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INCASINO CLUB TOURNAMENT

Jeffries Against Burns and O'Brien in Same Ring is Suggested, Also Britt Against Winner of Gans-Hermann Bout.

TONOPAH, Dec. 29.—Interest in the coming battle between Joe Gans and Kid Hermann has been subordinated for the time being by a statement issued to the press by Manager Riley of the Casino Athletic Club, in which he states his intention to hold a colossal pugilistic tournament early in the spring with James J. Jeffries as stellar attraction. The sum of \$100,000 will be devoted toward bringing together the cream of the fighting talent of the world. Riley says he will offer Jeffries \$50,000 to meet Squires, Burns, O'Brien, Schreck and Kaufman on five successive days. If that is not satisfactory, Riley will suggest that Jeffries meet Burns and O'Brien in the same ring or at different days, as he may desire, the monetary offer to be commensurate with the task outlined. In addition, Riley proposes to negotiate bouts between Britt and the winner of the Gans-Hermann battle; a match between Abe Attell and Jimmy Bowker, and a battle between Joe Thomas and some other well known welterweight.

Both Gans and Hermann were today down to 133 pounds each and there is absolutely no question it will be an easy task for them to fulfill the weight requirements on New Year's day. When told that the club had made an offer of \$25,000 for a match between him and Britt, Gans said it was unlikely he would accept, as he intends to retire from the ring, unless Nelson can be induced to sign with him.

FRUIT INSPECTOR DESIRED.

Clatsop County Horticultural Society Makes Move for Better Fruit.

A request for the appointment of a fruit inspector for Clatsop county was discussed by the Clatsop County Horticultural Society in an adjourned meeting held in the circuit court room yesterday afternoon. Judge Bowley declared himself in favor of such an officer, as inspected fruit is shipped in here from outside points and this necessitated inspection even if there were no bad fruit grown here. Mr. Rist of Olney, who is regarded as a possibility for the inspectorship, made an address on the various diseases of fruit. The meeting was adjourned until next Saturday at 1 o'clock, when the matter will be referred to the state board of horticulture.

SUCCESSOR TO CASSATT.

James McRea Named as Being the Most Probable Person.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—While the question of a successor to the late A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has received no official consideration, it is being discussed by railroad men. The feeling that James McRea will be chosen is generally growing. He is vice president and executive head of the company's western lines and is as familiar with the workings of the system as

any man now connected with the company. Arrangements for the funeral of Cassatt were completed this evening. The services will be quiet and unostentatious. The funeral will be from the Cassatt home Monday afternoon. Interment will be at Bryn Mawr in the yard of the Church of the Redeemer.

CLEVELAND CONVALESCENT.

Ex-President Recovering from a Severe Attack of Indigestion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Reports of the illness of Grover Cleveland, at his home at Princeton, published here today, are accompanied with reports that his condition was seriously early in the week, but that he is now again convalescent. Mr. Cleveland's attack of indigestion began last Saturday night. His illness was so severe, according to the Herald's Princeton correspondent, that all the plans which the family had made for Christmas were abandoned. His presents were left unopened and telegraphic messages were sent to four persons who had been invited for the day, canceling their engagements. These four, it is stated, were the only ones outside the family, except Dr. Carnerhan, who knew of Mr. Cleveland's illness.

The repeated visits of the doctor caused comment and the illness of the former President was announced. Mrs. Cleveland in speaking of the illness of her distinguished husband, said:

Mr. Cleveland spent most of Saturday out of doors, and it was not until night that he mentioned feeling ill. I was awakened early Sunday morning to find him suffering intensely. I sent for Dr. Carnerhan and he found him seriously ill with indigestion. He gave me to understand that the malady while in no sense dangerous, was most painful and often unresponsive to treatment. He is no longer ill and we fully expect he will eat Sunday dinner down stairs.

BIG FLEET ASSEMBLES.

Hampton Roads Will See Powerful Aggregation of American Ships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—When the battleship Kearsage sails for Hampton Roads today there will be left in New York only a single vessel of that type, the Ohio. The departure of this ship will be delayed only a few days because of necessary repairs.

The Maine, flagship of Rear Admiral Evans, the Kentucky and the Iowa, sailed yesterday morning following the Alabama, which went out on Thursday night. All of the ships are bound for Hampton Roads, where the re-organized Atlantic fleet is assembling for the winter maneuvers, and it will be spring before New York again gets a chance of inspecting the fighting ships of Admiral Evans' fleet.

The fleet assembling in Hampton Roads is by far the greatest in point of strength that has ever been mustered into a single fleet by the United States. In addition to those named above the fleet will consist of the battleships Missouri, Illinois, Georgia, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Louisiana, Virginia, Connecticut and the Indiana, making fifteen first class battleships in all.

BRAZILIAN CONSUL KILLED.

Russian Reactionary Assassinate Representative of Southern Republic.

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia, Dec. 29.—The Brazilian consul has been assassinated and beaten by a member of the Reactionary League of Russian Men. The assailant was sentenced for four days' imprisonment. He declared the act was inspired by the evils in which Russia had become involved by the adoption of foreign ideas.

IMPORTANT SESSION

Of Oregon Shippers and Producers at Albany.

CAR SHORTAGE LEADING TOPIC

Thursday, January 10th Set for the Convention—Means Much for the State—Program Yet to Come—Promises Much.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—Thursday, January 10, was yesterday selected as the date for the big shippers' and producers' convention to be held in this city. Today preparations are in full swing for the congress, which has been called to secure the crystallized opinion of citizens of the state on proposed remedial legislation on the car shortage situation and other evils which confront the Oregon shipper and producer. Representatives from most of the commercial bodies of the state are expected to be present and a majority of the members of the legislature will probably attend to hear the discussion, which they will no doubt be called upon to consider officially.

The Albany Commercial club is sponsor for the convention, and Dr. M. H. Ellis, president of the club, is at the head of the preparations. His companions on the committee of arrangements are State Senator Frank J. Miller, County Judge C. H. Stewart, George E. Sanders and C. E. Sox.

The programme is as yet embryonic, but it is assured that some of the most prominent men in the state will speak. Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton; J. N. Teal, of Portland, and Governor George E. Chamberlain have all been asked to speak and will probably accept. Judge Lowell will probably talk on "Allen Ownership of Public Land," and Mr. Teal's address, in the event that he accepts the invitation to speak, will probably deal with the railroad commission law which he has prepared for the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Other prominent men will be asked to deliver addresses.

JAPANESE CORNERS POTATOES.

Oriental in California Has Secured Entire Control of Crop.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Los Angeles, Cal., says:

The people of all California are today paying tribute to a shrewd little Japanese, Kinha Shima of Stockton. He has cornered the potato market. He will be the virtual dictator of prices until next season. He and the Japanese companies he controls, stand to sell their crop for \$1,000,000, and Shima himself will clean up \$200,000. The market in six weeks has gone from \$1.37½ per 100 pounds in cartons, to \$1.67½.

ADOPT SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

Delegates of Middle West Universities Unanimously in Its Favor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Delegates from the universities of the middle west to the annual convention of the Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America, yesterday adopted unanimously the simplified spelling code. There was only one vote against the proposed change. The quarterly journal of the association, the publications of the modern language association of America, in the future, will use the three hundred word code. The editorial committee in charge of the magazine consists of Professors C. H. Granger, Harvard; Calvin Thomas, Columbia; Charles B. Wilson, Iowa, and James W. Bright, Johns Hopkins. No "reformed" words outside the three hundred word code are to be used until the association has passed on their use.

STRIKE ON AT LODZ.

LODZ, Russia, Dec. 30.—All factories here have closed down indefinitely. Workmen are dispersing quietly. The authorities are concentrating additional troops. Many workmen declare they are willing to accept the employers' terms, but the extreme socialists prevent this by threatening to murder all who yield.

FOOT BALL.

West Astoria vs. Astoria High School, New Year's Day. Admission 25c. Game called 2:30 p. p.

FLOTSAM AND JETSON.

The Hawaiian bark Diamond Head was due down on the hawyers of the steamer Harvest Queen yesterday, outward bound with lumber for San Pedro.

The schooner Sailor Boy is due to arrive down from Rainier, lumber laden for the Bay City.

The Astoria "pup," the motor schooner Della, has arrived in from Nestucca, with a good load of merchandise.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore was due to leave out yesterday evening for the Tillamook country, but will go out today, in deference to the storm warnings posted for last night.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn crossed in yesterday morning from San Francisco and went directly on to the metropolis.

The pilot schooner Joseph Pullitzer came into port yesterday after water and provisions, and to have some repairing done on her boats, both of which suffered a bit during the late stress of weather outside.

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GOOD TESTIMONY.

"Astoria, Ore., Dec. 29, 1906. In your editorial of the 25th appears the statement that follows:

"The President gets a salary of only \$50,000 a year and when it was proposed to make an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for traveling expenses a storm of protest was raised. The New York Commercial says the traveling expenses of Emperor William cost the German government fully \$500,000 a year."

"Allow me to say that Emperor William serves Germany free gratis and his traveling expenses do not cost Germany a cent. Yours sincerely, W. C. A. POHL."

The Astorian is glad to be rightly informed on this subject.

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increases and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular.

Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-8-1f

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