

LATEST GOSSIP OF THE RING, TRACK, MAT, TURF AND DIAMOND

BUTTE PLAYS AT HOME TODAY

Team Made Good Showing on the Trip--McCarthy and Hawkins Promise to Put Up a Hot Fight Monday--Chitchat.

This afternoon Butte's sluggers will try to repeat the dose they administered to Helena last week on the latter's home grounds. Can they turn the trick? The local fans think so, the Smoke-Eating sluggers believe so and what is more they say they will have tried to prove so, before the day is done.

It is to be hoped that Butte will cherish her initial game on the home grounds with a victory. Let's try to pull 'em through. But if the home boys don't happen to win, don't begin to knock, for it won't do any good and might do lots of harm.

Well begun is half done and if we can only land the first series we will take it as a good omen that we will win the pennant. Why shouldn't we? Butte has 'em all skinned when it comes to the willow work, and they have improved wonderfully in fielding. McCloskey has made some recent changes that will meet with the approval of all lovers of the game and nothing new remains but to buckle down and be on the top rung of the ladder when the finish comes.

When Jerry McCarthy and Dal Hawkins clash next Monday night at Sutton's Broadway, there'll be things doing. While it looks like Hawkins at this time, still there will be plenty of local sports who will back the Walkerville Pet with the coin of the realm. Jerry has got it on Dal when it comes to weight, but even with this in his favor the friends of the coast fighter say his ring generalship will prove too much for the local man.

McCarthy has gone out to Alhambra springs to train while Hawkins is doing his conditioning out at the Nine Mile road-house. Each writes he will be in prime condition by the night of the contest. What has come of the proposed fight between Jim Corbett and Champion Jeffries? Before the Jeff-Fitz fight it was all the talk that if the champion won he would give the pompadour fighter another chance.

Corbett probably wouldn't last long before the ponderous projectiles that the boiler-maker is accustomed to hand out to his opponents. The chances are he would pepper Jeff all over for five or six rounds, and then get careless and walk into a weaful wallop. There isn't a man in the world today who can take and give the gaff like Jeffries, unless it is Denver Ed Martin, and the latter is out of the reckoning, for like the mighty John L. Jeff has declared he will never fight a coon.

No doubt the Corbett-Jeff fight would draw a large crowd. It would be worth going hundreds of miles to see, even if it didn't last long. But no one with his wits about him would gamble on Jim Corbett's chances as against those of the giant boiler-maker's.

Ten years ago Corbett would have licked Jeff in easy fashion. But the once peerless champion has run the pace that kills. But Corbett wants another chance at the big champion and the latter should let him have it.

There is some talk of again matching Silver Dick, Wolhurst and Judge Thomas. It is needless to state that such a race would draw one of the biggest crowds of the season, as hundreds would go out to place bets on their favorites.

There was a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed over the result of the last race. Silver Dick maintained his reputation as a marvelous sprinter, but there are many who believe Judge Thomas would have won had he not been pocketed. At any rate the matter should be definitely decided when the three horses run again.

Jimmy Britt, the lightweight champion of the Pacific coast, and Perry Queenan are matched to fight in Seattle August 16. This should be one of the hottest scraps of the summer season.

There are those who believe Britt has gone against too good a man, but the little Frisco fighter will have thousands at the ring-side to place on himself. Jimmy has never fought a real top-notch. In Queenan he meets the best man of his weight in that neck of the woods and if he can beat the Seattle lad he should be given a chance at Gans, the lightweight champion.

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Mose LaFontise leaves tonight or tomorrow for Pocatello, where he is matched to fight George Kearns of Milwaukee. Kearns is the lightweight who put the colored lad, Rogers, into a long, long sleep with a chop at the Grand opera house a few weeks ago. Kearns failed to get another fight here after the exhibition of his hitting powers and went to Pocatello, where the sports quickly picked him up as a good thing.

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Tipsters Barred at Saratoga. An index to the tone upon which racing at Saratoga is to be conducted in future is furnished by the manner in which the professional tipsters have been dealt with. Their agents have been excluded from the track during the hours when the horses are being worked. This move will rejoice the trainers, who have been complaining of late that every motion of their horses has been so carefully noted by professional railbirds that it has become next to the impossible to put through a really good thing at long odds, as in the good old days.

High Cricket Score. The highest aggregate score ever made in first class cricket was made at Hastings, England, the other day in a county match between Sussex and Surrey. Sussex made 705 for eight wickets, and Surrey 552 in the first innings. In the second Sussex made 170 for four wickets; altogether 1,427 runs were scored in the game, and only 23 wickets fell. The previous record was 1,410, made by Essex and Oxford University, in 1897. This match Ranjitsinhji made the highest score so far of the season, 234 not out. The next highest score was 230, also made by the great "Ranji."

Canadian Swimming Championships. The Canadian swimming championships for the 100 yards and the half mile will be held, in all probability, on August 28 in Toronto, under the auspices of the Toronto Swimming club, at their annual tournament, which has been postponed from August 9 to that date.

Try to Buy the American Players. Now the National league is trying to buy the American players over. It is said that the National league managers have an eye on all the best players within the fold of the hated rival organization, and amazingly large offers are reported to have been made to such players as Napoleon Lajoie. It is not exactly patent just what the National league hopes to gain in this manner, for the American league stars have repeatedly declared their allegiance to President Johnson and the organization he represents.

"Bid" McPhee Marries. "Bid" McPhee, in his day the best second-baseman the national game has ever seen and one of the most popular ball tossers that ever wore the uniform of a national league team, has at last deserted the bachelors' club and taken unto himself a wife. "Bid" up to a few weeks ago was manager of the Cincinnati "Reds."

Drake After More Horses. Millionaire J. A. Drake of Chicago, owner of the American Derby winner Wyeth, Von Rouse and other flyers, is negotiating with J. D. Smith of Lexington, for the purchase of the 2-year-old bay colt Bardolph, by imported Mirthful, dam Bermuda Dance, by Bermuda. Smith has priced the colt at \$7,500, which is within \$1,500 of what Drake has offered for him.

Has Lawson Quit? Rumors are afloat in Boston that Thomas W. Lawson's stable has been retired from the trotting turf. The defeat of Borralma, followed by the death of Juntoria, is said to have caused the decision.

McCoy Wants to Fight Jeffries. Kid McCoy, who returned from Europe recently, has announced that he is anxious to secure a fight with Jim Jeffries, and that unless he can do so is out of the ring for good. In speaking of the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons contest McCoy said that from the accounts that have reached him he should say it was "on the level." McCoy has been automobiling in France.

A High Priced Filly. After Judith Campbell, the crack Western filly won the Flash stakes at Saratoga, J. W. Schorr, her owner, was asked to place a price on her. Mr. Schorr said she was for sale but would not set a price. Good judges of horseflesh say that Judith Campbell is as good a filly as Endurance by Right, which was sold by Mr. Schorr last year to W. C. Whitney for \$30,000.

French Are Cautious Bettors. Riley Grannan, the noted race-track plunger, returned from France recently. He says that the French people are small bettors as compared to the habits of American race courses.

WAS ELKS' DAY AND LARGE CROWD ATTEND THE RACES

B. P. O. E. Lodge Colors Predominate Everywhere--Racing Good and Some of the Finishes Close.

At the track yesterday it was Elks' day and there has been no livelier scene at the racing meeting at the local track this season. The Elks were out in large numbers and after the arrival of the delegation at the track the whole scene took on a veritable holiday appearance. The parade was formed at the Elks' hall, in Upper Main street, and headed by the crack Boston & Montana band, started for the special cars which were in waiting to convey the party to the race track. Upon arriving at the track lines were again formed and the delegation marched into the grounds. The judges' stand, the grand stand, the betting ring, all were decorated with the colors of the order. The racing events yesterday were all of an interesting character. Some excellent time was made and many of the finishes were close. The favorites, too, made a good showing, and there was but one or two real surprises. Ned Dennis, at 6 to 1, in the six furlongs event was hardly expected to win, and Miss Blarney, another 6 to 1 shot, in the fifth event was something of a surprise. In the other events the winners were generally well favored in the betting. One of the best races of the day and one of the prettiest seen on the local track during the present meeting was the fourth, mile and a sixteenth, handicap. Ulloa won by a length. La Calma led to the last

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BUTTE SLUGGERS.



Beginning at the left top row: Houston, McIntyre, Burns, Roach, McDonough, Knox. Middle row: Ward, Kane, Marshall, McCloskey, Zearfoss, McMan. Lower row: Gay, Houtz, Dowling.

Good start. Azarine led all the way to the 40-yard pole, Miss Blarney going second from the start and winning by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 1:30 1/4.

Sixth Race--Thomas Kilgallon; five furlongs; purse, \$250. R. Hughes' ch f Jennie Hughes, by Racine-Aurelia H., 110 (Howson), 6 to 5, first; A. Nell's b m Hurtle, 110 (Linton), 6 to 1, second; J. Brinkman's b g Jim Gore II, 119 (Walker), 3 to 1, third.

Madam Bishop, 3 to 1; Blanche Shepard, 8 to 1; Ellis Glenn, 50 to 1, Mazie D., 50 to 1; Nimrod, 12 to 1, finished as named. Jack Richelien and Hattie Perkins scratched.

Fair start. Madam Bishop led past the half, Jim Gore and Aurora B. close up, Jennie Hughes going fifth. Jim Gore first past the three-quarters and Hurtle led into the stretch. Won by a length, head between second and third. Time, 1:00 3/4.

Seventh Race--The Elks' hurdle; mile and one furlong; four hurdles; purse, \$200. J. Ryan's blk g Bert Davis, by King Regent-Sarah Davis, 137 (Richards), 6 to 5, first; B. D. Davis' b g Metoxin, 140 (Schell), 7 to 10, second; B. D. Davis' ch g Free Gold, 143 (McMahon), 7 to 10, third.

J. H. S. also ran. Governor John, Wheelback and Pleasanton scratched. Good start. Free Gold led over first three hurdles, Metoxin first over last. Won, all out, by a head, second all out by two lengths. Time, 2:07.

Fifth Race--Louis Penwell selling; five furlongs; purse, \$250. C. S. Jones' br f Miss Blarney, by St. Mark-imp. Miss Blarney, 105 (Kelly), 6 to 1, first; Ray Wilcox's ch f Azarine, 110 (See), 3 to 1, second; P. Sheridan's b f Annie Max, 110 (Fogg), 6 to 1, third.

Halmeta, 3 to 1; Miss Breeze, 6 to 1; Winnecook, 3 to 1; Rubino, 2 to 1; Lady Drew, 15 to 1, finished as named. Idogo scratched.

Fourth Race--W. H. Haviland; seven furlongs; purse, \$250. J. Brinkman's b m Kohnwreath, by Gascon-Laurel Wreath, 105 (Kelly), even, first; T. A. Davies' br m Eleven Bells, (H. Stuart), 2 to 1, second; Garden City stable's b g Frank Woods, 107 (See), 2 to 1, third.

The Scot, 2 to 1; Dawson, 6 to 1, finished as named. Good start. The Scot led to the last turn. Kohnwreath going second and leading into the stretch, winning by a neck, length between second and third. Time, 1:27 1/4.

Third Race--John N. Kirk selling; six furlongs; purse, \$250. Piedmont stable's b g Ned Dennis, by Apache-Juanita, 119 (Kelly), 6 to 1, first; T. T. Rector's br g Billy Moore, 110 (Davis), 5 to 1, second; T. Hayes' br m Our Lizzie, 117 (See), 12 to 1, third.

Budd Wade, 5 to 1; Almoner, 5 to 1; Canderos, 5 to 1; Valenciene, 5 to 2; Frate Maid, 15 to 1; El Fosse, 12 to 1, finished as named. High Ho, Wachusett, Cathello, George H. Ketcham scratched.

Good start. Almoner led to the head of the stretch, Valenciene second to the far turn; Ned Dennis second in the last turn and first into the stretch. Won by two lengths, one between second and third. Time, 1:45 1/4.

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