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BALL PLAYERS DON'T IMPROVE

Former First Baseman of New York "Giants" Says Old-Timers Were Just as Good as the Players of Today--Gossip.

Roger O'Connor, who for many years covered first base for the New York team that was deservedly called the "Giants," now manager of the Springfield team of the New England league, was asked this question the other day:

"Are the players of the present day superior to the old-timers?" "No, sir," was Roger's reply. "We played just as fast, good and scientific ball when I was in my prime as a player des now. We had the hit and the run game down just as fine then as now, but we were trained to 'place' the ball into right field when there was a runner on first. If the base hit was made it shoved the runner along to third, and a slow hit toward second acted as a sacrifice the same as now."

"Now, the bunt hit is tried instead, and I can't say that it appeals to me at all. It may be well to try it in a very close game, but on the whole I think the old 'hit it' game was the best."

"I wonder what the youngsters of today would do with such speedy pitchers as big Jim Whitney, Charley Radbourne, Johnny Ward, Tim Keefe, Larry Corcoran, Fred Goldsmith, Charley Buffington and other cyclone twirlers, who could then turn their backs and take a running jump at the batter. They were right on top of you."

"Why, I had a batting average of .380 or thereabouts when I led the league, under those conditions. Now the pitcher has to face the batter, and you can see the ball all the way."

"And as to the fielding and base running, we were superior to the players of today, and we had no mitts as big as hams to protect our hands, nor pads a foot thick to shield us. If my 'lamps' were good I could play and bat as well as ever, and at that I don't see where any of the youngsters have me skinned much now."

**Latham's Unassisted Triple.**

In speaking of unassisted triple plays, Arlie Latham, formerly one of the best third basemen in the National league, recently of the Denver Western league team and now umpire in the National, is said to have made one at Indianapolis in 1888.

Two runners were on bases, one on second and one on third. The batsman hit a line ball to Latham, who was playing close to the base. Latham caught the ball, retiring the batter, touched the bag, putting out the runner, who had started for home, and then ran for the man who had started from second and touched him before he could get back to the base, thus, unassisted, putting out three men.

PRESIDENT HICKEY HAS GOOD PLANS

HEAD OF AMERICAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION WANTS CALIFORNIA LEAGUE TO CONSOLIDATE.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—T. J. Hickey, president of the American association of Baseball clubs, has been spending several weeks in California, with a view to getting the California league to consolidate with his organization and thus in part defeat the plans of the Association of Minor League clubs, which includes all the other lesser leagues of the United States except the new Southern league, now in the process of formation. If the Southern league decided to join with the majority the local league will be the only one outside the pale and Secretary Farrell is making every endeavor to perfect his organization by having California come in.

A decision has not yet been reached here.

QUAKER CITY'S PREMIER FEATHERWEIGHT IS ILL

Tim Callahan Laid Up at His Home in Philadelphia Preparing to Undergo Operation—Yanger Bout Off.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—Tim Callahan, the premier featherweight of Philadelphia, will not be seen in the ring again for some time to come. Callahan is under the doctor's care and is preparing to undergo the operation for swollen tonsils. He is a very sick young man and it will be many a day before he is again able to don the gloves. Callahan's illness has caused him to cancel a number of important engagements in the ring and he will suffer a loss of several thousand dollars as a result. He was to have left for Chicago next week to prepare for his match with Benny Yanger, but at the advice of his physician he has asked for a postponement of the bout with the Chicago fighter.

OLYMPIAN GAMES MAY GO TO ST. LOUIS IN 1904

Contests Scheduled for Chicago to Be Transferred to Mound City Owing to Conflicting of Dates.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—There is now some talk of transferring the Olympian games scheduled to be held in Chicago in 1904 to St. Louis, on account of a conflict of dates with the games to be held at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The matter will likely be referred to the directors of the International Olympian Games association and definite action taken by means of a vote of the directors. It is understood that such a move will be made at an early date.

Cycle Racing in the South.

Atlanta, Ga., is to be the scene of some first-class bicycle races this winter. Among the notable riders who will participate in the events there are Harry Elkes, Albert Champion, Joe Nelson, Benny Munroe, Jimmy Moran, Otto Maya, Nat Butler and McLean.

There is also an excellent track at Savannah, a speedy course at Charleston, a coliseum at Birmingham and a new track is being built at Jacksonville. These few cities will form a most successful circuit.

Has Pitchers Galore.

Cincinnati has nine pitchers signed for next season. They are Hahn, Phillips, Harper, Poole, Thielman, Ewing, Vickers, Hooker and McCann, the latter from the Jersey City team of the Eastern league. To this the name of Pat Flaherty, the Louisville southpaw, will be added.

"One cannot have too many young pitchers," said Manager Joe Kelley, "especially in the spring of the year, when the veterans are not yet sufficiently warmed up. Of course it will be a case of the survival of the fittest between the veterans and the youngsters, for sentiment cuts no figure in the baseball business."

Latest in Football Wear.

One reason why the big Eastern football teams are so highly developed may be learned by anyone who will read the dispatches from New Haven and note the list of coaches there gathered to aid in whipping the eleven into shape for its big contest. Fifteen veterans, each man a noted star of his day, are on hand, providing for every player an expert who has played in historic Harvard-Yale and Yale-Princeton games, and who, in addition to what he learned by those experiences in his own day was given the benefit of the knowledge of veterans who had earned football glory before he became a gridiron hero. Gordon Brown, Cutten, Burr Chamberlain, Billy Bull, Josh Hartwell, Frank Butterworth, McBride and Walter Camp make up half the squad that is aiding in the coaching.

One Reason Why.

The latest thing in the way of football gear is Mike Murphy's invention of leather mittens. In the West Point game Goss, the right guard, wore a pair of these mittens. They consist of a strip of wood on the lower part of the hand, bound to the mitten with tape, which is passed around the hand. It is claimed that Goss wore the mittens to protect his damaged hands, although they might be of value in bringing the straight arm into play. Why not go the limit and rig up the team with concealed electric batteries?

COLLEGES FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN YALE AND HARVARD NOT YET SIGNED—THE PROSPECTS.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 8.—According to Professor Hollis, chairman of the Harvard athletic committee, nothing will be done in connection with the negotiations with Yale for a new long-term agreement in athletics until there has been a meeting of the committee.

It is believed here that no long-term agreement will be signed, as has been contemplated—not this year, and possibly not next year.

If the negotiations have fallen through the causes are not far to seek. The Cutts case and the Schick case have stirred up considerable feeling in both universities. Time is necessary to heal over this feeling before there can be entered into a spontaneous, amicable agreement binding for a considerable term.

When Yale and Harvard had their two-year break in athletics in 1895 and 1896, that rupture was not inevitable, so far as the leaders in both universities were concerned. It was simply realized on both sides that feeling ran too high to admit of a continuance until certain men in both colleges had been graduated, and until time had soothed and smoothed away some of the rancor and ill feeling.

The condition of things is not so serious today, but the method Harvard undergraduates believe will be pursued will run along the same lines.

The relations between authorities of the two institutions are friendly and pleasant, but it is felt necessary to make allowance for the undergraduate sentiment.

Managers of the several teams at Yale and Harvard will arrange for the annual matches, but both universities will feel free at any time to act as they choose.

If things run smoothly hard feeling will subside in a year or two, and negotiations for a new agreement can be recommended where they are believed to have been practically broken off.

BILLY GARDNER AND TOBY IRWIN TO MEET IN RING

Bout Will Be Pulled Off Before Reliance Club of Oakland, Cal., on the Evening of November 18.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 11.—Billy Gardner, brother to George, who has been matched with any number of boys at the coast, and who has met none, will box Toby Irwin on November 18 before the Reliance club of Oakland.

He is training with his big brother for whom Gregains is trying to arrange some important matches despite his defeat by Johnson. Corbett was challenged, but passed up the match and Fitzsimmons or McCoy will now be sought.

SULLIVAN MAY GO ACROSS THE POND

IF JOHN L.'S MONOLOGUE STUNT PLEASES HE MAY BE BOOKED FOR ENGLAND LATER ON.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

New York, Nov. 11.—John L. Sullivan moved down on his native Boston town today prepared to deliver a knockout blow to the stage through the medium of his vaudeville monologue. The "big fellow" made his variety debut at the Howard Athenaeum in a monologue described as the most unique ever executed by a pugilist.

Sullivan goes a day ahead to look over the ground and gird himself for the fray. With him travels his manager, Ben Harris. So solicitous is the mentor for the rectitude of his star he intends journeying with him throughout his preliminary tour.

If Sullivan makes a hit he has a chance to surprise England. Emanuel Warner of Warner & Co., the international booking agents, will run over to the Massachusetts city to watch the effect of Sullivan's talk, and if it strikes him as being sufficiently lucid for British understanding he will at once sign the former champion for an invasion of England.

John L. has been in training for several weeks for the coming bout. He believes he has some theatrical and anecdotal upturns and punches which will dazzle the patrons of the historic Howard Athenaeum in the preliminary round and knock them out in the encore. He has no fear of stage fright. His histrionic schooling with Duncan B. Harrison, "the earnest actor," when he took an aggressive part in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands," and nightly laid low half a dozen or so of aspiring fighters, makes him proof against losing his tongue and self-assurance.

James J. Corbett will eagerly watch for bullets of John L.'s trip. He is uneasy over the reports emanating from the Sullivan quarters, and is not sure he will not receive a knock-down from his old-time adversary. Sullivan has said he can out-rank Corbett even if the latter did train by his long wind jamming over mills that never happened with Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Jeffries.

GENERAL FIGHT IS ALMOST STARTED

DAVE SULLIVAN WINS FROM JIMMY BRIGGS ON A FOUL AND THE CROWD TAKES A HAND.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Boston, Nov. 8.—Dave Sullivan of New York was awarded the decision non a foul over Jimmy Briggs of Chelsea in the eighth round before the Criterion Athletic club last night, and the boxing wound up on the verge of a free fight, in which most of the spectators were jostling Dan Donnelly, the referee, and Sullivan.

Briggs had all the better of the match, repeatedly staggering Sullivan with punches to the jaw. In the sixth and seventh rounds Sullivan had to clinch to save himself. In the eighth Briggs landed blows at will, and after one to the stomach Sullivan doubled up, claiming he was fouled. He staggered to his corner and sat down.

Before a decision was given Sullivan rushed back and resumed the fight. Briggs again landed a heavy blow, and Sullivan cried foul and was given the decision.

Sullivan went to his corner, and then rushed back and tried to strike Briggs. By this time the crowd had swarmed into the ring and only cool heads prevented a general mix-up.

BILLINGS AND BOZEMAN TO MEET ON GRIDIRON

Game Has Been Arranged for November 22—Return Match With Livingston Set for Thanksgiving Day.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Billings, Nov. 11.—Arrangements were completed yesterday for a game between the Billings football team and the Bozeman eleven for November 22. A return game will be played with Livingston on Thanksgiving day. Up to date the Helena aggregation of gridiron heroes has fought shy of the Billings team, but the local players have not despaired of securing a game with the Capital City eleven and in case Billings wins the game from Bozeman a game with Helena will be demanded.

Much interest centers in these coming gridiron struggles and the local followers of the football game are anticipating some good struggles.

VAN HOLT CASE DISMISSED

Peter Was Charged With Assault in the First Degree.

The case of Peter Van Holt, charged with assault in the first degree, was dismissed by Judge O'Connor of Walkerville today by consent of the complaining witness, Thomas O'Neill, and County Attorney Breen.

Van Holt is the man who it is alleged attacked O'Neill in a Centerville saloon some weeks ago, beating him badly about the head and shoulders with a club.

Judge O'Connor today issued an order for the release of the prisoner, who has since been confined in the county jail since the complaint was first issued.

PREPARE FOR BICYCLE MEET

American and European Riders Will Compete at Madison Square Garden.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

New York, Nov. 11.—Preparations are well under way for the six day bicycle race which will begin in Madison Square garden on December 8.

A strong list of European riders have been signed to compete with the American stars.

FRANK DUNN WILL TAKE ON GILBERT

MEN SIGNED TO FIGHT 20 ROUNDS IN THE FAMILY THEATER ON TWENTIETH OF MONTH.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Frank Dunn and E. D. Gilbert were matched last night for a 20-round boxing match to be held November 20 at the Family theater. Both men signed articles and deposited \$50 each as a guarantee of their appearance.

The making of the match between Dunn and Gilbert is certain to insure one of the best goes in the middleweight division ever seen in the state. Both men are strong, husky boxers capable of standing the grueling pace and they are signed to give satisfaction.

Everybody knows Frank Dunn in Butte and knows what he can do in the way of husky scrapping. The man who gains a decision over him will certainly know he has been in a bout and with a live one, too.

Gilbert is a new comer in Butte and came here principally to get on a match with Dunn, who has a good eastern reputation, having been champion of Vermont before coming to Montana.

From Massachusetts to G.

Gilbert is from Lowell, Mass., where he had his last match with Henry Brown June 20 last. From Lowell Gilbert went to San Francisco, but was unable to do business with the pugilistic syndicates there, who didn't appear to want a clean fighter half so much as they did a man who would pay well for the privilege of getting into the ring. After several ineffectual attempts to get on, Gilbert came to Butte with the assurance that he need not wait long for a match.

In appearance Gilbert looks good in the coming bout. He seems to be larger and stronger than Dunn, but as is well known the local man has never stepped back for size or weight when it comes to delivering the goods.

At 160 Pound Limit.

The articles signed last night call for the men to weigh not more than 160 pounds ringside. Each man at first wanted to put up a side bet of \$250 or \$500, but after it had been arranged for Manager Sutton to give the bout in connection with an athletic entertainment at the Family it was decided that it would turn a good boxing exhibition into a regular prize fight to contest for a purse of money. For that reason the purse talk was dropped and the men will be paid a winner and loser's end based on the referee's decision, and which will amount to considerably more than any of the side bets offered.

The prices for the match will be fixed at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00, and there is every indication that the opera house will be packed from entrance to orchestra rail the night of the mill.

ROOT AND HART IN FAST SIX-ROUNDER

CHICAGO MAN GIVEN THE DECISION OVER LOUISVILLE FIGHTER—BOTH BADLY PUNISHED.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Jack Root was given the decision over Marvin Hart last night after six rounds of the hardest kind of fighting. The bout took place before the Lyceum Athletic club and was largely attended by members and invited guests of that organization.

The battle was a fast one from the start with the advantages in favor of Root although the Chicago man did not escape without punishment. In the second round Root had Hart going and but for the gong would have scored a knockout over the Louisville fighter then and there.

Hart seemed to improve a little as the battle progressed and did his best work in the last round, but Root had secured such a good lead in the preceding five that it was impossible for the Louisville boy to gather himself together in time to win the bout. Both contestants showed the drubbing they had received and each was bleeding profusely at the end. Hart was pretty much exhausted and had to be assisted to his corner.

Both men did some clever work and Root showed up in better form than was generally expected of him.

LORD DERBY AFTER THE HONORS OF CRESCUS

Ed Geers, the Veteran Driver, Thinks Lord Derby the Coming Two-Minute Trotter—Basis for Opinion.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 11.—While attending the Trotting Horse Breeders' association meeting here, the veteran driver, Ed Geers, gave it as his opinion that Lord Derby was the coming two-minute trotter, at least in 1904 if not next year. He reasons that any horse capable of going the last quarter of a mile in 30 seconds is bound to have a chance to see the day when he can put every quarter at the same notch.

Then the two-minute mark is at last reached. Geers says that the fact that Lord Derby goes the last quarter the fastest indicates that the great horse's powers are not fully developed and believes that he has only to reach mature age to be as fast away from the post as he is at the finish, and when that day comes he will have the long-sought-for two-minute trotter, and that without the aid of Cresceus' 2:02 3/4.

"I have driven many fast trotters and pacers," said Geers, "and whenever I come across a horse that goes his last quarter faster than the others I mark him down as an ultimately unbeatable crack. That is the reason I like Lord Derby best of all the prospective two-minute material on the turf today, and I look for him to be the champion trotter before his career on the turf ends."

FITZ WANTS TO FIGHT IN BUTTE

Arrangements Will Be Made For Real Contest Between Local Man and Lanky Cornishman—Willie B. Goode's Gossip

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Bob Fitzsimmons wants to come to Butte for a real contest. I received a letter to that effect from Clark Ball, Fitz's manager, written from Los Angeles, Cal.

According to his manager, Fitzsimmons will close his present engagement November 22, and will stop twice on his way from Frisco to New York in case the proposed deal between him and Jeffries does not go through.

Because of the royal reception given to Fitz in Butte by his thousands of friends here, the former champion wants to pull off one of the contests in this city.

Ball writes me that he will sign articles for a contest which will be pulled off without any show other than one or two preliminaries, and will meet any man who can be secured in time to go against him at the Broadway theater. King was mentioned in the letter, but the big miner's defeat puts him out of the question.

Just at present I am unable to say who will be the lucky man to take the losing end of the big bunch which will roll into Butte from all over the state, but the lines are already out for one or two big fellows who will be able to stay a few rounds.

There is some talk of getting a man from Denver, and whether this can be done or not will depend on the developments of the next few days.

Should a date be secured for Fitz here in Butte it will be for a glove contest and not a performance. The fact that King refused to go on with Fitz at the Broadway and that the carrying on of the performance with a sparring burlesque disappointed many people, we would be glad of the opportunity of seeing the ex-champion in a real knockout such as he agrees to give in case matters can be arranged.

If an arrangement is made it will be with the distinct understanding that the man who goes against him will have to take real medicine and care will be used in selecting one who is able to stand the punishment sure to come from the strenuous pugilist.

I understand also from Manager Ball's letter that negotiations have been reopened between Fitz and Jeffries. These are not for another fight immediately, but for a partnership in a new play to be put on in which both of the big men will appear as actors and boxers. Such a combination would surely be a winner and it is more than likely that the deal will be closed some time this week in San Francisco.

Jeffries has been off on a hunting trip and could not be reached until the other day. Fitz's manager is now awaiting an answer from the champion before making any arrangements for the remainder of the season. It is in the event that the deal falls through that Fitz has agreed to stop at two places on his way East and fight any men who can be brought before him.

Frank Dunn and Ed Gilbert were matched last night for a 20-round go. There's a pair of boxers that do business in a business way and I'll bet a few they'll box in the right way, too.

The difference between the making of the match last night and the struggle Dunn and others have had to shut off talking matches with signed articles is great.

BOUT IS DECLARED A DRAW

Harry Forbes and Abe Attell Go Six Rounds With Honors About Even.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Chicago, Nov. 11.—For six rounds Harry Forbes, the bantamweight champion, and Abe Attell, the featherweight of California, fought last night before the American Athletic club, with honors about even. The bout was a pretty exhibition of sparring and could scarcely be called a fight, for neither contestant showed the least signs of having been in a fistic battle.

The bout was declared a draw.

ATHLETICS IN DAWSON

The Dawson Amateur Athletic association of Dawson, Yukon Territory, has a handsome new building now in process of construction, a two-story frame structure, which will be devoted wholly to amateur athletics. The entrance is in the center of the building and at the right is the reception room, 60x40 feet. There will be a general reading and writing room in connection with the reception room, while on the left of the entrance are the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms with lavatories.

In the rear on the ground floor are the skating and curling rinks. A stairway leads to a gallery which extends entirely round the skating rink. On the next floor is a gymnasium, covering almost the whole floor, with dressing rooms for the hockey league. On this floor are bath-rooms, tub, shower and Turkish. The secretary's room will be on this floor.

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Gilbert dropped into town last week. He came over to this office and said he was here to do business and would like to meet Frank Dunn or some others. He left a photo of himself and went away.

Dunn met Gilbert on the street yesterday afternoon and asked him if he was the man who wanted a go. Gilbert said yes and Frank passed on with a remark that he would meet him at 7 o'clock in the evening. The pair met strictly on time.

There was no joint debate or disputes. Each sized up the other fellow and in five minutes had agreed on terms. The longest speech made was over a place for Gilbert to train in.

The next longest speech was when one of them proposed to the other that accidental blows in clinches should be overlooked when not effective. Each explained to the other that a man ought to take care of himself and then the articles for a boxing contest were signed and Gilbert went off to find training quarters.

"I'll make a guess that those lads will put up the most business like and prettiest mill that has been seen here this year."

It looks now as if all prospects for another match between Murphy and Dunn were passed, for a time at least. Dunn says that he will take up the Murphy matter again after his bout with Gilbert. There's no two men in the city that I know of that could draw a bigger house just at present than Murphy and Dunn.

Charlie McIntyre, third baseman for the Marys, returned from Pipestone Springs yesterday evening. "Mac" has had a tough siege of it with that attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but has so far recovered as to be able to get about. He looks like a candidate for a consumptive course owing to the amount of flesh he lost, but is fairly on the road to health again.

Dicky Knox and Burt Schills, who were nursing McIntyre, returned with him and all three will remain here for a few days.

Mose Lafontise and Jerry McCarthy will be matched again just as soon as it is known when a date for pulling off the bout can be secured. Just at present the boys are talking weight, but that won't interfere with the match when the two do get together again. Lafontise said today that he would make 140 pounds if necessary to bring about an agreement.

As soon as this match is finished a match will be arranged between the winner, either McCarthy or Lafontise, and "Philadelphie" Tommy Ryan. The latter is in Chicago and will be out here within the next few weeks to take on the winner.

Lafontise told me today that he would take on Ryan in case he wins the McCarthy match and I have no doubt Jerry would be ready to do the same in the event of his winning, as a bout with either of the local men and Ryan would make a good drawing card.

SMITH SHOWS BEST FORM

In Point of Scientific Boxing He Puts It Over Austin Rice.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—Sammy Smith, the well-known boxer of this city and Austin Rice met in the ring last night before the Washington Sporting club. The bout was a six-round affair, the local man showing slightly to the better advantage.

Rev. Felix M. Lepore, pastor of the Mount Carmel Italian Catholic church of Denver, Colo., has been informed by the committee in charge of the \$250,000 prize for airship competition offered by Metz of London that his machine is one of the three so far accepted for the race out of hundreds of applicants.

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