THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS TO GET THE MONEY, BUT MAGNATES GRAB IT GOING AND COMING

P. T. BARNUM IS OUTBARNUMED WHEN NATIONAL LEAGUE CHIEFS PUT OVER THEIR ACT ON D. O. P.

Raise Price of Admission and Cut Down Salaries of Players in Same Breath Instead of Staging Much-Advertised Battle Royal

BARNUM probably had the right idea, but after giving his work the once over and comparing it with modern business methods, he appears to have been very weak and quite amateurish. Old P. T. thought he was getting away with something regular when he introduced his "Great Whatlsit" to an unsuspecting public and gathered in a big bundle of kale, but it was only small time stuff and savors strongly of the kerosene circuit. In the light of recent events, it was very much hush league and a decrepit effort. Still, no one has the heart to ridicule the efforts of Mr. Barnum. He had been given to understand that there was one born every mirute, but we must remember that the split-second watch then was unheard of. However, he made a gallant effort to keep up with the birth rate, and his methods. which now are antiquated and relegated to the discard, kept him leading the field by a safe margin. Taking it all in all, his showing was remarkable, but this is a programive age and during the recent baseball meeting in New York the great owman's most notable achievements were so completely eclipsed that his ideas appear even more crude than were at first supposed.

Barnum Was Satisfied With a Fair Profit

WHEN the great P. T. was working in good form, he always was satisfied with a fair percentage of the velvet. Never in his most daring moments did he dream of annexing the penny and the cake at one and the same time. He was very thoughtful when it came to dealing with the Dear Old Public, and when he put his stuff across he made them like it. But the National League barons have made the great showman look like a piker. You know, it takes a lot of daring to stand right up before the prospective victims and confess that you are about to raise the price of admission and, in the same breath, admit that it also is your intention to cut down the cost of production. It is a frank method of telling the aforesaid victims that they are about to play the leading part in a game where they lose no matter what happens, and the barons will grab enough coin of the realm to purchase lots of coal next winter and walk down the street without dodging the man who furnishes gasoline for their many motorcars. Yes, it took what might be called inspired nerve to put such a thing over, and the National League owners certainly are entitled to the green spats and the ladies' bicycle.

Magnates Don't Seem to Care How They Treat Patrons

DO NOT think for a moment that it is our intention to hand out some barbed rilicism or severely pan the magnates for raising the price of bleacher seats. The seats belong to them, they own the parks in which they are situated, and if they see fit to make the two-bit section only a lingering memory it is entirely up to them. It is just a follow-up on that well-known trick game now indulged in by our very best people, said trick game being labeled, "Inflate the price and squeeze the individual." In other words, the baseball persons simply did the fashionable thing when they boosted the price of the great summer pastime, but we take up the cudgel because of the rough and annoying manner in which the thing was done.

Here is the dope. The butcher, the baker and candlestick maker are getting away with the same stuff day after day. So are the coal man, the milk man, the tailor and other active members of the forty thieves. But when we study it out, these polished pirates are doing it to us so gracefully and easily, and with such finesse and cunning, that the operation is perfectly painless. In fact, we rather like it when they call our attention to their helplessness, quoting the increased price of production, pointing an accusing finger at the man higher up and generally passing the well-known buck. But 'tis quite different when the baseball barons of the National League appear in the spotlight to put on their act. They insert the harpoon and give it a couple of twists by confessing that the price of production is going down because they intend to shake down the ballplayers for any loose change that can be detached from their salaries

Speaking of Systems-Can You Beat This One?

TEN'T that a swell system? You can't beat it, Mawrus, because they take your extra quarter in the right hand and the players' money in the left! And here is something else again. Instead of getting together, quietly deciding to perpetrate a two-edged campaign to "get the money" and then slipping it over gently but firmly, these baseball fellows attract no more attention than the exploding of a dynamite factory when they tell of the things they are going to do to the patrons of the game! And they talk about cruel and unusual punishment! You know, the Dear Old Public is a demon for absorbing punishment, but the Dear Old Public doesn't care to have its failing paraded before the public.

How the Magnates Horned Into Print

FOR three long months baseball had been buried under a mass of football and other college sports and the moguls found it hard to break into print. Finally, when the time came, they horned in with a ton of copy about the rip-roaring meeting that was to be held by the National League this year. It was widely and sincerely press agented and those who absorbed the dope expected to witness a terrible holocaust. John McGraw, the bold, bad accuser, would be shown what was what, Barney Dreyfuss would bite off Garry Herrmann's ear the first time they met, President Tener would get the gate-and all under one tent! No wonder everybody fell for it! No wonder our very best baseball reporters were rushed to the scene to view the awful carnage, terrible disaster, etc., etc. And then what happened? Were there scenes of wild disorder when the magnates gathered in the Waldorf? Did these bitter enemies gouge each other's eyes out in a terrible battle to settle old scores? You know the answer. There was carnage, but the only gors shed was the gore of the baseball patrons. Once more, allow us to remind you of the good old password, "Pro Bunko Publico."





CADDIES DENIED "REPEAT EATS" BUT ARE ROYALLY STUFFED UP WITH TURKEY BY GOLF CLUBS

TODAY is the Feast of Giblet Sauce for not able to attend the function on account the caddles.

A the caddies About 400 youthful cheeks were puffed with all sorts of luxurious sats when four golf clubs of the city gave their annual Chrismas dinners at noon to the small club carriers. Huntingden Valley started blings with a dinner to its caddies and a sift for each. After the dinner the cad-dies entertained the club members with imitations of golfers and other antics. Golfers at Old York road and Philmont also were hosts to the boys, who have toted their clubs around for them sil sea-son. These three dinners were placed at toted their clubs around for them all sea-son. These three dinners were placed at the same time, it is said, because the clubs are so near together that many of the hun-gry little "fellers" had a pretty custom of "repeating" and "gettin' in on all de eats" at the three clubs. This year each caddy had to make a choice and be content with me diverse.

ne dinner. Whitemarsh will dine its caddles tonight.

and some of the boys at the dinners men-tioned above cast rolling eyes in the direc-tion of Chestnut Hill and wondered if they tion of Chestnut Hill and wondered If they could "ring in on dose eats." The 154 caddles of the Philmont Country Club, who assembled for their annual din-nor as the club member's guests, missed their friend and chief patron, Eilis A. Gimbel, who was III and unable to attend the function. In he absence Henry Stroume attended to the watts of the cadles, being assisted by Mrs. Milton Herold, Mrs. D. T. Fielscher, Mrs. I. Baum and Mrs. Henry Stroume.

The boys assembled in their clubhous and then marched overto the clubhouse of their hosts. In the capacious dining room they found a regulation Christmas dinner awaiting them-turkey, cranberry sauce and all the old-time accessories. Welcom-ing the boys as they sat down were Benja-min Wasserman, Charles EdwinFox and

min Wasserman, Charles EdwinFox and Ell K. Sells. By his place, each boy found a sweater, a box of candy and a pocketbook with money in it. Before attacking the repast the boys sat and listened while their caddy-captain thanked the members of theclub for

of liness. Expectancy was on tip-toe while the berge were eatinfl, for after that the years prizes were to be announced. The first prize, one for the most courteous and efficient boy went to John Bradfield. If wise a five-dollar gold piece. Two boys shared the second prize, \$3, Edward Bohi and Wi-liam Dubeck. The year's honor roll was as follows:

as follows: Charles Smith, Victor Scott, Raymond Auberger, William Porter, Robert Burges, Carmel Shibley, Frances Doyle, William Boyle, John Dittern, Robert Harrison, Je-seph Douglas and Harry and George Tip-ping. All the rast of the 184 received \$1

FALLS ASLEEP AS HE RIDES IN SIX-DAY RACE; INJURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Ernest Ohri, at the team of Ohri and Bello, in New Yarki annual six-day bicycle race at Madisa Square Garden, fell asleep while rounding a turn just before noon today and sprawin over the track. He was rendered uncon-scious. First-aid treatment revived him sounds as led to his comp. Uming hadre scious. First-aid treatment revived him and he was led to his camp, limping badiy. Ryan was leading at 13 o'clock with ma-ten leading teams having covered 1549 miles and five laps. Smith and Kopsky and E. Ohrt and Bello were a lap behind. The record for the time is 1671 miles and three laps, made in 1914 by Moran and McNa-mara.

Jacques, Noted Golfer, Dead BOSTON, Dec. 21.-Herbert Jacques, one of the leading golfers of the United States, fel dead today while attending the Allied bagaar at Mechanica' Hall.

Bowling Boom at Lehigh BOUTH BETHLEHEM, Doc. 21.-The Inter-fraterality Bowling Association has been organ-ized at Lehigh University.



On the Other Hand, Consider the American League

MEANWHILE, the American League magnates slipped into Chicago, gumahoed their way through a meeting, held their stuff to a quarter of a column and quietly beat it for home. If a raise in prices of admission was discussed or a general cutting of players' salaries debated, the public was not annoyed. The only piece of news that came out of the American League meeting was that a move had been inaugurated to lower the price of world's series tickets. And yet they wonder why Ban Johnson is the biggest figure in baushall)

Here's a Brand-New One

ACCORDING to an evening contemporary a wag suggested at the meeting of A the football officials of the central board that a cure for the complaint of the smaller colleges that they never had the benefit of big time officials had been found. He then declared that a nominal fee should be paid all officials and that the officials of the small games should receive just as much as those who handle the Penn-Cornell, Penn-Pitt, Yale-Harvard, Princeton-Yale, Princeton-Harvard, Army-Navy and other big games. The suggestion is laughable for more reasons than one. If it was adopted the good officials would give up the work, as they could not afford to give their services for the sum paid for the amail games. It is on the same principle as paying the Texas League umpires the same salary the major league officials receive, and on a plane with the idea that great coaches should handle small college teams for small salaries, just to please the little follows. Why not re-enact the battles of the European war in this country for the movies? Wag is right!

Ellis Gimbel Makes Excellent Suggestion

ELLIS GIMBEL started a move yesterday that will do more toward upbulld-ing outdoor athletics in South Philadelphia than anything that has occurred During the course of his presentation speech at the celebrating of in years. Southern High School's first football championship, Mr. Gimbel made a plea to the prominent South Philly business men present to lend their aid toward getling an immense athletic field for the southern section of the city. The field would be under the supervision of Southern High School, but could be used for other purposes, according to the plan. South Philadelphia has long been in need of a high-class field that can be reached easily, and now that the movement has been started it is hoped that it will be a success.

South Philly Needs New Field

The years South Philadelphia has been a great producer of athletes, despite the lack of suitable fields for outdoor sports, particularly football and basehall. It is remarkable that the downtown section of the city has been abio to turn out so many athletic stars under the conditions. The crop of football and tassicall stars has been falling off gradually, however, and unless an athletic field, such as proposed by Mr. Gimbel, is built, it will be only a question of time before the lads residing in that section of the city will confine their athletic provess to indoor sports, at which we believe they already are just a triffe ahead of the field. Southwark Field Club has been the leading athletic field in the ern section of the city for years, and this field is so hard to reach; and ituated in such a location, that it has fallen shy of the mark. Now this old fait is seidom used and is in poor shape. When the old Southwark Field Cruis built its field, athletics took a sudden boom in that section of the city, and there sursiy would be another beem if a new field was constructed.

Hoppe Is Greatest of All Champions

TELLAR DOPPH has been hanging up billiard records with startling regu-t many in his recent exhibitions on the Pacific coast, but is receiving little eguillon for the marvelous performances. It is the same old story, So certain are the billiard enthusiasts that Hoppe is invincible that they are not surrised at anything he does. All things considered, Hoppe is without doubt the consistant champion the athletic world has ever known. He is the only an of any form of athlatics who never has an off day. Day after day ess after your this marvel masters all rivals with such case and the spechere eight of the fact that he 'couthnually is branking world's records. is well is remark that Hoppe is one champion who always given the their money. Never has he heen accused of stalling to get a stars might dress a binner bouns, and there is no gauge where it and maker, portiouslight by a matter like Hopps.

ie-up as it began against Trenton last night, with Dark and Hargraves playing forward, Getzsinger jumping center and Barlow and Bilson doing the defensive work. The Jasper quintet will have Sodran and either Cashman or Fuller at forward, Kerr at center and Fox and Friedman at guard.

Camden Ousts Jasper Speaking of names to conjure with, aak'em in Camden who it is. They will tell you to a man that it is Jimmy Brown, the leading field goal shooter of the East-ern League in 1915-16, and one of the best men in the circuit today. By a remarkable toss, made while twenty-five feet from the basket and with back turned toward it, Jimmy dropped a field goal through the rim in the closing moments of play last night in the Camden Armory. That goal gave Camden the lead which Jasper had neld throughout the same up to that time and throughout the game up to that time and enabled Henry's team to take the game from the Jewels by the score of 30 to 25

AN IMPORTANT Industrial League con-fort is a carded for tonight at the Quaker of the part of the carder of the part of the the teaders that the will put them in a position to jum of the players is libble to be declared ineligi-the while of the quarter, is under the the mainstay of the quarter, is under the the the mainstay of the quarter, is under the the the main the strengthened tonight, for the the the the strengthened tonight, for the the the the strengthened tonight ton the the the the the strengthened tonight, for the the the the st

THE TRENTON FIVE climbed another THE TREATOR FIVE combed another step namers to Graystock last night in their own cage by beating De Neri 35 to 36. The contest began as though it would be a run-away affair for the hones club, but Da Neri made a nent rally in the second half and at one time was almost up with Trenton. How-ever, the spirint was short lived and Trenton won out by ten points.

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