

THE RAILROAD VENTUROUS OAKLAND BOXING BOUTS.

Acme Club Postpones Its Fistic Entertainment—Reliance's Gentleman's Night.

The long-looked-for fistic exhibition of the Acme Athletic Club of Oakland will not take place, as Jim Riley, who is matched to fight Murry McCue, discovered at a very late hour that he could not get to Oakland, and as a consequence the club decided that it would postpone its entertainment, and the events of the evening could not take place.

The Reliance Athletic Club of Oakland has announced an exhibition for Tuesday evening, and if a match cannot be consummated between Young Griffo, the Australian fighter, and Frank McConnell, of the San Francisco Athletic Club, De Corsey and Martie McCue will be matched to box six rounds.

Alex Gracianski said last evening that if the Reliance club will give anything like respectable inducements, which means coin, he will allow McConnell to box under the auspices of the Reliance any number of rounds they are pleased to make.

The boxers already matched by the Reliance are Tony Williams and Fred Maynard, G. Baker and Jack McMahon. Young Tweedie, the champion 125-pound pugilist, the Australian, will fight with the steamer yesterday from Melbourne and is ready and willing to fight any person in his class, bar none, on the best possible terms, and a side wager. He has his coin to back himself.

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PEDESTRIANS IN DANGER.

Footpads Seem to Believe That They Own the Town at the Present Time.

It is thought there is an organized band of thugs in the city at the present time who are determined to rob any pedestrian who is unfortunate enough to be on the streets at night.

Last evening J. H. Johnson, living at 2 Grant avenue, was stopped by a party who asked him for 25 cents. Upon refusal the thugs clubbed him and relieved him of \$2.50.

Michael McCarran, who is a resident of San Francisco, was accosted by a stranger at 26 Minna street last evening and robbed of \$50 and a fob. The man who robbed him and another man on the street first offered him for sufficient money to get a bed with and on a refusal robbed him of his belongings.

BORROMEAN COUNCIL. Seventh Annual Entertainment Given by the Mission Boys.

The members of Borromeo Council 129, of the Young Men's Institute, gave their many friends in the Mission an up-to-date entertainment at the Turin Hotel on Tuesday evening last night.

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THE SAVING OF THE PAGAN SOUL. Dedication of the New Central Mission House as a Place of Worship.

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In the ordinary course of business, contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but in this case the Alaska Treadwell mine, the lowest Chicago bidder takes the award.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association heard of the setback given to the California bidders and the manager, Oscar Lewis, lost no time in trying to get at the bottom of the facts and reasons. From what he has learned he will bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Directors at the next meeting. He stated yesterday that the reason of the highest instead of the lowest bidder getting the contract was apparent, but the reason for asking for bids in the first place was not clear.

"I found," said he, "that the owner of the Alaska mine property is a large English syndicate and some of the heaviest members of the syndicate are members of the firm whose bid for the machinery was accepted. In other words they gave the contract to themselves and the only reason that I can think of, why any bids were asked for at all, was the European members of the syndicate wanted the California

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