

IF CRAVATH WAS CANDIDATE FOR BENCH, FRED MITCHELL WOULD NOT VOTE TO "BAR" HIM

YAPP MITCHELL'S CHICAGO CUBS AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FLAG NOT ALTOGETHER VERY FRIENDLY Deal and Zeider, the Eccentric Twins, and Doyle and Merkle, Contributors to Bone History, Give Chicago Top-Heavy Infield

FREDERICK MITCHELL, who was inducted into the managerial purple at the beginning of the baseball year, never will flout the bright burgee from one of Mr. Weeghman's flagpoles in Chicago with the top-heavy infield which is coveting under his immediate eye.

Now comes the observant citizen to Mr. Rollie Zeider, the owner of baseball's most incomparable conk. Rollie is not a shortstop and his efforts are weird in many instances.

MR. SHAKESPEARE, whose personal introspection as to the value of a name is well known, bore not fruit with Fred Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell at the baptismal font was crowned with the expressive surname of "Yapp."

THE other run which failed to count was likewise a deal 'twixt Mann and Doyle. Mr. Doyle, roosting affably at the historic third base, was safely home when Mann plowed one that Stock gleaned.

MR. DOYLE felt so elated that he cheerfully could have cut his own throat, but he would have found several volunteers fighting him for that honor.

BUT like the example of the lamented Stephen Brodie, Gavy took a chance and wore the old ball game on his spine and a collateral throwing arm. While we hate to hear the limbs of the aged veteran crackle as he limps about doing nothing but playing right field in this manner and hitting like a fender, we are loth to hang crepe on his ear as a token of mourning that his brains are dead.

Schoolboys Make Better Showing Than Collegians THE sixteenth annual senior Middle States track and field championship held on Franklin Field Saturday was a great victory for Hill School in particular and for schoolboys in general.

THE hundred yards at Franklin Field was captured by Lever, of Meppersburg, in 10 seconds flat, two watches catching him in 9.4-5 seconds.

With sixteen-pound weights, the collegians scored 43 feet 11 inches in the shot put and 113 feet 2 1/2 inches in the hammer throw.

IT IS said that an excellent imitation is as good as the original, and this holds true in a measure in the case of William E. Massey, Jr., who was the only double winner.

Hornsby's Clout Has New York Sport Scribes Gasping THOUGH a mere infant in point of years, Rogers Hornsby, the biggest baseball noise that has come out of Texas since Tris Speaker put aside the lariat, is able to hit a ball hard.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



NORMILE REPEATS NO-HIT GAME IN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE CONTEST

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IMPORTANT GAMES FOR SCHOOL NINES

Final Week of Interscholastic League Contests—Close Race for Title TRADES' PLAYERS BUSY

The crucial week for the interscholastic league baseball teams is now here and in the next five days it will be more or less definitely known which team will carry off the Princeton cup for 1917.

This is Trades School's big week. Two games are scheduled with the Central High School nine, one of them the most dangerous teams in the league.

Central High has a postponed game with Frankford High for next Thursday and on Friday, the day the interscholastic league season is supposed to wind up, the Crimson and Gold will meet Catholic High School at the Purple and Gold grounds.

Coach Phil Lewis has decided to use as many of his lower classmen on the baseball team as possible in the remaining games. He is building for the future, and does not believe in having the youngsters who will graduate remain on theVarsity.

German town students are preparing for the annual field day and color meet, which will be held on June 8. The school athletes will be divided into two colors, the Greens and the Whites.

Penn Charter leads in all three leagues and is sure of the title. Germantown and Central High meet in a league match tomorrow afternoon at Central High's courts, and this will decide the winners of second place in the league.

WEST POINT, N. Y., May 21.—Elmer Oliphant, best all-around athlete at the post, and the only man in the history of the institution who has won his varsity letter in four branches of sport, has received the most unusual distinction of being selected to captain both the football and baseball teams for next season.

He was unanimously elected gridiron captain a few days ago to succeed Jones, the giant lineman, to be graduated in August, and now he has been called upon to head the baseball team also.

He has played at West Point and was rated a great all-around athlete at Purdue before coming to the academy. He is a marvel in football, baseball, basketball and track work.

CUBS' SUCCESS BUT REPETITION OF WHAT OTHER "BLENDS" HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN LATE YEARS

Pennant-Winning Phillies and Braves Were Baseball Mixtures, While Victorious Dodgers of 1916 Were Likewise Champion Job Lots

THE astounding denouement of the even more astonishing Cubs is another triumph of the Blends.

When the campaign opened the Cubs were supposed to be the joke machine of the circuit. Much after the manner of the Foreign Legion, they were recruited from all sections of the baseball universe.

What are the Blends? For one thing, the championship Braves of 1914 were Blends. Stallings had Rudolph and Gowdy from the Giants, Evers from the Cubs, Red Smith from the Dodgers, and one or two outfielders lifted from other clubs.

These had all been considered about through in the old organizations. Transplanting gave them all a new lease on baseball existence. In the new Blend they looked to be different persons.

So here were three clubs in a row, all made up in goodly part from other clubs, who in the new shift sauntered forth and returned with pennants.

The 1917 Cubs are nearly all Blends. There are Merkle and Doyle from the Giants and Dodgers, Vaughn and Weller from the Yanks, Seaton and Demaree from the Phillies, Douglas from the Reds, and so on down the line.

The result has been a new deal and new pep. In place of being jokes the Cubs have been raising the well-known dickens. Larry Doyle, despite an injured ankle, has been along at a dizzy clip, playing fine ball around first and batting heavily and with timely effect.

On copy paper no one would call the Cubs a great ball club. But on the ball field it has been the season's leading surprise. The Blend has apparently been an effective one and has produced results.

The Giants also have their share of the blend array. There are Kauff, Anderson and Harden from the vanished Reds, McCarty from the Dodgers, Zimmerman from the Cubs, Perritt from the Cardinals, Benton from the Reds, Gibson from the Pirates and Sallee from the Dodgers.

Judging from these returns, the nomadic life of the hypes is a strictly baseball affair compared to baseball. Athletes no fit from one camp to another at dizzy speed and only a few ever stick with any one club long.

Stars like Cobb, Johnson and Alexander are retained, but even this rule doesn't always work. For Speaker moved from Boston to Cleveland, Jackson, a .360 hitter, moved from Cleveland to Chicago, and Collins and Baker shifted over to Chicago and New York from their Philadelphia estates.

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There was a vast amount of gossip around that McGraw's line-up should have the race well hooked by the middle of June or the first of July. But the Phillies are playing better ball than they were expected to play, while Chicago and St. Louis, from the West, are stronger than any one ever figured them back in the snow-swept stretches of young April.

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