that when Gleason was passing a boy who was selling popcorn balls he grabbed a couple and let fly at Chris, knocking the silk lid from his head. Chris was irate. He was raging. "I'll give \$50 to the man who will tell me who threw dot popcorn ball!" he yelled. "Are you on the level?" asked Gleason. "Sure I was," retorted the enraged magnate. "Give me the \$50 and I'll tell you," replied Gleason. The money was handed over and Gleason said: "Well, Chris, I did it." "O, you bum, you, you loafer," screamed Chris. "Just for dat I'll fine you \$100."

Another time, the Browns were not going along well. Chris received some threatening letters from fans who were mad because he had sold some of his star players. Others yelled to him from the stand that they would "get" him. The next afternoon, just before it was time for the game to start, Chris appeared with a target and a big revolver. Placing the target on the fence he stood off a few feet and landed six shots near the center. "Now, you loafers, come on if you want to 'get' me. Come on, I say," he yelled as he turned toward the stand again.

From Chicago come more stories about Chris. While he was a club owner in 1897 Von der Ahe was the victim of a kidnaping episode which created a sensation at the time. During the Brotherhood war Mark Baldwin attempted to get Jack O'Connor to "jump" the St. Louis Browns. Von der Ahe, hearing of it, had Baldwin arrested in St. Louis, which did not stand in court. Baldwin retaliated by having Von der Ahe arrested in Pittsburgh on the charge of false imprisonment and eventually obtained a judgment of \$10,000 against the St. Louis magnate. It was up to his bondsman, W. A. Nimick, to produce Von der Ahe or the \$10,000. He could not induce Von der Ahe to leave St. Louis, so formed a plan to kidnap him.

By decoy message Von der Ahe was induced to enter a cab in which he was driven across the bridge and then forced in a Pullman stateroom. Although the victim fought every inch of the way he was finally landed in Pittsburgh and obliged to settle the claim.

His former associates and players never tire of telling stories of Von der Ahe and his comical views of matters pertaining to baseball. He was much opposed to players who drank. At one of his temperance lectures in the clubhouse he said: "I will soak any man vot I catch trinkin' vun mundt's bay. I ain't mention no names, but if Ladam or Maggardy iss lissenin' dey know who I mean."

Stallings keeps sending his Braves along at a wonderfully steady clip. Bert Humphries is now a regular member of the winning portion of the Cubs' pitching staff. Pitcher Kieffer of the New York Americans has been acquired by the Venice coast league club.

Brooklyn is in need of another good pitcher. Bill Dahlen has scouts out trying to land such a man.

Zamloch is the most promising youngster on the Detroit pitching staff, according to Hughie Jennings.

Pitcher Tom McGuire and Outfielder "Silk" Kavanagh of the Chicago Federal league team have been signed by the Cardinals.

Manager Joe Birmingham of Cleveland says the Naps and White Sox are the real pennant contenders in the American league this season.

Al Bridwell, the former Giant, is playing a great game for Chicago. Besides fielding in clever style he has been hitting the ball hard and timely.

A Boston critic is afraid Cleveland cannot stand the gaff, and expects her, without this ability, to blow up in the stretch. Standing the gaff means conserving energy for the run to the wire.

PECULIAR CHARACTERISTICS OF PITCHERS



George Pierce, Star Southpaw Cub Twirler.

Ball players in the National and American leagues are not as courageous as most fans imagine. Most followers of the game carry the idea that the men who pitch and who stand up at the place and allow a pitcher to throw the ball at their heads have a lion's heart. Such is not always the case.

There is a twirler on the Brooklyn team who would be a wonderful slab artist if he were not inclined to be timid. It is not the intention to convey the idea that he is "yellow," but only to point out how a player deprives himself of being a top-notch in the ranks through fear of what he imagines is a disgrace and the lack of an abundance of nerve.

The individual in question is Pitcher F. L. Allen of the Trolley Dodgers. He is a southpaw and the possessor of as great an assortment of twisters as any left hander in the National league today. Manager Dahlen thinks as much of him as he does of Nap Rucker, and depends upon him almost as much. But Allen has that one fault of becoming intimidated when he observes from the rubber that another man is being sent out to warm up to be in readiness should his services be required.

Brooklyn secured Allen from Mobile, Ala., last spring, and it was a member of the board of directors of the Southern league team who told of the peculiarity of the southpaw.

"Allen was on our team in the season of 1911 and as I saw every game he twirled at home I studied him thoroughly," said the Mobile baseball man. "One of the first faults I detected was his tendency to ascend when another twirler was sent out to loosen his arm. It seemed as soon as the pitcher walked from the bench Allen would lose all his nerve. I can easily realize it, for you will often find men who will quit when they discover that another is being sent preparing to take their place. It seems to impress upon them their efforts are not what they should be. This is the way it affected Allen. If he were handled properly I believe he would be a wonder of the league. By that I mean if Dahlen in sending a man to warm up would keep him out of Allen's sight he would get better results."

Sending pitchers out to warm up when the man on the slab is weakening and threatening to toss away the game affects some twirlers, and most of them, differently than it does Allen. Rube Marquard of the New York Giants is one who is inclined to lose his nerve when McGraw orders another man to get ready. Christy Mathewson of the same club is just the opposite. He is a great twirler and it hurts him to be taken out and, therefore, when he notices two or three men at the club house warming up, he braces and pitches harder than ever. Seaton of the Philadelphia is of much the same temperament, as is Suggs of the Cincinnati club.

When Manager Evers of the Cubs wants George Pierce to tighten and pitch his "head off" he stops the game and picks a man from the bench and sends him to the club house accompanied by a catcher. The effect this has on the left hander is more than perceptible. His action shows it. He walks around the rubber with a quick, snappy stride, nervously calls for Archer to give him the sign, and shoots the ball in the direction of the plate with terrific speed. He is one of the twirlers who consider it disgraceful to be yanked from the slab and he would rather miss his meals for two days than have that happen. Pierce has a sort of fiery temper while pitching and when a club makes a run or a few hits off him he grits his teeth and strains himself all the more.

Evers has several men on his team on the order of Pierce. They are Smith, Cheney, Overall and Humphries. They are often scored on after men get on the bases, but they display their caliber by putting everything they have on their curves when men are on third and second bases.

Batters are required to have as much nerve and fighting spirit as the pitchers. Often they will have balls

thrown at their heads while at the plate, which is done by the slabman in an effort to scare them. The hitters have to take this and still remain there and step into the following balls as if nothing happened. When a batter is frightened by a pitcher throwing a ball at him he is lost and at the mercy of the flinger, who probably will come back with a big curve and strike him out. There are many pitchers in the league who have that trick.

There are not many players in the league who are scared by that method. They are fully aware that the twirler does it with that intention, and they refuse to step toward the bench. Star hitters such as Wagner, Doyle, Zimmerman, Cobb, Jackson, Speaker, Schulte, Meyers, Magee, Bescher, and a host of others seldom pull away from the plate unless the man on the rubber is excessively wild. Then they realize they are in danger and take no unnecessary chances. That is why a pitcher who is erratic and possesses tremendous speed is successful.

GREAT AS SPITBALL ARTIST

Umpire Bill Evans Gives Russell Ford Credit for Having Most Peculiar Moist Ball.

"I've seen all the great spitball pitchers in the American league, and some of those of the National," said Umpire Bill Evans, at present partner of the man who discovered the delivery. "I've studied them. And you can say, without fear of going wrong, that Russell Ford did more with it than any man who ever lived. "Cheebro made it a factor in baseball, and Ed Walsh had had more suc-



Russell Ford.

cess, in the way of winning with it, than anyone else. But Ford's spitball had more break, and more peculiar break, than that of either of these two great masters. Russell had only one great year with it. But I never expect to see anyone get the breaks that he did."

American Baseball in Cleveland. Mike Doolan, star shortstop of the Phillies, has started suit for \$5,000 damages from Monte Cross, the former Athletic player, and George Moreland of Pittsburgh, former president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania league. Dolan and Cross were partners in one of the franchises in the league last year.

Tub Spencer Falls Again. Tub Spencer, the former big league catcher, who fell from grace so many times, has been released by Del Howard, manager of the Frisco Seals.

McGraw Wants Reigner. Manager McGraw of the Giants is said to have his eye on Pitcher Reigner, who is helping put St. Paul up in the American Association race.

GOVERNOR TENER APPROVES BILLS

Buckman Measure Provides Increased Fees For Autos

BOROUGH BILL IS SIGNED

Permits Boroughs of 10,000 Population to Vote to Become Third Class Cities and Accept Commission Form of Government.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.) Harrisburg. — Announcement was made at the Governor's office that Governor Tener had approved the Buckman automobile bill, a general motor vehicle act. It increases the registration fee for pleasure vehicles of 35 to 50 horsepower from \$19 to \$15 and for vehicles of 50 horsepower and over from \$15 to \$20; provides fees for automobile trucks from \$5 for those of less than 4,000 pounds freight load, and vehicle to 24,000 pounds, the latter being the maximum weight allowed. The width of motor vehicles is limited to 99 inches, except buses in cities, which may be 100 inches. Registration fees after July 1 shall be one-half the yearly rate. The minimum limit in built-up sections where "Danger, Run Slow" signs are erected is increased from 12 to 15 miles an hour.

Become Third Class Cities. Another important bill signed by the Governor is that permitting boroughs of 10,000 or more population, by popular vote, to become third-class cities and accept the commission form of government as provided for third class cities by the Clark commission government law.

Norristown, the largest borough in the State, is one of the communities expected to take almost immediate advantage of this new law. Pottsville, which has been enmeshed in legal technicalities for three years over an effort to become a third class city, is also expected to apply the new statute.

Other large communities in the eastern part of the State, like Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Shamokin, Mount Carmel and Sunbury, are qualified, as far as population is concerned, to make use of the new law and establish commission government. Special elections on the question of becoming third class cities must be held prior to November, when commissioners are to be chosen.

Accident Insurance Policies.

The Governor approved also the House bill providing for standard policies for health and accident insurance, the bill to become effective January 1, 1914, after which no policies for health and accident insurance may be issued unless the form has been approved by the State Insurance Commissioner. The House bill giving mutual fire insurance companies the right to insure against loss from accidental operation of automatic sprinklers was also approved.

Other Bills Signed.

Appropriating \$75,000 for the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation at Philadelphia and fixing the time for the exposition from August 18 to September 30.

Authorizing first class Township Commissioners to light highways.

Authorizing State Highway Commissioner to take over abandoned right of way of railroad companies for State highways.

Giving State Water Supply Commission power to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas.

Amending cold storage act so that fish may be stored without each fish being marked with dates.

Regulating submission of constitutional amendments to people for ratification.

Authorizing authorities of Eastern Penitentiary to congregate all prisoners for worship, labor, learning or recreation.

Not to Call Extra Session.

Governor Tener said he had no thought of calling an extra session of the Legislature either this summer or in the fall after the election. Rumors have been current that it was his intention to reconvene the Legislature to pass a compensation bill, and in the event of the ratification of the constitutional amendment permitting \$50,000,000 road loan to pass enabling acts so that bonds might be issued next year instead of waiting until 1915. The Governor's position is summed up in the following statement:—"I know of no contingency demanding the convening of the General Assembly in extraordinary session, nor shall I call an extra session should the constitutional amendment for the bond issue for road construction be ratified by the people at the November election."

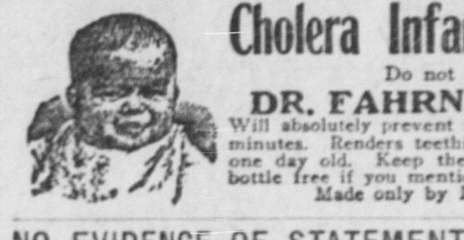
Statues Burnished.

The Barnard statues at the Capitol have been fixed up spick and span for the visitors this week and stand forth stripped of the soot from Enola and the dust of the city. In fact, some of the figures are as beautiful as when they came from Paris. The scouring process is with materials which do not harm the marble and the stone is washed with brushes and then dried as carefully as the marble wainscoting inside of the building.

This feature of the Capitol is the most attractive one to visitors, who never fail to praise them.

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NO EVIDENCE OF STATEMENT

Foreman of Jury Had Claimed They Had One Mind, But Losing Lawyer Wanted to Be Shown.

Counsel for the prisoner looked hopefully at the faces of the jurors as they filed into their seats, and listened hopefully as the foreman announced that they had agreed. His client had enjoyed ample provocation for the assault upon the person of Tobias Jones; but the jurors were uniformly Tobias' friends and not unbiased.

"The jury is all of one mind, your honor," the foreman said. "We find the prisoner guilty."

"You hear the verdict, counsel," remarked the judge. "The jury is all of one mind. Have you anything to ask of the court before sentence is pronounced?"

"Yes, your honor," replied counsel, still hopefully: "for the purposes of the appeal which my client will take, it would be of material assistance to learn which one of the twelve men who have reached this verdict is possessed of the one mind you are so careful to mention."—New York Evening Post.

His Need of the Moment.

An old dorky was encountered by the expedition sent by Uncle Sam for the relief of sufferers by the Mississippi floods. Uncle Eph was in a dilapidated looking skiff or dugout, which he was having considerable trouble to keep afloat. He was busy paddling with one hand and bailing out his craft with the other when the relief boat came within hailing distance of him.

"Hello there, uncle! What do you want?"

"Nothing but wings, boss," was the answer.

Modern Proverb.

Lo! Behold the man who eateth and drinketh gluttonously in the hot weather, how he perspireth like unto a cake of ice on a hot stove, cuss him.—Meditations of Jeremiaah of Joppa.

FOUND A WAY

To Be Clear of Coffee Troubles.

"Husband and myself both had the coffee habit, and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condition that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and there didn't seem to be an organ in his body that was not affected."

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some discussion he decided to give it up."

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Introduction Needed.

"Housekeeping," said a pessimistic New York bachelor, "will soon be a lost art—in this town, at any rate."

"What makes you think that?" asked a woman friend.

"Do you know what eggplant looks like before it is cooked?" was his apparently irrelevant reply.

"No-no," the woman replied, "I don't believe I do."

"Right there," said the bachelor, "you have an answer to your own question. If you were the only woman who didn't know raw eggplant when you saw it, or if eggplant was the only raw vegetable you were not acquainted with, I would have no grounds for the assertion; but I have it on the authority of restaurant proprietors and marketmen that half the women who eat all their meals out could not call eggplant, saffiy, parsnips, kohlrabi and most of the turnip family by name if they met them face to face. Is that true?"

"I am afraid it is," the woman acknowledged. "But most men wouldn't recognize them, either."

"Oh," said the bachelor, "that's different. We are not supposed to be up in such things."

When Ex-President Taft Was Married.

It was formerly a pleasant custom of society reporters to indulge in predictions as to the glorious future of the happy pair. A journalistic prophet of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, in writing of the wedding of Miss Helen L. Herron, daughter of John W. Herron to William Howard Taft, which occurred twenty-seven years ago, had this to say:

"William H. Taft is one of the young men of the city who may be depended upon in public affairs. He is one of the highest standing of the graduates of Yale, and his original powers, perfect integrity and courage and correct instincts, as well as thorough information, have made him useful, won for him the friendships and enmities most complimentary, and opened for him a career that has the highest promise of great distinction."

Boy's View of Policemen.

A boy's view of policemen is thus quaintly expressed in the examination papers of the Albert Street school, Bulwell, Nottingham, England:

"One of our well-known men in the large towns is the policeman; he is a very large man, and looks very smart in his suit of blue.

"If he sees a boy who ought to be at school, he tries to catch him and take him to school, where he is punished.

"His duties are many. At night he walks quietly down the streets in case there are any robbers. He carries a lamp about with him to see where the robber escapes. If the robber hides, he will be traced. The policeman carries a staff, a whistle, and some handcuffs in case he needs them."

Horrible Thought.

Senator Borah of Idaho tells this story of how a psychologist and mediumistic professor was received in a small town in his state:

The professor was talking to a young society bud about the possibilities of the journeyings of one's soul. "Why, my dear young lady," he declared, "it is possible for you in your sleep to travel to other planets in the middle of the night."

"Oh, professor!" she cried in evident alarm. "Not in my nightgown!" —The Sunday Magazine.

When a man can travel as far on his nerve as others can on an excursion ticket the railroads are sure to lose money.

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