

BOXING, RACING, ROWING, WRESTLING, TENNIS AND ALL ATHLETIC

DICKY HAS THE LAUGH ON THEM

Crowd Seems to Think Dicky Is an Object of Ridicule, But He Is Always There With the Stick--Baseball Chitchat.

Sometimes they have laughed at Dicky Knox. They laughed at him in Helena two weeks ago when Dicky came to the rescue and saved the day for Butte with a three-bagger.

Yesterday they laughed at him again when he stepped up in Burns' place in the ninth inning, took a chance on the first ball over the plate and smashed it for a three-bagger, just when it looked as if Butte would go down to defeat with a score of 7 to 1.

Dicky's smash was so funny, coming as it did in the tail end of the game. It made everyone good-natured, and put enough life into the sluggers to send them around the bases for two more runs, which made the score 7 to 4. Probably if Dicky could have reached the bat once more Butte would have won.

"Oh, dear!" groaned "Piggy" Ward the other day, as he framed up a plea to the boss that he couldn't possibly get into a uniform for that day's game. "I can't work, honestly, I done hurt my finger the other day in that big slide and every time I run it hurts my elbow."

Just what the big second baseman meant wasn't discovered, as the rest of his crippling excuse was lost in the shouts of the Marys and the roar of missiles which were started in his direction.

What has become of that salary limit which Mr. Lucas was protecting early in the season?

Each club in the league is limited under the rules to a pay roll of \$1,200 a month or subject to a fine in the minor league association. With the reports going around about the salaries paid to some of those Helena players there's a great opportunity for Secretary Farrell of the association to gather in his expenses for the remainder of the season.

Helena is now credited with the highest-priced players in the league. "Speaking of umpires," said the Ancient Fan from the Buffalo Bill organization the other day. "I saw a game umpired in Omaha one year which knocked everything I ever saw in that line."

The regular umpire for the league games was sick or drunk, or something. Anyhow, he couldn't play. The Bostonians were showing at Omaha then, and there was a singer connected with the company who was known as a great fan. He was ambitious to shine on the diamond, and at his earnest solicitation the management of the ball teams consented to allow him to umpire the game.

"He got along in a funny sort of a way for an inning or two, when there was a double play made to second and to first base. It was a fast play and caught both runners."

"Hey!" shouted the captain of the playing team. "How's that, umpire?"

"Why, it's marvelous--bloody marvelous," ejaculated the Englishman, as he stared in amazement at the crowd demanding a decision."

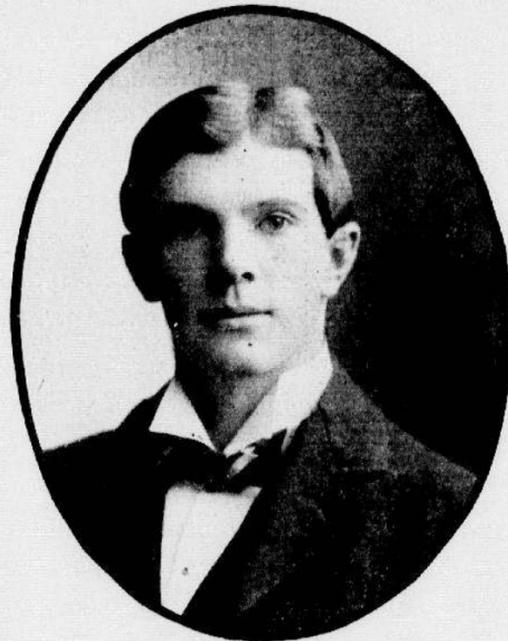
SKEL ROACH'S FINE RECORD AS A PITCHER

Probably no pitcher in the Pacific Northwest league is enjoying greater popularity at present than Skel Roach, the lengthy twirler for the Butte team.

Roach is a well-educated man and a player of the better sort, whose ways are

He was with the Mobile (Ala.) team and lost but two games out of 30 he pitched. On the Texas league he worked with Jack Huston at Galveston. He was with the Spaldings in Chicago in 1898 and 1899, and the latter year pitched relief in the

SKEL ROACH,



Who Is the Star Pitcher of Butte's Pennant Hunters.

always gentlemanly. He is cool and level-headed and has the reputation of being able to use his brains as well as his great physique when in the box. There are a number of pitchers who have greater speed, but Roach's headwork has landed him far in the lead and the batters would rather have any man almost against them than the brainy artist from Chicago.

Roach started in the baseball business with the Des Moines team along in 1895.

Chicago league team. In 1900 he was with Omaha and went back to the Spaldings the next year.

Against the Chicago league club Roach won with the Spaldings with a score of 6 to 3, and later shut out the Minneapolis team with a score of 5 to 0. He lost but three games in one season and six games the last season with the Spaldings.

Out of 20 pitched this year for Butte Roach has lost four games to date.

AUTO CUP RACE MAY BE HELD IN UNITED STATES

Restrictions Make the Event Impossible in England and American Automobilers Take Matter Up.

The next automobile race for the international cup, won by S. F. Edge, an Englishman, on the course where the Paris-Vienna contest took place, may be decided in this country. The laws of Great Britain are quite stringent against speeding on the highways, and British chauffeurs express little hope that special legislation can be obtained to permit the running of the race in Great Britain, as is their privilege as holders of the cup.

Well known automobilists throughout the kingdom, and even the cup holder himself, have suggested the United States as an available place for the competition. They assume that the necessary permission can be obtained from our government and state authorities as a matter of national pride.

It is declared that Americans should run the race and, in view of the home situation, seem not unwilling to hand over the contest to their cousins across the sea. In all these suggestions the probability is mentioned that the support of American automobilists in the way of entries of American manufacturers in the way of special speeding creations would add greatly to the importance of the contest should it be held here.

EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR

Vanderbilt Hopes to Make It on His Automobile--Some Reflections.

Wonderful strides have been made in the development of speed in automobiles, but the limit has been almost reached now. It may be possible to manufacture cars which will go at a greater rate of speed than the one driven by W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., in France, but not many people will be found desirous of driving a car over an unknown road at that rate. Vanderbilt claims that it is possible to make between eight and 90 miles an hour and says that he will not be satisfied until he has accomplished the feat. Sixty miles an hour is more than most railroad men care to attempt on a level stretch of track with no obstacles in the road, but this reckless chauffeur proposes to send his car over a road at the rate of 80 miles an hour.

It seems impossible that such a feat can be accomplished without an accident, but if there is a possibility of making it there will be no lack of men who will be willing to make the attempt. Such speed is impractical, but very interesting in the way of showing what can be done by these modern inventions.

George Gould is to take his polo team to Denver to play a match game against a picked team during the horse show which is scheduled for the first week in September.

BOXING BOYS ARE WELL FIXED

Most of the Local Prize Fighters Have Money in the Bank--La Fontise and McCarthy Said to Be Battered Bond Holders.

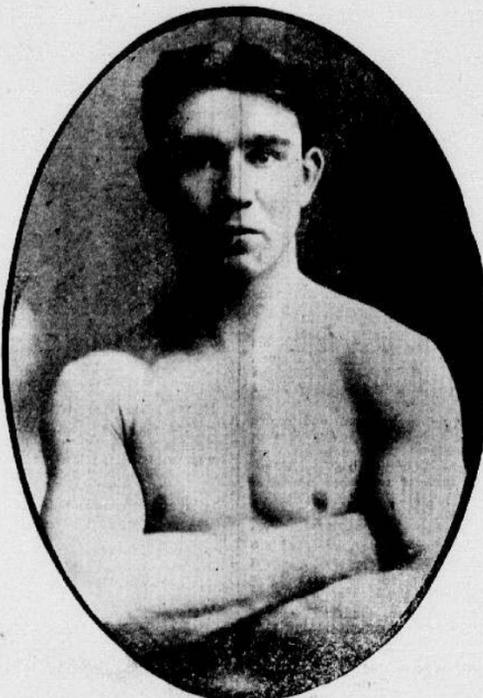
There's a whole lot of people in Butte who look with disdain on the lads here who take a whirl occasionally in the squared circle. To some the name of boxer or prizefighter is a vehicle of loose morals and all the ugly things which goes along with the misused cognomen of "sport."

Yet right here in Butte there are many of the boys who come before the public at times as fighters or "boxers for exercise" who have more money than half

as yet Jerry hasn't invested in property but the wise ones say it won't be long before a new bride will have a pretty little home of her own in Butte's liveliest suburb.

Howard Opie is another pugilist who is credited with a bank account, though the gentlemanly little fighter is emphatic in his denials of ever saving a cent. Like McCarthy, Opie has saved more through his weekly wages than in boxing contests, but there are several hun-

JERRY MCCARTHY,



Who Has a Comfortable Bank Account and Is Likely to Blossom Out as a Property Owner Soon.

of the persons who look down on the vocation.

Whether this is because there is a better class of pugilists in Butte or whether it just happens that more money can be made in the average second class fight here, the fact remains that the majority of the local pugs are well fixed financially.

Lafontise's Great Fortune.

For instance, Mose LaFontise, the cyclonic welter weight fighter, has laid away a small fortune, the net proceeds of his milling with the ambitious covets of pugilistic tendencies.

One who professes to know says positively that Mose is worth something over \$5,000 in cold hard cash and that he has a comfortable interest in the property held in the family name. LaFontise has a habit of getting out and spending anywhere from \$15 to \$40 after he has realized on the proceeds of a fight, but he never was known to go over the

MOSE LAFONTISE,



The Richest Prizefighter in Butte.

40 mark. That's the reason the Frenchman is probably the best heeled fighter in the state at the present time.

Our Own Jerry is Well Fixed.

Next in point of financial responsibility is our own Jerry McCarthy of Walkerville. Jerry is much too modest to speak of his bank roll, but he is rated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Of his it may be said that the most of his money was earned outside of the prize ring and saved through the strictest economy.

dred dollar bills which came from the receipts of his few matches in and around Butte.

Eagle Screams in His Fist.

Jack Clifford, the present lightweight champion of the state, is enjoying the reputation of being the closest fist of

HOWARD OPIE,



"The Gentleman Kid" Who is Reputed to Have a Bank Book With the Entries on the Right Side.

all the boxers in this neck of the woods. He has something over \$1,500 stowed away as the proceeds of recent fights and just now is trying to collect \$500 more which he claims is due him for canceling his contract to catch for the Sacramento team and remaining here to fight the second time with Wade.

An illustration of Clifford's proverbial shrewdness is a story told on the champion by Mose LaFontise. The latter went around to Clifford's room the other morning to wake up the champion for a run on the road and some light morning exercise.

"What d'ye tink," said LaFontise in describing the scene. "Clifford was sittin' on de bed and he was pokin' bot' fists in his lamps an' de tears was streamin' down his chops. I spied 'im for de matter an' he looks tru' de water an' say:

"'Oh, Mosey! I never will hit th' box agin. I went against de bank las' night an' I dropped 40 plunks. Dat 40 was cold money fer me an' I lost it all.'"

Poor Old Jack Wade.

Of the well-known men fighting in Butte for the past year or two Jack Wade is the only one who is on the train. Wade is flat broke and his present financial condition is due as much to his big heartedness as to his sporty habits. Wade's seconds and friends always came in for a big piece of the winnings in his fights and there was always plenty of trunks doing until the

ALL READY FOR SEATTLE DERBY

Big Event Scheduled For Today and Some Fine Sport Promised--New History of the National Game--Sporting Gossip.

Today is Derby Day at the Seattle race meeting and from the accounts that have gone forth of the preparations for the event it looks well on paper with 24 nominations, out of which it is believed at least 12 horses will face the starter.

Of the possibilities, Doreen, Lord Glenn, Porous, Royalty, Sir Clause, Tufts, Annie Max, Dawson, Vanguard, Forest King, Rectiprocity, Gipsy Boy and Louwensa are known to be pointed for the event.

Royalty and Tufts will probably be played for the favorites owing to their recent good showing. Doreen, the fast filly owned by E. M. O'Brien of Portland, is being seriously considered by those familiar with her performances, though her endurance has not yet been fully proven. Dawson is regarded by some as a dangerous prospect.

Lord Glenn is an English colt of very fashionable breeding, and is being prepared as a dark horse. Porous, known as a sure starter, will also bear watching, according to well-posted turfmen. Annie Max is known to be a fast filly with a wonderful flight of speed. Sir Clause, the black gelding by Puryear D., dam Griselin, was bred and owned as a 2-year-old by Adolph Spreckles of San Francisco. The colt gave much promise as a yearling, but later his performance did not entirely satisfy his owner, and he was sold. As a 3-year-old he is said to have developed wonderfully and is now considered a candidate with a royal chance. Vanguard is being kept strictly under cover and his performance is purely problematical.

Louwensa may "deliver the goods," in turf parlance. She is a well bred mare by Rey El Santa Anita, who, in years gone by, carried Lucky Baldwin's black-red sash and Maltese cross to victory many times during his racing career.

The officials of the race track have left no stone unturned to make the Seattle Derby productive of high-class racing and for so young an association the prospects are exceedingly bright for a successful meeting.

While the daily racing events in all large cities usually draw large crowds to the track providing the card is anyways good at all, in England and many of the larger cities of America, Derby Day is the all-important racing day of the year. Fully 300,000 people witnessed the last annual running of the one hundred and twenty-fifth derby at Epsom Downs, England, while as many as 75,000 spectators saw the American Derby in Chicago a couple of months ago when John Frake's Wyeth walked off with the big stake of \$20,000. The Tennessee Derby is the great event of the year in that state and Kentuckians take an equal interest in their annual event.

Seattle sporting men are taking an active interest in the meeting, and as the public has shown a willingness to patronize such an undertaking, it is probable that racing will become a permanent thing in that city.

Book on Baseball.

S. R. Church of San Francisco is preparing a volume of the national game of baseball which will contain contributions from all the noted writers on the subject in the country. The book will give a complete history of the game, the first volume covering the period from 1845 to 1871. It will contain all the rules that were in force in the early days of the game and pictures

of the roll was reached. That's the reason Jack Wade is close to the ragged edge, while men who helped him spend the money are looking for other fighters to second.

JACK WADE,



The Best of His Class, and Who Gave Away a Small Fortune Only to End in the Dump With the Whiskered Trousers Class.

of the great players, among others being the likenesses of Anson, George Wright, McVey and Cummings, the originator of the curved ball.

The object of the author is not to make money out of the book, but to hand down to posterity a full and reliable history of the national game from its infancy to its full development.

"Honest John" Backs Corbett.

"Honest John" Kelly, who is credited with having won \$75,000 by continually backing "Terrible Terry" McGovern, and who was looked upon as the Brooklyn wonder's staunchest admirer, has announced that, while his personal liking for Terry had not changed, he would nevertheless be compelled to lay money against him, as he was confident that Young Corbett would repeat his victory over McGovern again.

George Siler to Referee.

George Siler of Chicago has been selected to referee the 20-round contest between Tommy Ryan and Kid Carter at Fort Erie, Ont., on September 15. Both Ryan and Carter agreed on Siler, and as he is satisfactory to the management of the International club he will be asked to officiate. Eddie McBride, the Buffalo sporting editor, is the official referee of the club, but Ryan objected to him.

The boxers have gone into training for the bout and will take light work until about 10 days before the contest, when they will finish up stoutly.

Martin-Armstrong Fight Not a Fake.

Charles E. (Parson) Davies and Billy Madden, managers of "Denver" Ed Martin and Bob Armstrong respectively, strenuously deny that the bout between the two pugilists which was decided recently in London was a "fake." Davies says that the bout was honestly fought and that Armstrong was defeated on his merits.

Davies has announced that Armstrong is willing to box Martin again 20 rounds on any reasonable terms.

Young Buys Watercure.

Caesar Young, the well-known San Francisco turfman, has purchased the 5-year-old horse, Watercure, and will race him at Oakland during the coming winter. Watercure has started 10 times this year, winning twice, being three times second and once third.

Watercure is by Haggin's imported horse Watercress, out of Lena's First by Bazar, a mare bred at Sacramento by W. L. Pritchard, sometimes called "Neck of the Woods."

Ballplayer Donlin Released.

Michael J. Donlin, the baseball player who was fined \$250 and sentenced to six months in the Baltimore jail, for assaulting Miss Minnie Fields, a member of the "Ben Hur" company last winter, was released Wednesday, his fine having been paid and 30 days having been taken off his sentence for good behavior.

He says he will begin to play with the Cincinnati baseball club in about 10 days. Values Skifful at \$30,000.

Charlie Ellison, the owner of Skifful, the colt that carried off first honors in the United States Hotel Stakes at Saratoga the other day, has placed a value of \$30,000 on him.

John Madden is said to have offered \$20,000 for the colt which was refused.

GOLF CONTINUES TO GAIN FAVOR AS OUTDOOR SPORT

Travis' Recent Defeat Was a General Surprise--Result of Championships in Previous Years.

While golfing was in its infancy as sport in this country it was a comparatively easy matter for English players to carry off the honors. As the game continues to grow in public favor, each year brings forth players of marked ability, and today there are not an inconsiderable few in the United States who are able to hold their own with any from the other side of the water.

The recent defeat of Walter J. Travis at the hands of Louis N. James of Chicago was something of a surprise in golfing circles, as Travis was looked upon as a miniature trust with a perpetual franchise for the championship honors. James' victory was due to his iron nerve, bulldog tenacity and flawless playing.

The results of previous championships are as follows:

1804--St. Andrews: L. B. Stoddart, St. Andrews; runner up, C. B. Macdonald, Chicago.

1804--Newport: W. L. Lawrence, Newport; runner up, C. B. Macdonald, Chicago.

1805--Newport: C. B. Macdonald, Chicago; runner up, C. E. Sands, St. Andrews.

1806--Shinnecock Hills: H. J. Whigham, Onwentsia; runner up, J. G. Thorp, Cambridge.

1807--Chicago: H. J. Whigham, Onwentsia; runner up, W. R. Betts, Shinnecock.

1808--Morris County: Findlay S. Douglas, Fairfield; runner up, Walter B. Smith, Onwentsia.

1809--Onwentsia: Herbert M. Harriman, Meadowbrook; runner up, Findlay S. Douglas, Fairfield.

1901--Atlantic City: Walter J. Travis, Garden City; runner up, Walter E. Egan, Onwentsia.

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