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Gans-Nelson Match Slips From Jack Gleason's Grasp

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Anglers Will Have a Day Afield on the Paper Mill

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Battling Dane Agrees to Fight Forty-five Rounds Before Manager Coffroth's Club

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The Gans-Nelson match took an unexpected turn last night when the time came for the posting of forfeits and the signing of the formal articles of agreement. Ben Selig, representing Gans, and Jack Gleason, representing Nelson, were on hand, but Nelson did not appear. In his place was Willie Britt, who announced that he appeared for Nelson in an advisory capacity. He announced that Nelson would not meet him for a fight less than 45 rounds, and also that he had agreed to engage in a fight at that distance before Manager Coffroth's club.

Gleason plainly showed his astonishment at the turn affairs had taken, while Selig said he expected to transact the business with Nelson in person. Britt drew a paper from his pocket dramatically, which he said was his authorization and which he allowed Selig to read. Britt then explained that Nelson felt that he would have a much better chance of defeating Gans in a fight scheduled for 45 rounds than he would in one of 20 rounds, where Gans' recognized boxing skill would count.

Britt explained that Nelson's friends throughout the country would bet on him whenever he started and that he wanted to protect them and give the public the best that is in him in the way of fighting. It developed that Nelson wanted to post forfeits last Saturday night for the round fight, but Gleason asked that the matter go over. Selig and Britt thrashed out the Goldfield fight between the men, which went 42 rounds, and argued as to the desirability of the shorter or longer fight. While Selig was completely out from under the feet of Gleason, he made some comments about agreements with fighters and drew from Britt the statement, "There are no ethics in this business."

It was finally agreed to let the matter go over until tomorrow. At that time if Gans says the word the match will be made to take place next month at the Mission street arena, and the distance will be 45 rounds. Ben Selig Nelson has posted a \$2,500 forfeit with Coffroth to bind the match with Gans. If Coffroth fails to secure Gans he will give Nelson a match with some other man in his class. With Nelson signed by Coffroth there will be no chance for Gleason to get the match, and he must look elsewhere for a card for his May date.

Nelson has always been anxious to get into the ring again for a long fight, feeling that his fighting ability would be brought out in a stronger relief than in a limited round engagement. Gans prefers a short route, as then he can gauge himself to a nicety. He can go after an opponent in an effort to put him out, and if he fails in this the feat he has secured is sure to bring him the goods. The longer the fight the less chance he has of doing this, as he must nurse his energy to the end.

Packy McFarland continues to rule a 9 to 10 public choice over Jimmy Britt for their fight in the Mission street arena on Saturday afternoon. Each man has quite a following and the betting on the fight is commencing to get lively.

Yesterday was an off day with Britt after the big work of the previous day. Whether he had too much boxing or whatever the cause he did not seem to have the dash which has characterized his work for the last week. He boxed well with Edna Madison, and a better chance of defeating Gans in a fight scheduled for 45 rounds than he would in one of 20 rounds, where Gans' recognized boxing skill would count.

Britt looked bigger and more rugged than he has for any of his recent fights, and there is just a possibility that he will have to work hard to get on the required weight. He did not perspire for some time after he began work yesterday, his face showing more of a glow than perspiration. After working for a time with Ty Kreling, the latter being provided with a pair of boxing gloves, Britt was set up. He put a lot of strength into his blows and showed more speed than with Madison. The latter seldom leads and has developed quite a defense, having boxed so much with Britt. When the latter tossed the medicine ball for a time with Jack Sullivan he commenced to perspire freely.

He weighed just after his Jimmy in his gymnasium clothes and the scales showed 141 1/2 pounds. He had on a suit of underclothes, with a sweater and shoes and stockings. He probably weighed under 135 pounds. He seemed a bit quick tempered, which is usually taken as a sign that a man is getting into condition. Britt will do but little more boxing after today, as he will take no chances with his hands.

McFarland had to do all his boxing with Dick Cullen yesterday, as Pat Kinnely was completely out of commission after the rough work of Sunday. McFarland's friends are well satisfied with his condition and they say that he has not shown all he knows in any of his practice bouts. His own friends are sending in communications to him, as they look upon him as a world beater.

Teddy Wolf will not leave for the east to meet Unholz and accompany him to his city, as the Boer has wired him he will be here within a short time.

Abe Attell and Tommy Sullivan will meet tonight at Luke Marisch's to sign articles for their fight before the latter's club this month. The friends of Sullivan feel that the weight will be for him, but he feels confident he can make it and still be strong when he enters the ring.

Jim Corbett, the ex-heavy weight champion boxer (on the left), giving Jimmy Britt some advice at his training quarters at Shannon's on how to beat Packy McFarland when they meet Saturday afternoon at Coffroth's Mission street arena.



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BERKELEY, April 6.—Herbert and Melville Long, tennis exponents, will represent the blue and gold on the tennis courts this year against Stanford, the first time that two brothers have won the singles and doubles championships at the university. Herbert Long will be the singles player against the cardinal, while he will couple with Melville in the doubles.

STANFORD TO TRY OUT ATHLETES STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 6.—The annual interclass meet of the track athletes of Stanford university will be held Wednesday afternoon. The men will only be allowed to enter those events which they are to take part in against the University of California April 18. Several new men have been added to the number of contestants. The men are H. V. Poor, a high jumper; G. B. Towne, freshman sprinter; H. Smith-Orum, his teammate, and T. D. Meddick, a coming broad jumper.

MAY OFFER WATER PLANT TO CITY

Supervisors Believe Spring Valley Company Will Start Overtures Tonight

"Sale of Works Outright Is Best Plan," Says President A. H. Payson

While the members of the board of supervisors said yesterday that they were in the dark as to the plans of the Spring Valley water company, they expressed the belief that a proposition would be submitted to the city tonight at the meeting of the committee on water rates. Just what this proposition will be they were unable to state.

While the board of supervisors has not yet gone on record as to the acquisition of a municipal water supply, it is known that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the peninsula system of the Spring Valley company. This phase of the situation is covered in a resolution introduced recently by Supervisor Rixford and now pending before the board. It calls for the purchase by the city of the peninsula system for \$4,000,000, the money to be employed by the Spring Valley company for the construction of the Calaveras dam. This, it is contended, would almost double the present supply.

Captain Payson does not regard with favor the suggestion that the company part with the peninsula system and not the rest of the property. The company, he said, would then be left at the mercy of the city, which might turn to the Sierra sources and leave the company with part of a system on its hands.

"I have advocated the sale of the property to the city," said Captain Payson yesterday, "as the simplest solution of the problem. The plan has undeveloped possibilities, which when properly utilized will give a sufficient supply to last the city for a generation."

OFFERS WATER PLANT President of Visitation Valley Company Answers Complaints

T. B. Potter, president of the County Line water company, filed an answer yesterday to a petition filed by the Visitation valley about water rates.

CUTLER'S "COUP" CAUSES LAUGHTER

President of Police Commission Receives Gold Brick in a Gambling Raid

Acting Chief's Explanation Is That Somebody Was "Played for a Sucker"

The police department is having one of the heartiest laughs in its sleeve that has come its way in many months. President A. D. Cutler of the police commission, the recipient of a handsome gold brick, is the only man in the department who falls to see the humor of the situation. Cutler's inexperience in police affairs and the absence of Chief of Police Biggs from the city combined to develop the latest "police scandal" fiasco and thereby pave the way for mirth.

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PLAN GAS ORDINANCE Supervisors May Forbid Increase of Rates After a Cut

The artificial lights committee of the supervisors has asked City Attorney Long to pass on the constitutionality of an ordinance presented a week ago by Bancroft to prevent rate juggling by the gas company.

SCHOOL COST \$1,588,032.20 Board of Education Makes Estimate of Year's Expense

The board of education estimates that the city's share of the expense of conducting the public schools during the next fiscal year will amount to \$1,588,032.20. The total expense will be \$2,196,032.20, and of that sum the state will contribute \$598,000. The items of expense as given in the estimate filed with the supervisors are: Salaries, \$1,561,240; repairs, \$230,980; new rooms and temporary buildings, \$74,000; fire escapes, \$72,000; equipment, \$247,812.

LICENSE MEASURE IS SUBSTITUTED

Murdock Presents Amended Ordinance to Meet Objections of Police Commission

When the proposed ordinance licensing and regulating the sale of liquors in sealed packages came up for consideration by the supervisors yesterday Murdock, author of the bill, asked permission to withdraw the measure and present a new measure, which, he said, he hoped would meet the views of those most deeply interested in the question.

It seems almost impossible to draft a satisfactory liquor law," said Murdock, "but I feel the substitute I present today will meet with the approval of the board. It was prepared after consultation with the police commissioners and embodies their views with one exception. They think that it will be impossible to enforce the provision placing a tax of \$40 a year on dealers who sell only light table wines and beers."

BILL NOT DISCUSSED The substitute ordinance, which was referred to the license committee without discussion, provides a license tax of \$40 a year on persons selling light table wines and beers. The reservation is made in both cases that the liquor is not to be drunk on the premises.

The difference between the substitute and the ordinance withdrawn is in the quantities sold, the later bill having provided a license of \$200 for selling in sealed packages of one pint or more and less than two gallons. The change was made to meet the views of the police commissioners, who will grant the permits on which the licenses will be issued by the tax collector.

A bill giving notice of the special election to be held May 11, when the following propositions to incur a bonded indebtedness will be submitted to the electors was passed to print: An auxiliary water system; land and buildings for school purposes; hospitals; hail of justice and county jail; a garbage collection and disposal system. On motion of Giannini the mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of seven to consist of the utilities committee and four other members of the board, to map out a plan of campaign to be conducted in behalf of the bond issue propositions.

PERMIT FOR SHRINE CIRCUS The Mystic Shriners were granted permission to hold a circus on a lot in the block bounded by Market, Mission, Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

RONCOVIERI WOULD SAVE CITY'S MONEY

School Superintendent Favors Special Tax in Place of Bond Issue

Recommendations for insuring the school children against the danger of fire, a plea for the payment of the maximum allowance for teachers' pension and the advocacy of a special school tax instead of a bond issue for school building purposes are the salient features of a communication made yesterday to the board of education by Alfred Roncovieri, superintendent of schools. The board of education will submit its budget to the board of supervisors today or tomorrow. Roncovieri's report in part follows:

I have frequently shown, and I reiterate the same now, that a best issue for school purposes is a bad policy. We should build our schools annually as we need them on the "pay as you go" plan. The annual interest on the proposed issue of \$5,000,000 of bonds for school purposes at 5 per cent will necessitate an average tax levy each year of \$15,000, as the bonds are payable in 30 years, the average annual tax for a sinking fund would be nearly \$10,000. This would mean a total of \$25,000 or more to be paid by the taxpayers of this city every year for the next 30 years. This would cause every dollar's worth of improvement to cost \$1.50, or, in other words, a schoolhouse that cost the city \$100,000 to construct would cost the people \$150,000.

Why not levy such an annual tax under the same conditions as to amount, in 10 years, to \$5,000,000, or \$500,000 a year, and thus save the interest? Or else levy an annual tax of \$250,000 a year for 30 years and secure \$4,500,000 worth of improvements instead of securing only \$5,000,000 of improvements under the bond issue for a cost of \$7,500,000.

PLEADS FOR FULL PENSION Although a pension of \$50 a month is allowed by law to teachers who have been in the service of the department 30 or more years, Roncovieri points out that the teachers on the list are only receiving half that amount. The pension fund is made up of the money received by the assessment of \$1 from every teacher and by the contribution of half of the money deducted from teachers' salaries because of absence or suspension. The present income is but \$15,300. The demands on the board are \$21,000. To meet this deficiency Roncovieri recommends:

The board of education appropriate all the absence money, that is, all money deducted from teachers' salaries by reason of absence from duty, to the retirement fund. That offers the most adequate way to amend the law so as to permit appropriations adequate to pay pensions now specified by law. MAKE SCHOOLS SAFER The recent horror at Collinwood, O., where 147 school children perished in fire, demonstrates the necessity, Roncovieri says, of providing all possible means to insure the safety of the children. He makes recommendations for an auxiliary fire alarm system connecting every school with the central station, for a large fire going to be placed in each school, for at least two fire extinguishers to be placed on each floor of every school and an appropriation to widen all staircases sufficiently to permit four children to walk abreast.

He also recommends the acquisition of more lands for school sites and that more extensive buildings be constructed, not to exceed two stories. In the budget prepared by the board of education...

PROMOTER PITTMAN SOUGHT BY POLICE

Alleged Victims Stir Authorities to Search Country Near Marysville

Efforts are being made by the San Francisco police to locate Barton Pittman, mining promoter and alleged manipulator in high finance, who is accused by many persons in Oakland, Berkeley and Carson City, Nev., of having secured thousands of dollars from them on worthless mining stocks, and who is said to have left the city on the eve of an investigation of his methods by the grand jury, leaving behind him a bond of \$2,000.

Pittman was arrested several weeks ago for embezzlement on the complaint of John M. Obert of Carson City, and his bond at first set at \$10,000. Later it was reduced to \$2,000, by Police Judge Weller when F. A. Stool, an insurance man, deposited stock to that amount and secured Pittman's release. Two weeks ago Pittman was again arrested in Oakland on a charge that his bonds were worthless for the reason that stock in his own companies had been given to secure them. He was released by Judge Weller. The bonds were not changed.

Now it is said that he and his wife, formerly his stenographer, against whom there is also a charge pending, have left the city and gone to the town of Tudor, near Marysville, where they are beyond the jurisdiction of a San Francisco police court. Those who have professed charges against him and the police are making efforts to find him and have him returned to this city.

URGES CLEANER SCHOOLS M. Merigan, one of the members of the grand jury committee on schools, in making his investigation found the condition of the walls so dirty that he wrote to the board of education yesterday, asking that this matter be given proper attention. Many of the schools, he said, needed painting, and in some instances the classroom walls were so unsightly that the teachers had them covered with burlap and wall paper at their own expense.

FIND ROOF ON FIRE The cry of fire brought the family of Thomas Lundy, the jeweler, hurrying from their home at Stanyan and Carl streets yesterday afternoon to find the roof of their house on fire from sparks which had fallen from a chimney. The fire department responded and put out the blaze with nominal damage.

Easter Song A notable Easter poem by Eudina C. Tompkins appears in the April Sunset Magazine—the "San Francisco Two Year After" number. Here also is one of the best spring poems ever written. It is by Charles Field and deals with the blossoming of the city. To him "no pebbled brook can teach so musically sweet a speech" as the din of the hammers and the noise of pneumatic tools at work on reconstruction.

Gossip of Railwaymen

"The Klamath railroad," remarked its general manager, E. T. Abbott, as he gazed at the Marin hills, "may not be quite so important a railroad system as the Southern Pacific, but I tell you it has a greater earning power and makes more money to the mile than any of the Harriman lines. Well, what if it is only 24 miles long? The timber it runs through is unequalled and the scenery compels even my admiration. Why, you gentlemen from the east have no idea what we have in the state. No, sir; you are entirely wrong. Harriman does not own every railroad in the state. We are an independent corporation. You have only to look at my visiting card to learn that," and Abbott handed over to the eastern millionaire his card, which reads as follows:

E. T. ABBOTT, Thrall, California. General Manager, Klamath Lake Railroad. Other incidental employments (proposals for these considered): Station agent Southern Pacific company; agent Wells-Fargo company; agent Western Union telegraph company; agent National telephone company; postmaster, and general manager, general store, local agent Pelton R. Sugar P. L. company, local agent Klamath sugar P. L. company; local agent Klamath River improvement company, Weyerhaeuser land company, general freight and passenger agent Klamath Lake railroad, purchasing agent and roadmaster Klamath Lake railroad, chief engineer and master mechanic Klamath Lake railroad; superintendent schools, keeping out of jail, subject to railroad commission California, subject to railroad commission Oregon, subject to railroad commission Washington. "ANYTHING I AIN'T ISN'T."

The colonist travel to the state this spring, though far smaller than the corresponding period last year, has more bona fide settlers than at any time since the rate went into effect. Last year most of the people who came to California were seeking work, attracted to the west by the prospect of big wages. The people who have taken advantage of the rate this spring are distinctly different. They are men who have come with the intention of making California their home and have been buying small farms in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys and have entered seriously into agriculture. The daily average number of people entering the state has been 331 or a little more than 12,000 since March 1.

The Mount Tamalpais railroad company intends to spend several hundred thousand dollars within the next year or two improving the attractions on the route. The first work will be to depot, eating house and temporary hotel at Muir point. It is the intention of the company to build a hotel at once. Harvey A. Klyve was with C. F. Runyon on the mountain last Sunday going over the plans. Runyon says that the company will next year build a hotel at a cost of \$120,000 at Muir point, and in the meantime a temporary structure is to be completed in six weeks. The company has made a fine trail from Muir point, which descends into the redwood grove, and has also built a fine road to the seashore.

W. B. Penfield, who has been the traveling passenger agent of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, will have charge of the validation office in this city. News was received yesterday of the death of William J. Bedell in Los Angeles of pneumonia Sunday night. Bedell was for many years connected with the Vanderbilt lines in this city and left that road to go with the Pennsylvania. After a term of years with the Pennsylvania, he returned to

SAYS ROAD MEANS NEW THROUGH LINE

J. Downey Harvey Tells of Proposed Extension of the Ocean Shore

The plans and purposes of the Ocean Shore railroad were given in detail at an enthusiastic mass meeting in Ralph's hall last night under the auspices of the Mission promotion association.

J. Downey Harvey, president of the association, said that the Ocean Shore road was the inception of another transcontinental line, and spoke of the proposed extensions to Santa Cruz and Fresno. In the midst of the meeting B. J. Joost, who some years ago built the San Mateo line, caused a temporary disturbance by arising and asking Harvey why "he had stolen the route for which Joost had paid \$70,000."

Peter Lettich, one of the members of the association, followed the question by explaining that Joost had lost his franchise for failing to keep up with the requirements and the matter was passed aside without further comment.

INSULTS LITTLE GIRL Fred L. Day, a carpenter, was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail by Police Judge Cabanis yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace. The judge said he regretted he could not make the punishment heavier. Evelyn Evans, 10 years of age, daughter of Dr. George Evans, 2713 Sacramento street, was on her way to church Sunday morning when Day grabbed her by the arm and tried to drag her into the Alta plaza. The girl screamed and broke from him. She told her father what had occurred.

BRING BANKRUPTCY SUIT—A petition to have A. E. McKinley and John Van Brock partners of San Francisco, adjudged bankrupt was filed yesterday in the United States district court by W. A. L. Miller, F. Hesperisky, N. E. Wellman, Louis Juvan, G. Lissen and William Robb. McKinley and Brock's old allegiance and again entered the employ of the Vanderbilt lines and was sent, as general agent to Los Angeles. For the last few years he was in the banking business. The Denver and Rio Grande railroad has issued an attractive booklet on the joys of outdoor life and the estimated cost of a summer's outing in the Rocky mountain region. The book is well illustrated. H. K. Gregory, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, has been in the San Joaquin valley on company business. She Was Surprised To find what a good maid she secured through a Call want ad. You always find just what you want in want columns of The Call.

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