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

## **MAPP 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

REDERICK 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 topheavy infield which is cavoritug under his immediate eye. Chuck Deal, who endeavors to play third, is a sprightly elf whose best endeavors remind one of an eighty-year-old soubrette trying to dance the cancan. There are fifty-seven varietles of reasons why Charlie Deal is not a third baseman fit for a pennant winner, and two of these are that he cannot hit and he cannot field. The others must be taken for granted. His attempts to embellish the hectic corner are as prolific of success as a woodenlegged man running a marathon.

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. Since the Messrs, Reach and Spalding have failed to layent gloves which an infielder can wear on his nose. Rollie's chances of ousting Bancroft, Maranville, Fletcher, etcetera, from their shortstopping pinnacle are about as good as the celluloid dog for a toy in Sheol. Mr. Zeider tries hard enough, but he has the tuttl-frutti habit. He gums the game about as often as there is a chance, and until Mitchell gathers to his corral a shortstop and a third sacker there will be no baim in Gilead for the best restaurant keeper now in organized baseball.

## Doyle Contributes to Great Bones of History

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" If ever a man had chances to exercise the prerogatives of his name, that worthy was the satrap of the Chicago Cubs. Mr. Mitchell, who understudied George Stallings when the Miracle Man was winning the pennant and about everything else in sight during the 1914 holocaust for Philadelphia baseball, had the unique distinction of having two winning runs put across the plate on Saturday and neither scoring in the malee. Likewise "the book," that mythical publication to which the word painters in the press box consign every new and freak play, had a couple of entries.

Mr. Larry Doyle now is teaming with Merkle, who contributed the classic to collection of the Great Bones of History. Perhaps it was auto-suggestion. and then again perhaps it was merely an atmospheric haze cast by Merkle that made Mr. Doyle contribute likewise what the majority of fans believed to be the incarnate osseous contribution of current history. Mr. Doyle was poised on third waiting to waft across the winning marker in the tenth inning of the palatial fracas between Phils and Cubs, when Leslie Mann, one of the innumerable C Chaplins who creep into the national pastime, slashed a single to Cravath. To the denizens of the press gallery it looked as if the ball would drop safe, and to about every one of the 12,000 persons in the amphitheatre the perspective was ditto.

Mr. Doyle, however, felt differently. So he loitered about the third plate until Cravath came in hurriedly and scooped the ball from the sward. The belated Doyle, whose venerable limbs are not as jaunty as of yore, was unable to work himself to "high," so Gavvy's perspicacious and highly ornate "peg" beat him to the bag. As there were tenants at each of the pads the throw really forced Doyle at the plate. Thus for the first time in the recollection of the bewhiskered rooter who remembers when they tacked a "Mr." in front of the population of the box scores, a man was forced at home on a clean single to right.

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. The amiable Charles Rigler, who helps to supply the girth of the nation, however, deemed the clout foul, and Mr. Mitchell saw this run disappear into the ambient unscored. Altogether it was a braw day, and the mighty fine work with which Mr. Erk. Mayer embellished his tenure of the peak was one of the hilarious features of a jim-whizzing occasion

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#### And Mitchell Was Coaching at Third

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. Mr. Mitchell, the impresario from the stockyards and the Michigan boulevard, who naw a perfectly eminent ball game ruthlessly torpedoed, would have relieved him of that peasure, while nobody would have lost his voice paging Mr. Mann to do the job. There is nothing that a ball player hates worse than a base hit except his life.

Under ordinary circumstances Mr. Doyle's rightful attitude should have been to remain quiescent on third until he observed the lenor of Mr. Cravath's efforts. But Larry's boner, if one must place this foozle in the osseous category, came from his somnolent esplonage of the floating onion. Likewise the responsibility for this miscue rests equally with the esteemed Yapp, alias Mitchell, who was coaching impressively at the western sector at the time. The manager should have espied the patent fact that the circumnavigating build would not touch the mitts of the sturdy, alert Senor Cactus, and should have shooed his hireling



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clever twirling of Butts, and def Houghton, 4-1

Wheeler is the hard-luck team e-turers' League, and dropped an ne to Stokes & Smith. 5-2. Wheeler les londed in the ninth, with non-triple play was started by Young -the rally Lausten Menufyse nase in the ninth, 2-1, int a single counter 5-4. American Fulle Page, 11-1. dg spice whit

Gienside snlows the top rung in the Mont-comery County League by defeating Jenkin-own, G to B, a batting raily by the winners urning the tide in the seventh, when four une were recarded. Fort Washington gave an-ther poor exhibition and was defeated by Wil-ow Grove, B to 0.

the Interborough League Ridley Park de d Dregel Hill, 7 to 5, winning out in the on Barker's double. The other results Union, 15, Motton-Rutledge, 8, Highland S, Medla, 3.

Lennox and King are deadlocked for place in the Philadelphia Shoa Manufact League, such with three victories. Edward Hallahan are just the reverse, with as League, e Hallahan defeats. \_\_\_\_

United States marines thrilled a big at Stetson Ball Park by the wase with they executed difficult milleary move-but at playing ball were inferior to Ray as crossi and least out, S to 1.

Logan Square is due for a big season. It mat its old-time rival Bacharach Glants, at Allantic City and seally won, 7 to 6. Only wonly due most faced Pilcher Molyneaux, two being left on base, and four were thrown out by "back While, which has his "hipping" arm

Reach A. A. has been traveling at

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## IMPORTANT GAMES CUBS' SUCCESS BUT REPETITION OF WHAT OTHER "BLENDS" HAVE FOR SCHOOL NINES ACCOMPLISHED IN LATE YEARS

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. Philadelphia Trades, West Philadelphia High, Central High and Northeast are all about on even High and Northeast are all about on even terms and it is still a toss-up as to the likely winner.

likely winner. This is Trades School's big week. Two games are scheduled with the Central High School nine, one of the most dangerous teams in the league. Temorrow the first game will be played at Houston Field and the day following the teams will play on the Trades grounds near Sixty-seventh streat and Wondland avenue. handle. Doyle, the infield pivot man, was ankle. Saler, the first baseman, was on the point of adding another busted bone to street and Woodland avenue.

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. the ensemble. The outlook all around was decidedly indigo, fringed with purple and dark blue. But the Cubs had this in their favorthey were a team of Blends.

Coach Phil Lewis has decided to use as many of his lower classinen on the base-ball team as possible in the remaining games. He is building for the future, and does not building for the future. The Blends The Blends What are the Blends? For one thing, the championship Braves of 1814 were Blends. Stallings had Rudolph and Gowdy from the Giants, Evers from the Cubs, Red Smith from the Dodgers, and one or two outfield-ers lifted from other clubs. does not believe in having the youngsters who will graduate remain on the Var-

Germantown students are preparing for In 1915 the championship Phillies were yen more members of the Blend Association. Moran had Stock and Demaree from the Giants, Niehoff from the Reds, Whitted from the Braves, and one or two other

Germantown 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. The tennis team has been doing splendid work in the Inter-scholastic League and is second to Penn Charter School. Harry Fisher's work has been the talk of the school.

athletes from outside ports. In 1916 the championship Dodgers led the Blend parade. peen the taik of the school three leagues and is sure of the title. Germaniown and Central High meet in a league match to-morrow afternoon at Central High's courts, Robby was charged with having a ball club of cast-offs. The lift included Meyers, Merkle and Marguard from the Glants. and this will decide the winners of second place in the league. The standing of the teams in the three leagues, showing Penn These had all been considered about through in the old organizations. Trans-'harter the triple tennis victors, follows:

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### **OLIPHANT NEW DIAMOND** CAPTAIN AT WEST POINT

Academy's Greatest Athlete of All Time Heads Coming Year's Football Team as Well

good, while Fred Mitchell has worked won-ders with Seaton and Douglas. On copy paper no one would call the ball WEST POINT, N. Y., May 21 .- Elmer Oliphant, best all-around athlete at the post, and the only man in the history of the insti-Cubs a great ball club. But on the ball field it has been the season's leading sur-prise. The Blend has apparently been an ution 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 effective one and has produced results. The Giant Blend teams for next season.

He was unanimously elected gridiron cap-tain a few days ago to succeed Jones, the giant lineman, to be graduated in August, The Giants also have their share of the giant lineman, to be graduated in August, and now he has been called upon to head the baseball team also. Oliphant has been selected as all-around athlete at Purdue before coming to the academy. He is a marvel in football, baseball, basketball and track

Pennant-Winning Phillies and Braves Were Baseball Mixtures, While Victorious Dodgers

of 1916 Were Likewise Champion Job Lots

## By GRANTLAND RICE

THE astounding denouement of the even fit from one camp to another at dizzy speed and only a few ever stick with any one club long. umph of the Blends.

Stars like Cobb, Johnson and Alexander umph of the Elends. When the campaign opened the Cubs wers supposed to be the joke machine of the cir-cuit. Much after the manner of the Foreign Legion, they were recruited from all sections of the baseball universe. Most When the campaign opened the Cubs were all sections of the baseball universe. Most of their pitching staff was composed of men

The Pennant other able managers had been unable to

As for the National League pennant race, while the Giants still look to have the best club in the circuit, the New York margin still suffering from the effects of a cracked nothing like as wide as it once looked to be.

There was a vast amount of gossi around that McGraw's line-up should have 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 ex-pected 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. If Brooklyn and Boston reach last year's standard the league should be fairly well balanced, with all should be fairly well balanced, with all cinch bets removed.

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through in the old organization. It is 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 the persons. to be satisfactory must be permanently efficient and economical in operation. The proof was offered here that a ball player, in the rut with one club, might easily regain his old form under different nditions, in changed surroundings.

Mowrey and Okon from Cincinnati and Cleveland, Coombs from the Athletics, and Cheney from the Cubs.

returned with pennants.

The Blended Cubs



The 1917 Cubs are nearly all Blends. There are Merkle and Doyle from the Giants and Dodgers, Vaughn and Wolter from the Yanks, Seaton and Demarce from have reduced the per-ton-mile delivery and hauling cost to such an extent that every Federal sold sells "another Federal"-often an entire fleet. cost to such

the Phillies, Douglas from the Reds, and so on down the line. The result has been a new deal and new The result has been a new usar and new pep. In place of being jokes the Cubs have been raising the well-known dickens. Larry Dayle, despite an injured ankie, has been at his best. Fred Merkle has been shooting along at a dizzy clip, playing fine ball around first and batting heavily and with timely effect. The Cub pliching has been mod while Fred Mitchell has worked won-Don't you want to reduce your delivery cost? Let us figure it out for you-no obligations. CAPACITIES 1, 1%, 2, 3%, 5 Tons

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Mr. Doyle, had his eyes been as searching and as keen as in the years agone. would have required no managerial proxy to tip him to how the land lay. He would not have tarried at the third corner, but would have fled to the checking station. However, the error, if such it be dubbed by the edict of pitiless publicity, was a mental rather than a physical effort, which makes it outshine the memor able work of the esteemed Monsieur Merkle, who remained a passive spectator of this latest addition to the Great Bones We Have Seen. But one must remem ber that there was no sloth in the brains of our own Mr. Cravath. It required big nervy stuff to make a play like that, at a time like that when Cravath had a dead-open-and-shut force play at second. . .

BUT like the example of the lamented Stephen Brodle, Gavvy took a chance and won the old ball game on his spine and a collateral strowing 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 fiend, 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 Pollstown youths, trained to the minute through the combined efforts of Mike Sweeney and Jimmy Wendell, turned the tables on Mercersburg after losing to the Curran proteges at Princeton more than a week ago and copped the title with a total of 34 5-6 points. The brilliant win of Hill School becomes even brighter when the meet in general is compared with the times and performances made in the Middle States intercollegiate carnival at South Bethlehem, which wils won by Lafayette. A comparison of the marks made In the two championships shows that the collegians performed better in only four of eleven events, it being impossible to compare the shot and the hammer, as the schoolboys use only twelve-pound weights to sixteen by 'he college men

The hundred yards at Franklin Field was captured by Lever, of Mercersburg, in 10 seconds flat, two watches catching him in 94-5 seconds. Ten and three-fifths was good enough for first place in South Bethlehem. Perhaps the most notiveable difference was in the half mile, which was taken in the interscholastic games in 1.59 2-5, while the winning time at Lehigh was 31-5 seconds slower The other events in which the schoolboys did better than the collegians were the quarter, 50 1-5 to 52 4-5; the high hurdles, 16 seconds to 16 2-5; the low hurdles, 261-5 to 262-5; the broad jump, 22 feet to 21 feet 7% inches; and the high jump, 5 feet 10 inches to 5 feet 8 inches. The college men showed better class in the 230-yard dash, 221-5 to 223-5; the mile, 4.304-5 to 4.364-5; the two-mile, 10.122-5 to 10.25; and the pole vault, 11 feet to 10 feet 9 inches

With sixteen-pound weights, the collegians scored 43 feet 11 inches in the shot put and 113 feet 21/2 inches in the hammer throw. With spheres tipping the scales at four pounds less, the schoolboys were credited with 47 feet 41/2 inches and 164 feet 10% inches in the shot put and hammer throw, respectively. It is doubtful if Wilson, of Radnor High, who won the shot put at Franklin Field, could throw the sixteen-pound pill close to 43 feet, but it is evident that if Angel, of Mercersburg, can throw a weight of twelve pounds almost 165 feet, he can toss the sixteen-pound sphere more than 114 feet, which would be allowing fifty feet for an extra four pounds. This really would give the school wins in eight of twelve events without counting the comparison in the shot put.

T 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. The Hill School youth took first place in both the high and low hurdles, setting a new high timber mark of 15 4-5 seconds, besides getting third place in the broad jump.

## Hornsby's Clout Has New York Sport Scribes Gasping

FTHOUGH a mere infant in point of years, Rogers Hornsby, the biggest baseball ise that has come out of Texas since Tris Speaker put aside the lariat, is able to hit a ball hard. In fact, he can hit one harder and make it travel further on a line than any full-grown-man, is the verdict of the New York sport writers. Hornsby's line drive to the center field fence in a secent game against the Giants caused much competition in the choice of descriptions on the part of Gotham's smart diamond historians. A "most notable spank," said one. Others thought it as a "herculean thump" and "a glorious wallop." Damon Runyon pronounced the most goshawful smack ever seen in these parts." When Hornsby came to the Clants were three runs to the good, but the score, was soon a tie, being to broken by Cold Had Ames coming with his annual break-up clout against tes, which is multiplated with so much interest in New York each DELAWARE RIVER LEAGUE W. L. P.C. W. L. 2 0 1.000 Mercer Auto 0 2 2 0 1.000 Empire Tire 0 2 CAMDEN COUNTY LEAGUE

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 $B^{\rm RILLIANT}$  twirling was witnessed in a number of minor league and semipro fessional baseball contests in this locality on Saturday. Three no-run, no-hit games were recorded, besides a number of one and wo bingle affairs.

Among those who entered baseball's hall of fame was Wagner, twirling for Locom ive Shops against Auditor in the Philadelphia and Reading League. Normile, of he D. L. Ward Industrial League, blanked Philadelphia Roll and Machine without a hlt or run. This same hurler in his precious clash held Barrett hitless, but a run was registered. The other no-hit performance was turned in by Ward, of A. M. Waldron, opposed to the Corinthian A. A.

"Bob" McKenty, son of Warden Me-Kenty, continued his wonderful heaving for Strawbridge & Clothler. He blanked Girard F. C., 9 to 0, allowing a single hit, and fanned an even dozen of the opposition. In Strawbridge's opening agair with Towanda that team was held to a single hit and Me-Kenty is confident of scongestitic and Me-Kenty is confident of soon entering the se-lect class of no-hit artists. Two and three hit affairs were many and, on the other hand, contests in which fifteen and twenty bingles were registered were also much in widence.

### Media Is Outclassed

The Media champions of the Delaware ounty League were on the receiving end of a beautiful lacing at the hands of the pland outfit by a score of 15 to 3. Yates and Touchstone were mauled for a total of nineteen hits. Bris Lord, formerly of A's, having five safeties to his credit.

J. G. Brill opened the home season with hester and while the Carmakers outhit ooth's aggregation, they nevertheless lost, i to 2, errors playing a prominent part in the defeat.

R. G. Dun is out in front in the Main Line League as a result of its triumph over Wayne, tailenders. The winners landed by heavy hitting in the second ses-sion, when they sent four runs across the pan. Owing to Fourth Street club with-drawing from the league, a vacancy exists. President Frederick C. Rose has two ap-plications for admittance and the league will continue as an eight-circuit affair, the vacancy being filled at a meeting to be held in several days.

#### **Disston Is Lambasted**

The Disaton champions received the worst The Dimuton champions received the worst drubbing they have been forced to take since entering the Industrial League, when they were virtually annihilated by the Mid-vale Steel outfit. Pitcher Joe Ochs was forced to give way to George Ashcroft in an endeavor to stem the onelaught. The final score was 16 to 4. "Dick" Seeds says the Sawmakers will reverse the figures the mext time they meet. Midwals looks like the best club in the north section. D. L. Ward uncenties to be heard from

D. L. Ward promises to be heard from in the south section. After dropping th penality game to Lupton, T-1, they has

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