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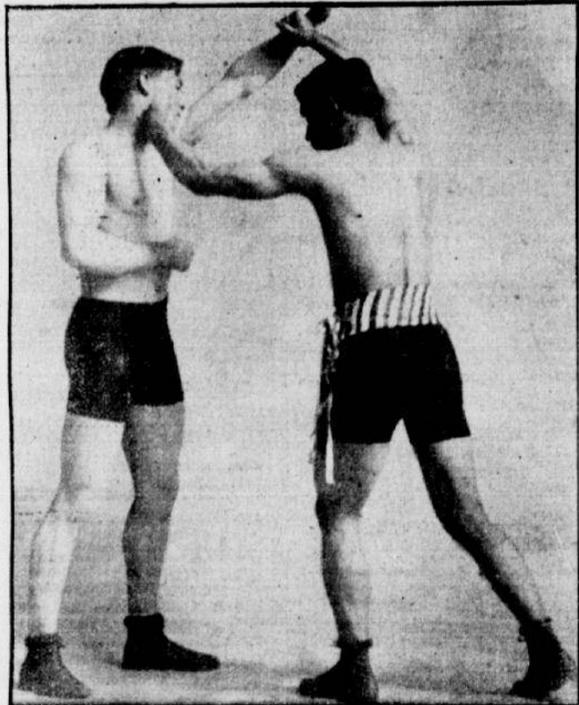
## HERRERA-CLIFFORD FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

There is a rum on Sutton's Broadway theater for tickets to the Clifford-Herrera fight Monday night. Indeed the management expects to have the largest crowd in the history of the house.

The Boulder camp of fighters including Herrera and Biddy Bishop will come in

Flynn when the picture was taken. Stepping close in, he hooked a short arm jolt to the chin, and he says it is a blow like this with which he hopes to defeat Herrera.

The little Mexican was boxing with Opie when the camera caught them. Opie



Herrera Blocks Opie and Plants Right to Joe.

tomorrow evening to rest up for the fray. Clifford will either be in tomorrow evening or Monday morning from Pipestone Springs. Both little fighters are supremely confident of winning and both are in perfect condition.

"I'll win or be knocked clean out," said Clifford.

"And if Clifford beats me I will lose about all I've got," was the way Herrera put it. "I shall try to beat him in 10 rounds."

Never before were Butte sports so interested in the outcome of a battle for ring honors. Clifford started his fighting career in this city. He is known to everybody. His victory over Jack Wade in Salt Lake brought him into prominence. Then he repeated the same dose here in Butte. He knocked out Dal Hawkins and he stopped Howard Opie. Tolly Irwin was given the decision over him on points, but Clifford fought Irwin to a standstill.

Aurelio Herrera has not been here long, but his sojourn in Montana has been long enough to firmly establish his reputation as a dangerous man for any fighter of his weight. He defeated Kid Oglesby, Jack Madden, The Wisconsin Kid, Kid Lee and Tommy Jacobs, and all within a remarkably short time. The little Mexican is universally popular.

Herrera made a national reputation by giving Terry McGovern one of the hardest battles of his career. Since then he has met and defeated some of the best men in his class including Tolly Irwin, whom he knocked out in seven rounds.

It is hard to dope the betting at this time. Clifford, on account of his advantage in weight and his bull-like strength, is perhaps a slight favorite in the betting. But it will likely be even money at the ringside, as Herrera's record since coming to this state is quite remarkable.

Both men can hit blows that would do credit to middleweights. It is these knockout wallops in the hands of each which induces the sporting public to believe the fight will not go 10 rounds.

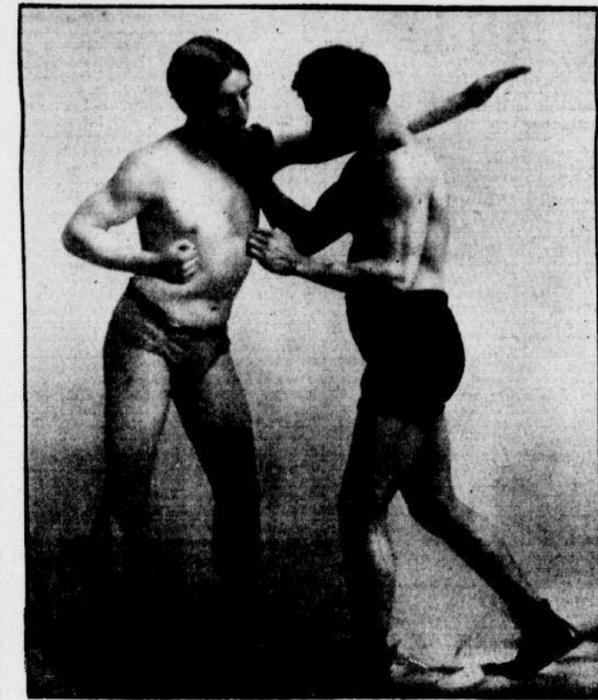
At any rate it will be a terrific battle from the start, and the man landing the lucky punch first will carry off the lion's end of the purse.

They have agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds ringside and to battle for 20 rounds to a decision. Dunc McDonald will referee.

In the accompanying cuts the little fighters illustrate some of their favorite blows. Clifford's strong point is his infighting. He was sparring with Doc

led at his head with the right, but Herrera wards the blow with his left and lands solidly with his right.

Both pictures were taken exclusively for the Inter Mountain.



Clifford as an In-Fighter. He Puts a Short Hook to Doc Flynn's Chin.

### INDIANA COAL BARONS ARE ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY

Chicago, March 14.—Judge Chetlain today instructed the jury in the trial of the Indiana coal operators to bring in a verdict of "not guilty." The jury was then discharged. The court held that if there was any violation of the law by operators it was a violation of the interstate and not of the Illinois statutes. Such being the case the federal jury must try the case.

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## RAMSEY DISCUSSES SPORTS AND SPORTING

### Lively Baseball Season Is Promised on Pacific Coast Next Summer—Britt's Foul Causes Comment.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Seattle, Wash., March 14.—The determination of the Pacific Northwest league to invade the two leading cities of California has created consternation in the outlaw camp. The "Kernal" and "Ikie," who are backing the pirates in this city "solely for the love of the sport," are already hunting for cover, and the battle has hardly begun. By mid-season the frost will be apparent on their pedal extremities.

They are now engaged in a frantic effort to have a street run through the grounds used by Dugdale last year. If they fail in this city, it is just as good as over in this city. If Dugdale can keep his old grounds for this year there will be nothing to the fight. If they force him out to the Madison street grounds they will stand a chance to divide the patronage with him on week days because the new grounds which they are building are more centrally located.

It is not at all certain, however, that the old grounds will be cut up this year.

The "Kernal" on Deck.

The "Kernal" is haunting the city council room every Monday night trying to induce some of the members to take hold of the matter and have a street ordered through the grounds, but so far his efforts have been unsuccessful.

There is a bit of unwritten history in this connection that is interesting. The outlaws went to Jacob Furth, the head of the Seattle Electric company, which owns the grounds used by Dugdale last year, and asked him if he would close up the park if they would build a new park. There was nothing said at that time about putting an outlaw team in this city, and it was understood that the park was to be rented to Dugdale, and these men were to build it simply as an investment. Mr. Furth so understood the matter and agreed to close up the old park. With this promise the conspirators leased the ground and then sprung the outlaw team, hoping thereby to crowd Dugdale off the baseball map. Since then, however, Mr. Furth has been shown that Dugdale had promised the use of the grounds for three years, which would allow him to use the park this year. Though the lease

taste in the mouths of the sports in this section. A large delegation attended from Seattle, and they backed Britt to a man. Jimmy was winning in a walk when the low punch was delivered, and O'Keefe would have received the finishing touch in another round at the latest. This makes about the fourth fight that has been decided by physicians in these parts lately, and the sports are getting disgusted. A fighter already whipped will get a punch in the body and will sink to the canvass holding himself much lower down than the blow landed. There is always a doctor handy to say that he was struck in the groin, and the man who should walk off with the winning end of the purse has to be satisfied with a decision against him and with a stain upon his record as a foul fighter. Not a man of the Seattle contingent thinks that Britt fouled O'Keefe. The knockout blow was a left hook to the wind and O'Keefe was carried to his corner in a fainting condition. There is some talk of a return match, but it is not likely to occur, for the fight demonstrated that the men are not in the same class. Britt is too clever and strong for O'Keefe and was winning all the way. He came out of the fight without a scratch, but with a very bad opinion of Jack Grant as a referee. By the way, Grant owns an interest in the club which pulled off the fight, and it was the club that brought O'Keefe out from Chicago to meet Britt. Of course this had nothing to do with the decision, but it causes talk.

Interest is awakening in the race meet which is to be pulled off here in June. Assurances have been received that a number of California horsemen will bring their bangtails here for the meet. This is to be a running meet pure and simple, and the harness horses will have to wait until next fall for their chance. The track opened last year is being worked on all the time and will be in splendid shape this year. There is some fear that the anti-gambling law passed by the legislature will interfere with the racing, but the horsemen do not think it can be stretched to cover that point. They are going right about with their preparations and it is hoped to have a number of Montana horses enter the field. The purses hung up are substantial in size.

RAMSEY.

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### THEY SAY MOSE FIGHTS FOUL

Instructor Murphy of the Broadway gymnasium and matchmaker for the club, has received many anonymous letters asking him not to match Mose LaFontise again under the auspices of the club. Some claim he is a foul fighter and that he gets too many decisions from referees when defeat is coming his way.

In speaking of such letters Murphy said: "I agree with many of the writers, as I think LaFontise was pretty well done for when Referee Nolan gave him the decision. Gibbs was stronger at the end than in the early rounds and, in my opinion, would have won."

"I will put LaFontise on again, but he must meet the man I name and let me referee. I will match him with Ruic Ferns, and I'll assure the public that Ferns will get the decision if he is the better man. Should Mose begin to foul, then let Ferns do the same thing. I would referee the Clifford-Herrera go were it not for the fact that Clifford is my pupil, and I could not expect Bishop and Herrera to accept me."

"I have another pupil, Jack Richards, who is going to make his mark. He is the strongest lightweight fighter in Butte and can stand all kinds of punishment. He is game to the core, and there is no question about his having the punch."

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## SPORT GOSSIP

The latest wrinkle on the countenance of the baseball world is that the Pacific Northwest is to have a ten-club league instead of the eight-club league which we would have had with the addition of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The proposed new clubs are Oakland and Salt Lake.

My! But wouldn't this make a hummer?

and one of the handsomest prizes ever contended for on a bowling alley.

The tournament will open Monday and will last through Tuesday.

Pennsylvania will be the first university to meet Yale on the track this spring. Their meet is set for April 25. May 3 Yale has interclass games; May 9 the dual meet with Princeton; May 16 the Yale Inter-scholastic; May 23 the Harvard



E. R. COOK, Vice-President State Bowling Association.

The very atmosphere in the region of the Rockies would be pervaded with baseball fever. Just think of it!

Butte, Helena, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Salt Lake, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Portland. All of these in one league and all battling for one pennant.

Wouldn't it make a merry war?

The writer received his dope on this in a telegram from Harry Hart, a prominent business man, whose office is at No. 1124 California street, San Francisco, and who is backing McCloskey heavily.

Mr. Hart intimated in his telegram that his league would consist of ten clubs instead of eight as heretofore announced. There is now an agent in Salt Lake City looking over the ground with a view of establishing a club. The tenth club will probably be placed in Oakland. There must be another California club if the invaders expect to wage a successful campaign. There must be games played in San Francisco every week in order to reduce the resources of the opposition to the lowest possible degree.

It is Hart's idea that if a club is established in Salt Lake the teams can start out from Frisco, go north and play Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Tacoma, then come to Butte and Helena, thence to Salt Lake and from there back to San Francisco. It will be a long trip, but can be made to pay.

E. R. Cook, whose picture appears today in the gossip, is vice president of the State Bowling association and proprietor of the Pfister alleys. Mr. Cook is himself an enthusiastic bowler and is one of the staunchest patrons of the game in Butte.

In the coming state tournament the Pfister team will make a hard effort to land the trophy, and it is said Mr. Cook will back them heavily to win. At any rate the Pfisters will be a factor in the struggle.

The trophy given by the Collender-Balke people is now on exhibition in the window of the Pfister alleys. It is solid silver

games, and May 29-30 the intercollegiate meet in New York.

Danny Needham, former welterweight champion of the world, who once fought in Butte, was arrested in Eau Claire, Wis., the other day, charged with grand larceny. Needham is accused of stealing a gold watch and \$30 cash from A. M. Silbermakiel, a New York traveling man, at the Ryan hotel, in St. Paul, February 22. Needham and Silbermakiel occupied adjoining rooms, connected by an inside door. It is alleged that Needham entered the traveling man's room while the latter slept and ransacked his clothes.

Says the Sporting News: Discussion of the foul-strike rule is ill-advised. It has been incorporated in the code of playing rules, and criticism will not result in reversal until after the 1908 race. On October 1 the writers who oppose its retention can renew the crusade against it, with prospects of success. Baseball, with or without the foul-strike rule, is the best outdoor game played, and one unattractive feature will but slightly affect its attractiveness.

Two good preliminaries have been arranged for Monday night's contest. In the first Sidney LaFontise and Young Thompson will smash each other around the ring for six rounds, and in the second two coons will try to murder each other. The more the merrier.

As this week brings to light the first of the spring poets, the following lyric is printed in evidence:

A ball,  
A bat,  
A base,  
A man,  
And on the seats an anxious fan,  
A curve,  
A lurch,  
A lunge,  
A miss—  
Like maddened geese, the bleachers hiss.

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is not in writing, it has always been understood that it was to run for three years, and Dugdale made his contracts with advertisers on that basis. Mr. Furth has become convinced that Dugdale has a good claim on the grounds, and because deception was practiced in getting him to promise to close up the old park he now wants to withdraw that promise and allow Dugdale to stay where he is. The pirates are trying to hold him to his word. This matter will be settled up this week, and if Dugdale is allowed to remain in the old park he will have everything his own way. A majority of the city council is opposed to putting a street through the grounds for this year at least, so that everything looks rosy for the fat boy.

Dugdale Goes to 'Frisco.

Affairs being in such good shape in Seattle, Dugdale left the first of the week for San Francisco to help McCloskey and Lucas get things moving in the two new cities of the league. McCloskey sent for him and, though Dugdale has a lot of work to do at home, he took the first train for the South. These three experienced baseball men will cause "Uncle Henry" Harris many sleepless nights this year. Already Harris has lost his confident tone, for he knows that he will have the fight of his life to hold his own in San Francisco, where he is anything but popular with the sporting public.

When Dugdale and Lucas get back from California a meeting will be held in Tacoma to adopt the playing schedule and arrange for the opening of the season. The fact that Butte, Helena, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland stood solidly behind McCloskey and Lucas in the fight helped materially in making the expansion of the league a success, and has convinced the public that this fight is to be a hard-fought finish, so far as the regular teams are concerned.

Jimmy Britt's Foul.

Jimmy Britt losing his fight to Jack O'Keefe in Portland on a foul left a bad

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