New Highway Association Plans to Unite All Interests for Common End.

COUNTIES ASKED TO JOIN

Strong Support of Industrial Organizations and Corporations Is Pledged - President Outlines Work of Year.

By the launching of the new Oregon Association for Highway Improvement in Portland Priday night to succeed the old good roads organization, the cause for better highways in Oregon received an impetus that will result in bringing about eventually the most practical and effective system of road construction ever attempted in a Western state.

Profiting by the experience of the former association, the officers and members of the new association are prepared to adopt a plan that will cre-ale state-wide interest in the movement. Every county, every locality, every municipality, every class of in-dustry will become an integral part in the general scheme for the improve-ment of the roads throughout the state, it is expected, before the Oregon Asso-ciation for Highway Improvement com-pletes its campaign of education.

#### Harmony First Consideration.

One of the first ends to be attained One of the first ends to be attained in the creation of a harmonious Working force. In the part there have been, apparently, petty jealousies among different interests, with the result that the movement has been retarded. The new association is determined to begin anew to fight the cause of good roads but, it is pointed out, it will be impossible to accomplish the best results unless the people are unanimous in their support. Harmony and enthus. In their support. Harmony and enthus-lasm are necessary, declare the offi-cers, to success.

Assuming that the greatest question before the people of Oregon today is that of good roads, the association realizes that the problem cannot be solved effectually until proper good roads legislation is secured. The failure of the members of the last Legis-lature to agree on a system of road laws that had been desired by the good roads advocates brings to the attention of the association the fact that the one great factor in solving the good roads problem is safe and sane, ret progressive, legislation. To enlist the united support of the people so that the best and bloadest laws can be passed at the next Legislature, or by initiative, will therefore be one of the main purposes of the new association.

### Countles to Be Organized.

Although the association will not be organized permanently until May 15, when the by-laws will be adopted, the officers and directors will begin at once to formulate plans for carrying out the work of the organization. Each of the Seconties in the state will be represented in the association by branch organizations. They will be organized under the suspices of the parent association and will have membership and a voice in the deliberations. The president of the county preminations will serve of the county organizations will serve business organization in the state as as a vice-president in the main association and by virtue of that office the Our secretary already has received nuas a vice-president in the main asso-ciation and by virtue of that office the county presidents will be able to bring such matters to the attention of the as-sociation as may be desired in each

Nominal annual fees will be charged so that every class of people will be in-duced to take memberships. According to present plans, two classes of memership will obtain-active and regular The active members shall pay \$2.50 annually for a membership both in the state and in the county association, \$6 per cent of the membership fees to be turned over to the state association. With the funds thus received by the state association membership cards in state association. state association, membership cards the state association will be issued to the mombers of the branch organiza-tions and, in addition, the general ex-pense of conducting the work will be borne by the state association

## Other Support Promised.

Regular members shall pay \$3 a year on the same basis as active members and shall receive a subscription to the Good Roads Magazine and a good roads but-

That the reorganization of the good roads movement will receive strong sup-port from different organizations, rail-road companies and influential citizens throughout the state was shown at the meeting Friday night, when communications were received from these sources.
Assurances of assistance in the good
roads movement were received from Oregon Rural Mali Carriers' Association,
the State Grange, Portland Commercial
Ctab, Portland Chamber of Commerces,
Hillsborn Board of Trade, Asteria Chamber of Commerce, Independence Commercial Club, Harrisburg Commercial Club, Huntington Commercial Club, County Judge Culberston, of Hood River County, State Treasurer Kay, J. P. O'Brien, head of the Harriman system in Oregon; Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and others. The Oregon State Automobile Association and the Portland Commercial Club have been invited to become affiliated with the association.

In his letter to the association.

In his letter to the association. Louis W. Hill expresses pleasure in knowing that Oregon has awakened to the neces-sity of scientific road building and sity of scientific road promises to give assistance to the movement. He is a director in the American Association for Highway Imrovement, and urges the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement to identify itself with the National organiration. That association pledges support to every state represented. It will assist in the organization of an effec-

#### tive working force in each state. Experts to Be Engaged.

if the Oregon association becomes affiliated with the National association, road experis and organizers will be sent here to help the county and state organizations in carrying on the good roads campaign. It is probable that the Gregon association will take advantage of the opportunity to join the National

association at an early date.

The officers and directors of the new association announce that they will make every possible effort to make the organization a power in the good roads morement. They realize that much hard work is before them and that it will be necessary to surrender much of their time to the cause. They will make an appeal to every citizen in the state to do his part in bringing about the desired results for systematic sci-entific and economical road construc-

OFFICERS ELECTED BY NEWLY-ORGANIZED OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEEMNT



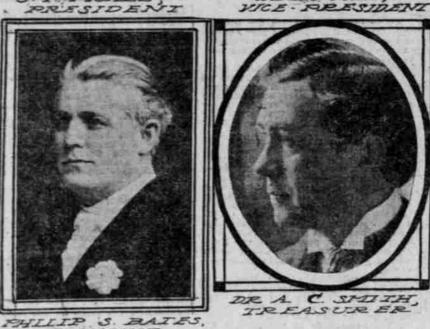
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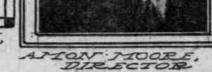


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W.E. PRIEST





DIRECTOR

S. Bates and Amon Moore, comprise the Active Campaign Contemplated.

"The new association will not be fully organized until about the middle of May, after which time we intend to inaugurate a state-wide campaign," said Mr. Prail yesterday. "The new officers realize fully that they have a large undertaking on their hands, but they intend to put their very best ener-gies into this movement. We feel that a large part of the preliminary work has already been accomplished by the old Gregon Good Roads Association, and in this connection too much cannot be said for the devotion to upbic inbe said for the devotion to public in terest shown by Dr. Andrew C. Smith, the retiring president, Judge Lionel R. Webster and others, who have unselfishly devoted their time and means to

"We expect to affiliate with the American Association for Highway Im-provement, which numbers among its members some of the foremost men in the country. They are carrying on a campaign of education in every state in the Union and are meeting with much

"In our own state we hope to have an auxiliary organization in every county and we are sure that we shall be able to enlist the aid and moral sup-port of every commercial club and merous offers of assistance and support from all over the state and the sentiunanimous. We hope that the camon during the next two years, bucked by public sentiment, will result in the passage of satisfactory highway laws at the meeting of the next Legisla

## ASTORIAN BUILDS BOAT

JULIUS WILBUR'S CRAFT TO RACE IN BIG REGATTA.

With Guarantee to Do 35 Miles an Hour, 26-Foot Motorboat Promises Excitement.

ASTORIA. Or., April 29 .- (Special.)-Julius Wilbur, an Astoria business man, is building a 26-foot motor hoat for the Astoria Centennial Regatta. This craft is on the ways of Charles Brinkley, the Scattle boatbuilder, and it is guaranteed to do 35 miles an hour when com-pleted. Equipped with a 120-horse-power engine, this craft is looked upon to "bring home the bacon" in the 26-

morning of September 4. The purse in this race is \$1000; \$700 for the first, \$200 for the second and \$100 for the third. It will be run in three heats, is miles each—one on Monday, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday.

Thus it will be seen that Mr. Wilhur.

and one on Wednesday.

Thus, it will be seen that Mr. Wilbur is expending \$4000 to win a \$700 prize.

H. Lippert, of the Lippert Engine Company, St. Louis, is shipping a 120-borse-power engine to Astoria, where he has contracted to build the bull and thus get is craft for the Free-for-All thus get is craft for the Free-for-All thus get a craft for the Free-for-All

race in the displacement class, where the purse is \$2500. Mr. Lippert has an agent in Asteria now arranging the details of the con-tract to build the hull. His engine should average at least 40 miles an hour, Beyond the fact that it is 120-horse-power he will give no details. Other builders are working on their engines and boats to enter these races

## "Commission Row" Team Ambitique

The Pearson-Page Company has issued an ambitious challenge to all the Front-street commission-houses to play a game of baseball on Sunday, May 7. A picked nine will be chosen from the various firms on the street to meet the challengers. A great deal of enthusias has been around in Commission. thusiasm has been aroused in "Commis-sion Row" and there will be a large at-tendance at the game.

"Parson" Davies Goes Abroad.

state to do his part in bringing about the desired results for systematic scientific and economical road construction in Oregon.

The officers elected to serve one year are: President, Carlos T. Prall, vice-president, James D. Cole; secretary, W. L. Priest: treasurer, Dr. Andrew C. Emith; together with the officers, Phil

# TENNIS MEN WAR

Breakers Seen in Controversy Over Dates.

### SEATTLE OPPOSES TACOMA

Desire for Early Dates for Tournaments Causes Trouble--President Andrews Has Done All He Can, He says, for Harmony.

RALPH H. MITCHELL. Internal dissension which threatens to sause no little trouble in the Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association, comprising nine clubs in this section of the country, became known this week when news reached Portland that Seattle. Everett and Tacoma are warring over the dates on which they shall hold their

various tournaments.
Over two months ago President Andrews, of this city, who was elected last year at Spokane, sent our notices to the various clubs comprising the association, proposing dates on which tournaments might be held, the same dates not conflicting with the dates given to other

Yesterday it was given out here that every tournament date had been fixed and accepted with grace by all with the exception of the Scattle, Everett and Tacoma clubs, which are hosts respectively to the Washington state, the North Pacific and Western Washington championship play.

## Seattle Wants Early Date.

Seattle wants August 7 week, and refuses to accept the date of August 14. Tacoma wants August 14 week and canracuma wants august is week and cannot see matters in any other light. Both
cities have declared that they have made
such arrangements affecting the tournaments that they cannot now well back
down from those agrangements, and from
the present situation, it appears that
the three clubs must fight it out alone. Everett is practically an innocent by-stander, as it only awaits the settlement of the Seattle and Tacoma dates to announce its willingness to accept the last date of the year, probably August 21

It is a foregene conclusion among the Portland, Spokane, Vancouver and Vic-toria clubs that the North Pacific tour-nament really stands second to the infoot class. The engine alone in this terrational in the matter of prominence boat will cost \$3000, and it will take another \$1000 expenditure to complete the hull.

The 25-foot class is the first race on the Regalta programme and the starting gun will be fired at 5:15 on the complete the starting gun will be fired at 5:15 on the carry of Sentember 1.

affair. Scattle, however, takes the opposite view; that it had the date of August 7 in 1910; that the state tournament is just as important, if not more so, than the North Pacific, and that it has already applied to the National body for the date of August 7.

### the date of August 7. Andrews "Washes Hands."

President Andrews, when seen yester day, declared that he "had washed his hands of the whole affair;" that he had done what he could, had gone as far as the constitution and by-laws of the association will allow; had advised certain dates which would not conflict, and that he had decided to let Seattle and Tarama "fight it out alone" and "next". coma "fight it out alone" and "next time they might know better." This war among the tennis men of the Puget Sound country, however, may

result in good to the association in the future, as it is probable that the annual meeting of the International Association to be held under unique circumstances this year, in that the meeting will be called to order on a train while the same is speeding toward an Oregon same is speeding toward an Oregon bench resort, a resolution will be introduced and no doubt will be passed by a majority vote, giving the president of the association the right to name the dates, the clubs in the association being compelled to abide by such dates set.

This will do away with any possibility of conflicting play, giving each entertaining club an opportunity to prepare for any visiting players to various North-

vest tournaments and thus a chance to ount on such visiting entrants. Interscholastic Tourney Proposed. Particularly timely and of particular importance is the suggestion which R. P. Newlands, a student of the Univer-

for any visiting players to various North

sity of Oregon and himself a tennis

player of repute, makes in the May umber of the Oregon Monthly, the tate university publication. Mr. Newlands closes an interesting article on "Tennis in the U. of O.", as follows:
"That Oregon is weak in tennis is not the fault of the players but of the environment. Tennis is a game, which,

to reach its best results, must be practiced in close competition. There are not enough players in the university who really know the game to develop material. The few who can play the game are so well conversant with the style of game put up by the others that they are not able to get much practice. they are not able to get much practice in playing them. To succeed with the game, the university must have more players. The only solution of this difficulty is to start an inter-scholastic in Portland, under the auspices of the university, pulling off the semi-finals and finals in Eugene in conjunction with the inter-scholastic meet track."

That Mr. Newlands has explained "what's the matter with Oregon University in tennis," and has also found the remedy, every tennis man will conthe remedy, every tennis man will concede. His idea of an inter-scholastic tournament here should meet with the enthusiasm it deserves by all Portland tennis men, particularly those connect-ed with the Irvington and Multromah clubs. Should the imitter be broached to the tennis committee chairmen of either or both clubs there is little doubt but that Messrs. Brewer and McAlpin would do all in their power to further such a tournament. We hope Mr. Newlands' suggestion will be taken up at once and pushed to a conclusion.

once and pushed to a conclusion The fact that the school board has given its permission to students of the Washington High School to build a cement tennis court and the fact that the Jefferson High School tennis players are already using their court, is proof enough that such an inter-scholastic tourney as proposed would meet with great enthusiasm among the Portland High School students. later will enter the University of Oregon to complete their education.

# PIGEON RACES PLANNED

BIRDS WILL MAKE SERIES OF LONG-DISTANCE FLIGHTS.

Last Speed Contest to Be Flown From Galt, Cal., 500 Miles to This City.

One hundred pigeons belonging to Portland bird fanciers will participate in a 0-mile speed contest from Gult, Cal., to this city some time in June. The ambitious plans of the Oregon Homing Club, announced last night, call for a series of races beginning with a 190-mile test to-day from Eugene to Portland, jumping up 100 miles with each succeeding Sun-day and closing with the 500 mile flight. in about five weeks.

"Five baskets will be released Sunday at 7 A. M., at Eugene," stated Ralph Warren, one of the members of the Homing club, yesterday. "Each basket will contain from 15 to 20 birds and we expect them to negotiate the air line journey in about two and a half hours. "The 300-mile race on May 7 will be started from Leland; the 300 from Sisson, Cal.; the 400 from Chico, Cal., and the 500 from Gait, located between Sacramento and Oakland. We ship the birds the American Express agents at the starting places and they release them for us. The first bird in wins the

The pigeon men started the season's The pigeon men started the season's sport last Sunday in a 75-mile jaunt through the ozone from Albany, a bird owned by Charles Steinel beating the field to the home cote. Active members of the Homing Club are E. H. Bauer, Charles Steinel, Edward Lillis, J. Brown and Ralph Warren

WOMEN GOLFERS SEEK HONORS

#### Five Sail for Ireland to Play for British Championship.

NEW YORK. April 29.—Five young women aspirants for the women's golf championship of Great Britain, which will be contested in the tournement at Port Rush, Ireland, salled today on the Caledonia for Glasgow, Scotland. The tournament opens on May 15.

Among the golf players in the party was Miss Dorothy Campbell, of Hamilton, Ont., the American and former English champion, who expects to re-

english champion, who expects to regain the honors taken from her by Mrs. Grant Suttee, the present champion.

With Miss Campbell were Miss Mary Fownes and Miss Louise B. Elkin, of Pittsburg, and Miss Florence Harvey and Miss Effic Nesbit, of Hamilton, Out

# **BOXING BOUTS AT** VANCOUVER CLEAN

Principals on Card There May 5 Will Be Bud Anderson and Danny O'Brien.

### HOGAN'S DEFEAT DECISIVE

Sporting Writer Does Not Think Much of Record Made by Pugilist of 'One-Round' Fame--Tommy Tracey Sees Friends in South.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. Boxing bouts at Vancouver are as ean and scientific as any one would Red-bloeded America attends wish. boxing bouts to enjoy clean hitting. neat blocking, clever ducking and scientific footwork and these are the attri-

entific footwork and these are the attributes which make the monthly shows across the river the success they have been. Of course accidents and obstacles do arise at boxing entertainments which furnish grounds for knocking the sport, but the same is true of baseball, football and parlor ping-pong. Bud Anderson and Danny O'Brien, two of the most promising lightweights in the West, are billed as principals at the May 5 card being prepared by Secretary Emery and Matchmaker Anderson, of the Vancouver association. The youngsters will weigh in at 135 pounds at 4 o'clock the afternoen of the bout under penalty of \$100 forfeit and an additional \$25 for every pound over the prescribed limit.

The Vancouver and Portland glove exponents have met four times before and have yet to settle superiority. One bout went 10 rounds to a draw; two lasted six rounds for draw decisions, while the fourth was stopped by the authorities in the early stages. Both

while the fourth was stopped by the authorities in the early stages. Both have appreciably improved since then; so it's a tossup where the money will be when May 5 rolls around.

The feature of the week in the boxing world was the ignominious rout of "One-Round" Hogan by Champion Wolgast. Hogan has acted like a spoiled child all the way through and deserved what he got. Jack Hogan has ne record to be pround of: he won a 20-round unconvincing declaion over Johnny Frayne, and then deliberately fouled Frankie Burns when he saw Burns was getting the upper hand. Imagine him declaring that he would quit the game unless he defeated Wolgast, holder of the title. The juvenile needs a guardian.

As for Wolgast, the Cadillac battler is going like a racehorse, and New York critics will probably begin to see

York critics will probably begin to see a few flashes of class in his makeup.

Jack Fahey, prominent in Portland boxing circles, returned during the past week from an extended sojourn in California. While in San Francisco, Fahey had a long talk with Dan Suillvan, the Montana mitt-mat artist who spent several months in this city in 1303.

"Sullivan looks fine and expects to

"Sulfran looks fine and expects to go after the middleweight title strong the coming 12 months." says Fahey. "He has recently returned from New York, where many of the fight experts are boosting him as championship timber."

Another Portland man in San Francisco is Tommy Tracey, one time famous welterweight boxer, who conducts a boxing school here. Tommy dug up a few reminiscences for T. P. Magillgan, of the Bulletin, chief among which was his first meeting with Jack which was his first meeting with Jack Johnson when he boxed him a few rounds in Galveston.

"Times weren't so good for Johnson then," remarked Tommy. "He accosted me later in a hotel in Chicago and I staked him to a few beans' and matched the skinny coon kid with several forty-second raters. He was clever then and told me he confidently expected to be champion of the sema day. pected to be champion of the world some day. Certainly strange things do happen.

James J. Jeffries arrived in New York the other day, bound for European ports. He was met at the depot by a large crowd. Jeffries was accompanied by his wife, Jack Kipper and Kipper's wife. The Jeffries party went at once to the Albany Hotel, and the crowd followed in another taxicab. It was Bob Vernon.

e semper!
"I am through with fighting," declared Jeff, and it is to be hoped his plans will meet no further Reno-vating.

Kid Ash and De Coursey started the trouble when the former, connecting with a shove, turned a back somersault and flopped on the canvas for the count. He was weak on the melodrama, how-ever, chewing vigorously on a wad of gum while the referee told off the seconds.

take place on May 1, according to a letter received from Lester by the write-er yesterday. Lester says that he like-Sydney, where the bout is to take place, and that the people there are backing Lang strongly, although they know now that he is not of championship caliber. Lester and Lang were originally sched-uled for April 15, but Lester was late in reaching the Antipodes.

Packey McFarland, the Chicago scrapper, has finally acknowledged his in-ability to make 133 pounds, the lightweight limit, but the stockyards lad points out that Lavigue, McAuliffe, Erne and Joe Gans fought for the belt pounds above the limit, and he asks who fixed the boundary at 133. While there is some merit to McFarland's contention, the fact cannot be lost sight of that 133 is the recognized lightweight limit, and that this ringside weight cannot be al-tered even if the holder of the title in order to get a match should consent to go above the mark.

There is no particular sanctity about There is no particular sanctity about the standards, however, and it will not be very surprising if the lightweight limit is raffeed to 135 pounds before an-other year is up. Until this is done the chances are very remote for a meeting of Wolgast and Packey.

"Spike" Hennessy and Chuck O'Con-nell, the feathers who fought a neck-and-neck preliminary at the recent Duarte-Clement seven-round affair, Duarte-Clement seven-round affair, are to be staged again on May 5 by the Van-couver Club. O'Connell is not as flashy a boxer as Hennessy, but he works all the time and relies mostly on his steady consistent offense. Hennessy is an adept at handling himself but is weak on the left side.

## bettom with shoemaker's wax, trusting the stuff to harden and look like lead or

Abe tells of a trick often used in San

Abe tells of a trick often used in San Francisco. There is always a crowd standing around the scales at weighing time, so Mr. Scrapper hooks his fingers into a friend's pocket, throws his extra weight on the digit and the beam refuses to tremble.

"Kid Farmer, a good Western fighter, was overweight one night," continues Attell. "He stripped in the scale room and put a handsome cane by the chair containing his clothes. Then he ran over to the cane. 'Til take no chance of some lobster copping my walkingstick,' said he. Then he mounted the platform and calmiy leaned on the cane—throwing his weight upon the cane and the floor—and got away with it."

Fritz Helland, Spokane middleweight,

Fritz Helland, Spokane middleweight, whose bout with Duarte at St. Johns a couple of months ago was forbidden by the authorities, yesterday accepted terms with Otto Berg, of Astoria, and

the two will be staged as principals by the Vancouver club on May 26.

Holland won declaively from Rufus Williams, the colored middleweight, at San Francisco last Wednesday night in a four-round go, and can now be rated up with the best of them. Eddle Han-lon refereed, Holland fought a lenon refereed. Holland fought a ten round draw with Berg within the last six months but he has improved won-derfully since that encounter and will

be back for vengeance.

Fritz also fought Jack Lester. Tommy Burns' protege, ten rounds to a standstill at Ellensburg and should have received a decision. This bout took place just shortly before Lester was taken under Brusso's wing.

## WOLGAST BEST LIGHTWEIGHT

Jeffries Expresses Opinion and Predicts Victory Over Moran. NEW YORK, April 29.-James J. Jef-

ries, former world's heavyweight cham-pion, has come out of his retirement long enough to give his expert opinion on the standing of Ad Wolgast, whose bout with "One Round" Hogan was wit-nessed by Jeffries the other night.

"Wolgast is the best lightweight in the world," said Jeffries.
"He is a fighter pure and simple. He does not pretend to be a fancy boxer. There's no doubt about his gameness and hitting qualities, which make a

"He has wonderful stamina and im-"He has wonderful stamina and improves as the battle progresses. I think he will whip Moran, who is his most dangerous opponent, and I intend to back him, even though I will not be by the ringside. It is possible that Woigast was afraid to cut loose against 'Knockout' Brown, because of his weak left arm, but as that member is strong again. I expect him to best all comers." again, I expect him to beat all comers." Wolgast's next fight is a 25-round bout with Frankie Burns, the California lightweight, in San Francisco on May

Wolgast is confident that he can stop Burns before the limit is reached.

## **SWIMMING COURSE OPEN**

FREE LESSONS AT Y. M. C. A. START TOMORROW.

A. M. Grilley Is Now Listing Names of All Who Wish to Receive H. H. Corsan's Instruction.

H. H. Corsan, who is to give a series f free swimming lessons in the tank of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, will arrive in this city today from Walla Walla, where he has been conducting a similar course. Corsan will spend a very busy week in Portland, giving lessons every day, beginning tomorrow. All men and boys in the city, whether members of the association or not, are eligible to enter for these lessons, but A. M. Grilley, physical director of the association, desires that they make arrangements with him as to time at the earliest memory nosable. moment possible.

ing a score or more of the larger cities of the country, in each of which he conducted swimming courses under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Many letters have been received by Mr. Gril-ley from other physical directors, all of whom commend Corsan's work. While quite young, he is said to possess a thorough knowledge of swim-ming, as well as the ability to impart that knowledge to others. Corsan is swimming instructor of the Y. M. C. A. at Toronto, Canada, where he has been very successful. His expertness as a swimmer was gained from his father, who is instructor for the Y. M. C. A. in New York, and is perhaps the greatest master of the art in the country

In order that all may gain some idea of Corsan's methods as a swimmer he will give an exhibition in the Y. M. C. A tank tomorrow night. This will in-clude more than a score of swimming methods, some of them simple and others difficult. Corean will also lilustrate how to save life and to resus-citate drowning persons. Before this exhibition there will be a relay swim y members of the local association. It is seldom that such a favorable



W. H. Corsan, Hlustrating Australian Crawl Stroke.

opportunity to learn to swim is pre-sented as that afforded by Corsan's visit. In many of the cities he has visited he has taught scores to swim at a single lesson. His specialty is the Australian crawl stroke, which can be very easily mastered

Schmidtuse Wins Live Bird Tle. DETROIT, April 29.-John Schmidtuse Abe Attell, in a New York paper, gives an interesting account of how fighters beat the scales when they are over-weight. Some of the tricks and dodges are really classy in their style and party and the scales when they are over-weight. Some of the tricks and dodges are really classy in their style and party and the scales when they are over-weight. Some of the tricks and dodges are really classy in their style and party and the scales when they are over-

# 'PUGS' FIGHT SHY OF BOXING MEET

Purposed "Hope" Elimination Tournament May Fail, Says Corbett.

## ALL SCARED OF PACKEY

Legitimate Opponents of Stockyard's Lightweight Hide Behind 133-Pound Limit. Thompson Open to All.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT. NEW YORK, April 29 .- (Special.)fom O'Rourke, the veteran fight impresario of Gotham, informs me he has extended a general invitation to all pugilistic "white hopes" throughout the country to gather for a tournament at the National Sporting Club in this city, and has set the date for May 26. The invitation takes in all those who aspire o the world's championship now held by Jack Johnson,

Corking good plan-an elimination coraing good plan—an eliminated tournament—but I am afraid O'Rourke's efforts will be wasted. Every "hope carries a manager who must first be consulted, and in most cases these managers have other plans for their progress. There would not be enough "dough" in the tournament for the wise hoys. What they figure on are easy campaigns for their charges, with "soft marks" or "has beens" for opponents. The elimination congress would clean The elimination congress would clean up the heavyweight situation—so far as the "hopes" are concerned—too quickly to suit the principals, and at the same time it would end the money earning abilities of the majority. So I think Tom will have his work cut out in trying to pull it off.

### Palzer Is O'Rourke's "Hope."

O'Rourke, by the way, has a "h of his own—a youngster named Al Pal-zer, who recently was given a tryout against a Pittsburg heavyweight and made good right from the jump. Tom has had a world of experience in hand-ling boxers and has directed the affairs of some classy boxers, among them George Dixon and Joe Wolcott. He is a good judge of fighters in the rough and believes he has the real article in

Palzer. Tom is ready and willing to enter Tom is ready and willing to enter Palzer in the proposed tournament and later on will set sail for Carl Morris, the pride of Oklahoma. In fact, he now is figuring with Morris' backer for a match, and if the deal is consummated the pair will meet in Tulsa on July 4. "Bear Cat" McMahon, as he has been dubbed by the Philadelphia and Pittsburg scribes, did not exactly cover himself with glory in the contest with

self with glory in the contest with Sallor Burke at New York's latest boxing club—the Twentleth Century—but he demonstrated beyond question that he has a hard kick when he put the sallor to the floor in the first round.

## Thompson Open to All.

"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson says he would like to box Packey McFarland, and if the proposition "listens" like ready money to the stockyards boy the "Cyclone" a ready to put his signature to paper agreeing to make 140 pounds ringside. This offer goes for any man who can make that figure, or he will just as quickly sign at 158 pounds, bar nobedy. Johnny is in earnest about it, dres that they make arrangements with him as to time at the earliest is not "kidding" will put up a forfeit of \$1000 for weight. Welters or middles, they all look alike to the Illinois ng a score or more of the larger Cyclone. He always was a willing worker even when in the lightweight division. He always was ready to waive

the matter of a few pounds.

In these days of bickering over an ounce here and a pound there it is re freshing to come up with a young man of the Thompson type, who will not al-low a rival's reputation to scare him into drawing the weight limit about his shoulders for protection, as is the fash-ion with a number of our youthful glove pushers. McFarland is having a hard time finding opponents worthy of his skill, owing to the fact that he will not make the 133 mark, and Freddy Welsh, who came over here with the avour who came over hers with the avowed intention of meeting the Chicago lad, now is holiering loudly about the two pounds difference. All the sports in this locality are pulling hard for this match, but at this writing it seems as far away

## Fighters Fear McFarland.

McFarland is willing to make 133 pounds for one man only and that man is Wolgast, the champion. Otherwise nothwogast, the champion. Otherwise noth-ing doing. Mac is unquestionably the one best bet among the lightweights, and while not champion of the class is re-garded by students of the game as a better man than the title holder. Pos-sibly it is the class the little Chicagoan has been showing in his contests that keeps the boys away from him and are keeps the boys away from him and not so much the matter of poundage, which, of course, makes a mighty good excuse when trying to avoid a meeting with the marvelous Packey.
There was little heard hereabouts with

reference to ringside weighing before McFarland made his first local appearance and made a big "rep" for himself at the same time. "Knockout" Brown, who has been touted as a bearcat of the fiercest species and who was said to worry not at all if his opponent weighed the proverbial ton, is the latest to join the ranks of the sticklers for 133 If Packey wants to go to work real badly he might do worse than accept the offer to go across the pond to box Matt Wells, England's newest champion, Wolgast, Weish, Brown and Moran want none of Mac's game and are using the 133-pound bogey to stall out of any chance for a match. Lavigne, Hene and Gans used to box at any old weight. Welter and even middles were not too big for some of the good old-timers, but nowadays it is quite a different matter.

Hariem Tommy Murphy took a chance with Packey last week and boxed the Chicagoan at the Fairmount Club before a large and distinguished assemblars.

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What Packey did to Murphy was a
shame, and Tommy can hold his own with
most lightweights. McFarland clearly
outclassed the local boy and never was
extended to win. Murphy undoubtedly
would have been put away had the fight gone a few more rounds, and many were of the opinion that Packey could have turned the trick at any time after the first few rounds had he so desired. Abe Attel has joined the ranks of the Thesplans and while the broken shoulder is mending will kill the time and incidentally gather a little maxima by dis-playing his histrionic abilities in the vaudeville houses. Abe opened in Boston recently and they say the featherweight champion made good with a big G. Kid Broad, the silver-tongued youth,

who has assisted Attel in training the last few years, is so enthused over the showing made by the featherweight as are really classy in their style and execution. Oldest of all is the trick of putting a wad of gum on the under side of the 100-pound weight. When this began to fall they filled the holes in the use's first win.