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If Marty McCue's New Boxing Bill is as Good as Anticipated, the Legislature Next Month Should Lose No Time Passing It.

ASSEMBLYMAN MARTY McCUE will introduce a new boxing bill when the State Legislature meets in January.

It is almost needless to say that any boxing bill drawn up by Assemblyman McCue will be a good piece of work. There is no one in or out of the Legislature who knows more about the subject of boxing, or who can put the facts before the lawmakers in better fashion.

Possibly Marty McCue's new proposed boxing legislation will be an improvement on former attempts to put the most popular of all sports under proper control.

There is no reason why boxing shouldn't be properly controlled. Surely it is possible to find one honest and square-jawed man in the State of New York, or three or a dozen honest and determined men, who could attend to boxing Commission duties decently and honorably.

A boxing commission should have power to determine who shall and who shall not promote boxing bouts in this State. There have been many decent promoters. There have also been some outright crooks.

It is a prominent army officer last night—one who was in charge of many important details at Plattsburg a few months ago and who is now on duty at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. I asked him if he knew anything about the work being done there by Battling Levinsky.

Curley is getting up more boxing shows for the men in the camps. This week he will take boxers down to Camp Dix in New Jersey. One of his stars will be K. O. Circus, who has become so prominent in the past few months.

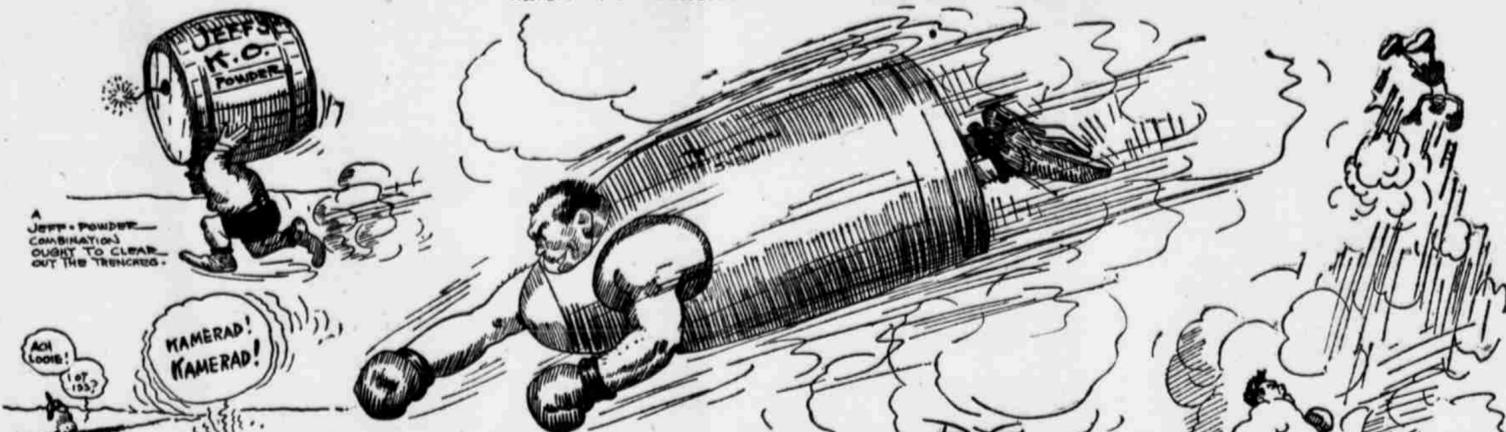
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Harvard to Be More Active in Athletics During 1918

Crimson Already Planning for Bigger Things in Track Sports, Baseball and Rowing.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31. HARVARD is going to be more active in athletics during the coming season than it has been in 1917.

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It is anticipated that both Yale and Princeton will be able to develop teams among the students other than freshmen, and games will be played against any such nine.

Harvard's baseball season, however, will be directed with the view of playing games against the various training camp and naval district nines of which there will be many within easy distance.

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Ring History of 1917

Compiled by John Pollock

HARRY GREN, the Pittsburgh light-heavyweight, was the busiest fighter during 1917. He took part in thirty-seven bouts, and scored thirteen knockouts.

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, was the real knock-out king, delivering the K. O. halp to seventeen opponents. Records of other ring men for the year are as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Fights, Won, Lost, No Dec, Discs, K. O.

long cold waits for trolley car connections, but he came to the show, dashed out into a taxi cab, and fifteen minutes later climbed through the ropes in another club and won another six-round battle.

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Fistic News and Gossip

FRANK MORAN TO MEET FULTON TWENTY ROUNDS TO A DECISION JAN. 28

Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, who is now acting as boxing instructor at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, N. C., has been matched with Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for a twenty-round bout to a decision at New Orleans on Jan. 28.

Jack Britton, accompanied by his manager, Danny Moran, arrived in Buffalo today. Jack is slated to meet Jimmy Duffy, the fast heavyweight of Lockport, N. Y., in the main event of a special boxing show, for members only, to be held at the Queensbury A. C. in the big auditorium to-morrow afternoon.

In a letter to the office, Charles Murray, the fight promoter of Buffalo, N. Y., says that the boxing clubs in the city, as well as those at Syracuse and Rochester, are holding weekly boxing entertainments for their members without any interference from the police authorities.

A match has practically been clinched between Gusbat Smith and Charley Welton, the Newark lightweights, to be fought at the National A. C. of Providence, R. I., Wednesday evening, Jan. 9.

Clay Turner, the sensational Indian light heavyweight of St. Paul, and Tom Bernal, of New Castle, Pa., today signed articles of agreement calling for them to come together in a ten-round non-decision bout to be staged by Jimmy Dine at New Castle, Pa., on the night of Jan. 10.

Three of the lawn tennis clubs, the Hamilton Grange, the University Heights and the New York, the latter now occupying the old Van Cortlandt Park field of the West Side Tennis Club, have all gone in for skating.

Mike Gibbons of St. Paul has claimed credit of the same club to-morrow afternoon, Patsy contracted the cold while boxing with Jack Britton at the New York A. C.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks of the Indianapolis (American Association) Club today signed a contract to manage the Cardinals. President Rickney refused to name the length of the document.

Cochran May Take Measure of Hoppe in Billiards Next Season

Will 1918 see another champion lose his crown? Welker Cochran, Chicago's boy billiardist, has been so rapidly forging to the front that many experts think he is now ready to take Champion Willie Hoppe's measure.

News of Sports Told in Shorts

All of the teams entered in the race for the hockey championship of the P. S. A. L. have now played their initial game, with the result that Flushing High, Erasmus Hall, Poly Prep and New Utrecht are leading the teams to date.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at the Plankinton Arcade, Milwaukee, Ralph Greenleaf, of Monmouth, Ill., will endeavor to wrest the pocket billiard championship from Frank Taberski of Schenectady, if he succeeds.

Devotees of the rod and reel who brave the wintry gales to show their proficiency in throwing the lead four hundred feet or thereabout, will find the sharp weather of yesterday a little too strong for their blood.

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PITTING 'EM OVER WITH 'BUGS' BAER

"The Red Cross Still Refuses to Sign Up With Jess Willard's Circus."

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer. COCHRAN, 1917, by The Press Publishing Co. KID Lavigne may be making show-ers in Detroit, but he never made one in the ring.

Police are looking for the bird who referred to wrestling as the Silent Drama.

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Temperature looks like a slight Park attendance.

YEA BO. Fred Fulton claims the heavy-weight championship. That makes us claim the moon.

Clubs will be short of regular players next season. Looks like Jim Thorpe will be able to have his photograph taken standing up.

Jack Curley has discovered a new wrestler. Nobody can pin his shoulders to the mat. This bird is so stout shouldered he looks like a camel.

YOU SAID IT. A shilling in London and a quarter here.

This Weston person is walking pretty good for a man who has only been hoofing for seventy years.

Jack Curley is anxious to find an opponent for his new round-shoed wrestler. Boy, page a pore-pore.

LILL' PEP. When you all a jazyful New Year, this column will remain in the garage to-morrow.

William Lincoln Crosby of Boston, who has been a patron of the hunt meetings for a number of years, and who is retiring from active business, has been elected to the position of president of the National Horse Show Association.

Turf News

Careful investigation shows that there is going to be a great dearth of steeplechase riders next year as most of the better class have enlisted in the draft army.

Mr. Raymond has a complete breeding farm a few miles outside Montreal, and his mares and stallions are very desirable.

Frank Niggs has been elected a director of the Maryland Jockey Club, taking the place of Carroll Foulton, who is retiring from active business.

The colors of William Litzner will be seen at the hunt meetings next spring. He is the owner of a promising yearling which will race on the flat during the early summer.

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