

KIRBY QUILTS IN 5TH ROUND

McKENNON MARKED 5 ROUNDS OF SLUGGING Preliminary Only Bout that Displays Any Real Science

Ed Kirby quit the ring last night in the fifth round of a vicious slug-fest match between himself and Burke, the Boston machinist, who is the round house here. With the hisses of the audience ringing in his ears he went to his dressing room, claiming numerous and violent fairs. While it is evident that Kirby was fouled in the first round, of the fight and is still limping around from the effects of it, it was also clear that the terrific wallop landed by the Denver man told severely and that the pace was altogether too warm for the Seattle lad.

Strange, indeed, was the affair. It could not be dubbed a fiasco, but nevertheless it was a joke. From the tap of the gong in the first round, the men adopted slugging tactics. There was no tendency toward sparring, the fighters repeating time after time the same manner of offense, glare a while with the vindictiveness of a Bantam rooster and then charge madly like two fighting tigers. The result was that each time they clashed, Kirby landed with a right jab to the heart and a left punch to the face. The incessant shower of jabs seemed to please the clown heavy-weight who invariably retaliated with a smash to the stomach and with his left bring a down ward hook to the left side of Kirby's neck, and the consequence would be, "taken the count." Kirby was knocked down time after time, and both men showed bad blood, necessitating a policeman's attendance to stop the flow of vulgarity. In the fourth round Kirby had his opponent bothered but at no time other than this did he phase him. Finally, with liberal hisses to mark the exit, Kirby left the ring. Kirby might have run the heavier man down with clever boxing, but he tried to match muscles and was found wanting.

Flannery and Gibson, two local ringsters, mixed in four rounds as a preliminary, Flannery easily winning a decision. He has a clever punch, good foot motion and all in all has the making of a comer. Gibson, on the other hand, is nifty at sparring but lacks steam behind his blows, and time after time would stop when heavy punches were possible. With more endurance at their command, both of these boys would be interesting boxers.

Robbers Take to Hills.
Marines, Calif., April 18.—Reports from the sheriff's posse that is pursuing the robbers who held up an engine and crew and stole four sacks of registered mail from the China and Japan fast mail of the Southern Pacific Saturday night, indicates that the bandits have gone into hiding in the hills back of Pinole. The deputies think the robbers will fight to death when cornered and can see no way of escape.

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But last night one disappeared from its cage in a very mysterious manner. Al Roberts was first to discover the absence of the animal and he spread the news among other members of the firm. A search followed but no 'possum could be found. As there are no persimmon trees close by it is not possible for the 'possum to be up a 'simmon tree, as the old song states. The whole situation was canvassed thoroughly and a decision reached that some one had committed larceny; that the desire for a 'possum dinner has been so great in the heart of some party possibly unknown, that extreme measures have been adopted. Mr. Cook, who is here placing a Portland tract on the market and has headquarters at the office, stoutly denies that his taste hankers after 'possum which only renders the situation more complex.

The matter now stands in this shape: Mr. McKennon has issued an inflexible order, stating that if the 'possum is not returned to its cage before tomorrow morning someone will be arrested. He does not say who. There are several descendants of Ham in the city who have lately arrived, and according to comment, it may be possible that one of the dark skinned citizens has glommed "dat 'possum."

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