

JACK TRIES RASSLING; LANDS FLAT ON BACK!

This story of Jack Dempsey's career has been written to 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 III

Andy Malloy held no malice toward Jack Dempsey because the latter had knocked him out. Rather, he saw a bright future for the husky slugger, and arranged a match for him with Ben Parrish at Olathe, Colo.

When Dempsey arrived, ready to put on the mitts, Parrish suddenly had a change of mind. He guessed he wouldn't fight—but he'd take Jack on in a wrestling match.

There was little or nothing flinching in Jack's jeans at the time and he readily agreed to go to the mat. "It was anything to pick up some odd change," says Jack.

Wrestling Career Ends.

He recalls that he was about as much at home on a wrestling canvas, as a jungle tiger in front of a fireplace. It took Parrish just 18 minutes to flop him the first time and a lot less the second time. Jack drew down \$10, but decided that a boxer had no business in the wrestling game.

Dempsey's next trip was to Crimble Creek, Colo., via freight. He was matched to battle with George Copelin. Many miners turned out for the bout and Copelin, being fairly well known as a battler, looked a sure winner.

Jack surprised the crowd by putting over the sleep punch in the seventh round.

Several smaller bouts turned up here and there, but they paid but little. Jack worked as a miner in between scraps.

The next real bout was staged at



WHEN DEMPSEY WASN'T FIGHTING, HE WAS EITHER PICKING PEACHES, WORKING IN A MINE, OR HIKING.

Durango, Colo., with Andy Malloy. It was a 20-round affair and ended in a draw.

Wants 10 Mills to Fight.

After this battle Jack headed it to Salt Lake and then to Silverton—to pick up a job in a mine. He stayed there a few days, then he stuck to the job and returned to Montrose and worked on a farm as a peach picker.

The Dempsey family had moved again, this time to Salt Lake City. Jack had a habit of running back home, every now and then, to stick his foot under the old family table. He showed a rattler and bent it for hours.

So it came at this time, was quite a center of fistic doings. Dempsey drew this and drifted into Hardy Downey's athletic club.

There were several bouts in progress and after eyeing a few, Jack asked permission to step into the arena with some bird.

Downey turned two brothers loose on him, one at a time. Jack knocked the first one cold in one round and then repeated on the second.

Spurs Medal.

Downey was much impressed with the newcomer's ability. He offered Jack a nice medal.

"Nix!" said Jack. "Come through with some coin."

After much argument he got \$2.50—\$1.25 per K. O.

There were many other fighters who hung around this club and Dempsey was a regular customer for a long time afterwards. He got a lot of training through mixing with heavyweights and middleweights, and was finally matched to meet the star of the club.

Then Dempsey got the surprise of his fistic career!

(In the next story Dempsey pulls down \$25 for a defeat, a draw and a knockout, all with the same scrapper.)

WHAT LA GRANDE PEOPLE ARE DOING

The east section of La Grande between the O-W, R. & N. tracks and Island City avenue, is blossoming out in a new spring dress. The several new houses that have gone up during the winter are now receiving coats of paint and other new cottages building give a prosperous complexion to a naturally pretty landscape. The large lots which surround the neat dwellings of that part of La Grande are green with promising gardens and everywhere there are evidences of thrift.

All improvements indicate a home owning population of good character. A representative of the Observer, in a stroll yesterday through that part of town noted the following:

J. R. McNowen, at the corner of Island Ave. and North Willow St., is making his home inside and outside modern and pretty. Mr. McNowen is employed by the O-W, R. & N., as are a number of his neighbors, and at odd times he is doing much of the carpenter work himself. His son, Oran McNowen, has built a neat cottage just across the street.

J. A. Campbell, 1707 Willow St., has built a neat 5-room bungalow, with the new feature of the trap porch. To the house he will attach a garage, as that one may leave and enter a car from the house without getting out in the storm. Mr. Campbell has built several good houses in La Grande.

L. A. Stoop, real estate hustler, has bought a neat house in this locality, thereby, because of his knowledge of values and futures, confirming as good the judgment of previous purchasers in this part of La Grande.

J. C. Wise, now section foreman of the Hot Lake section of the O-W, R. & N., when offered his choice of three stations in a transfer from Kamela, asked for the section house in East La Grande, and moved in last week. With his 16-year-old daughter, May, and 14-year-old son, Oral, Mr. Wise makes up an orchestra that is well known in the Grande Ronde Valley.

The family of J. E. Hulce, Willow street, moved yesterday to their foothill farm on the Iowa School district. Their house was rented some time ago, showing the demand for houses in this neighborhood.

J. Collins is contributing to the district a new home.

E. L. Parker, who is a taxi driver and gets to see and talk to the best as well as the worst of them, is demonstrating his drive ideas with paint and yard improvements at his home at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave.

Richard Folsom, 1707 East Ave., has one of the largest lawns and most advanced gardens in this end of the city. That to saying a good deal when all his neighbors are good gardeners and now have a line showing upon the block, rich with which is in evidence in this part of La Grande.

Allen Parker sports a new looking barn which is of such wide lumber and good material that it may spoil unless it is given a coat of paint before the hot weather comes.

Floyd W. Kendall, U. S. Forest Supervisor for the Summerville Ranger station, during the winter has rearranged his neat home at 1501 East Pennsylvania Ave. Numerous other homes in this progressive district have received touches of the paint brush, having

and saw, which in the reporter's first stroll through this neighborhood could be noted.

This addition to La Grande has a human interest story of touching appeal in the family of E. Parker, 2002 Q. Ave. Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. Roberts, 72 years old, is helpless from paralysis on the right side. The aged woman is brave, patient and cheerful. Nearly every day she is seen in a wheel chair propelled by one of the members of the Parker family, generally by Mrs. Parker. And the good and considerate people of the locality are wont to cheer the invalid as she is wheeled by them.

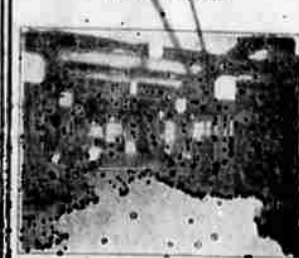
This winter Q. Avenue has been muddy and not in good condition for wheels. The residents have petitioned the city for a sidewalk. Several who were not yet ready for a sidewalk signed the petition so that the invalid woman would have better wheeling for her chair and be more certain of her daily rides.

For six years Mrs. Rogers has been helpless. Her husband died from cancer about the time she was stricken with paralysis, his suffering have been painful and long drawn out.

Both aged invalids have been dependents of the Parkers and the consequent drain upon the physical and material strength of the Parker family has been heavy. Such are the burdens which some worthy people are called upon to carry and when carried as cheerfully, conscientiously and lovingly as by the Parkers, the community is moved with admiration.

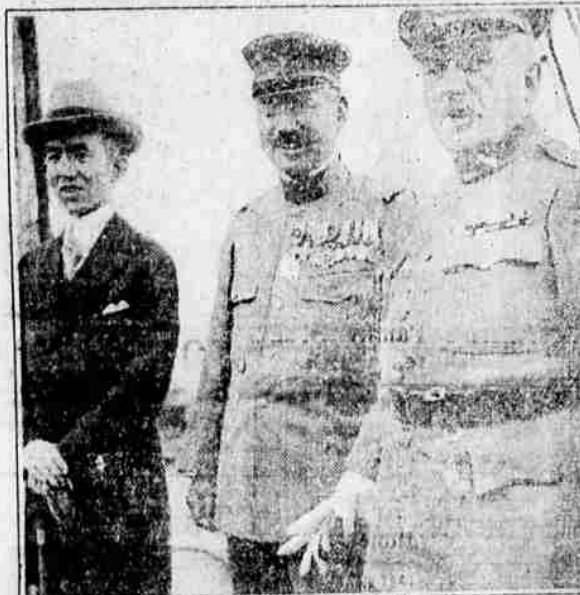
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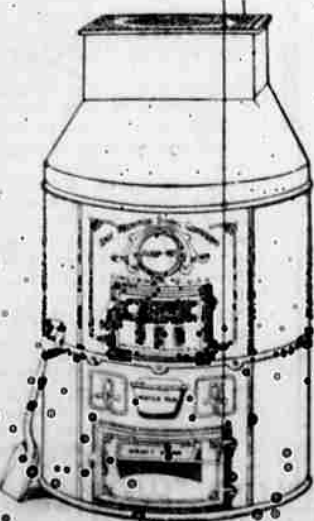
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