

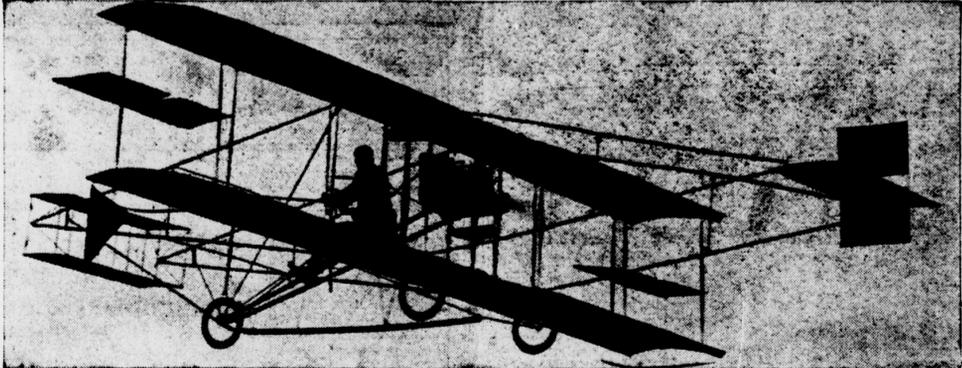
# Big Marathon, for Coast Championship, to Be Held Here

## "F" JEFF FAILS TO MEET JACK JOHNSON

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—A local sport writer today discusses the possibility of Jeffries failing to meet Johnson on next July and the position in which such a failure would leave the fight promoters. He says:

"If James J. Jeffries, for one reason or another, fails to keep his appointment with Jasper Jack Johnson on the 4th of next July, the fight fans of San Francisco are still assured of a championship match providing the dingy title holder is out of jail and is still ready to meet any man in the world in a contest for the heavyweight crown. Two men—Albert Kaufman of California and 'Beggar Sam' Langford of Boston—are

## DONNELLY POSTPONES BIPLANE FLIGHT; HAMILTON WILL FLY AT FAIRGROUNDS



THE CURTISS BI-PLANE.

Unable to find a site on which to manipulate his biplane, Walter Donnelly, the great American aviator, who won the speed prize at Los Angeles.

Harry Green, local promoter for Hamilton, will conduct Hamilton's flight in Spokane until June. This leaves the flight situation open to

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trials in all the large cities on the coast and although he has not broken any records on account of weather conditions, he expects to lower a record or two while in this city.

Green has arranged with Hamilton to carry a passenger with him when he makes his ascension at the fair grounds.

## RADICAL CHANGES IN THE FOOTBALL RULES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, March 26.—The most radical changes ever made in the American game of football were adopted late this afternoon by the rules committee representing most of the big American universities and colleges, which adjourned after a session lasting two days.

The committee is not through with its work, for another meeting has been called for April 29 at the University club in Philadelphia, where the all-important subject of the forward pass and many other radical changes in the existing rules will be taken up.

The most vital change in the rules is the division of the game into four periods of play of 15 minutes each, instead of two halves of 35 minutes each, as at present.

The committee members say this will give the players more chance for recuperation.

Hereafter there shall be no pushing or pulling of the man with the ball and the same limitations as to the use of hands and arms by his team mates shall apply as now apply to his opponents. This means a revision in interference for the men protecting a runner can no longer put their arms around him

to pull him through the line and they cannot get behind him and push him along with their hands.

The restriction for fouling the man receiving the ball from the snapper-back, usually the quarterback, to run five yards to the side before crossing the line of scrimmage has been removed and the committee anticipates that this rule will do more than any other to add to the spectators' interest in the game.

They are all agreed that it will add to the speed of the game and necessitate the use of more strategy than at present. It will give the lighter and faster teams more chance and will tend to keep the defensive line in position guarding against quarterback runs.

In the new rules there must be seven men in the line of scrimmage instead of five as at present. This rule, the football solons say, will tend to do away with mass plays, which have been the object of most condemnation.

The flying tackle has been absolutely prohibited.

The mixup usually following an out-of-play foul, the result of the adoption of a rule providing that this kick must go 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

## MACHINES WILL FLY NEXT WEEK

Two large aeroplanes, both larger than the Curtiss machine on exhibit at the auto show, are now in course of construction at Portland, Ore., and according to J. A. Randall, will be shipped to Spokane from the Rose City early this week.

It is hoped to get the machines here by next Wednesday. Mr. Randall said last night: "Both of these machines are larger than the one on exhibit, carrying 40 horse power motors. We expect to have three aeroplanes here before the end of the week and will give free

exhibitions near the city limits on the Liberty Lake car line."

The new machines will be tried out in Portland, probably on Monday, and then they will be shipped to this city. They are being made by the Pacific Aviation company, in which George W. Joseph, a prominent Portland attorney, is interested. The machine here is owned by E. Henry Wemme, proprietor of the Willamette Ten and Bowling company of Portland. Wemme paid \$500 more than the actual value of the airship, because of the records it has won.

Portland, March 26.—Two six-cylinder 60 horsepower Franklin touring cars are to carry the United States mail and passengers between Boring and Government Camp at Mount Hood this summer. The first of these cars was delivered by the Menzies-DuBois Motor Car company to Emmett Donahue yesterday.

Donahue, who is to manage the stage line and run one of the cars, holds the contract for delivering the United States mail this summer and found it necessary, in order to keep up with the times, to put in automobiles. The route is especially hard one. Donahue is sure the Franklin will do the work.

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Plans and preparations for the opening day program have kept some of the leading members of the club busy for the past week, and it is hoped that soon after the first games the new grounds will be near enough to completion to satisfy the demands of the members.

With a continuation of the enticing weather conditions, it will be but a few more weeks when golf and tennis will take the place of drawing room and parlor entertain-

ments in the daily programs of the smart set.

HE—HECTOR'S PUP!  
HERE'S THE LATEST "FISHBALL CURSE"

Pitcher Parsons, the former star of Bucknell college, who is being tried out by the New York Giants at Marlinton, Texas, has evolved a new curve, which he calls the "fishball curve." Why he should name it after this succulent free lunch dish is somewhat of a mystery. The ball wobbles in its flight, and it has both catcher and batter guessing to see where it will finally land.

## WITH ONLY HALF A BODY HE'S A MARVEL ON ROLLERS



ALFRED LEROY.

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—Imagine a half man whirling around the circle of a big skating rink at

nellsville, Pa., LeRoy slipped and fell under the wheels. When he came out of the hospital he had no legs and only half an arm.

LeRoy came to Los Angeles in 1908. One day, while standing in front of Jim Jeffries' saloon, a messenger boy whisked into the place on one roller skate. LeRoy sized up the messenger sportively. He bought a roller skate that very night. Screwing it under a piece of board, which supported the weight of his body, he found that by using two small crutches he could propel himself at a great clip. After practicing in private for a spell he appeared at a skating rink and won a number of races from foot runners. He recently challenged two marathon runners to a 15 mile race. He put up a forfeit of \$25, but the fleet footed boys failed to respond.

My gracious, how we detest these fighters and this fighting game!

Did you read the foolish admiration passed to Oscar Matthew Battling Nelson, pride of Hegewisch, Ill., and one time champion lightweight of the world?

Nelson was hammered to a whiplash by the indomitable Wigan, who, in the glory of his youthful strength, tore the conqueror of Gans, Britt, Corbett et al. to ribbons, but he failed to conquer the Herserker courage of the greatest fighter since the gamecock Kid Lavigne was in his prime.

Defeated, but not beaten, is the story of Battling Nelson in his latest fight. There's no use pointing out what might have been. Wigan is champion by virtue of his skill, courage and endurance.

But it was Nelson's name that fell from the lips of the fans as the battle progressed and during the days which followed; and it was Nelson's undaunted spirit and gameness that makes him the hero of every man who admires such attributes.

Battling Nelson can now retire with a fortune estimated in six figures, and an ever increasing income from well placed investments. But he will not retire. Not on your life. He has accepted a \$10,000 to give him a return match, and those who know the Battler know this is not bluff.

We all remember how, after he had been declared loser to Joe Gans over the foul route in their first engagement, Nelson went on with Jimmie Britt and lost a decision. Britt hit him at will and Nelson made a poor showing.

Then the whalebone Dane did a disappearing act. He went into the mountains for a short time and came forth a new man. The rest worked wonder with him and in eight months of 1908 he knocked out Jack Clifford, fought 10-round no-decision battles with Britt and Tiholz, a 15-round draw with shifty Abe Attell and twice knocked out Gans.

You want to keep your eye on Nelson, for he is apt to repeat this trick. Of course, it is possible the little wonder has gone back. The apples he has taken may have sapped his vitality and he may never be the Battler of old.

But no matter whether he ever lifts a five-ounce glove again, Battling Nelson has endeared himself to every man who loves a game fight, and the best is none too good for him as long as he lives. Honest, willing, game to the core, he has thousands of admirers who wish him nothing but good, and here's to his long life and health.

## TIP WRIGHT'S COLUMN

BY TIP WRIGHT.

## PROMOTERS IN TOUCH WITH MANY SPEEDY MARATHONERS

Local sport promoters are planning a full distance Marathon race which will, in all probability, take place here on May 15, the date which has been decided on by those in charge.

The event will be for the championship of the Pacific coast, and only runners who live on the coast

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## COUNTRY CLUB ANNUAL OPENING DAY APRIL 15

Old Ground and Club Annex to Be Used—New Grounds Being Rushed to Completion for Members.

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## NORTH CENTRAL WINS EASILY

The North Central baseball team defeated the Spokane college aggregation yesterday afternoon in one of the first games of the season by the score of 16 to 8. Churchill, North Central's pitcher, was the main attraction, his salary wing winning the game easily for the high school lads. There were numerous errors and much swatting, but the game was far more one-sided than had been prophesied.

## "FLYPLANE" TO FLY TO THE BALL PARK

Smith's "Flyplane" is a miniature airship which has been set up at Smith's Dope, is creating a lot of attention and much good humor these days.

On the frail little craft is a bold and daring sign, confidently stating the startling information that the "Flyplane" will leave every afternoon at 3 o'clock for the baseball park, when the season opens.

## SPORTORIALS

The funniest sight ever seen in Hot Springs is Larry McLean, the Cincinnati Reds' backstop, riding a diminutive burro.

The Pittsburg baseball club seems to have made a find in Catcher Bridges. The Tiger proves in his work and shows that he has the ability and form to make a National league backstop. What pleases Bridges most is that he is at least in a league where he will not have to worry about getting his wages on the regular pay day.

Hughie Jennings has placed a ban on cigarette smoking among his champion athletes. The Tiger manager contends that it deprives an athlete indulging in this pastime of his wind, and will in later years have its effect on him, mentally as well as physically. Many aspiring youngsters would do well to heed Jennings' advice.

Very frequently a pitcher who has seen his best days branches out to be of great value in the outfield, despite the fact that the hurlers are never regarded as good hitters. The Highlanders have one in Harry Wolters, the pitcher from California, who twirled for the Boston Americans last season, and who was a Pirate for a short time.

Wolters has not been in the game long enough to even rank as a veteran.

Pitcher Corridon would rather have any man in the world face him at a critical time than Wagner. "I can't pitch to that big Dutchman," says Corridon. "I have tried everything I have on him. But I can't get him on my staff. He and Donlin have my goat. There is little to choose between them, but the two I would rather take a chance with Donlin than with the big Dutchman."

You have got to hand it to Melvin Moffitt, matchmaker of the Oakland Wheelman club. By dint of square dealing with the public and hard work for the past year, Moffitt has finally secured permission from the Oakland city council to hold 15-round contests at Piedmont pavilion—which means that there will be large doings in the transbay metropolis during the balance of the year. As a starter Moffitt is endeavoring to arrange a 15-round contest between Lew Powell and George Momic, the Los Angeles sensation, and will put this contest off the middle of April if the principals are willing. A few months ago these two lightweights met in a 10-round no-decision battle

## LINCOLN WINS.

The Lincoln school team defeated the Washington nine yesterday afternoon in an exciting game at Manito park by the score of 10 to 6. The batteries were: For Lincoln, Secord and Jones; for Washington, Heffner and Rex.

## JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT, JULY 4, SEEN IN ADVANCE

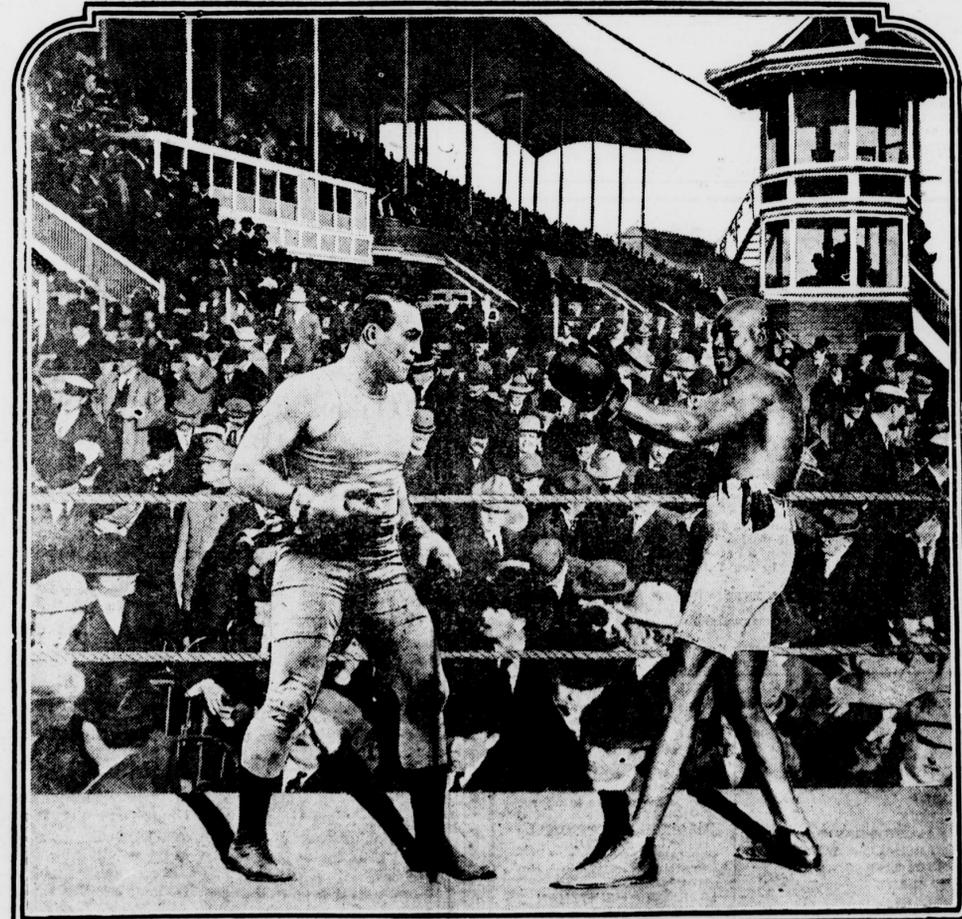
A foreglimpse of the ringside scene of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, July 4, from a composite photograph arranged by The Spokane Press staff artist, Geo. Satterfield. The arena is to be pitched in the enclosure of the new California Jockey Club at Emeryville, Cal. In the background in this picture is the racetrack grandstand with the judges' stand at the right. The crowd in the middleground is the one that was at the ringside in the Nelson-Wolgaht fight. The picture of Johnson was snapped in San Francisco at the Johnson-Ketchel fight. The photograph of Jeffries was secured while he was boxing with Sam Berger in an exhibition in San Francisco three weeks ago. It is his latest photograph in action.

## ROUND 1, AS FORESEEN BY "RINGSIDER"

Note—The following imaginary ringside description of the opening of the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Emeryville, Cal., July 4—As based on something more substantial than pure imagination. Ringsider recognized nationally as an expert strength, stamina and spirit of the two fighters, and the following description of round 1 of the big fight is his best judgment based on that study of the course of the fight.

In the ring after the opening gong.—Sporting Editor.

BY RINGSIDER.  
Round 1—Jeff steps nimbly to the center. The old battle flame is



## THE BASEBALL SEASON FOR 1910

Club	Opening Date	Closing Date	No. Games
National League	April 14	Oct. 15	154
American League	April 14	Oct. 9	154
Eastern League	April 14	Sept. 25	154
American Association	April 13	Sept. 25	168
Southern League	April 14	Sept. 17	140
Pacific Coast League	April 23	Nov. 8	218
Western League	April 22	Oct. 3	168
New England League	April 22	Sept. 19	126
Northwestern League	April 22	Sept. 25	144
Tri-State League	May 4	Sept. 17	114
New York State League	May 4	Sept. 18	140
Three-I League	May 4	Sept. 18	140
Central Association	May 5	Sept. 18	140
Eastern Carolina League	May 5	Sept. 18	140
South Atlantic League	April 11	Sept. 27	126
Texas League	April 16	Sept. 5	144
Western Association	April 16	Sept. 18	140
Commercial League	April 29	Sept. 19	126
Pennsylvania League	April 25	Sept. 5	140
Ohio State League	April 25	Sept. 5	140
California League	April 25	Sept. 5	112
California State League	April 7	Nov. 5	164
United States League	May 1	Sept. 5	126
California-San-Juan League	May 1	Sept. 7	80
Virginia Valley League	May 5	Sept. 5	126

in his eyes, his broad, hairy chest, looking as solid as the rock of Gibraltar is immobile, and if there are any heartbeats of concern they do not show. The big, grizzly determination showing in every line of his dark face; the eyebrows almost meeting in the deep frown that the "Hope of the White Race" wears; drops into a half crouch, with his left fully extended, Johnson comes up slowly, upstanding his left out and his right laying across his stomach. Jeff straightens up as the negro begins to falter, steps forward and then lunges his left for Johnson's mid-section. The black shuffles out of harm's way in his old, flat-footed manner, and as Jeff again sets himself he feints with left. Jeff tries another left for stomach but is blocked. Like a flash Jeff shoots over a right hook for the head, but Johnson catches it on his shoulder. Jeffries steps in closer and Johnson falls into a half clinch, trying with his famous right uppercut to the chin; but Jeff is too old a hand to be caught with chaff, and easily blocks the effort, at the same time trying to push his right into his opponent's ribs. Johnson breaks away, but Jeff is right after him and tries a one-two. Johnson's excellent defense stands him in good stead, and both blows are wasted. The men are feeling each other out. Jeffries doing whatever of the aggressive there is, while Johnson is content to await attack in the hope of slipping in a counter. Thirty seconds before the bell Jeff rushes but the negro cleverly falls into another half clinch, again trying to work his right uppercut and again failing. Just before the bell Jeff essayed the one-two, his left missing the stomach, but the right glancing off Johnson's chest. The negro is smiling at the gong and Jeff goes to his corner looking more determined than ever. He is breathing naturally. His wind seems good.

Throughout the round the great crowd remained remarkably quiet. Only once was there shouting, and that was when Jeffries made his first try with the right. A bleacherite's yell, "Knock his block off, Jeff," started the mob, and then from every part of the vast arena came words of encouragement and advice for the dark skinned white man.

"Kill the nigger, Jim."

"Soak him in the pantry. He doesn't like 'em there."

"Oh, you Jeff. You've got his goat."

"Show up his yellow streak, Jim."

To these and similar shouts Jeffries gave not the slightest attention, his eyes never leaving the big black figure before him. He was fighting his own fight. He had his own plan to bring the championship back to the Caucasian race, and needed advice neither from spectator nor second.

## YOUNGEST GOLFER IS "BILL" BAXTER AGE 2 YRS. 6 MONTHS

The youngest golfer in America, or probably the entire world, is "Bill" Baxter of Indianapolis, son of David Baxter, the champion golf player of the Hoosier state. "Bill" is 2 years and 6 months old, and he can swing a club with the best of them. Of course the sticks used by Master Baxter are not of the regulation size. They are a miniature set designed for the youngster by his father.

A great future is predicted for him.

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ.—Los Angeles chamber of commerce trade boosters, who have been touring Arizona in special train, spend Sunday here.