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GREATEST BASEBALL SHOW ON EARTH

WILL OPEN TODAY FOR THE 1914 SEASON.

To Be a Three-Ring Affair This Season.—The Federal League a Husky Infant.—American and National Leagues Say Federal Will Be Only Side Show.—Federals Will Open Their First Season Today.

New York, April 13.—"Score cards!" "Peanuts, five a bag!" "Get the correct batting order!" "Cigars, cigarettes and chewing gum!"

The old familiar spells will be heard again in the major league cities when the "greatest baseball show on earth" opens this week for the season of 1914.

The big show is to be a three-ring affair this season, if the confident predictions made by the Federal league promoters are fulfilled. The American and National league magnates intimate their belief that it will be the same old two-ring exhibition with a side show as an added attraction.

The baseball public seems inclined to credit the Federal league with possessing big league qualifications. The new organization certainly has shown itself to be a husky infant and the way it has trundled over major league territory and tagged the major league players has rather caught the fancy of the fans.

With an utter disregard for the very elements of superstition the Federals opened their first season today, the 13th day of the month. The curtain rising stunt was staged at Baltimore, where the Buffalo team lined up against Otto Knabe's Terapins. A day or two later the other teams of the new league will get under way.

In the Federal league there is no dope in the way of past performances on which to base a prediction as to the outcome of the pennant race. Consequently all such predictions and forecasts could be little better than guesses.

A slant at the Johnson and Tener combinations is sufficient to start the calculating machines a-rattling. To begin with, nine out of every ten of the fans probably pick the Athletics to run away with the American league flag and the Giants as the winners in the National league race. There is no denying that so far as the Athletics are concerned the dope looks good, although the Washington team, with the great Walter Johnson doing the bulk of the twirling, may upset the beans.

The chances for the Giants to romp in a winner this year are considerably lessened by Shafer being out of the game. The Pittsburgh Pirates are generally picked to give the Giants a hard tussle for the rag, with Knutey, the former Cardinal star, at first, Viox at second, the wonderful Wagner at short and Mowrey at third the Pirates appear to have a combination that will make the Giants step some from the first tap of the bell.

With Short-stop Heine Wagner and Pitcher Joe Wood on the hospital list, the Boston Red Sox will start the season under a serious handicap. When the two stars are again able to play the Red Sox doubtless will give a good account of themselves.

The Brooklyn Superbas, under the management of the veteran Wilbert Robinson, are being touted as a real surprise package. "Robbie" has had the experience and it will be up to him to show the Brooklyn fans what he knows about creating a winner.

The White Sox rooters expect the Callahan crew to keep well up among the pennant contenders. The early recovery of Ray Seck and Larry Chappell, the spectacular work of Hal Chase and the return to form of "Big Ed" Walsh form the basis for their calculations. Without the services of these brilliant performers it is hard to figure the Sox in the running.

With a new president, a new manager, a new captain and a new second baseman, the famous old Cub machine has become a thing of the past. Hank O'Day has succeeded Johnny Evers as manager and Bill Sweeney is expected to show the goods in Evers' old position at second base.

Charley Herzog has a likely looking bunch of Cincinnati Reds and may be able to land his team in the first division. The loss of Chapman, who is out of the game nursing an injured leg, is likely to handicap the Cleveland Naps at the getway.

Though nearly shot to pieces by the desertion of players to the Feds, the Phillies have a number of promising youngsters who may be able to bring the Doinn Daisies into the limelight.

Manager George Stallings has his Boston Braves all tanned up and will make a strong bid for place among the first four teams.

Unless Manager Chance can develop one or two real ball tossers among his recruits the Yankees will be up against it again this season. Well, the tip has gone forth that the Browns and Cardinals are prepared to put over anything short of homicide to break out of the cellar.

WHAT IS THE WEIGHT OF THE LOAD?

Mr. Widenhouse Does a Little Figuring and His Figures Are Interesting.

Mr. Editor: I have read in The Tribune of April the 7th that our county commissioners had borrowed from C. A. Webb & Co., of Asheville, the sum of \$60,000, at 5 per cent., to be paid at the rate of \$2,000 beginning the first of April, 1916 to 1939, and \$4,000 from 1940 to 1947. It is a question in my mind whether this is in the interest of the taxpayers of the county, and whether, it is in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the people of the county.

This scribe does not believe that if this question had been left to the voters of Cabarrus county that they would have voted for this loan. Only a few years ago the Legislature passed an act to allow our commissioners to issue bonds for our entire indebtedness, and it was found that our debt at that time was \$105,000. There was much comment about this debt, and was used to some extent in politics. Now, let us look a little further. Last November our register of deeds, in making his annual report, set forth the fact that our debt at that time was \$162,000. Add \$60,000 to this and we have an indebtedness of \$222,000. It must be this amount, if there has been no other debts contracted since last November. Now, let us notice what kind of a load is being put on the taxpayers of our county. A wise treasurer will not overload his team. If he does he may stall. So I think it wise for us to take notice of the weight of our load. Well, here we have it. Remember our first payment of \$2,000 is April 1916, two years from this date. So in our payment we will have to pay interest for two years. This will be \$8,000. Now add \$2,000 principal, and we will pay Webb & Co. \$8,000 in 1916, and we will yet owe them \$58,000. Now let us compute the interest on the \$162,000 at 5 per cent. which will be \$8,100. Now add this to the Webb payment and we see we will have to pay in 1916 \$16,100. Notice, \$14,000 interest and \$2,000 principal. Mr. Taxpayer, do you not think that we are loaded?

Well, some one will say this scribe is an old fogey. Maybe so, but before another score of years shall pass, many will say "old fogey" did not give the danger signal any too soon.

This scribe is just trying to compute the weight of the load that is being put on the Cabarrus wagon, and whether the wagon would hold the strain, or whether the team could pull the load. I certainly hope the old wagon will not break down, for that would cost additional expense, and I do hope the team will not balk for a balky team is very troublesome. The greatest danger, as I see it, is that we might overload. Will our county fathers please have some one to compute just what is the weight of the load at this time. Are we not going down a steep grade?

P. F. WIDENHOUSE.

A DAY OR TWO OF RAIN.

Fair Weather Promised All the County Except This Part.

Washington, April 12.—Generally fair weather for this week in all parts of the country, except the south Atlantic States, where rain is indicated for the first day of two was forecast tonight by the weather bureau.

"It will be cool and frosty over the central and eastern districts," said the bulletin, "and fair weather is likely to continue during the greater portion of the week (clearing by Tuesday in the south Atlantic States), with a return to more moderate temperatures."

"After the middle of the week a disturbance will appear, but probably without result other than local rains in the north Pacific States."

Many Pennant Races Start This Week

New York, April 13.—The umpire's cry of "play ball" will resound throughout the land in dead earnest. It will be the opening week in the two major leagues and the new Federal league. Several of the leading major organizations also will get under way, so that now and next Saturday the hearts of thousands of fans will be gladdened by the first skirmishes in the pennant wars. For weeks the reports from the training camps, the exhibition games played on the road, and the recent interleague series have sharpened the appetite of the baseball "bug" and he is longing for the sound of the bell announcing the first regular game of the season.

Big Fire at Culpeper.

Culpeper, Va., April 13.—Fire today wiped out four business houses and caused at least one death. The scarcity of water caused fears of a disastrous conflagration.

The fire loss is estimated at six-five thousand dollars. One man is dead and two colored men are believed to have been buried under the fallen walls.

Master Frank Brower, who has been one of The Tribune's carriers (and a good one) for several years, has resigned. He is succeeded by Master William Lents, of another route, who in turn is succeeded by Master Martin Roger Foll.

DR. KING'S LECTURE

Delivered Yesterday at the First Baptist and Central Methodist Churches.

Rev. Dr. A. L. King, a member of the Iowa conference of the M. E. Church, has been in Concord the past week delivering his lecture on Palestine, covering particularly the ancient and interesting city of Jerusalem. Dr. King delivered his lecture at the First Baptist Church yesterday morning and at Central Methodist Church last night.

Dr. King had before him a map of the city of Jerusalem and its environs. He is thoroughly familiar with the city, and his talk was exceedingly interesting. Many in his audience got from what he said a very different idea of the Holy City than that which they had hitherto entertained. One statement that will be a surprise to most people is that Jerusalem covers less area than the city of Concord, having only 210 acres of land within its walls. The fact, however, that it has a population of over 50,000 shows the congestion of the population. Dr. King depicted the horrible condition of the large majority of the people of the city, who are very poor, especially the women and children, who perform all the menial tasks. From Dr. King's description of the city, no heathen land on the globe needs more the enlightening influences of the Christ than the land that gave him birth. Jerusalem is controlled by the Mohammedans, who have their sacred city set apart. The Greek Catholics and the Roman Catholics have a religion which is as foreign to the uplifting religion of Christ, according to Dr. King, as could be imagined.

Dr. King was exceedingly interesting and held the attention of his audiences throughout.

The Easter Dress Parade in Scripture

Thou shalt make for them * * * bonnets for glory and for beauty.—Ex., xxvii, 40.

Make it according to the fashion.—Ex., xxvii, 44.

Make the girdle of needlework.—Ex., xxviii, 39.

Shut up heaven that there be no rain.—2 Chron., vii, 13.

Women * * * adorned themselves.—1 Pet., iii, 5.

Goodly bonnets of fine linen.—Ex., xxxix, 28.

Fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet.—Ex., xxxix, 29.

The bonnets and the ornaments * * * and the headbands * * * and the earrings, * * * changeable suits of apparel and the mantles and the wimples and the crisping pins.—Isa., iii, 20-22.

Put the bonnets on them.—Ex., xxix, 9.

The fashion of this world passeth.—1 Cor., vii, 31.

The daughters * * * are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks.—Isa., iii, 16.

They assembled themselves with the church.—Acts, xi, 26.

When they entered * * * they shall have bonnets upon their heads.—Ezek., xlv, 17, 18.

And I turned myself to behold.—Ezek., ii, 12.

Every one turned.—Jer., viii, 6.

The whole church speak in tongues.—1 Cor., xiv, 23.

Moved with envy.—Acts, vii, 9.

They were filled with envy.—Acts, xiii, 45.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity.—Ecc., i, 2.

Where is the bill.—Isa., l, 1.

A Rowan County Poultry Plant.

Spencer Crescent.

One of the most interesting places in Rowan county, the Spencer shops not excepted, is the poultry yards of G. T. Hallman, located three miles south of Salisbury. Mr. Hallman has leased the plant yards and equipment of the Red Acres Poultry Farm, heretofore operated by Mr. G. C. Corliss and he has made many improvements. The plant has a capacity for sitting 5,000 eggs at one time and at present Mr. Hallman has 3,600 soon to hatch. He also has about 3,000 chicks already in the brooders and on the yards. With about 150 hens of the white leghorn strain he keeps well stocked with eggs although he is doing a large custom business. Shipments of young chicks are being made to all parts of the State as well as to Georgia, Florida and other States. The place is visited daily by large numbers of people.

Marriage of Mr. Charles O. Coble.

Mr. Charles Coble, of Bessemer City, and Miss Gladys Gray, of Gastonia, were married Sunday, April 5, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few close friends and relatives, and came somewhat as a surprise to their many friends. The bride is a sister of Mrs. C. J. Huss, of Bessemer City, and is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Coble and for many years lived in Concord, but for the last two years has made Bessemer City his home and now holds a responsible position with the Bessemer City Band.

Many new things are coming in every day at the Parks-Bell Co. See new ad. on second page.

THE FOUR GUNMEN EXECUTED TODAY

NONE OF THEM MADE A CONFESSION.

All were Electrocutd Within Thirty-Nine Minutes Time.—Only One Made a Statement Before Death.

"Whitey Lewis" Declared That the Witnesses Against Him Perjured Themselves and Said He Wasn't Guilty.—"Gyp the Blood" Went to Chair Terror Stricken.—History of the Case.

Ossing, N. Y., April 13.—The four gunmen convicted of the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal were executed in Sing Sing prison early today. It was just thirty-nine minutes from the time the shock was given until "Dago Frank" (Cirofio) who was first to die until "Lefty Louie" (Roseburg) the last of the four was pronounced dead.

"Whitey Lewis" (Jacob Seidenshner) was the only one to make a statement in the death house and none made a confession. Seidenshner declared that the witnesses against him perjured themselves and said he was not guilty. He was the second executed. "Gyp the blood" (Harry Horowitz) who was third, went to his death terror stricken, apparently on the verge of collapse. "Dago Frank" went to the chair with a piece of "host," bread typifying the body of Christ in his mouth. He held the crucifix in each hand and did not make a sound as he was strapped in the chair. "Lefty Louie" was the hardest to kill. The preceding three had been given two shocks, but four were necessary before Roseburg was pronounced dead.

One of the few spectacular features of the execution was provided by Roseburg in the death house. Each of the gunmen on leaving the cell called out "good-bye" to his fellows and each shook hands with Head-keeper McInten and Warden Clancy. Roseburg, however, broke down as he passed the warden on his way to the chair, threw his arms about Clancy and kissed him on the cheek. The warden was so affected that he could hardly give the signal for the death. One of the most pitiful phases of the wholesale execution was the agony of Mrs. Girofio. When she arrived before dawn two keepers were needed to support the aged woman from the warden's carriage into the building. The belief that the gunmen were surely guilty was bred by Seidenshner's statement, and more perhaps by Father Casbin, the priest attending "Dago Frank." When asked if he thought "Dago Frank" was guilty the priest replied:

"I can't say that, but if you knew what is here," touching his forehead, "you would have some news."

The murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler who, "squealed," probably was the most cold blooded in its conception and the most carelessly and contemptuously carried out of any in all the sordid and sensational criminal history of Greater New York.

Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, leader of New York's "strong arm squad," was convicted, previous to the gunmen, of first degree murder, as instigator of the crime, and sentenced to death. For over a year he sat in his cell on the "life side" of the "little green door" which leads to the dread chair and the beyond. Then he was granted new trial by the Court of Appeals on technical grounds. He is now in the Tombs.

Besides the five convictions mentioned, four police inspectors, one police captain, a police sergeant and several patrolmen, were sent to the penitentiary, following investigations of graft conditions revealed at the murder trials. Dennis Sweeney, John J. Murtha, James E. Hussey, and James F. Thompson, all police inspectors, were convicted of grafting and served a year at Blackwell's. Three days before their terms were up, Murtha's conviction was reversed by the Appellate Division, which upheld the conviction of the others.

The Case of the Four Gunmen.

July 16, 1912.—Herman Rosenthal, a well known New York gambler, was shot to death in front of the Hotel Metropole at 2 a. m., by four men who had arrived at the hotel shortly before in an automobile.

July 2-9, 1912.—Following the capture of the four gunmen, Police Lieutenant Charles Becker was arrested and charged with the murder. Becker's arrest and subsequent conviction was based on the theory that he had been a silent partner of Rosenthal in a gambling house, had exhorted money from Rosenthal, and finally had instigated the murder when Rosenthal was to appear before the grand jury to tell what he knew of the police graft.

The four gunmen arrested and accused of the actual murder were Frank Girofio, ("Dago Frank") who had a reputation as a gangster,

Harry Horowitz, ("Gyp the Blood,") who had served several terms for burglary and was a leader of the Jack Zelig gang; Louis Roseburg, ("Lefty Louie,") who had led a life of crime despite the fact that his parents were respectable and well to do, and Jacob Seidenshner, ("Whitey Lewis,") another member of the Zelig gang who had been suspected of murder in 1910.

November 8, 1912.—The four gunmen were placed on trial before Justice Goff. The trial lasted ten days and resulted in the conviction of all four and their sentence to death. Their conviction and also that of Lt. Becker resulted largely from the testimony of the three informers, Jack Rose, Harry Vallon and "Bridget" Webber, who gave evidence that they had been engaged by Becker to hire the four gunmen to kill Rosenthal.

February 24, 1914.—The Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of the four gunmen. At the same time the court reversed the sentence in the Becker case on the ground that Lt. Becker had erred in many of his rulings in Becker's trial and had appeared to be prejudiced in his attitude toward the defendant.

April 7, 1914.—Governor Glynn refused to commute the death sentence of the four gunmen, thereby destroying all hope of escaping death in the electric chair during the week of April 13.

Governor Glynn Was Immovable and Final Appeal Failed.

Albany, N. Y., April 12.—The last faint glimmer of hope that a reprieve might be granted the four New York "gunmen" passed today. In the executive chamber of the deserted state capitol Governor Glynn heard the final appeals of two attorneys for the convicted slayers, C. F. G. Wahle and H. L. Kringler, for a stay of the death sentence, and then again and for the last time refused to interfere with the executions.

For two hours the attorneys pleaded. All appeals to the governor's sympathies were disregarded. Only the new testimony placed before Justice Goff in New York was presented. When they had finished the governor and his legal adviser, John G. Saxe, retired to a private room.

Every scrap of evidence was gone over carefully and every affidavit read fully by the governor. Then the gunmen's attorneys were sent for. Pale and a trifle nervous, but with a firm voice, the governor said:

"Gentlemen, I am sorry, but I cannot see my way clear to change my decision."

Another Case Against Dr. Meredith.

Pittsburgh, April 13.—With Dr. Meredith, head of the "house of mystery" and Lucy Dorr, head nurse, held in the county jail charged with murder in connection with the death of Miss Myrtle Allison, of Wilkesburg, chief interest attached to the third arrest in a case in Washington, D. C. The District Attorney refused to allow all information as to the identity of the prisoner.

Weds Son of Senator Lee.

Upper Marlboro, Md., April 13.—Two of the most prominent families of Maryland were united today by the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Somerville Wilson, daughter of the late Joseph S. Wilson, and E. Brooke Lee, son of United States Senator Lee. The ceremony was performed at noon in Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, of Washington, officiating.

San Pedro Recaptured?

Torreon, Mex., April 13.—San Pedro has been recaptured by the Mexican federales, according to advices. When Villa sent the bulk of his army in pursuit of Velasco's main body at Parras the garrison he left at San Pedro was attacked by the federales under Generals Arguamendo and Camp.

Primaries May the Sixteenth.

A meeting of the Democratic executive committee was held this morning. The committee decided to hold the primaries for the selection of delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions May 16. Chairman Cook presided and a number of the committeemen were present.

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COMMENCEMENT SATURDAY.

County Commencement to Be Held at Central School — Parade Saturday.

Superintendent Lippard is making final arrangements for the county commencement which will be held at Central school Saturday. Preceding the exercises there will be a parade. The parade will be formed by the children of the schools, the boys' corn club, the school committee and will be led by the Knappa band.

The preliminary contest in declamation and recitation was held in the court house Saturday and resulted in the selection of the following:

Shelby Blackweider, Lataker school. Charlie Hileman, Hickory Ridge school.

Margie Harringer Mt. Pleasant. Martha Lefler, Harrisburg. James Alexander, Harrisburg.

Ruth Cannon, Cannon. Bonnie Lee, St. John's. Harry Wade, White Hall.

Vendetta Hornbuckle, White Hall. Florence Fisher, Fisher.

The final contest will be held at Central school Saturday.

The spelling contest will be held at Central school Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Spelling written. Private.

New Members to Corn Club.

The following boys have added their names to the Boys' Corn Club, during the month of March:

Edward Barrier, Harrisburg, route No. 2.

Thomas Carricker, Harrisburg, route No. 2.

Hoey Barringer, Gold Hill, route 2.

Horace Walker, Concord, route 5.

Charlie Goodman, Concord, route 4.

Marvin Faggart, Concord, route 5.

Wade Ritchie, Concord, route 4.

Howard Ritchie, Concord, route 1.

Robert Hartsell, Concord, general delivery.

If there is a boy in the county who has not received his literature or whose name has not appeared on the register, if he will make it known it will be corrected.

All members of the Boys' Corn Club are expected to take part in the parade Saturday and bring horses and flag.

The Lyceum attraction tonight is the Alkalest Artist Company. This company is composed of a trio of Southern young ladies. The program will be delightfully varied, consisting of piano and violin solos, soprano solos, readings and monologues. Misses Lucile Dennis and Louise McHenry, two charming Georgia girls, will head the company this season. Our Lyceum patrons have good reasons for looking forward with pleasure to the coming of this splendid company of artists to our city.

The Cabarrus Motor Company received a car load of Ford automobiles this morning.

Get your tickets for Powlutan tomorrow night.

The Main has an interesting programme today.

MEXICANS MUST SALUTE THE FLAG

ALL DOUBTS SET AT REST BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Federals at Tampico Must Salute the Flag of America. — President Makes It Plain That Complete Reparation Must Be Made for Arrest of Our Marines.—President Plans to Take Up at Once With Secretary Bryan Serious Developments in the Mexican Situation.—John Lind Arrives.

Washington, April 13.—The Mexican Federals at Tampico must salute the American flag. Reports that the demand might be waived were set at rest today by the President himself. While stating that he had not yet secured possession of all the details of the Tampico incident where American Marines were arrested without cause, the President made it very plain by his attitude that complete reparation will be insisted on. He said that while the salute had not yet been first because there was a disposition to give the Mexican every opportunity to proceed with deliberation, he expected it to be fired.

He has planned to take up with Secretary Bryan without delay serious developments in the Mexican situation.

John Lind arrived on the Mayflower from Vera Cruz and is expected to confer with the President tonight.

SHOW PLEASES.

Sparks' Shows, Fresh From Winter Quarters, Gives Two Exhibitions Here.

Fresh from winter quarters in Salisbury Sparks gave two exhibitions in Concord Saturday, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Hundreds of people attended the show, the exhibitions being given in the big tent located on South Spring street.

The show made a good appearance, the equipment has a fresh appearance which is seldom carried by circus things, the costumes were appropriate and clever and the feats spectacular. The horseback riders kept the audience on the tip top of excitement and the acrobatic feats were classy. There were a number of features but the one that caught the crowd was the exhibition given by the trained seals, the sea animals doing stunts from playing a band to catching a baseball.

Sparks' show won the approval of its audiences here and is conspicuous by the absence of objectionable features.

Wanted.—To buy about 100 bushels of Cook's Prolific cotton seed. M. L. Widenhouse. 13-11-p

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