

SOLOGNS ASKED TO LEGALIZE BOXING

Bill is Framed That Will Permit Matches by Professionals.

ELIMINATES BAD FEATURES

Measure to Be Submitted to Legislature Does Away With Betting and Allows Only Limited Bouts.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Next week the Legislature of the State of Oregon will be requested to pass upon a bill providing for the repeal of the present anti-professional law, and the substitution of another measure that will permit the fans of the state to see limited bouts between professional boxers of the manly art.

The act which is to be submitted to the solons at Salem will contain several notorious clauses which, in the opinion of a number of prominent citizens and officials, are worthy of consideration. According to the provision of the bill now being drawn, boxing bouts of from six to ten rounds will be permitted, but there shall be no decisions rendered and each contestant must be in perfect physical condition, that is, he must be certified to by some regularly qualified practicing physician.

The clause limiting the proposed bouts to ten rounds at the most, and providing for no decisions means that betting will be eliminated, and with this evil abolished the sport can be produced safely and without danger to any one, so healthy enough to engage in the outdoor bouts from six to ten rounds between boxers whose physical condition meets with the requirements of a good professional sport for the hungry fight fans of this city.

Time after time the symposiums of the local clubs holding three-round amateur bouts have been taxed to their utmost capacity, and many were unable to gain admission on this account. If regularly licensed bouts are permitted, a suitable pavilion would be provided for the holding of such contests.

The provision of the proposed bill providing for the physical examination of contestants is looked upon as the "clincher" to the successful passage of the measure. By this means the safety of each contestant is positively assured, for this clause will provide in a stringent manner, that no athlete shall be permitted to engage in a regular or preliminary bout unless he has been examined and his condition approved by a competent medical authority.

This also insures a good match, and the "no decision" clause is proof against a bout. District Attorney George J. Cameron, last night approved such a legislative measure and explained his stand as follows: "Yes I favor a perfect health with such provisions for the safeguarding of the contestants as well as the public. I cannot see where there is any more harm in permitting boxing, perfectly healthy boxers to meet in a six or a ten-round bout, which would last hardly more than half an hour, than there is in permitting a man to engage in a perfect health with such provisions for the safeguarding of the contestants as well as the public."

The opinion of the District Attorney is shared by a number of well-known business men who hope that the bill will meet with the approval of the Legislature. Some of the prominent names who expressed themselves in favor of professional bouts of limited duration and it is not believed that he has changed his opinion since then.

If such a measure should meet with the approval of the Oregon lawmakers, the fans here might expect to see bouts between such celebrated fighters as Abe Attell, Battling Nelson, Paddy McFarland, Stanley Ketchel, Billy Papke, Al Kaufman and Dr. Roller may be the principals.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

PRESIDENT CAL EWING has wired Judge McCredie announcing that the schedule committee meeting would be held in San Francisco next Friday night, January 22, but the Portland magnate will be unable to attend. However, he has drafted a schedule which he will mail to Ewing in time for it to be submitted.

The Pacific Coast League is to be composed of six clubs, and the difficulty in arranging a schedule will be in training it so that two clubs will be going in and out of Los Angeles at the same time, instead of four clubs.

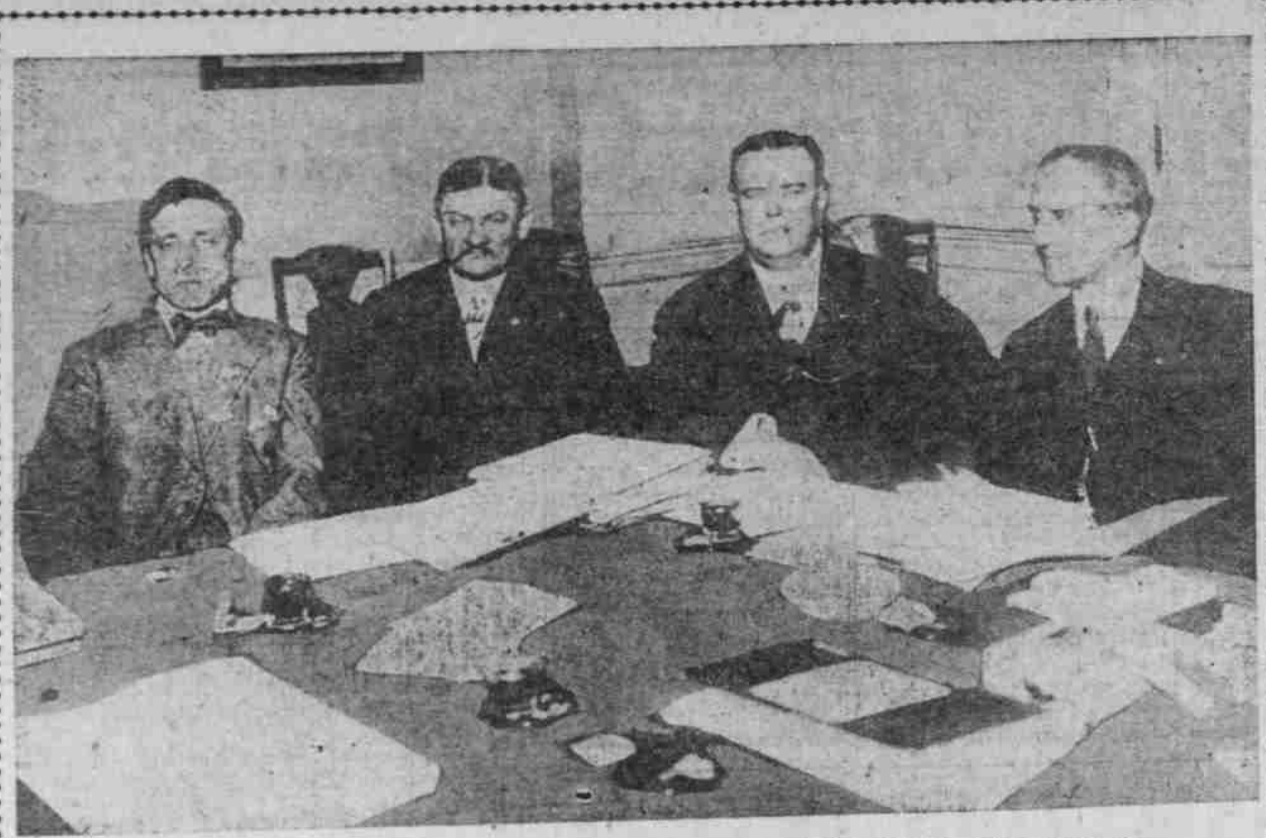
John Bassey and Ote Johnson, after a few days' rest, are back at the job of "herding Chinks," as Johnson puts it, for one of the "honest" Medford boys arrived in port yesterday. Both ball-tossers are employed as immigration inspectors and their duties are to keep the Orientals from coming ashore.

BOWLERS MEET AT SEATTLE

Annual Meeting of Western Association to Be Held May 29-June 6.

The Western Bowling Congress will hold its annual 1909 meeting in Seattle May 29 to June 6, inclusive. It is estimated that 200 teams, of five men each, will attend the meet and take part in the international tournament. Teams from as far east as Chicago and St. Louis have already been entered and all of the larger cities in Eastern Canada will be represented.

The tournament will be held at Madison Park, on Lake Washington. The old



MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BASEBALL COMMISSION HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL MEETING. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—This is the National Baseball Commission, which met recently at Cincinnati. From left to right they are: President Harry Pulliam, of National League; Chairman August Hermann, of American League, and Secretary John E. Bruce.

JEFF FIT AS EVER

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GIVES BOXING EXHIBITIONS

Does Gloves for First Time in Four Years—Opinions Agree That He Can Whip Johnson If He Wears Down His Surplus Flesh.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—For the first time in more than four years, Jim Jeffries donned the gloves in a sparring exhibition with Sam Berger at the Wigwam Theater this afternoon, and, although the three rounds were of short duration, cut to less than a minute, and the entire exhibition lasted not more than 12 minutes, the critical judges of affairs pugilistic who were there to pass on the condition of the big fellow and his chances for coming back into the ring were of one accord in their opinion that, given time to wear down the surplus flesh, he will be fit as ever.

CLUB MUST LOOK TO HONORS

Basketball Team From Spokane Here to Play Multnomah.

The hustling basketball players from Cook's Gymnasium, Spokane, are in Portland and are prepared to give the quintet of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club a hard contest in the game scheduled at the Multnomah gym tonight. The Spokane boys have enjoyed a most successful tour to date, and while they have lost a few games, they are not discouraged, for the defeats were all by very small margins.

SILVERTON BOYS IN LEAD

BASKETBALL TEAM IS AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Albany High School First in Race for Honors Among Girls' Basketball League Teams.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Silverton High School is now in the lead for the boys' basketball championship in the Western Oregon Interscholastic Athletic League, while the Albany High School is first in the race for the girls' honors. The boys' team of the Junction City High School has now dropped out of the contest and has replaced the standing as follows:

Table with 4 columns: School, Won, Lost, Points. Rows include Silverton, Albany, Salem, Eugene.

RADER FOOTBALL MANAGER

Athletic Association Elects Him at Washington State College.

STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—By unanimous vote of the W. S. C. Athletic Association, Ralph M. Rader, a well-known throughout the Northwest as an athlete, was elected football manager today.

WALSH SIGNS TO MEET KELLY

Fight With Kildane in Cleveland Interrupted by Sheriff.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Negotiations were concluded here today for a match between Jimmy Walsh, of Boston, bantamweight champion of the world, and "Emergency" Kelly, of New York. The fight will take place in Boston in February.

EWING GOES TO LOS ANGELES

Expected to Give Out Details of New League Extension.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Cal Ewing, president of the Pacific Coast League, is due to return tomorrow morning from Los Angeles, according to a telegram received tonight, and as there are many details of the announced six-team extension that have not been told, his return will be awaited with interest.

First Hint of Age.

Exchange. A man does not realize that he is getting old until certain things he likes very much do not agree with him.

Street cleaners in Chicago now wear tiny headlights at night to warn them of the approach of automobiles.

WRESTLING MATCH POSTPONED

Young Hackenschmidt Despairs of Securing Bout With O'Connell.

Charles Berg, better known in wrestling circles as Young Hackenschmidt, has about despaired of securing a match in Portland right away, and says he will probably leave for Seattle or Spokane in a few days. In discussing his plans last night he said:

"I have not heard from Roller or Franklin, and O'Connell seems to be in no hurry to accept my offer, so I think I will go to Seattle and see Roller personally. However, I'll return to Portland in two months, for O'Connell has promised to meet me there, and I intend to hold him to his word."

NORTH COAST FOR MILTON

General Belief That New Road Will Reach Town, Build Power Plant.

MILTON, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Another impetus has been given the increasing atmosphere of activity and general prosperity of Milton and the surrounding country by a report which has been made to the effect that the proposed traction line of the Oregon-Washington Traction Company from Walla Walla to Portland is nothing but a feeder for the North Coast Railroad.

Added importance has been given the report by additional information which alleges that plans of the road now in the offices of the Oregon-Washington Company in Walla Walla, show that the main line of the North Coast system from Butte to the Blue Mountains connecting with the line which is now being built in the vicinity of Boise, Idaho, will pass through the productive Hudson Bay country, proceed toward Weston, touching that city, then come down the Dry Creek Canyon and through Freewater and Milton, making this the last point of any importance touched this side of the mountains.

It is claimed that careful surveys have proven to the projectors of the North Coast system that there is no suitable route through the Blue Mountains by way of Walla Walla, and that the line must at that point pass through Milton.

The report that the proposed Oregon-Washington line is a part of the line to be incorporated with the North Coast seems not unlikely when it is known that the Straborn interests have purchased several large power plants in the vicinity of Kennewick and Pasco on the Columbia River, and that the division of the North Coast road west of Klona is to be operated by electricity instead of steam. That the wonderful water power which lies in the Walla Walla River for miles above this city will be utilized by Straborn in generating power for the train which will be run over his lines, is the belief of those who have made a careful study of conditions in this locality.

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DAILY VISIT SHOW

Crowds Brave Downpour to See Poultry Exhibit.

PIGEON-FANCIER'S MUSINGS

Breeder Grows Eloquent in Address on the Moral, Spiritual and Philosophical Side of Exhibition of the Feathered Tribe.

Fighting their way in under umbrellas, the crowds at the poultry show frothed of his praise yesterday in a damp determination to see the exhibition. Things were just as lively as ever.

Over in one corner of the pigeon exhibit the college-bred fancier and breeder held a group spell-bound with his wisdom. "It's funny," he said, "how some people miss out on a show like this. Fact is, the moral, spiritual and philosophical side of a poultry exhibition is nearly always lost sight of, and the literary side, too."

"Now take a bunch of hens with one rooster brooding around, isn't that in keeping with the privileges afforded by our elastic divorce laws? Or take that same rooster when he's found a worm and begins to paw around and cut dices and get the hens together to see him swallow it—ever see one of these long-haired pianists playing a piece on the piano while a bunch of women stand around admiring him? Or take a woman with just one 'kid' in her name, and it'll tease you to tell the difference in her fussiness with the hen with one chicken."

Turns to Spiritual Side.

"Take the spiritual side of the chicken question, I used to know a man who was the meanest-tempered man in the state. Always quarreling and wrangling with his wife and children and his neighbors. But whenever his wife would take a lot of pullets and young roosters, frying size, and fill him up to the Adam's apple with fried chicken, he'd lay out on the lawn in front of his house and eat his stomach and smile and say 'A child could play with me now.' And they did, too."

"Take the time I was a boy on my grandfather's farm. I used to go out there and play with my cousin 'Bill.' There was a big rooster there that used to strut around with two long, dark-green tailfeathers on, and he was the proudest bird you ever saw. 'Bill' and I used to chase him around trying to get those plumes, but he always tired us out. One day, though, by some devilish relays, that's what we did. First 'Bill' chased him, and then I gave him a run and then 'Bill' cut in when I was tired, and finally old Mr. Rooster just there and play with my cousin 'Bill.' Then 'Bill' and I extracted his tailfeathers. One was for me, 'Wolf-That-Eats-the-Wind,' and one was for 'Bill.' 'The Abbot's Ass.' We got the names out of a little romance we had bought for the small sum of one dime, and written by a Mr. Bendis. We put the book and his cap and played Indian. Well, sir, that bird crawled under the barn and all his pride was gone. Did you ever see some men when they lose their tailfeathers?"

Story on Booker Washington.

"That reminds me," broke in the innocent bystander, "speaking of chicken stories, when Booker Washington went to Tuskegee the first time, he got a lot of the old colored brethren together. He told them they must get to work right away and clean things up. Clean out the chicken-houses, he told them. 'Right away, dis mawin,' said Mistah Washington? 'Yes, right away,' said Mr. Washington. 'In de daytime,' said one old elder, aghast. 'Yes, in the daytime,' repeated the great educator. 'No, sah, Mistah Wash'n'ton, we ain't goin' to clean out no chicken-houses in de daytime, sah. Dat's fytin' in de face o' Providence.'"

"My uncle Dick lived in Louisiana," resumed the fancier, and he lived right next to old Colonel Beauregard. The colonel was of the pale, white-mustache-and-goatee, white-duck-suit, thin-gold-watch-chain-across-his-vest, bright-polished-boots, gold-headed-cane, mini-tie-up, derring-do-and-private-graveyard Southern type, as mild a mannered man as ever scuttled an old-fashioned cocktail or shot his dearest friend.

"His brand of courtesy would have made the most elaborate genuflections of Lord Chesterfield look like the simplest gesticulations of an African gorilla."

"There was an old colored man on his plantation named Uncle Cato. This old fellow had been taught to read and write. Colonel Beauregard had a lot of chickens and they began to disappear. There was a big round hole in the chicken-house to give the fowls air, and a pole near it where the chickens used to gather and where the crickets could chirp them to sleep. Well, sir, after nine of them had turned up missing, the colonel set a big steel trap on two poles near the hole and early he

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