

PIFFLE BOXING BASEBALL ATHLETICS

SPORTS and AMUSEMENTS

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LATE BILLS PHOTO PLAYS PERFORMERS FILM GOSSIP

BUTTE TROUBLE IS ENDED; JOE WILL BE BOSS

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 29.—Affairs of the Northwestern league are fast straightening themselves out. It has been decided that the league itself will assume the \$1,760 debt left in Butte by the old Butte team of the Union association. It was this debt that caused a sudden cessation of baseball negotiations here two weeks ago. The business men of Butte had raised \$15,000 for their new club, but did not want to spend any of the money out for payment of old debts of a former league. Joe McGinnity of Tacoma has been notified of the settlement of the technicality, and will come this week to start the work of marshalling a Butte team. The league committee went to Great Falls today, and expects to have that city lined up for the N. W. league, with all complications settled, by the end of the week.

SALE OF TICKET BOOKS ON FRIDAY

terday when it said that season tickets would be sold at \$5. Russ Hall couldn't be expected to sell admissions to over 70 games for one little five-spot. The idea is this: Every book will contain 20 tickets, good for admission to the grounds. A purchaser of a book is merely buying 20 admissions in advance. At the coming games the possessor of a ticket-book can enter the grandstand merely by tearing off two tickets. He can take a friend if he wishes, two grandstand admissions being worth four tickets. An automobile admission will be two tickets. "There's no charity to it," says Russ. "The fans are merely buying their tickets in advance, to help raise early funds for starting the season." Manager Hall has written 20 letters in the past two days to prospective players on the Tiger team. Through the assistance of a team manager on a large league—an intimate friend of Russ—the new Tacoma manager has obtained rights to several splendid players. It is expected that contracts will begin coming in during the next week or so.

PHILLIPS ARRANGES SMOKER AT WILKESON

Billy Phillips, well known Tacoma boxer, who staged the Billy Weeks-Romeo Hagan bout at Wilkeson some time ago, announced another card for the coal mining town to be staged next Saturday night. The main event will be a six-round affair between Harry Mussen of Tacoma, 130, and Mike Pete of Wilkeson, 128. Frank

Trophies For Trap Shooters

C. C. Mellinger and Dave Bales, two of the most enthusiastic trap shooters in Tacoma, are offering trophies for competitors of the Tacoma Gun club, for which the season's shoot will commence Sunday. Mellinger is offering a handsome golf fob, to be won in a handicap shoot at 50 birds and a 16-yard rise, to be held on seven Sundays. Bales is offering a valuable silver loving cup. Conditions of his match have not yet been announced.

There Is One Born a Minute

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—A total of 13,000 tickets have been printed for the coming battle between Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Frank Moran, at Madison Square Garden. Twelve thousand are for seats ranging from \$3 to \$23. The remainder are for standing room.

FORM NEW LEAGUE

Representatives of teams in the proposed Valley Amateur Baseball league will meet at the Tacoma hotel at 7:30 o'clock tonight to organize their circuit. Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup and Spanaway, together with the Monograms of Tacoma, will comprise the league.

SEATTLE ROUT

Steamers Tacoma and Indianapolis for Seattle Leave Municipal Dock, Tacoma, Feb. 29, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.; 3:00 p. m. Leave Colma Dock, Seattle, Feb. 29, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.; 3:00 p. m. Steamers Tacoma and Indianapolis for Seattle Leave Municipal Dock, Tacoma, Feb. 29, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00 p. m.; 3:00 p. m.

"Yeh, Those Were Great Old Days, Frank!"



Left to right: George Hildebrand, American league umpire; Al Baum, president of the Pacific Coast league, and Frank Chance, former star of the Chicago Cubs, now manager of the Los Angeles club. The three men met in San Francisco the other day. Chance and Hildebrand were busy swapping yarns of the old days, recalling many incidents in which "his umps" and Chance figured.

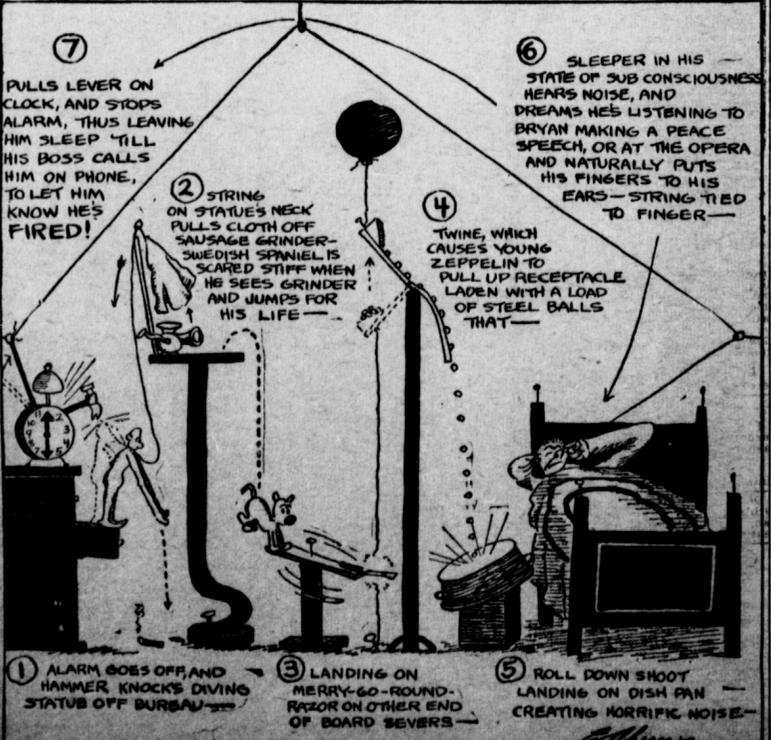
MYSTERIOUS MASKED MARVEL AROUSES FANS

For days and weeks the fans of Tacoma have been regaled with articles about a mysterious "Masked Marvel." Because no one knew anything about the existence of such an animal, curiosity was easily aroused, and Sammy Howard, promoter of the publicity scheme, gained many columns of space thereby. The Times does not confess to know anything about this Masked Marvel, or to take any very keen interest in him. When Sam Howard left Tacoma, after the Farmer-Bonds match, he said that he had a young boxer in Portland, son of a millionaire lumberman, who wanted to box without allowing his identity to become known. Howard next turned up in San Francisco with a well dressed, athletic young person, whose face was covered by a mask, and who wore a wig. "Frisco fell for the Masked Marvel. The papers gave him unlimited space. Then a telegram from Tacoma was received by a 'Frisco' paper, saying that the Masked Marvel was none other than Farmer. A private match was held, for the benefit of the newspaper men. The Masked Marvel was beaten—and beaten bad—by a Greek bootblack. "It was his first match, and he had stage fright," explains Howard. "He was whipped good, and that's all there was to it." The Masked Marvel, according to Howard, was so ashamed that he beat it back home to Portland. Then Howard returned to Tacoma for the Farmer-Murray match. He says that Farmer was in Wisconsin all the time.

PETER'S PIFFLE with illustration of a man sitting at a desk.

The average reader and patron of sport events is a lover of clean athletics. He is a man who demands a square deal in sporting events, and who will turn away in disgust from anything savoring of crookedness. For the benefit of this class of sport fans, we call attention to the headline on a Monday evening sport page. "Farmer is not in condition; match off." Under that heading was a story which intimated that Frank Farmer had been devoting his recent time to women, and that his bout with Fighting Billy Murray had been dropped. The editor of that page was not permitted to dictate to Paul Steele about the smoker. Therefore he has gone to the other extreme. Called "the kink" among boxing promoters, he wanted to dictate in this smoker, as in other events of the past. Neither this paper nor anyone connected with it has any interest in the coming bout. But we consider Paul Steele a square shooter. Steele is making a living as physical culture and boxing teacher. He has a home, a wife, and three children. It is not likely that he is doing anything that he will not gladly spread out for the observation of the sport fans. But Paul Steele is not getting a square deal. And simply because he elects to be independent. Sammy Howard, the boy with the brilliant biceps, takes all blame for the misunderstanding that kept Farmer at Kapowsin. "I sent Farmer a wire telling him to 'keep under cover,'" says Howard. "I meant that it would be better for him to keep away from the city until a few days before the day of the match. But he thought there was something wrong, and hid. That's why I couldn't get hold of him, or bring him to Tacoma in time for a match Monday."

SQUIRREL FOOD—How to Stop Ala'm While Sleeping. BY AHERN.



WHERE TACOMA IS AMUSING ITSELF

Theaters TACOMA Dark. EMPRESS "Kick In," crook drama. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday. PANTAGES "The Mystic Bird," and good vaudeville acts. Movies APOLLO "What Will People Say," with Olga Petrova, and Royal Guatemalan Marine Band. COLONIAL "Jane," clever comedy, with Charlotte Greenwood. MELBOURNE "The Plunderer," with William Farnum. Also movies of Elks' parade. LIBERTY "Guarding Old Glory," five reel patriotic film.

Bushman Comes to Melbourne

Francis X. Bushman, popular idol of the movie fans, comes to the Melbourne tomorrow for a two-day engagement in "The Second in Command." It is one of Bushman's best efforts. Marguerite Snow, of "Million Dollar Mystery" fame, plays opposite the handsome star. Tonight marks the last showing of "The Plunderer," with William Farnum; the pictures of the Elks parade; "The Hunt," with Ford Sterling, and a two-part Keystone-Triangle comedy.

FARMER LOOKS GOOD

Paul Steele's smoker at Glide rink, when "Fighting Billy" Murray and Frank Farmer will mix, will be held Thursday night instead of Friday. After Steele had seen Farmer work out yesterday afternoon at Moose hall, he decided that Farmer would be in first class condition with three days' training, and advanced the date. Farmer is hard as nails. His week's visit in the mountains, when he lived with a family near Kapowsin, and spent his days hunting, tramping and chopping wood, put him in good condition. He looked splendid as he worked out yesterday, and even appeared to have taken off weight since his appearance here a month ago. Farmer is now managing his own affairs. Although Sam Howard still sticks by him, the Kapowsin boy says he is tired of the continual misunderstandings that have arisen over Howard's managerial efforts, and says that he will be his own boss hereafter. Today and tomorrow Farmer will work out at Moose hall, between 2 and 3. Billy Murray is working out each day at the Tacoma School of Boxing, between 3 and 4. The public is invited to both workouts.

"Poor Old Bat"

APPLETON, Wis., Feb. 29.—Battling Nelson will not be allowed to box Ad Wolgast, to whom he lost the lightweight championship. The Wisconsin state boxing commission decreed yesterday afternoon that the Battler was "too far gone" for such a fight. The date had been set as April 12.

K. O. BY PNEUMONIA

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 29.—Milburn Saylor, 27, contender for the lightweight title, has pneumonia and may not recover. He knocked out Leach Cross last Monday.

DRAW COLOR LINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The American Sporting club agreed last night to call off its proposed bouts between the two negroes, and to refrain from mixed bouts in the future, so the boxing commission has allowed it to resume its programs.

WIN AT PORTLAND

By a score of 42 to 28, the Beutel Business College team defeated the Lincoln high school basketball team of Portland Saturday night. The Tacoma team contained L. Bishop, F. Gilbert, D. Tonneson, A. Pulford, A. Holmes, D. Wadsworth.

K. O. C. BEATS 'EM

LACEY, Feb. 29.—The Seattle K. of C. basketball team took the conceit out of St. Martin's by defeating them 33 to 25. It was the first defeat of the local boys after nine straight victories.

Very Funny, Very Absurd, Is This New Comedy, 'Jane'



Charlotte Greenwood as "Jane," the maid-of-all-work who acts the part of wife in order to help her employer win an allowance from a wealthy uncle, and Sydney Grant, as the butler-husband of "Jane."

"Jane," a five-part comedy presented at the Colnoial until tomorrow night, is a refreshing change from the usual type of slam-bang comedies. There isn't any slam-bang in it. Just a lot of clean humor arising from genuinely funny situations. Charles Shackleton, all round good fellow, offers his housemaid \$500 to pose as his wife during his uncle's unexpected visit, in order to get an increase in his allowance. Uncle wants to see "the baby." They borrow one from a washwoman. The washwoman gets frightened and tries to have Shackleton and his "wife" arrested for kidnaping. It is a riot of very funny, and very absurd situations, woven into a clever story.

Beauties in the Movies



Cleo Madison, idol of the Universal studios, was born in Bloomington, Ill. In her short life she has been a leading lady on the stage, owned and managed her own stock company, been in vaudeville, a star in the movies and is now directing her own photoplays. Her greatest work on the screen is probably the "Trey o' Heart" series. She has red brown hair, gray eyes and is 5 feet 4 inches in height. In private life she is Miss Bailey and lives in her own bungalow near the studio at Universal City. Motoring is her hobby.

Advertisement for Weyman-Bruton Company tobacco, featuring a cartoon of a man and a woman and text describing the product.