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MARATHON CRAZE HAS INVADED ALL UNITED STATES

From Coast to Coast the Long Distance Runners, Both Professional and Amateur, Are Keeping Busy.

R. Edgren's COLUMN



IT'S funny how hard the Marathon bug has bitten everybody in these United States. The old grip germ isn't a "bug" of the same kind that came over from Greece a few months ago.

They had a "Marathon" in Chicago a day or two ago, ostensibly under A. A. U. patronage. Would-be entrants were notified that it would be necessary to "register," and in the next paragraph were told that the first prize would be a \$100 diamond studded watch.

JEFFRIES, the great Jeffries, is again before the footlights, pending to pulp his reliance of sporting partners. In San Francisco Jeff is again relaxed the vigilance of his denials as to state that in case he "does fight Jack Johnson" he will be in shape to win.

Conversely, we understand, if Jeff does find himself developing the old wallop and the old shiftness of fist and foot he WILL take the black man on.

California to-day political questions are forgotten. The State is split into two parties, however. One says Jeffries will never fight again. The other declares vehemently that he will fight, and that when he does he'll make Johnson jump into the ocean.

I believe that if Jeffries can get into shape he'll fight anybody. The first prize I have in it is pretty good California authority that Jeff's business ventures of late have not been of the "big order," and that he could not afford to room for about \$100 in his case.

Moreover, that Jeff himself is very doubtful about anything, and that he is the best fighting form. In spite of his cut of hair Jeff has not kept in the first sort of shape. He has a number of things more or less all the time, which is evidenced by his fatness, which is alarming. It is all nonsense to say that Jeffries was as fat when he case East years ago to fight Armstrong, as he is now.

I know Jeff well (as well as all the boys) and I have a number of a comparative living skeleton. He could make his ribs show with a few days of hard work. He was very young of those ribs, and never in the least deeply buried in adipose tissue. His weight wasn't within forty pounds of his weight today.

When Jeff began training for his ring battle with Corbett in San Francisco four or five years ago he weighed 225 pounds in his clothes. He was pretty fat then, but his muscles underneath had not softened through a long lay-off as they have now. He was a giant in strength, still he needs months of hard work to build up his old endurance. He is far from being sure of his endurance. He is far from being a short interval of boxing, but a fight with Johnson should develop into a Marathon. Jeff would need wind and tireless muscles to enable him to catch the tall and shifty negro. Jeff knows that. He knows that he can

Jimmy Lee Wins Evening World's Marathon Prize

One of the greatest athletic surprises of the year occurred Saturday night at the games of the Brooklyn Post Office. When James Lee defeated both George Bonahar and Harvey Colton in the Evening World's ten-mile Marathon race.

THE MARATHON BUG.



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IN SOME CASES INCUBATION IS BENEFICIAL

Love of Betting Caused the Downfall of "Cap" Anson

WE can all remember when Anson was earning more than \$300 a year. When he quit baseball he owned and operated a big pool and billiard room in Chicago. That was the way of his salary. Later he was elected as City Clerk of Chicago, but later on he lost confidence in his own ability to discharge the duties of his office.

BAT NELSON OUTDOES ROOSEVELT; WAS ONCE PAID AT \$2 A WORD RATE

Called On for Speech, Could Only Say "Gent"—but He Got One Whole Big Dollar for It

BY BATTING NELSON

WHILE I am a great admirer of President Roosevelt, I think he is laying claim to a record that I held eight years ago. I notice from the papers that he is to receive \$1 a word for shooting lions, and some of the magazines say that that is the record price. But it isn't. Right after my fight with Mickey Riley in Milwaukee, in 1901, I made a speech for which I was paid at the rate of \$2 a word.

I moved up the State a bit here, and the evening of May 18 I found myself ready for action at Omro, Wis. Henry Pallas was my opponent. He was a hefty sort of a scrapper, and we went one of the warmest old six-round battles seen there in many a day. It was one of those "no decision" affairs, and both were dissatisfied with the affair.

The referee of this fight was very unsatisfactory to both of us, and there was so much talk among the fans that it was decided to match us again. I was paid \$1.50 a pair of hooks and the prettiest green neckties you ever saw in your life. I am not Irish, but I certainly do love the green.

You can imagine how tickled I was over this enormous amount of money, as a little while before that I had been robbed out of \$250, which I needed badly. In my first fight with Joe Percelle, the Italian, I was to have received \$17.50 win, lose or draw. I won the fight on a foul, but instead of giving me \$17.50 he gave me \$15. "If you had lost," the manager said to me when I kicked, "a would have given you \$10." I didn't understand how men could be dishonest up to that time, and I was a pretty bitter lesson. "Being about fouls, though, that fellow Percelle fouled me and knocked me down.

Murphy and Cross to Box in Aid of Sufferers

ARRANGEMENTS for the monster vaudeville and athletic benefit to be given at Bulzer's Harlem River Park Casino to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the United Italian Societies, in aid of the Italian earthquake sufferers, are practically completed.

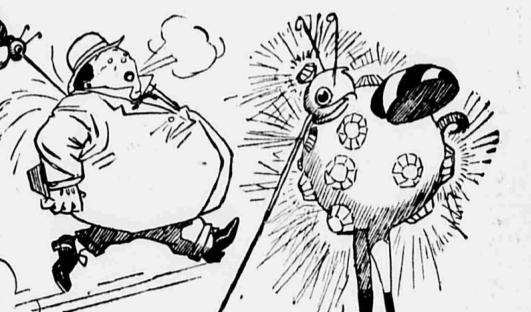
Stallings After Catcher

George Stallings is hot after the services of Fred McMullin, who was out of Detroit last fall. The dealmaker manager thinks Stallings is about the easiest backstop that is breaking into the class company this season.

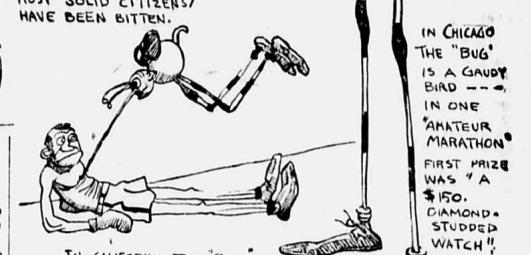
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Tom Longboat and Alfred Shrubb will make talk from the ring. John J. Hayes, who is said by Ernie Hjertberg to be the greatest of all Marathon

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Willie Lewis Knocks Out Curzon in Paris

Local Middleweight Disposes of English Opponent Easily in Four Rounds. BY JOHN POLLOCK. WILLIE LEWIS, the middleweight fighter of this city, who is signed up for ten fights in Paris, engaged in the first of these battles at the Bowling Palace A. C. on Saturday night. He had for his opponent, Bill Curzon, the English middleweight, who has been doing considerable fighting in London and Paris. Lewis knocked out Curzon in the fourth round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout. The fight, although short, was a vicious one, as Curzon called in Lewis from the first tap of the gong and Lewis had to move quickly in order to get

Local Basketball Race Narrows Down to Two Teams

Stuyvesant and Commerce High Will Fight for Championship Honors.

AS it was expected early in the season, the high school basketball tournament has narrowed down to a two-team race, with Stuyvesant and Commerce fighting it out for first honors. The race will be over on Jan. 30, and that the finish will be a close one is plainly evident from the games yet to be played. The two leaders look up with each other next Saturday night, and on Jan. 29 Commerce meets Clinton, while Stuyvesant tackles the dangerous five of Eastern District High School.

Harvard Looks Best of College Hockey Teams

ALTHOUGH only four games of the Intercollegiate Hockey League series have been played, the championship is practically decided, and it is generally conceded by followers of the sport that the honors for 1909 will go to the Harvard seven. Harvard and Princeton were known to be the classic teams in the league, and the 3 to 2 defeat which the Johns Hopkins administered to the boys from Jersey on Saturday night put a dent in any championship aspirations Princeton had.

Money Rolled Thru Cracks

There was no purse to fight for, but the generous sports began snoring us with coin. We immediately decided to divide evenly all that was picked up. There were some tall pickings, too. The cracks in the floor were very large and a lot of the money rolled through. Not to be done out of anything, we got a hammer and a screwdriver and pried up the floor planks. When we had gotten all the coin together we each had \$126. That was enough to make up for the hardships we had suffered, and having learned something about it, I doctored my right leg to town and planked down \$12.50 like a real sport and told the clerk to give me the best he had.

Next chapter of BATTING NELSON'S story will appear in THE EVENING WORLD on Wednesday.

MUSICAL. NEEDLESS'N HALL. The Mademoiselle. 7:30 to 11:30. KNEISEL QUARTET. Seats \$1.50 at Box Office and 1 W. 34th. METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. To-night at 8. Le Nozze di Figaro. WHELAN PIANO USED.

AMUSEMENTS. EMPIRE. 44th St. & 5th Ave. MAUDE ADAMS in "WAVE OF LOVE." CRITERION. 47th St. & Broadway. WM. GILLETTE in "SAMSON." HUDSON. 14th St. & Broadway. ETHEL BARRYMORE. LADY. GARRICK. 47th St. & Broadway. WM. COLLIER in "PATRIOT." KROKROBOKER. Broadway. FRITZ SCHEFF. 14th St. & Broadway. SAVOY. 14th St. & Broadway. WILTON LACKAYE in "THE LITTLE NEMO." LYCEUM. 14th St. & Broadway. BILLIE BURKE in "LOVE WATCHES."

AMUSEMENTS. HAMMERSTEIN'S. 42d St. & Broadway. THE BIG MIDWINTER ATTRACTION. DIRECTED BY HUBERT MUSEUM. RAJAH CLEOPATRA. DANCE. LILY LENA, CHARLOTTE PARRY and CO. MATHEWS, ASHLEY, LITTLE, GILBERT, RYAN & WALKER. VELLO's CIGARS, Cooper & Robinson, Neuma & Arnold, Lewis, McKee, others.

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AMUSEMENTS. CIRCLE. 42d St. & Broadway. THE QUEEN OF THE MOULIN ROUGE. JOE WEBER'S. 42d St. & Broadway. JOE WEBER'S. 42d St. & Broadway. ASTOR. 42d St. & Broadway. BIJOU. 42d St. & Broadway.

AMUSEMENTS. BROOKLYN AMUSEMENTS. EMPIRE. 42d St. & Broadway. DAYTON'S. 42d St. & Broadway. The Steady Hand.

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