

NEWS THAT'S RIGHT UP TO THE MINUTE AND FULL OF INTEREST TO ALL FANS

FIGHTER, WHO SAVED HIS MONEY, NOW A CITY FATHER

BY LEONARD D. COMPTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—John L. Herget, who retired from the fighting game in 1892, claiming the middleweight championship, is



JOHNNY HERGET, Fighter.

now an influential member of the Union Labor Board of Supervisors. Fight fans here recall Herget when he began scrapping at the old California club, in the early '90s, fighting under the name of "Young Mitchell."

Herget liked the fighting game, but he had another and more powerful reason for following it. His father died when he was entering his teens. Johnny was the eldest of a large family. There was nothing to do but help his mother, and the money picked up in the ring helped wonderfully. When he took his trip around the world in 1887 and fought a dozen battles in Australia he regularly sent remittances to his

mother, practically supporting the family.

Peter Boland was his opponent in his most notable mill in Australia, and Peter was knocked out in 40 rounds. The ring was pitched in a field.

Returning to America Herget whipped La Blanche in 1892 in a dozen rounds and laid claim to the middleweight title. He claimed the lightweight championship of the Pacific coast in 1885 when he was 17 years old, after a victory over Jack Keenan.

Herget retired after his victory over La Blanche, though he gave exhibitions throughout the east with



JOHN HERGET, City Father.

Dempsey. No defeat was ever registered against Herget, according to his statements. He was elected to office a year ago.

WILL STOP GRAND PRIZE AUTO RACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The widespread antagonism that has arisen against the Vanderbilt grant prize race due to be run over the course on which four persons were killed and 50 hurt last Saturday will probably result in drastic action by the Nassau county authorities. The board of supervisors announced today that it would probably refuse permission for the use of the roads for the automobile events.

Barney Oldfield has sent this message to the promoters of the race: "Withdraw my entry from grand prize race unless course will be guarded completely by troops. I am unwilling to risk my neck and car."

Oldfield follows with a severe arraignment of the management of the Vanderbilt, who he says "spent nothing to safeguard drivers and spectators."

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams (Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, St. Louis) and their records (R, H, E).

GOSSIP OF THE PLAYERS

Jack Coombs, Pitching Sensation, Is Regular Back-to-Nature Man

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—It was early in 1906 that some remarkable pitching attracted attention to a youngster up in Maine, and half a dozen managers tried to sign him. Some thought they had him, but there was heartburning one day in June that year when Connie Mack told a group of reporters:

"We'll have a new man tomorrow. His name is John Coombs of Colby college, Maine."

One of the reporters nearly fainted. He was an official of the Phillies and thought Hugh Duffy, then manager, had Coombs as good as signed. It later developed that Mack had signed the youngster almost a year before.

The average collegian fails to deliver in the big leagues, but Coombs was different. Big and strong, with great speed, but not the best of control, a good head and ability to bat, he wrote his name high in baseball chronicles by pitching a 24-inning victory over Boston, Sept. 1, 1906.

Coombs won that game, but the strain weakened him, and the next season his pitching arm broke down. The Athletics' trainer worked hard on the arm, and in a few weeks Coombs had more speed than control. His battling caused Mack to play him in

the outfield part of 1908, and he was kept on the pay roll during 1909, although his pitching was unimpressive.

Last spring Coombs' hard work told. One afternoon he pitched a few innings without issuing a pass, and folks who had asked Mack why he kept him knew the answer. From that day Coombs has been a sensation, and his performance of fanning 14 Browns proves his class. Among the feats credited to Coombs is a 16-inning game against the White Sox, with Ed Walsh opposing him.

Coombs is an out-of-doors man. He was a farmer's boy and sports have been his hobby. He played on the Colby college eleven, and took part in other sports. He spent the fall in the Maine woods. He is a good golf player. Whenever he can get away for a couple of days he spends his time fishing off the Jersey coast.

Coombs is a bachelor. When in the south a couple of years ago a wealthy widow became attached to him. She owned thousands of acres and a bank account. But Jack was shy. He was trying to get control of the ball at that time and probably figured that to master a widow and horsehide simultaneously would be too much of a task.

Ball Players All Believe in Hoodoo

Baseball players are a superstitious lot. Many incidents are told of almost unbelievable efforts made by ball players to offset what they firmly believe to be "hoodoo."

Johnny Evers, the quick-thinking second baseman of the Chicago, is authority for the following superstitions which he declares most players firmly believe in:

If an inning is favorable to a player, he will try to lay down his glove on the same spot where he had placed it the inning before.

While going to the different parks in the care, the sight of a funeral cortege is always regarded as an ill omen. The same applies to a cripple, unless you toss him a coin.

A wagonload of empty barrels is a good sign. A player will often walk a mile out of his way to get a certain article. If his team wins that day he will always take the roundabout course.

After a pitcher breaks a shoe lace he refuses to put a new one in his shoe until the season is over. Many players refuse to let the bat boys hand them their bats, preferring to grab up their sticks themselves. Often the bat boy is requested to salivate the handle of every stick.

mitt which they use in the game to any other member of the team, fearing bad luck.

On the other hand, Hughie Jennings, manager of Detroit, laughs at baseball superstitions.—"The National Game," in Columbian Magazine.

Advertisement for Gregg Shorthand, Griffin's Business College, and Private Lessons.

ALL THE UP-TO-DATE DOPE AND INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEN WHO PLAY

CHANCE



Here is the man upon whom all Chicago and a few others are depending to win the world's series this fall. Frank Chance, the peerless leader, as he is called, has won two world's pennants, three National league pennants, and is now taking the fourth, with a fine prospect of annexing the third world's flag.

The first of the touchdowns was made by Captain Burke in the first five minutes of play. Of the touchdowns, Burke made three, Van Dyke one and Klopfer one.

Advertisement for Broadway Wins, 30-0, and Private Lessons.

Advertisements for 'TAKE OUR ADVICE' (Model Millinery Parlors) and 'BANG!!' (Shotguns, Rifles, Shells, Ammunition).

Advertisement for 'Water Trips' (Where to Go and How to Get There).

Advertisement for 'GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS' (Princess Rupert and Princess George).

Advertisement for 'For Tacoma FLY on the FLYER' (Seattle-Tacoma route).

A Clean-Up Sale of Odd Sample Beds

Brass Beds, Iron Beds and Wood Beds Slightly Scratched or Soiled. We have gathered together all our Brass, Wood and Iron Beds that have been used on our floors as samples.

Advertisement for Iron Beds at Half Price, Wood Beds at Half Price, and Brass Beds About One-Third Off. Includes illustrations of various bed models and a price list.

Advertisement for Sleepy Hollow Chair, Sale of Willow Chairs and Rockers, and Mission Morris Chair. Includes illustrations of various chair models and a price list.

Bank Service That Grows Increasingly Useful

In these advertisements we sometimes mention the advantages we offer to commercial depositors, our exchange and collection facilities, our system of sending money promptly to any part of the world and other features of our general banking service.

But the bulk of our talk goes direct to the ambitious and thrifty—to those who are saving part of their earnings and trying to get ahead in the world. We are glad to care for such savings, to invest them conservatively and to pay 4 per cent compound interest on them.

And when you have accumulated a little money and want to invest it where it will be perfectly safe and yet earn more than 4 per cent, we are equally glad to show you what the bank does with money—and to help you do the same.

Now what does the bank do with money? For instance, the bank buys Bonds. Yet the inexperienced investor might buy Bonds and still do with his money what the bank would NOT do with it.

The bank loans money on Real Estate. The distant investor or one without experience might make direct loans or buy First Mortgages—and utterly fail to protect his own interests as the bank protects them.

The shrewdest and most experienced investors recognize the advantage of bank advice and bank co-operation in making their investments. For the inexperienced it is much more important.

That is why this bank so freely offers its own securities to the intending investor. If all people could invest in this conservative way there would be none of the losses that fall so heavily on women and children and this great Northwest of ours would be a vastly richer country.

Advertisement for Scandinavian American Bank, listing officers: A. Chilberg (President), J. E. Chilberg (Vice Pres.), T. B. Minahan (Vice Pres.), J. F. Lane (Cashier).

Advertisement for 'THE GROTE RANKIN COMPANY' (FURNISHED COMPLETE) and 'Exchange Department'.