

# Sporting and Athletic News

## BIG WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IS PLANNED BY UTAH MEN

All Aspirants to Championship in the Middleweight Class Will Be Invited to Participate—None Will Be Barred—Event to Take Place Early in March.

There is a movement on foot by Salt Lake and Ogden business men who are interested in the wrestling game, to promote one of the greatest tournaments ever staged in this country for middleweight wrestlers, with the idea of proving to the public who the real champion is at this weight. Every city of any prominence boasts of its champion, therefore, there are so many laying claim to the title that the public at large hardly knows what to think. In order to prove beyond a doubt who is who, and bring out the one man entitled to the claim of champion, this tournament is planned. It will be run on the same lines as the ones in New York and Boston and no doubt will prove as great a success as the Eastern tournaments have proven, if plans work out right. The matches will be divided between Salt Lake and Ogden so that the fans in both cities will have an opportunity of seeing the men in action, the following men are in mind, to which will be added others willing to compete:

Waldo Ketonan, the European champion and winner of the tournament held at Duluth about a year ago, Henry Gehring of Cleveland, who has proven his caliber in Utah; Curtis the Montana cowboy, for whom all wrestlers seem to have an awful lot of respect; John Kilonis of Boston, who is in Utah at present looking for matches; Joe Carr of Minneapolis, who has been coming to the front very rapidly in the wrestling world; Pet Brown of Taylor, Texas, who, it is understood, will be here soon; and the local champions, Yokel and Harbertson.

To this list will be added all formidable candidates like Miller, O'Connell, Walter Willoughby, winner of the Chicago tournament, and many others yet to be named. No doubt such a tournament would prove a great success in every way and, if present plans do not go amiss the same will be staged early in March.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT NEARING THE END

New York, Feb. 17.—W. C. Grant, five times holder of the title, and A. H. Man, Jr., former Yale champion, won places in the semifinal round of the singles in the national indoor tennis championship tournament here today. Grant had a narrow escape from furnishing an upset. Abraham Bassford, Jr., the old Cornell star, had his fast drives for passing shots splitting the lines. He was three times within a point of winning in the second set. Man had an easy time against George King, the Columbia champion.

W. W. Washburn and A. S. Dabney, former Harvard stars, met with a reversal in the doubles. The ranking players were outspeeded and outgeneraled by A. M. Lovibond and Dr. William Rosenbaum. The latter pair kept their famous opponents on the defensive through two sets. Dabney was the weaker player and Lovibond and Dr. Rosenbaum smothered him under a fusillade of fast cross drives and volleys.

## ONEIDA WINS FROM MONTANA AGGIES

Preston, Ida., Feb. 17.—Preston again laid claim to athletic prominence tonight when the last Oneida academy team, drilled in the ethics of the quint game by Art Rynearson, former University of Utah athlete, defeated Coach Fred Bennion's Montana Agricultural college team 26 to 20. The game was furious and fast all the way and it was only by a Herculean effort in the last few minutes of play that Oneida was able to win from the collegians. The defeat was the first of the year for Coach Bennion and his proteges. The score at the end of the first half read 15 to 14 in favor of the invaders.

Following the game Preston people turned out en masse to a celebration. A big bonfire was made and the local townsmen gathered around to yell

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## KILONIS WANTS TO MEET YOKEL

Will Prove His Ability Next in Salt Lake When He Wrestles With Workman.

Salt Lake, Feb. 18.—Three wrestlers of known championship abilities and several others of prominence, although not with any titles to their names, are to play the footlights before Utah fans in the next fortnight or so.

The biggest event will be between Mike Yokel and Jack Harbertson of Ogden. This will bring the two toughest artists Utah has ever produced on the mat, and will determine for all time which is the real champion of this state and should have the right to meet Pet Brown for the title.

Much money is being wagered either way, with the odds slightly favoring Mike. That is, the odds favor him here, but in Ogden the fans are ready to bet even or to give odds if forced to that Harbertson is the best man in the world and will take down the colors of the local wonder.

Another bout which is attracting lots of interest is the Kilonis-Workman affair at the Grand theatre Thursday night. Kilonis is known

to be a man of great ability, and it is his belief that Yokel is sidestepping him because of that ability. Kilonis says he has never met Mike as yet, but a gay little rumor floating about town says that John is only kidding. According to the rumor, Kilonis, while unable to get a match from Yokel, went under an assumed name and beat the Jackson's Hole warrior on one of George Tuohy's cards. At all events, Kilonis has victories over Ketonan, Turner, Bothner and the best of them, so he apparently has a right to meet Mike.

Mike suggests that Kilonis prove his ability to Salt Lake fans by beating the powerful Cyclone Workman of Preston at the Grand Thursday. Kilonis says he is willing, and after the victory, which he says he will gain, he will force Yokel onto the mat. His first match, though, will be against Young Saxon, the Pueblo fireman, at Murray Tuesday night. This contest will be staged in the opera house under the direction of Con Gallagher, and should prove to be a whirlwind. It will give local fans their first chance to see the eastern champion in action.

WARHOP SIGNS WITH ST. LOUIS. Freeport, Ill., Feb. 18.—Jack Warhop, former pitcher for the New York Americans who lives here, said today he had signed with the St. Louis Nationals.

The great coffee industry of Brazil was started in 1760, when the first coffee tree was placed in that country.

## CONTENTION OVER JOSEPH GEDEON

Philadelphia Nationals Want Him Badly—Yankees Have Him, However.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—There is still a heap of growling over the purchase of Joe Gedeon by the New York Yankees. The Philadelphia Nationals wanted him badly, and it now appears that Clark Griffith, who had Joe up with him two years ago, figured him for the Washington club for this season. The Yankees got him, however. Then came the first yelp from the Phillies, and now Clark Griffith is letting out a few squawks on his own account.

Before jumping to the Nationals Joe was the property of Griffith and was playing with Salt Lake on an optional agreement.

"I do not blame Clark Griffith for feeling sore over the loss of Joe Gedeon," said Captain Houston, owner of the Yankees, "but I fail to see where he has any kick coming against Ban Johnson or the New York club. Griffith had his chance to recapture Gedeon, but did not grasp it. Now, at the time we bought Gedeon he was about to be lost to the American league. The Philadelphia Nationals had made a fine offer, and it was

up to us to outbid them before 4 o'clock one afternoon or see the player go to the Phillies. I figured that as Sinclair was selling the man under the terms of the peace agreement he was lost to the Washington club anyway, and I didn't want to see him go to the National league.

"I bought Gedeon principally on the recommendation of Griffith himself. During the world's series Clark boosted Gedeon to the skies as a prospect for the Nationals next season. Now I understand the Washington critics are saying that the player doesn't amount to much. Sounds like sour grapes to me. Anyhow, Gedeon cannot have gone back very far since last October. We'll take a chance on him."

Ban Johnson is directly responsible for the loss of Joe Gedeon to the Washington baseball club. It was not Griffith's fault. He fought for a principle and was double-crossed.

MACKS BUY YOUNGSTERS. New York, Feb. 17.—Manager Jack Dunn of the Baltimore Internationals has announced the sale of Chrages Pick, third baseman, to the Philadelphia Americans.

It was learned that Harry Smith, catcher, last year with the Brooklyn Federals, had been told to accompany the New York Americans on the southern trip with the promise of a contract if his playing proves satisfactory.

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FINISH UP DEARIE. AND WE'LL GO TO THE THEATRE HERE 5 TO OUR ANNIVERSARY, AND MAY EACH SUCCEEDING ONE BE AS HAPPY.

AND TO MATHILDA AND JIMMY.