FITZ OUT FOR FIGHT

RELEASED FROM THE PROMISE MADE TO HIS WIFE AT CARSON CITY.

CONDITIONS FOR CORBETT.

EX-CHAMPION MUST FIRST WHIP MAHER OR CHOYNSKI IN THE RING.

CHANCE ALSO FOR "KID" M'COY.

Clever Middleweight Ready to Take on Any One Who Will Be Satisfactory to Fitzsimmons.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Martin Julian today, on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, made the following signed statement:

"Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retirement."

Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says: "These conditions are as follows: Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Choynski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class; let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position and come along with his challenge afterward. But first, McCoy must fight a fit opponent at the middleweight limit and not at catch weights." The statement concludes as follows: "I am not going to allow Mr. Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes Fitzsimmons will meet them all, one after the other, in the same ring if needs be."

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Kid" McCoy announced tonight that he had arranged to meet Al Smith in this city tomorrow and that he will then post $1,000 as a guarantee that he will meet any man named by Fitzsimmons. It is to meet Martin Julian's condition, announced in Chicago today, that McCoy has arranged tomorrow's conference. He is anxious, he says, to find out who Fitzsimmons wants him to fight.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 28.—James J. Corbett is playing an engagement here. When shown Julian's statement tonight on behalf of Fitzsimmons as reported by the Associated Press from Chicago, he said: "I have very little to say. If I should beat Maher or Choynski I would only be advancing Fitzsimmons' reputation and leaving myself just where I am now, second to Bob Fitzsimmons. I will do nothing of the kind. Fitzsimmons is the only man I will fight. I shall follow his trail until I compel him to fight me. That is all I have to say."

WAS EASILY DWYER'S.

Took the Mixed Match From Quinn in Straight Bouts.

About 300 people gathered at the St. Paul Athletic club gymnasium last night to witness the wrestling match between J. C. Quinn, of Madison, Wis., and M. J. Dwyer, of St. Paul. Preliminary to the main event of the evening there was a catch-as-catch-can bout between William Still and Albert Juhre, both members of the club, an exhibition bout between Frank Whitmore, of St. Paul, and George Baptiste, of St. Louis, Mo., and an exhibition of bag punching.

The catch-as-catch-can bout, best two in three, between Messrs. Still and Juhre, was for a prize given by the club and the amateur lightweight championship of the club. Still won the first fall in six minutes, and Juhre won the next two in 11 minutes 30 seconds and six minutes respectively. The prize was a pair of worsted tights.

Then followed the exhibition bout between Whitmore and Baptiste. The exhibition was a pretty one and elicited much applause.

After George O'Brien, of the club, had given an exhibition of bag punching, Prof. J. L. Snyder, who refereed all the events, announced the contest of the evening, the mixed styles wrestling match, Cornish and catch-as-catch-can styles, between J. C. Quinn and M. J. Dwyer.

When the men stepped onto the mat it was noted that Quinn seemed to have the advantage of his antagonist in breadth of hips and in the size of his thighs. The first fall was Cornish style. During the early portion of the contest things looked favorable for Quinn, but Dwyer's cleverness eventually tired Quinn out. They wrestled eight turns. Dwyer won the first fall, in 23 minutes 40 seconds. After a five minutes' rest, the men wrestled catch-as-catch-can and Dwyer won in seven minutes and 30 seconds, with a half-Nelson and a half-Halsh lock.

BOTH LASTED OUT.

Everhardt-Daly Fight at New Orleans a Draw.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—Jack Daly and Jack Everhardt met before the Tulane Avenue Athletic club, with about 1,000 present, for a percentage of the receipts. The match was originally for twenty rounds, but the mayor would not issue a permit for over ten rounds, and charged $500 for that. Everhardt said he trained for twenty rounds, and refused to go on until he secured an agreement that if both men were on their feet at the end of ten rounds the fight would be declared a draw. Everhardt tried to make it a rough and rushing fight from the start, but Daly was clever enough to keep away from punishment. Daly's left was weak, so that there was not much harm done until the seventh, when Daly learned to use his right, and kept it going on the body. In the tenth round Daly's right did a rushing business on Everhardt's body, and there was danger of a knock-out. Then Everhardt clinched and wrestled and saved his skin until time was called and Referee Duffy declared it a draw.

TEST FOR THE CHAINLESS.

Ridden Over the Century Course on Christmas Day.

The chainless wheel has at last received a practical test over Minnesota roads and has justified all the good things that have been said of it by manufacturers and dealers. Saturday, Dec. 25, Allan Underwood, of Minneapolis, on a '98 model chainless Columbia bicycle rode over the Northfield century course in 11 hours 40 minutes. Mr. Underwood left Minneapolis at 7:30 a. m., was checked at Market house, St. Paul, at 8:25 a. m.; at Farmington, 10:30 a. m., and Northfield, 12:30 p. m. Drifted snow between Farmington and Northfield made riding impossible for long stretches, and in several instances Mr. Underwood was obliged to walk and carry his wheel through the heavy drifts. The time made on this century is remarkable, considering the time of year and condition of the country roads. Mr. Underwood, who is one of the best road riders in the state and an active member of the Century Road Club of America, expects to be rewarded for his long ride on Christmas day with one of those much coveted "meritorious ride" medals which are occasionally awarded by the club in recognition of exceptionally meritorious performances on the wheel. This is the first century ever ridden over the Northfield course in midwinter.

College Cricket.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Cricket association was held in Houston hall today. The meeting was called to order with E. Morgan, of Harvard, in the chair. Delegates were present from Pennsylvania, Haverford and Harvard. W. N. Morice, representing Pennsylvania; T. Wister and H. H. Lowry representing Haverford, and E. Morgan and E. A. Waters, representing Harvard. The report of the committee which had charge of the arrangements for the Canadian match last spring, was read and accepted. Adams, Haverford, received the prize for bowling and Hinchman, Haverford, the prize for batting. A committee of three, consisting of Haughton, Harvard, chairman; Paul, Pennsylvania, and Scattergood, Haverford, was appointed to award the prizes for 1897.

Money Up.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The money is up binding a match between Jay Eaton and August Lehr, the German, and in February the race, mile heats, unpaced, will be decided at Belleair, Fla. The bet is $1,000 a side, but both men are confident that the sum will be greatly increased before the race takes place.

SPURNS THE "ULTIMATUM."

Minnetonka Yacht Club Refuses to Yield at All.

Unless the White Bear Yacht club qualifies its ultimatum, as submitted to the Minnetonka Yacht club, relative to racing for the coming season, the series of contests finished last season will in all probability be the last. The Minnetonka Yacht club will have nothing to do with the so-called "ultimatum," and at the meeting held last evening in the Kasota block decided not to accept the terms. The bone of contention is the catboat, no such style having been built at Minnetonka for years. The White Bear club, however, has a fondness for the kittens, and would sadly part therewith, hence its ultimatum. Ultimatum or no ultimatum, however, the Minnetonka Yacht club will train no catboats the coming season.

Scant courtesy was shown the White Bear club's communication, it being briefly but unanimously rejected.

E. J. Phelps introduced a resolution proposing a small boat for championship races.

The boat he proposed will be about the same size as a second rater, not to carry more than 500 square feet of sail. The boat proposed would cost between $400 and $500, and would require a crew of four men.

This resolution it was at first decided to refer to the committee on rules, but this action was reconsidered, as the club wishes to have a general expression by its members before taking final action. It is also the purpose to try and secure a thorough expression in regard to the proposed racing class. For this purpose a meeting will be held next Tuesday evening.

GREAT BILLIARDS.

Cushion Carom Records Bettered by Hatley, of Duluth.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 28.—W. F. Hatley, one of the well known short stops of the country, demonstrated the fact today that he should be ranked among the best of the short stops, and that he can hold his own with the cracks at cushion caroms. In play with G. H. Jones he made the phenomenal run of 176 points at cushion caroms. He finished the end of the fourth inning with the high run, and average of 51¼. The record for a high run at cushion caroms, 85 points, is held by Frank Ives, and the record for the best average, 10 points, is held by Schaefer. Hatley's run and average, while made in play, cannot be accepted as a record for the reason that it was made on a 4½x9 table, and not on a regulation table, but this does not detract from the brilliancy of the performance, and the run and the average will undoubtedly stand unequaled for many a day.

JEWELS FOR FITZ.

What Lanky Bob Got in His Christmas Stocking.

Santa Claus was generous to the Fitzsimmons family. Jewels to the value of $6,000 were distributed between Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons, and the two children received enough presents to make half a dozen youngsters happy.

"Bob" received a diamond mounted locket from Martin Julian that was as large as a boarding house biscuit. In the center of the pendant are "R. F. Sr." and "World's Champion" added in black enamel.

This trophy "Fitz" is especially proud of, as it sets his title out where those who do not recognize the prize fighter may soon learn of his prowess. In addition, the manager of the champion added a diamond ring with a stone as large as a dollar in the eyes of a poor man. The circlet, with its setting, is valued at $1,000.

But "Bob" was as generous as his manager. To his wife he gave a set of three precious stones worth $5,000. The set contained a sunburst containing fifty-two diamonds, a brooch and a watch, with the back beatifully set in the sparklers. In the brooch is a place for a photograph, and that place is filled with a production of "Lanky Bob" in his latest picture.

SPIRITED SQUABBLE.

Ill Feeling Among the Racing Men at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There was a short but lively squabble at Madison Square garden today that showed the ill feeling left by the result of the Michael-Chase race of last Saturday. Michael and Taylore, the French champion, have been training for their race of next Saturday and this afternoon were out for practice with about twenty pacemakers each. In the course of the afternoon A. A. Chase and his brother came out on a tandem and paced Taylore a few miles. David Shafer, Michael's manager, objected to Chase's presence on the track, and when his remonstrances were not heeded, picked up a bit of scantling and was about to throw it on the track in front of the Chase brothers' tandem when somebody seized his arm and held him. Chase dismounted and got into an argument with Shafer. Accounts differ of what followed, but all agree that Shafer struck Chase a heavy blow with his fist, and when Chase was about to reply in kind bystanders stepped in between them. Chase says he will take the matter before the L. A. W.

CURLING CLUB SCORES.

Results of Last Night's Play on Raspberry Island.

The following scores were made at the curling club rink on Raspberry island last evening:

P. Mattson,	A. W. Bjornstad,
David Scott,	Thomas Cameron,
L. Defiel,	A. B. Van Bergen,
Judge Cory,	F. McCarthy,
John Riheldaffer, skip—10.	Dr. S. O. Arnold, skip—7.

The following is the result of the semi-finals on Hinkel Medal No. 2:

P. H. Meade,	H. R. Martindale,
P. W. Griggs,	B. E. Allen,
C. M. Barlow,	J. McNamara,
C. M. Griggs, skip—15.	S. F. Fullerton, skip—9.

College Chess.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The second round of the intercollegiate chess tournament was begun today at the Columbia grammar school, when the pairing and the openings were as follows: Meyer, Columbia, vs. Cook, Yale, French defense; Dana, Pennsylvania, vs. Hewins, Harvard, Petroff; Seward, Columbia, vs. Southard, Harvard, king's mate gambit; Murdoch, Yale, vs. Young, Pennsylvania, French defense. Meyer and Cook had to adjourn their game in an even position after 46 moves. This game will be adjudicated upon tomorrow. This was an even contest from beginning to end. Dana and Hewins selected a sort of drawing continuation of their Petroff and the game remained even throughout the opening stage. In the middle game Hewins got an attack, won a piece and after 30 moves the game. Seward selected a rather weak variation of the king's gambit against Southard. The latter soon got the better position and after 21 moves Seward resigned. Young beat Murdoch in a French defense after 43 moves. The latter compromised his position in the middle game by an imprudent exchange. Later on he lost several pawns, finally a rook and then he resigned.

Jumping Record.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Lerdy Yakley, of this city, broke the American amateur standing broad jump record, without weights, in a Y. M. C. A. contest tonight. He jumped 10 feet 10 inches, beating the record held by A. G. Schwaner of 10 feet 9⅞ inches.

READY FOR SPRING

CLOSE OF THE HOLIDAY HUSTLE GIVES JOBBERS A BRIEF RESPITE.

TO PREPARE FOR THE TRADE

THAT IS EXPECTED TO COME WITH THE OPENING OF THE SEASON.

WHOLESALERS ARE HOPEFUL,

As Every Indication Is That the Incoming Season Will Equal the Outgoing.

The near approach of the first of the year marks unusual activity with the jobbers and manufacturers of the city. Large forces of their employes are engaged in sorting up stock and taking inventory, and the heads of the firms are preparing to handle the largest spring business they have experienced for a number of years. They all feel highly encouraged over the prospects for next year's business, and feel that the first six months of the year is assured, and, unless there is a total failure of the crop, the year 1898 will mark a new era of prosperity in the history of the Northwest. The improved conditions of all parts of the country, is due, they think, largely to the harvesting of an unusually large crop, and the steady market the farmer has found for his products is caused, they think, by the general restoration of confidence and a more secure feeling on the part of bankers. There is still a large amount of unmarketed wheat in the country, a large portion of which is still in the farmers' barns, and when this is moved in the spring money will be easier, and the most conservative look for as large an increase for the first six months of next year as there was during the past year over the year 1896.

T. L. Schurmeier, of Lindeke, Warner & Schurmeier, said the last year had been a most successful one, he thought, and, when they closed their books on Saturday night, they would show the largest sales in the history of the firm. He thought people were beginning to recognize that St. Paul was the best distributing point in the Northwest, and the jobbing center for much of the Western territory. The high price of wheat had done much towards improving conditions during the last six months. December was usually a dull month with them, but this year business had been good up to Christmas, which was very gratifying. They were looking for a very heavy spring, as already many orders for future shipment had been received. Collections had been good, and merchants were buying liberally.

Charles A. Fuller, of the Crane & Ordway company, reported that they had less delinquent accounts on their books than last year, which was a very encouraging sign. He thought the farmer had received a good price for all products, and that there had been more grain this year, and a better price paid for it, which made money easier. Banks in the country were lending money to farmers this fall, whereas last year it was difficult to get money on any kind of security. December would foot up the largest December they had ever had, and the year taken as a whole was very satisfactory. They were anticipating a fair, healthy and clean business for next year, which would open up very soon.

C. J. McConville, of Finch, Van Slyck, Young & Co., said they were preparing for a large spring trade on the Pacific coast as the exodus of the population from that part of the country to Klondike would make business brisk for at least the first part of the year. The local conditions were far ahead of last year, and collections never had been better. Farmers had received a good price for their butter and eggs and other products, and had paid their bills and their credit was better with the country merchant. The country was still full of wheat and the high price of the cereal had helped out their collections, in all parts of the Northwest.

F. P. Strong, of Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., reported their December business 25 per cent better than a corresponding time last year, their collections had been good and the outlook for next year was very flattering. This year they had experienced no shrinkage in values which had occasioned heavy losses in previous years, and the markets had been especially steady. This year's market had been especially satisfactory, as there had been little fluctuation of raw material in their line, and manufactured articles had remained the same. When they wound up the year's business the last of the week, it would be with a very satisfactory showing for the year, and present indications would warrant the prediction that there would be a steady increase in the volume of their business during the year.

"We have just made a large shipment of heavy miners' boots and winter's shoes to Skaguay," said C. H. Schliek, of Tarbox, Schliek & Co., yesterday morning. "This is the first shipment we have made direct to Alaska this year, and our spring orders from all parts of the Northwest are coming in nicely." Business, generally speaking, and collections have been better than at any time during the past four years, and the spring trade, I think, will be far ahead of any we have done at that time of the year for a number of years back. Spring orders, so far, are way ahead of last year. The small cities of the Northwest have almost entirely recovered from the effect of the panicky times, and the country is in a much better condition than last year.

John Kelly, of Foley Bros. & Kelly Mercantile company, said the grocery business had been excellent during the year, and the last six months had marked an especially big business. They were putting on additional traveling men and were going to cover more territory in 1898 and looked for a big business next year. The market on staple goods had been very strong. Collections were better than last year.

J. W. Griggs, of Griggs & Co., said trade had been very satisfactory with them. The Christmas trade had been better than last year, and with another good crop next year, the people would forget all about hard times. The improvement in the times had not advanced far enough to affect fancy groceries, but the market on staples had been firm and the demand had exceeded last year's record.

J. W. De Camp, of De Camp & Beyer, said the year had been a very busy one with the commission men. The berry season was one of the biggest on record, and the fall business had been good. At present they were busy with shipments of oranges from California and Mexico and some from Florida. The crop would begin to move about Feb. 1, those being received in this market now were the first pickings. The orange crop would be large this year and later on the fruit would be quite cheap. A few cold storage apples were being handled and the market on all fruits was firm.

Wage Contract Expires.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—The wage contract in force at the several works of the Carnegie Steel company will terminate by agreement Friday. The present contract, which has been in effect since 1895, will be renewed with all employes except the tonnage hands. The bonus payments which the company have made since June, 1895, in addition to the contract rates, will be continued to all employes receiving the bonus now, including tonnage, turn and day men, upon the same conditions as heretofore. New contracts will be signed tomorrow between the company and the tonnage men.

The Route to Florida Via Asheville, N. C.

Tickets to Florida via Cincinnati or Louisville and the Queen & Crescent and Southern railway allow stop-off at Asheville, N. C., "The Land of The Sky." Greatest American all-year-round resort. Also twenty-four hour schedule from Cincinnati and Louisville to Jacksonville via Chattanooga and Atlanta, beginning Dec. 5. For information write J. C. Beam Jr., N. W. P. A., 80 Adams street, Chicago.

COL. RAPIER OUSTED.

Mr. Barker Installed as Postmaster at Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.—Postmaster P. D. Barker was installed before daylight this morning in office here, after an all night vigil in the postoffice. The inspectors arrived last night and overhauled the accounts of the office and found that they were correct. This morning they took possession and swore in Mr. Barker and the employes on arrival. Two of the employes refused to take oath to the new postmaster and were suspended. Col. Rapier, who claims to hold office by virtue of section 3830 of the revised statutes, which law requires that removals before expiration of term must be by the advice and consent of the senate, sued out a writ of injunction in the United States circuit court. The plea was that Barker was not and is not postmaster, because Rapier has not been legally removed and Barker's name has not been sent to the senate. Rapier asked that Barker be enjoined from interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as postmaster. Judge Toulmin refused to grant the injunction.

Million for Charity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The will of Charles Contoit was filed for probate today. After a number of bequests to relatives and friends, the residue of the estate, amounting to about $1,500,000, will be divided in equal shares among the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church, the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society of the Protestant Episcopal church, and a large number of local institutions.

BARON SELLS POPCORN.

One of the Nobility Earns His Living in a Playhouse.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A real baron, and the last of his line, is selling popcorn and peanuts between acts at the Imperial theater. Gustav Adolph Leopold Ritter von Pritwitz Palm is his name, and he has the papers ot prove his lineage. Von Palm was the inventor of the Loie Fuller mirror and the fire dances, and is a lightning oil painter.