

# SPORTS OF THE AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL

Women Athletes of the Multnomah Club Show Prowess—Jimmy Britt Writes of the Fighters

## BANTAMS BURST INTO LIME LIGHT

Frankie Neil and Harry Tenny Will Fight for Yankee Title.

## BRITT ON COMING BATTLE

Hermann-Herrera Draw and Gans' Acrobatics Do Not Unravel Ring Tangle—Britt Himself Wants One More Fight.

BY JAMES E. BRITT. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—(Special Correspondence.)—After a long period of restful retirement from the limelight of the ring, the very little fellows go to bat next. Frankie Neil and Harry Tenny will furnish the next battle for covers of the game on the Coast. The pair of bantams are down for the February show.

This fight is a sort of sequel. The two boys hooked up before, last July, and the meeting resulted in a decision for Neil at the end of two rounds of hard fighting. Neither has crossed the ropes since, and the showing Tenny made on that occasion easily entitles him to another match with the American champion.

Tenny, like Neil and most of the other Coast fighters, is a product of the amateur tournaments, and has shown considerable promise. His fight with Neil was his first of importance, and he acquitted himself very well in that encounter. He was not used to the long distance, and lacked the experience which a few long fights with hardened warriors gives. He should be better now than he was last July, and the pair will probably make a great fight. Both are now in hard training, and though I have seen neither of them since the match was made, I am told that Neil will be better than he ever was when he faces Tenny this time.

The winning of this fight may mean much, as there will probably be talk of another match with Bowker as soon as the tangled affairs of the bigger divisions are straightened out. I am told by one of the American contingent which attended the fight between Neil and Bowker in London, that there was no reason on earth why the Yankee boy should not have won, excepting that he did not come out of his training in the best condition.

According to this authority, at the end of the third round it looked as if Neil would land the finishing punch inside of two more rounds. But he slacked up badly and Bowker out-pointed him to the end of the fight. To encourage our little fellows to go after the Englishman and bring the title back where it belongs.

The Mexican Cyclone has simmered down to a mild Summer breeze, and once more Aurelio Herrera has been given something of a setback in his ring career. Taji calls to mind a few thoughts I released some weeks ago on the comparative merits of Herrera and Nelson and the clever fighter, Herrera is a slugger all right, but he had the same finish that all sluggers run into unless they land the knockout punch.

In his fight with Hermann, the Mexican came out at the end of 20 rounds with a draw decision. He earned the draw by throwing all caution and boxing to the winds and the bosom of a madman in the last five rounds of the fight. If a decision had been rendered at the end of the 15th round, Hermann unquestionably would have won.

This is all a bit in the past, but it is none the less significant. It points a moral for young fighters. Fighters of the type of Herrera and Nelson have no chance to win from really clever men of their own weight in limited bouts. By getting himself into fight with even as clever a man as Hermann, Herrera forfeited much of the prestige that he gained by defeating Young Corbett.

This statement, so to speak, has the effect of temporarily eliminating both men from the lightweight man to a certain degree. If either had won decisively he would have been in a position to make claims for a fight higher up. As it is, neither has advanced much.

While we are on the subject of the lightweight class, I cannot but feel complimented, and at the same time humiliated, by the eager contest in that division to get challenges into my mail. Lack of definite knowledge as to what motives or reasoning prompts the deft prevents me from letting either pride or humiliation take the lead.

With all modesty, it seems to me that in the light of recent events the issuing of challenges to Jimmy Britt has become a national sport in the lightweight class. Joe Gans, Mike (Twin) Sullivan, Willie Fitzgerald, Eddie Hanlon, Young Corbett and some others have made known their inclination in the direction of a 20-round battle with the writer, and there is a good chance that there will be a few others in before the end of the week.

Some days ago I advanced the idea that I would like to have one more big fight, one more whirl at the championship, and then, win or lose, quit the ring. I don't know whether there is any connection between that remark and the ensuing flood of popularity. It would hurt my pride to think that all these fellows are camping on my trail because they think I am easy money. I am, therefore, compelled to pass up that explanation, though it may be accepted elsewhere.



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ANNEX OF THE MULTNOMAH CLUB TAKEN AT THEIR ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

before the Gans-Sullivan fight. I am compelled to announce that I can't throw any light on the situation, either.

A succession of welterweight battles put the final test up to two men for supremacy of practically the whole division—Gans and Mike Sullivan. After defeating Sullivan and earning thereby the strongest claim to the championship that any fighter has held since Joe Walcott's time, Gans now foregoes all the honor gained by that fight, announces that he is a lightweight, and refuses to be identified with affairs of the heavier division.

The result is that the class is left without a head. Sullivan might claim the title, but that will be but a hollow glory for him, following on his defeat by Gans. Honey Mellody is writing letters on letterheads which inform the recipient that he is in communication with the welterweight champ, but Honey's title is rather worn than cloudy. He was defeated by Sully Ryan, who was defeated by Mike Sullivan, who was defeated by Gans, which would seem to make Mellody about one, two, three, four. He will, however, have an opportunity to readjust the count when he meets Sullivan in their coming battle.

If I may say so without being suspected of having evil motives, I would offer the suggestion that the game might help some of the fighters avoid these flip-flops from one division to another and back again. Besides being confusing to contemporary historians, it breeds distrust and discouragement in the bosom of young fighters who have their eyes fixed on the head of the class.

Among the big fellows the feature of interest is the Marvin Hart-Tommy Burns

match, to be held at Los Angeles. The story is also out that Jeffries will meet the winner. Maybe—but one might be forgiven for doubting the same, especially if Burns should be the winner. Rather amusing spectacle for the fight crowd to see Jim Jeffries and Tommy Burns in opposite corners. Even if Hart wins, it is not very probable that Jeffries will meet him. Quite the contrary, in fact, unless there is a very strong clamor for the fight.

There is, though, one lane out of this fight that looks like it might lead to something good. A strong general impression is forming that Jack O'Brien has had a long enough rest, and should be ready for action shortly. As has been frequently remarked, Hart is his logical opponent, and that position will be strengthened in the likely event of the Kentuckian's victory over Burns.

There will certainly be an effort to get the Philadelphia into the ring with the winner of this fight, and as the general interest it would create makes the financial end of the show interesting to all parties actively interested, there is very strong chance that O'Brien will be out here again before the end of the year, and probably during the Summer.

## WILL FOLLOW THE HOUNDS

PORTLAND HUNT CLUB ADOPTS INNOVATION.

Hares Will Drag Anise Bag, Which Will Give Dogs the Scent and Supplant Trail of Paper.

Before another six months rolls around members of the Portland Hunt Club will be following the hounds in their cross-country runs. A. M. Cronin, an enthusiastic member of the club, has started a kennel. In the first shipment of fox hounds which Mr. Cronin brought to Portland he was unsuccessful, for they were taken sick and died. Not discouraged, however, he bought others, and now he has four well-bred and well-trained hounds, and before many weeks the riders

of the club will be following the baying of the dogs.

No effort to secure real foxes for the chase will be attempted, because the country in and around Portland is not open enough. There are too many wire fences, and the brush is such that it would be practically impossible to follow either the fox or the hounds. As a starter the dogs will be baited with anise seed bags. The bags will be dragged over the trail by the hares, and when they have been some certain length of time, the hounds will be unleashed at a signal from the master of the hounds, with the riders following in close pursuit. Three of the hounds in Mr. Cronin's pack are exceedingly fast, and it will take some very fast riding for the riders to keep within sight of them until the club members get used to following the pack. At first it will be necessary to break the trail occasionally so as to slow up the dogs. When the pack gets into perfect training, the club members will go to some near-by point where the country surrounding will give them a chance to avoid the brush, and have a fox hunt.

Just at present there are only four hounds in the pack, but it is Mr. Cronin's intention of increasing the pack to six.



FOUR FOXHOUNDS OWNED BY A. M. CRONIN, AND LANE, THE KING OF THE PACK.

## FEWER GAMES FOR OREGON

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE TO BE SHORTENED AT UNIVERSITY.

Season Will Begin October 20 and Six Games Will Be Played—Coach Is Not Yet Chosen.

"Our football schedule for the coming season will be much lighter than the schedule of last year," said Manager-elect Guy Mouni, of the University of Oregon eleven, who spent yesterday in the city.

"There is a general demand, not only from members of the faculty, but from the student body and the players themselves, that the schedule be of shorter duration and contain fewer games than that of last year. For the past two seasons Oregon has played eight games, the first one coming early in October, and the last one on Thanksgiving day. This year's playing season will not begin until October 20, and will end as usual, on December 15. The schedule will consist of one with the Multnomah Club, besides Washington, Willamette and Corvallis we shall meet Idaho and one other Northwest college eleven. The Oregon-Idaho game will probably be played in Portland, the games with Washington and Willamette in Eugene and the annual match with O. A. C. in Corvallis.

"The comparatively light schedule will enable the players to keep their classroom work above criticism, and the men themselves will be in better condition for the two or three games that they are especially anxious to win. With one exception all of our players of last season are still in college. None of them were 'bunked' in the recent mid-year examinations.

"We are undecided as to choice of a coach, but have any number of applicants. There is a general feeling among the students that we should secure the services of a competent coach who can devote his entire time to our athletic football, baseball, track and all other branches. Members of the faculty favor such a system, which is meeting with success at many colleges of the East and Middle West. Members of our faculty are not disposed to adopt any stringent rules for the government of athletics for our record is clean and the Athletic Council is managing our different branches of sport in a satisfactory manner. The changes in the football rules will be welcomed by supporters of the Oregon eleven, for we have always been in favor of an 'open' game. Our prospects for next season are exceptionally good for most of our old men will be in college again. We expect to turn out a good strong track team this year, and for the first time in its history the university will recognize baseball as an intercollegiate sport. I am told that most of the teams of the Northwest will arrange lighter football schedules this year."

Mr. Mouni came to Portland to meet his brother, Judge Wallace Mouni, of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. He will return to Eugene this morning.

## Murphy Knocks Out Yanger.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Benny Yanger, of Chicago, was knocked out tonight by Tommy Murphy, of New York, in the fourth round of what was to have been a six-round bout, at the National Athletic Club. Yanger was floored at the end of the third round, but was saved by the bell.

## Chemawa Wins the Game.

WOODBURN, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A basket-ball game between the Chemawa and Woodburn High School teams in this city tonight resulted in a victory for the Chemawa team. The score was 35 to 25.

## Track-Betting Declared Legal.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 17.—The Supreme Court today declared the Rice-Ligon anti-race track betting bill unconstitutional. If there are no intervening steps by those favoring the bill the decision means that horse racing will be resumed in Tennessee this Spring.

## Cambridge Defeats Oxford.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Cambridge defeated Oxford today by three goals to one in the annual association football match.

## SHOW SKILL IN GYM

Multnomah Women Members Show Advancement.

## MANY GRACEFUL ATHLETES

Fancy Dance Steps, Club Swinging and Fencing, High Diving, Fancy Stroke Swimming Are Features of Exhibition.

The annual exhibition of women's athletics which took place at the Multnomah Club Friday morning, was a notable one, in that it showed a marked advancement in amateur sports and athletics by the women members of this popular organization over that of last year. A class of about 50, under the direction of Roberts Krohn, physical instructor of the club, did both themselves and their leader great credit in a drill on the gymnastic apparatus, fancy dance steps, club swinging and fencing. The members of this class are mostly young, and their year's work had hardened them into shape for the strictly first-class work they were able to do.

While the dance steps and grace were most pleasing to the spectators generally, there was deep interest exhibited in the gymnastic work proper, the skill and suppleness of muscle exhibited being a surprise to all present. Especially was this true of a series of exercises known as mat work, in which Mr. Krohn was able to show that his pupils have developed great strength of the muscles of the back, abdomen and legs. A drill with wands was both graceful and spectacular, eliciting loud applause from the spectators, and the "rocking step" proved a great favorite with the guests also.

At the conclusion of the gymnastic work an aquatic exhibition was given by the pupils of Instructor W. L. Murray in the swimming-tank, which proved one of the features of the day. The high-diving, fancy-stroke swimming and life-saving exhibition were a revelation to the many who had not before witnessed the Multnomah girls' work in this line of sports, and the spectacle was thoroughly enjoyed. The class includes several of the best swimmers and divers in Portland, and their graceful, fearless work reflected most satisfactorily upon Mr. Murray, who is a champion in aquatic sports and acknowledged to be the best teacher on the Coast. There is a popular movement on foot to have a night set aside at least once a month when both men and women may enjoy the swimming pool and the game of water polo, which is now so popular.

The year, although not nearly over, has been a very successful one with the women's annex, under the presidency of Miss Edna Jeffrey, who has steadily grown and become popular. The club is at the disposal of the women members two months of each week, Tuesday and Friday, and there are also nights set aside for bowling when women are admitted, their skill in this sport often proving superior to that of the men. Handball has been popular this season, and a good deal of tennis was played during the recent clear weather. The swimming and gymnastic work, however, are always in the lead. The gymnasium is open from June, but tennis and swimming are actively engaged in during all the Summer months, and when parties go to the river the Multnomah girls are generally the best swimmers there.

## FAVOR THE RUGBY GAME.

California Authorities Are Impressed With This Kind of Football.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Training for the championship Rugby contest between the New Zealand and Vancouver teams, which was played on California turf on Saturday, local football enthusiasts are unanimous in their approval of the English sport. The game showed so many points of superiority over the American style of play that it is probable that it will be used for one or both of the intercollegiate contests between California and Stanford next Fall.

Most of the members of the faculty athletic committees and the players of the California and Stanford teams were on hand to witness the sport, and many of them have come out openly in favor of Rugby. President David Starr Jordan was one of the spectators, and has announced his opinion of the game as follows:

"The Rugby game is a good one to watch," said Captain Roy Elliott, of the California team, yesterday. "It is full of motion and long runs and kicking, so that it is good for the spectators. However, I should like to see another game on a dry field before coming to any conclusion on the matter."

"Rugby would serve to bring out hundreds of college men who could not hope to play the present American game," says "Heiney Heltmiller, football and baseball star. "I think our present game should be changed so as to incorporate the Rugby passing feature, which is very good."

Colonel George C. Edwards, chairman of the California faculty athletic committee, is heartily in favor of the new game. "I think Rugby is a splendid game," he says. "It seems to me to afford much more enjoyment for the onlookers, and is not so hard on the players. The absence of delays for 'time out' is a feature that I like. The playing of the New Zealanders was a revelation. Their speed and handling of the ball was a treat to witness."

## Training on Track and Field.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Training for the Spring track and field contests is now in full blast at the University of California. Trainer Walter Christie and Assistant Bill Hayward are busy rounding out a squad of nearly 100 men who signed up for training at the athletic rally week ago. This is the largest squad in the history of the university, and out of it will be developed two teams to uphold California's name for the varsity intercollegiate meet and the other for the freshman meet, which will be held two weeks before the varsity match.

At present the trainers are at work principally with the freshmen. Prospects are bright, but freshmen are very uncertain, and very little can be relied upon until the day of the meet. The freshmen are strong on all track events, but are weak on the field, especially in the weights. It is too early as yet to make any forecast for the varsity meet, though California's prospects are not as good as last year.