

BUTTE NEWS.

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How the Californians Singled Out Two Butte Men.

LASWELL WAS SUSPENDED

And There's Indignation Among His Friends— he Kellence Violated Rules and Were Not Carpeted.

The news of the suspension of W. B. Laswell, Butte's great fullback, by the executive committee of the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic Union for professionalism, was received in Butte yesterday with a good deal of indignation and if Hall is also suspended the matter is liable to result in a mass meeting and the adoption of resolutions condemnatory of the strange code of ethics which prevails in California sporting circles.

Talking of technicalities brings up the fact that in San Francisco last winter half a dozen of the men who played on the Reliance team in the game with Butte violated the properties of amateur sport to an extent that would have resulted not in simple suspension, but in permanent expulsion from the athletic union if the rules had been lived up to with that strictness which is being enforced against Butte.

San Francisco papers with accounts of the Christmas day game with the Olympians in great detail yesterday. The Examiner had the following story of Butte's victory:

"The best game of the season." "That was the verdict at the conclusion of the Butte-Olympic football game at Central park yesterday. For that matter, it was the verdict before the ball was 15 minutes in play, for a faster, however, more stubbornly contested gridiron fight was never witnessed with in the historic enclosure.

"The match was won by the Butte men by the football heroes of the biggest mining camp on earth—but, as one of the conquered side defiantly remarked when the game was done, the victors 'knew they had been to a game.' "They not only knew it, but they showed it; they showed it in their heaving breasts and dragging limbs; in their perspiration matted hair; in their flushed and dirt-struck faces.

"There were no striplings among the players on either side. Deep-chested broad-shouldered fellows were they all, and when they clashed together like mailed knights of old the falls which ensued were not in the nature of child's play.

"It was said that the team work of the Buttes was superior to that of the Olympians, but what the local men lacked in concerted effort they made up for in speed, aggressiveness and condition.

"While the game was young some one remarked that the play of the Olympians lacked snap. The criticism was recalled as the men on both sides warmed up to their work. Before the second half was long in progress there seemed to be but one opinion, to-wit: that the desperate pace set by the city boys was compelling the northerners to 'spar for wind.'

"The match was played beneath a cloudy sky and in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The Olympians kicked off and for awhile the ball was kept well in midfield, every inch of territory being resolutely disputed by the opposing phalanxes.

"Then Butte began a system of line-bucking which told its tale. Slowly but steadily the sphere was carried up through the very center of the Olympic stronghold, and within eight minutes from the beginning of hostilities a touchdown was scored fairly beneath the home team's goal. The kick at goal was safely and cautiously made by Laswell, and the score stood 6 to 0.

"Once, when the bitter contest was in progress somewhere around centerfield, Perham, the Butte center, was called to account for rough work. He was about to be ruled off, when McMillan, the Montana manager and right half, made a plea for him.

"We would like to retain Perham," he urged, "but we are willing that you shall send any other man you like to the side line."

"All right; we will ask you to retire," replied the Olympic captain, and away went McMillan.

"Gillis, the second man, filled the gap at right half, and assuredly the Olympians kept a sharp eye on Gillis. They knew his predilection for tucking the ball under his arm and scooting away under legs and arms like a torpedo beneath waves, and they had no mercy on him. Once, when the ball was passed to him and he made a detour in search of clear sailing, a couple of the Olympic strong men seized him and carried him bodily in a direction entirely opposite to the one he was bent upon taking.

"But Gillis enjoyed himself in his own fashion. His talent as a dodger works both ways, and the manner in which he baffled, tackled and pulled down Percy Morse after the latter had made a 3-yard run for the Post street brigade, will live in memory.

"What a hustling, bustling, whole-hearted fight that first half was. It not only warmed the blood of the players, but it kept the grand stand, the bleachers and the side lines in a condition of oxygen excitement, all of which found vent in the one emphatic remark:

"The second game of the season."

"The second half was equally as exhilarating. Early in the fray poor Gillis was brought down like a deer in full flight and badly crippled. The Olympians were on their mettle, and so far as whirling playing was concerned, their motto seemed to be 'never tire.' Jones, the Butte left tackle, was dashed down dazed and badly shaken a half dozen times, and it was his apparent aptitude for getting into trouble that caused the Buttes to be suspended of

scheming for breathing spells during that half hour of hurricane work. But stout-hearted, speedy and stubborn as they were, it was not the lot of the Olympians to avert defeat. Two more touchdowns were scored, two more goals were kicked by the gridiron giants from Butte, and when the warning whistle sounded the score stood 18 to 6."

Percy Benson, who captained the Buttes, had the following to say of the game: "In all of the games we have played this year we have never received such impartial and efficient officiating as was given us by Lieutenant Hinckley and Mr. Fred McNear. While there was naturally a little kicking on the field concerning their decision, still, after the game, there was not a word on the Butte team which was not perfectly satisfied with both the gentlemen named.

"Concerning the condition of our team, the game was arranged very hastily and, in consequence, we had but three days' practice before leaving Butte. Added to this, we were cooped up in our car for 25 hours, so our condition was not what we would have wished to have it; but, in spite of this, I have no hesitation in saying that not more than two or three times was time taken out for wind. Jones, our right tackle, was tossed about pretty roughly, and toward the end of the game was very weak, and sometimes even out of his head. As we had no one to put in his place we were compelled to leave him there to do the best he could. I will say for Mr. Jones that his staying in the game and playing as he did was one of the greatest exhibitions of grit that I ever had the fortune to witness.

"Concerning the game, I think we won it on its merits. We had the ball in their territory almost the whole of the game. It was only natural, considering the style of play we used, that a couple of men should break through for a touchdown. This refers to the last two touchdowns made. Our first touchdown was made by bucking straight down the field and on short gains.

"There was considerable friction among the players during the game, but I am certain that there is not a man on the Butte team who bears any malice toward any of his opponents.

"The Olympians played a strong, hard game, by far the most stubborn game we met this year, and deserve a great deal of credit. I think our team work and experience were mainly responsible for the result."

UNFORESEEN ACCIDENT.

The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the Case of James McCann. A verdict of death from an unforeseen and unavoidable accident was returned at the inquest held last evening on the body of James McCann, who was killed by a cave in the Never Sweat mine on Sunday morning. The testimony showed that McCann and his partner, Steve Collins, were shoveling away from the breast of the fifth floor on the 930-foot level, when a cave of 1,200 or 1,500 pounds of waste fell from the hanging wall and buried McCann. One piece of rock weighing about 800 pounds fell directly across his breast and abdomen. It was shown that the timbering was close up, that the ground was considered solid and not at all dangerous, that the cave could not be foreseen and that all precautionary measures for the safety of the men had been taken. Collins and F. W. Flynn released McCann and assisted him to the surface. While he was in the engine room and on the way to the hospital he asked for water. He died about 15 minutes after reaching the hospital.

BRASS KNUCKLES.

Justice Chapman Resents an Imputation and is Arrested.

Residents of Front street in South Butte, who created a row by a rap between Justice of the Peace George H. Chapman and Charles Jones about 5 o'clock last evening. Jones recently had a civil case in Chapman's court that was decided against him and he intimated in pretty plain terms that the court had received \$100 for its decision. These reports reached the judge's ears yesterday afternoon and he promptly went after Jones and called into him as soon as he ran across him. His fists were protected with brass knuckles and Jones received all the worst of it. His head was cut in several places, but before any serious damage could be done, the police arrested both men. A charge of assault was placed against Chapman and Jones was booked for disturbance. Both men furnished bonds for their appearance in police court to-day.

Sinners in Court.

Judge Holland had a number of petty offenders before him yesterday afternoon. Pat Mulcahy acknowledged the correctness of a charge of assault in the third degree and was let off with a fine of \$1 and costs, which he promptly settled. H. Brockman pleaded guilty to petit larceny and was retired from active life for 30 days. Tom Smith and John McCarthy, two repentant small boys, pleaded guilty to stealing a turkey and were fined \$1 and costs each. The other parents paid. Joe Wright pleaded guilty to petit larceny.

IMMENSE CROWDS.

Numbers of People Visit the Famous Melvor-Tyndall.

The distinguished English Mystic, Alexander J. Melvor-Tyndall, is arousing a great deal of interest by his phenomenal powers of clairvoyance. During yesterday and up to late last night Melvor-Tyndall was busily engaged with his many clients, among whom were many of Butte's representative citizens.

If you are about to make business investments or changes, divorce or marriage; if you want reliable advice on any matter, such as mines, lost property, distant friends or relatives; if you are troubled, worried or unsuccessful, consult the mystic.

The following is one of the unsolicited testimonials Melvor-Tyndall has received: "I am pleased to certify that I consider Tyndall the most wonderful man I have ever met. His facts are simply astounding, and I cannot frame words strong enough to express my astonishment. We are indeed a strange world, filled with many strange people, and I am simply an infant. That man told me things that no one knew except God and myself, and—forming miracles that would have condemned him to death a few years ago."

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WANT A GRAND JURY

Hope Expressed That the New Officials Will Call One.

TO INVESTIGATE THINGS

It is Openly Asserted That There is Much That Could Be Done by a Body of Picked Men.

Some people have expressed the hope that Judge Clancy and County Attorney Stapleton will decide to call a grand jury as soon as they assume office next week. There are a number of things which couldn't suffer any by being investigated, and there are so many ugly rumors flying around about the high school building that it is almost a necessity that there be an official investigation. Many people will believe the reports unless they are shown to be false by an official investigation, and it would be better for all parties concerned that those who are making the talk tell what they know, if they know anything.

The rumors are of a nature scarcely to be given credence and have arisen from the fact that the high school building is costing so many thousand dollars more than it was expected by the taxpayers that it would cost, and more than it ought to cost in the opinion of many competent judges. It is stated that the contracts have been let at exceedingly liberal figures and that the successful bidders have a very fat time.

It is also a matter of common talk that members of the school board have been interested financially in supplies furnished schools and in contracts. This is clearly against the law and in the opinion of many people it would be well to ascertain by fair and careful investigation whether there is any foundation for this report. It is recalled that one member of the school board remarked at a board meeting that he had his opinion of a school trustee who could be bribed for two cords of wood.

What there is behind this remark is not known. There has never been any explanation of it.

The law is very plain on the matter of school trustees being interested in any contract or in furnishing supplies to the schools of the district, directly or indirectly. Section 1802 of the political code says:

"It shall be unlawful for any trustee to have any pecuniary interest, either directly or indirectly, in any erection of school houses, or for warming, ventilating, furnishing or repairing the same, or be in any manner connected with the furnishing of supplies for the maintenance of the schools, or to receive or to accept any compensation or reward for services rendered as trustees."

There has been talk on the streets that some members of the school board have been getting some sort of compensation or reward for their services as school trustees. It is also common talk that the high school building is costing many thousand dollars more than it ought to cost. It might be worth while for a grand jury to look into these things.

HOTEL REGISTER.

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