MADE ONE LONE RUN

Portland Helpless Before Butte's Pitcher.

POOR GAME, WITH SCORE 9 TO 1

Mr. "Pete" Dowling Has Things His Own Way—Witbeck Is Erratic —A Shut-Out Barely Saved.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games.

Butte, 9; Portland, 1.
Tacoma, 5; Helena, 3.
Seattle, 6; Spokane, 2.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Seattle	36	26	.581
Butte	33	27	.550
Portland	29	30	.492
Helena	29	30	.492
Spokane	28	32	.467
Tacoma	25	35	.417

Butte presented a changed batting order yesterday, and hammered it into Portland for nine runs, while the locals barely saved themselves from a shut-out in the ninth by bringing Anderson across the plate. It was a case of weak pitching, loose fielding and poor hitting on the part of Portland against good box work, excellent fielding and timely hitting by McCloskey's outfit.

Pitcher "Pete" Dowling was in the box for the Miners, and was the hero of the day. The famous southpaw had the locals completely at his mercy. The first three of the five hits made off his delivery were made after two men were out. The other two came in the ninth, and scored the only run.

In spite of the bad playing by the Webfoots, their fielding did not lack brilliancy at times. Weed threw home and caught Houtz in good style in the third inning. Anderson had the fifth inning all to himself, and gathered three flies in good style.

Butte played a good fielding game. Zearfoss picked a foul fly from Vigneux's bat off the grandstand that won him a round of applause. Marshall made a long run to get a foul fly in the eighth, and hit the low fence in front of the bleachers. The force of the collision knocked the wind out of him, and laid him out for several minutes. Ward and Kane made a number of pretty stops and catches. McIntyre, who had his off day the day previous, did not get a chance until the eighth, when he accepted two in good form.

Ladies' day brought out the usual crowd of women, together with bouquets for the players. McIntyre, Witbeck and Deisel were the honored gentlemen. The Butte man was the only one inspired by the flowers, and got a hit. The other two tried hard, but Witbeck bunted his third strike to foul ground and Deisel flew out to Zearfoss.

Ward, the first man up, was the one to give the first knock toward shattering Portland's high hopes. He landed the ball just past third base for two bases. Marshall was retired at first, and then Kane hit to center field and brought Ward panting across the rubber. Deisel couldn't handle Vigneux's throw to second to catch Kane, who went to third in the scramble for the ball. McIntyre drew a pass, and when he started to steal second Vigneux threw the ball to center field instead of to Deisel, and Kane scored. Zearfoss sent the ball flying through Harris, and McIntyre brought the total up to three. McCloskey flew out, and retired the side. Three hits, a base on balls and two errors had cost Portland three runs.

Zeigler got a hit with two men out in Portland's half of the inning. Harris got a two-bagger under the same circumstances in the next inning.

A bunching of hits after two men had been retired in the third brought in another run for Butte. McIntyre got the first hit after receiving his bouquet; he stole second, and took third when Witbeck made a balk. A two-bagger by Houtz scored McIntyre. Zearfoss hit to Deisel, who could not field the ball quite fast enough to first to catch him, but Weed threw home and caught Houtz as he was trying to score.

Portland got two men on bases in the fourth, but Zeigler could not get the ball out of the diamond, and no runs were scored.

Three more runs were added to the Butte score in the sixth. Witbeck put McIntyre and Houtz on the bases by hitting one and giving four balls to the other. Zearfoss sacrificed and advanced them each a peg further. McCloskey went out at first and McIntyre scored. An error by Harris in handling an easily hit ball by McHale put the batsman on first, and allowed Houtz to come in for another run. Dowling got a single and Ward drew a base on balls and filled the bags, with two out. Witbeck was not satisfied with the damage already done, and made a wild pitch, which let McHale come in. Marshall sent a foul fly to Weed and ended the fun.

Third Baseman Harris presented two runs to McCloskey in the eighth. Zearfoss opened the inning by hitting to him. A wild throw to first put the Butte catcher on second. McCloskey thought Harris' territory looked good to him, so landed another in his hands. Harris held it a moment to keep Zearfoss on second, and then threw it over Weed's head, and Zearfoss scored. A hit by McHale to left field brought in McCloskey, and McHale was caught at second.

Many of the spectators did not wait to see Portland squeeze in a run and save the team from a shut-out. It all happened in the ninth. Vigneux got a hit that set the crowd to yelling. Anderson put the ball to Kane, who caught Vigneux at second, and then the enthusiasm died somewhat. It went down still lower when Harris dropped the ball into Marshall's hands. But Deisel gave a hard knock at the ball and put it in center field, and the goose egg broke as Anderson crossed the plate. The score:

PORTLAND.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Muller, l. f.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Van Buren, c. f.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Zeigler, r. f.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Weed, 1b	4	0	0	14	0	0
Vigneux, c	3	0	1	3	0	1
Anderson, 2b	4	1	1	4	3	0
Harris, 3b	4	0	1	0	0	3
Deisel, s. s.	4	0	1	0	5	1
Witbeck, p	4	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	33	1	5	27	12	5

BUTTE.

Ward, 2b	4	1	1	6	2	0
Marshall, r. f.	5	0	0	3	0	0
Kane, s. s.	5	1	1	1	5	1
McIntyre, 3b	3	3	1	0	2	0
Houtz, c. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Zearfoss, c.	3	1	2	4	0	0
McCloskey, 1b	4	1	0	9	0	0
McHale, l. f.	4	1	1	2	0	1
Dowling, p	4	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	35	9	8	*26	11	2

*Witbeck out for bunting third strike.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Butte	5	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0—9
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—1

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Butte, 1.
Bases on balls—Off Witbeck, 3; off Dowling, 2.
Hit by pitcher—Van Buren, McIntyre.
Struck out—By Dowling, 2; by Witbeck, 1.
Two-base hits—Ward, Harris, Houtz.
Left on bases—Portland, 6; Butte, 3.
Sacrifice hit—Zearfoss.
Stolen bases—Kane, McIntyre (2).
Wild pitch—Witbeck.
Balk—Witbeck.
Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.
Umpire—Cunningham.
Attendance—2500.

Notes.

It's a good thing Helena lost yesterday. By that, Portland still keeps its hold on third(?) place.

Yesterday's game was about the poorest exhibition of ball playing that has been seen here in many days.

"Pete" Dowling made a reputation as life-saver in Oakland a couple of months ago. Yesterday he saved the Butte team.

Things were as quiet as a Quaker prayer-meeting on the diamond. There was no cause to question Cunningham's decisions.

Dicky Knox hasn't become accustomed to the low altitude in Portland, and was out of the game yesterday. McCloskey says that he is all right, but needs a little rest.

"Father Tom" Kelly has been signed to play on the Spokane team. He was on the Spokane team last year, and is a brother to "King" Kelly, on that team now.

There will be no game today, but the fans will have a chance Saturday to see what sort of stuff the new pitcher is made of. It's up to him to win his first game with the Portland team.

Little Harmon, who was let out of the Seattle team because he couldn't win, and then taken in by Tacoma, yesterday lowered the colors of the great, big, tall gentleman with Helena, Mr. Wiggs.

WIGGS MEETS HIS WATERLOO.

Tigers Take a Fall Out of the Mighty Helena Twirler.

TACOMA, July 24.—The erstwhile invincible Jimmy Wiggs was batted all over the field by the Tigers today. The elongated pitcher was clearly outclassed by the bantam Harmon, who pitched steady ball and was particularly effective at critical times. Shaffer's error at first, followed by a throw into the bleachers back of third base, was responsible for one of Tacoma's runs. Tacoma's infielding was of the whirlwind order. The game was exciting from start to finish, but aside from Sullivan's home run was devoid of unusual features. Score:

TACOMA.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Letcher, c. f.	5	2	2	1	0	0
Nagle, r. f.	4	0	1	1	0	1
Murdock, l. f.	4	1	1	0	0	1
Hutchinson, 1b	3	0	1	11	0	0
Andrews, 2b	3	0	1	1	2	0
McCarthy, s. s.	4	0	0	3	4	0
Keefe, c	3	1	2	8	2	0
Fisher, 2b	3	1	1	2	7	0
Harmon, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	31	5	9	27	16	2

HELENA.

Hannivan, l. f.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Peeples, 2b	3	1	1	0	2	1
Holly, 3b	3	0	1	0	2	0
Shaffer, 1b	4	0	0	9	2	2
Flannery, c. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Sullivan, c	2	2	2	7	2	0
Partridge, r. f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Schmeer, s. s.	4	0	2	2	2	0
Wiggs, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	31	3	7	24	11	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Tacoma	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	*	—5
Helena	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	—3

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Tacoma, 3; Helena, 1.
Two-base hit—Sullivan.
Three-base hit—Keefe, Letcher.
Home run—Sullivan.
Stolen base—Letcher.
Sacrifice hits—Hutchinson, Peeples.
Double play—McCarthy to Fisher to Hutchinson.
Left on bases—Tacoma, 5; Helena, 9.
Bases on balls—By Harmon, 3; Wiggs, 5.
Hit by pitcher—By Harmon, 2.
Struck out—By Harmon, 8; by Wiggs, 4.
Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.
Umpire—Colgan.
Attendance—2000.

A TRIPLE PLAY BY SEATTLE.

Dugdales Men Gain a Victory at Spokane.

SPOKANE, July 24.—Seattle won the third game of the series by batting Kostal successively at critical times. Stovall pitched a good game for Seattle. The feature of the day was a triple play, Stovall to Hurley to Babbitt, retiring Spokane in the fifth. Umpire McCarthy was hit in the neck by a foul tip, but finished the game. Attendance, 1500. Score:

SPOKANE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Howells, l. f.	4	0	0	2	0	0
McLaughlin, c. f.	4	1	0	3	0	0
Reitz, 2b	3	0	1	1	4	1
Elsey, 1b	4	1	0	13	0	0
Donahue, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
McKevitt, r. f.	3	0	2	0	0	0
Frary, c	4	0	0	5	1	0
Kelly, s. s.	4	0	3	0	5	0
Kostal, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
*Mullane	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	24	11	1

*Batted for Kostal in the ninth.

SEATTLE.

Schwartz, 2b	5	1	4	3	4	1
Babbitt, s. s.	5	1	1	2	2	1
Klopf, 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1
Hurley, 1b	4	0	1	12	2	0
Campbell, r. f.	3	1	0	1	0	0
Dairymple, l. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Drennan, c. f.	3	0	0	4	0	0
Stanley, c	4	0	0	3	1	0
Stovall, p	4	1	1	2	3	1
Totals	35	6	10	27	14	4

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Spokane	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—2
Seattle	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	*	—6

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Seattle, 3.
Two-base hits—Kelly (2), Schwartz.
Three-base hit—Stanley.
Stolen bases—Dairymple, Elsey (2), Donahue, Campbell, Hurley.
Sacrifice hits—Reitz, Drennan, Babbitt (2).
Double play—Babbitt to Schwartz to Hurley.
Triple play—Stovall to Hurley to Babbitt.
Left on bases—Spokane, 3; Seattle, 5.
Bases on balls—Off Stovall, 3; off Kostal, 1.
Hit by pitcher—By Stovall, 3.
Struck out—By Kostal, 4; by Stovall, 3.
Attendance—1500.

INLAND EMPIRE LEAGUE.

Baker City 15, Walla Walla 2.

BAKER CITY, July 24.—(Special.)—The Inland Empire League game between Walla Walla and Baker City, which was played here this afternoon proved to be a repetition of the games played at Walla Walla last week. The Walla Walla team is in no way equal to the Baker City nine. The difference is so great that the spectators lose interest in the game. Numerous errors on the part of the visitors enabled the home team to score time and again. Attendance 200. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
Baker City	15	17	5	Walla Walla.	2	6	10

The St. Vrain Case.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 24.—The Southern Association of Baseball Clubs has filed a bill in the Chancery Court, asking that the injunction obtained yesterday, prohibiting the Southern League from interfering with the Memphis Club or its officers in using St. Vrain or Charles Frank as players, be dissolved. A hearing will be held July 29.

Western League Scores.

At Omaha—Omaha 6, St. Joe 2.
At Colorado Springs—Colorado Springs 3, Milwaukee 6.
At Denver—First game—Denver 9, Peoria 0; second game, Denver 7, Peoria 5.
At Des Moines — Kansas City 7, Des Moines 4.

Tracey and Denny, Sportsman's Saloon, 105 Fourth Street

Will give stereopticon returns of the great fight between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries from ringside, Friday evening, July 25.

BASEBALL MEN MAY CLASH

NORTHWEST LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET TODAY.

Umpire Question Will Bob Up—Spokane Sore at Cunningham—Scheme to Disbar Manager Vigneux.

If anything comes of the rumors in local baseballdom, the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League, to be held in Spokane this afternoon, will be a warm session. A clash is expected to take place between Portland and President Lucas. The latter has proved to be very unsatisfactory to the Portland directors, who think that he has not treated the club in the proper way.

The question of umpires will most likely start the ball rolling at the meeting. President Whitemore intends to introduce a motion requiring the president to keep unsatisfactory umpires out of the towns when requests to that effect are filed by the president of the club. This move is bound to create a stir, and will most likely show just what clubs favor the rule of President Lucas and what ones are in for a reform in the present league.

President Lucas denies that he intends to resign from the presidency and take the management of the Spokane team. He also states that no change in the management of that team is contemplated, and that Jack Grim is giving entire satisfaction. That is almost positively known to be wrong. Certainly Grim has not given satisfaction, or "Doc" Brown would not have resigned because the Spokane team was composed of a lot of boozers. If Grim was a good manager he would not have such men on his team. By many the resignation of Brown is looked upon as a blind, and there is good reason for thinking so. Brown would not give away $1500 in stock when he could have realized practically the full value of it, just because he did not like the team. Brown is looked upon as a man who did not care to fire Grim directly, but wanted to put some one in his place who would do so. After that he would assume control of the team again.

That the Spokane players are a lot of drunkards is confirmed by persons who saw their actions in both Montana and Spokane. The men would get beastly drunk and use the vilest of language on the ball field. Grim seemed to have no control over the men nor to care what they did. No wonder Brown got sore. A change in the manager of the Spokane team would create but little surprise and would undoubtedly do some good.

Another rumor that has gained considerable ground is that a conspiracy is on foot to cripple the Portland team. It is also said that President Lucas is behind the scheme and is looking upon it in a favorable light. The idea is to have charges made against Manager Vigneux for his actions on the ball field and then have the league directors vote him out of the league. This may, and then it may not, come out at the meeting today. If the men behind it see that they cannot make it go, of course they will not introduce their "evidence." The same may be done in regard to other members of the team. However, there is one thing certain that if any man is removed from the Portland team the club will withdraw from the league at once. Manager Vigneux and his men have done nothing to warrant their removal from the game, and it would be only by the most crooked kind of work that any such charges as rowdyism and unsportsmanlike conduct could be made to stick.

Spokane is to make an effort to have Cunningham ousted from the staff of umpires. Because he did not decide everything in their favor in the series with Portland last week the fans and players are sore at him and want him removed. Just where there is any cause to kick at the work of Cunningham is hard to be seen. He gave good satisfaction as an umpire when he made his appearance here at the opening of the season in Portland. Then again this week he has done good work, and neither Butte nor Portland has as much as questioned a decision by him. All the other towns in the league seem to think that his work is satisfactory. Elsey, a giant employed as first baseman on the Spokane team, came at little Cunningham Sunday and was going to make mincemeat of him. That shows just what sort of a crowd the Spokane players are. If Spokane does not want Cunningham, let the representative from that city support Mr. Whitemore's motion and a way will be opened to keep him away.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston, 4; St. Louis, 3.

BOSTON, July 24.—St. Louis went out in order for seven out of eight innings, but Burkett's home run in the ninth made the score close and the finish exciting. Attendance, 4777. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
Boston	4	12	4	St. Louis	3	3	0

Batteries—Young and Criger; Powell and Kahoe.

Washington, 3; Cleveland, 1.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A two-base hit by Ryan, followed by Doyle's home run, won the game for the home team. Attendance, 2340. Score:

Washington	3	8	2	Cleveland	1	7	2

Batteries—Carrick and Clarke; Bernhard and Wood.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

National League.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Pittsburg	58	18	.763
Brooklyn	46	37	.554
Chicago	42	38	.525
Boston	39	34	.534
St. Louis	35	45	.438
Cincinnati	32	43	.427
Philadelphia	34	47	.420
New York	25	51	.329

American League.

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Chicago	42	31	.575
Philadelphia	41	32	.562
St. Louis	41	34	.547
Boston	43	36	.544
Washington	38	40	.487
Cleveland	35	44	.443
Baltimore	33	44	.429
Detroit	31	43	.419

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

St. Louis 5, Pittsburg 4.

ST. LOUIS, July 24.—St. Louis defeated Pittsburg today in a sensational ninth-inning rally. It was a pitchers' battle throughout. Attendance 2800. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
St. Louis	5	9	0	Pittsburg	4	6	4

Batteries—M. O'Neill and J. O'Neill; Chesbro and O'Connor. Umpire—Brown.

Boston 2, Philadelphia 1.

BOSTON, July 24.—Boston won from Philadelphia today through errors which netted Boston two runs. Philadelphia's single run came with a batting rally in the ninth, when three singles were made. Attendance, 400. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
Boston	2	6	2	Philadelphia	1	9	2

Batteries—Eason and Moran; White and Jacklitsch. Umpire—Powers.

Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The locals scored three runs by bunching three hits, an error and a questionable decision at the plate. The visitors' two runs resulted from three singles and a double. Excepting in the inning in which each team scored it was decidedly a pitchers' battle. Attendance, 8000. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
Chicago	3	5	2	Cincinnati	2	7	2

Batteries—Lundgren and Kling; Hahn and Berger. Umpire—O'Day.

New York 2, Brooklyn 0.

NEW YORK, July 24.—McGraw's New York players shut out Hanlon's men at Brooklyn today in a fast, clean, well-played game. Attendance, 450. Score:

R	H	E		R	H	E
New York	2	9	0	Brooklyn	0	5	1

Batteries—Matthewson and Bowman; Newton and Farrell. Umpire—Emslie.

ON ONTWENTSIA COURSE.

Results in Match Play for the Raven Oaks Cup.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Play in the first round of match play for the Raven Oaks cup was begun on the golf course of the Onwentsia Club at Lake Forest today. After the eight qualifiers for the Raven Oaks cup were sent away, the players who succeeded in qualifying for the Solace and Tyro cups started at regular intervals. The weather was a great improvement over that of the day before and the number of spectators was correspondingly larger. The field of yesterday's non-qualifiers was divided so that scores under 97 made the players eligible for the first cup and those over 97 for the second, presented by the golf committee. Following are the results in the Raven Oaks:

Percy Price, Jr., Princeton, defeated P. B. Hoyte, Glenview, four up two to play.

Charles Counselman, Jr., Midlothian, won from W. Arthur Stickney, St. Louis, one up in 19 holes.

Abram Poole, Jr., Onwentsia, defeated Lawrence Adams, Evanston, five up, three to play.

Chandler Egan, Exmoor, won from F. Oden Horstman, Chevy Chase, six up, four to play.

In the Solace cup matches, W. B. Smith beat Walter Dean, eight up, six to play; Walter Eagan beat L. H. Conklin, four up, three to play; Raymond Russell beat W. E. Clow, Jr., three up, two to play; Raymond Daniels beat W. Kettlestrings, six up, five to play.

Races at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., July 24.—Results here today were:

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Devereux won, Blanche Sheppard second, Skip Me third; time, 1:08¾.

Six furlongs, purse—Azarine won, Sally Green second, Agnicia third; time, 1:16.

One mile, purse—Platonius won, Dawson second, Ned Dennis third; time, 1:42.

Deer Lodge selling stakes, purse $850, six furlongs—Sad Sam won, Sea Queen second, Kitty Kelly third; time, 1:13⅞.

Mile and a sixteenth, selling—The Buffoon won, Lona second, Burdock third; time, 1:48⅜.

Five and a half furlongs, selling—John Boggs won, Miss Madeline second, Charles Lamar third; time, 1:08⅜.

Grand Circuit Winners.

CLEVELAND, O., July 24.—Three favorites and one outsider won at the grand circuit meeting today. Summary:

Trot, 2:23 class, purse $3000, three in five—Wentworth won the third, fourth and fifth heats. Best time, 2:12. Lord Mansh won the first and second heats. Best time, 2:11½.

Pace, 2:11 class, purse $1200, three in five—Daphne Dallas won the first second and fifth heats. Best time, 2:07¼. Gasconda won the third and fourth heats. Best time, 2:05¾.

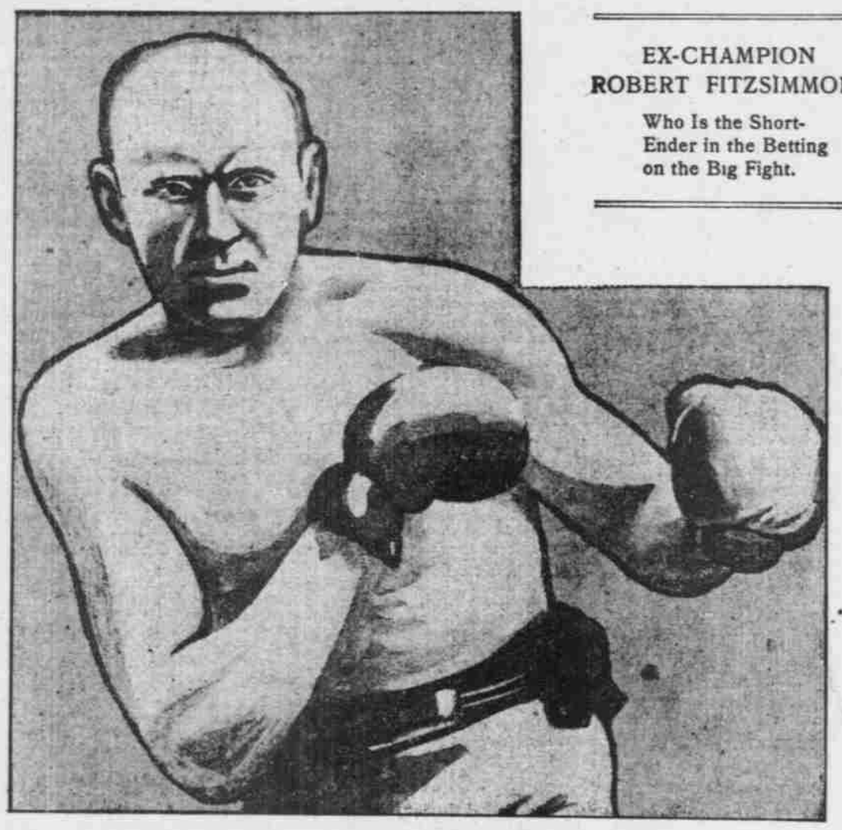
Trot, 2:10 class, purse $1500, two in three—Angella won two straight heats in 2:08½.

Races at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, July 24.—Fairy (J. H. Martin) at the Liverpool July meeting today won the great Lancashire Breeders' Produce stake of 2000 sovereigns for 2-year-olds at five furlongs.

Cricket With Tacomas.

The Portland Cricket Club will face the Tacomas tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Multnomah Club grounds, and an interesting game may be looked for, as both teams are evenly matched. Portland has several new players this season, who have yet to win their spurs, and they are said to be strong batters. There will be no charge for admission, and the game will probably last until about 5 o'clock or so. All are invited.



EX-CHAMPION ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

Who Is the Short-Ender in the Betting on the Big Fight.

"I WILL NOT RESIGN"

SUCH ARE THE WORDS OF LEAGUE PRESIDENT LUCAS.

W. H. Lucas.

SPOKANE, July 24.—(Special.)—Lucas, president of the league, said today, "I will not resign tomorrow, nor ever. 'I will stay by the ship I have builded.' Manager Grim is doing well with the Spokane team, and I will not be the new manager. These stories emanated from the same old source, and are absolutely foolish. The story has been manufactured in Portland out of whole cloth, and no one else ever thought of such a thing. I have been working entirely for the good of the league, and cannot throw out the whole system of government on account of a disgruntled club. I moved to Spokane because it is a central point and more easily reached from all the other cities."

This statement is confirmed by President Reddy, of the Spokane team, who says no change is planned here, and he will support Lucas at tomorrow's meeting. Manager Dugdale, of Seattle, and President Lane, of Butte, are here, pledged to support Lucas. President C. A. Whitemore, of the Portland Club, arrived today, and stated that he would not make a motion to release Lucas, but would introduce a clause restricting the power of the president so that if one umpire becomes unpopular in any city the president would not return him to its grounds after notification by the club president.

Mr. Lucas also said: "The affairs of the league are in good shape. All of the teams have been playing to good crowds. With the exception of Portland, there is no conflicting element in the team. Portland has talked about withdrawing and getting into the California League. If this team does so, we will start another team there. I know three men who would manage a team there for the Northwest League in case the present team withdraws and enters the California League. Portland is in our territory, and we will always have a team there."

At the meeting tomorrow afternoon the matter of three forfeited and protested games will be settled. The first of these is the game which Tacoma forfeited to Butte for delaying ballplaying. There is a protested game between Portland and Helena, while Helena protests the game played with Spokane and which Spokane won by a score of 3 to 0. The grounds for protest is that an American League ball was slipped into the game in place of the Reach ball.

READY FOR THE CONTEST

JEFFRIES AND FITZSIMMONS BOTH SURE OF WINNING.

Arena Ready for the Men to Enter at 9:30 This Evening—Large Crowds Already on Hand.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—The eve of the heavy-weight championship fight finds both of the principals asserting that they are in prime condition. Each one is equally confident of getting the decision. Neither sees how he can lose.

Both Jeffries and Fitzsimmons spent the day quietly, cutting out all work. Jeffries said: "My training is over, and I am glad of it. I never felt better in my life, and I don't see how I can lose. I am pleased to see that Fitzsimmons is in condition, and I hope to prove to the world that the story he sprung last time was without foundation. I have not been able to let myself out in my training, and I look forward with pleasure for the chance to cut loose for keeps. If I win I intend to keep on fighting as long as there is any one to fight. I am also satisfied with the referee. Tomorrow night will settle everything, and may the best man win."

Fitzsimmons said:

"I see by the morning papers that Delaney says that all I want is the short end. It has always been the short ends that I have had before the contests, but they have always turned out to be very long ends when the fights have been finished. What I want and what I am going to get is the championship. That is everything to me."

Until 9:30 tomorrow night, when the gong will call the men into the ring, they will live at ease. Jeffries will come over from the Reliance Club during the afternoon and rest in the Hamman Baths until 8:30, when he will be driven to the arena at Fourteenth and Valencia streets. Fitzsimmons will go direct from the California Hotel.

The scenes around Corbett's Cafe the last few days resemble those enacted in a stock exchange. Hundreds are gathered awaiting any fluctuation in the odds. The Jeffries adherents have been anxious to place their wagers at 2 to 1, while the Fitzsimmons admirers have sought for 10 to 4. The betting has not been heavy in comparison with the amounts wagered on previous events of the kind, and the odds have not fluctuated much from 10 to 4 in favor of Jeffries. Those who fancy Fitzsimmons admit that he has the disadvantage of age, but argue that he has led an exemplary life, he is younger today than the average man of 40. That he is trained to the hour is beyond question. Fitzsimmons has never made such preparation for a battle. He is as fit as a man of his age can be made. This being known, the short-enders look upon him as a good investment. Fitzsimmons is full of confidence and wishes to be quoted as saying that he will surely win.

The last nail has been driven in the immense pavilion where the contest will be held. All seats running back from the ring will have a raise. The reserved seats are on the ground, which has been graded in tiers. The general admissions, capable of accommodating nearly 4000, are raised around the outside. These are perfectly safe, having been used in the Mechanic's pavilion for two years past. They were taken from there and erected on their present site.

The arena has received its canvas canopy, and has been declared safe by the fire authorities and is ready for use. Nearly 100 policemen will be employed tomorrow to manage the crowd which is sure to gather around the structure while the great fight is in progress. Dr. C. W. Green, physician for the San Francisco Athletic Club, has examined both Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, and pronounces them to be in perfect physical condition.

Eddie Graney, the referee, will enter the ring attired in a tuxedo dress suit. He says he will order the men to break, and will not go between them. He will not permit any infraction of the Marquis of Queensberry rules. No one but Delaney or Dawson, representing Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, will have the right to throw up the sponge. Graney will not allow either man to be disqualified by a bottle-holder. If a man is knocked down, the one standing will be compelled to go to his corner or be disqualified. Graney looks for no trouble. He says both men know the rules and will not commit a foul.

Every incoming train to San Francisco brings its quota of sportsmen to witness the big fight. All the sporting resorts are crowded with visitors from the interior. Jim Corbett, the ex-champion, wired his brother Harry that he would not arrive in time to see the mill, but for the latter to challenge the winner at the ringside. Harry Corbett will do so, and at the same time deposit $1000 forfeit money. Jeffries has intimated that he will accept the challenge of Corbett, the contest to take place August 23. This is suitable to Corbett, as it will not interfere with his theatrical engagements that commence the middle of September. Fitzsimmons refuses to say what he will do in the event of winning.

Jeffries' plans call for a tour of the country should he defeat Fitzsimmons and Corbett. His itinerary will include all the large cities of the Pacific Coast.

THINK JEFFRIES WILL WIN.

But Little Fitzsimmons Money to Be Found in Portland.

Local sports are deeply interested in the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight, and some 25 Portlanders will be found at the ringside in the Bay City when the gong sounds this evening. The prevailing opinion among local ring followers is that Jeffries will put his opponent out of business before the 12th round. Some are willing to bet that the fight will not go five rounds, so confident are they that "Jeff" will demonstrate his superiority early in the bout. Everybody agrees that Fitzsimmons is a good man, but most sports class him among the "has beens." Several bets have been made in this city, the odds being largely in favor of Jeffries.

Returns will be posted this evening at a number of saloons and cigar stores.

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INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Finishing of Adjourned Games From Previous Rounds.

HANOVER, July 24.—Today's play in the international chess masters' tournament was devoted to the finishing of all the adjourned games from previous rounds. Levin, who at the adjournment of his game Monday had a good winning chance against Napier, beat the latter today. Atkins and Tschigorin, who had left their game unfinished in an even position Tuesday, made a draw. The Pillsbury-Napier game, which was adjourned from the second round played Tuesday, when the latter had a winning advantage in the morning sitting, but lost ground in the afternoon, started today on really even terms and Napier eventually won.

REGATTA AT NELSON TODAY.

Weather Conditions Favorable for Good Races.

NELSON, B. C., July 24.—(Special.)—The weather conditions for the North Pacific Association regatta, which opens here tomorrow, are very favorable, and the course fair. The entries are large and the men in good condition. Interest centers in the junior four race, and Nelson is a slight favorite, owing to their fine showing in practice, with Victoria and Portland well thought of. Portland is the favorite in the senior four and sculling events.

Western Tennis Championship.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Particular interest centered in this, the busiest day of the annual Western tennis championship tournament on the courts of the Kenwood Country Club. Owing to the postponement of yesterday's game because of bad weather, play in the fourth round began early, in order to complete the tournament by Saturday. Only eight of the 64 entries remained at the opening of the play to contest for Champion R. D. Little's laurels on the last day of the meet. Weather conditions were perfect. Following are the scores for the fourth round in singles:

W. A. Weidner defeated Hunt, 6-1, 6-2. Alexander won from Emerson, of Cincinnati, 6-4, 6-1. Collins won from Ashcraft, 6-3, 7-5. Paterson, of Toronto, defeated Diehl, of Cincinnati, 6-4, 9-11, 6-1.

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