

BOXERS HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS NOW THAN FORMERLY, SAYS CURLEY

Leaders Generally Live Very Clean Lives and Invest Their Money and Care For Their Families, Says the Fight Promoter, in Answer to Critics Who Have Assailed the Willard-Johnson Match.

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Mr. Freeman, a former close friend and a prominent art dealer of Eureka, Cal. This proves that a man of business, boxing does not always pursue high morals.

Not Like Former Days. Regarding the present day boxer, you must not compare him with the old time prize fighter. Few boxers today have any bad habits. Very few touch liquor or cigars in any form and all champions and near champions have their earnings invested; are good business men, most of them happily married and have large families, and are all proverbially good to their folks.

As an example, I will mention a few. Jack O'Brien, who has installed his family in a beautiful home in Philadelphia, is paying for the tuition of two brothers who desire to go into the priesthood two of his sisters are in convents and his father, who was formerly a day working carpenter, looks after Jack's real interests. Another, Battling Nelson owns half of Hedgesville, Ill. "Packey" McFarland, Jimmy Britt, Johnny Kilbane, George Carpano, Johnny Collins, Mike Gibbons and Wojcasi, Tommy Burns, Battling Lewinsky, Jess Willard, Jim Flynn—in fact too many to mention, as it would take up more space than I feel entitled to, are clean, home loving citizens.

Are They Really "Bums"? In a recent sermon, one of the good ministers stated that the Willard-Johnson fight would bring a lot of "bums" to El Paso. I already have hundreds of applications for reservations from near and distant points, from bankers, merchants, business and professional men, critics and writers whose names are well known throughout the world over. But for the sake of argument, let us say we are a lot of "bums." I have never seen any of them. I would like to see some of them. I would like to see some of the good ministers in an effort to reform me, to try to bring out that little good they might find in me. Does religion teach these good people to brand us as a lot of "bums" without making the slightest effort to make good citizens of us?

Setting Different Example. How different from the example set by many of the great heads of business enterprises. For example, Mr. Ford, the Ford Motor Company, has agents at the doors of penitentiaries to take into his employ men released from crime, giving them a chance to become useful citizens. How different from Thomas Nelson Osborne, a man of independent means, who has himself imprisoned in the penitentiary so that he might study conditions. Later he willingly accepted from Gov. Whitman the appointment of warden of the Sing Sing penitentiary, so that he might work out his ideals and prove to the world that there is some good, even in the worst of men.

Boxing Has Strong Sponsors. Boxing has been going on for 3,000 years. It has kept pace with times, from fights between wild beasts, were mailed and spiked, gradually passing through the rough and tumble stages, the bare knuckle contests, skin-gloved encounters, the wearing of gloves affairs. Today it is endorsed by some of the greatest reformers, in its present form—the five ounce glove, limited rounds, the 154-pound limit, well, King George of England, Gov. Whitman of New York, evangelist Billy Sunday, United States senator Lee D. Fairchild, Albert H. Burdett, Mr. Gerry of the Gerry society and others are the strongest sponsors of the boxing game today.

Where Boxing Thrives. Police statistics in New York City, for instance, prove that boxing has worked better than any other means of law, gun and knife duels and has increased the general health of that city and state of New York, greater than we have studied the subject extensively, and as a result, boxing is today on a sound footing in the following states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wyoming, Colorado, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

Sport Popular Abroad. As for foreign countries, boxing is patronized even by royalty and in France and England, like a first class theater—by men and women, mostly in evening clothes. In England, France, Australia, Germany, Russia, Canada, Panama, Cuba, and several South American countries boxing is very popular. In Australia there is a tax upon every boxing show—in fact a sort of license on every boxing show, and is an assessment of so much money, but boxers are detailed to teach the boxing game to what is known there as Baker's regiments, named in honor of "Snowy" Baker, the leading boxing promoter of Sydney and Melbourne. These regiments, consisting of school boys ranging from seven to 15 years, are taught self defense during school hours and leading authorities claim it is the greatest form of athletics ever tried for school boys, and is working great benefits on both mind and body. Bishop Introduced Principals. In the lightweight championship match in London, Eng., last June, the principals were introduced by a noted bishop of the English church, with the

Bill Is "Threw At the Taylor's" and Will Soon Be a Regular Married Man

Finds Getting Ready for the Wedding as Good as a Training Trip to Take Off Weight; Steve's Present Not Yet Received.

BY RING W. LARDNER.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.—Steve Well before I write you an other letter I want be single no more but I will be married and it comes off next Wed. night & getting ready to get married is as good as a training trip Steve because it keeps a man hanging a round so they ain't no chance for him to stay fat, the of course I don't never get fat because I all ways take good care of my self and don't never take a drink out side of beer & don't in a while a little wine & gin when I don't feel good. But I bet Jim down is wait now because I must of took off 5 or 10 lbs. in the passed week, trotting a round & doing this in that.

Is Threw at the Taylor's. I finally got threw at the Taylor. I want some of the people at home could see me when Im married Steve because Im going to look swell & that ain't no consent neither but a man should ought to look swell when you get rubbed by it of them Taylor's.

All as be made for me was a dress suit of eming close & a extra pair of trousers to wear with the blue suit I got last fall and the new trousers & the suit ain't quiet exactly the same color of blue but so close that you can't tell them a like at night & I guess when a man wants to look good, and soaked me \$50.00 dollars.

Im going to wear the new trousers & my blue suit when we go a way after the wedding & wear going to racine and Milwaukee and then come back here on acct don't dare stay a way from Chicago to long because I guess I might want I should go south a

head of the club and may be help him make in the new but others.

Has a Hole Lot to Do. I still got a hole lot left to do including to get the license & they will stick me up \$2.00 for that and the land lady where I born at says I should ought to buy a new suit case but nothing doing because the I got it good enough and heads its got my initials on it and I had from all the different hotels where the club stops at on the road may be some of the people where we go on our honey moon, will recognize me but if they do and try and talk to me I wont say nothing but pretend I dont know them. They was talking to me but I guess that wont fool them none eh Steve especially when it will be in all the papers about me getting married.

Guess to Some Body. Guess running a round like a chicken with out their head cut off & acts like she was so long in a dancing teacher or some thing but I dont see where she got anything to do out side of get her close fitted and her old close mend it up and answer a few letters and so on.

The presents have began coming & the people that says I most of them will get so far could of kept them with out making me sore at them but some of them is O. K. including a cat which I like and I guess they will half to do her setting down with me to the ball pit, practicing in the A. M. unless some body comes across with an other chair.

I sent a invitation to pres. Thomas

of the pres. of the club and to both C. P. Taff & C. W. Murphy so as to be sure I'd get the man that owns the club because some people says I own it & some the other. But nothing has come from neither of them yet or nothing from pres. Thomas & probly there all going in to gether & get me some thing in some may be a suite of close or a wife of a davenport & of course that ain't the same davenport that pitched for Cincinnati for a while but this is something you lie on and is no wonder the other davenport jumped to the federal because if he had stayed in our league I would of drove him back to the busins if they had of gave me a chance to hit against him because all as he had was a little speed and that's my meat eh Steve.

Steve's Present Missing. Well Steve your present hasn't showed up yet & probly you made your mind up to not send nothing & if you did all right & dont worry a bout it only I that may be you might of send some thing and may be send it to the wrong ad dress & I havent never if you got it but dont worry a bout giving me nothing and we will say no more a bout it only if you had in mind to send us some thing I havent never if you get your better get it right off because were libel to be gone all ready when it gets here.

Well Steve I bet your wishing you was in my place & you would if you seen the girl & I hope you can find your self a girl some where & get married because its grate stuff only of course you cant find none a round home like I guess & thats not to be expect it. With me I wish Steve & I will write & tell you all a bout it.

Respy. BILL.

Managing With the Second Guess

Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

CONNIE MACK is credited to be one of the wisest men in baseball. He seldom makes a strategic move that is open to censure. I seriously doubt, however, if any manager was ever more freely criticized for failure to act than was the renowned leader of the Athletics in the second game of the 1912 world's series. At the time it seemed to me that possibly Mack had erred for the first time in his career.

On thinking the situation over that evening, I was won back to Mack's line of reasoning. My little note when we go a way after the wedding & wear going to racine and Milwaukee and then come back here on acct don't dare stay a way from Chicago to long because I guess I might want I should go south a

Low Percentage of Crime. I have been connected with boxing and boxers for 20 years, and in that time have not seen a single local man convicted of any crime. That is a lower percentage than in any other profession can boast.

Encouraging amateurs. I can hear someone say I have nothing against boxing, as a form of exercise, but we object to professional matches. Great people who have made a study of this angle, found that professional boxing encourages private training by amateurs; in fact, they have come to the conclusion that without professional boxing, that form of exercise would become a dead letter. Hence their support in legalizing it to all athletes, as for instance baseball. There would be few ball games between youngsters on city lots were it not for the big leagues.

Packey Not Afraid to Meet Gibbons (Continued from previous page.)

Willie Ritchie 10 rounds at the Garden 11th, and another 10 rounds at the outpointing Willie over the short course as he did for 20 rounds in London. But Freddy may be down in the eighth round, the surprise of his lifetime. Personally I believe Ritchie will beat him beyond all question of dispute, unless the champion shows wonderful improvement over his form in recent matches.

Blow to the Irish. There was much rejoicing in certain circles when the wire announced that Frankie Callahan had knocked out Joe Gibbons in two rounds several weeks ago in Memphis, Tenn. "Sure he is a fine broth of a boy, that Callahan," asserted the happy crowd who happened to know "Frankie" Callahan is a borrowed name and that Sammy Holzman is the proper cognomen of Rivera's conqueror.

It was a terrible blow to the Irish when "Frankie Callahan" was revealed in his true colors.

Weight is Sticking Point. Should Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons, by any chance, happen to meet in two rounds several weeks ago in Memphis, Tenn. "Sure he is a fine broth of a boy, that Callahan," asserted the happy crowd who happened to know "Frankie" Callahan is a borrowed name and that Sammy Holzman is the proper cognomen of Rivera's conqueror.

Gibbons has promised to make 145 pounds at 2 o'clock, while Packey insists on 145 ringside. Mike can't make 145 and be fit for the match, it is impossible under those conditions. If it is to be a fight McFarland will have to grant whatever concessions are made, and Packey is not so badly in need of money or reputation that he will take any the worst of it in a bit with such a clever boxer and fighter as the St. Paul man has proved himself to be time and again.

Packey is not afraid of Mike. I have talked with him several times on the subject and was impressed with the confidence he entertains of his ability to defeat the clever fighter. Packey has a good line on Mike and his style of fighting, and if a few pounds heavier himself would not hesitate to grant the concession asked for. But as it is McFarland would come closer to the 125 pound mark at 3 o'clock than to 145, and he is too wise a man with the pick, even to one of the best fighters in the ring at any weight.

Jas. J. Corbett. "MADE IN EL PASO." One dollar spent at home is equal to \$10 put into circulation as against the dollar sent out of town, whether it be the banker or the man with the pick, every one benefits by the development of home industries and the building up

was run down between third and home. There was still a chance with Eddie Murphy who had retired the side by hitting a weak roller.

How Mack Reasoned. What was said about Mack the next day for his failure to permit a pinch hitter to bat in place of Plank would have fitted a large sized book. I later talked the situation over with Mack and I guess they had good reasons for his line of action. Mack scores every game carefully and he draws out the pitcher as long as he can. If it came Plank's turn to bat in the ninth, he noted that Eddie, who is a pretty fair hitter, had been much successful against Plank than a lot of his supposedly heavy hitters. In the third inning he had given out, and the pinch hitter failed, and the game was with the substitute pitcher working. Mack would have been just as severely criticized. The very fact that the Giants took Plank in the next inning, scoring three runs, made every one say that had Plank had in had in the extra inning, it was a tough situation to handle, but even with a chance to make a second guess, I opine that I would have done just as Mack did. But you think Mack had some logical reason for his actions? (Copyright, 1911, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

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4000 At Cornell Go In For Sport Nearly All the Students Are Athletes

I THACA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Of the 4000 students in Cornell University, 4000 are registered as taking part in some form of sport. For varsity teams alone 627 men entered in one year and 425 of the 1100 freshmen were candidates for a freshman team. So about 1000 of the 4000 in the school were directly interested in either varsity or freshmen intercollegiate contests. This is about as near the ideal of athletics for anyone as can be attained.

In the varsity group the track team brought out 220 men; rowing, 700; baseball, 60; football, 45; cross-country, 500; basketball, 57; soccer, 100; hockey, 47; swimming, 12; wrestling, 95; fencing, 35; lacrosse, 20; tennis, 20, and golf, 20. The figures on freshman athletics are: Football, 125; crew, 125; baseball, 200; track, 125; cross-country, 30.

In addition to the 1000 men engaged in varsity and freshman athletics the system of intercollegiate games which was established last Cornell several years ago and which has gained popularity brought more than 700 men into active athletics not of the varsity type. The intercollegiate system provides an opportunity for athletic rivalry be-

tween the various colleges that make up the university. Students interested in intercollegiate athletics were divided as follows: cross-country, 150; track, 150; baseball, 120; crew, 90; soccer, 80; basketball, 60; and hockey, 35.

There are also about 55 men in the boxing class and about 200 interested in tennis. Under the rules of the university gymnastic training is compulsory for freshmen and sophomores, so that about 1500 men are enrolled in the gymnastic class, which meets three times a week. Drill at Cornell also is compulsory for freshmen students and approximately 1000 men are required pursue military training three times a week.

In addition to the forms of athletics already mentioned it is assumed that more than 200 men take part in the interfraternity contests such as baseball, football, bowling and tennis. It is undoubtedly true that some of the students take part in more than one branch of athletics during the year, therefore, in the tabulation above, there are duplications, but it is fair to assume that the number of undergraduates who during the year get exercises in one way or another reached the 4000 mark.

FEDERAL SAYS BRAVES' VICTORY PREVENTED A BASEBALL SCANDAL

Business Manager of Brookfeds Says Indianapolis Feds Signed Individual Agreements With Members of Athletics For Five Game Series to Follow the World Series if the Athletics Copped the Pennant.

BY MONTY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Is the Federal league a major league? Officials of organized baseball say it is not. Probably the majority of followers of the game think it is not. But there is one Federal leaguer who can give any man's opinion an argument on the subject. He has a good comeback for every point that can be raised. The same is Dick Carroll, now business manager of the Brooklyn Federal league club, who was imported from the Buffalo club to supplant the retired John Montgomery Ward as the very first season of existence as a professional major circuit.

That List of Towns. "Perhaps you are right," was the retort, "but how can you reveal pleasure as a major with that list of cities? Look at Baltimore, which was unable to support intercollegiate ball properly. Look at Kansas City. How can you possibly rate Bragtown on the KAW as a major league town. Buffalo is certainly not a big league city. Indianapolis couldn't support your league decently even when its home club won your pennant."

Carroll was not nonplussed. The twinkle of his eyes revealed pleasure at the knowledge he had some arguments to better down. He proceeded to batter "Towns like those," he said, "failed to support minor league ball properly for the simple reason that they are major league cities at heart."

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prevented a scandal. Almost at the very beginning of the particular debate referred to, he passed along some inside information. "If the Athletics had won the world's championship series instead of the Braves, you would have learned what was the greatest ball club in the universe last year," he said. "The Indianapolis club which won the Federal league pennant had closed individual personal agreements in writing with the various members of the Athletics to play our champions a five game series. If the Athletics had beaten the Braves, we would have taken the hide off them in the extra event. As it was, a situation that would have been labeled scandal by organized baseball was prevented only by the victory of

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