

# WEEK'S EVENTS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

## Amateurs Are Busy With Tournaments of Sportsmen Are Interested in Game Laws Before Legislature

### From the Grandstand

**Sheriff Word and the Fighters**  
—Croker Served Right—The Foul-Strike Rule—Baseballism

WHETHER Sheriff Tom Word promised that he would fink the other eye in case the boxing game opened in Portland or not, the fact remains that he knocked the match between Dave Barry and Burns into a cocked hat. Just why he refused to allow the match is not known, but the fact that he did is a sore disappointment to the local fight fans, for they were anxious to see Barry and Burns hook up. San Francisco is about the only place where the fight is actually pulled off, and the indications are that the game will be short lived in the Big City. Fight promoters, not only in Portland, but in every town in the country, can blame themselves for the closing up of this sport, which, in spite of all that has and will be said about it, is a popular sport.

On the heels of Ed Corrigan's threatened war in the Middle West, comes the announcement from England that Richard Croker has been told to take his stable away from Newmarket Heath. Croker stuck it out a long time in England. He outlasted the Drakes, the Wisnards, the Macfarlanes and almost every thing that had U. S. branded on its racing stables or connected with racehorses. Here, in America, we were just about to believe that there was something about the English that made him immune from the Britishers, but they nailed him at last. He is charged with a crime that is little short of treason, and the English nation has been dared to bid on a yearling colt at a horse sale that King Edward had sent his agent to buy. Croker did not know that the King wanted the colt, and it's just possible that if he did he would have bid for the colt just the same. Croker wrung from the secretary of the Jockey Club the reason for his expulsion, and it remained for the Sporting Times of London, to get real "nawty" about it. This paper called Croker a "mug," whatever that might mean in England, and laughed at him because he had spent \$20,000 trying to get into the English racing game. What American horsemen should do is stay at home. The treatment they get abroad serves them right.

The silence of Manager McCreddie concerning his team line-up for 1905 is beginning to wear the nerves of the baseball fans to a frazzle. They expect him to break the silence soon, or they will forget there is to be a baseball season in Portland. He has the fans that he will place a corking good team here this Summer, but the most of them want to be shown.

The foul-strike rule is still the subject of much comment in the East. Hear what some of the baseball writers have to say about it:

There is no need of the foul-strike rule to keep the games within the interesting time limit. There is no need of the rule, that is acknowledged, and it is necessary to make the work of the pitchers harder in order to accomplish it. It looks absurd, therefore, to have experts conducting public hearings to discover some new scheme to handicap the pitcher and help the batter, when there is the easy and rational way of abolishing the foul-strike rule. Many seem to think that having experts conduct public hearings to discover some new scheme to handicap the pitcher and help the batter, when there is the easy and rational way of abolishing the foul-strike rule. Many seem to think that having experts conduct public hearings to discover some new scheme to handicap the pitcher and help the batter, when there is the easy and rational way of abolishing the foul-strike rule.

The foul-strike rule is a crime against baseball. It has so corrupted batting that there are now only 15 hitters in the big leagues whose average is more than .300, and in 1887 the number went up to 136. Base-running is almost abolished. Only one man exceeded .50 in 1904.—Philadelphia North American.

Base-running as well as batting has been going back, and there is nothing to blame except the foul-strike rule. Under it the batsman has very little chance to help the base-runners. Only one man, Wagner, stole more than 20 bases last season, when, in 1885, with 14 less games, Rovey, of the Athletics, led the American Association with 36. While in the National League Hamlin, Kelley and Anderson each stole more than 20. After abolishing the foul-strike rule and restoring batting and base-running.—Philadelphia Record.

Miguel Fisher, the Tuzer press agent, must have been a sight during the short time that he was threatened with the loss of two of his players. The threatened action of the National Board to open the drafting system, against Tacoma, no reports have it, worried Miguel a great deal. In fact, it is reported that he lost 35 pounds in 10 hours. Fisher doing the stunt of a living skeleton, might be a sight for the gods, but the Northwest fans were saved this agony when Fisher was backed up so strongly by President Bert. When Miguel learned that there was no draft to be made by his team, he became cheery and stated that he could count on Jim Morley to help him out in case it came to a fight against the action of the National Board. With Fisher it was a case of any port in a storm.

Dick Boettger, who is to be one of Manager McCreddie's backstops this season, is at present a member of the Berkeley police force. When it comes time for the Webfooters to report for practice, Dick will resign.

Miguel Fisher is instructing his players to report for training at Fresno on March 8. This will give them three weeks to put themselves in condition. Fisher has arranged one game with the Chicago Nationals for St. Patrick's Day, and he expects to play at least one more game with the big leaguers.

Manager Harris says he thinks he will be able to arrange a series of four games with the Nationals for the Seals.

George Hildebrand, the scrappy little outfielder, has few idle hours on his hands these days. When he is not playing ball at San Jose he is selling sporting goods for B. Holding & Sons, of Chicago. This firm has established a house on Geary street, and Hildy is one of their most popular salesmen.

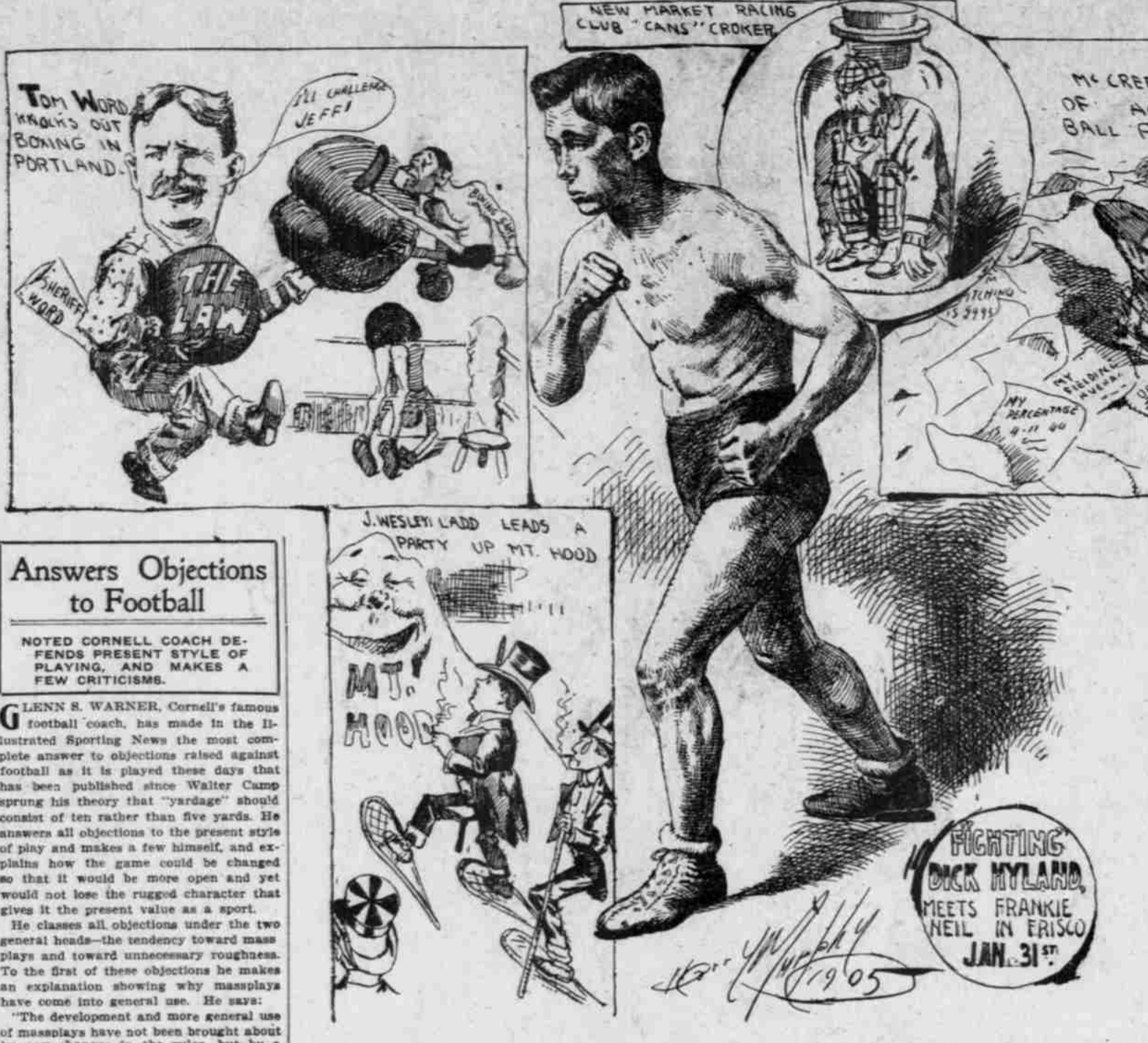
The action of "Jack" Sheridan in asking for an umpire's berth in the Pacific Coast League is quite a surprise to American League fans.—Baltimore News.

Sheridan's joining the Pacific Coast League is not to be wondered at, for he gets to work eight months, while in the East he only gets salary for six months.

**Baseball Salaries Cut.**

The salary of "Wild Bill" Donovan, the star pitcher of the Detroit team, has dropped from \$5000 to \$2500. Charley Hickman, who was traded from Cleveland to Detroit last year, has had his \$3500 check pared down to \$1800. Pitcher Donahue has not yet signed his 1905 contract with Cleveland, because he will have to stand a further decrease over last year.

CARTOONIST MURPHY GLANCES AT SOME PICTURESQUE EVENTS IN THE SPORTING WORLD



### Answers Objections to Football

**NOTED CORNELL COACH DEFENDS PRESENT STYLE OF PLAYING AND MAKES A FEW CRITICISMS.**

GLENN S. WARNER, Cornell's famous football coach, has made in the illustrated Sporting News the most complete answer to objections raised against football as it is played these days that has been published since Walter Camp sprung his theory that "yardage" should consist of ten rather than five yards. He answers all objections to the present style of play and makes a few himself, but consistent gains, which will be reasonably sure of gaining five yards in three trials without much chance of losing ground on any play than to try for longer gains and end runs and trick plays when the liability to lose ground or fumble is much greater. End runs were much more in evidence ten or 15 years ago, not because the rules permitted or encouraged them, but because the general use of heavy ends, the backs of those days were chosen almost solely for their speed, their dodging and their individual brilliancy in carrying the ball without much regard for their defensive playing, whereas nowadays the backs are chosen as much (if not more) for their defensive ability as for their ability to advance the ball. This, together with the modern method of end defense and the general use of heavy ends, has made the defense so much stronger that the individual stars, who electrified the crowd years ago by their long dodging end runs, would probably be powerless to gain five yards in three trials of the last few years, whereas the crushing, powerful, concentrated offense of our modern teams would no doubt push the best teams of ten or more years ago all over the field.

### Fought His Way to the Top Rank

**MARVELOUS RECORD OF DICK HYLAND—WHO WILL MEET FRANKIE NEIL IN SAN FRANCISCO.**

FRANKIE NEIL'S next opponent in the ring will be "Fighting Dick" Hyland. It will also be Neil's first battle since his return from England, where he lost the championship to an Englishman. Hyland, whose right name, by the way, is William Hurine, is a newcomer into the professional ranks, but he has a great record as an amateur. He broke into the game one night at one of the San Francisco amateur shows. A boxer named Hyland failed to show up, and the managers of the show were scouting around for a lad to take his place. Suddenly a quiet-appearing young fellow applied for permission to fight. He was asked whether he had ever boxed before, and said no, but that he could fight some. The boy was accepted, and while he did not show much in the way of acumen, he showed a certain amount of pluck, and he gave a splendid account of himself.

### Claude, the "Iron Horse"

**WON STAKES LAST YEAR WHICH NETTED HIS OWNERS MORE THAN \$22,000.**

Claude, the winner of many Derby races in 1904, is one of the few 3-year-olds that came back as a 4-year-old and showed improvement over his previous year's performance. As a 3-year-old he won a dozen races, and some of them were Derbies, which brought his winning for the season of 1903 up to \$31,500. He won 14 races during the season, and as seven of them were of much value, his total earnings for the year amount to \$22,100. Claude now gets the name of the "Iron Horse," and has been in almost constant training for two years.

### PRESENT FUGLISTIC CHAMPIONS.

- Heavyweight.....James J. Jeffries
- Colored heavyweight.....Jack Johnson
- Light heavyweight.....Bob Fitzsimmons
- Middleweight.....Tommy Ryan
- Welterweight.....Buddy Ryan
- Lightweight.....James Britt
- Heavy featherweight.....James Britt
- Featherweight.....Abe Attell
- Bantamweight.....Tom Bowker

### SPORTS GOOD RECORD.

**Jockey Hildebrand's Dirty Riding Brings Down Wrath of Critics.**

Jockey Hildebrand, the California lad who has set a high-water mark for riding winners during 1904, has taken a great tumble in the estimation of turfmen. The pin-headed boy, who a little over a year ago was begging for exercise mounts at 50 cents a head, because he was engaged to ride for a big Eastern stable has developed a mad case of swollen head. He was called up before the judges at Ascot and grilled because of his bad riding and because of his rough riding. This callow youth, instead of taking the dust and the shame, however, caused the announcement to be made that he would not ride again at Ascot Park.

Eastern turf critics have taken up the Hildebrand matter, and are handily lashing the youth without gloves, and one writer rightly says:

The time never will arrive when little whippersnappers will be able to dictate the course of a race, and there are thousands of dollars invested to insure its permanency. Hildebrand will come and go, but racing will not be swayed from its course for a moment because a jockey has such a grand notion of his own importance that he cannot submit to criticism from those whose duty it is to preserve good order and honest racing.

Hildy sent the young man East in one of those cars for perishable freight in the Spring, or he may still be here if he gets this side of the Divide.

Hildy's record last year will probably remain unbroken for years to come, as he averaged better than one winner for every racing day. There are approximately 313 racing days in one year, but a fortnight must be allowed for travel between California and New York, and a full month would be nearer the time lost.

Beginning the first of the past year, Hildebrand rode 51 winners on the tracks near San Francisco, when Joe Yeager took him to Ascot Park, Los Angeles, where he landed over 40 winning mounts. When he left the county to try conclusions with the crack riders around New York he had 97 winners to his credit.

Hildebrand piloted Artful to victory in the Futurity, and also won the Great Trial Stakes with Flyback. He rode Irish Lad, when he beat Orr Wells in a nose finish at Rhespehead Bay, and landed Coy Maid a winner in five consecutive races. His first runner in the "Big" was Lord Badge, and, strangely enough, he won his last race there on the same horse.

At Ingleisle track last February he rode four horses to victory, and finished second on his fifth mount, and at Sheepshead Bay, on June 18, he rode four winners out of six mounts.

Hildebrand's showing since has been quite a disappointment to his followers, and his average suffers in comparison with his Eastern record. He returned to California with 202 wins to his credit, and has since ridden two winners at the Oakland track and about a score at Los Angeles.

It will be seen that he established the nucleus of his record-breaking season on the metropolitan tracks in the vicinity of New York. It was thought that he would have an easy time winning races when he got down to Ascot Park in Los Angeles, as he was not called upon to look up with many star jockeys, while the fields were much smaller, but, as a matter of fact, the number of times he has been beaten by a very small margin has been astonishingly large for such a skilled rider.

C. Bull never rode in California, but is a cousin of Lester and Johnny Reiff. Burns rode at Oakland the year he made his "big run," and Rance is a California boy, who served his apprenticeship with the well-known racing firm of Burns & Waterhouse. For the past two seasons he has been riding successfully in France.

### Game Bills Are Many

**General Tendency Is Shown Among Sportsmen to Do Away With Foulstrokes.**

THE Oregon Legislature, which has at various times been prevailed upon to forbid the sale of different kinds of game, has at present a bill before it introduced by the Fish and Game Association to prevent the sale of upland and water fowl, practically the only game needing protection in that particular which have not received it. As to the upland birds the bill is like a cork in the dam, but as to water fowl, particularly ducks, the likelihood is the other way.

On reading the calendars of the Senate and House one wonders what these bodies have done to have such a host of game bills presented to them. But as fast as they come up they are handed over to the fish and game committee and are there digested. The personnel of these committees is as follows:

Senate: E. C. Carter, Jackson County; W. A. Howe, Yamhill; G. S. Wright, Lincoln; Tillamook and Yamhill; N. Wheelan, Wasco; W. M. Piers, Umatilla.

House: R. D. Donahue, Gilliam; Norman and Wheeler; W. D. Chamberlain, Umatilla; W. T. Muir, Multnomah; V. A. Carter, Benton; C. G. Huntley, Clackamas.

### Amateurs Are Busy

**Billiard and Pool Tournaments at the Multnomah Club.**

UNUSUAL activity has been manifested the past week among the Multnomah Athletic clubmen, billiard and pool tournaments being quite the thing and a "try-out" tournament of 32 games for bowlers is scheduled.

The winners of this week's billiard matches are C. W. Zeller, first class; C. S. Grek, second class; L. Banks, third class, and J. R. Rogers, fourth class. Monday and Tuesday nights the winners will be rehandicapped to play off for first and second prizes. The sets are not announced yet.

Entries for the pool tournament are coming in by the dozen and it is hoped that the first match will be played next week. Following are a few of those who have entered:

Tip Zachrisson, Morris Dunn, J. R. Grek, K. T. Long, R. P. Knight, C. W. Zeller, J. Ross, M. S. Mulford, E. Frohman, J. 1883 Francis Deery.

Saturday night the Multnomah basketball team will go to Dallas to play the Dallas College aggregation. The boys have worked conscientiously and feel assured that they will carry off the honors.

Stedman (captain) and Kennaday, will play for Bellinger, center, and Harder and Barton, guards. A return game will be played at some future time.

The Multnomah second team is scheduled to play Fortland Academy Saturday night, and from some of the practice matches played this week the "Cadets" will butt into a hard scrap in the club "gym." Kerrigan is to play center, Frohman and Francis forwards and Allen and Gamble guards.

A 22-game "tryout" tourn' will be held between now and the middle of February for the purpose of picking a bowling team to go to Astoria and recover the Faldenberg trophy. The clubmen have been very restless since they lost the trophy to the Astorians and will make arduous endeavors to bring it back. Aside from the "tryouts" a medal will be awarded to the bowler with the highest average for the tourn'. Frank Ford is chairman of the bowling committee and announces that there will be some dead "M. A. C.'s" if the Faldenberg trophy remains at the coast city after the match.

At the board of directors' meeting Thursday night, the necessary funds to make the two sides of the team possible were appropriated. In addition to this, a resolution was passed providing for improvements on the club grounds.

Annual reports will be read and new directors elected at the meeting held February 14. A nominating committee has been appointed to designate those who will run for office.

### WOMAN A STRONG ONE

**She Could Make the Average Athlete Cry Out With Envy.**

The appearance of a woman competitor in the shooting range in Derbyshire reminds the Sheffield Telegraph of one Phoebe Brown, who died just half a century ago, aged 90, says Forest and Stream. This extraordinary woman, who lived with her mother in a cottage nearly opposite the High Tor, at Matlock Bath, could walk nearly 60 miles a day when young, could lift a hundredweight in each hand, and carry it a score. She undertook any kind of manual labor, as holding the plow, driving the team, thrashing wheat with the fall and thatching the stacks. Her chief avocation was breaking horses. At 16 she was a first-class horsewoman, and carried her gun on her shoulder. She was fond of Milton, Pope and Shakespeare, and performed on several instruments, including the flute, violin and harpsichord, and played the bass viol, in Matlock Church. She was a carpenter, mason and smith, and mainly by her own hard labor built another room to the cottage, and she was presented to her. At her own request a local clergyman wrote her epitaph, and here it is:

Here lies Phoebe Brown, who lived with her mother in a cottage nearly opposite the High Tor, in Matlock Church. She was a carpenter, mason and smith. A jockey, cowherd and musician.

### ST. LOUIS RACE-TRACK SOLD.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—The Union race-track, which has been owned by the late Captain J. J. Carmody, who represented the old stockholders.