

Promo: Sid Hester Still Confident of Staging Bout: Boxers Begin Training In Earnest: Amateur Athletes Basketball, Hockey, Baseball Games Today

HESTER PROMISES TO STAGE FIGHT AT ANY COST

Overdose of Alameda Politics Fails to Stagger Mission Club Manager

PROMOTER SID HESTER managed to leap out of the San Mateo frying pan only to land in the Alameda fire. The howl and the wall against the bringing off of the Wolgast-Nelson encounter in the city of churches echoed from one end of the quiet little city to the other yesterday.

But at Hester still has a chance to lead the procession with his own banner waving in triumph ahead of them all. Some of the Alameda powers are for him and others are pulling against him. He does not seem to know on what plank he stands, and neither do the good citizens and officials of the Encinal City.

"I had been assured that I could promote the fight in Alameda," said Hester last night. "This is why I went ahead with my arrangements and made my announcement. It was a great shock to me to read in this morning's papers that my petition would be opposed. However, if the worst comes to the worst I will pull the battle off in Ocean View."

This is the way the young promoter sized up the situation. In the meantime five of the Alameda city councilmen are for him and four of them are against him. Mayor William H. Noy is on record as siding in with the minority. Maybe he can be won over and maybe he can not. Opinions are very much divided on the other side of the bay.

HESTER NEEDS A POLITICAL BOSS What Hester needs more than fighters and managers is a political boss. This fighting game is fast developing into a sort of partisan layout. You can not promote a fight unless you stand right politically, whether it be in San Francisco, San Mateo or Alameda county. Hester probably did the best he could, but it's an impossibility to have the political edge everywhere.

Though the fans are betting even money that he will never land the fight, Hester is less worried than any of them. He's sure that he's going to pull it off, and he's sure that the battleground will be in Alameda county. It may be Alameda city or it may be Ocean View, but it's going to be one of the two places. This is the way Hester declares himself.

At all events Hester is showing the world that he is a game bird. The ordinary promoter would have raised his arms skyward and washed his hands clean of the whole affair long ago. But Hester clung on like a bulldog. He has gone a long route already and he declares emphatically that he is going to finish by staging the great attraction.

"I will know definitely tomorrow afternoon or evening," says Hester, "where the battleground will be. I feel certain that the fight will take place in Alameda county. My plans were all arranged to stage the mill in the city of Alameda, and it is needless to say that I had a hard time to keep from fainting when I read the papers this morning."

FIVE COUNCILMEN ARE IN LINE FOR BOUT The five Alameda councilmen who are said to be strong for having the Dane and Dutchman settle the question of physical superiority in that city are John E. Walker, one of the owners of the Alameda athletic club; William Hammond Jr., Bert L. Fisher, E. D. Ellis and E. J. Probst. Listed as being opposed to the fight are Mayor William H. Noy, President E. B. Bullock of the city council, Sumner Crosby, Peter Christensen and Fred L. Krumb.

Mayor Noy issued the following statement yesterday afternoon: "Regarding the matter of the boxing contest to be held in Alameda on Washington's birthday between Nelson and Wolgast, I wish to say that such matter has not as yet been brought officially to my or the council's attention. How the council may act as a body, should a permit be requested to hold such a contest, I do not know. I and some of the councilmen are opposed to it. Notwithstanding reports in the newspapers that I have been interviewed by promoters and reporters and of my having opinions favorable to such a project, I here deny that any such interviews have taken place."

It has come to light that the chief cause of the split in the city council in the matter of the fight permit was the manner in which Councilman Walker went about arranging with Hester and others to stage the Nelson-Wolgast mill in Alameda.

According to the councilmen now opposing the proposed issuance of a permit for the bout, Walker proceeded to do all of the arranging with Hester and the latter's backers without taking Mayor Noy and some of the councilmen into his confidence. The opposing officials say that they have learned that Walker represented himself to be the whole thing and assured the promoters that "everything was all right."

"WAYS THAT ARE DARK" Councilman Krumb says: "Things were done a little too high handed and independent in the matter to suit me. The mayor was passed up and ignored. The mayor is the head of the city government, and as such would have to stand the brunt of what criticism might attach to the granting or the refusal to grant a fight permit in this city. He was, therefore, entitled to know all about what was doing, and it was an uncalled for slight to overlook him. In that respect I will stand by the mayor."

"Personally I am not opposed to witnessing a lively bout with the granting of the fight permit not acted in a 'bullheaded' manner in the matter a permit could possibly have been obtained. If the majority of the council think that they can arrange for the holding of the fight in Alameda let the majority go ahead. At this time I am opposed to granting a permit."

Some pressure is being brought to bear on the mayor to recede from his position opposing the fight, but thus far the mayor has held his ground. It is expected that a meeting of the council will be held to consider the matter tomorrow.

BOTH BOXERS SETTLE DOWN TO TRAINING The trouble of selecting a battleground is not standing in the way of Nelson's training. The Dane believes that the fight is coming off, and he knows that he will have to be in condition for it. True to his promise, he went down to Millet's near Colma bright and early yesterday morning and started his training stunts with a run on the road.

In the afternoon he entertained quite a crowd of the villagers and San Francisco sports. He did a lot of gymnasium work, punched away at the bags and wound up with a three round bout with his brother, Arthur. He then jumped on the scales and tipped the beam at 136 pounds, which goes to show that he will not have to worry about taking off weight.

"Well, I made that fellow Wolgast crawl when he proposed going into a room and fighting it out," chuckled the Battler. "I was willing enough and I wanted to bet him \$5,000 against \$2,500, but he did not flash his money. Mine was right up on the table and everybody saw it. I also made Jones quit when I offered to bet him \$500 that his man did not draw more than \$3,750 in 15 of his fights. Oh, I've got the dope on them."

Abdul the Turk will join Nelson's camp immediately after the Langford-Flynn fight in Los Angeles next Wednesday. As sparring partners, the Dane will have his brother, Dick Wheeler, Joe Myers and Jeff Perry. This trio should keep him busy till the day of the fight rolls around.

Wolgast also went out to his training quarters at the ocean beach yesterday morning, but outside of a little light gymnasium work, he refrained from exerting himself. He will have to build up rather than take off weight, and, therefore, he does not intend to do any rough boxing till next week, and even then he will limit his practice bouts.

Commissioner Tom Corbett has been entrusted with \$5,000 to be wagered on Nelson against \$2,500. Corbett says that if Tom Jones wants to cover this money he can be best betted at any time. Corbett believes that the battle will be one of the best betting affairs that the local ring has known in many years, as the Nelson money is beginning to pour in already.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—So far James Coffroth, the California fight promoter, has an ample margin of safety on his rush trip to San Francisco to win a bet of \$1,000.

Before leaving England on the Mauretania Coffroth met Eugene Cori of the National sporting club that he would be in San Francisco on February 8. The Mauretania reached here this morning, and Coffroth boarded the twentieth century limited this afternoon for Chicago.

The promoter's schedule calls for his reaching Chicago tomorrow and leaving a few hours later on the overland limited, which, if on time, would bring him to San Francisco at 7:28 a. m. next Tuesday, February 8, or more than five and a half hours before the expiration of the time limit.

CHAMPION SETTER DEAD MONMOUTH, Ill., Feb. 4.—"McKinley" champion English setter of America, is dead. Affection of the heart caused his demise. He had been under the care of physicians for several months and no expense was spared by his owners, but to no avail. He was owned by Mark Yates and Charles Perley of this city.

Jeff May Be Won Over by The California Promoter



Latest photographs of the retired champion, taken in Portland a few days ago.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Notable Deaths H. B. NEWCOMB, BANKER—Cleveland, Feb. 4.—H. B. Newcomb, one of the best known bankers in this city, died today, aged 98 years.

Marriage Licenses The following marriage licenses were issued in San Francisco—Friday, February 4, 1910: DARBELLAY—PELLOCCHOUD—Emile Darbellay, 28, and Adeline Pelloccoud, 30, both of 1242 Pacific ave.

BIRTHS BRIZOLARA—In this city, February 3, 1910, Oscar Brizolara, dearly beloved husband of Lucia Brizolara, beloved wife of Joseph M. Louis G. Emile J. Edith and Norma Brizolara, aged 69 years 1 month and 27 days.

MARRIAGES SULLIVAN—MILLS—In this city, January 31, 1910, by the Rev. E. M. Stensrud, Bert Ward Sullivan and Alvina Charles Mills, both of San Francisco.

GLEASON WITH RICKARD TO HER BLUE OCEAN SACRED HEART TAKES COMMERCIAL'S MEASURE AND POLYTECHNIC BEATS COGSWELL

He and Berger Leave Today for Salt Lake City to Confer With Rickard

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 4.—The heavy weight championship fight between the undefeated champion, James J. Jeffries, and Jack Johnson will take place in San Francisco, and not in Salt Lake. This announcement was made on the arrival of the Jeffries-Gotch party here today.

This arrangement was the outcome of a lot of telegraphic communication which was passed in the recent days, and tonight Gleason and Sam Berger will leave for Salt Lake to meet "Tex" Rickard.

Speaking of the final decision of Gleason and Rickard, Jeffries today declared that the plan suited him perfectly, as he did not care where the fight took place, so long as he was given a chance to meet the colored heavy weight in the squared circle.

Jeffries smiled as he spoke of Johnson, but refrained from making any bitter comments that have been attributed to him in other cities. He merely contented himself with declaring that any time and place was satisfactory to him, as all he wanted was the opportunity against Johnson.

The party arrived a few minutes before noon. At 1 o'clock Jeffries' big, happy and husky looking, swung from the hotel and went to the Northern Pacific depot, where he met Mrs. Jeffries, who arrived from Chicago, where she has been in the hospital for some months. The meeting was a happy one and Mrs. Jeffries clung closely to the side of her giant husband from the time of arrival until the party left for the theater for the evening's performance.

Gleason declined tonight to say what arrangements would be made for an arena in San Francisco, but would not deny that he and Rickard would probably construct their own building for the big fight.

Graham Gives Line On The Senators

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Feb. 4.—A line on the personnel of the 1910 senators is given by Manager Charles Graham. On the pitching staff he will have Whalen, Brown, Fitzgerald, Hunt of Boston, Heister and another Boston pitcher, La Longe and Fournier will do the catching.

The infield will be: Danzig, first; Raymer, second; Darringer, Shinn and Boardman, third and short. The outfield will consist of Zamlock, Bauer of Oshkosh, Briggs of Haverhill, Kelly of Oakland and a fifth player whose name has not yet been given out.

RAINEY GETS DEMUND —COTTONPLANT, Miss, Feb. 4.—Demund, the racehorse for which Paul J. Rainey of New York paid \$45,000 as a 2 year old, has been given to Roy Rainey and will be shipped to the Rainey farm in Virginia.

FITZHERBERT HEAVILY INSURED —NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—John E. Madigan, who bought Fitzherbert from S. C. Hildreth Tuesday for \$10,000, has had the horse insured for the full amount of the purchase price.

PHOENIX PLAYERS WILL ENDEAVOR TO RETRIEVE DEFEAT FROM CARDINALS TODAY

The Stanford varsity and the Phoenix team of St. Mary's college will play their second game this season this afternoon. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock on the St. Mary's college diamond.

Wilkinson, the Phoenix second baseman, has been in the infirmary during the week, so that it is likely that his place will be filled from the substitute list. It is also likely that Bonetti, one of St. Mary's best outfielders, will not appear in today's lineup.

With these exceptions and the substitution of Wilcox for Leonard in the pitcher's box, the collegians will put into the field the same team that the cardinals defeated last week at Palo Alto.

The Stanford team is to be severely crippled by the loss of McFadden, who has been showing up so well this season, as he will be unable to accompany the team on its trip. Mow Mitchell is to go into the box for the cardinal nine again and Jones will be used as substitute for this position.

Coach Presley is still trying out several men for each of the positions and about nine extra men will be taken along to make this possible tomorrow. The Stanford lineup will be:

Catcher, S. Mitchell; pitcher, M. Mitchell; first base, Ganong; second base, Cass; shortstop, Tallant; third base, Reed; center field, left field, Jordan or Canterbury; center field, Reed or Beeger; right field, Obar.

BIRD HUNTERS QUICKLY CAUGHT AND FINED

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—J. S. Hunter, San Mateo county game warden, arrested D. Trento and S. Colombo, Italians from San Francisco, for shooting yellow crowned sparrows in the vicinity of Colma this afternoon.

The two hunters were arraigned before Justice A. McSweeney and were fined \$10 each, which they paid. The game warden was riding in a suburban electric car when he spied the men shooting at the protected birds and within an hour they were convicted and fined.

ABERDEEN'S COMPLAINT IS TAKEN TO COURTS

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—The fight being made by the recently disfranchised Aberdeen club of the Northwestern baseball league to retain its membership in the organization was taken into the courts today when attorneys representing Clarence H. Rowland, manager of the Aberdeen team, and S. K. Bower, A. W. Middleton and W. R. MacFarlane, stock holders in the club, filed two complaints in the superior court of Kings county.

One complaint asks the court to compel the directors of the Northwestern league to reinstate Aberdeen and the other seeks to have the league enjoined from preparing a schedule with Aberdeen omitted.

Acting on the first complaint Judge A. W. Frater issued an alternative writ of mandata requiring the directors of the Northwestern league to reinstate Aberdeen or appear before the court Friday, February 11, and show cause for not complying.

Many Contracts Sent In To Lynch

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—President Lynch of the National baseball league today announced the following contracts:

With Brooklyn—George C. Bell, Frank R. Deason, George H. Hunter, Edgar Lennox, P. M. Kelly, Frank Miller, Frank Schenberg, Paul Senter.

With Chicago—Leri Snapp, Thomas J. Needham, Frank Pfeiffer, John Joseph Staley.

With New York—Leo K. Ames, Otto Crandall, George J. Daly, John Devereux, C. L. Herzog, A. Latham, Ernest B. Lush, Fred C. Merkle, Robert A. Quinn, Frank Schenberg, W. E. Parsons, George H. Schlei, Fred Tenney.

The federal will take place Monday, February 8, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of Charles Borromeo church, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, commencing at 9 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross cemetery, West Mission streets. Please omit flowers.

MURPHY—In this city, February 3, 1910, James Murphy, beloved husband of John Murphy and loving mother of John, Daniel, Frank and Robert Murphy and Mrs. W. Edmister and the late Mrs. John Murphy, aged 61 years, died here today. The funeral will take place today (Saturday), February 5, at 10 o'clock, from his late residence, 380 Day street, between Sanchez and Taylor streets, San Francisco, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Holy Cross cemetery.

NOBLE—In Berkeley, Cal., February 3, 1910, Ellen Noble, beloved wife of William Noble, a native of London, Eng., aged 70 years 3 months and 21 days.

OVERFIELD—In this city, February 3, 1910, Charles, dearly beloved husband of Bertha Overfield, and loving father of Bertha, Albert and Charles Overfield Jr., a native of Baden, Germany, aged 43 years 4 months and 7 days, died here today. The funeral will take place today (Saturday), February 5, at 10 o'clock, from his late residence, 380 Day street, between Sanchez and Taylor streets, San Francisco, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Holy Cross cemetery.

PICCININI—In this city, February 2, 1910, Antonio Piccinini, beloved husband of Guido Piccinini, a native of San Cassiano, Italy, aged 57 years 3 months and 11 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral tomorrow (Sunday), February 6, at 1:15 o'clock, from the parlors of Valente, Marini, Marini & Co., 549 Green street between Powell and Stockton.

ROBERTS—In this city, February 3, 1910, Adelbert Robert Roberts, beloved son of Adelbert and Annie Roberts, and nephew of Dr. Carroll Roberts, a native of San Francisco, aged 1 year 10 months and 28 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral today (Saturday), February 5, at 1:15 o'clock, from the parlors of Valente, Marini, Marini & Co., 549 Green street between Powell and Stockton.

SPRETTI—In this city, February 3, 1910, John A. Spretti, beloved husband of Anna Spretti, and loving father of John, Joseph, and Michael Spretti, a native of San Francisco, aged 47 years 8 months and 1 day.

The funeral will be held today (Saturday), February 5, at 1:15 o'clock, from the parlors of G. Iaccheri & Co., 1248 Stockton street, between Taylor and Broadway streets, San Francisco, at 11:30 a. m. Interment Holy Cross cemetery.

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