# NEWS AND GOSSIP IN SPORTDOM

Jimmy Britt an Interested Spectator at Corbett-Nelson Fight. Yacht Club Plans a New Clubhouse.

# Nelson Has Improved Says Jimmie Britt

Californian Closely Observed the Dane in the Fight Which Vir-tually Retires Young Corbett.

AMES EDWARD BRITT was an interesting spectator at the ringelde en Battling Nelson for the second time femisively whipped Young Corbett. Britt has given it out that he would be willing to fight the winner, and he says that his mey is up in Harry Corbett's safe, Britt, it can be depended upon, watched the stordy Dane all the time he was in action, and at the end of the battle he stated that Nelson had improved greatly since his fight with the lad from Hege-wisch. In the same breath Jimmy said that he would have to make a better fight than be has ever done before in order to

Britt is not alone in this opinion. Nelson's showing against the ex-champion was a great exhibition. The Nugget was good for four rounds, and after that he began to fade away. There is no question but that Corbett tried to get back into dition and that he faced Nelson in the best trim that a fighter, one that has lived as he has, could get into. Yet critics say that only once or twice did the conqueror of Terry McGovern show fiashes of his old-time speed and accuracy. The wallop that Nelson planted on his jaw in the minth round might have been a lucky wild swing, but ringside accounts of the mill do not bear this out. The fact of the mat-ter is that Nelson has the same old Indian sign on Young Corbett that Corbett has on McGovern, and no matter how many

on McGovern, and no matter how many times they hook up. Nelson would return the winner.

Young Corbett, like Jim, his namesake; John I. Sullivan and a host of other knights of the fistic game, has traveled the route that kills. He is now a second-rater. Corbett put up a game fight. This has been his record throughout his ring career. In both of his fights with Nelson he has taken an awful beating. He son he has taken an awful beating. He was "broke" before the fight, and wagered was "broke" before the fight, and wagered his end of the purse on the outcome of the battle. This shows how sure he was of winning. What he will do now is not known. He has lost his power as a drawing card, but he has not lost his personal following; but whether this following will stick to him as they did to Sullivan remains to be seen. He is done as a boxer, and the best thing he can do is to get into some sort of business. It will come hard for him to get down to work. Corhard for him to get down to work. Cor-bett is fond of high living, and right now he is facing a crisis in his career. He has been a great money-maker, but he has seen it like a King, and about the only thing he has to show for his battles is the home which he bought for his par-ents.

Nelson is a sort of second Fitzsimmons and should be win a thousand fights h and should be win a thousand fights he will never be as popular a fighter as the man he defeated. In the hearts of the ring followers Young Corbett has the same hold that old John L. Sullivan has—something which Nelson will never have. While Nelson is a great little fighter, perhaps the best of his weight that the ring has ever seen, he is wanting in the saving clause—modesty. As soon as he was sure that he had again beaten Corbett he game out with his time-worn defi to Jimmy Britt, declaring that if he (Nel-

step in and exchange wallops. Himmy does this about half a minute in each round, and when he does let go be hurts. the only two men in the lightweight division who stand a chance of doing so.

If this match is made, it will be a great battle. So would a fight between Joe Gans and Nelson. In his battle for Cor-bett, Nelson had considerable trouble in making 136, and it is doubtful if he will be able to make that weight in many more fights. A fight with Gans, weigh in at 133 pounds at 2 o'clock, or even at 6 o'clock, would furnish rare sport. This fight would be the drawing card that the fight not be the drawing card that the ingit with Hrist would be, because the fight fans would be suspicious of a frame-up. No matter how faithfully the pair would train for the mill, there would be talk that Al Herford had it fixed for the negro

HARRY MURPHY PICTURES TWO PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE UMPIRES AND GLANCES AT SEVERAL INTERESTING SPORTING EVENTS



# Amateurs Will Box and Wrestle

Spirited Tournament Will Be Held at Multnomah Club Between Seattle and Local Athletes,

THE programme arranged for the boxing and wrestling tournament be held at the Multnomah Club on Wednesday night between the local club and the Seattle Athletic Club presents, besides the main events, four preliminaries. Three of these are given game out with his time-worn ded to Jimmy Britt, declaring that if he (Nelson) ever meets the California Britt will be sent to the "has-been" class. Every ring follower who is familiar with the careers of Britt and Nelson is ready to believe that if it is in any of the little fellows to get Britt's scalp. Nelson is the one. The thing that has and will sour the fame against Nelson is just this sort of talk. Not that they have any great love for Britt, but because they fight shy of a boaster.

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The main events consist of a box-ing match between Edgar Frank, M. A.

Ed. Beinett, S. A. C., and s.

may call for a fourth, should it be necessary to decide the winner. In wrestling the bouts are ilmited to 15 minutes each, two falls out of three de-The preliminary claring the winner.

minutes each.

Miller and Bennett come from Seut-Miller and Bennett come from Seat-tle with crack reputations, and are said to be both fast and clever. The past work and the present condition of the Multnomah boys, however, lead their supporters to a confident belief in their ability to win.

It has been decided to permit ladies to attend the tournament, and the gal-lery will be reserved for them and their scories.

### "SLATS" DAVIS AS UMPIRE. He Will Act for President Bert This Season.

J. Ira ("Slats") Davis, who is to be one

train for the mill, there would be talk that Al Herford and it fixed for the negro to win or lose.

CHESBRO'S EARLY CAREER.

Famous Pitcher Once Paid His Own Training Expenses.

Clarke Griffiths announces that be regards "Happy Jack" Cheebro as the greatest pitcher that the game has ever known.

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mento, and he still has a vivid recollection of that event. George Harper was one of of that event. George Harper was one of the Coast League umpires, and one Sunday morning Sacramento was playing in Oakland Davis began kicking and making fun of Harper. Harper stood the "balting" until he got tired, and, bolding up his right hand, the one which held the indicator, he signaled Davis that he was fined 32. Davis glanced at the indicator, saw that the umpire's fingers were wrapped around the indicator, and without smilling walked up before the grand stand and said to the the crowd: "Harper has fined me 33, but if he had dropped the indicator he would have made it 35. His fingers were busy."

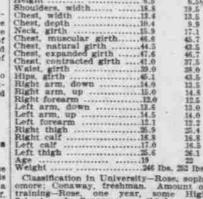
### ATHLETE ROSE HAS RIVAL.

Barry Conaway, of Drake University, the Man.

ose, the "perfect man," has a rival. Barry Conaway, a Drake University freshman, can boast of almost the same measurements as the big Califor-

The difference between the two men is in point of training. Rose has been working under one of the best trainers in the country for a year, and has previously One thing is sure—if Britt consents to meet the Dane. Jimmy will not wade into this fighting cyclone like Corbett. In splite of the great speed and accuracy that Nelson displayed before Corbett when he got ready to cut loose. Nelson will find Britt just a wee bit faster. Jimmy does not win his battles by toeing the mark and slugging. He is shifty enough to keep a boxer at arm's length until he is ready to step in and exchange wallone. Himmy

The measurements of the two men are given below for compari



Classification in University-Rose, sophomore; Conaway, freshman. Amount of training-Rose, one year, some High School work; Conaway, one-third year.

# WHY TAYLOR WAS FINED.

Connie Mack Assessed Pitcher for Striking Out Side.

Taylor once played under Conni Mack, and was fined one day by Mack for striking out the side. Taylor says: "Mack taught me the fine points of the game, and I was in big luck to have had the benefit of his instruction. He is the only manager for whom I have played who would call you when you got away with a bad play. Why, he fined me in Milwaukee one day for striking out the side. When I went to the bench he said to me in his quiet way: Jack, that'll cost you sid. I asked: What more do you want? I struck out the side. 'I warned you several times,' said he, 'against putting the ball over when you have strikes on the batsman and no ball, and you dis-obsyed twice in that inning. You have got to work a batsman to become a suc-cessful pitcher, and that fine goes. And it did. Connie saw that I started right and was on the points of pitching before and was on the points of pliching before I went to Chicago, and this knowledge enabled me to make a good showing in fast company.

# Arranging Track Meets.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 5.—(Special.)—
Indications point to a brilliant season for track athletics at O. A. C. Manager Stimpson has just closed a contract with the University of Washington for a meet here May 2. Arrangements have already been made for meets with University of Oregon and Pacific University, both to take place in Corvalits, and a deal in practically concluded to bring the W. A.

take place in Corvalits, and a deal in practically concluded to bring the W. A. C. team here.

The manager of the California University team is also seeking a dual meet with the O. A. C. athletes, during the formers' visit to the big meet at the Lewis and Clark Fair. This is the third season since trainer Toine took full charge of athletics for O. & C., and he will turn out a bunch of men this year. will turn out a bunch of men this year that will be hard to beat. The last two weeks of fine weather has given the track men plenty of outdoor exercise, and about 30 men turn out every afternoon for prac-

# Terry McGovern Has New Play

Whole McGovern Family Helps Foll the Villainess—"Terrible" One Strikes a Woman.

TERRY McGOVERN came back to the temple of Thespis on the Bowery, and brought the whole McGovern family with The place was the Windsor Theater, the play, "For Fame and Fortune," by Hal Reed, the industrious playwright who turns out a melodrama a minute,
"For Fame and Fortune" made three big
dents in the American drama—three world-

denisin the American drama—three world-shaking innovations.

1. Other champs have introduced their wives on the stage. It was left for Terry to introduce his mother to the stage.

2. Since Sophocles trod the blooming boards the villain has always done the cigarette smoking for the entire cast. In "For Fame and Fortune" it is the villainess.

Terry McGovern is the first hero in the drama to make three separate and distinct rescues within the space of two onds at the climax of one and the same

Terry for fighting.

Mrs. McGovern is wooed by a Dutch-Irish knockabout sketch team with rubber stomachs. Grace Wilson, who's the real Mrs. McGovern later on, and is played by Mrs. McGovern—not Mrs. McGovern, Ter-ry's mother, but Mrs. Terry McGovern and she's the real Mrs. McGovern nowthis isn't expressed well, but it's late at night-anyway, she's waiting, too, and enter the villain, who explains to the villainess that Grace Wilson has inherited a fortune in Ireland, and the villainess is the only other heir, and if Grace Wilson is out of the way-Ce-urse her!-they'll win out, and the assistant villain is in-structed to seize Grace Wilson-Ce-urse the Gyril!-and carry her away.

Then enters the India rubber stage child, who can take a beating and come up in the second act like Joe Grim, and the orchestra plays "The Flower Song," and ry says: Mother and I have been hungry; never

mother and I have been lungery; hever be it said that any one hungered while mother has a cent," and the che'lid goes off to have a new frock on Terry, and night falls softly over the back drop. The villain: "It is me che-lid! Ce-urse her, she-must-be-put-out-of-the-way! whthe re-teahns, drop her from the peah! Who will know?"

The villainess: "I'm on!" Enter Grace and the che-fld. The assistant villain seizes Grace and he villainess the che-lid. The villain pulls his gun and gloata.

r Terry.
The villain gets his on the jaw. Bat! The assistant villain takes the ount. Splash! Terry is in the East River after (Curtain.)

Whee-see-see-see!!! Act 11 .- The cafe of the Hotel Metropole All the Windsor supes drinking wine. Painted Police Gazette people on the back drop doing likewise. Terry has married Grace in the meantime, and there's a lit-tle Terry at home. Terry senior is matched to fight Pediar Palmer. The vijislness introduces the greatest dramatic innovation of the century here by doing the villain's smoking.

"Fen thousand dollars against Terry McGovern!" says the villain; and then to the villainess: to her, propose to drink a glass of wino the baby, and put in her glass this poi-

"You're on!" said the villainess. And when the lights go up there's Old Lady McGovern rocking the baby to sleep.

The McGovern of the third generation is a good sleeper. He never yelled once while the knockabout team kicked each other alternately in the face and the stomach, and while Terry toiled the villainess. For the stage che-lid, you see, saw the plot and piped it off to Terry. He dashed down the glass, soaked the first and second assistant villains as they arrived, and Mrs. McGovern Jr.—the really, truly Mrs. McG.—soaked the villainess on the jaw.

"Hat" it is the villain. You're on!" said the villaine

It is the villain. "Back, bad man!" cries the stage che-lid, and pulls a gun on the coarse

(Curtain.)
Whoop! Where ee eee Whoo!
In the first part of the third, the only

# really exciting thing the villain does in to dope Terry's medicine bail with dynamite. But Sam Harris gets gay with Terry, and tosses it out of the window, and up goes the garden of Johnston's roadhouse. Enter the villain and gets his in the solar plexus. An interiude while the knockabout lovers kick each other in the stomach to joy and merriment so loud that you couldn't hear the bass drum when they landed. And now it is night in the noisome cei-

landed.

And now it is night in the noisome cellar above the East River. The swift current r-runs terribly below. "Look and shuddah." says the viliain. "Me first wife plunged down the trapdoor into that tide." Mrs. Terry McGovern and the baby are asleep in the cellar, by the way, having been fed knockout drops and lured thither.

Mrs. Terry is awake.
The viliain gurgies to the first assistant: "Stand with your knife at the br-rat's thr-roat!" "And now, Mrs. McGovern, write as I tell you or your chelld's blood flows:"

Mrs. McGovern has to write a note to Terry saying simply scandalous things

"Have you done with meh?" asks Mrs.

Terry.
"I have; give me the papah?"
"Never! I rend it so! And if you touch me che-lid, you do it over me dead

The whole villain squad is upon her in a body. But the window sash on the back drop falls in with a crash. The

And the no smoking signs are jarred off the walls. Act IV-The fight, of course. Johnnie Burdick plays Pediar Palmer as though to the British manner born. The villainess does nothing more terrible in this act than to try to dope Mr. Terry with chloral

a dope syringe.
"For once a McGovern is tempted to strike a woman!" says Terry, as he folis

her.
Then, seconded by Hughey McGovern,
Terry puts out Pediar Paimer in three
hammer-and-tongs rounds. He vaults out
of the ring and Mamma McGovern and
Mrs. Terry McGovern and Hughey McGovern and the stage che-ild and the papier mache Baby McGovern fall into such
other's arms. And they are so sweetly
happy, reunited thus, as not to notice
that the villain and villainess have tried
to shoot them and been considerately. ed on the back drop.

It must be lively and exciting to be a
McGovern.—New York Sun.

SHOESTRING DROP IS LATEST

### Pitcher Mathewson Uses It to Strike Out Jake Buckley.

"Christie Mathewson has as much speed as any one ever needed control that can't be purchased, and a shoe-string drop," says Frank Bowerman, the catcher. "The day he got the strike-out record he was using speed that hurned the glove. One of the officials put me, wise that Christie had the record tied, and I went down to the box to tell him to get Jake Buckley, who was the last man up. man up.
"'I guess I can do that all right,'
said Christle, and I trotted back to try

to get Jake to help in the play.
"I'm not makin' records for anybody,"
said Buckley.
"I signaled for a fast one, and be-

fore Jake had his bat swung up I was handing it back. Then another one just handing it nack. Then another one just the same.

"Pretty fast," grunts Jake. Then I signaled for one of those slow, straight drops. So help me, it came over the plate high enough for a strike, and I had to get it on the pick-up. Then I tapped Jake, and said: "Toddie back to your beach; you're done."—New York Journal.

### KID M'COY AS TRAINER. Manager McGraw May Engage Him

for the Glants.

Charles "Kid" McCoy, the celebrated lightweight pugilist and noted expert on physical culture, may train the champion Giants in the South for the coming base-lett employees.

Giants in the South for the coming base-ball campaign.

McCoy is now at Hot Springs, Ark, and it is said has taken kindly to the suggestion that he look after the preliminary work for Brush's men in the training camp. Manager McGraw and McCoy discussed the subject at length several times and it would not be surprising if McCoy's engagement should be formally announced in the next day or two,

"Til go in a minute," said McCoy, while discussing his probable engagement at Hot Springs, "and I will renture to say that if the piayers follow my instructions they will go to the post in better physical condition than ever before."

Sullivan Writes a Letter Chal-lenging Fitzsimmons—If Latter Refuses, Ex-Champion Will Be in Luck.

John L. Rises to

Talk Fight

OLD John L. Sullivan got away for Grand Rapids a week ago. Before making his getaway the old boy fired letter No. 2 at "Bob" Fitzsimmons. John I. has the old idea of "put up or shut up," and his last missive to Fitzsimmons fairly zinges in its sarcasm. The particularly warm passages in the letter follow:

"Mr. Robert Fitzsimmons: My Dear Sir-I am told that in one of your interviews lately you stated I could whip nine-tenths of the fighters of today. Do you want me and the public to believe Terry saying simply scandalous things that you are the other tenth and the about berself.
"Have you done with meh?" neks Mrs. only pebble on the beach? If your state-

over are broader, he weighs more and his waist is smaller, and from all indications he will be a better proportioned man than the much-talked-of Michigan athlete within a year.

The measurements of the weighs more and limber yard to wax the wadding out of Terry for fighting. that had I met you twelve years ago, or wider range of location for the club have been a thing of the past, and, if you want to meet me in the ring any time within the next year, I will guarantee to hand you a punch that will take all the 'kidding' out of you.

"Now, I can make arrangements in Oklahoma, San Francisco and one or two other places where we can meet for ten rounds, and if you will put yourself on seldom occur. There must be at least record by writing me a few lines over your signature, I will go ahead and ar-range to meet you within eight months for six or ten rounds, and the purse shall not be less than \$19,000, and the winner

shall take all. shall take all.

"You can gamble on it that I have many friends left in America, and they are not dead ones, and it was only yesterday I was offered the purse which I refer to if the contest would take place in

Guthrie, Okla.
"Now, if you are afraid of me, come out Now, it you are alraid of me, come out like a man and say so, for I don't pro-pose to 'kid' the public and my friends; and, furthermore, I don't propose to al-low them to be 'kidded' by you or any one else. I mean this, and you can take it in a personal way or a business way,

as I live."

Sullivan hardly wrote this letter. The old fellow did knock a man out at Grand Rapids the other day, but this does not put him in line for a battle with Fitz-Fitzsimmons would kill only John L" in a punch.

### BASEBALL AND POLITICS. Joke on Ban Johnson and a Tam-

many Leader.

Mark Murphy, the comedian, tells this story: It will be remembered that Ban Johnson lost some sleep in 1903 for fear the new park in New York would not be completed in time for the So he got a Tammany leader to go out on the grounds with him and

out on the grounds with him and hurry the men. No sooner did the leader set foot in the park then he went to the men and said:
"Hurry up, boys: you are awful slow. I have a steam shovel that can do as much work as the whole bunch of you."

street, where a steam shovel was at work. The Irishman sized it up for a moment, then replied: "That is a great invention, and it may do the work ov 40 ov us min, but look here, Mister Boss, that shovel can't vote."

can't vote."

That was enough for the Tammany leader and he said no more

# Oregon Yacht Club Is Ambitious

Club House to Cost \$10,000 Is Planned-Motorbeating Is Becoming Popular.

THE OREGON YACHT CLUTS which has flourished for the last ten more on an old boat up the river, is becoming amibitious and is forming plans for a clubhouse that will excel anything of the kind ever built in these waters. Sums like \$10,000 are spoken of by the club members as if they did not amount to much, and a membership in the club of 300 when the plans materialize is confidently ex-

The scheme is a very good one and will provide something that Portland lacks very much-a clubhouse where the yachtsmen and motorboat navigators can gather and enjoy the Summer evenings. The need is not so much felt till mentioned, but once spoken of everybody asks why it was never done

It is all very much in the air as yet, but it is such a good idea that it will surely be a go to have the clubhouse on the bank of the river, which can be reached by either sailing boats or steam launches; a place where a nungry crowd can get a meal or a thirsty crowd can get a drink; a place with wide, cool verandas, a grillroom on the inside, even bowling alleys and billiard tables with which to kill time, is the general scheme.

Both sailing and motorboating are becoming much more common now than ever before, and quite a number of both yachts and launches are to be added to the existing number already. Portland is beginning to wake up to the value of the river as a place of en-Joyment and the pioneer yachtsmen are beginning to find themselves a little crowded for searoom. The Tacht Club might have been

content to buoy its boats in the neigh-torhood of the old scowboat used as lockerroom on the upper river for an indefinite time to come if it had not had overtures made to it by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, which offered to build it a model clubhouse, such as it wants, & little further up the river. The executive committee of the club studied the matter for a while and thought the idea a rare one, but could not see why they could not build a clubhouse of their ewn. As the matter stands now they do not know whether to take up the offer of the railway company or do something on their own account.

Just now the latter alternative is in high favor. The club members fig-ure is out this way. If they had a big clubhouse, with attractive surroundings they would be able to get a mem-bership sufficient to make it pay, com-prised not only of all the yacht and motorboat owners, but also of a good many other citizens who do not par-ticularly care to get out upon the water themselves, but would like to have a place on the banks of the river to which they could speed in their au-tomobiles or drive to and have an out-look over the water while they all on

the veranda and have supper.
Where to build the new clubhouse is really the only question which bothers the club members. They feel only pebble on the beach? If your statements are true, this is the only way I can
figure it out.

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# TRIPLE PLAYS ARE RARE.

This Diamond Feat Requires Strange Combination of Circumstances.

A triple play is one of the rare two men on the bases and no one out. Then the next batter must hit the ball in a certain way, or the chance for a triple is lost. In addition to this, the fielding must be perfect and fast. But assisted, have ever been recor was the famous play of Paul Hines

was the famous play of Paul Hines way back in the early 30s. The other is fresh in the mind, although it was made in a minor league.

In 1991 Harry O'Hagan was playing first base for Columbus, in the Western Association. Tin-canned, he went Bast to Newark, and the day after he donned a New Jersey uniform he nolled off the play that made him famouses off the play that made him famouses of the play that made him famouses of the play that made him famouses. pulled off the play that made him famthe class I mean this, and you can take ous. With men on first and second, and, of course, nobody out, O'Hagan was "If you want to box me for six or ten playing close to the bag, when the next "If you want to box me for six or ten rounds, and not fight me twenty rounds. The force of the bag, when the next batter hit a liner directly into his hands, why, I will arrange for the meeting. But if it is to be twenty rounds I want at least seven or eight months to train in. If it is to be six or ten rounds, I will require but a very little time; and, if you are afraid to meet me, for heaven's sake say so and stop making these cracks that you are ready to meet any man in the world, no one barred, for that kind of a game does boxing no good.

"You can't lick me in ten rounds, but I can lick you in ten rounds, and if I fall to do it I will give my word that I will never put on another boxing glove as long as I live."

In the first sack, retiring the runner who was off the base. O'Hagan, turning to throw to second, saw that the runner there had started at the crack of the bat and was nearly to third. So, instead of throwing the ball, he sprinted to second base with it in his hand, arriving in time to put the third man out on the play.

Last season the Kansas City Club of the American Association made two triple plays in one game at Toledo.

GIRL BALL-TOSSERS ARE COMING

Basket-Ball Teams of Albany and Corvallis Will Play Here.

ALBANY, Or., March 4 -- (Special)-Portland has been selected as the place, and Friday. March 10, as the date for the third and deciding game in the state championahip series between the girls' basket-ball teams of Albany College and the Oregon Agricultural College. There is now a contention as to what hall the me shall be played to, and this conten

game shall be played to, and this conten-tion is delaying the final arrangements for the game.

The O. A. C. girls desire that the Mult-nomah Club basket-ball floor be used for the game, while the Albany girls prefer the Y. M. C. A. hall. Neither team is willing to concede the point, and there the matter rests. The Corvallis team wants the M. A. A. C. hall for the reason that it is, a jarze one and similar to their leader set foot in the park then he went to the men and said:

"Hurry up, boys: you are awful slow. I have a steam shovel that can do as much work as the whole bunch of you."

With this a little Irishman spoke up and said: "Ye have? Thin show it to up that the game be played in Portional to ut they went to a neighboring street, where a steam shovel was at work. The Irishman sized it up for chosen. The contention about what hall

chosen. The contention about what I shall be used is preventing the complet of the arrangements, but there is it doubt that the matter will be settled the next few days, as the teams are

most friendly terms, and the final ar rangements for the championship game will then be made.