

SOME SPICY SPORT CHATS

New Probationary Baseball Contract Will Not Last.

MAY CAUSE LOTS OF TROUBLE

Rule Was Passed For Protection of Minor Leagues, but Was Unnecessary—Evers Talks of Modern Baseball—Hoodoo May Follow Merkle.

By TOMMY CLARK.

This new probationary contract which the major baseball leagues are forced to submit to the players purchased and drafted is going to be short lived. The new order of things is going to make trouble sooner or later, and its failure will then be realized. This contract gives the player only 25 per cent increase in salary over what he received in the minors, and the contract is but of forty-five days duration. This means that in the event of a player making good during that period the club for which he is playing must enter into a new contract with him, and the argument of salary, which is usually always straightened out before the season opens, may come at a time when harmony is most desired and trying about a condition which is detrimental to the team.

Incidentally, the young player who is drafted or purchased and has been playing in a small league at a low salary will not feel much encouraged when he receives his first major league contract and finds that he is raised but a few dollars.

This rule was passed for the protection of the minor leagues, who claim to have trouble satisfying the players who go up to the majors at an increased salary and are returned because they fail to make good. But no rule or change of system was necessary to combat this annoyance, for it stands to reason that if a player expects an increase when he comes to the majors he should expect a cut when by reason of his incompetency he is returned to the minors.

If baseball history repeats itself, Fred Merkle, the Giants' first baseman will be out of major league company shortly, while Jake Stahl, the Boston Red Sox manager, will be found doing bench duty next season.

It is strange, but true, that world's series first markers seldom last long. In fact, there seems to be some sort of a hoodoo which follows the men who play the initial sack on the teams which win pennants.

Go back a few years and this will be proved. There never was a more sensational player in a world's series than Jiggs Donohue in the series in 1903 between the Sox and Cubs, and yet Jiggs could not find a big league job two years later. Big Dan McGinn of the Giants did not last long after the 1905 series with Philadelphia.

The surprise of the 1907 series between the Tigers and Cubs was undoubtedly Claude Rossman, and yet the following year Jennings got rid of him and he drifted into the minors. In 1908 Bill Abstein looked to be a most valuable man in the position until after the world's series, and then Pittsburgh let him out and he drifted into St. Louis, but failed to make good, and he has had a hard time ever since holding his own in the minors.

Just two years ago saw Harry Davis and Frank Chance battling at first base in the world's series. Now both are virtually out of baseball as far as the playing end is concerned. The former is not connected with any club, while the latter will manage the New York Americans next year.

The question of whether baseball has improved in recent years is one which is often disputed by some of the veteran ball players.

Johnny Evers, manager of the Chicago Cubs, related an incident the other day in answer to the question whether or not the game had made any forward strides, which is well worth telling.

"I don't know of any better illustration of whether or not the game has advanced than the case of John M. Ward, who was one of the greatest players of the old days and who was president of the Boston Nationals for a few months in 1912. If the game hadn't advanced Mr. Ward should have known as much as any one," says Evers.

"One day, when 'Hub' Purdie was pitching for Boston against the Cubs, 'Hub' had two strikes and no balls on Sheekard. 'Hub' put the next one over the plate, and Sheekard batted on it for a hit and drove in the runs which won the game. After the game Mr. Ward went to the dressing room and gave Purdie a tearing out. He then notified the Boston pitchers that the next time a pitcher had two strikes and no balls on the batsman and then put the ball over the plate, the twirler would be fined \$25.

"The players told us about the new rule. We had three more games in that series with the Boston team. Every time one of us got two strikes and no balls we knew that the pitcher didn't dare get the next ball near the plate. So we let that one go past and took a lousy swing at the pitched ball that followed. Say, we had a regular picnic. I guess that's a little of what might be called 'inside' baseball."

STARS WHOSE WORK STOOD OUT IN 1912.



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Meredith made world's record in 400 meter event at Olympic games. Horine established new world's mark in running high jump. Brickley of Harvard was the greatest football player developed in 1912. Thorpe proved to be greatest all around athlete that ever lived. Hoppe's billiard playing stood out above all others.

TO MEET WITH REBUFF.

Ball Players Not Likely to Get Half Pay on Training Trips.

The demand for pay during the training season which is to be made by the Baseball Players' Protective association has been met with a stiff refusal by the club owners. The club owners stand the expense of the training season so as to fit the players for their work. If there were no training period a majority of the players would report unable to do their work and when in that condition could not command their salaries.

It is estimated that at present the two major league clubs spend at least \$200,000 every spring getting their players ready for the season, when, in fact they could demand that the men report to them in condition to do their work at the time the season opens. Fortunately, these absurd demands are not being made by the players, but by David Fultz, who has had himself placed at the head of the players' union.

Daniels Breeding Black Foxes.
Charles Daniels, the retired American champion amateur swimmer, is now living in Buffalo, where he is engaged in the unusual business of breeding black foxes, and reports that he has recently paid \$12,000 for a pair of sable vixens.

Ferguson New American Umpire.
Umpire Ferguson from the American association is to graduate to the American league next season.

STENOGRAPHY WORK.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 9th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Grover G. Pulliam, of Tumalo, Oregon, who, on April 23rd, 1910, made Desert Land Entry, No. 06570, for 2 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Bend, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ellis H. Edgington, John M. McKinney, of Sisters, Oregon, Hubert A. Scorgin, Louzetta Pulliam of Tumalo, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 29th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Robert L. De Courcy of Bend, Oregon, who on November 19th, 1908, made homestead entry No. 01711 for E 1/2 SW 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4, section 19, township 20 south, range 11 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 11th day of January, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Martin J. Main, Luther Metke, John W. Usher and George W. Shriner, all of Bend, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 3, 1912.

To William T. Wedrood of Bend, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Janet Williams, who gives care of E. E. Parker, Bend, Oregon, as her postoffice address, did on October 30, 1912, file in this office her duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry No. 05295, serial No. 05295, made Oct. 11, 1909, for N 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4, sec. 26, S 1/2 SE 1/4, section 23, township 19, S., range 14, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for her contest she alleges that said William T. Wedrood has never established residence upon the land; that he has never cultivated or improved the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant in person or by registered mail. If this service is your answer on the said contestant either in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was mailed, and the post office to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 3, 1912.

To Bud L. Vancel, of Prineville, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that R. D. George, who gives care of E. E. Parker, Bend, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on November 11, 1912, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, entry No. 09643, Serial No. 09643, made November 6, 1911, for N 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/2 SE 1/4, section 28, township 16, S., range 15, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Bud L. Vancel has never established residence upon said land; that he has never cultivated the same nor made any improvements on said land other than an unhabitable house.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was mailed, and the post office to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

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