

OLD MAN GAVVY CRAVATH IS SKIDDING SO FAST HE'S BACKING INTO TO NOTCHERS' CLASS

NINETEEN ASSISTS ASSIST CRAVATH IN GAINING NEW FAME

Cunning Californian Trapped Many Runners With Throwing Arm Supposed to Be Thrown Out Led Only by Carey and Flack in 1918

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

CHARLES CLIFFORD CRAVATH, our slugging outfielder, who will do some right fielding for Jack Coombs this year, stood out like a corn in the ear in the official fielding averages issued by the National League today.

It is a treat to see Gavy when he is working on all cylinders. He is a very foxey person and puts over some stuff that even foxy wise ones find a bluff as it is to catch the ball, hold the runner on first and then toss him out after getting the sphere on the first bounce.

Gavy's most famous play was made in 1917 when he lambasted the Cubs out of a perfectly good ball game. Three men were on base, two out and the batter soaked a line drive to right field.

The California clouter is quite a gate attraction because of his healthy wall-pops, which are likely to last up to a game at any time, and the long-distance hitting record he has made.

Gavy, however, has a better one than that to his credit. He has made two home runs in games more often than any other player in the National League.

OTHER Phils have gained fame with two fastings drives, Fred Luderus accomplishing the feat three times, off Derube, Boston.

Heinie Won This Race, but it Was at First Base BALL players had to play many parts last season when the regulars departed for the army or shippards. It was necessary to make many changes, so it is not at all surprising to see Heinie Zimmerman heading the list as the best first baseman.

The real all-around athlete, however, was Paulette, of the Cardinals. This person was named by Fielder Jones once because the manager of the Browns said he didn't know enough baseball.

Fred Luderus led the first basemen with assists, gathering ninety-eight. Merkle had the most put-outs, 1288, and accepted the greatest number of chances, 1470.

JACK COOMBS, our new monarch, played thirteen games in the outfield for Brooklyn. The leading outfielders were Neale, Cincinnati.

IT MUST be a great thing for a baseball manager to have a large enough bankroll at his disposal to grab talent on the fly without first going into executive session with the owners.

"Tough luck, Pat," said Moraw, "that damn word. There's a job waiting for you with my club any time you want it, and the salary is \$5000 a year."

Pat thought it over and yesterday became a member of the Giants in the capacity of assistant manager and coach of the pitchers and catchers.

Moran is a big asset to any ball club, but he is invaluable to the Giants. He has an uncanny knack of developing battery men, and that's what Moraw needs.

With Pat on the job to put in the day, it is a matter of time before a good chance to end the pennant race.

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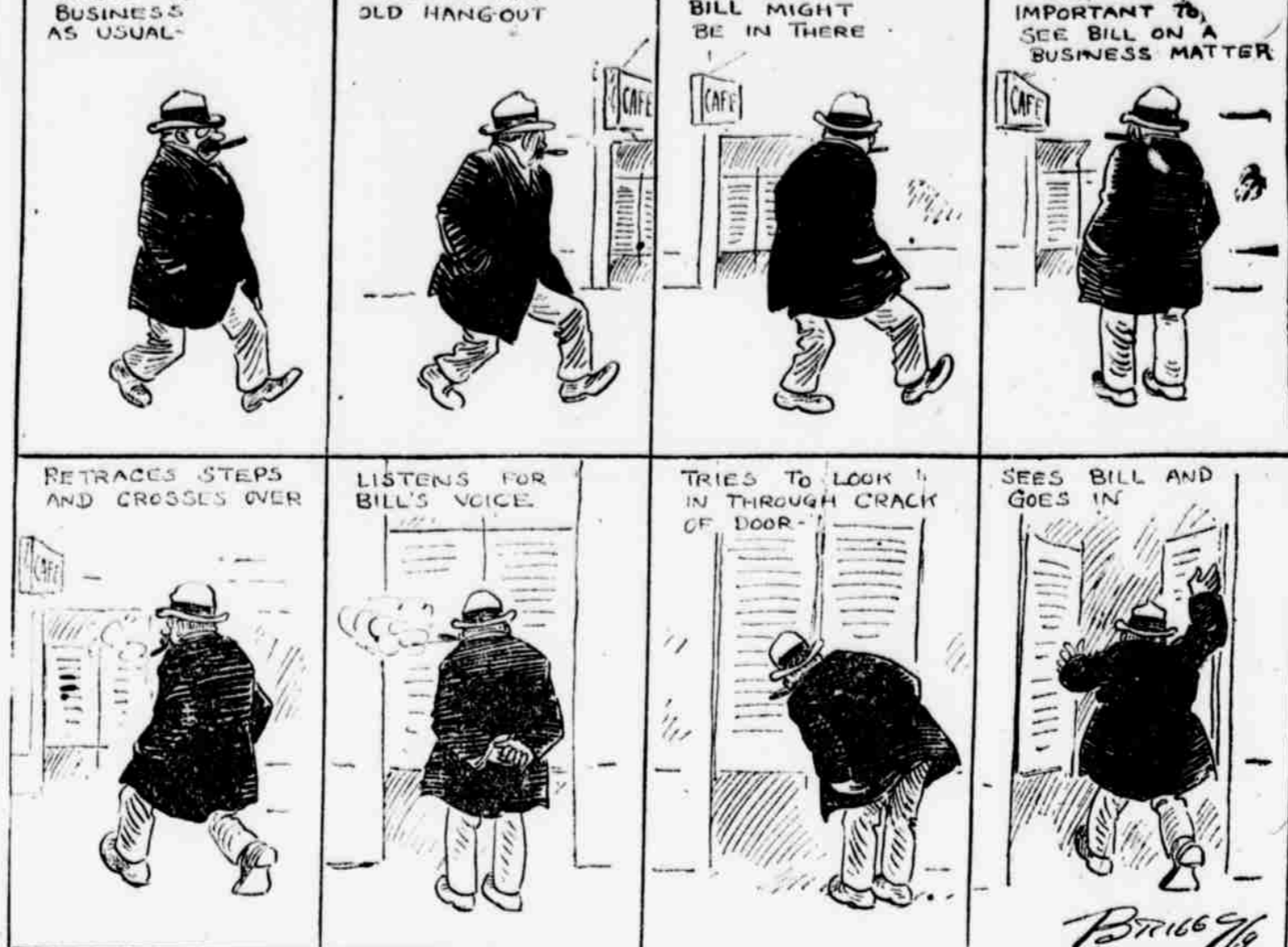
Now comes the big question about spring training camps. Can big league ball players get into condition on the home grounds, when the weather is raw and cold and rain or snow is likely to interfere with the practice any day?

Baseball is due for a big boom this year, and the magnates should stop, look and listen. It will be another case of penny wise and pound foolish, for the fans are not going to spend real money to look at a ball team that can go at top speed for only three or four innings.

Clark Griffith learned his lesson, and you probably noticed he is bound for the Sunny South this year. He once trained at Charlottesville, Va., which is only a short distance from Washington, and always managed to get off to a bun start.

IT WOULD not be at all surprising to see the Giants in St. Petersburg, Fla., this year. This is considered the best training spot in the country, but was given up by the Phils this year.

OH, MAN!



POOR PLAYING IN FINAL GAMES

Yours Truly and Hancock Both Win, but Their Playing Is Ragged

SMALL CROWD ATTENDS AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING

Table showing American League standings with columns for team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

It's now up to Hancock and Yours Truly to decide which is the best team to the first half of the American League pennant race, and this question will be settled on Saturday evening.

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Golf Articles Great Aid to Those Just Learning

Valuable Hints on Form and Methods of Executing Shots Peculiar to Their Masters Are Explicated

D. E. Sawyer, Ex-Western Amateur Golf Champ, to Move to New York

COULD you, when pulling up stakes and going to other parts, generally seem to travel from East to West.

I HAVE read time and time again articles by experts, not only with interest, but with decided profit.

Then, too, beginners may learn the basic rules on these various points even before they have addressed a ball.

You can improve your game amazingly by this method. If no facilities for playing indoor golf are available.

MEMBERS of the Society of Simple Statisticians discovered that if all the smiles caused by Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms" were placed end on end the line would reach three times from the earth to the moon.

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SUBURBAN FIVE TO OPEN SEASON

Downingtown High Meets Kennet Square Quintet in Initial Contest

HAS LARGE SCHEDULE

Downingtown High School basketball team will open its season this evening by meeting the first quintet of the Kennet High School on the latter's floor.

MANAGER John Francolla has arranged quite a large schedule for the Downingtown team.

January 22—Downingtown at Coatesville High.

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February 4—Downingtown at Coatesville High.

February 5—Downingtown at Coatesville High.

THAYERS IN SPORTS AT PENN SINCE 1854

Twelve Members of Prominent Philadelphia Family Have Represented Red and Blue in Athletics

SIX IN SERVICE NOW

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK INTERWOVEN with the history of Athletics at the University of Pennsylvania from the time that fifteen men played our football team until the spectator of war dimmed the luster of sports is the history of the Thayers.

From the time that John Holand Thayer took an active part in the athletics at the University in 1854 until Sidney Thayer, Jr., heard and hearkened to the call that echoed from France, a member of the family has had something to do with our taken part in sports at the Quaker University.

Through the stretch of sixty-odd years twelve Thayers have occupied prominent places on the athletic stage. They have made their names for their sports, their courage and their athletic tradition and prestige in the olden days just as the younger generation of the same family has done for their sports, their national tradition and prestige in the world war.

SIX HAVE COMMISSIONS Virtually all of the younger Thayers who are of military age are now in the service. Six of them are in uniform and all of the six have commissions ranging from captain to second lieutenant.

John Holand Thayer, grandfather of the boys now in the service, was graduated with the class of 1857 and for a number of years was president of the Pennsylvania Barge Club. He died in 1904.

J. J. Thayer, Jr., class of 1881, was vice president of the Athletic Association and was captain of the first football eleven. He also played cricket and was on the track team.

Edmund Thayer, class of 1892, played football and tennis. He is a lieutenant in the aviation corps.

Joseph Thayer, class of 1911, played football, baseball and tennis. He is a lieutenant in infantry.

Jack Thayer a Captain I. B. Thayer, class of 1918, was one of the best soccer players in college history.

Invitation to Major League Official. The National League has chosen John H. Dreyer, former major league baseball player, as its representative.

Fraze Anxious to Hold Hooper Boston, Mass., Jan. 9.—"I would not farther to hold Hooper than any one else on the team."

Two Knockouts at Reading Reading, Pa., Jan. 9.—Two knockouts at Reading, Pa., today.

Norfolk Stars Clay Turner Norfolk, Mass., Jan. 9.—Kid Norfolk, of Baltimore, knocked out Clay Turner.

Harvey Throat Burns Turner Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Harvey Throat Burns, of Buffalo, N. Y., burned his throat.

Soccer News and Notes The Hazel Field Club is desirous of arranging soccer games either on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Levi Wilcox announces that just as soon as the Delaware River shippers accept their bill for their postponed matters he will start the second round.

Wolfeville News is open for Sunday games and would like to tackle the Merion Soccer Club.

The newly arranged Lion Island soccer team is scheduled to play on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a. m.

O'Toole, the former star from St. Leo's, is at the big shipyard at Hog Island.

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