OLD SOL BEAMS AS BEAVERS WIN AGAIN

Mouthful Made of Pasadena Elks, 8 to 2.

RIP KING SPOILS SHUTOUT

Big Catcher Feels So Strong That Ball Is Heaved Twice in Row Into Left Field.

BY L. H. GREGORY.

PASADENA, Cal., March 19.—(Special.)—The Beavers made a mouthful of the Pasadena Elks at Brookside park this afternoon. It would have been an 8-to-0 shutout if big Rip King hadn't felt so strong in the sixth that he threw the ball into right field on plays at first base twice in a row.

That made the final 8 to 2, with the Beavers taking it easy in the final verses so the game could be finished before candle light. Kenworthy changed his battery in the sixth and put in an entire second-string infield except for Jimmy Poole, with Hale at third, Connolly at short and Ike Wolfer covering second. This combination hustled fast enough to make a nifty double play in the eighth.

Sun Shines in Earnest.

The hot weather has come in earnest now and the good old warm sunshine is making the athletes feel as frisky as a mess of eels. Everybody is in good shape and the pitchers could almost go nine innings, but Kenny isn't taking any chances of letting his hurlers hurt themselves through too much ambition.

In the five innings he worked, Buck Freeman, the right-hander from the Philadelphia Athletics, unfurled some fast-breaking curves and a pip of a change of pace. Control and a slow ball seem to be his best pitching assets. Kenny likes his actions and is counting on him as a certain first-string heaver.

Lefty Crumpler is just the opposite of Freeman. He depends on a zipping fast ball with an occasional fast curve. Except when King threw the ball away in the sixth, the Elks were lucky even to foul him. He zoomed in his fast one with such speed that six of them whiffed in four innings.

Two Scored in Third.

The Beavers scored two in the third on Sargent's walk, a single by Thorpe and Jimmy Poole's three-sack drive. They made three more in the fifth on High's walk, Thorpe's second single, drives by Kenworthy and McCann and three errors. Again in the sixth they scored two when Suds Sutherland pinch-hit a triple and scored on High's fly. Then Sargent doubled down the third-base line and came home on Poole's smash through second.

Dick Cox accounted for the eighth tally by losing the ball in left for a homer in the seventh.

Joe Sargent is getting his sea legs at third. The Detroiter made stops of two hard-hit grounders today that would have brought the stands in Portland to their feet in a frenzy of yelling. He also nicked a two-bagger down the third-base line. McCann showed lots of pepper at short.

Thorpe Makes Great Catch.

Besides getting a pair of hits, Jim Thorpe raced over and hauled down a foul that mighty few outfielders would have reached. Jim doesn't look to be trying when he runs, he does it so easily, but his tremendous strides get him over the ground at an amazing pace.

Incidentally, big Jim asks where the boys get that stuff about his having retired from professional football. Jim says that as he has been in football only 15 years and it's almost an insult to intimate that he is ready to quit now. After he has made it a quarter century he says he may be ready to retire, but he isn't sure.

Far from retiring next fall, he is already pulling the wires to organize the only Indian professional football team in the world. He will have several old Carlisle stars on it and will call it the Larue Oorangs. Larue is the name of a town in Ohio which will be the team's headquarters. Nobody knows what Oorang means, Jim included, but he says it is the name of his Airedale dog, and also the Oorang Airedale kennels at Larue, in which he has an interest.

Airedale of Royal Blood.

As Jim puts it, if Oorang is a good enough name for a high-class Airedale, the football players ought to stand it. Especially, Jim adds, inasmuch as his Airedale is a first cousin of President Harding's Airedale. That ought to hold the boys for a while.

Today's scores:

Portland—	B	R	H	O	A	Pasadena Elks—	B	R	H	O	A
High,m.	3	1	1	1	0						
Sarg't,3.	3	2	1	0	3	H'sley,r.	4	1	1	4	0
Hale,3.	1	0	0	0	1	Sinc'r,m	2	1	0	4	1
Thorpe,l	3	2	2	2	0	Haas,l.	4	0	0	1	0
Gres'tt,l	2	0	0	0	0	Sharpe,l.	4	0	1	9	0
Poole,l.	0	1	2	8	1	Cock'll,s	3	0	1	2	0
Ken'y,2.	4	0	2	3	2	J'nson,2	4	0	1	0	2
Wolfer,2	1	0	0	1	1	R'dson,3	4	0	1	0	2
Cox,r.	4	1	2	0	1	Leon,c.	4	0	1	7	1
M'Ca'n,s	3	0	2	0	2	A'berg,p.	3	0	0	0	2
Conl'y,s.	1	0	0	1	0						
Elliott,c.	3	0	0	3	0						
King,c.	2	0	1	7	0						
Fr'm'n,p	2	0	0	1	1						
Cr'pler,p	2	0	0	0	2						
Suth'l'd*	1	1	1	0	0						
Totals	40	8	14	27	14	Totals	32	2	6	27	8

*Batted for Freeman in fifth.

Portland	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	0	0	—8
Pasadena	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—2

Errors, King, Sharpe, Johnson, 2, Richardson, Leon. Struck out by Freeman 3, Crumpler 6, Arkenberg 5. Bases on balls off, Freeman 1, Crumpler 3, Arkenberg 3. Two-base hits, Sargent, Cox, Cockerell, Leon. Three-base hits, Sutherland, Poole. Home run, Cox. Double plays, Sinclair to Leon; McCann to Kenworthy to Poole; Crumpler to Wolfer to Poole. Stolen bases, Kenworthy, Cox, McCann, High (2), Sharpe.

ALL-STARS DEFEAT SEATTLE

Colored Nine Makes Score 3-2 in Its Favor in Eleventh.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 19.—The colored all-stars defeated Seattle today when Carr hit one of the longest home-run drives ever witnessed on the local grounds in the 11th inning, making the score 3 to 2. Besides his home run, Carr obtained a triple, double and single in four trips to the plate. Both Berger and Bell were hit hard. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
All-Stars.	3	9	2	Seattle...	2	6	0

Batteries—Jeffries and Hullen; Berger, Bell and Tobin.

CUBS BEAT VERNON, 8 TO 6

Pitching of Alexander Is Chief Cause of Chicago's Victory.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The pitching of Alexander was the chief cause of the 8-to-6 victory of the Chicago Nationals over the Vernon, Pacific Coast league team, here today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Chicago..	8	13	0	Vernon...	6	8	1

Batteries — Alexander, Aldridge, Jones and Hartnett; Love, Dell and Murphy.

SEATTLE OUTLOOK CHANGED

Opening Day's Lineup Not Going to Be as Anticipated.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 19.—Conditions which have arisen in the training camp of the Seattle Indians during the last few days have altered the outlook for the opening day's lineup. Ed Barney, outfielder, recently purchased from the International league, is expected to replace Shulte in right field in the regular season, with the ex-Cub star being held for pinch hitting and utility purposes.

The refusal of Marty Krug to report to camp has started a battle among three players in the camp to land the second-basing job. Manuel Cueto, Cuban star; Tom Connolly from the American association and Spencer Adams, a rookie, are all making bids for the position. Both Cueto and Connolly can play on both sides of the diamond and one will be retained for the utility job.

ANGELS DEFEAT SEMI-PROS

Three Pitchers Used Against Santa Fe Club; Score 10-5.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 19.—The Los Angeles team of the Coast league won over the Santa Fe Athletic Club Reds here this afternoon with a 10-5 score. Three pitchers each worked three innings for the Angels. Thomas allowed three hits and three runs, Hughes three hits, two runs; Lyons two hits, no runs.

One hit and a base on balls for the Angels, with three errors off the Reds, gave the Coast league team four runs in the ninth inning. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
L. A.....	10	9	2	S. F. Reds..	5	8	6

Batteries—Thomas, Hughes, Lyons and Rigo; Gilbert and Grimes.

SENATORS BUNCH HITS, WIN

Ambrose Tailors Are Defeated by Score of 7 to 2.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 19.—Bunched hits in the second, third and fourth innings, along with Pete Compton's rifleshot slam over the right barrier for the first home run out of Moreing field, with Buddy Ryan on the bags ahead of him in the eighth, brought victory to Sacramento's Senators today over the Ambrose Tailors, the final figures reading 7 to 2.

Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Ambrose.	2	10	0	Sacramento.	7	8	2

Batteries—Steingraf and Dooley; Niehaus, Shea, Penner and Stanage, Cook.

BEES DEVOUR CANDY NINE

Lewis and Reiger Hold Bushers to Two Hits; Score 7 to 0.

MODESTO, Cal., March 19.—Elmer Reiger and Sam Lewis of the Salt Lake Bees held the Poplar Candy baseball team of Oakland to two hits today and the leaguers won easily, 7 to 0. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Salt Lake.	7	8	3	P. Candys.	0	2	6

Batteries—Reiger, Lewis and Edwards; Lamb, Plummer and G. Viani.

SPRING POLO TOURNEY NEXT

Event Starting Saturday to Bring California Season to Close.

DEL MONTE, Cal., March 19.—(Special.)—The crack polo players representing California clubs as well as those on a visit will don their club colors next Saturday, March 25, until April 9, for the annual spring tournament at Del Monte. This tourney will bring to a close the California season.

The outstanding feature is a scheduled match between teams representing northern and southern California. Both sections have much material to draw from to try for the S. F. B. Morse poppy cup.

Aberdeen High Beats Centralia.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The Aberdeen high school basketball team completed a successful season Friday night by defeating Centralia at Centralia, 24 to 14. The victory gives Aberdeen undisputed claim to second place in the Southwest Washington league, the record of the local team including eight victories and one defeat. In addition the Aberdeen team won the Grays Harbor county title by defeating Elma, Montesano and Hoquiam. Coach Herreid's men ran up a total score of 363 as against 245 for opponents.

WALLA WALLA SETS DATES FOR SHOOT

$1400 in Prizes to Be Given Away April 16, 17, 18.

GUN CLUB GROUNDS GOOD

23 Trophies Purchased for Winners of Events Scheduled to Be Held This Spring.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—With cash and trophy prizes valued at $1400, the Walla Walla Gun club has begun preparing for its fourth annual registered tournament April 16, 17 and 18. The club has purchased 23 trophies and the programme announces that they are "real trophies, not tin cans."

Charles W. McKean, president of the club, stated that the organization "has gone a little strong" on the prize part of the tourney because the club is out of debt, has $5000 worth of property and 350 paid-up members. The grounds are on the state game farm and command a view of the valley with the Blue mountains in the background. The grounds, according to visiting sportsmen, are the prettiest in the northwest.

The club owns the clubhouse, four sets of traps, cement walks and shooting stations and other equipment, in addition to more than a carload of targets.

First Shoot Held Last Year.

The club was organized in August, 1919, and the first shoot was held in October of that year.

Charles W. McKean, president, was formerly a professional in the employ of the Remington Arms Co., but has regained his amateur standing. He is also a member of the Portland Gun club, as he lived in Portland from 1911 to 1916, while with the Remington Arms Co. Zi Dimmick, retired rancher, is vice-president, and L. B. Romine, part owner of a tire-shop, is secretary-treasurer.

The programme says of the shoot to be held in April:

"There will be no classifications or handicaps at this shoot. It is an old-fashioned shoot, shot in a new fashioned way, 'dog eat dog.' No one is barred and all targets will be shot from 16 yards, straight competition. Trophies are subject to open competition, no local restrictions whatever."

The programme consists of 600 registered targets, shot in six trophy events of 100 targets each.

Money to Be Divided.

All money will be divided straight on percentage system—40, 30, 20, 10 per cent in each event. Contestants may shoot for targets only and be eligible to win any of the trophies. They may also shoot for any of the special cash pots without entering for the regular money by paying $1 additional for each pot.

Two events will be shot each day of the tournament, each event being 100 targets.

Events the first day are: Walla Walla Introductory, with three trophies, and the Blue Mountain Special, with three trophies. Winners of the Walla Walla Introductory trophies will be barred from winning trophies in the Blue Mountain Special and, in fact, shooters will be limited to one regular trophy during the shoot. They may, however, win one of the five special trophies—high amateur average, high professional average, amateur long run, amateur second long run and amateur making low score on all targets.

Other Events Listed.

Second day events will be the Golden Pheasant overture, three trophies, and Inland Empire Special, three trophies.

The third day events will be the Garden City Hundred, three trophies, and the Commercial Club Special, three trophies.

In addition to the regular programme 22 special pots will be given to the club's sportsmen of the community. Each of the 22 pots will start with $25 in cash. The winner of any cash pot will receive $15 at this shoot and will be credited with a win on that event. When a shooter wins any event two times (the cash pot event will be made an annual feature) he will take the purse, less $25, except that if the purse is less than $100 he will take the entire amount. After the first shoot the purses will average more than $100; after the second shoot $200, etc.

Donors of the special pots are: John D. Ankeny, Dacres hotel, Malcolm McLean Grocery company, Edgar Patrick, Eureka Mills, Gardner & Co., C. D. Lenfesty, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cordiner, B. F. Owsley, Watts-Hensel-Stephens, Shep's Smoke Shop, Commercial club, Dahlen Auto company, Young & Lester, W. H. Meyer, C. W. McKean and Jack Jampke, Waitsburg Gun club, L. J. Esser and M. J. Bruer, Z. Dimmick and L. R. Romine, J. Morrison and T. O. Webster, Talman Drug company, S. A. Fulton and J. W. White.

BOY, 13, MAKES HOLE IN ONE

123-Yard Shot Falls True in Junior Golf Championship.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Eddie Coppen-Duffer, 13, of Lincoln high school, Los Angeles, holed a tee shot with a 123-yard drive yesterday in the southern California junior championship tournament on the links of the San Gabriel Country club. The tournament was won by Glen Warner, 15, of Hollywood school, with a low gross score of 86, par for the course being 73. Bobby Ross, 15, California junior champion, won second place with 88.

There were 118 contestants, ranging in age from 5 to 17 years.

FARREN DUE HERE TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTS HARPER SATURDAY.

Ten-Round Bout to Feature Portland Boxing Commission's Card at Armory.

Frankie Farren, San Francisco lightweight who meets Bobby Harper of Seattle in the ten-round main event of the Portland boxing commission smoker at the armory Saturday, will arrive in Portland tomorrow. This was the information received by Matchmaker Hansen yesterday. Farren also sent along word that he is in fine fettle and going better than ever.

Harper is on the ground and has been working daily at the London club. Farren has been working regularly in the four-round game at Los Angeles and can have no alibis to offer about condition.

Farren is about the best boy on the coast to give Harper a real battle. He is aggressive and a hard puncher, which is just the kind of a fighter to make the best showing with the Seattle lightweight. Farren is always dangerous, one of those boxers who carries a sleep-producing wallop which he is always trying to get over.

Matchmaker Hansen will back up the Farren-Harper bout with a card of four slashing preliminary bouts. The Portland boxers have all had a chance to show what they could do on local cards. Hansen has been fortunate in matching boys who always put up a battle. There will be two six-round and two four-round bouts besides the ten-round main event.

RAIL BOWLERS VICTORS

LODGEMEN ARE DEFEATED IN SPECIAL MATCH HERE.

Teams Trying Out to Represent Portland in Northwest Tournament at Spokane.

In a special match on the Oregon bowling alleys yesterday between two teams which will represent Portland in the Pacific northwest bowling tournament at Spokane next month, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway team defeated the Webfoot Camp 65, Woodmen of the World, by 453 pins. Another special match is slated for next Sunday between two other teams, which are planning on entering the tournament at Spokane.

The summary of yesterday's match follows:

S. P. & S. Ry Co.—	1st.	2d.	3d.	To'l	Av.
Johnson	183	198	257	638	213
Pollard	204	201	173	578	192
Votaw	159	145	178	482	161
Woodman	190	194	188	572	191
Freer	210	208	223	641	214
Totals	946	946	1019	2911	

Webfoot Camp, No. 65.	W.	O.	W.—		
Nordstrom	136	182	180	498	166
Voelker	179	182	170	531	177
Hubbard	203	159	131	493	164
Chapin	163	148	176	487	162
Sholin	125	173	151	449	150
Totals	806	844	808	2458	

PRINCIPALS TO MAP SCHEDULE FOR NINES

League Meeting to Be at Lincoln High Tomorrow.

SIX TEAMS IN CIRCUIT

James Johns Drops Out Because of Lack of Material; Season to Run Five Weeks.

The principals of the Portland public school league will meet tomorrow afternoon at Lincoln high school to draw up the baseball schedule for the coming season. As James John dropped out of the league because of lack of suitable material, the personnel of the league will include six teams, namely, Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Franklin, Commerce and Benson.

A five weeks' schedule will be arranged. Each team will play one game a week. The contests will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on the Multnomah field. At tomorrow's meeting an official ball will be adopted and an umpire selected.

Benson has been practicing for the last three weeks at East Twelfth and Davis streets. In spite of the continuous rain Coach Walgren has had his boys out daily sliding in the mud in an effort of perfecting their base-stealing.

Benson's prospects are the best in years. Of the ten lettermen in school, seven are regulars. With Misner and Roberts behind the bat the Mechanics are well fortified in that department. Watson, all-star Portland public school league pitcher last year, will be on the mound again, and will be assisted by Feldman, who is a good hurler, too.

Benson lost a first baseman and outfielder through graduation. Bradley, however, has been doing good work and may be played there. Grund, short; O'Brien, second, and Malson, third, are last year's regulars. Larson and Bottler are the lettermen in the outfield. Coach Walgren has another outfielder to develop before he is ready to start the season.

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Washington's baseball team has been practicing indoors since the windup of the basketball season. Only three lettermen are out, but Coach Fenstermacher is confident that a few more will turn out as soon as outdoor practice starts.

Washington will have a corking good battery. Espey and Morrison, right-handers, and Ortman, a southpaw, are out for pitching berths. Iverson and Priestly are behind the bat and both have shown to advantage in practice.

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Clyde White, new Jefferson mentor, will hold first outdoor practice of his team today. His battery, Earl Broughton, pitcher, and George Minnaugh, catcher, has been practicing for some time in the gym. Last year Broughton was one of the most dependable hurlers in the league.

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Lincoln has not received a practice call, but that will come some time this week, according to Norman Thorne, Lincoln's new baseball coach. Franklin will start practice this week. Franklin is coached by John Harkins.

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Bruno Korhonen, star hurler of last year's Commerce team, is back in school, but as yet no receiver who can handle his slants has been discovered. Korhonen is a strike-out artist and, with a good catcher, should do well. Commerce at present has no coach, but will turn out for first practice as soon as one is selected.

BEZDEK FOR FREE KICK BAN

Penn State Coach, However, Is Opposed to Extra Play.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., March 19.—(Special.)—Hugo Bezdek's mind is still on the recent changes in the football rules. Bezdek was very much in favor of eliminating the goal from touchdown, but was equally vehement in his opposition to the substitution of another play from the five-yard line in its place.

"The touchdown is the thing," said Bezdek, "so why all the agitation about the extra point? If they want a touchdown to count more than two field goals, then increase the value of a touchdown to seven points. The new play for a point will not add to the game, and it may work a hardship on a great many teams by causing too much stress to be placed on the try for the extra point. It will complicate rather than simplify the game for the spectators. Moreover, a team that has marched down the field for a touchdown is in no condition to immediately line up to try for an additional point that may decide the contest."

WASHINGTON WRESTLERS WIN

Pullman Team Defeated in Tournament at Seattle, 18 to 14.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—University of Washington wrestlers defeated the team from Washington State college in a tournament held here last night by the score of 18 to 14. The summary follows:

125 pounds — Jahlstrom, Washington State college, defeated Berry, University of Washington; 135 pounds—Ewing, Washington State college, defeated Clithero, University of Washington; 145 pounds—McCredie, University of Washington, defeated Boggs, Washington State college; 158 pounds—Crumb, University of Washington, defeated Guldford, Washington State college; 175 pounds—Davies, University of Washington, defeated White, Washington State college.

BEAVERS TO JOIN LEGION

KLEPPER TO TAKE OUT CARDS FOR VETERANS ON NINE.

Portland Post to Get Credit; Some Sunday to Be Set Aside for Ex-Service Men.

Bill Klepper, president of the Portland baseball club, isn't overlooking anything for his team or players. His latest announcement is that he will make arrangements for every Beaver who is a war veteran to be a member of the Portland post of the American Legion.

Some fine Sunday during the season it will be American Legion day at the Vaughn street lot. There will be some impressive ceremonies. Portland ballotossers who fought for Uncle Sam will be presented with their membership cards. In return there will be a big Portland ball club night at the American Legion headquarters, when the legionaires will show the boys just what they think of them.

Several of the Beavers donned the olive drab. Tom Turner, assistant manager, coach and scout for Portland, and Joe Sargent, hustling third sacker, have impressive overseas records. Turner enlisted as a buck private and went across with the 28th division, the Pennsylvania national guard at the time. When the smoke cleared in France Turner was a full-fledged major.

Dr. Earl V. Morrow, vice-president of the Portland club, will leave for the Pasadena training camp today to look over the squad before the opening of the season in Los Angeles April 4. Dr. Morrow will represent the owners of the Portland team at the opening day contest.

BASEBALL IS THRIVING

PROSPERITY IS INDICATED IN SALARIES BEING PAID.

Danger Believed to Lurk in Big Pay and Opinion of Worth Players May Get of Themselves.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—(Special.)—The prosperous times through which professional baseball is passing is indicated in the larger salaries the clubs of the country, both major and minor, are able to pay.

It is amazing how the financial situation in baseball has changed since 1919. Immediately during and after the war things looked dark and there was considerable question as to the financing of the 1920 campaign. Those who were able to tide over this period of stress found themselves beginning with 1920 with something like a gold mine in their possession. There is, however, one condition which may mitigate against continued prosperity.

This danger lurks in the tremendous salaries being paid and the opinion certain players may get of their worth. The prompt action of Judge Landis probably had the effect of curbing any idea on the part of Babe Ruth that he, individually, was bigger than the game. There are many who are of the opinion that Ruth really has not learned his lesson, but bowed to public opinion, which he had the good sense to understand was not to be trifled with.

It is the public and not a baseball club owner who pays the tremendous salaries, and when the public refuses to pay, the high salaries will begin to come down. When men are willing to pay $50 to $100 for ringside seats to see a fight, just so long will men like Jack Dempsey be able to demand any price. When the fan sets his foot down, then we may hope to see Dempsey getting something within reason for the effort he puts forth.

Sport News and Comment

Beginning today the annual indoor tennis championships will be held at the Longwood covered courts. There will be three divisions—singles, doubles and mixed doubles. It is expected that Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory of New York, who won the championship last year, and Mrs. Benjamin E. Cole II of Andover, runner-up, will be among the participants in the singles.

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With a knockout recently credited to Fred Fulton, the heavyweight plasterer, it will occasion no surprise if mention is begun of him as a contender against Jack Dempsey. It seems that, of the four or five heavies that stand next in line to Dempsey, each in turn every so often gets his name linked in connection with the champion in the newspapers.

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The annual northern California golf championships will be played on the Lakeside links of the Olympic club just outside of San Francisco. The event will be played from March 25 to 29, inclusive. Within the last two years these links have been vastly improved. Work has been almost continuous at one part of the course or another.

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The Utah state swimming championships will be held in Salt Lake City on March 25.

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Morris Kirksey, the Stanford sprinter who is one of the fastest runners on the coast, has volunteered to run 60 yards against a racehorse from a standing start as a feature event of an amateur circus to be held in San Francisco for a philanthropic purpose. In doing this Kirksey has added ten yards to the customary distance raced between man and horse, at which time he has every chance of winning. The additional ten yards is considerable of a handicap, as the horse by that time has gotten into its stride, and is quickly overcoming the start gained by the sprinter.

Ad Santel, light heavyweight wrestling champion, is in the unfortunate position of being so superior to other men in his own class that interest cannot be aroused in these matches. On the other hand, Santel is not big or powerful enough to take the measure of such men as Strangler Lewis or Zbyszko. He has wrestled them and made a splendid accounting.

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Oakland, Cal., in order to encourage mass athletics and the spread of exercise among the youngsters, allows the free use of its big civic auditorium to regularly organized industrial athletic associations, and the like, in which to stage basketball games and tournaments. Two hundred and eight basketball teams recently competed in an elimination contest in what is known as the Bay Cities Athletic federation. The teams were made up from employes of banks, mercantile houses, stores and boys of various churches.

GIBBONS LOSES HIS GRIP

MATCH WITH GREB PRECLUDE BATTLE WITH CHAMP.

Harry Wills, Negro, Only Fistic Eligible That Could Hope to Tackle Champion.

Those doubtless sincere and well-intentioned persons who, a short time ago, were putting Gibbons forward as a contender against the world's heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, are not likely to continue in this idea for the reason that, since the result of the recent Greb match, they would get scant hearing.

There was a time when a number of ring followers were of the opinion that Gibbons could have disposed of Georges Carpentier. It is questionable whether this opinion still is adhered to. At all events, a Gibbons-Carpentier match would have been one of the best any promoter could have put on, and yet this fistic plum seems to have been totally ignored while people were discussing wholly unlikely propositions.

In the light of what has happened, we now are likely to be regaled with suggestions of a Greb-Dempsey match. What would happen to Greb in the event that this absurd match were staged, would be exactly the uncomfortable and annoying episode in which Carpentier of France figured one July afternoon at Jersey City.

Greb already is talking about issuing a challenge to Dempsey. If Greb has any friends at all they should advise him to forget any such idea. The American public has no desire to see another slaughter. There is nothing interesting nor pleasant in deliberately seeing a good but smaller man beaten and bloodied by a superior physical fighting machine.

Thus things are revolving back to the almost thread-bare subject of matching the negro, Harry Wills, against the champion. There seems to be one great stumbling block in the way of this mixed color encounter, and that is the purse demanded by Dempsey to get into the ring. It is almost a certainty that any promoter who would venture to pay Dempsey the fortune he asks, would be forced into bankruptcy. The American public is not likely to be willing to pay the fancy prices which the promoter would be compelled to ask in order to get the money for his purse.

At best, when lighter men go out of their class to battle against heavier men, the results are unsatisfactory and generally disastrous to the smaller man. As good a fighter as Stanley Ketchel fell before Jack Johnson, and there was not a man at the ringside who did not pity the plucky Ketchel. But persons seeking entertainment are not looking to have their pity aroused. There are mighty few Bob Fitzsimmonses. Ring history furnishes us with few, if any, parallels to this remarkable ring man.

A moment's consideration in a comparison of either Gibbons and Greb with Fitzsimmons must make clear the futility of the aspirations of either of the men mentioned. If ring history does not teach us anything, there seems to be but little sense in recording it. There seem to be many promoters imbued with a sufficient greed to put on a slaughter merely to make a sort of Roman holiday without giving a thought to the fact that he may be giving the sport a black eye from which it takes a long time to recover.

'THERE'S AT LEAST ONE IN EVERY OFFICE.'

GIGANTIC AMATEUR BOXER IS FLOORED--BY SPEEDING TRAIN

Ralph Smith Hopes to Recover in Time to Compete in National Simon-Pure Championships Next Month.

BY ROBERT EDGREN.
Famous New York Sports Critic.

RALPH SMITH, the gigantic amateur boxer, whose ambition is to become king of the heavyweights, has been put flat on his back.

But it took a railroad train to do it.

Smith was a carpenter at a big movie studio until the slump hit the movie business and closed the place where he worked. Then he looked around for something that would keep him busy between bouts and pay the rent. Because of his extraordinary physique he had little trouble getting into the Los Angeles fire department service as a fireman, and was attached to a hook and ladder company.

When Smith had been in the department a week he was called out to a fire. The huge hook and ladder truck was tearing along when an electric train, running at full speed, struck and entirely demolished it. One man sitting beside Smith was killed. Another had his skull fractured and was badly smashed. Ralph found himself lying in the wreckage 50 feet from the place of the collision. He couldn't move. When he was taken to the hospital it was found necessary to plaster a few ribs that had been scrambled a bit and put him in a cot for a few weeks, but he apparently had no permanent injury.

"The funny thing about it," says Smith, "is that I saw the crash coming and knew I had to take it. I thought it was the long count, sure. But it didn't even knock me unconscious for a moment. After this I don't care what hits me."

Ralph hopes to recover in time to compete in the national amateur boxing championships next month.

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The baseball teams are scattered throughout south and southwest. This is the first and most cheerful sign of spring. It's a tough life these baseball babies lead. Along late in February or early in March they're forced by the dire necessity of their calling to leave the happy days in slush and snow behind, cut out the dear old blizzard weather, stop hugging the steam radiators and go south somewhere.

There they are annoyed by the singing of the birds, have to smell the odors of the flower-covered prairies and cast their eyes over the green grass, violets, poppies and other things that are so hard to look at.

They are deprived of the pleasure of bundling up in heavy overcoats and wearing goloshes. If they have any frozen noses they get thawed out. The blooming sun gets them all red and destroys that artistic winter pallor they're so fond of. And all they can find to do to kill time is play ball out in the warm sunshine, loaf in the lobbies when there isn't a crap game on, and eat at the best hotels at the clubs' expense.

No wonder so many baseball players leave baseball and go back to the good old pick and shovel.

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Jimmy Wilde says he isn't retiring from the ring and that he expects to fight several years more and then step down undefeated. So far, Jimmy Wilde hasn't found a man of his weight who could give him a real battle. The only fighters who have slugged with him on even terms or better were many pounds heavier.

The only man who beat him badly was Kid Herman, then bantamweight champion. Herman failed to make the weight agreed upon, at which Wilde was giving him several pounds advantage, and came in overweight. Wilde went on with the match rather than disappoint the crowd, but he was giving away too much and was knocked out.

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Billy Brady seems to be bidding for recognition as "premier boxing impressario," according to accounts.

Well, Bill did that a quarter of a century ago. Back in the 90s Bill managed Jim Jeffries, and before that he had to do with other other fighters of less ability, among them Jim Corbett. He took a whack at everything, from managing to matchmaking and did fairly well at it.

Then, as a successful theatrical producer, Brady cut out fighting connections for a long time, and didn't like to be reminded of his ring career. His new interest in boxing began with his association with Mr. Cochrane of England, now one of the biggest theatrical producers, but equally busy promoting boxing and wrestling championships. The English always associate sport and business, and never had a notion that it might be undignified for a theatrical producer to run a ring fight.

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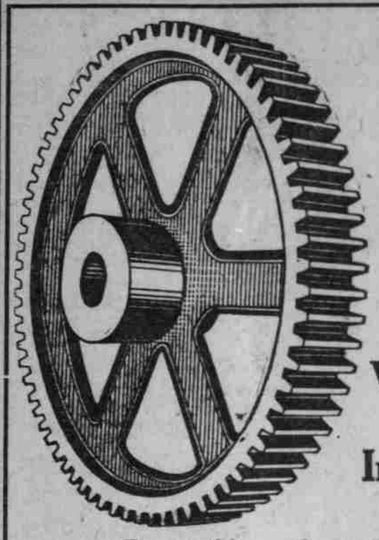

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