



Since Jimmie Whitfield, the widely-known expert sporting writer of the Kansas City Star, has jumped into national prominence through his election to the position of president of the Western Baseball league, there are many stories going the rounds about him. Some of them are true, some, mayhap, a little to the bad for truth and veracity.

But this one is true and forms one of the liveliest recollections in Jimmie's eventful sporting life.

Along in the latter part of the '80s and the early '90s, prize fighting or boxing of any description was a felony in Missouri. It was even a penitentiary offense to make matches and train in the state at that time.

Of course there were prize fights in those days—and some of them were fights of the "fightingest" kind—bare knuckles, skin gloves and the like.

Flatboats on the Missouri river and small islands in the same stream were used until the attendance became so rough that those battles were discontinued.

It was in '91, according to the best recollections, when a fight was arranged between Dick Moore, once known as a coming top-notch, and a Kansas City green one, Nels Golden, who had won all the amateur events and was being touted as a champion to come.

Tommy Bell, since dead, but at that time a widely-quoted sporting writer on the Kansas City Journal, was manager and stakeholder. Whitfield was referee, while the writer was associate manager and conductor of the special train.

The special was engaged from the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern, and was loaded to the hand rails with sports—and some of the toughest propositions from the West Bottoms that ever stepped into shoe leather.

The leading lights of the affair made their start early Sunday morning from the office of the Star, where the new set of gloves had been delivered in a fancy looking box.

The run was made in fast time in order to dodge any hungry sheriff's officers, and as soon as the party landed work was begun on the ring, into which some 300 or 400 men were sent to tramp down the dirt.

Everything was gotten ready for the battle and the sports were on tiptoe with expectations of a merry scrap, on which money had been placed.

The fighters were ordered down from the farmhouse on an adjoining hill, and as they appeared, Referee Whitfield stepped into the ring.

"Gentlemen," he began, "this is to be a fight to the finish, between Dick Moore and Nels Golden. They will use two-ounce gloves—Great God, Bill!" in a stage aside to the writer, "we've forgotten the gloves!"

There was a moment of suspense, and then Bell stepped into the conference and suggested that "we talk it over," away from the crowd.

Whitfield, Bell and the writer went to the farmhouse, and behind barred doors developed the biggest set of yellow streaks ever flashed in the grasshopper state. The only proposition that could be made was for the fighters to go on with bare knuckles, but Golden wouldn't agree.

That crowd of sports wasn't of a kind to monkey with, and it was a panic-stricken trio that huddled in the farmer's best room until one happened to recollect that the superintendent of the road had accompanied the train.

"Get him," said Whitfield. "Get him at any price."

It was finally arranged that the writer should be sent back to town on a special for \$75, which was to come out of the profits of the frightened trio. This was carried out and before the crowd knew what was up, one coach had been detached and the engine was flying on the back track at the rate of a mile a minute.

There seemed to be a hoodoo of larger caliber about that affair. The engineer ran so fast that he burned out a journal on the engine. The superintendent and the messenger flagged a freight train off the Leavenworth division and got into town after a dispatch ordering out another engine and coach.

At the depot was a band of deputy sheriffs looking for prize fighters, and it was a race for the Missouri line on the part of the messenger. The messenger train won, and found the box of gloves on the counter in the business office of the Star.

Getting back to the train was a ticklish business, with a cordon of deputy sheriffs looking for trouble, but the superintendent happened to catch sight of the messenger with the box of gloves far up the track, and immediately raced for the spot with the engine and coach at a speed which would have been death to the officer trying to "hook on."

The run back to Big Stranger was the fastest ever made on the road and is still the record. But it was nearly dark when the special arrived at the water tank, and it got there not a minute too soon.

After the train left the crowd began to

"wise up" to the situation. At first it was only cuss words and a nip at the hundreds of bottles carried out from the city. Pretty soon the liquor began to work, and some one started the racket by announcing that only one of the miserable trio had gone to town.

The crowd made a rush for the farmhouse, but Whitfield and Bell had been warned and made their escape. The gang went back to the ring, tore down the ropes and started on a man hunt, with the two sporting editors as the game.

How the present head of the Western league and his companion ever kept out of sight is still a big guess. They were chased through the woods and half around the county, but managed at last to throw off their pursuers and reached the water tank. There was a big pond underneath the tank, and it was chilly weather, but the two fugitives hesitated but a minute, after a yell from the woods was heard. Both plunged into the water and lay flat under the big girders safe from the crowd.

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get together on the square there would not be anything visible in the Madden skate but a great big streak of yellow. But the boy who took the public with Gus Ruhlin, isn't going into a game where there's a chance of a second rate like Childs spoiling the advertising feature.

There was a day when with proper coaching and management Childs would have been able to beat them all, earning the champions. Even now the big brute is capable of administering terrible punishment but he has been held under a wrap so long that he doesn't know what it is to fight on the square except in a \$2.50 preliminary.

In 1894, when Elder Pitt was a coming man, the writer refereed a fight between Childs and the Hoosier boy. It was the first time a line had been gotten on the negro and he scared them all. Pitt was simply a punching bag for the abnormally muscled colored fighter, and in the third round the police stopped the fight to prevent Pitt being sent to the hospital. Since that time Childs has been used by such men as Sam Summerfield, Essig and others about Chicago who have never given him an opportunity to do anything but pose as a quitter, or to dig in on a two-bit try-out.

And there isn't much chance of his doing any better in any fight that Madden's people have to do with.

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hard leads. In the ninth round Lenney landed several hard body blows. When the round was two-thirds over the men came to a clinch near the ropes and wrestled to the center of the ring. Dixon fell to the floor, striking his head and laying open his cheek. He attempted to rise, but was advised by his seconds to take the count; and the decision was given to Lenney. Dixon was very groggy.

Hully Gee! Here's another one that Butte is asked to stand for. It's the "Pride of Butte" this time—and his name is Phil Green. An Associated Press dispatch from Salt Lake says: "Phil Green, the 'Pride of Butte,' secured the decision over Jim Heusser in



JIMMIE KING, New President of the Western League.

the 13th round of what was scheduled to be a 20-round boxing contest at the Salt Lake Athletic club tonight, thereby winning the lightweight championship of Utah. Green had his man out in the 12th round, but the gong saved Heusser and when he came up for the next round Green landed at will. The local man was badly punished and the referee stopped the fight on the ground that it was a boxing contest and not a slugging match. Green was the aggressor from the first round, except in the 11th, when Heusser rushed matters and had slightly the better of it."

It's a good thing for Butte's pride that this new favorite won. Perhaps he'll come over to town and get acquainted now.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The Yosemite club last night decided to indefinitely postpone the proposed J. J. Fries-Sharkey fight. The chief reason given in the unsatisfactory ending of the recent Sharkey-Maher fight at Philadelphia.

MILK ADULTERATION IN PARIS.

Crusade Started to Prosecute Every Case Discovered.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 25.—A crusade has been started here to fight the adulteration of milk, to which the great mortality of infants is largely attributed. The agitation is an outcome of the grave concern expressed at the depopulation of France. The Matin has organized a "Citizens' League for the Protection of Human Life," which will carry through the prosecution of every case of milk adulteration.

As an instance of the unscrupulous character of the milk adulteration here it is pointed out that a carrier was recently arrested at night time while he was filling his cans with filthy, stagnant water from the fountains on the Place de la Concorde.

The Matin today announces that President Loubert, M. Fallieres, president of the senate, and M. Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies, have accepted invitations to become patrons of the crusade.

No Peace Proposals.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 25.—A. J. Balfour, the government leader, made a comprehensive denial in the house of commons yesterday of stories of negotiations of peace with South Africa. He declared that, excepting the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha, no proposals having in view the termination of war have been received from anyone professing to have the authority to make proposals and negotiations looking toward peace now in progress.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the county clerk of Silver Bow county, state of Montana, at his office, for the following labor and material, required for the interior finishing and completion of the county hospital building, for said county.

First—For the carpenter and joiner work and materials, including electric wiring.

Second—For the lathing and plastering, including cement and tile work, complete.

Third—For the painting and polishing, complete.

All bids to be submitted separately, as above specified, and the same will be received up to 11 a. m., January 27, 1902.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of M. D. Kern, supervising architect of the building, No. 25 and 26, Owsley block, Butte.

A certified check of 5 per cent (5) of the amount of each bid on a Butte bank, and made payable to W. D. Clark, chairman, must accompany each proposal, the same to be forfeited to the county of Silver Bow should the successful bidder fail to enter into a written contract and furnish satisfactory bond.

Only taxpayers of Silver Bow county can qualify on such bonds.

For further information see plans and specifications.

Attest: WILLIAM D. CLARK, Chairman Board County Commissioners. JOHN WESTON, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the district court of the Second judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Silver Bow, made on the 16th day of December, 1901, in the matter of the estate of Mary E. Turner, deceased, the undersigned, the administrator of the said estate, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to con-

firmation by said court, on Saturday, the 8th day of February, A. D. 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the courthouse, in Butte city, in said county of Silver Bow, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Mary E. Turner, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other than or in addition to that of the said Mary E. Turner, at the time of her death, in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the said county of Silver Bow, state of Montana, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the "Moody" quartz lode mining claim, patented and designated by United States official survey thereof and patent therefor as Lot No. 579, Survey No. 2632, in section nine (9), township 3 north, range 8 west, Montana Principal Base and Meridian.

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the "Kosuth" quartz lode mining claim, patented and designated by United States official survey thereof and patent therefor as Lot No. 578, Survey No. 2633, in section nine (9), township 3 north, range 8 west, Montana Principal Base and Meridian.

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the "Sankey" quartz lode mining claim, patented and designated by United States official survey thereof and patent therefor as Lot No. 580, Survey No. 2634, in section nine (9), township 3 north, range 8 west, Montana Principal Base and Meridian.

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the "Iowa" quartz lode mining claim, which was located by Byron N. Beebe, on the 11th day of May, 1893, and recorded on page 559 of Book "G" of Quartz Lodes, in the records of said Silver Bow county, to which records for description reference is hereby made.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, 10 per cent of the purchase money to be paid to the administrator on the day of sale, balance on confirmation of said sale by said court. Deed at expense of purchaser.

FRANK H. COONEY, Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Turner, Deceased.

C. P. DRENNEN, Attorney for Administrator.

MINING APPLICATION NO. 4493.

United States Land Office, Helena, Montana, January 18, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that John F. McEvoy, Robert McDowell, Marion E. Keast, William Kinney and Andrew L. Slater, whose postoffice address is Butte, Montana, have this day filed their application for a patent for 349.5 linear feet, being 217 feet easterly and 132.5 westerly from discovery shaft on the Idlewild lode mining claim, upon which a notice of intention to apply for a patent was posted on the 16th day of January, 1902, situated in Summit Valley (unorganized) mining district, Silver Bow county, state of Montana, designated as Survey No. 6508, township 3 north, range 7 west, being more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner, which is Corner No. 1 of Survey No. 1577, a granite stone 8x6x6 inches above ground, witnessed by bearing rocks and marked 1-6508, for Corner No. 1, from which the quarter section corner between sections 7 and 8, township 3 north, range 7 west bears north 19 degrees 48 minutes west 272 feet, and running thence south 87 degrees 08 minutes west 66 feet; thence south 86 degrees 39 minutes west 286 feet; thence south 4 degrees 36 minutes west 14 feet; thence south 69 degrees 22 minutes east 363 feet; thence north 4 degrees 36 minutes east 163 feet to the place of beginning, containing an area of .71 acres, from which .06 acres is in conflict with Survey No. 953, is excluded and not claimed by applicant, net area claimed, 0.65 acres, of which .89 acres are in conflict with Survey No. 1260, lot No. 178 A. The location of this claim is recorded in Book "K" on page 12, records of Silver Bow county, Montana.

Adjoining on the north is Survey No. 835, Adelside lode, lot No. 88 and Survey No. 836, Mat lode, lot No. 89, Joel W. Ransom et al. applicants for both; and on the east Survey No. 1577, Chico lode, lot No. 225, Alfred Wartenweiler et al. applicants; and conflicting on the south is Survey No. 953, Right Bower lode, lot No. 165, Joel W. Ransom et al. applicants; and on the east Survey No. 1260, lot No. 178 A, placer, James A. Murray applicant.

GEORGE D. GREENE, Register. M. I. BAKER, United States Claim Agent. (First publication January 20, 1902.)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Mining Application No. 4484, United States Land Office, Helena, Montana, December 7, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that Johannab Depaull, whose postoffice address is Butte, Montana, has this day filed her application for a patent for 1552 linear feet, including 900 feet easterly and 600 feet westerly from discovery shaft of the Johanna Lode Mining Claim, upon which a notice of the intention to apply for patent was posted on the 3d day of December, 1901, situated in Fourth of July, unorganized, Mining District, Jefferson county, Montana, designated as Survey No. 6347, Township 3 north, Range 7 west, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at northwest Loc. corner, a stone 28x8x6 inches, 20 inches deep with mound of earth alongside, and marked 1-6347 for corner No. 1, from which initial point No. 1 in fractional Township 3 north, Range 7 west, bears north 6 degrees 18 minutes thence north 65 degrees 30 minutes east 160 feet; thence south 12 degrees 45 minutes west 753 feet; thence south 65 degrees 9 minutes west, 1183 feet; thence north 55 degrees 06 minutes west 268 feet; thence north 12 degrees 45 minutes east 493.5 feet, to corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing an area of 19.82 acres claimed.

The location of this claim is recorded in Book "21," on page 232, records of Jefferson County, Montana.

Adjoining claims on the southwest the Maryland Lode, unsurveyed, Johnson Wood et al. claimants, on the east the Contra Costa Lode, on the west the Elmer Remie Lode, on the northwest the Thelmer Depaull Lode, and adjacent on the north the Mont O'Or Lode, the last four lodes unsurveyed and claimed by Fred L. Depaull et al.

GEORGE D. GREENE, Register. M. I. BAKER, United States Claim Agent. (First publication December 10, 1901.)

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W. W. KING, Champion Pool Player of the United States.

W. W. King, the new champion pool player of the country, is, with his wife, stopping in Butte during a tour of the Northwest.

Mr. King is negotiating for a match game in this city with Billy Engstrom, who is now in San Francisco. If the match is made it is likely that it will be played in Butte.

Engstrom and King played a series at Great Falls recently and the latter won. Since then Engstrom has said that he would go back to Frisco and practice up for a time and then go into another match.

A challenge was sent to Engstrom from Butte a couple of days ago, offering in behalf of King a match of 600 balls for a side bet of from \$1000 to \$500. An answer was expected last night, but was not received.

Mr. King is the present champion of the pool tables. He is from Chicago, where he made his record run in 1899 at "Cap" Anson's billiard and pool rooms. He made a 30-ball run, banking the fifth ball in each frame, on a regulation table.

On his Western trip the champion has been giving exhibition games. He is practicing in Butte at the Silver Bow club while awaiting an answer from Engstrom. The offer of King's to Engstrom is open to any player in the world.

Montana, is dangerously ill at his room, No. 25, Grandon block. He has been suffering with dropsy and at one time yesterday evening was given up by the physicians. He rallied, however, and is now thought to stand a chance of recovering.

The sick man has always trained his brother for his fights and has himself gone into the ring as a heavyweight. He is 23 years old and so far has saved his splendid constitution.

Horace S. Foret of Philadelphia has been signed by Andrew Freedman to manage the New York baseball team during the coming season, according to a statement published today.

The annual tournament of the American bowling congress ended last night in Buffalo. The individual bowlers finished tonight. H. H. Strong won first money with a score of 649 pins.

George Dixon, the veteran colored pugilist, went down and out under a rain of body blows delivered by Eddie Lenney at the Eureka Athletic club in Baltimore last night. Lenney had the better of the bout all the way through. His blocking was such that it was impossible for the colored man to land a telling blow, but Dixon proved to be shifter than his friends had expected and avoided many