

## WINTER SPORTING DOPE FROM EVERYWHERE

**McFarland Is Still Barred—Seats for Ritchie Fight Are on Sale.**

A court decision yesterday held that the suspension of Packey McFarland, ordered by the Wisconsin boxing commission, Dec. 16, was irregular and could not be enforced.

But this opinion did not affect the suspension ruling of last Monday, when Packey was invited to come before the commission and state his case, but did not appear. The suspension, therefore, will probably run for a year from last Monday instead of from Dec. 16, which puts McFarland in a worse position than before he went to law.

It probably makes little difference to McFarland financially whether he is barred in Milwaukee or not. He wanted the suspension lifted mainly to erase the stigma against his name. Packey can make more fighting soft bouts in other sections of the country, and change is what he is after.

Seats were put on sale yesterday for the Ritchie-Wolgast fight in Milwaukee March 12, and they immediately began to disappear. Prices of the pasteboards offered ranged from \$7.50 to \$10. The general admission seats, which will cost \$2, will be placed on sale probably the day before the battle. Tom Jones, who has personal charge of the sale, said he would do everything in his power to prevent scalpers getting hold of the tickets.

Jimmy Clabby has been matched to battle Billy Murray of Sacramento twenty rounds in San Francisco April 3.

Mickey Sheridan showed strongly against Phil Block in Windsor, Ont., last night, and fairly earned the draw decision that was given. In the early stages of the battle Sheridan sailed out in front, but the pace was too stiff and Brock pulled up even toward the close.

**Construction at Federal League Park Actually Begins.**

Some of the magnates in organized ball, who were predicting that the Feds were paper powers and would never turn an actual spadeful of earth in erection of a ball park, probably are willing to change their opinions today.

Legitimate construction work is under full head of steam up at Addison and Clark streets today, and the contractors have faithfully promised to have the stands in readiness for a grand opening April 25, 12 days after the inauguration of the new circuit's campaign.

Weeghman's denial of the report from New York that he was to buy the Cubs also sapped some of the confidence of the organized gents, and by now they are firmly convinced that the Federal is a real organization and will use regular balls and bats in the coming pennant fight.

Where this story about Weeghman's purchase originated has not been discovered. It appears to be on a par with other empty pipes that have had their birth in New York, but disappeared in thin air when they struck the region west of the Allegheny mountains.

This is the third denial Weeghman has been forced to make that he was to purchase an interest in a team in organized ball. They started by making him a paper offer of the St. Paul A. A. team. Weeghman scorned it.

The ante was raised, and there was talk that Weeghman would be given a chance to control the St. Louis Browns. Again he declared he was with the Feds to stick. Now comes this story of the Cubs. Each time the caliber of the club supposed to have been offered Weeghman has been higher, but this seems to have had no effect on his determination