

MONEY TALKS, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO SPEAK THE WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN LANGUAGE

HUGO BEZDEK TO BOSS ST. LOSE CARDS? 'TIS VERY HEALTHY RUMOR

Reported Branch Rickey Will Become President of Club Because President Seldom Gets Fired—Former Pirate Pilot Could Make Good

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1920, by the Public Ledger Company ACCORDING to the latest baseball rumor, which is about all we can get these days, the St. Louis Cardinals will have a new manager next season.

Branch Rickey, it is said, is planning to step out of the job as manager of the Cards and devote his entire time to presiding over the affairs—financial and otherwise—of the club. That is a wise move, if true, because a president seldom gets fired because of a bum ball club which has a habit of finishing many leagues under the league.

Hugo Bezdek, late of the Pirates and coach of the champion Penn State football team, is supposed to be the bloke who will get the job. Rickey always liked his work and is said to be seriously considering the husky tutor.

Bezdek is one of the marvels of big league baseball. He entered the fast set as manager without any previous experience any place, and in two and a half years made himself a high-class pilot.

THE club almost made expenses down South, which was doing well under the circumstances.

Cards Have Plenty of Good Material

IN ST. LOUIS, Bezdek would step into a very good ball club and the chances are he would have it up in the running. He did it in Pittsburgh, so why not some place else? The Cards had a good club last year and it has not been weakened during the winter.

Ferdie Schupp was going good at the end of last season and probably will have a good year. When right, Ferdie is a great twirler, and it looks as if he has recovered his 1917 form.

The Cards will train in Brownsville, Tex., and will go through a strenuous pre-season series with our A's before leaving for the North.

THEREFORE a new manager—if he is appointed—will have ample time to look over his players and get them working together.

Barney Dreyfuss Hard to Please

THEY tell many stories about Barney Dreyfuss and how hard it is to please him. Last year, after Cincinnati had mopped up the East and won a lot of ball games, the Reds and Pirates were scheduled to meet in Pittsburgh on Friday.

The game was won, Cincinnati's winning streak was broken and the next morning Dreyfuss was on the job again.

A pitcher worked out of turn that afternoon and the Reds suffered another defeat. That made two in a row, with the third game to be played in Cincinnati.

WHILE this was going on Dreyfuss drove up in a taxi. The players lined up to hear his cheery greeting and accept his thanks for starting a winning streak.

Peace Talk Starts When Navin Visits New York

IT NOW looks as if there would be something doing in the American League fuss and the hatfield may be buried before the end of this week.

Let's hope something will be done, and if there is a chance for a compromise the recalcitrants will accept it. The brawl has lasted entirely too long and the fans are getting tired of it.

Billiard Tour Starts This Week

THE billiard game will get a big boost this year when the three champions and their sparring partners tour the country, playing exhibitions in the principal cities.

There will be three articles a week by SANDY McNBILICK, of this newspaper, one of the best golf writers in the country.

HEINIE THE ZIMM is on the scarp because he did not receive his share of the world series money awarded to the Giants for finishing in second place.

NOW that it's all over, the football fans must admit that Harvard had a stronger team than any one suspected.

SECOND PLACE IN DOUBT IN EASTERN

De Neri Pulling Up on German-town for Runner-Up Position in Basketball Race

CAMPBELL LEADS SCORERS

Point-Scoring Records Made by Six Clubs

POINTS SCORED BY CLUBS Table with columns: Club, Games, Field Goals, Points, Assists, Rebounds, Totals

POINTS SCORED AGAINST CLUBS Table with columns: Club, Games, Field Goals, Points, Assists, Rebounds, Totals

STANDING OF THE TEAMS Table with columns: Team, W, L, P, P.C., Points per Game

This is the closing week of the first half pennant race of the Eastern Basketball League and a little excitement, not looked for a week ago, has been injected into the situation.

Joe is known for his ability in this line, and while De Neri will lose a valuable man, it is not considered likely that Manager Myers will stand in his way.

De Neri May Move

And from all accounts this city will be minus one of its three clubs if every-thing goes as planned.

In tonight's game at Moose Hall a new center will be seen in the Germantown line-up in the person of Jester.

It is likely Trenton will ask for the reinstatement of Moose Hall tonight and second half, and Germantown will make an appeal for the reinstatement of Mehan.

Campbell Tops Scorers

Table of individual player statistics including points, assists, and rebounds for various players across different teams.

SUSPENDED OR RELEASED PLAYERS

Table listing suspended or released players, their teams, and reasons for suspension.

Golf Links Are Snowbound or Frozen, but Why Worry?

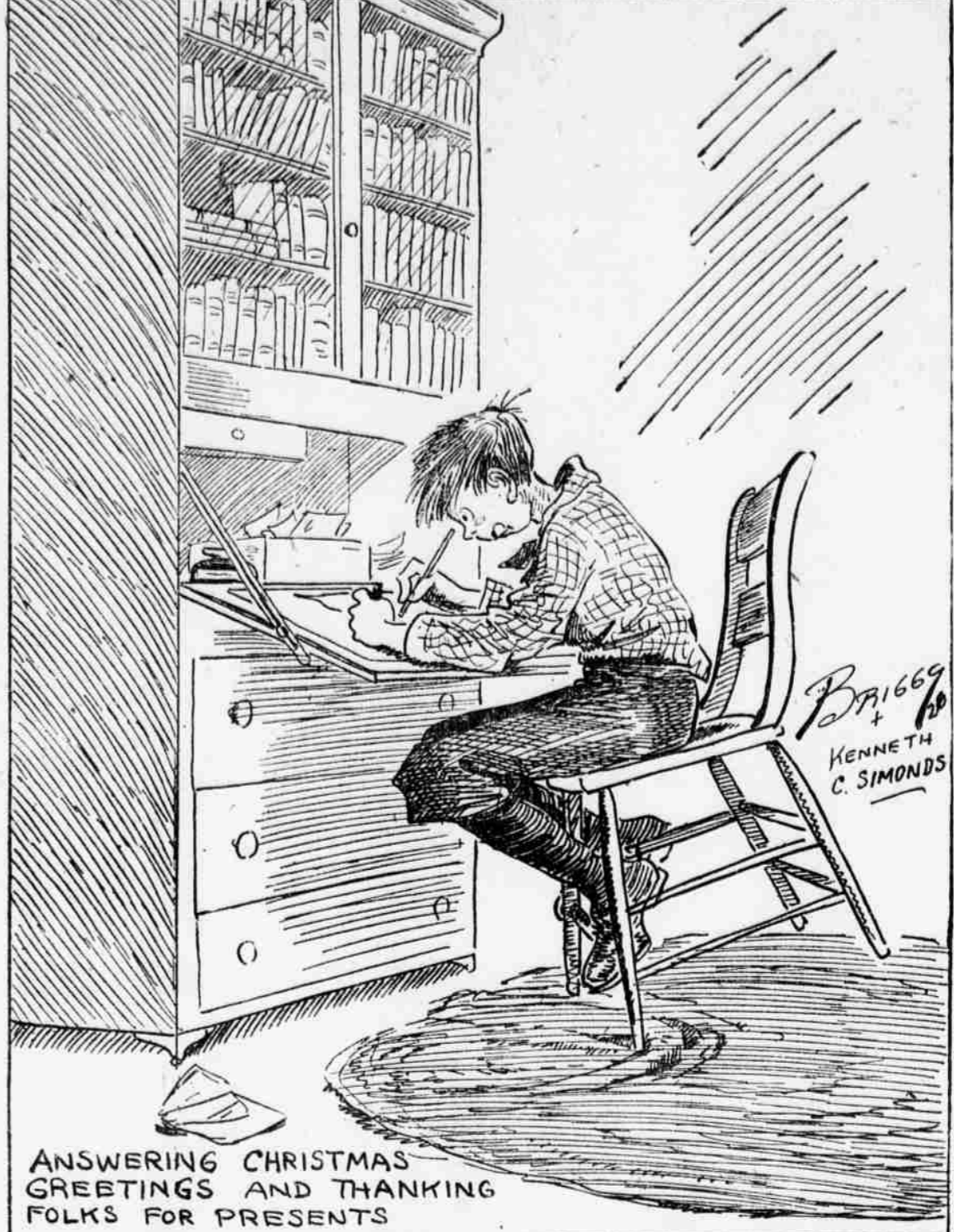
WOOD alcohol, Bryan for President, communication with departed spirits and things, are all right in their place.

Tomorrow, by the statistics at hand, the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will start a nineteenth hole series where golfers can sit in and fan on all the shots in the bag with the best players.

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Starting tomorrow in EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



ANSWERING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THANKING FOLKS FOR PRESENTS

PAT MORAN BROKE IN AS FIELDER, BUT NO ONE CARED

Champion Manager Had One Hit in His First Big League Game With Boston in 1901

AFTER a man climbs over the heads of others and reaches the heights his achievements and activities of years ago become not only important, but interesting.

Just a step less than nineteen years ago, a rookie broke into the big league as a right fielder with the American Nationals. The dispatches sent out from Beantown that night carried no mention of this fact.

At the time Pat Moran boomed his way into the big show, the American League was raiding the clubs in the parent circuit and talent was beginning to get scarce.

Pat never was a star as an catcher, but he gathered untold baseball knowledge, and when he showed his coaching powers with the Phils pitching staff.

"DOWN IN OUR ALLEY"

Large table of sports news and statistics, including standings, club news, and league results.

ARGUMENT IS ALWAYS ASSURED IN PICKING "GREATEST" IN SPORT

Kelly Stood Unchallenged in Baseball, Then Along Came Wagner and Cobb—In Boxing There Was John L., Then Fitz and Jeff; Now It's Dempsey

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Cuba There's a land where tinted tulips bloom forever. Like a julep, where the costanets are clicking and the mercury rides high.

It's an isle of palm and passion, where a flicker probes the fashion; and where gently blown mantillas seem to subtly beckon, "Come!"

On the liners now departing there's an exodus just starting for those pastures Caribbean, where the elbow follows through.

THE Germans wrecked Carpentier's coal mines, but the French champ got most of it back by wrecking Joe Beckett. Passing it along seems to be the main order of the day.

ONE of the main troubles a number of promoters are running into is discovering a place where Dempsey's victory over Carpentier will be popular.

"CAN Dempsey hit harder than Bob Fitzsimmons?" queries a reader. It depends upon whether you take the testimony of Jess Willard or James J. Corbett.

AND Prof. J. Beckett, of England, might desire to arise and nominate still another candidate.

The Greatest DEAR SIR—A says that Chick Harley is the greatest football player that ever lived.

B disagrees and says that Jim Thorpe, Eddie Mahan, Charley Barrett, Charley Brickley and Elmer Oliphant were greater. Who wins? J. F. K. and G. H. S.

THE two greatest football players we ever saw for all-around ability and value were Jim Thorpe and Eddie Mahan. Harley was the best all-around 1919 star, with Rodgers a close second.

AWARDING any one man the honor of being The Greatest of all time at any sport is an intricate business. Each generation likes to crown its own idol as king.

ONE point is worth a gambler. By naming any one entry as The Greatest of all time you can always count upon a swift and noisy argument.

REAL BASEBALL NEWS

Big Three-Cornered Deal, Is Rumor in New York

New York, Jan. 5.—Rumor has it that a gigantic three-cornered trade between the Yankees, Red Sox and Senators is due to break within the next few days.

New York Ship Beats Emerson

Gloicester City, N. J., Jan. 5.—The New York shipyard defeated the Emerson club of South Camden in one of the best-played games of the season at Yorkville yesterday.

Pat, the player, has been made famous by Moran, the manager.

To Our Best Friend The Public

Our largest year (1919) in the Company's history - \$62,038,000

Increase in sales for 1919 over sales for 1918 - \$10,067,000

Our largest month (December 1919) in the history of the Company \$7,593,000

The largest single day (December 24, 1919) in the history of the Company - \$1,185,000

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