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SPORTING NOTES.

Billy McCarthy and Jimmy Carroll to Meet this Month.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

John L. Indulges in a Shaming Match and Wins.

James Smith, the champion checker player of England, died of paralysis at Spennymoor, Eng., Feb. 24.

E. C. Sullivan has been appointed manager of the Freshman crew of Harvard College.

E. G. Peck defeated R. A. Powers in four rounds with gloves, for a purse of \$100, at Topeka, Kan., on March 3. The battle lasted 14 minutes.

James J. Corbett was reinstated to the position of member of the Olympic Club by a petition which was signed by two-thirds of the members.

The Vienna Jockey Club has withdrawn all its prices and stopped eighty-two race meetings, because the Austrian government imposed a tax on bets.

Billy McCarthy, of Australia, and Jimmy Carroll, of Brooklyn, have signed articles to contend for a purse of \$1,000 in the California Athletic Club this month.

Charley Turner, the famous colored middle-weight, of Stockton, Cal., and Danny Kellner are to fight in the Golden Gate Athletic Club, San Francisco, on April 13.

All Gover defeated Fred Sullivan in a contest with gloves at London, England, on Feb. 25. Fourteen rounds were fought in 25 minutes. Both men are feather-weights.

The billiard match, 20,000 points up, for \$50, by J. Roberts, Jr., and S. W. Stanley, ended on Feb. 28. The champion played Stanley 9,000 points, and won by 77 points.

Tommy Burns, the American athlete, who recently dropped in a parol from Kinsport, Ontario, on the Mercury, is coming to America with Harry Montague, Jim Mac's old manager.

The Bill Google that was beaten by Tom Gardner in his contest, for \$100, in England on Feb. 28, was not Bill Google who was recently beaten by Tom Wall, but the feather-weight of Battosara, Eng.

Frank P. Slavin, vice champion of Australia, after spending his honeymoon at Monte Carlo with a bride and gentlemanly manager, did not win, as he is in bad luck and ready to meet all comers.

Danny Neeldham broke his right hand in the fifth round when he fought Patsy Kerrigan at the California Athletic Club. This is one reason why the battle lasted 6 hours 45 minutes, the longest on record.

The Directors of the California Athletic Club divided the Kerrigan and Neeldham purse and gave them \$175 each, from which was deducted the amount advanced for training expenses.

The pool tournament at Syracuse, N. Y., ended on March 10, and Ed Dry won the first prize, a diamond eternity and \$125. Powers won second money, \$100; Clearwater third \$75; Manning fourth, \$50; and Timming fifth, \$40.

Charley Turner, the colored middle-weight champion of the Pacific slope, and Billy McCarthy, of Australia, are to battle according to "Police Gazette" rules, in the Golden Gate Club on April 13. The winner will receive \$1000, and the loser \$500.

John Mouton, the Black Pearl, defeated Jim Doyle in four rounds, with two-ounce gloves, at a quiet spot on the Darby road, Philadelphia, on March 9. Harry Montague defeated Doyle, County Down, Ireland, as a result, was put against him, and Mouton knocked Canary out in four rounds.

James Dustin, the famous driver of trotters, who drove Emma B., half-sister to Maid S, record 2:22, and still the property of Richard K. Fox, proprietor of the Police Gazette, and owner of Sir Mohawk and Nellie Sontag, has been engaged to assist Charley Marvin to handle the trotting division at the Palo Alto Stock Farm.

At Cambridge, Mass., on March 15, at the Harvard Athletic Association games, F. B. Whitrop distinguished himself by defeating W. H. Shay, in the heavy-weight boxing competition in the second round. Whitrop also won the middle-weight sparring in about ten minutes by a clean knock-down and had to be carried from the ring.

John L. Sullivan, the champion pugilist, engaged in a pigeon shooting match with James Cusick on No. 15 Broadway, N. Y., at West Side Park, Staten Island, on March 15. Each shot at 20 birds. Both men killed 8 out of the 10, and on the run of John killed his first 9 birds, while Cusick missed 2. Score: Sullivan, killed 17; Cusick, 16.

In the single-scell rematta held in San Francisco, March 12, Jake Gandaur, of St. Louis, won both the 2 and the 1-mile contests. In the 2-mile race he beat George H. Homer, of Boston, Albert H. Hamm, of Halifax, and James Tom Esck, of Worcester, Mass. Time, 20 minutes 28 seconds. In the single-scell race Gandaur won in 6 minutes 11 seconds.

Jake Kilrain and his combination appeared at Hot Springs, Ark., on March 12. Over 2,000 persons paid from \$1 to \$2 admission to catch a glimpse of the champion. Mike Cleary had been killed by box with Kilrain, but Cleary was in New York before the show came off, and those who expected to see Kilrain display his fighting abilities were disappointed.

American pugilists now springing up, are of an improving kind, and of better quality and quantity than the average of the English pugilists, and they are stars in their profession, and will not compete for paltry purses in England, when they can do better in this country without running the risk of a voyage, and then taking the chances of not receiving fair play, or of losing a battle by the decision of a prejudiced or partial referee.

COAST NEWS.

Dayton Wants a System of Water Works.

UMATIILLADIANS AFTER SHEEP HIDES.

Spokane Falls Will Poll a 4,000 Vote at the City Election.

Tolobo subscribed over \$1,000 to build a wagon road to Yaguina City.

The experiment of boring an artesian well at Heppner will be begun soon.

Telephonic communication has been established between Yaguina and Newport.

Inspectors are working in Lane county with the hope of finding valuable coal deposits.

Considerable work is being done in Coos county in the improvement of the public roads.

Nearly 1,000 men are employed in the coal mines at Roslyn, and the daily output is from 750 to 800 tons.

The people of Port Townsend are taking advantage of the pleasant weather and devoting both money and energy to the improvement of the streets.

A magnificent piece of granite has been set in the new Spokane National bank building. It stands over the main entrance and weighs over 9,000 pounds.

The school district of Tolobo has elected and the festive tramp will soon be in which will be devoted to the erection of a \$200 school building; only one man voted no.

At Walla Walla many tons of baled hay are shipped daily to points on the Northern Pacific, while baled hay for the government is shipped daily from Nez Perce.

A capitalist now at Athena will start a large flour mill if the people show they want it by granting a reasonable bonus. Money paid out this way always yields an excellent return.

The Puget Sound steamboat competition have combined on an advance of about 20 percent freight and passenger rates, which began April 5. Tacoma and Seattle are made common points for all sound ports.

Asbland's chain gang ordinance is in effect and the festive tramp will soon be in to steer clear of this city. Several vagrants have learned already what it is to work on the street with the ball and chain on their leg.

Over 200 men in the quarries at Rocklin went out on strike. The strike does not affect the stonecutters yet. The men demand that nine hours constitute a day's work, and demand the same wages as heretofore paid.

Travelers have met with much difficulty in crossing the Klamath river at or near Klamath City, since the recent flood. There is neither bridge nor ferry and riders are compelled to swim the stream on their animals.