

SPORTING NEWS THAT COMES UP TODAY, OF BUTTE AS WELL AS OF AMERICA

MAY OPEN UP GAME IN DENVER

Otto Floto Writes That There Is a Chance to Pull Off a Go or Two Down in the Colorado Metropolis--Jeff and Fitz Are Due Here Saturday--Present Status of the Baseball Fight.

Good news comes from Denver in a letter from Otto C. Floto, sporting editor of the Denver Post and manager of Buddy King, the welterweight negro prizefighter.

According to Floto the fighting game will open up again in the Colorado capital after the holidays, and then some of the best men in the land will be brought there to "go." Time was when Denver was the mecca of all pug and some right good scraps have been pulled off there in the



W. H. LUCAS.

Colorado Athletic club. But then some fighters with shady reputations were put on and finally the game was killed by fake fights.

It is to be sincerely hoped that when boxing starts again down there the management of the fight clubs will see to it that nothing but square sport is given the public. The writer has seen 2,500 spectators at a fight in Denver between "Young Corbett" and "Kid" Broad, and on that particular occasion they didn't go away disgruntled, for the little men made the fur fly.

It may be that the Colorado Athletic club of Denver will make a bid for the Corbett-McGovern fight, and it's a certainty that the featherweight champion would prefer to fight at home.

Jeff and Fitz, the two biggest and best

bruisers in the business, will come to Butte Saturday to spar at Sutton's Broadway theater. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer had a roast for the big fellows when they appeared in that town, but other papers speak well of the performance.

There's one thing that's certain, however, and that is the people want to see a fight when they dig up their hard-earned coin for a seat near the ringside. This thing of a champion "tapping for points" might do for a feminine audience, but not for an old-time sporting crowd.

When Jeffries had finished trimming Rubin in a disgraceful four-round affair in Frisco, and Corbett had put McGovern to sleep in two rounds of hard thumping, the big champion and the little champion met at the Colorado Athletic club and sparred for two or three rounds. It was a tame affair and was met with groans and hisses.

Any audience would rather see two second-raters go after each other for blood than to see two so-called champions, out of condition, "tap for points."

The fight situation is just a little comical in Butte at present. Two clubs are after the sparring match between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, and no matter which one gets the performance, it will take place at "Uncle" Dick Sutton's big theater.

The rivalry is between the Broadway Athletic club, which was incorporated some time ago, and the Silver Bow Athletic club, which was incorporated yesterday. The Broadway crowd seems confident of being the successful one, but the Silver Bows are sawing wood.

As far as the public is concerned it really doesn't make any difference which club gets the big fellows, for they'll dance and hop about the ring just the same, whether they appear under the auspices of the Broadway Athletics or the Silver Bows.

There is nothing new in the baseball situation. There is a quiet fight going on out on the coast and ere long we will know which side is getting in the hardest hits. That outlaw aggregation from California was probably bluffing, but then it Lucas were to leave an opening for Harris and Marshall, they would try to get in a knockout punch.

Nobody believes that Harris intends to fight Lucas to a finish. He isn't built that way. Harris would like nothing better than to knife the Pacific Northwest league, but his blood curdles when he's brought out in the open for a stand-up and knock-down fight.

Lucas is making many friends by his manly fight with the pirates. He was in Tacoma the other night and gave out the following interview to an afternoon paper there:

"I talked with scores and scores of fans there today and every one of them assured me that they would remain loyal to our

ELLIOTT IS ROLLING UP SOME BIG SCORES

The Billings bowlers, who recently met defeat at the hands of Butte at the Thornton alleys, have returned to their home



J. B. ELLIOTT OF BILLINGS.

town and are practicing hard for the return match which will be played down there.

If reports be true the Billings men will have a few cards up their sleeves when

league. They will not be dictated to by California. They know we gave them the real article in baseball last year and they will stand by us. They don't relish being made a tool of by certain Portland men who want to disrupt this league simply because if these particular Portland people cannot have their own way and win all the time they will quit the game.

"We will have a team in Portland and a good team, too. It is reported that the old Portland club-owners will maintain a cheap team in the Pacific Northwest league simply to protect their franchise and forfeit money. They will do nothing of the kind. Portland will have as good a team as there is in the league. Ample backing is already pledged, more than is necessary to put in a team and acquire grounds. Portland people will be given a chance to back their own team, at that, but they will have a fast and good team.

"Marshall of Portland has shown his hand, and I am glad of it--glad it came at this time, for it has found us right ready to fight. We will carry the war right to him, and right to Harris, if it is fight Harris is looking for. We can pay as good salaries in this league as can the outlaw organization, if necessary. We will give our people good, clean baseball all the time and the best there is in the market, and our people will stay by us. I am satisfied that public sentiment in Seattle is very strongly in our favor."

Otto Floto, the manager of Buddy King, wants to match his man with Mose LaFontaine. Floto has written to the sporting editor of the Inter Mountain asking if this match would draw well in Butte.

It's always hard to tell what will draw in the prizefight line, but Mose and Buddy certainly should prove an attraction. Mose has many backers here who will stake their coin on his chances against the colored dope-dealer, and Buddy himself would come up from Denver with a thousand or so to bet. Let's see this match made.

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"RUSSIAN BOY" IS SAID TO BE YANK

THEY THINK FAMOUS HORSE MASQUERADING IN CZAR'S DOMAINS WAS KNOWN OVER HERE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. New York, Dec. 16.—A. M. Kirby, a buyer of Windsor, Canada, and J. J. Cameron, a trainer, sailed on the steamer Deutschland on their way to Russia, where they will be expected to identify a trotting horse which the authorities suspect has been raced as "Russian Boy," but it is charged that he is really William C. K., an animal formerly owned by Mr. Kirby and sold at one of the Madison Square Garden sales in 1899 to a party of foreigners who said they intended to race in Australia.

William C. K. was an iron gray horse standing nearly 16 hands, and resembling in many points Russian bred trotters. He is by Pilot Medium-Cora Russell and was bred in Michigan and in Mr. Kirby's hands made a mark of 2:12. The Russian government has sent for Mr. Kirby and his trainer, paying all their expenses to Russia and back for completing or disproving the identity of the horse.

As Russian Boy the horse has won a number of stakes of importance, including the czar's prize of \$25,000 for Russian bred horses.

YANGER DEFEATS ONE BOYLE Benny Is Too Fast for Crooky and Does Things to Him.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Benny Yanger of Chicago defeated Crooky Boyle of Philadelphia in a six-round bout here last night.

our men go there to bowl. Only last night in a practice game at Billings, J. B. Elliott rolled up a high score. In fact it is said

Elliott's work is improving every day and his average is climbing above the averages of the other Billings men who form the team. Elliott is sure to be heard from in the next series.

PRINCELY SUM HE CAN MAKE AT 17

JOCKEY REDFERN HAS JUMPED FROM A SALARY OF \$50 A MONTH TO \$20,000 A YEAR.

There is an interesting story in Jockey Redfern's jump from a salary of \$50 a month to a salary of \$20,000 a year. The young boy first intimated that he had a liking to ride the fast thoroughbreds at the age of 14 years. It was during a meeting at one of the California courses that he went to a stable of one of the horsemen there and accepted mounts as an exercise boy. A year passed by, with Arthur galloping the fast runners around the course. In his exercising of the horses it was seen that the boy seemed to have a good judge of pace, and winter before last "Doc" H. E. Rowell, who was racing a string of horses at the coast at that time, secured the services of Redfern to accept mounts at \$50 a month.

Redfern rode horses for Rowell in many races, but little was thought of the rider at that time. Rowell, in addition to having the services of Redfern, had another boy under contract, and to the latter the best mounts were given. During Redfern's riding on the coast his work was watched by James Hanby, otherwise known as "Busy Jimmy." Hanby learned that the boy was getting only a nominal salary for the riding he was doing, and, taking an interest in the young rider, sought the boy's father to get his release from Rowell. He told the parent that Arthur could make more money riding as a free lance. Rowell did not care to let the boy go, but after much difficulty the rider was released.

After Redfern's release his father took him to ride on the Canadian circuit. In his mounts at that time he displayed fine jockeyship, and during his riding there a contract was signed for him to ride for James E. Pepper for two years at a salary of \$18,000. When the contract was signed by Pepper for the rider's services horsemen who saw the young boy in races stated that Pepper had bought a "gold brick." However, as Redfern continued to ride he improved rapidly, with the result that he is now one of the best jockeys on the turf.

Redfern is but 17 years old and can tip the scales at 90 pounds. The English jockey, Teddy Martin, is the only other rider to earn a princely sum at such an early age.

Meet me at the Pfister.

TOMMY RYAN HAS MOVED TO CHICAGO

SELLS HIS KANSAS CITY SALOON AND GOES OFF TO THE WINDY CITY TO STAY THERE.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Kansas City, Dec. 16.—Tommy Ryan has sold his Kansas City saloon and will in the future make Chicago his home again. It was in Chicago where Tommy first attracted attention, when in the early days, under the shrewd management of Lou Houseman, he fought his way to the top with many finish fights "just over the line in Indiana."

Now that the fight between Root and Ryan has fallen through it is probable that a bout between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy will be arranged. A contest of this kind would attract much interest and a great crowd. Tommy looks like the goods if they ever decide to meet.

Paxson's Indian heads and Burton's Chinese water colors, make exquisite Xmas gifts. See them at Calkins'.

EVEN MONEY IS TO BE HAD ON ROWAN

PLENTY OF BETTING ON THE CONTEST TO COME OFF THURSDAY IN THE BROADWAY.

"I'll bet \$100 that "Dummy" Rowan beats Frank Dunn Thursday night," said a well-known sport this morning to another boxing enthusiast.

"I'll take it," said the other; "but what odds will you give?" "It must be even money." "Agreed."

And then the money was put into the hands of a stakeholder and the two sports fell to talking of the respective merits of the fighters.

Dunn's admirer argued that he should win, as he had twice defeated like Hayes, and back in New England several years ago had won the middleweight championship of the New England states.

"And then, too, Dunn is tough as a mule and has a good punch," said the Dunn man.

"But what's the matter with the "Dummy"?" asked the other man. "He's fought some of the best battles ever seen around this neck of the woods, and at one time was the champion light-heavyweight of Utah. For ten rounds he made Mexican Peter Everett look like 30 cents, and you know the Mexican licked Sharkey. So there you are. The "Dummy" has a good record, and when he goes in to fight he generally delivers the goods. I'll bet another \$100 that he stops Dunn."

The Dunn backer was not inclined to back out, and another century was placed with the stakeholder.

There is considerable betting on the result of this fight, which will be pulled off next Thursday night at Sutton's Broadway. Both Dunn and Rowan have been training hard and the scrap will doubtless draw a large crowd.

Meet me at the Pfister.

M'KEEVER AND JACK O'BRIEN

Charlie Seems to Have Been Doing the Fighting in This Bout.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Charlie McKeever and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien sparred six rounds at the Penn Athletic club last night. O'Brien appeared to be in better condition at the finish. McKeever was the aggressor, however.

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PRIZE FIGHT ENDS IN GENERAL SCRAP

GIBBS-WILLIAMS CONTEST IN SEATTLE RESEMBLES A RIOT BEFORE THE GONG IS SOUNDED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—The fight last night between Young Gibbs of Cleveland and Kid Williams of Denver ended in an uproar, with the ring filled with policemen, and Gibbs and the referee engaged in a fist fight. It was declared no contest.

For six rounds Williams had the best of the fighting. He knocked Gibbs down three times in the third round. In a fierce mix-up in the seventh Gibbs landed on the jaw and Williams started to fall. The referee would not get out of the way, so Gibbs hit him.

The referee responded with bare knuckles, and then the police entered the ring.

NEW CALIFORNIA JOCKEY CLUB HOT

THEY WILL OUTLAW ALL SMALL RACING ASSOCIATIONS WHO ARE NOT WELL LICENSED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The new California jockey club yesterday issued an announcement claiming jurisdiction over all running racing in the state with the exception of those races run at county and state fairs.

It announces that other tracks must secure licenses or be outlawed.

The action is taken, the jockey club officials say, to prevent races for small purses and syndicate betting.

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We would like to ask, through the columns of your paper, if there is any person who has used Green's August Flower for the cure of Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Liver Troubles that has not been cured--and we also mean their results, such as sour stomach, fermentation of food, habitual costiveness, nervous dyspepsia, headaches, despondent feelings, sleeplessness--in fact, any trouble connected with the stomach or liver? This medicine has been sold for many years in all civilized countries, and we wish to correspond with you and send you one of our books free of cost. We have never known of its failing. If so, something more serious is the matter with you. Regular size, 75 cents. At all druggists. G. G. Green, Woodbury, N. J.

For sale by the Newbro Drug company and the J. T. Finlen Drug company.

Elegant leather goods make substantial Xmas presents, at Calkins'.

Expect Another Outburst.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 16.—Premonitory symptoms of another volcanic eruption have been experienced here.

Advertisement for Hennessy's Navel Oranges, featuring a list of products like King William Scotch Whisky, Coate's Plymouth Gin, and various food items. Includes the Hennessy logo and the text 'At Hennessy's'.

Advertisement for a beer, titled 'Makes Her Look Young and Fresh'. It describes the benefits of the beer for women who are overworked and in poor health, mentioning 'Centennial' brand.

Large advertisement for Parker 'LUCKY CURVE' Fountain Pen. It features an image of the pen and text describing its quality and availability at Christie & Leys, Druggists, 12 North Main Street, Butte, Montana.