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DOINGS OF THE WORLD OF SPORT

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ALL THAT'S WORTH WHILE
AND NOTHING THAT ISN'T

FRISCO SPORTS WILL
SEE JEFF AFTER ALL

Big Fellow Will Be on Exhibition Next Sunday — Gleason and Rickard Will Come to Some Understanding Over Battle Ground.

(By United Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Jim Jeffries will be placed on exhibition next Sunday afternoon at Recreation park for the purpose of allowing local fight fans to "get a line" on the actual condition of the heavyweight champion challenger. Jack Gleason, the promoter, has arranged a program of athletics to interest the sports while they settle for themselves the mooted question of the chances Jeff stands with Jack Johnson. The carnival events will be subordinated to the Jeffries attraction, and a bout between Jeff and Berger will be made a star feature of the afternoon's entertainment. Jeffries is expected here next Tuesday evening. He will be accompanied by Berger, and probably "Tex" Rickard. After a conference the promoters and fighters will reach a definite decision as to whether or not the fight will be held at Salt Lake City. Gleason and Rickard have promised the Salt Lake sports that they will give a definite answer by February 20. It is considered a certainty that the fight will not be staged at Salt Lake.

REDINGTON'S COLUMN

THE MORE we hear of the recent Langford-Plynn fight in Los Angeles, the more we are led to believe that either the fight was an outright frame-up, or that our old friend, "Hoggar Sam" was mulling under double wraps. That the Pueblo fireman, who during the first years of his fighting career was "little more than a pugilistic joke, has improved greatly of late, there is no doubt, but at the same time he hardly figures to best Langford over the 10-round route, even on the strength of a "news-paper decision."



Every day the question, "Who was the greatest fighter the ring has known?" pops up in some quarter, and pretty nearly everyone is ready with a different answer. It's not so hard, however, to find the right answer to the question, "Who was the cleverest man that ever became a prize fighter?" Judged by the standard of cleverness as a man, outside as well as inside the squared arena, it's safe to say that Jim Corbett has them all going.

Gentleman Jim was a great boxer in his prime, and he proved himself a clever man in every way, before, during and after the time that he reached the crest of his pugilistic career. Not that he was especially successful at cornering all the coin in sight when the money was coming easy, for there have been plenty of scrappers who have shown their thrift and cleverness in this line, but rather that Corbett's active ring career was ended he was able to trade on his past reputation, and to keep in the spotlight to the tune of many "iron men" per week.

Basket Ball Players Must Learn
Juggler's Trick of Handling Ball

In the technique of basketball, juggling the sphere is fundamental. Without it a player or team is woefully handicapped. How often we see in a game a player dropping a pass, miscalculate a throw, endeavor to pass with his right hand when guarded on the right and fail to have a "held ball" called, all because the player has not learned how to handle the ball. As easily as a juggler handles the small balls and changes their direction, with surety and precision, so ought a basketball player to be able to change the ball from one hand to the other and get it away. This is the first step, and it is important. Practice until perfect, spending more time on your left hand than right. The various passes made in basketball are made by either hand, and can be divided into three main divisions, long, short and "lob" throws. Pass Ball Fast. In the long throw the ball should be passed fast, and should never be much higher than the height from which it is passed, or rather leaves the passer's hand. Success here depends on speed and accuracy, but must be "timed" carefully, or otherwise the pass will be intercepted and break up your passing game. This pass is only used in rare instances, and, being generally just a little higher than the players' heads, is very easily stopped. The only time to use this is when a man is unguarded on the right and fail to have a "held ball" called, all because the player has not learned how to handle the ball.

LAJOIE THE GREATEST
INFIELDER IN GAME

BY TIP WRIGHT. Some day they are going to refer to Napoleon Lajoie as the greatest all-around infielder baseball ever produced. Now go ahead and kick and say something about Hans Wagner. I know all about the "Flying Dutchman's" greatness, but I have something to say just now about Lajoie. Maybe you've noticed that Manager McGuire, in mentioning his lineup for the coming season, places Larry at first, instead of George Stovall. And maybe it struck you, as you read, that Lajoie must be the class if he can shove the fast George Stovall off the initial sack. Well, believe me, Lajoie can play the first bag just as gracefully and just as effectively as he can second, which is saying a few things. I saw Larry play first a couple of seasons ago, when Stovall was laid up with a bum still, and the game the big Frenchman put up was a revelation. Talk about your Hal Chasees, your Fred Fenneres and Konetchys, none of them had anything on Larry when getting the high, low and wide ones. Baseball contains the names of many players who could show as well on one corner of the diamond as on another, but it does not contain the name of a player of Lajoie's ability, who could go from bag to bag and play each better than any other man, and at the same time elude the ball as only Larry can. And there's another thing to remember, and that is that Nap Lajoie will come pretty near leading the hard hitters of the big leagues this year. With the cares of management lifted from his shoulders, Lajoie last fall spurted in his old-time form at bat, and I look for him to begin plugging them on the seam from the top of the starting ball this year, and maintain a pace that will make the other high average men dizzy. Well, here's a tack in this hunch for next fall.

NORWEGIAN FANS
SEE GOOD SPORT

The smoker staged last night by the Norwegian Turners was a big success from going to gong. Several boxers from the Ballard Athletic club were in, against the Norwegian Turners members, and the interclub rivalry added considerably to the interest of the evening's entertainment. The program of wrestling and boxing events arranged by Kid Redmond, the Turners' boxing instructor, was interesting throughout.

SPEED DEMON FOR BARNEY

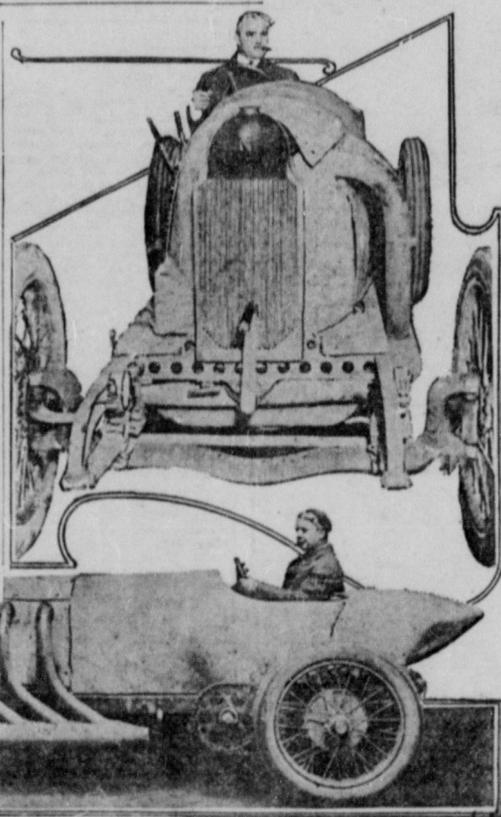
Barney Oldfield, once more the speed devil, with 35 world's track records to his credit for his 1909 work, takes the track this year with the most powerful racer ever constructed.

Barney's new car, a Benz, boasts of 200-horsepower and is guaranteed to develop the unheard of speed of 127 miles an hour upon a circular track.

It is doubtful if anyone but the track king would attempt to drive the monster. With its torpedo boat prow and sharp stern, the car is calculated to offer the least possible resistance to the wind, and what will happen to track records when Oldfield gets the giant car good and hot can only be guessed.

Last year Barney piloted a 150-horsepower car of the same manufacture, but when Lewis Strang beat him in several races he determined to secure a car capable of going fast enough to win back the honors captured by his rival. Now he has the car, the automobile racing world looks to him to win back the position he held so long as the unquestioned speed king of the race tracks.

The sight of Oldfield clipping off miles around 60 seconds, a big black cigar stuck in one corner of his mouth, his hair streaming backward from the rush of the wind, is a sight, once seen, never to be forgotten.



BARNEY OLDFIELD'S NEW CAR.

MYSTIC "H" ON MYSTERIOUS BAT
KEPT HOBLITZELL IN BIG LEAGUE



SHOWING HOBBY'S MYSTIC BAT AND THE INITIAL 'H' CARVED IN THE END.

Baseball is a peculiar game in more than one respect, but perhaps its strangest angle is its way of play. It is a game of chance, and it is out any apparent reason. You'll notice that word "apparent."

In case the ball is received knee high, the short throw is made underhand, and with a quick snap, pulling the ball with the fingers as it is only used in rare instances, and, being generally just a little higher than the players' heads, is very easily stopped. The only time to use this is when a man is unguarded on the right and fail to have a "held ball" called, all because the player has not learned how to handle the ball.

That series was one of the most eventful in the youngster's life. The Reds played four games, and Hoblitzell cracked out nine hits, four of them the first day. He also made two more in an exhibition game at Waterbury before he went hitless. When Hoblitzell found that stray hit May 8, his average was .223. May 17 he had jumped to .256 and June 14 he boasted of .297. July 12 he was hitting .307, and he batted close to this mark all season. In the final series with Philadelphia Hoblitzell hit the ball so hard that the club broke. "Hobby" made a jump of an opponent, and enables it to fall into such a position that another player may gather it in on the run, covering, perhaps, a great amount of territory in the interval between the pass and the catch, thus enabling the catcher to gather himself together for either a shot or another pass.

BASKETBALL

Since last Saturday night, when the Broadway basketball team won from the Snohomish five, the boys at that school are taking more interest in the game, and although the track turnouts have been started, are still plugging away every evening after school. The one big game left to play is the one with Lincoln. So far Lincoln has wallowed every team that came its way, and although the Orange and Black team has lost all but one game, the boys still have hopes of beating Lincoln. The girls' teams from the two schools will meet Wednesday afternoon in the hall of the Hyatt-Fowler building, across from the Broadway school. Both of these teams have been playing fast basketball, and both are confident of taking the game.

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GOLF AND BOOZE.

Temperance waves in baseball and in other fields of activity have found new expression at the Seattle Golf and Country Club. Now, after librating at the 19th hole, the mayor has changed his address to his opponent, especially if the latter is a bibulous fellow. From "Won't you have another drink before you go?" to "Won't you go before you have another drink?"

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
OUT FOR TRACK HONORS

Last evening after school Coach Lewis called a meeting of all the students at the Broadway high school who intend to turn out for track work this season. Nearly 100 boys were present, and all of them say that they have had some experience of the track in some event. With this number of new men and nearly a dozen of the letter winners of last season, Broadway should come out near the top again.

The first outside turnout is to be held this afternoon. The freshmen and sophomores have been especially urged to turn out, as two of the biggest track meets of the season will be between the underclassmen of the Tacoma, Lincoln and Broadway schools.

The big interscholastic meet, held under the auspices of the U. of W., is scheduled for May 21, but before that time Broadway will have met Queen Anne and Lincoln, and the championship of the city will have been determined. Manager McKean of Broadway has arranged for two local meets, one triangular between all three of the schools, and the regular dual meet between Broadway and Lincoln. Broadway won the dual meet by one point last season.

Football game next November between Cornell and University of Toronto is proposed.

Tagging Runners
Not an Easy Stunt

BY ADDIE JOSS.

ONE of the hardest things a baseman has to do, in the duties of his position, is that of tagging a runner on the base runner. To the spectator this looks like the simplest of tasks. In fact, hardly one of ten who attend ball games regularly seem to appreciate the difficulty of it.

It is especially hard where the ball and base runner get to the bag at about the same time. If the throw and the runner happen to be coming in the same direction, it is so much more difficult. For instance: There is a runner on first, and the batter drives a safe one into center field. The man on the path tries to reach third on the hit, and consequently, when the outfielder makes the peg, the runner is always between the third baseman and the ball.

Where It is Hard. If the throw is true it's a cinch the ball will not be very far from the runner, and if they get to the bag at the same time it can easily be seen that the third sacker is going to have his troubles getting the toss, let alone touching his man.

Right here is where the third sacker has a chance to pull off a stunt that invariably goes by unnoticed. If he sees that it is going to be close, and sets himself to make the play, he will always tip off the base runner just about where the ball is going to land.

Now, there are a lot of ball players who do not have to see things as they are going to happen, and if this particular man is one of those kind, he immediately takes advantage of the information the third sacker has given him, and runs about where he thinks the ball is going to land.

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There is always a chance for the ball to hit the base runner on a peg of this kind, and if he can get in the way of the throw it surely increases his chances of getting there safe, and sometimes results in his being able to advance another base. To avoid this the smart third baseman is the fellow who in a play of this kind stands at the bag as though he was satisfied that there was not a chance in the world for the ball to get there in time to get the man.

In this manner he covers up where the peg is going, and often deceives the base runner into thinking the play is not going to be close, thereby causing him to slow up just enough to get caught. It takes a lot of nerve on the basemen's part, as he is forced to move pretty fast once the time for action arrives. Catching the ball and putting it on the runner must necessarily be all in one motion.

Moriarty a Wonder at It. George Moriarty of the Tigers is a wonder at this play, and never overlooks an opportunity to put it over. George, while with the Highlanders, slipped it over on an unsuspecting athlete at New York one day a few seasons ago.

The play really won the game for New York, but, much to "Morry's" surprise, when he picked up one of the morning papers the following day, he saw there was a gentle roast for himself.

It seems the critic, as well as the player, was surprised at the play, as in his history of the game the writer went on to tell how George was asleep, and just happened to see the throw coming in time to make the catch and get his man.

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FRED MEADOWS AGAIN
BETTERS OLD RECORD

Canadian Runner Who Smashed World's Professional 15-Mile Record Last Week, Wins New York Race in Fast Time—Record Stood 58 Years.

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Fred Meadows, the Guelph, Ont., runner, was the sensation of the 15-mile race held at Madison Square Garden last night, winning all the way, and finishing in the fast time of 1:21:15. This is the fastest time ever made in or around New York, and is 9 4-5 seconds slower than Meadows' own world's professional record, set at Toronto last week. Meadows, by twice within 10 days beating the old world's professional record of 1:22 flat, that had stood since 1852, has proved himself of the best middle distance runners all time. Meadows' mark is nearly a minute slower than the amateur record of 1:20:34, set in 1907.

MEMSIC-POWELL
FIGHT TODAY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—With the fight between Geo. Memsic and Law Powell on for today, it begins to look as though there will be no favorite. Money is not being bet freely. The odds are even. Every fight has an opinion as to the probable result of the 10-round encounter, but when it comes to backing it up with the real odds of the rain, they hesitate.

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