

SPORTS

JACK GLEASON ASKS SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISORS FOR PERMIT TO HOLD 45-ROUND FIGHT— SAYS DEFINITELY THAT CALIFORNIA WILL BE THE SCENE OF THE JOHNSON-JEFFRIES MILL

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PHOENIX CLUB SMOKER PROMISES GOOD SPORT.
 The first speaker of the newly organized Phoenix Athletic club, which will be held at Arcade hall Thursday night, promises excellent sport for the fight fans. The management of the new club has lined up an excellent card of boxing events, and all the bouts seem well balanced.
 Yesterday the club matched Jimmie Emery and Dave Clark for the win-up. Both are clever, hard-hitting welterweights.
 The other features on the card are: Frank Westerman vs. Howard Ladd, heavyweights; Willie Vetro and Johnnie O'Leary, flyweights; Will Robinson and Joe Castro, middleweights; Con Weiffenbach and Roy Brown, lightweights.
 The fact that the smoker will be held in the heart of the city should bring out a large attendance.
 The Phoenix club is a new organization, but it promises to be a strong contender with the other athletic clubs that are in the boxing game in and around Seattle.
 A second smoker will be staged the latter part of the month.



I WISH we had as much inside dope on our own league as the fellow who writes the sporting stuff for the Frisco papers seem to have. For instance, the San Francisco Examiner of Saturday last comes with the statement that Bellingham has been tendered the sixth franchise by President Lucas, and that that town will take Portland's place in the Northwestern circuit. The story referred to goes on as follows: "The Northwestern League has formally tossed the sponge into the ring and the little tussle with the Coast League has ended without blood being spilled. Dire threats of 'outlaw' baseball has vanished. The announcement that the franchise formerly held by the McCredie in Portland has been given to Bellingham means that the Lucas-Dunlop combine has given up all hope of getting back into the Oregon metropolitan with their Class B organization."

THE POINT OF VIEW
 It's all according to the point of view, of course, but at this end of the line it's hard to figure just when and where the Northwestern League "formally tossed the sponge into the ring." The talk of outlaw baseball when the Northwestern magnates sincerely believed that McCredie was being lobbied out of a square deal. When it was first announced that the Coast League directors had turned down McCredie's application for a second club in Portland, the Northwestern club owners jumped into line behind the Portland magnate, who threw out dark hints of succession and a fight to the finish for his rights. Then, when he had ordered a number of concessions out of the Coast League, McCredie washed his hands of the Northwestern entirely. That put an end to negotiations so far as this league was concerned, for unless McCredie wanted a second club in the Northwestern, the other members of the league had no desire to fight for the territory.
 Until the Northwestern League directors meet here January 11, the lineup of the circuit for next year will not be definitely determined. At the present time it looks as though Bellingham and Everett were being ordered a number of concessions out of the Coast League, with the hope both are ready to provide a suitable park and a substantial guarantee that the season's schedule will be played through to a finish. However, Helena and Butte will have representatives at the league meeting, an eight-club league with the two Montana towns in line, is still a possibility. In that event, Walla Walla might be taken in instead of Salt Lake City or Everett.

THAT SPRY GOVERNOR
 They're having a lot of fun over in Utah with the prize fight problem. As matters stand today, the business men and many of the people citizens of Salt Lake are biting their nails with disappointment because of the law and the anti-prize fight talk that Gov. Spry has handed out from time to time, the Johnson-Jeffries plum is just out of reach.
 Gov. Spry finds some new way to hedge almost every day. His latest being that "The Johnson-Jeffries fight will not be held in Salt Lake on account of the altitude."
 As a matter of fact, Tex Rickard's Salt Lake talk is all doocooked by the good people of Utah are still biting and figuring some way to get the law and grab the big event. A day or so ago Salt Lake fans and a bout between Sullivan and Collins as an entering wedge to open the door in the Mormon metropolis. Gov. Spry sent a flattery message to Mayor Glassman, saying that he understood that a horrid, rude prize fight was to be pulled off and that such things could not be. To which the mayor replied:
 "I am assured it will be a boxing contest for 20 rounds. Will attend and stop it if it develops into a prize fight. Attending fights will mean some hair-splitting, that. But at any rate, attending fights will mean a fan out of Mayor Glassman, if he doesn't happen to be one already, and that will mean that he will unswear the lid as much as he is able in Salt Lake City, for the general good of the game."

GLEASON CERTAIN OF BIG FIGHT IN FRISCO

PROMOTER ANSWERS COAST FANS THAT UTAH AND NEVEDA ARE OFF THE FIGHT MAP—FIRST 45-ROUND PERMIT ASKED IN YEARS.

(By United Press.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Jack Gleason has made formal application to the new board of supervisors for a permit to hold a 45-round ring contest in this city some time during the coming year. This is the first time in years that an attempt has been made to hold a fight longer than 20 rounds in San Francisco, that being the limit set by the supervisors, although longer fights have been held over the county line. Gleason's application was referred to the police committee of the supervisors, and within a few days they will announce their decision. It is said by those "in the know" that the permit will be granted.
 "Last night Gleason came out with the flat-footed statement that the Jeffries-Johnson fight would be held in or near San Francisco. He stated that neither Utah nor Nevada was on the fight map so far as he and Tex Rickard were concerned, and although the fans have surmised right along that California would shake down the plum, Gleason's positive assurance was gratifying."
 "I do not know what action the supervisors will take on my petition, although I have reasons to hope for favorable consideration," said Gleason. "But whether we are allowed to pull the fight off right here in San Francisco or not, it will take place in or near this city. You will hear no more Utah talk from Tex Rickard."

SAM LANGFORD TO MEET FLYNN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 11.—J. A. Woodman, acting for "Boggy" Sam Langford, announced today that the Boston negro will meet Jim Flynn before the Pacific Athletic Club of Los Angeles on February 8.
 Langford and the Pueblo fireman will battle over the ten-round route necessitated by the law in Los Angeles. Newspapers will announce the winner.
 Langford is scheduled to meet the Dixie Kid here tonight. Following his match with Flynn in Los Angeles he plans to appear in Paris and London, sailing from New York about March 1.

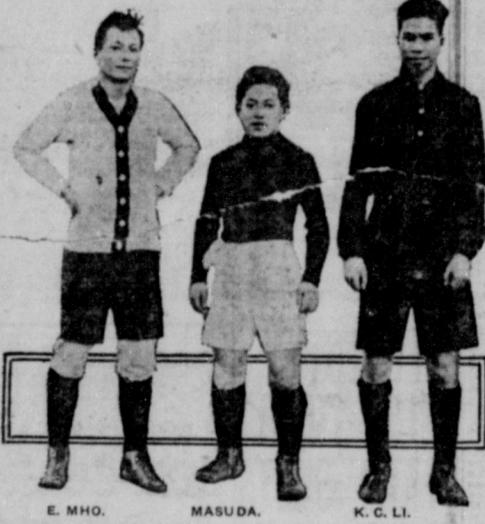
Jeff Has a Unique Job—He Must Regain Title That He Never Lost

James J. Jeffries occupies a unique position in the pugilistic world in that he is soon to go into the ring to fight to regain the championship title which he voluntarily surrendered.
 Corbett had won the title of champion of America from John L. Sullivan in 1892, and had lost it to Bob Fitzsimmons March 17, 1897. Fitzsimmons was the undisputed champion for two years. In the meantime a good deal was being said about one Jeffries.
 He was first heard of in 1896, when he beat Dan Long in two rounds in San Francisco. In 1897 he fought T. Van Buren, Henry Baker, Gus Ruhlin and Joe Chynskil.
 The Ruhlin and Chynskil fights were drawn battles, but all the time Jeffries was gaining fast in strength and confidence, and the next year—1898—he met and defeated old Joe Goddard in four rounds, Peter Jackson in three, Pete Forest in three, Tom Sharkey in 20 and Bob Armstrong in 16 rounds.
 After a deal of argument, Jeffries and Fitzsimmons were matched to fight at Coney Island, June 3, 1899, for the heavyweight championship. The east had seen Jeffries only once, and that was when he fought Bob Armstrong on August 5, 1898, in New York. "Fitz was better known and his bulk of the money was placed on the champion."
 The Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight drew a big, but not a record-breaking crowd. Bob started in with his usual whirlwind speed and clever tactics, but it was soon apparent that he had met his conqueror. In the 11th round Jeffries not in the blow that brought him the title of champion.
 Failed to Regain.
 Fitzsimmons tried to regain the crown at San Francisco July 23, 1902, but this time he lasted only eight rounds.
 After fighting Tom Sharkey, Griffin, Corbett, Finnegan, Munroe and a few others, Jeffries retired to his California farm in 1905 and presented the title he had held for five years to Marvin Hart, who had just defeated Jack Root.

"NEWSPAPERS MADE BASEBALL; WRITERS' OPINIONS SOLICITED"

Remember some time ago when Chas. W. Murphy, nose-maker of the Chicago Cubs, gave vent to this statement: "Baseball existed before the newspapers supported it, and it can get along without them now. Baseball writers aren't running the National League."
 Just like that.
 Now listen to what Tom J. Lynch, president of the National League, has to say: "When I saw the baseball writers around John Heydler and noted how the boys liked, admired and held scores. I said to myself, 'Tom, here is the man for you to pattern after.'"
 "One reason why, in my opinion, the greatest consideration should be extended baseball writers is this: They have made the game. The clever word painters have kindled public interest and kept it warm."
 "Reduce baseball writing to a dry and businesslike basis, and nothing but bare description and hard scores—where would the crowds be? Cut down to a few dyed-in-the-wool fans."
 "Changes for the better, wrought through the good work of the baseball writers, mark all departments of the game. The crowds are fairer, less biased, less partisan than 20 years ago. Good writers have taught them other teams than the home club contain players worth admiring, and to be more considerate of umpires."
 "The game owes a great deal to the men in the press box, and I propose to give their claims the fullest possible recognition."
 There's some difference between the man who, when the word that he was chosen to succeed Heydler flashed across the continent, drew this comment from the old brigade: "He was the best umpire in the world, and he'll make a sure-enough president," and Charley Murphy, isn't there?
 Yes, Tom Lynch is all right. Drive a spike in that for reference. Under his management with John Heydler at his right hand, the National League will thrive like pigs in corn. Clauses which now exist will be smashed before another year rolls around, and you can bet the rowdies who have managed to stick despite occasional discipline will leave in short order.
 Baseball under President Lynch will be as clean as the wash Monday afternoon.

HARVARD'S ORIENTAL SOCCERITES



CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—Determined to have a soccer team capable of winning the Intercollegiate championship, Harvard coaches are developing material which is expected to turn the trick with ease.
 Among the prominent candidates are two Chinese, E. Mho and K. C. Li, and Masuda, a wonderful little Jap. Masuda, although one of the smallest men at Harvard, is a speed merchant, and is regarded as one of the foremost soccerites at the university. Capt. Ham Fish and Houston of last year's varsity will also return to this country by his order.
 Puggist Freddie Welsh, who got his start in Philadelphia, holds the Lonsdale belt emblematic of the

The SPORTS' CORNER

Pat Powers will pull off two sweepstakes marathon races in Madison Square Garden in the near future. Pat says that he will not be held up for appearance in London. "There will be an entrance fee of \$500. Those that cannot pay it can stay on the way Powers is reported to have put it."
 Father Murray, the New York priest who loves athletics, has an interesting story to tell of the London Olympiad in the form of a big sixteen Old Glory, with the names of all the Americans who won points embroidered upon it. Father Murray had the boys write their autographs on the flag while in England, and the embroidering was done on the return to this country by his order.
 Brent Hayes, an actor, new in this country, will next summer try to swim the English channel. Hayes has already made many preparations to attempt the feat. He has made several records for endurance swimming.
 The number of aeroplanes that are known to exist are paraded among the different nations as follows: France 27, United States 17, Germany 6, England 6, Austria 5, Belgium 5, Japan 2, Switzerland 2, Italy 2, Spain 2, and Russia 1.

BALL MANAGERS' TROUBLES ARE MANY

While the average fan thinks the troubles of the manager are confined to the locker room, the manager's such is far from being the case. The manager of a big league ball team is almost as busy during the winter as summer, although his efforts in the physical line are not so great.
 Each day he must visit the club's office to do some of the things that demand his attention, and incidentally baseball is the main topic of conversation from the time of his arrival to his departure. No matter how much he would like to shake off the troubles and cares of the position, necessity demands that he give it his constant attention.
 During the winter he must discuss possible trades, place his stamp of approval on this or that player, authorize the return of many youngsters to their home leagues, keep in touch with the other players, fix their salaries and adjust any differences, plan for the spring training trip over a country, change the work in the south. He must weed out the material and incidentally take a lot of blame if he lets some promising player get away without a trial.
SCHEME TO WORK BIG LEAGUE MEN
 (By United Press.)
 SACRAMENTO, Jan. 11.—Manager Charles Graham of the local Coast League club today refused to comment on the report of a deal he was said to have effected with President John I. Taylor, of the Boston Americans, whereby Taylor is to purchase a controlling interest in the Sacramento club for \$12,000. Taylor, in looking for a California club in which to work out his raw material, was said to have offered to take over a controlling interest in the local club provided a ball park was built nearer to the center of the city. He was reported to have notified Graham that he stood ready to close the deal just as soon as a new park was secured.
"Marvelous Marvin"
 Now a Detective
 "Marvelous Marvin" Hart has turned detective. Yes, sir, he has. Sherlock Holmes backed off the boards and simply outclasses such men as Ed Wren and Arthur Phelps.
 Marvin is now doing "secret service" on the Commonwealth Attorney's staff in Louisville, and for his work pulls down \$1,000 a year. Marvin is to be congratulated for having broken away from the fight game. So is the fight game. It is to be hoped that the Kentucky has had the foresight to consult all the authorities on his particular line of business. A few of the adventures of "Young Sleuth" or "Nick Carter" may help make him just as good a detective as he was a fighter.

MORAN'S VIEWS ON "TIN EARS"

Owen Moran thinks that the unscarred veterans of the ring are the funniest things ever. He says the majority of the fighters are so swollen up because they have no tin ear that they're daffy with joy.
 "Why, I was telling Sam Langford over in London, the night before he fought Hague, he ought to be a bit careful, as this fellow packs an awful kick. 'Oh, piped Sam, 'as clever fellows never gets hit by them dubs.' I says to Sam, 'Oh, yes, they do. Look at Jim Driscoll; he's a clever one, and he has two of them, one on each side. Sam grinned and waved his hand at me, as much as to say that I was molly in me left. He really thought that no one could slap him on either of his salls, but after that fight he learned more. Hague popped a right over Sam's ear—in the second round, I think it was—and while Sam was still sitting on the floor, that ear swelled up like a baked potato. He's black, you know, and half of the crowd didn't even notice it, but the next day he had to go to a doctor and have it peeled a bit. You ask Sam about those clever fellows who get none of those tin-ear things, and see if he doesn't open his face and laugh at you. Why, anyone's liable to get one of them. You can't be too careful."



OWEN MORAN. FAST BOXING FOR NORWEGIAN FANS

YACHTSMEN TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING.
 A general meeting of the Seattle Yacht club will be held at the club house Tuesday, January 11, at 8 o'clock p. m. Important business connected with the International races will be discussed and a definite policy with regard to the Alexandra cup races established.

 Al Kaufman and Jack O'Brien will box six rounds at the National Athletic club of Philadelphia, January 19. They will meet at catch weights and will divide 70 per cent of the receipts.

SHORT SPORT

The Coliseum at Frisco will be rebuilt.
 Kansas University has taken up wrestling.
 Boston Americans are after new grounds for 1912.
 Syracuse ice racing light harness clubs will unite.
 Detroit expects 400 five-man teams to bowl in American tournament to be held there in February.
 A tri-city motorcycle union has been formed by Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse cycle clubs.
 Ontario, Canada, curling association has 4,167 members enrolled in 167 clubs.
 Oregon Agricultural College, of Portland, will take up barge rowing preparatory to going actively into aquatics.
 Southern California colleges and preparatory schools which cling to old style of rugby football have organized to boost the game.
 Monaco, France, motorboat carnival, April 1 to 4, will distribute \$240,000 in prizes.
 Jay-Eye-See, in 1884, was the first horse to trot a mile in 2:16. Now exactly 400 horses have covered the distance in that time.

PLAYED BILLIARDS FOR 43 HOURS STRAIGHT

When, five years ago, two young Frenchmen played a 24 hours' billiard match, during which neither was allowed to be absent from the room for more than one minute at a time, it was hailed as a great feat of endurance. The winner, who secured a prize of 40 pounds, made 2,335 in the 24 hours, and the loser 42 points less, the pedometers carried by the competitors showing that the former had traveled over 17 miles, while his rival covered 13.
 The feat is certainly a noteworthy one, but it is by no means equals that of John Roberts, Sr., the father of the present John Roberts. In "Roberts' Billiard Life," which has just been published, the story is told that he once agreed to play another till one of them stopped voluntarily or through exhaustion. The conditions were that Roberts was to give his opponent 50 points start in 100, mark the game, hand the rest, take the balls out of the pockets, and spot the red. The stakes were 10 shillings a game, and whoever gave in first was to forfeit 25 pounds and all claim to anything he might have won. For 43 consecutive hours they played under these conditions, and then the amateur, in making a stroke, fell fainting on his face.

PAT HIGGINS' NEW FOOTBALL

Pat Higgins, the Los Angeles Rugby player who has evolved a new kind of football, has been showing some of the southern enthusiasts the principles of his scheme. The following extract from the Los Angeles "Examiner" describes Higgins' idea: "Five enthusiasts of the new football game which is being formulated by Patrick Higgins gathered at the Y. M. C. A. last night to talk over the proposed style of contest. Higgins explained the game as well

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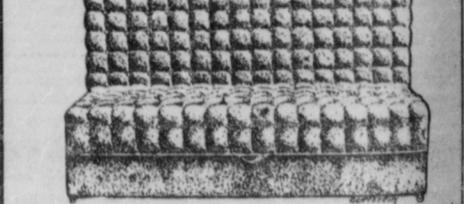
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