



"Good Road" Automobilists Meeting at Lagoon.

Nelson-Gans Fight

Another idol has fallen. There are great gobs of gloom in Coontown. Many of those who were fortunate enough to get their money down at the prevailing odds on the husky Dane will be able to take their summer vacation with a clear conscience and a fat purse. Battling Nelson's victory over ex-champion Joe Gans at San Francisco on Independence day was a most decisive one, and is a reminder to the knockers of the Battler that he is far from a dead one, or else Gans is aging rapidly. Gans says it was old Father Time that played him the scurvy trick, but there are many of the opinion that Nelson was an able assistant to Father. In fact the way Nelson punished the old timer leaves the impression that he should have never lost to Gans on that memorable battlefield on Labor day. Seventeen rounds of as fast fighting as was ever seen on the coast, with the Dane taking everything that came his way and asking for more, the colored champion being gradually beaten down until he finally collapsed, tells the tale. Those who witnessed the fight were given full value, and even those who were on the loser's end are not making any excuses. It was a clear cut victory and Nelson has again come into his own. "The king is dead; long live the king." Such is life. Champions don't last forever, and Nelson will some day be down and out. But that period has not yet arrived, and the little fighter is laying up the mazumma for a rainy day.

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Willie Anderson, professional of the Onwentsia Golf Club of Chicago, came back into his own again by winning the open championship of the Western Golf association on the Normandie links recently. For two years Anderson, who has been four times national open champion and twice before Western open champion, has been off his game.

Rossman is the best hitting first baseman in the American league, Delehanty leads the second sackers, Wallace tops the short-stops and Lord is the best hitting third baseman. Cobb, Stone and Dougherty command the regular outfielders.

Sporting Gossip

The old timers seem to be the best pitchers nowadays. Bill Dineen, Jack Powell, Cy Young, Chick Fraser, Donovan, Chesbro, Tom Hughes and Sam Leever are all going far better than the average.

Iver Lawson is laid up with a broken collar bone, as the result of the fall during his match race with Samuelson. This means that Iver is practically out of the game for the season, as he will be laid up for some time and it will be no easy matter to get in shape again.

The races Tuesday night at the Salt Palace saucer were the best of the season, by long odds. Not only was each event an exciting one, but two new records were established, McFarland riding two miles in 3:55 2-5, while Lawrence lowered the amateur three-quarter mile record, going the distance in 1:30 4-5.

The Grand Prix, the blue ribbon event of the automobile world, at Dieppe, was won by Lautenschlager, a German. There were numerous accidents during the race and two men were killed.

Frederick W. Thompson's schooner yacht, the Shamrock, won the \$1,000 Lipton cup offered for the 325 mile race from New York to Cape May and return, beating her nearest competitor by more than two hours.

Johnny Chapman, manager of the Saltair bicycle track, is endeavoring to frame up a boxing contest, to take place at Saltair, between Battling Nelson and some good scrapper, Unholz preferred. Here's hoping that Chapman succeeds, and that the bout proves a success in every way. Salt Lake lovers of clean sport, and especially boxing, are longing to witness a good go between clever people, and Battling Nelson has many admirers in this town.

Packy McFarland got a draw with Freddie Welsh at Los Angeles on the Fourth, after twenty-five rounds of fast fighting that had the spectators on their feet time and again. Had the scrap been held anywhere else Packy would have been given the decision, but decisions are not permissible in Los Angeles. The Chicago boy is now in line for a mix-up with the champion, Battling Nelson, having proven himself as fit company for the best of the lightweights. Jim Jeffries refereed the bout, 4,000 people witnessing the contest.