

DEMPSEY KAYOES A PAL TO WIN TOWN BATTLE



DEMPSEY ONCE BALLYHOODED A DANCE THAT FOLLOWED ONE OF HIS BATTLES. WHEN HE TRAVELED, IT WAS EITHER IN, OR UNDERNEATH A FREIGHT CAR.

This story of Jack Dempsey's career has been written for the La Grande Observer by Hal Cochran on information much of which was furnished by Dempsey himself. The rest was obtained from Dempsey's close acquaintances and official records.

BY HAL COCHRAN
CHAPTER II.

Freddie Woods was willing to admit that he could lick anybody in Montrose, Colo., with the exception of Jack Dempsey. And he made this one exception because he had never mixed punches with Jack. They had been good pals.

When Jack landed back in Montrose, Freddie was the first fellow he looked up.

"Half the folks in this town think you can lick me," Jack told him, "and the rest of them think I can lick you. Let's stage a go and settle it. A lot of folks will pay money to see us scrap."

Woods agreed and Dempsey rented Moose Hall. He put out handbills, did some ballyhoosing, and advertised a dance to follow the fight.

Jack Scores a K. O.

When the people of the town started drifting in, Jack was at the door selling tickets. After customers ceased to come he went up stairs and doctored a pair of trunks. Then the battle was on.

It only took Jack four rounds to knock Woods cold.

"He slapped me pretty hard," as Jack now recalls it, "but I slapped him a bit harder. Woods knew a lot about boxing and all I could do was slaps. One of those slaps went home—and the dance was on!"

Dempsey helped stage the dance and afterwards paid Woods \$15 as his share. Jack had other expenses to meet and when he got through settling up, found that he had broken about even.

Set Out for Reputation.

The bout, however, gave Jack a lot of confidence, and realizing that he was shy on real reputation as a boxer, he set out to gather one. Smaller fights turned up around Colorado and Utah and Jack went from place to place, either in, on, or underneath a freight car.

He was ready to battle whenever there was a little piece of change in it. He seldom argued over what he was to be paid, however, and seemed to love, mainly, the idea of stepping into anything that looked like a ring. In a great many of his early fights he gave away much weight to his opponents.

Every now and then Jack would bum a freight ride back home to see the folks. His vacation from fighting was when he turned to picking peaches. Many folks in Montrose still remember him as the youngster who used to pitch their hay, do odd carpenter jobs around the house and swing a scythe when reaping season was on.

Adds to His Laurels.

Dempsey's next fight came with Andy Malloy, a Montrose youth who had battled with Bernard Dempsey and had taken an interest in Jack. He offered to mix mitts with Jack and once more Moose Hall was rented.

Malloy was well known and proved a drawing card. The place was jammed. Dempsey climbed higher in the town's esteem when he laid Malloy low in three rounds.

Malloy was paid \$100, on the strength of his reputation and his drawing power. Jack once more settled other expenses and found himself just where he had started, financially. This bout, however, paved the way to more and better paying battles.

(In the next story Dempsey knocks two brothers out and gets \$125 per K. O.)

Labor Chief?



Rumors in important labor circles say John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, will be a candidate to succeed Samuel Gompers as head of the American Federation of Labor.

Mind Reader?



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Argument?



Discussion over the right of a physician to keep confidences has been continued following testimony given by Dr. Hugh L. Russell of Buffalo, N. Y., in regard to statements made by Mrs. James A. Stillman, while his patient, about her baby Guy. Dr. Russell testified as a witness for James A. Stillman in the Stillman divorce suit.

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