

SPORTSMEN ONLY TAXED

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION SELF SUSTAINING.

Communications "Offer to Set Grangers Right" in Game Matter.

Since the passage of a resolution in Pomona grange attacking the Fish and Game commission as an unnecessary burden to the taxpayers, various communications have come to the Observer office kindly offering "to set the Grangers right." They point out that every cent of money used to maintain the commission comes from the sportsmen who buy licenses, and that no taxpayer feels the slightest effect of the commission in the tax collecting department. It is only when he obtains a hunting license, it is pointed out, that he becomes financially interested in the commission. The commission took in more money than it spent last year. One subscriber mails the following from the Athena Press:

"Sportsmen, hunters and gun clubs have no fault to find with the Oregon Fish and Game commission. They pay a license fee for the privilege of hunting and fishing and are satisfied with the present system of propagation and game protection. The disgruntled ones are those who haven't the inclination to leave business for a few days' recreation and only this class are crying for the abolishment of the commission and turning the game and fish license money into the general fund. If this is done, the propagation and protection of fish and game will see its finish. There is right now more fish and game in the state of Oregon—made possible by the present system and regulation—than ever before under other protection given it. The fund created by payment of hunting and fishing license comes from the pockets of those who believe in fish and game increase and they will stand as one man against any scheme to turn the fish and game funds into the keeping up of other departments of the state government."

Speaking of the Walla Walla Y. M. C. A. five which is to play the M. I. A. team this season, an Echo news dispatch says:

Echo's baseball championship hopes were given another setback last night, this time on their own floor, by Coach Applegate's Y. M. C. A. five of Walla Walla, who ran up a score of 31 to 22 on the semi-professionals. The "Y" defeated the same team in Walla Walla a few weeks ago.

The lineup and baskets thrown last night were as follows: Y. M. C. A. Center, Cox, four baskets, seven fouls; forwards, Most one, McGinn 1; guards French one and Smith one.

Echo: Center, C. Hoskins, five baskets and five fouls; forwards, F. Hoskins, two, and Markham, two; guards, Campbell and Matthes. Referee, Hannon.

Cox and C. Hoskins were the stars of the game, according to reports.

NEW FACES IN FIVE LINEUP

NEW MATERIAL TO BE BROKEN IN THIS EVENING.

First Game of the Season Will Also Introduce New Players

Three new faces will be seen in the quintet which tonight, commencing at 8:30 sharp, meets the Joseph high school five. Coach Olson has shifted E. Rosenbaum from the guard position where he played last year, to forward, and he, with Bean at center and Larsen form the only old men on the squad. The new faces include Woods, Williamson and Westering and J. Rosenbaum. Coach Olson will pick his team from the following:

Center, Bean or Woods; Guards, Williamson, Westering or Woods; Forwards, E. Rosenbaum, J. Rosenbaum and Larsen.

The game will be played at the high school gymnasium and attention is called to the hour, 8:30.

SPORT AT RANDOM.

BY HAL SHERIDAN

(Written for the United Press) New York, Dec. 30.—Battling Levinsky is hot on the trail of Jess Willard, if you'll take it from Dan Morgan. The latter is the busy letter-writing manager of the battling one and he is gitating for a match. Danny has issued a "Green Paper," comparable with the vari-colored papers of the European countries, in which the literary manager gets the following off his mind:

"Jess Willard to fight Jack Johnson." It sounds like a joke after Gunboat Smith outpointing him in twenty rounds and Bearcat McMahon whipping him at Youngstown, Ohio, a short time ago. Battling Levinsky has been trying to get Willard into a ring with him for the past year, but, up to date Big Jess refuses to box the Battler. Levinsky has whipped every heavyweight including Gunboat Smith and Bearcat McMahon and is ready to box Jess Willard under any conditions. Levinsky thinks Willard is like a wooden Indian that cannot box and is so slow that he is in his own way. Now, if the promoters of Jess Willard will sign up for Levinsky the public will not be bothered with any more press stuff regarding Willard to box Johnson, since Levinsky will whip him without any trouble and convince the sporting world that Big Jess is a huge joke."

Beware of Cheap Substitutes.

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RICHIE RYAN IS PROMISING.

Young Lightweight Has Succession of Ring Victories.

New York is just now a fine field for aspiring young pugilists. With more than a dozen athletic clubs giving weekly exhibitions the boy who thinks he is handy with his fists can get a chance to show his skill or to learn that he has none.

Richie Ryan is a young scrapper who has been schooled in these clubs. His manager has been clever in making his matches, and as a result Richie fought more than twenty battles with out losing one. He did not win all of



Photo by American Press Association.

RICHIE RYAN.

them by the knockout route, the only official way to score a victory in New York, as the law does not permit the referee to make decisions, but he lost none through newspaper decisions.

These victories gave young Ryan abundant confidence and no doubt had much to do with his success. After whipping a score of fighters it was natural for Ryan to believe that he could whip anybody, and this belief was a big asset.

Is Welsh Still Dangerous?

Some of the followers of the ring game declare that Freddie Welsh is going back. The belief is confirmed by the fact that Packey McFarland wants to fight him.

How to Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. R. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

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TWO WESTERN GIANTS.

Carl Morris and Jess Willard (From Same Section)

Two of the prominent "white hopes" come from the same section of the country. They are Carl Morris and Jess Willard. Morris' home is at Sapulpa, Okla., and Willard has spent many years in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, being known as the cowboy pugilist.

Having lived in the same locality is not the only matter in which the two resemble each other. They are both physical giants. Willard, with his six feet seven inches having the advantage in the matter of height, with Morris, who usually weighs about 240 pounds having a few pounds more weight. However, that is hardly an advantage for Morris would be a more formidable fighter if he were a little less bulky.

Morris and Willard have met. They met in the ring in New York, hammered each other as much as they could and would allow, and the general opinion was that Willard had whipped



Photos by American Press Association.

CARL MORRIS (ABOVE) AND JESS WILLARD

Morris. There was no knockout, just another beating like Morris had had before and is willing to take again.

Recovering from beatings is one of the best things he does. After his first appearance in New York, a bout with Jim Flynn, in which Morris' face was turned into a hamburger steak, Morris was regarded as having a pugilistic career that was finished before it was really started. But Carl went away and undertook to learn something about the game, and when he returned he had improved a great deal, so much so, in fact, that the sporting writers took him seriously, commended his unquestioned gameness and assured him that if he would acquire the fighting spirit he might achieve his ambition of whipping Jack Johnson.

Willard also lacks the real fighting spirit. He has never taken himself or his business seriously. He has regarded fighting as a joke, and that fact has undoubtedly retarded his advancement. Now he is matched for a fight with Johnson, and his admirers hope that he will enter the ring prepared to use all his great physical equipment. He looks like a fighter, but he has not always acted like one in the ring.

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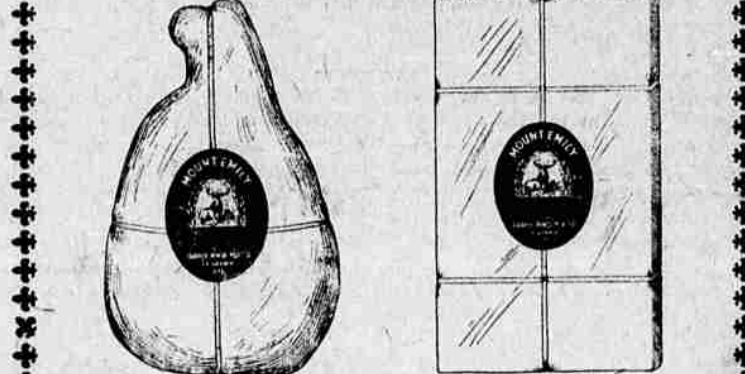
Notice of Stockholders Meeting. Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove State Bank of Cove, Oregon, will be held at the banking room on January 12, 1915 at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

HUGH McCALL, Cashier. 24 Jan 12.

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