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TO INVESTIGATE TRANSPORTATION

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LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Many incidents in Dame Nellie Melba's long career — pathetic, humorous and dramatic — were recalled here yesterday in connection with the diva's passing. She once related how the great and austere Lord Kitchener was moved to tears. It happened at a dinner where she, Kitchener and two or three others were guests. After the meal came the inevitable request for a song from the silver-throated artist.

She begged off, since she was not feeling well, but Lord Kitchener, pleaded hard on the ground that he had been an exile from home for such a long time. "Eventually I consented and sang him Home, Sweet Home. When I had finished, Lord Kitchener said not a word but coming up to me, bowed and kissed my hand. As he raised his head I saw the tears stream down his cheeks."

It was by special invitation of King Alfonso that the diva first went to Spain. Hearing her in London, Alfonso asked, "Why have you been neglected, madame? How is it that you have never been to Spain?" "Because, sire, nobody ever asked me," replied the great singer.

"Then I ask you now," said the king. She went and scored another big success. She used to laugh merrily over an incident at Salt Lake City, where her special car was parked on a railway siding and she was unable to sleep because of continuous ringing of switch engine bells. After standing the clamor for a long time the singer took to shaking her fist at the engineers.

"Give us passes for tonight," one of them yelled as she swept past, "and we will quit ringing."

On one visit to Chicago Melba got a letter from a schoolboy asking for a ticket for the night's concert. "I have heard you on the gramophone and want to know whether you can really get in all those trills," he wrote. Two free passes were his reward.

Generosity was one of Melba's great virtues. Naturally she refused many appeals for help but she did not always wait to be asked before extending aid. It was only a short time ago that she read in the papers of a distressed woman in Paddington district, London, threatened with starvation. She promptly sent the sufferer five pounds and a hamper of provisions.

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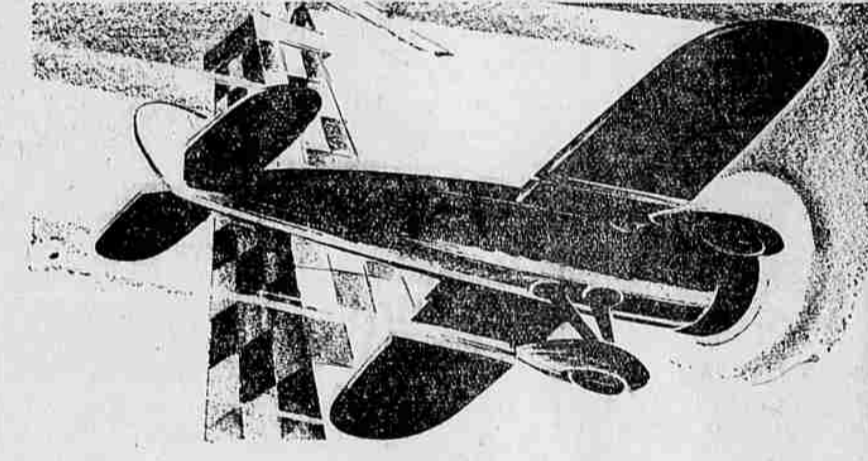
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THE GASOLINE OF POWER

1931 Heavyweight Season To Open In Miami Tonight

By Alan Gould
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—Promoter "Pa" Stribling will try to pry the lid off the 1931 heavyweight outdoor season tonight with a card featuring Mickey Walker and Johnny Hasko in the featured final, besides exhibition performances by the forthcoming championship rivals, Young Stribling and Max Schmeling.

He expects 25,000 customers to contribute \$50,000 to \$60,000 at the bargain scale of \$2 to \$5.

If it rains tonight, the show will be Wednesday night. The weather has been threatening.

There was no hitch in the arrangements otherwise, Stribling said, despite mysterious reports, emanating from New York, that a cancellation was likely. These reports appeared more concerned with the fate of the return Carnera-Maloney bout, scheduled as the second of the winter's festive festivals in the Madison Square Garden arena here on March 5.

Boys Skeptical

Ever since a crack developed in Carnera's teeth rib, the boys have been skeptical, despite the flat statements of promoter Frank J. Bruen that under no circumstances would he consider calling his show off. With Carnera signed to meet the winner of the Stribling-Schmeling bout in a second fight in September, it is no secret that the Italian's board of managers, led by Bill Duffy, has no desire to run unnecessary risks.

Walker and Hasko, meanwhile, are ready for just an old-fashioned socking bee. Walker won the last time this pair collided in Detroit, but Risko, with a 25 pound pull in the look-alike, is in condition to spring one of his typical upsets.

The preliminaries tonight, including five six rounders, are slated for 8 p. m., the main go at 10.

Four Inches Of New Snow Falls At Kamela, Ore.

By Mrs. Bertie Riggs
(Observer Correspondent)
KAMELA, Ore. (Special)—Kamela residents awoke Monday morning to about four more inches of new snow followed by a dense fog which lasted several hours. The snow scraper was in use on the highway clearing off the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Horstman and son, Jack, spent the weekend visiting in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Charlton were pleasantly surprised on Sunday when unexpectedly visited by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denny and son, George, and Mrs. Denny's mother, Mrs. Fishback, of Long Beach, Cal., and Mrs. Charlton's cousin, Laurel Baker, of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lane and daughter, Helen Mae, were La Grande visitors on Monday.

Fireman Ray Cook, of La Grande, is employed at Kamela at present.

Harvey Hood spent Saturday evening in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tameris drove to La Grande on business Saturday.

Friendly Barnes spent the weekend with his family in Kamela.

Bob Seaton, of Union, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. Broms.

Virginia Wigglesworth and Dorothea McCourey spent the weekend at Virginia's home in Kamela.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Broms, accompanied by Bob Seaton and Alta Wigglesworth, drove to La Grande Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierson, of Perry, spent Sunday at the H. J. Horstman home.

Mrs. Emma Brown went to La Grande Monday to visit with Mr. Brown who is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denson were La Grande visitors Sunday evening.

Maxine Casteel, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denson in Kamela, left for a short visit in Meacham before returning to her home in Pilot Rock.

Keneth Pierson spent a short time in Kamela Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lane accompanied by Mrs. F. P. Brooks, and Mrs. Seaton, of Union, drove to La Grande Saturday.

Keuneth Pierson, of Perry, spent Monday in Kamela, visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Horstman.

Foreman Lloyd Bickford is another Kamela employe at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tameris spent Sunday in Eggn visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Glasson.

Jack Riggs spent Friday night and Saturday at his home in Kamela returning to Pendleton Sunday morning.

LA GRANDE WILL PLAY WALLOWA

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will result in the elimination of two teams.

Saturday the final games will be played, with three more teams to be eliminated, leaving three in the tournament, all of whom will be eligible to play in the district tournament at Union Mar. 5, 6 and 7. Two of the teams will play here Saturday night for the tournament championship.

Jackson, Jennie to officiate

Helin Jackson, of Portland, and Eldon Jennie, coach at Pacific university, will referee the sub-district tournament in La Grande. Nolan Skiff will score and Dr. W. M. Pearce will serve as timekeeper.

All games will be played in the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

Drawings for positions were made last night at 8 o'clock at a meeting held in La Grande High school, with E. D. Towler in charge. Representatives from most of the schools, including La Grande, Cove, North Powder, Imbler, etc., were in attendance.

"NOT GUILTY" IS PLEA OF MRS. FOWLER

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200 to 225 persons, filling the little court room almost to capacity.

Following the hearing Mrs. Fowler was returned to her cell, where she has been confined since Feb. 4.

WRESTLING FANS MAY FILL HOUSE

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A number of good preliminaries have been arranged by McCarrroll, including a "League of Nations" battle royal. Jerry Evans, Jim White, pate in this event. Arrangements have been made for a wrestling preliminary.

The card will begin at 8 o'clock and the two heavyweight grapplers expect to enter the ring about 8:45 o'clock.

Joe Malcewicz Is Winner Over Kruse

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 24 (AP)—Joe Malcewicz, Uteia Panther, won a two-fall out of three victory in the main wrestling event here last night over Bob Kruse, Portland heavyweight. Malcewicz evened the count in the fifth round by a backward body slam and clinched the match in the sixth with a headlock and slams.

Kruse scored his fall in the third stanza with a flying wristlock. Half the time the two wrestlers were battling out of the ropes.

John Freburg, Seattle heavyweight, won a five round bout on a foul to Dan Koloff, Bulgarian.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

By Mrs. C. A. Hunter
(Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. — Eight years ago Jessica chapter, O. E. S., decided upon February 22 or near that date for an annual gathering of Stars and Masons and their families. Each year a Washington birthday program is given by the Star children and a family supper enjoyed. The event took place Friday evening, Feb. 20, this year and the exceptionally interesting and well planned program, directed by Miss Ruth Hayes was as follows: "America," audience; footstep drill, eight small girls; piano solo, Shirley Peffer; "Enjoying the Telephone," comic reading by Laura Trump; "Grandmother's Dance," by children in costume; piano solo, Genevieve Sutphin; "Bargains," a one-act comedy by a group of girls; piano solo, Constance McKinzie; minuet, in costume. Supper followed the program with Mrs. E. J. Rinker, Mrs. John Bratton and Mrs. C. A. Hunter serving on the refreshment committee. There were about 75 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Noregaard spent Tuesday night in Wallowa on their way home from La Grande where Mr. Noregaard had been receiving medical treatment while skating on Wallowa lake last Sunday he had the misfortune to fall, cutting his face quite badly and breaking his nose. Mr. and Mrs. Noregaard are living on their sheep ranch 25 miles from Enterprise this winter.

An 84 year old son was born to Dr. and Mrs. James Haun, of La Grande, at the Wallowa hospital Wednesday, Feb. 11. The baby has been named Thomas Milton.

Barton Wade was called to Enterprise Friday morning by the serious illness of his father, Aaron Wade.

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ROGER HORNSBY REAL LONE WOLF

His Vocation and Avocation is Baseball—Other Games Bore Him.

By Paul Mickelson
CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—A hero worshiper on a visit to Catalina Island, training ground for the Chicago Cubs, sidled up to a rookie one day.

"Say," he said, "who in the world is that guy over there by the first place? I've been in this hotel for days now and every time I come into the lounge I see him sitting and staring at everybody. He isn't a ball player, is he?"

"A ball player!" gasped the amazed rookie, "why mister, that's Rogers Hornsby, probably the greatest right hand hitter the game has ever known."

Retires in Confusion

The hero worshiper retired in confusion, but he had seen a real picture of the rajah, perhaps the strangest personality in baseball. He has been booped and cheered alike by millions of fans and has broken record after record with his big stick, and yet he acts just as he did 10 years ago when he came up to the major leagues, a raw-boned, inquisitive kid from Texas.

He is a lone wolf because of habits, rather than preference. He doesn't chew, smoke or drink. He doesn't dance, play cards or golf. His business is baseball and so is his hobby. He will talk of it for hours with anyone who will listen. If the conversation is switched to some other subject he is apt to walk right out of the discussion. He sits for hours staring out of a chair in hotel lobbies like a farmer boy on his first trip to a big city. He rarely reads even baseball stories in the papers, saving his eyes to watch for pellets curving across the corners of a plate. Rarely does he go to the theatre.

He doesn't know a brassie from a niblick, but he raises sod for putting greens on 57 acres of his Mt. Pleasant farm. He has never seen a golf ball made on his own grass twice, out of curiosity, he has hit golf balls. He dubbed the first drive in the park at Catalina and hit the next one 340 yards out of the lot. He never hit another. He wasn't interested.

Keen Sense of Humor

His sense of humor is keen and sly. By organized cheering he piloted Andy Lotshaw, Cub trainer, and Hank Gramp, bull pen pitcher, a couple of left footers, into a dead heat for the annual camp dancing championship at Catalina. Once he asked a sports writer's wife to teach him to dance. She agreed but when the music started up he reddened and said:

"Aw, I was just foolin'. I could never learn to dance."

He likes to watch airplanes flying around. Someday he'd like to own and fly one. He likes to farm. If prohibition hadn't become a law he might have been as good as a tender as he is a ball player. No matter how fine the mixture he won't drink it. He is one of the most difficult men to set up to interview. He will answer questions fully and clearly but volunteers little information.

Believes in Lots of Food

He believes in lots of food for ball players. Warren Brown once asked him the secret of his punch at left field.

"Them steaks," he answered.

The next day he took Brown and several players with him to a dilapidated lunchroom and fed them steaks the size of dish pans.

"Just eat them steaks awhile and you'll hit," he insisted. "They give you beef and power."

Behind his seriousness is a back drop of melancholy. He doesn't care what is said about him. Whether he's liked or disliked or sneered or booed, he gets tired of being in the limelight. One day last summer I asked him to go to the horse races—an interest he has given up because of difficulties that once beset him.

"I'd like to go," he sighed. "There's lots of things I like to do. But I can't. People would say 'There he is back at the horse races.' Some-

STOVER WINS DOG DERBY AT ASHTON, IDAHO

ASHTON, Idaho, Feb. 24 (AP)—Roy Stover, of McCall, Idaho, held the championship of the 1931 American dog derby and a new course record for the 25-mile race today.

The veteran driver finished his string of setters and fox hounds over the course for three laps in one hour, 53 minutes and 42 seconds yesterday, beating out Warren Cordingley, Ashton, who finished second in 1:54:51. His time also was better than the previous record of 1:55:35 set in 1926 by Bill Trude's team.

The only woman entrant in the race, Thula Geelan, McCall, winner of the Tahoe race this year, finished sixth in 2:03. Third place went to Gil McCoy, Cascade, Idaho, winner of the Ashton derby five times. His time was 1:57:29. Charles Kennedy and White McNair of Big Springs finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Stover, winner of the Tahoe derby last year and second in the Ogden race this year, received \$800 as first prize.

SKIPS 18,500 TIMES ON HIS 61ST BIRTHDAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Women, who would grow thin, may get a tip from a Chicago skipper.

Just to celebrate his 61st birthday anniversary, Chester Levers skipped in rope 18,500 times without stopping, without any idea of cutting down the waistline.

When he started he weighed 140 pounds. At the finish his weight was 142.

His time was three hours, fifteen minutes and thirty seconds.

"I could have skipped 5000 more times he said," as he started eating a seven-course meal, "but I'll do that next year."

It's just an old custom of his to break his skipping record each year. Last year he skipped 15,000 times.

Yanks To Get Only Two Meals a Day

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—The New York Yankees, who in the past have boasted of some of the heartiest eaters in major league baseball, are bearing up as well as might be expected under the shock of hearing that they are to be limited to two meals a day during spring training.

"Marse Joe" McCarthy, new Yankee manager, has ordered his charges to forego the customary noon meal and do all their eating in the morning and evening.

Believes New Ball As Lively As Ever

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 24 (AP)—Having given the new ball a preliminary test, Tom Clark, veteran coach of the New York Giants, comes up with the opinion that it's as lively as ever.

"There may be better pitching this year and more accurate throwing by the fielders," says Clark, "but the ball travels as far as ever. There won't be so much wildness on the mound but the line drives will be just as wild as ever."

What's In a Name? Wilbur's Not Sure

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—When Shakespeare wrote about "What's in a Name" he must have had Wilbert Robinson, portly manager of the Brooklyn Robins in mind. Names never have been Bobby's strong suit.

"They're not all here," he complained yesterday. "That Lumbago, must still be holding out somewhere. Saute is here and so is Monday."

The boys finally discovered he meant Lombardi, Shaute and Van Mungo.

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