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GANS AND BAT MATCHED AGAIN

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR FIGHT IN SEPTEMBER.

With the Champion on the Big End of the Money and Big Interest in Moving Pictures, Coffroth Has at Last Signed the Has-Been and the Champion—Money to Be Divided 60 and 40 Per Cent of Seventy Per Cent—To Weigh 133.

whipped coon, and Battling Nelson, the world beater, will fight again on the afternoon of September 9 for the lightweight championship. Promoter Coffroth signed them both last night for 45 rounds, and forfeits of \$2500 on each side are posted to bind the match.

Nelson dictated the terms and has the better of the financial matters. The fighters will divide 70 per cent of the gate receipts, the winner taking 60, and the loser 40 per cent. Nelson will have two-thirds interest in the moving pictures. Gans is to have no interest in them. Both will weigh 133 pounds at the ringside.

AFTER OCTOPUS AGAIN.

Trust Busters Framing Up Another Attack on Standard Oil Company.

Lenox, Mass., July 29.—Attorney General Bonaparte and Frank B. Kellogg, the "trust buster," concluded a conference today, and it is supposed they completed plans for immediate resumption of action against the Standard Oil company, in connection with the revocation of the big fine assessed against it by Judge K. M. Landis. Kellogg expects to reach New York tomorrow and then proceed to Chicago.

Physicians to Gather.

Physicians and surgeons of note from all parts of the United States,

will be in Walla Walla September 7, 8 and 9, the attraction being the nineteenth annual convention of the Washington State Medical association, says a Walla Walla paper. Dr. C. N. Suter is president of the association, and is at the head of the local committee which is making the arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates.

It is expected that one of the most representative bodies of medical men ever assembled in the northwest will be in Walla Walla during the three days' session.

Crown Prince Coming.

New York, July 29.—It was learned today that Crown Prince Christian of Denmark, is planning a fortnight's visit to New York. He will cross the Atlantic in a fast warship.

NETHERLANDS READY FOR WAR

FIRM IN DECISION TO CRIMP VENEZUELAN RULER

With Orders Issued to Assemble All Warships at West Indies and to Prepare Eastern Squadron for Immediate Trip, it is Now Plain That the Netherlands Are Ready for War—Determined to Crush President of Venezuela—Castro Helpless.

The Hague, Netherlands, July 29.—The Netherlands government today ordered the battleships Heemkerk, Plesch and Evertaen and the cruisers Holland, Utrecht and Friesland to assemble at once in the West Indies. The commander of the eastern squadron is also ordered to be prepared to dispatch his fleet to Venezuela at a moment's notice. These warlike movements lead to the general belief that Queen Wilhelmina has determined to crush President Castro and force a recognition of Dutch claims in Venezuela. It is also known that the minister

JAPANESE MAY CONTROL ALL FREIGHT TRAFFIC IN PACIFIC

O. S. L. AMONG THE RAILROADS THAT CARRY OUT THREAT AGAINST INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

By Issuance of Orders Today That Many Leading Roads Will Go Out of Foreign Export Trade, it Becomes Likely That Japanese Will Buy Export Carrying Vessels—To Affect San Francisco and Seattle Ports—Is Result of Rule Adopted by the Commission Demanding Publication of Inland Freight Rates.

Chicago, July 29.—Railroad officials here have sent out notices to shippers that they will go out of the export trade to China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia on November 1. It is freely predicted that the steamships of the Harriman line out of San Francisco, and the Hill lines from Seattle, and lines out of Vancouver, B. C., will soon be offered for sale, and that the purchasers will be Japanese.

of marine is today negotiating for the purchase of several small, but fast steamships, with which the fleet could be supplemented in case of a blockade of Venezuelan ports.

Castro is practically without means of opposing a fleet of well-armed ships.

RECEPTION FOR ATHLETES.

Oregon Will Give Its Star Athletes a Grand Reception on Their Return.

Portland will greet her conquering heroes—Smithson, Gilbert and Kelly—royally when they return to this city, and whether they are coming here or not, there is a proposition now on foot to bring them across the continent in a private car and to bring with them James E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic union, and a number of the crack athletes of the country and to hold an exhibition of champions here that will put in the shade anything ever attempted in the athletic line by a city before, says a Portland paper.

In sending out the notices the railroads carried out a threat made to the interstate commerce commission some time ago when rule 88 was promulgated. The rule requires the roads to publish overland portion of their rates from foreign ports to inland ports of America.

The Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Santa Fe are the roads which sent out notices.

Forrest Smithson's achievement of running the 110-meter hurdles in 15 seconds will probably stand for 10 years before it is equaled and perhaps never will be surpassed, and it is up to the people of Portland to set a high-water mark of appreciation that will rank beside his record.

The opportunity is at hand for greater advertising than Oregon soil, climate and manhood ever had before. If a private car, that can be had for about \$1500, is brought across the continent with Oregon's three world's champions in it, it will be pictured, storied or feted in every city in the land.

Actual plans will be put in motion tonight when the Multnomah club directors meet. Every public organization in the city is anxious to have a hand in the entertainment, but there is kind of a hanging off for fear of treading on the toes of the Multnomah club, which is really responsible for the distinction brought to the city.

The same reticence appears on behalf of the Multnomah club which feels that the boys represent Portland and Oregon as much as they do the Multnomah club. The club, too, is anxious for a fitting reception to the returning heroes, but is backward about proposing to spend a large sum of money and expecting the other organizations to help dig it up.

TO CROSS EQUATOR.

Atlantic Fleet Will Reach Imaginary Dividing Line Thursday.

Aboard the U. S. S. Georgia, via wireless, July 29.—Everything is in readiness for the ceremony of crossing the equator tomorrow. Every ship is making big preparations for big doings. There are some 7000 men with the fleet who have never crossed the mysterious line. Each novice will be put through a course of sprouts that will mark him ever afterwards as a true man of the sea.

Today the superintendent is getting things ready for the event.

Everything is unusually bright, as some jacksies think old King Neptune is coming aboard. The past few days have been spent in maneuvering. Occasional warm rains have been experienced.

BIG PORTLAND FIRE.

North End of Metropolis Lost \$250,000 in Fire Late Yesterday.

Portland, July 29.—One full block of North Portland business district was practically blotted out by a fire late yesterday afternoon. The entire district threatened and property valued at \$225,000 was destroyed, most of which are small frame buildings and contents.

The fire originated at the top of the building of the Oregon Transfer company, in the block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Gilsan and Hoyt streets at about 4:45. It burned more than two hours. The flames spread rapidly, traversing four blocks. The origin is unknown.

Three or four street car lines are out of commission, and electric power was turned off in certain parts of the

city. Trolley and telephone wires were cut, either intentionally or by falling walls. The frame buildings burned like tinder. The rapid spread of the flames is due to the fact that they were fanned by a stiff wind which died soon after the fire got a good start.

Lacking.

Brooke—Gunsion always calls a spade a spade.

Lynn—That's because he lacks synonyms.—Bohemian.

A man who is really smart need not act "smart."

There is no real excitement for a Missourian unless there is a fight.

Baseball Scores.

Portland, 10; San Francisco 3. Oakland, 2; Los Angeles, 1.

DEATHLIST IS ABOUT 12,000

TWELVE THOUSAND ARE REPORTED TO BE DEAD.

Sunday Night's Typhoon Was More Deadly Than at First Reported—Houses Crushed and Property Destruction Large—Death List is Enormous.

Hongkong, China, July 29.—The whole southern coast of China is suffering from the effect of the terrible typhoon last Sunday night. The reports from Canton today say over 12,000 were drowned instead of 3000 as first reported. In Hongkong conditions are similar. The immense public gardens are total wrecks and houses collapsed all over the city. Over 100 Chinese vessels are sunk.

The offices of the Pacific Mail company, in a granite building just completed at a cost of \$600,000, were destroyed. The Pacific Mail steamer, Perla, was blown ashore at Kowloon, on the mainland, near Hongkong.

CALLED IT A DRAW.

Neighborhood Row Ends in Recorder's Court This Afternoon.

Visitors to the recorder's court were given a choice bit of entertainment this afternoon when the ins and outs of a neighborhood quarrel were aired. It seems that two young girls, a young man, a married man and his wife and a small boy all mixed up last evening with the result that one of the women lost enough hair to make a first-class "rat." Recorder Cox listened to the testimony as brought out for both sides of the affair, and then decided that a judge was not needed so much as a referee to enforce the rules governing prize-fighting. After coming to this conclusion he announced that he believed honors were about even, and would call it a draw and dismiss the charge.

HARRIMAN RULES SEA-TO-SEA LINE

GOULD IS KING IN NAME ONLY—HARRIMAN DICTATES.

Freely Rumored That George Gould Will Be Held in Office Over His Roads, But is Tool of Harriman, Who Now Has Positive Lines From Ocean to Ocean—Change Means Many Changes in the East, All Aiding Harriman's Interests.

That an actual arrangement has been perfected between George Gould and E. H. Harriman by which Harriman has at last secured control of railroads reaching from ocean to ocean, is the rumor current today. According to the story Gould will remain president of his roads, but his policy is to be dictated by Harriman.

This agreement will give the Gould roads the money necessary for improvements, and will give Harriman joint use with the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific, which Gould is building. The Erie road will have a half interest and thereby direct ownership of trackage rights over the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Wabash road's Pittsburg terminal line. This will let the Erie into Pittsburg.

It is understood that Harriman has abandoned all plans for the Harriman holding company, which was to have taken over investments of the Union Pacific.

FOUND GOOD SUIT.

Mr. Ainsworth Discovers Suit of Clothes in Hay Barn Which Was Likely Stolen.

William Ainsworth is today wondering how it happened, and has called the attention of the police to the incident. While hauling hay from his barn this morning, he found a suit of clothes neatly tied up in a newspaper of recent date. The suit is well tailored and of good quality. He has figured out that some one stole the suit of clothes and hid it away in one corner of the Ainsworth hay lot.

FINE CHERRY SPECIMENS.

U. G. Couch of Island City, Donates Cherries That Are Excellent.

In clusters numbering 100 and over and of that luscious kind that bring water to the teeth on sight, a liberal quantity of cherries were given to The Observer office this afternoon by U. G. Couch of Island City. There were several bunches that contained close to 100 cherries and the portion of the limb on which all these hung was less than four inches long. The hard grind of a newspaper office force is often alleviated by just such gifts. On one or two limbs there were more cherries than a dozen men could devour in the course of the afternoon.

Ladies' Undermuslins

Greatly Underpriced for This Week.

Hundreds of Garments of the "Royal Make"—Undermuslins splendidly made, of the very best of materials, perfect in fit and finish to the minutest detail—Dainty, desirable garments at a liberal saving this week.

85c Ladies Gowns 68c

Made in circular and V-shaped yoke, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertions and tucks; extra good values at regular price. Special this week 68c

\$2.50 Ladies Gown 1.98

Made from fine silks, with square and circular yokes and short sleeves, trimmed with Swiss Embroidery and Silk Ribbons. Special this week at, each \$1.98

75c Corset Covers 58c

From fine quality Muslin, trimmed in lace and embroidery insertion, and interlined with silk ribbons 58c

\$1 Ladies' Muslin Skirts 79c

Made from good quality Muslin, 19-inch embroidery founce, with 5 rows of tucking. Special this week .. 79c

75c Ladies' Short Skirts 58c

With fine India Linon founces, with clusters of tucks and hemstitched hems. Special 58c

50c Ladies Muslin Dra's 39c

From good quality Muslin, with 2-inch founces, tucked and hemstitched; positively worth 60c; this week 39c

Misses' and Children's Undermuslins at Special Prices This Week

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Ladies' White Suits

In neat Tailored effects, made from Indian Head Linens. Chose now at only \$2.50



Take a Little Soda

For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

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