

ALL'S DOUBLED PAGE OF SPORTS

CLOSE RACE IS PREDICTED IN 1914

All Clubs, With the Exception of Portland, Will Be Much Stronger

By JOE MURPHY It is generally contended that the teams of the Pacific Coast league, with the exception of Portland, will be stronger next season than they were during the year of 1913.

The clubs representing San Francisco, Venice and Los Angeles have secured new material, which promises to bolster up the weak spots.

It seems almost a foregone conclusion that the work out of Leard that at least 20 per cent stronger than it was last year.

Some of the fans are doubtful about Hogan getting the work out of Leard that he is capable of. It is such a handle and the writer is willing to take a chance at predicting this Leard is in for a great season and that he will be one of the stars of the southern club.

The Los Angeles club will have some new pitching material that looks promising, and Bery has hopes of getting infielder Joe Berger from the Chicago White Sox and infielder Ray Borton from the New York Yankees.

The Oakland lineup is a hard one to figure at this time. If Devlin jumps into the game and holds down the second sack, the infield of the transbay club will look mighty good with Ness, Devlin, Cook and Hettling on the firing line.

The Beavers of last season was one of the strongest clubs that ever played in the Pacific Coast league. A couple of the players will be missing next year, and the club can hardly be expected to be as strong as the combination that represented the northern city during the season of 1913.

Baseball conclusions are based on past performances. If the players who will represent the various teams of the Coast league play up to their expected form, the fans can count on a close race.

It is said that Ray Borton, the first baseman of the Yankees, who is wanted by Hap Togan of the Venice club and Henry Berry of the Los Angeles club, is troubled with bad feet, and this is the reason that Manager Chance of the New York club is turning him adrift.

Art Shafer, third baseman of the New York Giants, has announced his retirement from the game again. This

The Judge Was Insulted In His Own Courtroom

By Tad

A JOKE IS A JOKE - BUT A HAM IS NO KID SILK HAT HARRY THE LOW LIFE NOT ONLY MADE POOR MAKE THE WAITRESS BELIEVE THAT HE WAS THE JUDGE BUT PROMISED TO SQUARE A CASE FOR HER BROTHER WHO IS AT THIS WRITING RESTING IN THE HOOSE GOV. MAE OF COURSE WISED HER FRIENDS UP AND THEN APPEARED IN COURT EXPECTING TO SEE HER FRIEND THE JUDGE - INSTEAD - THEY ARE ALL BALLED UP SHE IS CERTAIN THAT THE GENT SHE SPEAKS TO IS ANOTHER THAN BUNNY BECAUSE HANBY TOLD HER TO



Sharkey Pinched And Bailed Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Tom Sharkey's place at 114 East Fourteenth street was raided as a disorderly house late last night. This is the first time such a complaint has ever been made against him, although he has been arrested before for alleged excessive violations. The raid was made on complaint of the Kehillah, the Jewish anti-vice organization, and the Grammercy Park association. Sharkey, his manager, Andrew Osborne, and Albert Jacobs, a waiter, were arrested and quickly bailed.

time it is said that the former Santa Clara college boy is on the square and he is going to quit professional baseball for good. When Manager Muggsy McGraw of the Giants was south with the globe trotting baseball players he had a talk with Shafer. Mac asked him if it was true that he was to retire from baseball, and Shafer replied in the affirmative. Mac tried to lure Shafer back by offering him more salary and give him the privilege of joining the club when the playing season commenced, instead of joining the team at Marlin, where it will train. Shafer told McGraw that he was in business with his father and that he was out of the game for good.

A general complaint was made by the players of the different clubs about the condition of the Sacramento ball field. They claim that it is full of gulleys and holes, and is sadly in need of attention. It is claimed that a player is never sure of himself on the Buffalo park ball field.

The scribes in the south say that Walter Single, Bill Tozer and Bill Page will have a hustle to keep their jobs next season. They will be taken to the training camp, but they will have to show the goods if they hope to make the team.

Slattery's Spikes!

THE passing of Owen Moran ought to be enough to convince the fighters and the patrons of the game that the word "comeback" should be eliminated from the fighting dictionary. It may go in other lines of sport, but certainly not in the ring. They have been trying it over and over again, with the same old result every time. The sooner the fans refuse to fall for comeback fighters, and the sooner the promoters make up their minds that the comeback can't be accomplished, the better off the game of the gloves will be.

MORAN was just clever and wordy enough to make the majority of the fans believe that he could accomplish what so many of them failed at in the past. He told them how he had climbed on the wagon, how he had fought big, husky Matt Wells off his feet for 20 rounds and how he intended to go right up the ladder again. They fell.

but that lets him out. The youngster with the vitality and the pep is the one to back in these uncertain days of the ring. Class always needs plenty of assistance. A COUPLE of wise Los Angeles sports had the right idea. They saw Moran lose to Jack White on a foul several months ago and then they saw Azevedo make a whirling fight against Dundee. They slipped quietly into town, laid down their dough on Azevedo and slipped quietly out again. One gathered \$2,000 and the other \$1,000.

THE chances are that Moran will make a trip east and still be able to gather the soft money. They may fall for him about once back there; but if he fights like he fought Azevedo, then goodby and good night. But Moran is an energetic little chap and there is no law to rule him out for trying.

IT looks as though Tommy Burns is trying to get revenge on Jack Johnson through the agency of his white boy, Arthur Pelkey. Tommy is out with the statement that Pelkey has drawn the color line, but he is willing to step over it if there is a possible chance for him to get the black champion in the ring with him.

TOMMY probably still smartens a bit every time that he thinks of that beating which the giant smoke handed him in Sydney nearly five years ago. Revenge would be sweet to the former heavy weight king even at this stage of the game. And, besides, it would mean a lot of money in the event that Pelkey should happen to trounce Johnson.

TOMMY'S line of chatter sounds tall right, but it will be wise for him to attend strictly to Gunboat Smith before he takes it into his head to make any other matches. Pelkey will have a tough old job on his hands when he tackles the gunner on New Year day; and if he does win, he will be entitled to a crack at any of them.

BURNS is still looking for somebody to lay him 2 to 1 that the Gunner will beat Pelkey. He evidently is trying to beat the price a bit, but thought they may be selling like that when they enter the ring. But 2 to 1 is a long price to be looking for right now, and it is doubtful if Burns is going to get any action at all.

PACKEY McFARLAND has set up quite a wall because the Wisconsin boxing commission has suspended him for a year, and also because the New York commission had going to take the same action. Too bad about Packey. He has been getting away with more of the soft stuff than any other fighter in the business and he never has been called till now.

McFARLAND is the typical ace in the hole fighter. He never will take a chance against a live opponent. He never will make weight. He goes on his reputation all the time and picks out the marks in order to get his money as easy as possible, and when he is called he starts to holler just like all the sure thing men.

But Packey will not be missed even if he does get more enough to bid the gloves farewell. He never has done anything to endear himself to the men who support the game. He won't fight men like Mike Gibbons or Jimmy Clabby, but he is always willing to come in at catch weights with some poor little 133 pounder. A fine ring performer!

ANOTHER STAR IS COMING TO THE FRONT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—If one were to accept the word of Danny Morgan, known to the boxing world as "Silent Dan," Otto Koehler of Cleveland is the most likely lightweight in the world, with the possible exception of Jack Britton, Willie Ritchie and one or two others. Morgan, however, is not stumped over one or two men being ranked higher than his newest protegee, and blandly declared: "Koehler will be better than Ritchie and as good as Britton in the near future if he remains under my management."

Koehler, from his victories over "Young" Brown and Freddie Haas on Saturday and Monday nights, respectively, was at Morgan's office today inquiring when he was going to box again. He said he could box at 134 second ringside and be strong, although his natural weight would seem to be around 140 pounds. He is anxious to try conclusions with Leach Cross or any men in his class.

Dapper Jack O'Neil of England, rated by some as the superior of Freddie Welsh, the holder of Lord Londale's belt, emblematic of Great Britain, will meet "Young" Brown tonight.

The question of whether or not Joe Jeannette and Sam Langford have gone back so far that they are not entitled to further consideration as championship possibilities will be definitely settled in Paris Saturday night. The men will meet in a 20 round contest and the winner will meet Jack Johnson, if the latter really intends to defend his title.

Shugrue and Smith Put Up Fast Fight

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Young Shugrue, the clever Jersey City boxer, and Cy Smith, the Hoboken Cyclone, put up such a rattling exhibition at Brown's gymnasium last night that Tom O'Rourke, manager of the National Sporting club, who was present, immediately rematched them for a bout at his club next Tuesday night. Both boxers are lightweights. The bout last night attracted so much attention that the club was forced to close its doors, hundreds not being able to see it.

City Officials Will Make Fight for Athletic League

By WILLIAM UNMACK Retrenchment in the board of education will probably mean the holding up of the good work accomplished by the Public Schools Athletic League. President A. A. d'Ancona of the board yesterday notified Assistant Athletic Director George Hammer that retrenchment was being considered, and that it was quite possible that for the next six months at least the work of the schools league would have to be suspended.

The retrenchment will affect nearly 50,000 boys and girls of the various grammar schools of the city and the physical benefits that the league gives these children is threatened to be discontinued. Bustace Peixotto, director of the Public Schools Athletic league, is at present in Australia, with the All-American athletic team.

The proposed retrenchment by the board of education, which will go away with the work of the Public Schools Athletic league work, has met with intense opposition from those who know the benefits that the league has given the children. Thomas F. Boyle, city auditor and president of the league, said this morning: "The proposed retrenchment in the schools league is a surprise to me. Though I know the board of education has overdrawn its appropriation, I do not think the good work and necessary work of the league should suffer. The league is a special benefit to every boy and girl in school. Besides the physical benefits, it also teaches discipline and tends to make the children brighter in their studies."

"The board of education has had more money this year than ever before, and had the business affairs been conducted properly there would have been ample money to carry on all the work. The physical benefits of the children should not be made to suffer for this lack of business management in the board."

ROOS SPEAKS FOR LEAGUE Robert Roos, one of the originators of the league, said this morning: "The league is one of the greatest undertakings for the benefit of the school children of the city, and its work should be allowed to go on unimpeded. Retrenchment should not interfere with this physical work of the child, which is as necessary as the mental side of the children's life. A strong body makes a strong mind, but a strong mind does not make a strong body."

Colonel Power of the board of education and a member of the directors of the league said: "This is all news to me, but it is not surprising that I have no knowledge of the proposed retrenchment. I will

Moran Still Lucky Enough to Get Work

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—Owen Moran, the English lightweight, and Joe Bayley, former lightweight champion of Canada, have been matched for a 15 round boxing contest at Steveston, near Vancouver, B. C., January 9. The men will weigh in at 133 pounds ringside.

BLAKE VS. DIXIE KID LONDON, Dec. 18.—Bandsman Blake, the undefeated British middle weight champion, was today matched to box the Dixie Kid in London on January 1.

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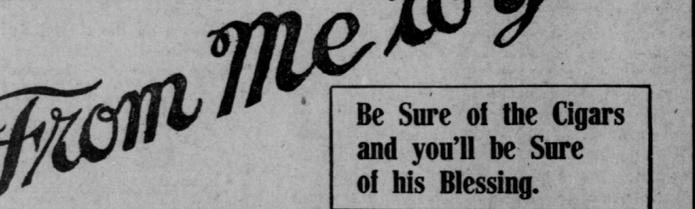
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