



Lavigne's Fighting Days Over.

The result of his fight with Jimmy Britt at San Francisco will in all probability cause Kid Lavigne to retire from the ring. The Kid prepared faithfully for his go with Britt, but had to give in to a stronger and younger opponent. The only conclusion to be drawn from the fight is that poor old George has seen his best days.

Lavigne has been fighting for nearly fifteen years, and in his day has met all the leaders in the lightweight class. Lavigne was never much on cleverness, his long suit being to go in and wear a man down by punishing him about the body. His defeat of Joe Walcott years ago showed what an awful punisher the Saginaw Kid really was in his prime. His famous punch was a left hand to the stomach, which he delivered with a swing. He would step back with his left foot and then rip the left into the wind. It was with this blow that he put many a good man out of business, but in some cases he found it utterly impossible to do any damage with the same kind of a punch. When Lavigne fought George McFadden, years ago, McFadden got onto the Kid's style and successfully blocked him in every round. Lavigne was popular with all classes of sporting men, who regret very much that the chances are decidedly against him in his efforts to regain lost laurels.

Collegians Break Records.

Harvard defeated Yale in the contest for championship honors at the intercollegiate athletic meet at Berkeley Oval, New York. The total score was thirty-four points to thirty. Princeton came up surprisingly close to the leaders, her representative scoring twenty-seven points.

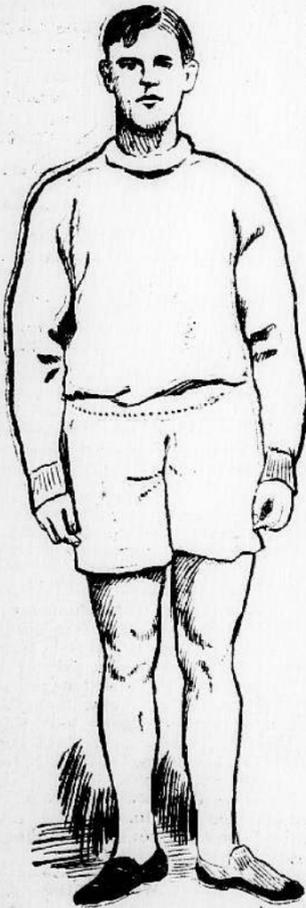
Arthur F. Duffey, the little Georgetown sprinter, created a new world's record in the 100 yards dash by winning in 0:09 3-5.

New intercollegiate records were established in five of the events—the hammer throw, shot put, pole vault, quarter-mile run and 100 yards dash. In the pole vault Horton of Princeton won first place with the bar at 11 feet 3 inches, and then went after the intercollegiate record of 11 feet 5 inches, and cleared the bar at 11 feet 7 inches.

Duffey's sprint record of 0:09 3-5 takes one-fifth of a second off the last previous record, and Holland, his clubmate from Georgetown university, clipped one-fifth of a second off the 440-yard record.

Yale's Athletic Hero.

Charles S. Fallows, a Chicago boy, is the athletic hero of the hour at Yale. He won the running broad jump at the Philadelphia meet, jumping 21 feet 8 1/2 inches. He holds the Yale record in this event at 22 feet 1 inch. This record he made in the annual track games at New Haven on April 19. Fallows is a freshman at Yale, and the trainers and coaches look upon him as a



Charles S. Fallows.

coming marvel in this event before his graduates. He is a burly six-footer, and weighs 180 pounds.

Benny Yanger's Position.

Since he conquered Austin Rice, Benny Yanger thinks the feather-weight field is cleared of all opponents except "Young" Corbett and Terry McGovern and says he will either fight

one or both of these men or rest on his oars. Even before he defeated Rice, Yanger was conceded to rank with the top-notchers of the feather-weight class. His battle with Rice really won him nothing. Had the men fought at 122 pounds the winner could have reasonably laid claim to the honors at that weight, but their bout last Monday night was at catch weights.

Yanger is in the peculiar position of wanting something he does not seem able to get. There is no doubt that the Italian would like a try at McGovern or Corbett, but he hesitates at giving away the weight that seems necessary in order to get a bout. It is true that when Yanger fights either McGovern or Corbett he will have to make some concessions and handicap himself to a certain extent. The lengthening of the feather-weight limit it has not been to his liking, as it places him at a slight disadvantage in his effort to land at the top of the heap in his class.

O'Brien a Great Fighter.

"Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien not only knocked out Al Neill in their



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fight at Chicago, but he knocked him out of the ring completely and in such a manner that the great crowd thought Neill must be seriously hurt. But the California boxer got up in short order and did not seem to be much the worse for his horribly rough treatment.

O'Brien is a great fighter. He showed his class by whipping Neill in a hurricane fight that certainly was one of the fastest and hardest ever seen. It was a case of slugging right from the start of the go. The men stood up toe to toe and gave each other some of the hardest whacks imaginable. O'Brien is so much faster than Neill that he made the coast champion look like a novice.

Five Cycle Records Smashed.

Joseph Nelson of Chicago, broke the amateur one, two, three, four and five mile world's records on the Coliseum track at Atlantic City, N. J., recently. Nelson was racing against A. A. Courtier of Newark in a five-mile amateur motor-paced race when the records were broken.

The mile record was lowered four-fifths of a second, the two miles 9 seconds, three miles 15 seconds, four miles 21 seconds, and five miles 20 1-5 seconds.

Big Fellows at Work.

Messrs. Jeffries and Fitzsimmons have started to work in earnest for their long-advertised battle, and it begins to look as though the long, tiresome wrangle between these stars of fistiana's realm will result in something at last. The only evil feature about the affair is the amount of press-agent rot which we may expect from the rival training camps during the next month or so.

Duffy's Showing Disappointing.

Martin Duffy's recent defeat by Tom Coughig of Dunkirk at Toronto, was a decided disappointment to the Chicago man's adherents. But it was not altogether an unexpected occurrence. When they met at Chicago in a six-round contest several weeks ago Coughig was returned the winner and outfought Martin at every point.

Sporting Gossip.

Admission to the army and navy football game on Franklin field, Philadelphia, Nov. 29, will be by invitation. President Roosevelt is expected to be a drawing card again.

Even ping-pong has been dramatized, or at least a ping-pong dance is given on a New York roof garden, performed by thirty-two young women, with the Countess von Hatzfeldt at the head.

Whatever chances "Billy" Uffendell may have had to take part in the conference meet are believed to have been effectually killed when a member of the Notre Dame faculty wrote his famous letter to the papers, saying harsh things about practically all of the institutions in the "Big Nine."

Thomas W. Lawton's steam yacht Dreamer is said to be the most completely equipped yacht in the world, and just as interesting to the visitor as when she came from the yards at Elizabethport in 1899. She has beautiful lines, and there does not seem to be a thing not provided in her equipment.



Oldest Living Actor.
James Doel, the oldest actor in the world, has just celebrated his 96th birthday. He was known as a distinguished actor fifty years ago, says the New York Herald.

Mr. Doel made his debut on the stage at the early age of 16 in a little Devonshire theater. John Brunton, the brother of the famous Countess of Craven, gave him his first profitable engagement. He quickly became popular and scored many successes, although he confined his professional efforts mainly to the west of England.

There was scarcely any scenery used in those days. "Acting was what people wanted, not 'props,'" he says, and the company traveled by road. As he prospered he became manager and lessee of the theater at Plymouth, and



ISABELLE IRVING IN THE 'TRAGEDY OF TEARS'

afterward also leased the house of Devenport.

Once he engaged the famous Mme. Vestris and Charles Matthews, and "booked" £2,000 in nine nights. His first success in London was made at the Standard theater in 1851.

It was only a year ago that this veteran of the stage took to wearing an overcoat, and even now he walks without a stick.

Clyde Fitch's Troubles.

To judge by the view that Mr. Fitch takes of it, Atlantic City is enough to drive a modest playwright to drink. But whether he so indulged, the prolific playwright tactfully neglects to say. Run down from overwork, he was planning his trip to Europe, where he now is seriously ill, it is reported.

"Why not go to Atlantic City?" asked a friend. "It is a great place for rest and recuperation. There is a tonic in the air. You can have perfect repose, and, besides, you are not far away from New York."

"Atlantic City may be all right," responded Mr. Fitch. "I've been there; but I didn't get much rest or repose. It got on my nerves dreadfully. It wasn't very nice to go on the board walk and have a boy of sweet young things beset you and say:

"Oh, is this Mr. Clyde Fitch? Do tell us how you come to write Uncle Tom's Cabin?"

Success of Theodore Roberts.

In the London "Arizona" company, the role of Canby is being played by Theodore Roberts and not by Charles



THEODORE ROBERTS

W. Stokes, as has been stated. Mr. Roberts' fine performance has won the same great success in London that it scored here.

Superstitions and Suspicious.

According to a superstitious authority, Daniel Frohman went forth on a recent bright May morning and selected from the debris of the old Lyceum theater in New York thirteen old bricks. Packing them carefully into a suit case, the manager transferred them to the site of the new Lyceum theater, now being built, and requested that they be worked in about the corner-stone.

The number 13 had been identified

with the old playhouse from its opening. Mr. Frohman explained. The letters of the theater's name were thirteen in number, and this is also true of the names of Daniel Frohman, Herbert Kelcey, Georgia Cayvan, Edward Sothorn, and many other actors who contributed toward the success of the theater. Many of the long runs began or ended on the 13th of the month and some of the most-liked plays ran for thirteen weeks.

In view of the importance of the number 13 in the history of the theater, Mr. Frohman kept these bricks as a species of mascot for the new house.

Actresses Leave Mansfield.

Isabelle Irving, who was only recently engaged as Richard Mansfield's leading woman, succeeding Lettice Fairfax, left Mr. Mansfield's company at Denver, Col., after having appeared in but two performances of Beaucaire. Miss Irving, who was engaged by telegraph two weeks ago, joined the company at Omaha, and rehearsed for a week, giving her first performance in Denver May 19. On May 21 Miss Irving left the company and departed for her home in Rahway, N. J. Her sudden withdrawal gave rise to a number

of stories of its cause. It was said that Mr. Mansfield had severely criticized Miss Irving before the company, whereupon she became indignant and ended her engagement then and there. Questioned about this story, Mr. Mansfield made a denial, and stated that she and Miss Irving had agreed that she was not suited to the role of Lady Mary and that it would be best for her to relinquish it.

Lackaye on Subtlety.

Wilton Lackaye, as many men know, is deadily blunt in his criticism, and the story goes that one day last month he met Alice Fisher on Broadway, New York, and told that gurgling personage that he had been to see a recent performance of hers and admired it immensely. "It was so subtle," he said, "I studied long over your effort."

Miss Fisher gushed her satisfaction. "Indeed, Mr. Lackaye," she cooed, "I tried so hard not to be common or elemental. My effort was to give subtlety to the part, and your approval is music to me."

"Yes," murmured Lackaye, looking rather absently up at the tower of Madison Square garden. "You were so subtle that I couldn't tell whether you were an ingenue or an engineer."

And with that the brutal actor moved on, leaving Miss Fisher, naturally, flushed with indignation.—Denver Post.

Miss Marlowe in the Box Office.

That it is quite necessary to leave town in order to have the news served piping hot is gathered from the following announcement of the St. Paul Dispatch:

"Eight years ago Julia Marlowe played 'Partenita' at the Chicago Grand opera house to gross receipts of \$60. A few weeks ago she took in \$1,800 in the same house for one performance."

Poking Fun at the Mimes.

A Kansas literary critic ventures the opinion that, if Sousa's book sell on its merits the author will not make money to beat the band.—Kansas City Journal.

"Do you recognize the profession here?" queried Hamphat, insinuatingly.

"Yes," replied the man in the box office, "but don't be alarmed. We won't give you away."

"Now, then," asked the heavy villain, "having perfected our conspiracy, we must take care that it doesn't leak out."

"Why not let the plot thicken," suggested the low comedian from his place of concealment.—Philadelphia Record.

"Do you know anything about railroad?" asked the general superintendent of the road of the man who asked for a job.

"Do I," answered the applicant with some scorn. "Why, I know all about it. I had charge of the Lincoln J. Carter 'props' for two seasons."—Kansas City Journal.



Keeler a Scientific Batsman.

A real batsman may come and go, but few will ever equal let alone surpass the little captain of the Brooklyn squad. The secret of Keeler's success with the stick is the inability of the opposition to conjecture just what sort of an attack he has in contemplation. Your simon-pure graduate from the School of Slug who knows nothing but the slap-bang manual, is easy to lay for because he possesses no other idea, and does nothing but blaze away, but not with Keeler, he rarely uses the same inside tactics twice in succession. With the infield playing out he is most likely to lay the ball down, and if the cordon moves in on him he takes a chance at smashing it through the lines with better than a fair degree of success.

"Keeler to my mind," declared Manager McPhee one day this week, "is the best representation of the scientific batsman in the business. He can come nearer placing a ball just where he figures on putting it than any man in uniform to-day. He is the hardest man to play for that I've ever seen, for he gives in his position at bat not the slightest inkling of what he intends to do. Bunting is a knack that can only be acquired by the hardest kind of practice. That old Baltimore squad used to bunt us to death nearly all the time. The Reds would realize more on their natural ability to-day if they mixed a little more of the unexpected with their play."

Race Is Very Close.

All mid-winter forecasts regarding the closeness of the American league's pennant race have been more than justified during the first month of the course. It is seldom that we see any such situation as at present, when six of the eight clubs are so closely bunched that a single day's results may shake up the whole bunch, and not for one day, but for every day for a long time this situation has existed.

The addition of Bernhard and Lajoie to the Cleveland club will make that team a factor from now on, and ought to result in an even more close concentration of the interest in the flag race. Speculation as to what will be done with Bonner when Lajoie joins the team leads to the conclusion that he will be merely benched instead of released, as some one will be needed to take Lajoie's place when the club is playing in Philadelphia, where he will be amenable to the Pennsylvania courts.

It will be quite a step down for Bonner, even if he is retained, and he probably wishes now that he had decided to keep his contract with the Chicago National league club. There does not seem to be any place for him there at present, but the player who plays both ends against the middle in signing baseball contracts gets scant sympathy from the players and none from any other source.

Chicago National League Captain.

Bobby Lowe has been playing ball for over fourteen years. He began at New Castle, Pa., and later went to Eau Claire. From there he drifted around for a year, until finally he signed with Boston and played second base. Up to this year he has been connected



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with that team, and was considered one of the best guardians of the middle sack in the business. When Frank Selee severed his connection with the Boston club to take the management of the Remnants he brought Lowe to Chicago. Lowe's home is in Beaver Falls, Pa., and he is 34 years old.

American League All Right.

President Johnson has no fear of the American League's future. The expansionists have no fences to repair

and are pleased at their prospects. Every club is well financed and splendidly equipped with playing talent. Cleveland, with Lajoie and Bernhard, will be a factor in the race. In forecasting the finish, seven teams must be taken into consideration. A winning streak of two weeks would put Cleveland within reach of the leaders. The leaders are almost sure to lose ground when the Eastern clubs come West, and reinforced by Lajoie and Bernhard, and with McCarthy at first, Cleveland is in splendid shape to advance. It must be admitted that Washington will be fortunate to keep out of last place, and Baltimore, with the same disadvantage of playing four series away from home, will probably remain in the second division. The Orioles are not without pennant prospects, but McGraw's team must make a waiting race.

Miller Still Playing Ball.

Charles "Dusty" Miller is the right fielder of the Toledo team of the American Association. He has been before the baseball public for a good many years, most of which time he played with the Cincinnati Reds in the "sun field."

Miller is still putting up a good game. He used to be noted for his speed on the bases, and catchers still



"Dusty" Miller.

have to watch him closely to prevent wholesale thefts.

Miller thought a few years ago that he was going to make a fortune out of oil lands, but he is still hanging onto the "dear old game."

The Western League.

President Hickey's prediction that the Western League will not outlive the Fourth of July, does not jibe with the semi-official statement that the sinking fund of the organization showed a balance of \$21,000 on June 1. All the Western League cities, except Kansas City and Milwaukee, have made money. Omaha and Denver are thousands of dollars ahead; St. Joe and Des Moines are in satisfactory shape. Colorado Springs is to the good and Peoria has a nice bank balance. The Western has gained in Kansas City and Milwaukee, but both clubs are losers. So is Clingman's Milwaukee Association club and Strobel's Toledo team. Indianapolis is not declaring dividends, and Minneapolis is not more than meeting expenses. These top-heavy salary lists will become more burdensome as the interest dies out in the second-division cities.

Peace Rumors Flying.

Peace rumors are making their reappearance with great regularity. Some of the sheen seems to have worn off the "glorious victory" John I. Rogers won in the courts, and his attempt to force Lajoie to work for him at a salary far less than he was getting from the American league has counteracted whatever effect that "victory" may have had. The National league has a long fight on its hands yet before Ed-bett's scheme of "completely crushing" the American league is crowned with success.

There will undoubtedly be a compromise effected before long, but it is not believed the rival leagues will get any nearer harmony than an agreement to respect each other's contracts and to punish "grasshoppers."

Prominent Men Play Ball.

Practical knowledge of baseball harms no man possessed of character, ability and force. On the contrary it admirably helps fit men for the battle of life in other and wider fields, and eminently successful ex-ball players may be found in every walk of life. Mr. Charles Murphy, who is practically the new leader of the powerful Tammany organization, was in his youth a professional ball player of skill and note. As a member of the famous Senators of New York city he acquired more than local fame 20 odd years ago.

Baseball in Colleges.

Our national game continues to thrive in our educational institutions. A new evidence of favor and growth is the fact that Wesleyan is to have a new baseball grandstand. It will cost \$4,000, and is made possible by gift from J. E. Anderson Andrews, Yonkers, N. Y., a graduate of the class of '62, a donation from an unnamed alumnus and another from the Wesleyan musical organization. The stand will be completed in time for the games in the Tri-college League during June.

Why Baseball Games Drag.

President Johnson is making an effort to expedite American league games, which are, as a rule, being played in slower time than last season. It is noticed that the ex-league players carry their tactics with them, and that with each fresh infusion of old league blood the American league games drag more.