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CORNELL PRONOUNCES JEFF THE FITTEST HE HAS EVER BEEN SINCE STARTING HIS CAREER

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(Written exclusively for United Press papers by the trainer in charge of James J. Jeffries)

Reno, July 2.—James J. Jeffries is in the best condition of his career to enter the ring next Monday. Jeff retired when he was 30 and had not at that time attained mature strength. Now he has trained a year and a half to "come back" where he usually gave six months to training.

Has Boxed Faithfully

People think that he has not been giving time to boxing but now on the eve of the battle secrecy is no longer valuable. Jeff has practically doubled his work over what the public thought he did, but he did it secretly, doing it at 4 a. m. with his brother Jack, Armstrong and Corbett. This was when the crowd was not present.

Expects Speedy Decision

I believe that Jeff wins in less than 20 rounds, but should the fight go beyond that Jeff will be able to endure it, and can go 45 rounds easily.

Moana Springs, July 2.—While a few expect the fight to go the limit, some have begun to figure on the possibility of what may happen if the scrap goes the limit, forty-five rounds, with fighting equal. Jeff's friends are confident he can go the limit with ease.

Tom Flanagan, for Johnson says Jack is willing to go as far as necessary for a decision. Flanagan, however, says Johnson will win before the

limit is reached. He said, "If the Jeffries crowd is willing we will go the extreme limit, 100 rounds, until one is knocked out."

Berger, for Jeffries says, "What's the use of crossing a bridge before you reach it? Johnson needn't figure on a draw. Johnson will not be on his feet at the thirtieth round. Burns said Jeff is willing to go to a finish."

The Betting Odds.

Chicago, July 2.—The betting on the fight is rapid today. A wager of \$75, today. They are now 10 to 7 1-2; Jeff vor. One hundred thousand dollars from Canada was received here today to wager.

Reno, July 2.—Odds are tightening today. They are now 10 to 7 with Jeff on the long end.

Johnson today visited the arena, inspecting it closely. He tried out the ring and said it was the best he ever saw. He requested that a three inch board be nailed to the edge of the ring to prevent the fighters from slipping out.

The first load of San Francisco fans arrived today and the eastern jam will commence tomorrow night. Promoters Rickard and Gleason today gave the stakeholder, Sullivan, \$51,000 in gold, completing the purse of \$101,000 for the fighters. Everything is ready for the gong Monday.

Alarm Is Felt

Washington July 2.—Much apprehension is felt in the south over the outcome of the fight. Negroes are

THE STELLAR CHAUTAUQUA FIGURE



Ex-Governor Folk Who will Bring Trainload to La Grande Next Wednesday

ROOSEVELT REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE NEW YORK GOVERNORSHIP

Utica, N. Y., July 2.—Col. Roosevelt has punctured the boom started to make him governor of New York. In a letter to one of the Ida County Republican League who started the boom. He said, "May I thank the club for its message. Its good will is appreciated, but I ask the club immediately to stop the agitation to have me nominated, because it is an absolute impossibility for me to accept."

Oyster Bay, July 2.—A conference this afternoon between Roosevelt and

Congressman Madison of the insurgents is believed to be one of the most important which Roosevelt has held since he arrived. Politicians predict it will have a great influence on the coming campaign.

The Colonel told newspaper men he would give the substance of the conference afterward. It is believed the Kansas insurgent came to urge Roosevelt to make an early statement to the public to aid the insurgents.

CHAUTAUQUA GROUNDS SITE OF NEW-BORN CITY WHERE SCORES OF FAMILIES RESIDE

Dotted with tents like an army host, curling and twisting wreaths of smoke from camp fires wending in and about the tall trees, hammer and saw melodies rasping on the early morning air, Riverside Park at daybreak today saw an air of a "city in woods." Until far in the night last evening, camps were being reared in secluded nooks, the workmen were building various headquarters and when quiet finally settled down on the region about the park, new life had been given the scene. Dozens of families will be camped on the greens of the park grounds before tomorrow morning—they are already thickly distributed on the choice spots. The main building for housing large audiences is practically finished, the administration building is done, the "dozen and one" extra buildings for lodge, fraternity and church headquarters have been reared in a night, and a Reno-like city has sprung up.

Opening Tomorrow.

With fitting services, Sunday will usher in the Chautauqua—the first of its kind ever attempted east of the Cascades in Oregon. P. H. D. Powell the chief lecturer in tomorrow's exercises is now in La Grande. Rev. Fred K. Redfern, general secretary of the Idaho Sunday School association, with headquarters in Boise, will fill the pulpit in place of Rev. Phipps. Otherwise the program will proceed as scheduled.

Attention is again called to the pa-

rade tomorrow morning, when, at 9 o'clock all affiliated Sunday Schools of the city will be represented in a grand march to the Chautauqua grounds, the event assuming the dedicatory features for the Riverside Park. From that hour on the program will be carried on as announced.

Monday's program is likewise to be carried out in detail, the day being memorial-tuned but not a public 4th of July celebration in the common application of the word. The afternoon festivities commence with land races in the park at 1:30 and shortly after that hour the scene of attraction will switch to the first bridge, the first one across the river. Under and around that structure will take place a rather novel attraction.

Camp Grounds Moved

By force of circumstances, the campers who will live at the park for the next ten days, have been forced to move their camps to the park proper and will not be camped across the way as at first planned. This is proving to be a popular side attraction for the Chautauqua proper. Scores will live at the beautiful park during the life of the Chautauqua.

Attraction to Appear Soon

Principals—nationally known—will commence to congregate in this city from today on. They will be here in time to carry out parts assigned to them.

MOB SLAYS SIX NEGROES THEN SUICIDES

OTHERS FLEE FROM TOWN TO ESCAPE THE FURY

Quarrel Between White and Black Starts Fatal Race Riot

Mendenhall, Miss., July 2.—Having killed six negroes in a race war beginning last night, the mob resumed the attack on the negro quarter today. The negroes have fled and the mob is hunting them. One, named Skiffer, was riddled with bullets.

The trouble started Sunday when Luther Buckley, a white man, went to the cabin of a negro named Brady to collect \$2. They quarreled and Buckley killed Brady. The other negroes present fled and took refuge in Skiffer's cabin from pursuing whites who dragged out and killed Skiffer, beat four and released one. While pursuing negroes in the swamps yesterday, two white men were killed—shot from ambush. The authorities hope to control the situation without the militia.

MOLINE CAR WINS CUP

Maxwell Car Second in Annual Glidden Tour Race

Chicago, July 2.—The Moline car No. 100 holds the Chicago trophy for the annual Glidden tour. The Maxwell came second. All reports are not prepared but it is believed that the Premier will not be declared winner of the touring sars. The Chalmers 30 was second.

Montana Bank Fails

Washington, July 2.—The National Bank of Billings was ordered closed by the comptroller of currency today. R. W. Goodhart was appointed receiver. At the close of business March 26, the resources of the bank were \$2,856,000.

PORTLAND STREETS HAVE TRAGIC INCIDENT TODAY

Second Family Quarrel Leads to Possible Death From Bullets

Portland, July 2.—Following a series of quarrels H. M. Lumbert, aged 35, a carpenter, met his wife on Dekum avenue and 16th street this afternoon and shot her three times and then poured two bullets into his own breast, both dying at the hospital. They have two small children. The couple had been quarreling frequently of late. Scores witnessed the tragedy. As soon as the woman fell, he dropped beside her.

FIRE DESTROYS TOWN

Minnesota Town in Ruins and People Flee to Safety

International Falls, Minn., July 2.—The town of Mizpah is in ruins today as a result of forest fires which are sweeping this portion of the state. The postoffice was dynamited in an effort to check the advance of the flames but a high wind blew the fire through the town. The inhabitants have fled.

GENERAL ROBE DEAD

Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease—A Hero of Civil War Period

San Diego, July 2.—Brigadier General Charles Robe, who was a civil war veteran, died suddenly here today. He is survived by four children, all grown.

Pope Faints

Rome, July 2.—Pope Pius was seized with a fainting spell today. Dr. Petacci, the Vatican physician, said it was caused by the heat and was not serious.

taking intense interest, believing the result will determine to a great extent their position.

Should Johnson win, it is feared the exulting negroes will assume an arrogant attitude and endeavor to show their superiority by crowding white women off the sidewalk. This will be sure to cause trouble.

NEGROES MUST KEEP AWAY.

Blacks and Whites will Not be Allowed to Hear Same Fight Returns

Birmingham, Ala., July 2.—Negroes and whites will not be allowed to congregate before the same bulletin boards in this city to watch the fight returns. Mayor O'Brien today issued an order instructing the police to keep the two races separate. He declared he was not going to take any chances of a race riot over this issue.

OPENING PROGRAM IN DETAIL

The Observer has been requested to again publish the Sunday and Monday program and it is appended herewith, that everyone may know definitely what is in store and at what hours they occur. It follows:

Sunday, July 3.

(Program in charge of the La Grande Ministerial Association)

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School Rally—Conducted by Rev. C. A. Phipps, State S. S. Worker

1:30 p. m.—Sacred Concert by La Grande Band.

2:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. G. L. Powell, of Minneapolis, Minn.

7 to 8 p. m.—Concert by the Band.

8 p. m.—Lecture by Rev. G. L. Powell, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Monday, July 4

10:00 a. m.—Band Concert.

11:00 a. m.—Oration of the Day—Hon. Stephen A. Lowell

Noon—Basket Picnic.

1:00 p. m.—Band Concert.

1:30 to 3:00 p. m.—Special Athletic Program.

Land sports—50-yd. dash, free for all; 50-yd. dash, under sixteen; 50-

yd dash (exhibition); half mile (exhibition)

Water Sport—
25 yard swim (free stroke)
40 yard swim (free stroke)
80 yard swim (free stroke)
40 yard swim (back stroke)
80 yard swim, free stroke (juvenile event)
Jump for height from spring board
High diving three heights, 15, 25 and 30 feet solid take off.
Endurance test, under water (not distance).

Waterson's Son Insane

Saughterys, N. Y., July 2.—Ewing, a son of Henry Waterson, the famed journalist was arrested today charged with insanity following an attack on Michael Martin, who was perhaps fatally injured. Yesterday Waterson threatened to kill a bartender of the hotel owned by Martin. Martin interfered and Waterson shot. It is declared the man has been on the verge of insanity for years.

POLICY STARTS INQUEST
Officials will Determine How Engineer Met His Death in Desert

San Bernardino, Calif., July 2.—Coroner Vanwei will journey into the desert to hold an inquest over the body of Charles Davidson, a Berkeley engineer, who died of the heat several days ago in the desert. He left a policy for \$20,000. The policy stipulates only \$5,000 will be paid if he died of heat, thirst or exhaustion.

IDAHO BUZZES AT HEAT KILLS TEN NEW GOSSIP IN CHICAGO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY REMOVED

Charges of Incompetency and Injudicious Action Are Causes

Boise, July 2.—Announcement that U. S. District Attorney Lingenfelter had been removed from office by the department of justice at Washington created a furore in political circles today.

It was reported that charges of incompetency and injudicious conduct were the reason.

Assistant U. S. Dist. Attorney Tipton succeeds him. Lingenfelter is now in Washington.

Lingenfelter lives in Lewiston and was appointed in 1898, following the removal of N. M. Ruick, who brought indictments charging conspiracy against Senator Borah and United States Marshal Rounds.

AVIATORS GATHER

Rheims Aviation Meet will Start Tomorrow Morning

Paris, July 2.—Aviators from all parts of Europe are assembling for the Rheims meet which will begin tomorrow. Forty biplanes and 23 monoplane will be entered in the contest. Aviators Rolls, Bleriot, Delesep, Paulhan, Farman Doubonnet and Lambert will participate. Prizes total \$65,000.

Tolstol Ill Again

Moscow, July 2.—Tolstol is ill at his home in Yasnaya. Old age is the cause. His friends are worried.

Telephone to Lake

The Independent Telephone has been extended to the head of Wallowa lake and campers there have full use of the entire service.

NEW YORK'S POPULATE FLEES TO THE COUNTRY.

Coney Island Strwn with People Last Night During Heat Spell

Chicago, July 2.—Heat killed ten more today, making a total of sixty this season. The thermometer stood at 90 today and 92 yesterday. There is no breeze.

Thousands Leave New York.

New York, July 2.—Trains leaving this city are jammed with people escaping the heat. Last night 50,000 slept at Coney Island all night. The temperature remained at 85 all night. Five deaths and numerous prostrations are reported. There is no relief promised.

Rides in Auto Now

Larry Larrison, better known as Governor Stubbs, is now selling groceries from an automobile. Larrison has a new five passenger car furnished by the wholesale house and he will cover all his territory until the weather becomes inclement in the fall. He is delighted with the novelty of the undertaking. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Larrison and two friends, from Baker spent the evening in La Grande.

FRUIT IS CONFISCATED

Apricots Shipped in From Portland Taken off the Market

Fruit Inspector Stillwell today confiscated a box of apricots shipped in from Portland as unsound. He is keeping close watch of both local and foreign grown fruit and there is little danger of diseased fruits going through the markets.