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BIG ATHLETIC MEET FOR FAIR—MANAGERS TO CUT FIGHTERS' SHARE DOWN—RACING—BOWLING

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CALIFORNIA CLUBS TO REDUCE PURSES

After January 1 Prize Fighters Will Not Fare So Well in 'Frisco.

PROMOTERS WILL WORK IN HARMONY

Earnings on Coast Have Been Eaten Up by the Fighters' Avarice.

The pugilist of reputation is not to be so well cared for in the future in a financial way at San Francisco, if the reports from that city can be taken as based on facts. It is said that after the first of the new prize fighters who appear in California rings will find the good old times gone and that the rivalry between the various clubs, which gave the boxes big percentages of the gate receipts, will be a thing of the past.

While the clubs were fighting to secure the bigistic plums the promoters were in a position to name their own terms. It was no uncommon thing for the fighters to battle for 70 per cent of the gross receipts. When it is taken into consideration that the club owners foot all the bills, advertise, put on the preliminaries, pay the help, rent, light and license, etc., this percentage is a big one. Under the conditions the club could not very well make much profit.

Invariably the earnings from these will go through many channels before everything is straightened out. Some of these clubs have from two to six parties here, and they expect a liberal share. Then the referee has to be cared for, and his bit is not much less than \$100 for each important mill in which he appears.

Competition in boxing, as well as in any other business, is all right. It serves to stimulate trade and gives the public a chance to get a fair return for its money. But some of the vigorous competition has a beneficial influence on boxing. It helps to make the pugilist or pugilists arrogant and paves the way for exorbitant demands. It is only just that a fighter should get well paid for his services. But the club which takes all of the chances and must sustain its reputation for honesty with the public suffers in the process.

When the game fourished in New York state the profits of the clubs were enormous. Two of three big encounters placed one of these clubs in a position to make a million dollars. It was nothing uncommon for one of these institutions to make from \$20,000 to \$30,000 on one battle alone. And these contests were not wide apart either. They were held with considerable frequency and invariably drew a packed house. Most of these clubs were controlled by politicians who made a monopoly of the business.

Tom Sharkey said recently that out of five matches covering a period of a little over two years in which he was one of the principals, he divided with a manager a net profit of something like \$100,000, or an average of \$20,000.

San Francisco cannot be compared as a fighting town to New York. There is no in adjacent cities such as Baltimore, Boston and Philadelphia, and Greater New York itself, these clubs had a population of nearly 6,000,000 persons to draw from. The prize money in these mills is not less than \$3 and not more than \$5. The cost of the out-of-town sport to witness these events would not amount to more than \$28, figuring in the cost of frugal habits, and to the local ring-goer about \$10.

The last fight between Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett at San Francisco drew a nearly \$50,000 in New York. If one of the championship matches went below this amount the club and the fighters were disappointed. Liberal percentages were allowed to the principals, and they abused the public's encouragement and patronage by putting up shady encounters.

The clubs are compelled to pay handsomely for license in San Francisco. There is no such tax. Outside of paying for rent, lights and preliminary bouts the club expenses were small. In bouts between third-raters at the Broadway Athletic club, the Coney Island and the Lenox Athletic clubs, which were held about four times each month, the receipts averaged no less than \$5,000 for each mill. One club alone, it is said, cleared \$100,000 in one year.

Just now California is the only state where championship battles are countenanced by the authorities. There is talk of New Orleans entering the field once more. But at present there is no reliable foundation for the report.

The recent match between Nelson and Young Corbett drew something like \$15,000. The same contest in New York would have played to nearly three times that sum. So it is only natural for the California clubs to pick themselves. They are in a position to dictate because there is no other place where championship fights can be held. In England, especially London, the receipts are very small. A \$2,000 fight is considered large. The promoters do not sign their boxers on a percentage basis. They offer as a rule the men paltry purses, and the pugilists are glad to get them, too.

TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 16.—Under the auspices of the various patriotic and historical societies exercises were held today in celebration of the anniversary of the Boston tea party, which took place December 16, 1773, when tea on which the colonists were expected to pay the hated stamp tax was dumped into the harbor by prominent Bostonians disguised as Indians.

WIRE TENDLTON SPORTS

The Pendleton Sportsmen's association will hold its regular annual tournament about February 20, a month later than usual. A meeting will be held in the near future to perfect arrangements. Many valuable prizes will be hung up and shooters from all over the Inland Empire will be invited to be in attendance. About \$400 in cash will be distributed, in addition to the other prizes and trophies.

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PURCHASES HORSES FOR HIS FATHER

Jockey O'Neil Presents His Sire with Three Good Horses for the Track.

Frankie O'Neil, the jockey who has been riding with great success on the eastern tracks for the past two years, recently purchased a number of horses which he will turn over to his father, who will train and race them next season on the western tracks. Included in the work were Distributor, Tar-Baby and Rumar. All have fair records and should prove factors in the western racing.

This has been a very bad season for Father Bill Daly, but he would pay \$4 to see that Daly would not win a purse at the meeting and Father Bill took a bet at that price and began to root for rain. With the track heavy he thought he would surely win a purse with Proceeds, who is a green muddler. The gates were unkind to Daly until Friday night, when the rain fell in torrents. Then Proceeds went to the post in the closing event, in which Daly also ran Colonel. Proceeds, after being in the first division all the way through the first part of the race, closed with a rush in the stretch and won handsily.

Although the season of racing has just closed, the various associations are making preparations for next year's stakes. The Coney Island Jockey club is the first in the field with the announcement of stakes which will have their closing in January. Among those that are to close are the Suburban Handicap, Advance Stakes and the Commonwealth Handicap. The last named event will have two closings next year instead of one, as formerly was the case. Supplementary entries will be received for the race in June, the same as in the Advance Stakes.

Although the new Belmont Park track is progressing without interruption, and from present indications this remarkable racing plant, which has been planned to be the greatest track in the world, will be ready for the opening of the Westchester Racing association is ready to hold its spring meeting. Belmont Park is to be the standard bearer of the American turf, if the promoters can make it so. It will be the permanent home of the jockey club.

Africander, the crack four-year-old son of Star Ruby, which was recently purchased from Sim Diemel by James B. Hooten, has gone to Lexington, where he will go into the Elmendorf stud. The great colt, which as a three-year-old won the suburban, Lawrence realization and many other big events, will be bred to some of the choicest mares at Elmendorf.

LONG SHOTS CAUSE UPSETS AT TRACKS

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Stroller, at 12 to 1, furnished the upset in the six furlong event yesterday at Oakland, winning from Vanator and Vignette easily. Winners: course, selling—Edroun won; time, 1:14. Six and a half furlongs, selling—Revolt won; time, 1:24. Mile and 50 yards, selling—Idogo won; time, 1:48. Six furlongs, selling—Stroller won; time, 1:15 1/2. Five and a half furlongs, purse—Dr. Leggo won; time, 1:10. Mile, selling—Dusky Miller won; time, 1:45.

AT ASCOT PARK

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—But one favorite, Sals, was successful at Ascot yesterday. Agnes Mack, at 20 to 1, upset things by winning the second race. The winners: Five furlongs, selling—Hilona won; time, 1:01 1/2. Seven furlongs—Agnes Mack won; time, 1:14 1/2. Selling, mile and 70 yards—Blue Ridge won; time, 1:47. Six and a half furlongs—Sals won; time, 1:21. Selling, mile and 70 yards—Invictus won; time, 1:47. Selling, six furlongs—Sir Christopher won; time, 1:16.

AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Results: Five furlongs—Dundall won; time, 1:05. Mile and a sixteenth—Carnish won; time, 1:53. Seven furlongs—Josette won; time, 1:32 1/2. One mile—Southampton won; time, 1:50 1/2. Six furlongs—Mimosa won; time, 1:17 1/2. Mile—Matador won; time, 1:48 1/2.

ATHLETICS AT JOHN HOPKINS

Along with the general athletic boom which the Johns Hopkins university is now experiencing is to come the formation of a basketball team and the introduction of this sport into the university. The movement for basketball is a recent one, and was originated and fostered entirely by the students themselves. So far, it has received no direct aid nor recognition from the General Athletic association. The association, however, is in no way hostile toward basketball, and should the project prove successful, it will doubtless take it up and lend it its full support. From the enthusiasm which the plan has evoked among the student body, there seems no likelihood of its failure.

CREAMSPRINTER RETURNS

Arthur E. Duffey, the champion sprinter, has returned to Washington after a lengthy campaign in England. As soon as he has recuperated, he will start for Australia to run a special 100-yard match race with Stanley Rowley, the Antipodean sprinter. The Antipodean, who is good for about 10 to 15 seconds for the 100 yards, is now in England, and will start for kangaroo land as soon as he learns that Duffey leaves America. It is expected that an enormous crowd will go to see the race and that the prize will be valuable. Duffey intends to make a complete tour of Australia and New Zealand.

GARDNER DEFEATS O'KEEFE

Butte, Mont., Dec. 16.—The second of Jack O'Keefe's of Chicago threw up the sponge in the 11th round of what was scheduled to be a 20-round bout between O'Keefe and Jimmy Gardner last evening, and Gardner was declared the winner. It was a national good fight and O'Keefe was applauded for his gameness.



Jimmy Britt, California's Aggressive Fighter, Who Will Be the Favorite Over Nelson Next Tuesday Night.

BRITT'S FOLLOWERS FULL OF CONFIDENCE

Should Californian Lose to Nelson There Will Be Many Tears Shed.

Out on the Pacific coast confidence in Jimmy Britt, California's native son, is unshaken, and it is almost certain that he will go into the ring to meet Battling Nelson on the night of December 20 as a 7 to 5 favorite. Britt's admirers can not exactly see Nelson, despite his decisive victory over Young Corbett, and will back J. Edward for a killing. From the present out look it can be predicted that betting on the fight will be heavy, and the California faithful will be hard hit if their pride fails to bring home the coonkins. Nelson people are more than content with having him a long shot in the betting again, and he will not want for backers.

LEAGUE MANAGERS RAISE ADMISSION

Magnates Feel that Thirty-five Cents is Little Enough to Pay for Good Ball.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The magnates of the Pacific Coast league convened in their regular annual meeting last evening with all the delegates present. The league officials were re-elected, with the exception of vice-president, to which office Judge W. W. McCreedie of Portland was chosen. Will be admitted free on those days. The board of directors was chosen as follows: Henry Harris, San Francisco; James F. Morley, Los Angeles; J. Cal. Ewing, Oakland; W. W. McCreedie, Portland; J. P. Agnew, Seattle; D. W. Evans, Tacoma. The last three are new directors.

The league decided that after June 1 all the clubs must reduce the number of players carried to 14 or less. Admission fee from 25 to 35 cents, which measure was passed after a lively discussion. Two ladies' days will be on schedule in each town every week, and the fair sex as usual, will be admitted free on those days. The board of directors was chosen as follows: Henry Harris, San Francisco; James F. Morley, Los Angeles; J. Cal. Ewing, Oakland; W. W. McCreedie, Portland; J. P. Agnew, Seattle; D. W. Evans, Tacoma. The last three are new directors.

ORMONDE BEACH HAS LARGE ENTRY LIST

Much interest is manifested concerning the automobile races at Ormonde, Fla., next month. Already there are assurances of record-breaking entry lists, both as regards quantity and quality. It is practically certain that all the best American and European drivers will compete. Whether the American cars can hold their own with the foreign flyers at sprinting and intermediate distance will be shown. Heretofore they have been found wanting in the long distance international races, but it is thought that at distances from one to 100 miles they will prove equally fast and serviceable. Some of the prominent names who will enter cars are: K. Vanderbilt, Col. L. C. Wier, W. Gould Brokaw, James L. Brees, H. L. Bowden, H. A. Loder, Jr., Frank Croker and E. B. Stevens. It is practically certain that Oldfield, Kulick and other famous American drivers will find in the tournament a chance to try their skill against the French speedsters—Bermin, Gabriel and others who were seen in the Vanderbilt race. They who won the last Gordon Bennett cup race at Homburg, intend to enter some of the longer events.

PORTLAND BOWLERS DEFEAT ALL-STARS

Another close and exciting ten pin match was held on the Portland alleys. The game last night was between the All Stars and Portland. The latter team was handicapped 300 pins and won the match by 36 pins. The features of the match was the strong bowling of Watkins, who averaged 187 2-3, and the steady work of Capen, Eneasy and Kruse. The highest score, 234, was made by Capen. The score by games follows:

Portland	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
Capen	187	180	150	517
Rowe	148	144	178	470
Gaillard	155	142	127	424
Kruse	175	178	188	541
Grand total	2,548			
All Stars	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
Watkins	139	121	139	400
Hague	129	121	139	389
Lamond	129	121	143	393
Boulanger	144	138	168	450
Hanson	144	138	168	450
Handicap	3,210			
Grand total	2,510			

REARSTERN TO BOX BURDICK

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 16.—Considerable interest is manifested in the 20-round bout between Joe Bernstein and Johnny Burdick, which is slated for the arena of a local athletic club tonight. Burdick and Bernstein were matched to fight in private some time ago, but the match fell through. Bernstein wants to get chance at Terry McGovern and Young Corbett, and is of the opinion that he can defeat Burdick, which will put him in the way to realize his ambition.

NEW BREEDS BROUGHT

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 16.—At the quarterly meeting of the American Kennel club it was decided to admit the following to the recognized breeds: Owtchans, the new Russian sheep dog; Mexican hairless, German sheep dog, Equimans and Parkies. The latter will be officially known as Chinese crested lap dogs.

SPORTS TO BE A FEATURE OF FAIR

Lewis and Clark Managers Hope to See Many Athletic Events.

BIG CHANCES FOR COAST ORGANIZATIONS

Track Meets, Auto Racing, Baseball and Football Will Be Attractions.

While affairs have not assumed a tangible form as yet, it has been learned from those with authority to speak, that the Lewis and Clark fair directors intend having a splendid exhibition of athletics of every nature at the centennial next year. The matter of organization will be accomplished in a short time and actual work will be started on the program of events. Haste in getting the affair under way is essential, as it requires considerable time for the different colleges and amateur clubs to train their men and choose the athletes who will compete.

It is quite certain that a big track meet for all the colleges of the Pacific coast will be one of the principal features. A boat race between Berkeley and the University of Washington would attract special interest. Auto racing would be another feature. The automobile events could be held at Irvington race track, where, if the turns were properly banked, high speed could be maintained. The Portland Hunt club, too, could be given a day for their special exercises. Baseball, of course, will be played by the Pacific Coast league teams. The matter of organization will be arranged between the college teams of the coast. In this respect Oregon, Washington, Stanford, Berkeley and a number of the other colleges will be arranged to compete in a series of football matches, but earlier training would put the crack eleven of the northwest in condition for the big contest.

The Portland Rowing club and the Oregon Yacht club will be called upon to have crews compete with the oar and sail upon the Willamette. Races in which the rowing club and yacht club are represented would surely attract the greatest interest. There will be lacrosse matches between the star Westminster, Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland teams. Local people received a good taste of lacrosse during this year and the interest in that fascinating and exciting sport is very keen. The sportsmen from near and far will be given an opportunity to kill blue rocks. The sportsmen of Oregon are known very well throughout the country, and were a shooting tournament arranged, there are assurances that hundreds of shots

CROSS COUNTRY AT CORNELL

(Journal Special Service.) Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The success of the Cornell university cross country team during the last few years has led to the opening of negotiations for an international cross country match with one or more of the leading English universities. Those in close touch with this branch of athletics believe that the present combination can defeat the English collegians at their own game. As a result there is a strong possibility that Cornell's championship team will measure strides with the runners of Oxford and Cambridge. If matches are arranged Cornell has been assured that Schutt, the former cross country runner now at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, will not compete against his alma mater.

VICTORS IN SEMI-FINALS

The winners in the semi-finals of the Waverly Golf club's ladies' fall handicap, which was played yesterday, were Mrs. W. B. Ayer and Miss King, they defeating Mrs. M. J. Burns and Miss Gibson. The final between Mrs. Ayer and Miss King will be played off on next Thursday. The dates for the men's tournament are Dec. 17, 24 and 31.

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FOREST GROVE HAS NEW POWER COMPANY

Takes Over Electric Light Works and May Build an Electric Road in City.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 16.—A new corporation has been organized here known as the Haines Electric Power company. It has bought the electric plant and mill owned by E. W. Haines, the banker of this place. The incorporators are E. W. Haines, John Thornburg and W. B. Haines of Forest Grove, and C. W. Nottingham, Ralph W. Hoyt and J. Frank Watson of Portland. They are all men of means and energy. The corporation was given the right to build an electric road here when it chooses. The capital stock is \$50,000 and its head office will be in Forest Grove. The electric light plant lights not only Forest Grove, but many other towns near here. Chaplain J. S. Smith of Fort Vancouver, lectured here last evening in the college chapel on "With the Regulars in the Tropics." He is chaplain of the 19th Infantry, which was one of the first regiments to land in Porto Rico. Then he went to the Philippines, where he spent a great deal of time in Cuba and Pansy. His lecture was illustrated by views taken on his journey.

BOXING NOTES

Matty Matthews won the decision over Foster Walker of Detroit in a six-round bout at Grand Rapids last evening. Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago upholds an opinion of Corporation Counsel Tolman, which virtually means the suspension of boxing in all athletic clubs as far as a public appearance is concerned. Perry Queenan of Seattle knocked out Ed Fero, before a good crowd at Walla Walla last evening. Preferred Stock Chased Goods, Allen & Stock's Best Brand.

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