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R. Edgren's COLUMN

Willard May Surprise Fans by Meeting Either Coffey or Reich Here Before Labor Day.

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BOXING got the biggest boost it ever received when Jess Willard... an affectionately disposed of Jack Johnson at Havana one week ago to-day.

That boxing is in for a new reign of prosperity was evidenced by the great crowd that turned out to see the battle between Jim Coffey and Carl Morris at the St. Nicholas rink last week.

The rink was too small to accommodate all those who wanted to get in to see the act. There were just about as many turned away, unable to buy seats, as got inside the arena.

Ever since the Reno fight, five years ago, interest in the heavy weights has been flagging. The public had practically given up hope that anybody would be able to take the crown away from Johnson.

NO sooner is there a new champion than the fans begin considering the man with a possible chance of beating him. The two strongest candidates for the title are Jim Coffey and Al Reich.

Billy Gibson, manager of Coffey, declares that he is willing to guarantee Willard \$25,000 to fight Coffey a ten-round bout here, while Maxey Blumenthal, manager of Reich, has a similar sum that he is willing to guarantee for a match.

As Coffey and Reich are scheduled to meet next month in the Garden, it would not be surprising to see the winner of this match in the ring against Willard before Labor Day.

MANAGERS of local boxing clubs are protesting the Malone bill, which seems likely to pass the Senate, as it did the Assembly, and be signed by Gov. Whitman this week.

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WILLARD MAY

WILLARD'S RING BATTLES and His RISE TO CHAMPIONSHIP

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Beginning Wednesday The Evening World will print a series of articles dealing with the life and ring battles of Jess Willard and his rise from obscurity to the heavyweight championship.

been approximately \$7,000 a year. Can any other department in this State show such an average? The increase to 7 1/2 per cent. tax will close down clubs and lessen the number of exhibitions.

THE present Commissioners have served the State about four years, since July, 1911, without any pay or loss to the State, and have still one year to serve of the original five-year appointment.

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SPORTS OF MANY SORTS

Entry blanks for the second annual Princeton open handicap track meet on May 1 were issued yesterday. The University of Pennsylvania, Bronx Church House and Penn State College have already notified the management that they will enter teams.

Good News by Gamblers.

Contesting through a heavy rain-storm, the members of the Long Island and Gun and Rifle Club made the following scores at Major Healey's Benhur shooting grounds yesterday.

Results of Yesterday's Games.

Table with columns for Club, W, L, PC, Club, W, L, PC. Rows include Long Island, Gun and Rifle, and Benhur shooting grounds.



WILLARD MAY

Yanks' and Dodgers' Success Depends Upon Showing of Four New Players

(WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY ROBERT EDGREN.)

Wild Bill Donovan Praises Third Baseman Schulz and Pitcher Appleton of Dodgers, While Wilbert Robinson Returns Compliment by Boosting Outfielder High and First Baseman Pipp of Yanks.

Mayer Makes Professional Debut To-Day

By Bozeman Bulger.

George Moore, the winner of the recent three cushion billiard championship in Chicago, will referee the opening game in the series to be played this week at Doyle's Forty-second Street Academy between Joseph Mayer of Philadelphia and Albert Cutler of this city.

Edward W. Gardner, last year's amateur national billiard champion, who defeated this year's champion, Joseph Mayer, in his last game as an amateur on Thursday at the Arlon Billiard Club, will play an exhibition match game, 30 points, 18 1/2 ball-line billiards, to-night, at 8:30 P. M., at Thum's Billiard Academy, Thirty-first Street and Broadway, with Ferdinand Poggenburg, the winner of the amateur international championship in 1913.

OUTDOOR ATHLETICS WILL BEGIN AT CELTIC PARK.

The Monument Club will open the outdoor season at Celtic Park, Long Island City, on Sunday afternoon, May 2, with a monster amateur carnival, embracing one of the most attractive programmes ever offered at the park.

High Coming into His Own.

In the excitement over Pipp in the South, High appears to have been overlooked, but he is now coming into his own. In the games against Brooklyn he not only hit well but played the outfield beautifully.



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Johnny Marto Scores Knockout

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Deersaph's Team Leading.

The Atlantic Bowling Club of Brooklyn, captained by Val Deersaph, took the lead Saturday night in the championship tournament of the National Bowling Association at Grand Central Palace Alley.

FISTIC NEWS AND GOSSIP

By John Pollock

While there have been numerous reports circulated that Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," and Al Reich, the promising young heavyweight, would never meet in a battle, Billy Gibson, manager of Coffey, today said that he is almost sure that the two fighters will have it out in the near future.

Tommy Walsh is still going right along arranging bouts for his fast lightweight, Joe Mandol of New Orleans. Besides having him booked up to meet Freddie Wicks next month at Memphis, Tenn., the middle of next month, he has also signed articles calling for Mandol to fight Johnny Griffiths of Akron, O., in the same city on the night of May 5.

Gunboat Smith, who has a twenty-round decision over Jess Willard, the recent world's heavyweight champion, will exchange blows with Charley Weinstock, the likely young heavyweight of Newark, N. J., in a ten-round go at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn tomorrow night. Weinstock has been making a good showing against the other big fellows, and Smith will have to go at his best in order to best him.

Tom McManis of Pittsburgh and Battling Leinsky, who now claim this city as his home, are to have it out in a rubber contest this evening at the Polo Grounds. The distance of the encounter will be ten rounds. Leinsky outpointed McManis at the New Star Casino here several months ago.

Johnny Wilson, one of the hardest hitting and gamest middleweights in the country, has just been matched to meet Frankie Notter at the Federal A. C. on Saturday night. Wilson has been going along the past few months, sloping his opponents in practically every fight, and he is in the hope of soon earning a chance at the stars.

It looks as if Jimmy Duffy, the crack up-state fighter, is no longer a lightweight, but a legitimate welterweight. Duffy's failure to make 130 pounds for his recent bout with Charles White at the Queensberry A. C. of Buffalo, tipping the scales at 140 pounds, is evidence enough that he cannot make the lightweight limit any more.

Because of an attack of malaria, Sam McVey, the colored heavyweight, will not be able to see action in his next fight with Charlie White at the Queensberry A. C. on Saturday night. McVey has been suffering from malaria for some time, and it is believed that he will be in bed for some weeks.

There seems to be no chance now of Benny Leonard and Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, battling at the Federal A. C. for Jimmy Dunn, manager of Kilbane, has just sent word here that he would not consent to allow Kilbane to fight Leonard at 121 pounds, even though the club was willing to give Kilbane \$1,250.

Jimmy Taylor Whips O'Leary. Jimmy Taylor, the east side bantamweight, whipped Young O'Leary, the veteran out-state boxer, in a fast ten-round bout at the Federal A. C. Saturday night. Taylor was the aggressor from the start and had O'Leary on the defensive throughout. Taylor's stiff body punches took all the fight out of O'Leary, who held on at every opportunity.

EXPECTS TO WALK FROM LOS ANGELES TO HERE IN 60 DAYS

Jack Eldredge of Cape May, N. J., Figures on Hiking Fifty-Five Miles a Day.

The Manufacturers Club of the Wanamaker Philadelphia store, the central branch of the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A., and the Camden, N. J., Y. M. C. A., turned out enthusiastic hundreds yesterday in a rousing farewell reception of Jack Eldredge, champion cross-country walker, when he left Philadelphia by train for Los Angeles. On April 17 or 18 Eldredge will leave Los Angeles on foot for the headquarters of the Mirrose A. A. at the Wanamaker store in New York.

Eldredge has out-Westoned Weston once before in a cross-continent hike from Boston to San Francisco, in 1910, when he took seventy-seven days against the veteran pedestrian's 105 for the same distance.

He comes of an old Cape May, N. J., family, noted for their walking prowess for many generations. His great-grandfather, George Eldredge, gained a reputation a century ago by frequently walking from his Cape May farm to Philadelphia, a distance of eighty-five miles, in a single day.

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At Federal A. C.—Eddie Campi outpointed Jimmy Murray.

At Broadway Sporting Club—Tom McCarty put it all over George Rodel.

At Irving A. C.—Phil Bloom had the better of Knockout Brown.

At Brown Gymnasium A. A.—Kohoma Kid stopped Young Cossack in the seventh round.

At Queensboro A. C.—Eddie Kelly and Jimmy Flynn boxed a draw.

At Elm Park A. C.—Fred Dwyer and Willie Hart broke even.

Carstairs Rye

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