

CHITCHAT OF THAT MERRY LAND WHERE LIVE SPORTS GET BUSY

WILL AUTHORITIES PROHIBIT BOXING?

CITY OFFICIALS DECLINE TO BE INTERVIEWED IN REGARD TO THEIR FUTURE POLICY.

PROMOTERS ARE GOING AHEAD JUST THE SAME

Some of the Aldermen Are in Favor of the Contests So Long as Objectionable Features Are Effaced—Clifford and Opie to Be Matched—Bout Must Be Pulled Off by October 8.

There is still some question whether the city administration will continue to oppose boxing contests held at the opera houses. The action taken in stopping the Clifford-Hawkins bout has placed the administration on record as against the exhibitions.

None of the city officials will assume the responsibility of stating officially that no more contests can be held in the city.

Chief of Police Reynolds tucked in great style when asked what his policy would be in regard to future contests. At first the chief was of the opinion that the action taken against the last bout would place the city officials on record as opposed to the contests, but when asked for an interview or statement he declined to be quoted.

"I don't know anything about it," said the chief impatiently. "I am tired of standing for all these things. It's like asking me whether I would make an arrest before a crime is committed. If I'm told to stop a contest I'm going to do it. Otherwise I have nothing to say for publication."

Aldermen Are Divided.

Several of the aldermen who were concerned in stopping the last contest say they will stand by the action and that no more fights can be pulled off in the opera houses. Others are strongly in favor of the contests so long as they conform to public opinion and are not in the brutal class of prizefights.

So far in Butte there have been no objectionable features connected with the boxing contests and there have been no occurrences which could be described as brutal or offensive. The bouts have all been clean cut and have been kept within bounds and the objectionable features have been eliminated. This has done much to put boxing on a higher scale in the opinion of the public and so far there has been little opposition to the holding of genuine boxing contests.

There are two more matches talked of and the promoters are ready and willing to guarantee that there will be the same good conduct which has found favor in the past.

One of the matches talked of and which may be made within the next 24 hours is that between Clifford and Opie. Whether this match will be made depends now upon Opie and his backers, as Clifford has given notice that he will take on the Centerville boy on any terms. The only stipulation Clifford makes is that the contest be pulled off by October 8.

No Open Dates.

This is likely to prove a stumbling block in the path of the promoters owing to the fact that there is no theater open for that date. The Broadway has but two open dates, October 2 and 16. The Grand and Family theaters are both filled on the dates asked for and if the contest comes off at that time it will have to be on the flat.

The promoters of the LaFontaine and McCarthy contest have received assurances that with local management and local contestants there may be some chance of pulling off that match in the city, but nothing official has been given out as yet.

"The matter was canvassed in the office of the chief of police before any action was taken in the Clifford-Hawkins contest," said one alderman today, "and it was agreed that if the request of Alderman Ryan was granted and the fight stopped it would place us on record as opposed to fights and subject us to severe criticism both ways. Some of the aldermen insisted upon the action being taken even if it stopped all future bouts and it was with that understanding that Chief Reynolds at last consented to send policemen to the opera house with orders to stop the bout. Because of this action I don't see how any more fights can be pulled off in the city unless those aldermen back down. It isn't Chief Reynolds' fault. He is just as broad-minded in sporting matters as any other lover of athletics, but he must obey orders and conform to the law."

BUTTE HORSES ENTERED IN THE SPOKANE RACES

Some Big Events Are Scheduled for the Interstate Fair Which Opens in That City on October 6.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Spokane, Sept. 30.—Already horses, runners and trotters—are arriving in Spokane from Butte to participate in the Spokane Interstate fair, which begins on October 6. This will be a fine lot of racers. In fact the best horses of such men as W. A. Clark, Jr., George W. Opp, Ted Haynes, J. P. Johnson and Tom Burns will be in this bunch. Jib, the pacer, with a record of 2:13 1/2, owned by D. G. Bromwell of Anaconda, was also in one of the cars. They are coming early to familiarize themselves with the Spokane track and conditions of the races here.

"Many of the Portland horses will come direct to Spokane," said Manager Jeffries, "and will not go to Yakima. This will bring them into Spokane the first of next week. In fact from now on the horses will be coming in almost daily."

O'Brien Wins on Points.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia won on points from Joe Choyinski in a six-round contest here last night. O'Brien throughout the fight was too fast for the Chicago man.

FIREMEN WILL NOT HOLD TOURNAMENT

PROPOSED RACES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL GOOD WEATHER SHALL COME AGAIN.

Much to the disappointment of those interested in the proposition, there will be no volunteer firemen's tournament held this fall in Butte.

The suggestion to have one more series of races between the old volunteers and runners met with approval on every hand, and every member of the old team from the oldest to the youngest grew enthusiastic over the idea.

The matter was fully canvassed and it was finally decided to place the matter before Manager Wharton of Columbia Gardens for his approval and support.

The Gardens people were impressed with the plan, and several of the old volunteers waited on the manager to discuss the matter.

Upon looking into the matter it was decided that arrangements could not be made in time to avoid the cold weather, and it was agreed that if the tournament was held late it would be too cold to warrant a good attendance.

Following a discussion of the plans it was decided that the proposed tournament be postponed until next year to insure fair weather and a big attendance. The matter has not been abandoned, but will go over until good weather comes once more, when plans will be made for one of the largest fire tournaments ever held in the state.

WOODS AND SCAFFOLD MATCH

Iowa Middleweight Champion and "Billy" Woods Are to Meet in Ring.

Boulder, Sept. 30.—James Scaffold, who claims the middleweight championship of Iowa, and "Billy" Woods of Louisville have been matched to meet in the ring here in the near future.

The exact date of the fight has not been made public and will probably be kept a secret except to those who are interested.

SEATTLE TO HAVE RACE MEET

King County Fair Association Decides on a Period of Running Races For the Month of October—Sporting Gossip.

According to the reports that come from Seattle that city is to enjoy a racing meet some time during the month of October. It was definitely decided at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the King County Fair association to hold the meeting next month and it was also settled to have nothing but running races.

The decision to have races in October marks the end of a long and somewhat bitter struggle. When the North Pacific Fair association was formed, the King County track entered into an agreement with the other cities included in the association whereby each city was to have a certain date for their races, thus making the circuit complete without any conflicting dates. Seattle, in a way, broke her agreement at the very start, by continuing her races over two days, and thus interfering to some slight degree with the races held at that time in Vancouver, B. C., by the Vancouver Jockey club.

Seattle is known to be a good racing town and it is a remarkable fact that the sport has not come in for more attention before this. A good meeting would be a big money maker and with Seattle to take the initiative, the sport of kings would take on new life in the Northwest.

French Lick Grows Popular.

French Lick Springs is rapidly gaining a reputation as a training place for pugilists. McCoy and Jack O'Brien are the latest glove artists of renown to go down for the baths, both being at the springs at the present time. O'Brien is training for his match with Choyinski in Chicago on Monday next, while McCoy thinks that he is getting into shape for Fitzsimmons. If he ever gets a match on with the Cornishman he might just as well save himself the expense of training, and go on off the reel. It would be a little quicker, that's all. McCoy couldn't get into shape now for a real tough fight if he spent a year at West

Baden. He claims that he is after Fitzsimmons because he believes he can beat him and can thus establish a clear title to the middleweight championship. If that is all he seeks he can satisfy fight followers that he is the best middleweight in the country by beating Tommy Ryan. He doesn't have to beat Fitz.

Root Again in Shape.

Jack Root, who recently had a rather unpleasant experience with George Gardner at Salt Lake City, is not discouraged, and has signed articles to meet three men who are recognized as among the best in the country. All will be boxed before the American Athletic club of Chicago, the first one on October 6, the other two within a few weeks of that time. Marvin Hart will be Root's first opponent, and Jack O'Brien is down for the second show. Gardner will be selected for the final bout. There may be a hitch on the O'Brien go, though the other two are almost assured. Root has signed to weigh in at 165 pounds for each engagement, and as O'Brien can easily get inside the middleweight limit, he may object to allowing Root in at so great a scale, even for a six round affair.

Cyclist Bald Goes Abroad.

Eddie Bald, the Buffalo cyclist, has crossed the water to meet the fastest riders of France, England and Italy. He followed the North Carolina association grand circuit as a member of Columbia cycling team and believes that he is going faster than ever before in his life, and feels confident of making a good showing against the foreigners. The long races that are a feature of most of the meets in this country were not to his liking. When champion of America Bald rarely rode in a race of more than two miles, and his terrific sprint at the finish was the important factor in his winning of gold and glory. On the other side the races are generally short, the effort being over the last eighth of a mile. This style of riding has always been in favor on the Parisian tracks and at this style Bald thinks he has a chance to win. Although not increasing his bank account to any appreciable extent during the season, Bald has gained experience by riding among the riders of today that will stand him in good stead next year. In Europe with Bald will be Harry Elkes and Arthur A. Zimmerman, a champion of old who is well liked by Parisian followers of cycle racing.

Jeffries and Corbett Agree.

Arrangements have been definitely made for a championship battle between James J. Corbett and Jim Jeffries to take place next May. This statement has been given out by Corbett who has of late been doing considerable corresponding with the champion. The articles of agreement are to be drawn up at once.

BUTTE WILL HAVE CRACK POLO TEAM

ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR AN OPENING GAME AT HOLLAND RINK THANKSGIVING DAY.

Butte is to have a crackerjack polo team the coming season. This was definitely settled today when those having the matter in charge began to make up a list of the crack skaters of the city in order to determine who is to make up the team.

It is only about four weeks now until the water will be put in the Holland street rink, and if the weather man comes around on time with his batch of cold stuff there will be a grand opening at the rink Thanksgiving day.

At the first signs of a freeze, water will be run in to allow the players to practice if possible with a view of giving an opening polo game on Thanksgiving.

There are many fast skaters in Butte, and a greater number who are capable of playing polo on the ice, and it is intended that two teams will be organized so as to allow good practice.

A meeting of the skaters will be called some time next month and a polo association will be organized probably on the club plan. If possible polo teams will be organized in other cities of the state, and state games will be played at the Holland rink.

"Why, it's a little early yet," said one of the promoters of the new club, "to talk of ice skating, yet we want to get in on a solid basis, and to this end will try to form a club within the next few weeks. There are any number of skaters in Butte who can play polo in the first class, and we want to get two teams together in order to insure good practice. The idea is to organize a polo club on the same basis as a bicycle club and keep up the interest all winter by securing a club room if possible. The rink will be under the same management this year as last, according to the information given out, and we will be able to make arrangements to play polo just as soon as we care to or visiting teams can be secured."

DUMMY ROWAN WANTS A BATTLE WITH IKE HAYES

Willing to Fight for a Side Bet or the Gate Receipts and Is Not Particular as to the Place.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Anaconda, Sept. 30.—"Dummy" Rowan, the pugilist, wants a contest with Ike Hayes, the colored boxer of Butte. He is willing to put up a side bet of \$250, or if Hayes can not get the backing, he will fight him for the gate receipts, winner to take all, fight to be 20 round affair. Rowan was given the decision over Hayes in a former battle about a year ago and is looking for an opportunity to score another victory. Both are well known hereabouts and a contest between the two would be pretty certain to draw a good crowd no matter where it was held.

UMPIRE FISHER DISCHARGED

President Lucas Gave Him His Paper Yesterday—Brown Takes Place.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Portland, Sept. 30.—President Lucas of the Pacific Northwest league yesterday released umpire Fisher.

R. P. Brown, centerfielder for Portland last year and recently manager for the Pendleton baseball team, has been secured to fill the vacancy. Brown left for Tacoma last evening.

OWNER AND TRAINER FIGHT

Gideon and Joyner Do Battle in Gravesend Paddock—Latter is Fined.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

New York, Sept. 30.—David Gideon, the horse owner and his trainer, Nat J. Joyner, came to blows in the Paddock before the races at Gravesend yesterday.

Just what caused the trouble was not given out, but the fight attracted a great deal of attention. Later the stewards of the Brooklyn Jockey club fined Joyner \$200.

Boston Yacht Victor.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Little Haste, the Boston yacht owned by T. K. Lothrop, won the national championship for the 21 foot cabin class today in Lake Michigan from La Ritache, Chicago's representative.

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ARTICLES PROVIDE FOR UP-TO-DATE GYMNASIUM

Club Will Be Run Along Liberal Lines and Promote All Kinds of Athletics—To Be Patterned After Other Big Athletic Organizations—Best Men in the City Are Interested.

There is now every assurance that the new athletic club for Butte will be organized within the next few weeks. Tomorrow the promoters will begin in earnest the work of finishing up the subscription and charter membership lists and as soon as the quota is filled a meeting will be called, officers chosen and application made for the articles of incorporation.

Following are the articles of organization which head the members' subscription list:

"Whereas, it is proposed to organize, under the laws of the state of Montana, a corporation to be known as the 'Silver Bow Athletic club,' or by such other name as the parties in interest may determine; and

"Whereas, it is proposed that the said company shall have a capital stock of \$5,000, and shall transact the business of conducting a club or society for the purpose of physical culture, social enjoyment, the equipment of a gymnasium and the inauguration of such sports and amusements for the use and benefit of the members and others as said society from time to time deem expedient; and the renting, leasing and owning of a club house, gymnasium and athletic field to be situated in the environs of the city of Butte, and the operation of the same, and the doing and performing of all and any acts, or the making of any contract that may become necessary to the full and perfect enjoyment and carrying out of the purposes aforesaid with all their incidents;

Subscribers' Agreement.

"Now, therefore, the signers hereto, in consideration of their mutual promises, do severally agree to and with each other, and with the promoter and founder of said company, that they will take, and they do hereby severally subscribe to the capital stock of said company, to the amount of par value of the stock set opposite their respective names.

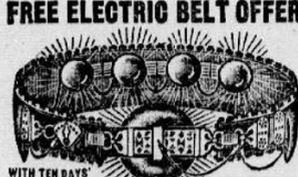
"This agreement is conditioned upon the procuring by the said of subscriptions of at least dollars to the said capital stock."

So far as the plans are now made it is the intention to build a club house and gymnasium which will be equipped with the latest appliances for gymnastic work.

It is the intention of the promoters of the new club to make it high class in every respect and the fee has been placed at a figure which will insure a membership composed of the best business and professional men in the city. The club will be conducted on the lines of the Chicago and Denver athletic clubs and will be more than a mere scheme to promote a single line of sports.

Butte is well able to support a good athletic club and with competent instructors and officials the new enterprise is expected to speedily prove the most popular organization in the city.

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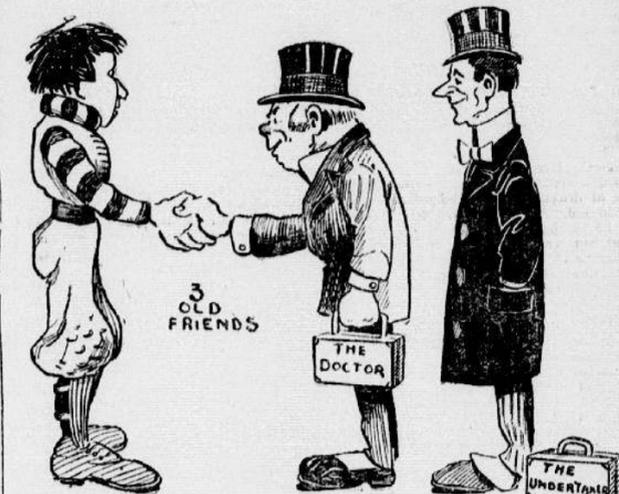
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CANNOT FIGHT IN THE WINDY CITY

PUGILIST JOE GANS IS BARRED FROM APPEARING IN FUTURE RING EVENTS IN CHICAGO.

Joe Gans, the pugilist, has been barred from fighting in Chicago. Gans and his manager, Al Hertford, have been unpopular and under suspicion by the Chicago public ever since the so-called "fake" fight between Gans and McGovern at Tattersall's. This fiasco caused boxing on a large scale to be stopped in Chicago, and Chief O'Neill apparently does not care to run the chance of another questionable affair.

While the Chicago Athletic association, under whose auspices Gans was scheduled to fight in the near future, is a private institution, the authorities readily accepted the suggestions of the chief, and in the future it is probable that Gans will be given no further opportunity to show himself to the sporting public of the Windy City.

CUP DEFENDER VIGILANT SOLD TO LATHROP AMES

Will Be Taken to Boston and Raced When Opportunity Offers—Successfully Defended America's Cup.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

New York, Sept. 30.—Percy Chubb of the New York Yacht club has sold to Ed Lothrop Ames of Boston, and member of the same club, the famous America's cup defender Vigilant.

Mr. Ames intends to take her to Boston early next season and will use her in cruising along the coast most of the time but will race when opportunity offers. The Vigilant successfully defended the America's cup in 1893 against the Valkyrie II.

Football Player Dies.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—Harry Jordan, a football player, who was injured in a football game played here last Thursday, died yesterday.

JOHN T. BRUSH BUYS NEW YORK BALL CLUB

Andrew Freedman Steps Down and Announces His Permanent Retirement—For President.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

New York, Sept. 30.—It is given out here that Andrew Freedman, president of the local baseball club, has sold his interests to John T. Brush, formerly owner and president of the Cincinnati club.

Mr. Freedman, who has been interested in the affairs of the national league since 1894, says that it is his intention to retire permanently from the game. The move is looked upon in this city as the forerunner of the nomination of Mr. Brush for president of the National league.

New Referee to Be Chosen.

It is probable that a new referee will have to be named for the Corbett-McGovern battle for the featherweight championship. Jim Corbett, who was scheduled

to referee the fight, goes on the road in October and it is unlikely that he will be able to act.

Samuel Harris, manager of Terry McGovern, has announced that bids for the bout between the little fellows will be received up to November 15, the contest to take place on or before December 23. The club securing the bout will be required to post a forfeit of \$5,000 that the encounter will take place.

Feature of Turf Season.

One of the most notable features of the present season on the turf has been the remarkable number of large winnings made by various wealthy turfmen. Drake, Gates, Harrell, "Pittsburg Phil," Davy Johnson, all have landed coups some time in the year.

Corbett to Manage Abe Attell.

Johnnie Corbett is to assume the management of clever Abe Attell, the bantamweight. Attell has been doing his own managerial stunt but thinks he can do better by having some capable man look after his business interests.