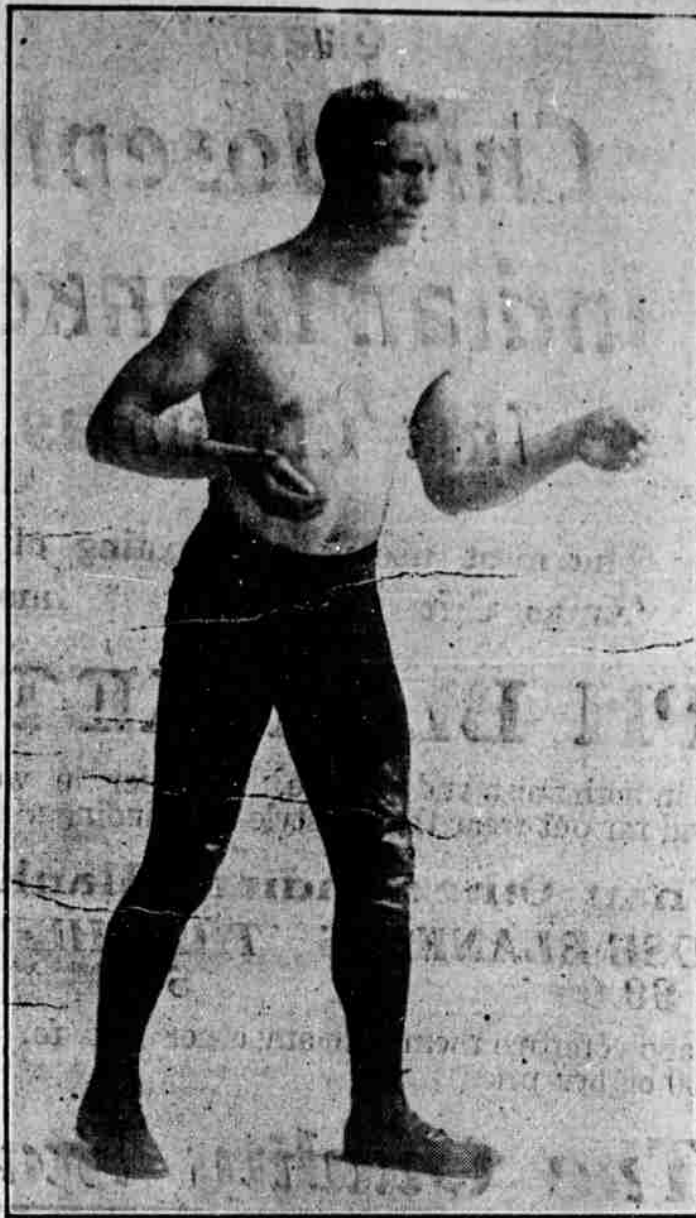


TWO ATHLETES, WRESTLER AND BOXER, WHO WILL BE SEEN IN ACTION HERE TONIGHT.



Ed Warner, the 165 pound wrestler who will attempt to throw Eddie O'Connell twice in an hour this evening.



Billy Gaffney, prominent in Pendleton amateur athletic circles, who is here today and will give exhibitions tonight.



Jockey Bennett, the Los Angeles featherweight champion of the coast who meets Billy Gaffney December 16th.

BILLY FAMOUS GAFFNEY VISITS IN LA GRANDE TODAY

La Grande is the center of the Pacific northwest wrestling game for a day today. Wherever Eddie O'Connell, Young Hackenschmidt, Billy Gaffney, Dudley Evans, Ed Warner, et al, are gathered in one day, wrestling and boxing are prone to keep their eyes trained. Incidental to the coming bout between Gaffney and Bennett, photographs of whom appear on this page, a Pendleton press overshadowing all other sporting topics among local fans is the coming battle between Billy Gaffney, the crack lightweight of the northwest, and Jockey Bennett of Los Angeles, lightweight champion of the Pacific coast. Never before has a boxing contest aroused so much comment in Pendleton. Several factors contribute to this intensity of interest.

In the first place, the bout will make coast ring history. Bennett has met and mastered a number of top-notchers and his draw with Montie Attell in San Francisco brought him within striking distance of the title. This means that if Gaffney beats Bennett, the former will spring into national note as a contender for the championship.

In the second place, Gaffney has made himself a strong local favorite, and the fans in Portland are also following this boy's progress with keen interest, as that is his home town. Billy's aggressive, tigerish 10-round assault on Spike Hennessey in their recent match captured the fans and although he was only given a draw in that bout, many felt that he had earned the decision, and they are eager to see him tried out against a lad with such stuff in him as Jockey Bennett.

The coming contest is a turning

point in Gaffney's career. If he wins, it means that he can demand a chance to show what he can do in San Francisco and Los Angeles, where the top notch fights are staged in the light-weight division.

Gaffney is training under the unquestionably competent direction of Dudley Evans, manager of the P. A. A. C., and Young Hackenschmidt, the wonderful little wrestler and expert in physical culture and athletic instruction, has personal charge of Gaffney's preparations for the Bennett bout.

Although final arrangements have not been closed, the tentative date is Dec. 16, or thereabouts, and the Oregon theatre will be the field of battle.

Bennett's Great Record.

Bennett has a great record, having fought a hundred battles. He got a draw with Johnny Conlon in San Francisco when the latter was the featherweight champion of the world. He also drew with Montie Attell when the latter held that title.

Billy Gaffney has no professional record, having just come out of amateur boxing, but his speed, cleverness and fierce aggressiveness have earned serious recognition that is very unusual for a new body in professional circles.

Billy comes from a fighting family. His brother Tommy is considered one of the greatest lightweights in the country. Tommy fought Battling Nelson to a 20-round draw in one of the bloodiest battles ever seen in San Francisco. He has gone out of his weight getting draws with such crack welterweights as Jack Carpenter, the Battling Dane and Jack Dorrity of Salt Lake, all 138-pounders.

Those who have watch Billy Gaffney closely believe that he is going to develop into a greater fighter than his brother.

Frank Coffey and a big bunch of Portland sports, are backing Jockey Bennett and are coming up to see the fight and place their money. They will be here several days before the bout, it is said.

Big Hotel for Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 2.—Some of the largest construction firms in the United States will enter bids for the main contracts of a \$2,000,000 hotel to be built in Spokane. The first contract for the hotel, which will be known as the Davenport, has been let to the Engineering Construction company of Spokane for excavations, basement walls, curb walls and foundations. Among the large firms already in the field for the general contract are: The James Stewart Construction company, St. Louis; James Black Masonry and Contracting company, St. Louis; Dinwiddie Construction company, Portland, Ore.; Brayton Engineering company, Portland; Murley-Mason company, Portland; L. A. Hicks, San Francisco, and the Sound Construction company, Seattle. The hotel, which is financed largely by Spokane capitalists, will rank with the finest in the west. The site has been cleared of buildings, and excavating will commence at once. The hotel will be 14 stories high.

Good Roads the Main Topic.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The subject of good roads, both state and national, is to be the principal topic of discussion at the 11th annual convention of the American Automobile association which opened here today at the Auditorium hotel for a session of two days. The association was formed in this city in March, 1902, and many of the founders and former officers of the organization are among those present at the present gathering. The national organization now comprises 44 state bodies and 450 local clubs and is in a flourishing condition. Under the stimulating influence of the state organizations many states have spent large sums for the building and improvement of roads and at the present convention steps will be considered to extend the propaganda for good roads to the states which have not yet taken any steps in that direction. The convention will close tomorrow with the annual banquet.

MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations today were:
Home grown apples—50c per box.
Oranges—50¢@50c.
Bananas—40c per doz.
Tokay grapes—60c basket.
Pineapple—20c and 25c, size.
Cranberries—15c qt.
Grape fruit—(large size) 2 for 25c.
Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
Onions—1.50 per cwt., small lots 2c lb.
Potatoes—75c per cwt.
Beans—White, 1-3c; Lima, 10 cents.
New cabbage—2c.
Celery—2 bunches for 25c. (Home grown, 10c.)
Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.
Cauliflower—15¢@20c per head.
Green peppers—15c per lb.
Squash—2½c lb.
Pumpkins—2½c.
Turnips—2½c lb.
Flour, Feed and Grain.
Wild Hay—(retail)—\$12.00.
Timothy—\$15.00 (retail).
Alfalfa hay—\$12.00 (retail).
Sorgho—\$1.40 per cwt.
Oats—\$1.40.
Bran—\$1.25 per cwt.
Rolled Oats—\$1.40.
Rolled barley—\$1.30 per cwt.
Blue Stem Flour—\$1.35 sack.
Patent—\$1.35.
White Quartz—\$1.35 per sack.
Snowdrift—\$1.35.
10s Corn Meal—35c per sack.
Eggs and Butter.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cents, 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 80c.
Ranch butter—70c 2 lb. roll.
Fresh eggs—50c.
Ranch eggs—50c.
Storage—35c.
(Cattle, Hogs and Poultry.)
(Buying Prices.)
Heavy hogs—\$6.00 per cwt.
Light hogs—\$6.85 per cwt.
Chickens—Hens 9c; old roosters 7c; spring frites, 12c.
Turkeys—25¢@28c.
Ducks—Live weight 12c.
Geese, live weight 10c.
Cows—4¢@5c.
Steers—5¢@6c.
Sheep—4c.

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