

SPORT NEWS

Fight Season Will Open On September 3

Bus Bairie, Local Pugilist, Preparing for Coming Season; Bus Is Whipping into Shape.

(By Observer Sports Editor) Despite the fact that mysterious Billy Smith, who a week ago was agreeable to meeting Bus Bairie here Labor Day in a ten round main event, has decided not to come, boxing circles are confident that a first rate boxing card will be staged September 3, in this city. Negotiations are underway by Ed Ford to secure a first class opponent for Bairie.

Bus is preparing for the fall and winter boxing season in La Grande diligently. Daily training and work for the past week. For awhile Bairie five to seven miles on the road every morning, to get in shape for the harder work that is to follow.

Members of the camp, through the courtesy of Joe Carr, of Carr's Furniture Store, have erected a regulation 15-foot ring on the premises of Carr's residence, and daily workouts with fighters of merit in and about La Grande have been started and will continue during the remainder of the fight season.

Three additions to Bairie's camp in the near future is announced. Mike Brotherton, a light-heavy from Walla Walla, and John Woodmansee, a light weight from Bairie's home town, Logan, Utah, will arrive shortly. Woodmansee is one of the fastest and cleverest lightweights in the Rocky Mountain district. A colored boy by the name of Rufus Hale, now in La Grande, will join the camp also.

The writer believes that Bairie is in much better shape than he was at the end of last season. Less fat is noticeable around the belt and his wind and speed have not decreased during his layoff during the summer. Bairie always was an aggressive fighter and should be far more successful this year than during the past.

Dempsey Grant of License.

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York state athletic commission Friday cleared the way for the Luis Firpo-Jack Dempsey heavyweight title bout at the Polo grounds September 14, when it granted licenses for the contest to the champion and his manager Jack Kays.

Dempsey held state license No. 1 for some time after he won the heavyweight crown from Jess Willard, but the term of that permit had expired and a renewal was necessary. Firpo already holds a state license.

Formal application by Promoter Tex Rickard for a permit to stage the bout was submitted and copies of his contracts with Firpo and Dempsey were filed, in accordance with regulations but the commission while making no announcement, was understood to have deferred final action on them until next week's meeting.

Emmett to Play Jerome

EMMETT—in an attempt to quiet claims for the 1923 state title in league baseball, Emmett and Jerome champions of the Western and Southern Idaho leagues, respectively, will cross bats here in a two game series, Sunday and Monday afternoons.

Battling Siki Sails for New York today PARIS (AP)—Battling Siki left Paris Thursday night for Cherbourg to sail for New York Saturday on the Berengaria says the Echo Des Sports. The newspaper says he never left the capital with less ceremony. Only a half dozen of his friends had him goodbye.

Johnson Is Signed. SEATTLE (AP)—Floyd Johnson, Iowa heavyweight, has been signed for a bout in Tacoma, Labor day. Johnny Pepe, Tacoma boxing promoter, announced here, Pepe said that he had not engaged an opponent for Johnson but was considering Frank Farmer and Sam Langford.

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Fight Crowns Fickle; Skim Many Boxers

Titles Pass as Often as Valentino Changes His Necktie, Walsh Observes.

By Davis J. Walsh, International News Service Sports Editor.

NEW YORK.—First it was Bluff, Holder of two titles, he lost both within a matter of few months to Joe Lynch and Pancho Villa. Then Jack Britton stepped in against Mickey Walker and stepped out minus the world's welterweight championship. Followed then in rapid succession the fall of Harry Grob, deprived of the American light heavyweight title by Gene Tunney and a trick decision; Villa, Georges Carpentier, Battling Siki, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Jimmy Wilde and Eugene Criqui.

Villa was declared to have finished second to Frankie Genaro in a bout for American flyweight honors. Carpentier was knocked off the world's light heavyweight throne by Battling Siki the singular Negelese, and the latter in turn was beaten by Mike McGuire.

Subsequently Johnny Kilbane suffered a one-punch knockout at the hands of Criqui, the sock carrying with it the world's featherweight championship. Dundee lost the 130-pound title to Jack Bernstein, another unpopular decision, and Villa came back to knock off Jimmy Wilde and become a world's champion where before he was merely an ex-holder of an American title. Finally Criqui, a champion of six weeks' standing, was beaten within an inch of his life by Dundee.

Greatest Year. That, in brief, is the history of championship boxing within a single year, the greatest possibly the sport has known. Certainly it has exceeded all others in the matter of important bouts held and the fact that championships have changed hands about as many times as Valentino changes his necktie.

And perhaps the end is not yet. The only champions in the present list who appear certain of retaining their titles indefinitely are Dundee and the esteemed Benny Leonard. Benny disposed of Lew Tander beyond any possibility of a return bout and can beat Charley White, Rocky Kansas, Pinky Mitchell and other alleged contenders at his leisure and convenience.

Jack Dempsey, of course, stands supreme among the heavyweights, but for the first time in four years he faces plausible competition from Luis Firpo, Harry Wills and Tom Gibbons, the latter being entitled to another shot at the title merely on the face of the Shelby returns.

Others in Danger. As for the others, Villa must still answer to Genaro, who holds three decisions over the Filipino; Walker is a member of a division where the competition is keen and the competitors many; Joe Lynch, the bantam king, is thought to have seen his best days; Johnny Wilson, the middle-weight champion, might be beaten by the first good man who happens along, and either Gibbons or Tannay probably would "take" McGuire.

Dundee doesn't seem to have much to fear from the present crop of featherweights, but Bernstein might step down from the junior light-weights and carry Johnny along at a right smart pace from fifteen rounds. However, Dundee looked like one of the greatest featherweights of all time against Criqui and hardly figures to finish second to any contender right at this moment.

TILDON AND NORTON VICTORS IN DOUBLES

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP)—The news doubles combination of William T. Tilden, II, Philadelphia, and Bryan I. C. Norton, South Africa, Friday put another strong and brilliant new combination, that of Manuel Alonso, Spain, and Wallace Johnston, Philadelphia, out of the running for national tennis honors in a spectacular four set match Friday.

A crowd of more than 60,000, the largest since the tournament began last Monday, saw the Tilden-Norton team conquer the Spanish-American pair by a score of 7-9, 8-5, 5-2. Saturday the winners will meet R. N. Williams, II, Bryan Mawr, Pa., and his partner, Watson Washburn, New latter team Thursday eliminated the Australian Davis cup challenger, James O. Anderson and John B. Hawkes.

BASEBALL

Pacific Coast League.			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	87	59	.596
Sacramento	81	65	.555
Portland	78	66	.546
Salt Lake	70	72	.493
Seattle	67	75	.472
Los Angeles	67	78	.461
Vernon	64	81	.442
Oakland	64	82	.439

National League.			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	76	45	.628
Cincinnati	71	46	.607
Pittsburgh	70	48	.593
Chicago	65	54	.548
St. Louis	59	61	.492
Brooklyn	57	61	.483
Philadelphia	39	78	.333
Boston	36	80	.310

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	74	40	.652
Cleveland	64	53	.547
St. Louis	58	56	.508
Chicago	53	52	.505
Detroit	50	55	.476
Washington	46	58	.441
Philadelphia	46	64	.418
Boston	44	68	.393

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sacramento 5, Portland 1			
Sacramento			R. H. E.
Portland			1 3 1

ROAD CONDITIONS IN EASTERN OREGON

The conditions of highways in Eastern Oregon this week, according to the weekly report by the State Highway Commission, are as follows:

Old Oregon Trail—East of The Dalles. Ontario - Huntington - Baker - La Grande-Pendleton: Macadamized entire distance and in excellent condition. Pendleton - Umatilla - Arlington-The Dalles: Macadamized entire distance; resurfacing work under way between Pendleton and Echo and between Messner and Heppner Junction. Cautious driving necessary. Oregon-Washington Highway. Pendleton-Washington State Line: Paved. Pendleton-Pilot Rock: 5 miles good earth road; 10 miles macadam. Pilot Rock-Vinson: 15.7 miles macadam in good condition. Vinson-Butter Creek-Jones Hill: County road. Very rough and rocky but passable. Jones Hill-Heppner: Standard grade in good condition. Under contract for macadamizing. Heppner-Heppner Junction (junction of Columbia River Highway): Paved. Baker-Cornucopia Highway. Baker-Halfway: 19 miles macadam; 21 miles graded roadbed. Balance fair county road. New grade on lower Powder River between Love Bridge and Black Bridge now open to traffic. Baker-Unity Highway. Road over Dooley mountain open. Fair county road.

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San Francisco 1 4 3
Oakland 5 10 0
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Vernon 6, Los Angeles 1
Vernon R. H. E.
Los Angeles 1 5 1
Vernon 6 9 1
Batteries: Hughes, Robertson and Baldwin; May and Hannah.

Salt Lake 9, Seattle 6
Salt Lake R. H. E.
Seattle 6 11 2
Salt Lake 9 13 1
Batteries: Burger, Blake and Yaryan; Myers and Peters.

American League (Yesterday)
New York 7, Detroit 1.
Washington 20, Cleveland 8.
St. Louis 5, Boston 5.
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2.

Lyons Farmer Suicide. STAYTON, Oregon. — Lewis A. Cobb, farmer of the Lyons district, was found dead with a bullet in his heart and another in his head. He apparently had committed suicide. A .38-caliber revolver was found by his side. Domestic troubles were believed to have been the motive for the deed. Cobb had complained that he was not feeling well. He sent his son, Lewis A. Jr., with a letter to the storekeeper at Lyons, upon his return the boy found his father lying dead on a bed. Cobb's wife was away from home. The body was brought to Stayton.

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American Marines In Haiti Make Rescue

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, (AP)—The initiative and courage of two privates of the Marine Corps saved the lives recently of 14 Hawaiian prisoners who were trapped in a blazing prison in the village of Croix des Bouquets. Official commendation of the two men in question, Melvin J. B. Griggs of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Russel M. Anderson of Ellsville, Miss., was forwarded to the Navy Department by Brig. Gen. John H. Russell, the American High Commissioner to Haiti, and by their brigade commander, Col. Theodore P. Kane.

The prison at Croix des Bouquets is constructed of heavy cement walls covered with a thatched roof. A spark from the prison kitchen ignited the roof, and the guards were successful in liberating the women prisoners. In the endeavor to release the fourteen men confined in separate quarters the key became jammed in the lock, and efforts to break the lock with a stone by the native guards were unavailing.

Griggs and Anderson, riding in the vicinity, were attracted by the blaze and rushed to the spot. While Haitians dashed water against the blazing prison, the Americans broke through the wall of fire that blocked the prison door, and smashed the lock with an iron bar. They then entered the prison and dragged the half-suffocated prisoners to safety. Both men were slightly burned while risking their lives.

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