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SPORTING GOSSIP.

Mike Schreck and his manager, Mr Hogan, decline to give George Gardner a return match. Although one evening paper declares that Schreck and Hogan virtually told George "to go and get a reputation," it is not at all likely that Schreck will decline to give Gardner a chance in some other place. Hogan informed a well known business man of this city, who is interested in fistic matters, that he did not want to do business with the management of the Salt Lake club which pulled off this fight.

It appears that Hogan did not get as much money as he expected and it is asserted that the reasons therefor are to be found in an agreement made with the "sporting editors" of certain newspapers, who were to get 25 per cent of the gross receipts for "boosting" the affair in their papers. These "sporting editors" controlled the complimentary list, and exercised general supervision of a portion of the affair. The "sporting editors" held out the 25 per cent, or whatever sum it was, and this did not please Hogan and Schreck. Neither did the complimentary list please them. The official dead-head roster was something fierce. The council, the sheriff, the police, the United States marshal, the city recorder's and city treasurer's offices, and other semi-official persons, such as the license inspector, rolled up a complimentary list that was something fearful to gaze at and necessitated the cutting down of certain newspapers that did more in one issue to help out the game than the crowd mentioned could in a month.

Truth is informed that Hogan objected to the "cut up" with the "sporting editors" and to the free list and that he bucked like a bay steer, but it was no use. So he has concluded to do business elsewhere.

It is dollars to doughnuts that Gardner can get a return match with Schreck, if some other town gets the battle.

Truth is informed that there was a division of opinion among the "sporting editors" when it came to sorting the dough into lumps. It is asserted that one sporting editor wanted to do the "cutting up," but the others objected and there was a nice time. The matter was finally adjusted; not to the satisfaction of all concerned, but it was adjusted.

It is such work as this that stops the game here in this city. Whenever there is anything crooked indulged in, the town gets a black eye. So far as the authorities are concerned, good, clean contests might be pulled off at any time. The sentiment of the public is not against boxing, but favors it. Yet just as soon as there is anything attempted here the spirit of "craft" seems to get a grip on it and then the place gets a knock; and a knock that is deserved. Other cities

have battles in the ring and the people who go to see them spend much money during their stay. A fight between John L. Sullivan and Charlie Mitchell would be worth \$25,000 to Salt Lake. But before any hopes can be entertained the management must be placed in the hands of men who are responsible and no band of "sporting editors" should be permitted to "hold up" a manager for any percentage for boosting the game.

We suggest to the promoters of any such events who intend doing business here in future that it will be better to insert legitimate advertising in the daily and weekly press, in lieu of offering to "cut up" with the "sporting editors" and relying on their "boosting." An advertisement sometimes goes a long way with the copy reader, and he will hesitate about permitting the "sporting editor" to "knock" anything when the knocker has a quarter page, or even a ten-inch double in the columns of the daily upon which he works, because he knows full well that the management will not stand for it. If sporting promoters do not believe this, let them ask Luke, the collection shark. Luke used to get roasted to a frazzle by the daily papers. It was almost a daily occurrence. He was hauled over the coals time after time. Every act of his was held up as a juicy bit of information. What did Luke do? He began advertising, and since his display matter has been seen in type, the daily press has been as mum as oysters about Luke. If sporting promoters want a show for their white alley without being held up they ought to go straight to the business office. That is where the conscience of the daily newspaper has its abiding place.

It will be cheaper, too, because the bundles of tickets given out for "friends" of the "sporting editors" can then be sold at the box office.

We do not know what the next battle proposed will be, and we doubt very much the ability of the management of the recent affair to get a pair of top-notchers to come here.

Honey Mellody put Jerry McCarthy out again at Spokane, last Tuesday evening. The sleep came to Jerry in the eleventh round. Mellody solved the problem of Jerry's crouch and handed him the chloroform. This will no doubt be the last fight between the two, as Honey is going after a bigger man.

MUSSER'S RE-CONVERSION.

A few years ago, when in the Philippine Islands, Don Carlos W. Musser renounced the church to which he had belonged. He renounced all belief in the Bible. He renounced all belief in the God of the Bible. He tore himself away from all religious affiliations and obligations. He expressed

himself as feeling more contented after than before this self-severance from everything savoring of divinity.

There are two ways in which a person can separate himself from his church. One is to submit to excommunication by the church officials. The other is to renounce the church with which he has affiliated—virtually withdrawing from it. D. W. C. Musser renounced the church of which he had been a member since childhood.

Recently, it appears, he has been re-converted. The converters in this instance are supposed to be Tom Kearns, Joe Lippman and Frank Cannon. Of course the Mormon church does not recognize the agency of the trio named to speak or act for the church. But they often assume to do so, though no well informed person accuses them of being worthy of belief. In this case the Mormon church probably will resist the claim, and will insist that Musser having renounced the church can get back into it only

by consent of its regularly constituted officers. But Musser says, on oath, that he is a member. It would be of passing interest to know how much money it cost Tom Kearns to get him to make that claim in the suit recently planted against the church.

Tom Kearns' money has been put to numerous uses, some of them legitimate and many of them illegitimate. It's a new use to put it to—this augmenting the membership of the Mormon church, albeit the method was illegitimate. By setting himself up as a member of a church after renouncing it and all that it is based on, and without retracing his steps according to church rules, Musser proclaims himself as a rank fraud.

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