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RACING and WRESTLING

HARRINGTON IS READY FOR SOME BIG GAME

Tim Harrington, the Cornish wrestler, is doing light training for a combat with some good man from the East in the near future.



Tim Harrington.

CLEAR SAILING SAYS FARRELL

Following is a letter written to Dugdale by Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues.

"We believe that the constitution and laws are superior to any scheme that extinguishes the light of authority, and permits all to guess for themselves; to toss and wander without rudder, or sail upon a boundless sea.

LITTLE BITS BY TELEGRAPH

Americans to Mexico. Monterey, April 7.—Within 30 days another large colony of Americans will arrive in Mexico.

Named by Morrison.

Boise, Idaho, April 7.—Governor Morrison yesterday appointed the following water commissioners under the provision of the new irrigation laws:

To Try Tillman.

Columbia, S. C., April 7.—It was announced yesterday that the case of James H. Tillman, charged with killing Editor Gonzales last January, will be called on April 13.

By United States Supreme Court.

Washington, April 7.—The supreme court of the United States yesterday affirmed the decision of the territorial supreme court of Oklahoma in the case of Sheriff Foster of Noble county, O. T., vs. I. T. Pryor and others, involving the question of taxing cattle and other personal property held on Indian reservations.

Finns Are to Emigrate.

London, April 7.—Dispatches received here from St. Petersburg confirm the recent report from Johannesburg, South Africa, that application had been made for immigration permits for 30,000 Finns.

Diamonds Will Go Up.

New York, April 7.—New York jewelers are greatly disturbed over the news just received from London that in addition to the increase of ten per cent in diamonds recently made by the De Beers Mining company the British government will in all probability shortly enact a law establishing an export tax of 40 to 50 per cent on all diamonds sent from South Africa.

CHARACTER SKETCHES OF TERRY AND YOUNG CORBETT

Young Corbett began his ring career in 1897 in Denver, where he was born and where his parents still live. He was 18 years of age when he made his first appearance in the ring, and it was more than two years later that he first became known east of the Mississippi river.

Corbett was first brought to the attention of Chicago fight followers when Benny Yanger came to Denver in 1900 to fight him. Yanger won in eight rounds, and nothing more was thought of Corbett.

Six months later he fought Yanger again and gained a draw with the Chicago featherweight. Early in 1901 he won from Joe Bernstein and boosted his reputation slightly. He was still comparatively unknown when Kid Broad came out here and disposed of him in four rounds.

After that defeat Corbett began to climb the ladder. He met Broad again and outpointed him. He knocked out Eddie Santy in two rounds, Oscar Gardner in six and outpointed George Dixon in 10 rounds.

All of these victories were over men who had seen their best days in the ring, and it gave Corbett no great reputation. He was then matched to fight Terry McGovern at Hartford, and the belief of 999 men in 1,000 was that McGovern would win in a walk.

Corbett passed through Chicago when he went to Hartford to train for his fight with McGovern. He was alone, and there was not a person in the city who bothered to look him up.

A remarkable thing about McGovern is the fact that he has perfect hands for a fighter, never receiving as much as a severe sprain through his entire career as a pugilist. He has no cuts, marks or scars of any kind to indicate the many contests he has figured in for large sums of money.

Mrs. McGovern is interested in the success of her husband in the ring and travels with him on most of his trips about the country, but has no desire to see him in the ring. She waits for him at home whenever he is to meet an opponent, fondly expecting him to return a winner.

McGovern, though at heart one of the best of fellows, generous, good-natured, devoted to his wife and children, careful of his money and of himself, regular in his habits and absolutely on the level, is rough by comparison with Corbett. There is not a suggestion of refinement in his red, square face. He talks with the language of the street gamin, and no matter how he dresses he never can take on even a semblance of polish.

Out of the ring he is the best-natured of men, and the smile is seldom away from his face, but within him are latent fires of a furious temper.

Right. Terry was out after they set him in his chair. A witty poet of St. Louis sends us the following verse:

RASH GALUTIE, A foolish young fellow in Butte Attempted to play on the flutte. He tackled the scale, And his father turned pale And shattered the flutte on his smutte.

Tomorrow night at the Broadway gymnasium Harry White and Harry Taylor, two colored youths, will crawl through the ropes of a 24-foot ring and for 20 rounds will jab, swing and upbraid, to the delight of the audience.

This is the first of the four fights to be brought off at the new arena, as stated in the Inter Mountain last Saturday. The next one will be on the 16th, when Herrera will undertake to stop Jack Richards in six rounds, or forfeit a \$500 side bet.

Taylor and Richards are lightweights, and each is known to be a hard hitter and willing mixer. That's the sort of pugilistic material which pleases spectators, and the house will probably be crowded to witness the bout.

Good bowling continues at the Thornton alleys. The series in the individual tournament is almost at a close. Last night Sheehan, who bowled Black, did the best work and his high average will likely bring him the \$5 prize.

Others did good work, but Sheehan and Black furnished the best article. Here's what they did:

1 2 3 Total Av. Black . . . 155 182 205—542 180 2.3 Sheehan 181 241 236—648 210 1.3

Those who made 200 and better last week at the Thornton alleys are: Kohl, Kirkpatrick, Sreethan, Barker, Merkle, Ellis, Fisher, Trembath, Gaines, McDonald, O'Gorman, Charleton, McPherson, Slater, Doran, Sternfels, Perham, McMillan, Black, Turk, Hudloff, McIntyre, Tower, Boyd, Softley, Davenport, Ohlers, O'Brien, Seemple, Barclay and Sanders.

Mose LaFontise, the Montana champion, came down to see the Corbett-McGovern fight. He pronounced it one of the fastest and best fought battles he ever witnessed. Since leaving here about a year ago Mose has engaged in 13 battles and has won them all. His most important contest was the return match with Young Gibbs, who he won from in seven rounds. "The game is good at home at the present time," remarked Mose, "and the purses are large. The Clifford-Herrera house was a corker, each man receiving \$1,100 for his share. The latter made quite a hit in Butte, but his declining to meet Britt did not help his reputation any."

Mose will remain about three weeks and if anything shows up in the line of matches he may remain a bit longer.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Wonder what will become of that match race between McChesney and Hermis now? McChesney made such a miserable showing in the Montgomery handicap at Memphis that it is doubtful if the race with Hermis would draw well. The Detroit club that offered a \$10,000 purse for the event will now have another bet coming.

There are a few dark rumors afloat to the effect that things don't look good when McChesney came in back of the whole bunch in Memphis. But when it is thought that the western runner had an awful heavy handicap and that the track was heavy the talk of "fixed race" falls flat.

JOHN H. McINTOSH.

TOMMY RYAN DECLARES HE HAS QUIT THE RING

St. Louis, April 7.—Tommy Ryan sends word that he has signed a contract to act as physical instructor for a local club for one year. This practically means Ryan's retirement from the ring, as the club's contract specifies that he shall not engage in a prize fight or public boxing exhibition while acting as the club's instructor.

For his services Ryan will receive \$2,500 a year and guarantees that the amount will reach \$5,000 a year through fees for private lessons. Ryan received this offer about three months ago, but at that time he refused to consider it as he was contemplating meeting Fitzsimmons, Jack O'Brien and other middleweights. Yesterday he came to the conclusion that the proposition was a good one and he immediately accepted the club's terms.

Ryan will begin his work as the club's instructor May 1.

"I have been fighting continuously for 17 years," Ryan says, "and I guess it is about time for me to quit. I don't mean by this that I have retired permanently, but for the next year at least I will be out of the game and free from challenges. I am well satisfied with the proposition made by the club, and when I say that, you can bet that I have none the worse of it. This club is going to be a great affair. Mike Donovan makes \$10,000 a year in New York as instructor for the Manhattan Athletic club, and it is partly on his advice that I accepted the St. Louis club's terms. Now that I have announced my retirement, of course, a howl will go up that I am dodging Fitz. There has been a lot of talk about my side-stepping Fitzsimmons, but the truth of the matter is that Fitzsimmons has been bluffing throughout."

Seventeen years ago last March Tommy Ryan made his first appearance in the ring. His opponent was Mike Dougherty, and they fought with skin-tight gloves, Ryan won in 19 rounds. Since then he has fought more than 100 battles and Kid McCoy has the honor of being the only man who ever whipped him. Ryan has often been accused of seeking easy money. This is true. He has fought his share of easy marks in his time. But he has also met all the topnotchers in and out of his class and has always made good, barring the McCreery incident. He is undoubtedly the cleverest middleweight that ever entered the ring, and as a ring general he has no superior. In addition to his vast knowledge of the game, he has a terrific punch, although he is not a knock-out fighter.

It was Ryan who introduced the famous crouch. He adopted this position for his own use as a protection when boxing rushing fighters. Later he took charge of Champion Jim Jeffries, and imparted this valuable knowledge to him. After Jeffries defeated Fitzsimmons the first time he came out in a letter to the press in which he stated that the credit for his victory was the solely to Ryan's invaluable teaching. Even after Ryan and Jeffries had parted company on bad terms, Jeffries still said that Ryan knew more about the fighting game than all the rest of the pugs in the business.

During the last five years Ryan has been fighting at a disadvantage. In 1896 he won the welterweight championship and inside of a year's time afterwards he so far outclassed the boxers in that division that he was forced to join the ranks of the middleweights. This is where he was at a disadvantage.

WILL BE BIGGEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF RACING

Racing will this year experience the greatest boom in its history. Not since the importation of Diomed (one of the early winners of the Epsom derby), over a hundred years ago, up to the present day, has the sport of the masses, as well as "of kings," been so heartily entered into. Granted that its fascinating opportunities and "glorious uncertainty" causes the business end of racing to predominate over the sentimental features of the sport new accessions yearly from our leading social and official circles attest the tight hold it has on the great heart of the nation. Senators, railroad and bank presidents, ex-cabinet officials, diplomats and men of affairs in all walks of life will sport silk on their own horses this season, a glowing tribute to the healthy recreation and absorbing interests of racing as a sport, pure and simple; while the gradations of racing owners at large in the scale of social equality, down to the unwashed democracy of all classes, lends that additional attraction to the turf as well as under it.

Looking at the St. Louis Fair association's great \$50,000 handicap from a financial point of view, says the St. Louis Star, the Mound City's great event occupies a unique place as the most valuable to the winner of any all-aged event ever offered by any American turf body. While races amounting in value to \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000 have been run for respectively in California, Tennessee and Illinois, the two latter were for horses of a stated age alone.

The most valuable yearly event of the American turf, the Coney Island futurity, also comes under that head, but our World's fair \$50,000 handicap, takes the lead in the history of great all-aged events.

with the princely sum of \$42,000 to the winner. The new Belmont Park Jockey club at New York is in the field for 1904 with a similarly projected big race for its inaugural meeting of next year. But that event has but \$15,000 first money, or \$7,000 less than the St. Louis winner will receive.

Belmont park and the other metropolitan racing association centers have over 4,000,000 people to draw from in New York, Greater New York, Brooklyn, Richmond and Jersey City. St. Louis has only a fractional portion of this mighty host, although World's fair visitors will add to the quota. But the enterprise which prompts a western body to outdo those in the east, where money and patronage is so much greater, speaks volumes for the pluck of the fair association in hanging up such a large amount.

The conditions of the World's Fair handicap from a technical point of view are cleverly constructed. From the graduated payments of entrance fees to possible penalties for running they will commend themselves to owners and trainers everywhere. Penalties on winners are graded somewhat on the condition of the Coney Island suburban, and the top weights will be let off easy in case they win races of stated value before the World's Fair handicap is run.

This will secure many high class horses that otherwise might "dodge," knowing that they will receive still imposes as a matter of course. But the very best in the world, the "top-notchers," are given every chance by the handicap's conditions, which do not penalize at all horses handicapped at 130 pounds or over, while the division from 120 up receive but four pounds as the maximum penalty. The most a three-year-old can carry is 115 pounds.

CUTS BOOZERS OUT WHAT THE FIGHTERS DID BY ROUNDS

Joe Kelley, manager of the Cincinnati Baseball club, says he has not a heavy drinking man or a shirker on his team. "The fact is," says Kelley, "the day of the 'boozer' in baseball is practically over. Where one formerly found about half the men on every team who indulged too freely in liquor, one seldom finds a case of intoxication nowadays among the players.

"The reason for this is that the game has gotten so fast that players can't drink heavily and hold their positions. Overindulgence in liquor is a bad thing for an athlete, and soon tells on him, with the result that the staidier man soon succeeds the man who has acquired the drink habit, and his exit from the game is fast and permanent.

"Many a good ball player has been spoiled in the past because he could not let liquor alone. The horrible examples that are running around now, making touches of the players who have sense enough to be moderate in the libations are a warning to young players that they are heading more and more every year."

The Denver Times got together a neat table showing what both Young Corbett and Terry McGovern did by rounds. A comparison of the way the little fellows acted in the ring will prove interesting:

WHAT YOUNG CORBETT DID BY ROUNDS. First—Fut Terry down for seven. Second—Knocked opponent through ropes. Third—Opened with five lefts to face. Fourth—Missed a fierce uppercut. Fifth—Stood McGovern off with left jabs. Sixth—Played a waiting game. Seventh—Landed rights and lefts to jaw with great effect. Eighth—Hooked two hard rights to jaw. Ninth—Drove McGovern into his corner under punishment. Tenth—Straightened McGovern with fierce uppercut. Eleventh—Scored a knockout.

WHAT MCGOVERN DID BY ROUNDS. First—Scored first blood. Second—Made Corbett groggy with a solar plexus blow. Third—Staggered his man with right to eye. Fourth—Drew blood from Corbett's mouth. Fifth—Bent opponent over with punishment. Sixth—Forced Corbett to break ground. Seventh—Dropped to knee for count to avoid punishment. Eighth—Tried to rush the fight and failed. Ninth—Lost temper and threw himself wide open. Tenth—Had Corbett groggy. Eleventh—Took the count.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Following is the standing of the teams in the Pacific Coast League. It will be noted that Seattle and Portland lead the batt end of the procession, a fact which gives local fans joy.

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