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BAN'S SALARY TALK.

American League President Says $5,000 Players Don't Pay.

CAREER OF TIM JORDAN

How the Great Brooklyn Slugger and First Baseman Rose to Fame—He Made Twelve Home Runs Last Season, Leading the League.

In view of the numerous American league players who have been making kicks for increased salaries, President Ban Johnson was asked recently for an opinion, which drew from him these comments: "The American league has always been liberal in the salaries of its players and so far as is consistent with business prudence and sagacity will share its profits with the men in uniform, but there is a limit to the salary of teams and players that cannot be exceeded.

"I do not care to discuss cases, but I have investigated each one on its merits, and in not one instance has the policy of the club been penurious.

"We want our players to be satisfied, but we will not toady to them or turn over to them the conduct of our clubs.

"Before the advent of the American league as a rival of the National $2,400 salaries were rare, and $40,000 was regarded as an enormous sum to pay in a season for the services of a whole team. Major league players must bear in mind that the game is on a peace basis and that there is no competition for their services. We are not trying to reduce our expenses, but no club owner can in justice to himself or his associates in our league pay $5,000 salaries, however valuable the player may be.

"We have all our men in line, with few exceptions, and the holdouts will display lack of business sense and poor judgment in looking after their personal welfare."

Tim Jordan, the first baseman, who after a long career of comparative obscurity in the minor leagues in one season achieved national prominence as the hard hitting first baseman of the Brooklyn club of the National league, is a native of New York city, where he was born thirty-five years ago and where he is immensely popular—so popular, in fact, that social organizations are named after him and give balls in his honor.

Jordan made his professional debut with the Senecas of New York in 1899.

TIM JORDAN.

In 1900 he played with the South Brother Island and Hoboken (N. J.) Field clubs. In 1901 he was a substitute on the Washington club of the American league. In 1902 he played with Newark of the Eastern league and in 1903 with the Nashua club of the New England league.

The beginning of his rise was in 1904, when he became a member of the Baltimore team of the Eastern league. He did fine work that year and in 1905 attracted the attention of the Brooklyn club, which purchased his release.

He was given a trial by Brooklyn at the start of the 1906 season and at once made himself solid by his hard and timely hitting and became before the season was far advanced one of the stars of the team, sharing the stellar batting honors with Lumley. During the season he only hit for .262, but his long hits won many games and earned for him twelve homers, leading the National league in that line.

Player Starnagel, formerly of the Lincoln (Neb.) club and of the outlaw league, has been declared by the National baseball commission to belong to the Washington American league team.

The application of Guy O. Woodruff to be declared a free agent was denied by the commission, it appearing his transfer from Baton Rouge to Cleveland, later being released to Des Moines, was entirely regular, his failure to receive his contract within the usual time not being the fault of the Des Moines club, which tried unsuccessfully to locate him.

Player Thomas Hughes, formerly with the Washington team, is to be reinstated on payment of a $100 fine. He became ineligible by playing with the Logan Square club of Chicago.

Cincinnati's New Hitters.

Cincinnati has apparently picked up two sluggers in Wolters and Haas. These two players have been the leading hitters in the practice games to date.

BASEBALL TOPICS.

Connie Mack Doesn't Want Noisy Coaching—Topsy Hartsel.

Topsy Hartsel of the Philadelphia Americans is one of the greatest outfielders in the game. As a hitter, base runner and fielder he always "delivers the goods."

Hartsel was born at Polk, O. He has made his home in Philadelphia for a considerable period.

He made his professional debut with the Burlington (Ia.) club in 1897. In 1898 he had the record of playing with four clubs—namely, Montgomery, Salem, Grand Rapids and Louisville. He started the 1899 season with Louisville and finished with Indianapolis. In 1900 he was purchased from Indianapolis by the Cincinnati club of the National league and finished the season with the latter. In 1901 he was transferred to the Chicago National club and that season developed into such a star that the Athletic club of the American league in the raid of 1901-02 captured him. He has kept up his great Chicago form with the Athletics, being an important individual factor in the pennant captures of 1902 and 1905 and is regarded as a fixture on the Athletic team.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Atheletics, doesn't believe in noisy coaching. "There is a difference," he says, "between that and lively coaching. Bellowing and monkey shines in the coaching box have the single object of rattling the other team. Lively coaching is the kind that keeps your own men awake and encouraged. Take a loud mouthed team, and it is only a question of time until the coacher will say or do something that will make a team mate angry at him and cause a wrangle.

"Take two teams that are evenly matched and running closely, and the team that doesn't wrangle or splutter at the other players or the umpire will win the most games. According to the old Baltimore and Cleveland style, you had to kick up a great fuss to win. But those teams, with their strength, would have won twice as many games had they sat still on the bench. The Boston American league team is a quiet one, yet always in the game and winning without making any fuss about it. Kicking at the umpire is played out.

"It is a losing card, a mere waste of time. I know our team is not doing

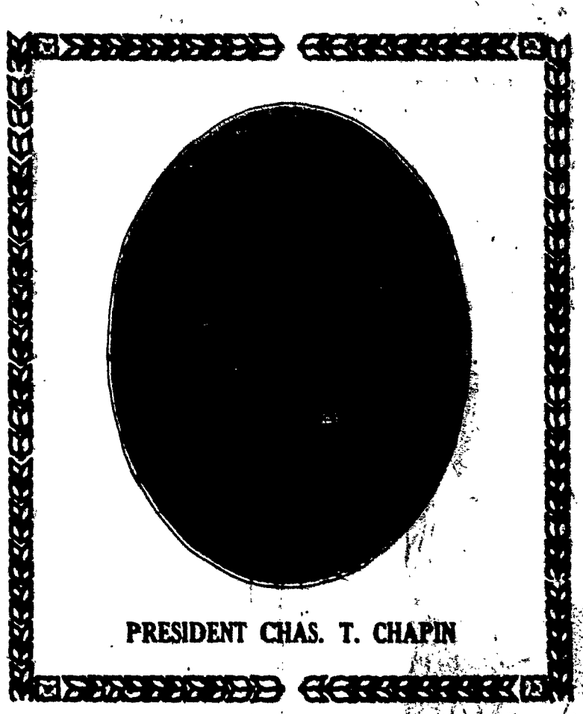
TOPSY HARTSEL.

any of it, having had only one man put out of the game this year. Baseball is too fast and occupies all of your time and watchfulness and ability too completely to permit of a useless expenditure of time in finding fault with the umpire or trying to disconcert the other side. You can't do these things and keep your mind wholly on your own game, and unless you watch your own play strictly all the time you won't win."

Catcher Heinie Peitz has again decided to quit professional baseball for good, and this time it looks as though the decision is final. He will not report to the Louisville club, but will manage and catch for the Tri-city club of Bellevue, Ky. He has secured a large interest in the team, which bids fair to be one of the premier amateur or semiprofessional organizations in that section of the country. In the early part of the season Peitz decided to play with Louisville, owing to a cut in his salary. Later he concluded to abide by the cut, but when the Tri-city proposition was put up to him he again switched and gave out the final statement.

Clare Cooper to Race Again.

Clare Cooper, 2:17¼, by Combination, has been bought by Ed Allen of Marion, Ia., and will be raced by him this year.



PRESIDENT CHAS. T. CHAPIN

Rochester At Home

Toronto	Newark
April 24, 25, 26, 27 July 4 p. m., 5 September 2, 3, 4	May 20, 21, 22 June 20, 21, 22 July 17, 18, 19, 20
Baltimore	**Jersey City**
May 13, 14, 15 June 27, 28, 29 August 12, 13, 14, 15	May 23, 24, 25 June 24, 25, 26 August 26, 27, 28, 29
Providence	**Buffalo**
May 16, 17, 18 June 17, 18, 19 August 21, 22, 23, 24	May 29, 30—a. m. July 9, 10 August 1, 2, 3, 30, 31

Montreal

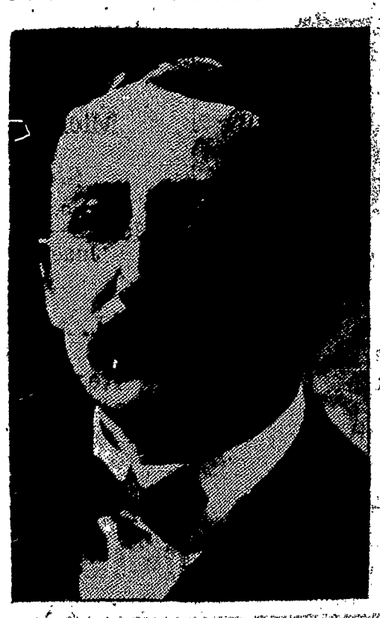
April 29, 30
May 1, 2
July 3, 4—a. m.
August 7, 8, 9, 10

Saturday Games

Toronto, April 27.
Providence, May 18.
Jersey City, May 25.
Newark, June 22.
Baltimore, June 29.
Newark, July 20
Buffalo, August 3
Montreal, August 10.
Providence, August 24.
Buffalo, August 31.

Holiday Games

Buffalo, May 30.
Montreal, July 4—a. m.
Toronto, July 4—p. m.
Toronto, Labor Day, Sept. 2



MANAGER AL. C. BUCKENBERGER

SHORT OF CATCHERS.

Big League Teams Willing to Pay Big Prices For Able Backstops.

BRESNAHAN BEST AT PRESENT

He Has All the Essential Qualities Demanded by the Difficult Position. Kling, Criger, Kleinow and Other Reliable Men of Major Leagues.

If there is a dearth of major league baseball players of stellar rank in any one position at present, it seems to be behind the bat. It is true that there are a number of catchers who are of average ability, and it is also true that the really first class catchers are not to exceed half a score.

Types of the very best style are found in Bresnahan of New York, Criger of the Boston Americans and Kling and Sullivan of the two Chicago clubs. Dooin of Philadelphia, Bergen of Brooklyn, Bowerman of the New York Nationals and Kleinow of the New York Americans rate close behind them. Of course the reader must understand that in making this rating all the best points of the men are taken into consideration. For catching, batting, base running and general baseball ability combined Bresnahan is the best of all. His value to a team is not reckoned solely on his ability to catch, as he can fill in at almost all positions.

Bresnahan is a fine general on the field and so is his side partner, Bowerman. Were the latter possessed of the agility and the batting strength of his contemporary he would run him a merry race for supremacy. Kling, Criger and Sullivan are all baseball commanders. They are not catchers in the mere mechanical sense of the word, but they are ably fitted to guide the work of a team, and it is a dull person who will not note the difference in the play of the nine with which they happen to be engaged when they are on the field.

Major leagues generally and minor league clubs as well are looking on all

ROGER BRESNAHAN.

sides to obtain competent catchers. There is no department of the sport at present in which young players who show aptitude for the position can force to the front more quickly. One of the most successful managers in the United States made the remark three months ago that ten competent young catchers who could prove their worth in the summer of 1907 could find engagements in the summer of 1908 at the maximum salaries paid in the major leagues and could hope for employment for five years to come if they could maintain their speed.

Three of the most prominent owners of baseball clubs in the western half of the United States asserted at the joint meetings of the major league which were held in New York recently that they stood ready to give top price for the release of any young player who could show that he was the equal of Bresnahan or Kling or Sullivan or Criger or likely to be within two years. That gives an idea of the necessity which is felt on the part of the promoters of clubs to obtain good catchers.

Taylor Gets License.

The stewards of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association have at last consented to grant Robert M. Taylor of Baltimore a license as a "gentleman jockey." At a recent meeting they gave him the necessary permission to take part in the races reserved for amateur riders.

Taylor, affectionately called Bobby by his Baltimore friends, has long been regarded as the best gentleman rider in the south. For several years he won many races at the Bennings meeting and made the so called champion riders of the capital look like novices.

But evil days came upon Taylor. He was guilty of the crime of buying "plugs" for $100 and riding them to victory. By such actions he made his rivals astride $2,000 horses look very cheap. This aroused the enmity of the [illegible]

For the pure love of it, and Taylor's season was not greatly [illegible] ride as an amateur.

J. E. MADDEN'S STABLE

Noted Running Horse Owner [illegible] Promising State Entries.

SALVIDERE AND OTHERS

His String Consists Largely of [illegible] year-olds—Has Charge of the [illegible] Stock Horses—Races in [illegible] Has Entries.

John E. Madden has divided his stable this season into three [illegible] all of his horses will be [illegible] eastern tracks. They [illegible] nings, Washington.

He has a number of horses [illegible] long to Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., and E. Hitchcock, among them being champion two-year-old of last [illegible] Salvidere, as well as a number of well known performers.

His own stable is mostly made of two-year-olds of his own breeding with which he will strive to [illegible] many of the richer events, as [illegible] have been liberally nominated [illegible] the valuable two-year-old stakes at eastern tracks. At Gravesend, N. Y., he has entered three in the [illegible] stakes, seven in three [illegible] events at Brighton Beach, N. Y., [illegible] of five as [illegible] At Sheepshead Bay, [illegible] of his horses are well at [illegible] Park, and at the [illegible] Hamburg Place, [illegible] they will be [illegible] to keep their engagements [illegible] ous stake events.

Eighteen of his horses have been nominated for the [illegible] youngsters, and he has [illegible] only seven entries in these [illegible] the New York tracks.

The brown colt by [illegible] early engagement [illegible] National Stakes.

The chestnut filly by [illegible] entered in the Doncaster [illegible] and the Great Trial, [illegible] Zephyr, Spring and Vernal [illegible] head Bay.

The bay filly by [illegible] nominated for the [illegible] at Belmont park and the [illegible] Double Event and the Vernal [illegible] head Bay.

The chestnut filly by [illegible] phon is entered in the National [illegible]

[illegible] Double Event, Great Trial, [illegible]

The bay colt by [illegible] in the Jerome, [illegible] tank and Winged Foot handicaps, Belmont Beach.

The bay colt by [illegible] entered in the Great Trial, Doncaster, Zephyr and Spring at [illegible] the Meadow.

The bay colt by [illegible] ed for the Jerome and [illegible] most park and the Double Spring at Sheepshead.

Nine [illegible] the Jerome, [illegible] and they are [illegible] National Stakes, [illegible] Great Trial, Double [illegible] Spring at Sheepshead [illegible] and Winged Foot handicaps.

The bay colt by [illegible] Double Event, [illegible] Winged Foot handicaps.

Only two [illegible] they are [illegible] are in the National Stakes [illegible] park and the Great Trial and Event at Sheepshead Bay.

The [illegible] the Great Trial, [illegible] Winged Foot handicaps.

The bay colt by [illegible] is named in the Jerome, [illegible] tional Stakes, the Great Trial, Double Event.

The bay filly by [illegible] entered in the Great Trial and the [illegible]

Only two [illegible] for the [illegible] so, and they are the [illegible] tional Stakes at Sheepshead.

The chestnut filly [illegible] is named for the [illegible] the Dixiana at Sheepshead [illegible] Stakes at Sheepshead.

The bay filly by [illegible]

The [illegible] the Great Trial, [illegible] Stakes, the Great Trial, [illegible]

The bay colt by [illegible]