

# EAST AND WEST IN COMPARISON

### What Kerrigan Finds to Praise and Also to Censure.

### EACH HAS ITS ADVANTAGES

Greater Number of Meets Beyond the Mississippi, He Thinks, Accounts for Better Records There Than on Coast.

By H. W. Kerrigan.

NEW YORK, April 7.—(Special correspondence.)—There is no doubt that New York and vicinity is the one region in the United States where athletics will always take a most prominent place in the physical development of the schoolboy and the graduate for many years to come. For it is here that athletics have been in high favor ever since George Washington made his running long-jump record. That it will continue to be the account of the many athletic leagues of the public schools, high schools, preparatory schools, colleges and athletic clubs in the state of New York. It would not be an extravagant remark to say that at the present time, right in the state of New York, there are more athletic games taking place than throughout the whole district of the Middle and Far West, meaning, of course, in the same length of time—say from March 1 to May 1. There is not a day or night passes right in the city of New York that there is not some game of some kind or other, and they are good games, too. Not confined to the schoolboys solely, but to the colleges as well. No doubt many of the games are stimulated by the prospects of the American team to be sent to Athens, but they say it is but the regular thing occurring every year at this time. And that it must be so is proved by the fact that every one of the contests is either the annual meeting of such and such a school, or of the so-and-so club, or of the other leagues in and about the city. Whether or not the general conditions of athletics are any better than those in the West, the organizations are healthier, the spirit any stronger, the management any superior, the athletes better developed, the system of training an improvement over the West, or whether it is the number of games held remains to be seen. That they have better records and time proportionately is not to be gainsaid. It has been proved a fact. The general conditions of the athletic field are no better than in the West. We have as many clubs proportionately to the number of inhabitants. The ethics of the institutions are just as good, if not better, than in the Eastern clubs. There is not so much politics mixed up in the Western associations. That may come later, but we hope not. The climatic conditions of the West are more salubrious to the life of the athlete, and we grow larger and more of them on average than do the organizations of the East. Certainly, as for circumstances facing the Easterner in his chances for healthy exercise, they are not so favorable as those for the Westerner who has a broader outdoor life to live. The clubs and other athletic organizations are not situated in the same healthy environment as the athletic institutions of the West, so therefore in many ways we are in a better condition athletically, physically and morally than the associations of the East. Especially through the location of the different athletic associations where you see the clubs of the West out of the close confines of the smoky cities, you see the greater space of the Eastern institutions in surroundings not fit to live in some cases. It is surely hard to obtain healthy results under these conditions, but still they do so. The playgrounds and fields are situated fairly out of the smoky parts of Chicago, Buffalo, Omaha and Syracuse, but in New York you would go a long way to get on good grounds. For instance, Mr. Halpin, the manager of the American team, spoke about what he called the West Side grounds in New York, meaning the west side of Fifth avenue, the other side the east, so designated. They would be a good place to practice in, and many of the boys were practicing there for the games. He took the "elevator" from down town, near the City Hall, meaning the elevated railway, and got off the Harlem train at City-fourth street station, then he was averaging every four blocks in the downtown district, and the "fifth" a small matter of about four or five miles from the City Hall. Walking up Fifty-fourth street, between Eighth and Seventh avenues, we came to a row of small houses of the very poorest class, little fellows playing all around the street in front. Entering a sort of alley gate, Mr. Halpin said, "Here we are." I was surprised, but did not say anything. I could hardly believe it. But there we were in the West. You couldn't find a worse place in the West.

The grounds, about 30 feet wide and 20 feet long, better than any of the tenement houses, apparently right in the heart of the city, one would certainly appreciate what the city did in giving such valuable ground. But the advancement of physical exercises, but to look at the field, or yard (for that is all it was), one felt very uncomfortable under the circumstances. It would be more than appreciate the playgrounds in our Western cities.

Still, outside of New York, on Travers Island, there is a field, well fenced, where it costs to maintain it; and some other good ones around Boston, none of them so compared to the several locations of the Western clubs and associations. The organization like the Chicago and New York clubs are better equipped every way than the best Western clubs, although the Olympic Club compares favorably with the best. The greatest fault in all, the apparatus and gymnasiums of the Western clubs are on an average used to a better advantage than the Eastern. The Boston Athletic Club, the greatest fault to find with the big clubs as everywhere is allowing the social side to become too prominent.

The spirit of athletics (although we haven't made the records of the Eastern organizations) is a much cleaner and healthier one in the West than in the East. There is too much partiality shown in the administration of athletic affairs here in the East to be conducive to good, healthy athletic spirit, which must be taught the younger element starting their athletic career.

In the management of athletic features, the Easterner, one would think, should be far superior to the Westerner in jurisdiction over the various events. But he is not. Nor are the games run through



## CANDIDATES FOR MULTNOMAH CLUB TRACK TEAM

(1) Bud James; (2) Dudley Clark; (3) M. S. Mulford; (4) Richard Smith; (5) Reed, Flavel and Hart.

with any greater dispatch than the Western meets. One would imagine this to be rather in favor of the Easterner, who with his greater experience, would show more speed. It is, we find, more on account of his little knowledge of the rules and regulations. It has become so with games of some kind or other, and doesn't try to improve it, while the Westerner, who is striving to do better and compare with Eastern methods, is doing better and is more intimate with the rules than his Eastern brother, on account of his particular interest in trying to get ahead.

Even the athlete of the West is a better type of an athlete physically than the East. He is better taken care of by nature. No doubt on account of his surroundings. Under the same conditions of the Easterner, he would be just the same, but under his own conditions, with the system of training of the Eastern athlete he would surpass the Easterner greatly. This has been proved by many cases of Western athletes sent to Eastern institutions.

The number of games is no doubt the factor that proves the physical prowess of the Eastern athlete and the system of training; more, we think, in the games held. Not a day passes but there are some of some kind or other held in the immediate vicinity that bring out the talent of the ambitious athlete, naturally resulting in better records being made than would otherwise prove a success to the Western athletes.

All in all, no matter in what qualities we lead the Easterner, in the matter of institutions, environment, clean spirit and stronger men, we still lack the progressiveness of the Eastern athletes and organizations.

### CAMBRIDGE WINS EASILY.

Leads From Start in English University Boat Race.

LONDON, April 7.—The 6th annual boat race between crews representing the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was underway today over the usual course, from Putney to Mortlake, on the Thames, a

little over 4 1/2 miles. Cambridge won by 5 1/2 lengths after an unexciting contest. Time, 23 minutes, 24 seconds.

Cambridge, from the start, took the lead and was never in the slightest danger. The Oxford men struggled gamely, but the work was so puny that several of them collapsed at the finish. The weather was perfect. The day was bright and sunny, with the wind light and water smooth, and there was very little choice in the stations. Enormous crowds thronged all parts of the course.

Oxford won the toss and chose the Surrey side. The two boats got away nicely at 11:30 P. M. Cambridge struck the water first, pulling 8 strokes during the first minute to Oxford's 11. The nose of the Cambridge boat quickly showed in front, and at the half-mile post Cambridge was a half length to the good and was rowing in lively style, with perfect finish to its strokes. It increased its lead to a full length before Craven Steps, about three-quarters of a mile from the start, were reached. The Cambridge crew drew away with every stroke.

At Hammersmith Bridge, 1 1/2 miles from the start, Cambridge already had the race well in hand with a lead of two lengths. The Oxford boat, at that stage of the race, was rolling badly. Shortly afterward the Oxford men spurted a little and took their rival's water, but from that time on it was merely a procession, though the Oxford oarsmen stuck to their work in a most persevering way.

Cambridge shot past Barnes Bridge, a little over 3/4 miles from the start, about five lengths in front of the Oxford boat, some of whose oarsmen were showing signs of distress. Cambridge could have won practically by any distance it pleased, but its stroke slowed down on nearing the finish and Cambridge passed the winning post the easiest of winners.

**Jay Gould Tennis Champion.**  
NEW YORK, April 7.—Jay Gould, the son of George J. Gould, is now the national tennis court champion. The young player won the title by defeating the former champion, Charles T. Sande. The match was the final contest in the tournament, which has been going all week at the New York Court Tennis Club, and was witnessed by a representative gathering of players in the Eastern States. Score—6-2, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

## TRACK MEN ARE AT WORK

### ASPIRANTS FOR MULTNOMAH TEAM BEGIN TRAINING.

Youngsters Will Replace the Veterans and Will Be Whipped Into Condition by Jack King.

Every day during the past week witnessed the liveliest of times on the Multnomah Athletic Club's field, for each afternoon was the occasion for the training stunts of the aspirants for places on the field and track team which is to represent the club in this branch of sport during the coming season.

Most of the tryouts comprise practically new talent, for nearly all the old timers have retired and their places have to be filled by youngsters.

Trainer Jack King has been in charge of most of the preliminary work and he expresses the utmost confidence in being able to turn out a team that will represent the club in a satisfactory manner for the first time in several years. The athletes now at work are numbered in all branches of outdoor athletics and some of them are showing the very best of promise.

The present boom in track athletics is one that is noticed all over the Coast. Where a mere handful of men turned out to uphold the honor of their institution in this branch of sport last year, there are now scores of aspirants for the privilege of donning the runner's trunks and spiked shoe.

Portland High School team is working out on Multnomah Field and when the two teams are together the number of youngsters being put through their paces is well over the hundred mark.

This activity is one of the best signs of the regeneration of the game that

has come to light in recent years, for here in Portland during the past six or eight years outside of the events held annually at Columbia University, and the Lewis and Clark games last Summer there has been scarcely any interest taken in this branch of athletics.

In speaking of the situation Jack King said: "I believe that this season will witness the development of some champions in this healthful branch of athletics, for the youngsters who have volunteered so far are made up of the material out of which men like Brasse, Coyne, Laswell, Watkins, Treckman, Morgan, Kerron, Davey and others of the former stars on field and track were made. The boys now working out are showing the most willing spirit that I ever witnessed among beginners at this branch of sport, and I have hopes of seeing Multnomah represented by one of the best teams in its history."

"We may not win the Northwest championship this season, but with the material developed during the coming competitions, I shall be greatly mistaken if we do not gather the honors for the following year."

**O'ROURKE WANTS SHOW DOWN**  
Be Champions in Philadelphia.  
NEW YORK, April 7.—(Special.)—On the strength of the recent court decision that 20-round bouts are legal in the State of Pennsylvania, Tom O'Rourke is planning a mammoth boxing carnival for his new club at Eastington, Pa., and has set the boxing fraternity here to thinking. O'Rourke's plan is to have Champion Jeffries come East immediately and settle the question of supremacy between the six heavyweights who are claiming the heavyweight title since Jeffries' retirement.

O'Rourke today wired Jeffries an offer of \$200,000 to come East and meet Fitzsimmons, Rubin, Burns, Hart, O'Brien and Kaufman one week apart. O'Rourke expects to hear from Jeffries soon, and in the event his reply is favorable, O'Rourke has in view several other championship battles which he hopes to land for his new club.

Says O'Rourke: "I am going to start

to break out the lightweight championship. Gans is the best of the lot, and I have wired Tommy Ryan to get him to meet Gans."

"How about Nelson and Gans?" "Nothing doing," said he. "You could not get Nelson in the same ring with Gans. Nelson has been told to look out for Gans, and he is afraid of him. They may say what they please, but that is the truth."

**Indoor Athletic Contests.**  
The fourth of the series of indoor athletic competitions between the members of the local organizations of the Oregon National Guard will be held at the Multnomah County Armory tomorrow evening. The events so far have been hotly contested and the rivalry between the competing teams is intense. The soldier boys have demonstrated considerable prowess in the several branches of athletics on the card at these meets and are prepared to furnish a battle royal at the games tomorrow.

Admission at the Army games is to be had by ticket and while no admission is charged, the tickets can be secured from members of the guard only. The Third Infantry Band will be in attendance and dispense popular airs during the intermissions on the programme.

**Vancouver Nine Defeated.**  
The Beinke-Walker Business College team defeated a picked nine from Vancouver yesterday afternoon by the score of 9 to 6. The locals secured 12 hits on the visitors and had no trouble in annexing the game. Matthews pitched an effective game and his support was steady throughout. The batteries were: Beinke-Walker, Matthews and Bittles; Vancouver, Kane and Kane.

## TENNY'S FATHER SUES FOR \$100,000

### Pugilist's Parent Seeks to Recover From Athletic Club for His Death.

### GOSSIP OF THE RING

#### While Members of Prizefight Trust of San Francisco Quarrel, Los Angeles Manager Corralis the Good Matches.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—(Special correspondence.)—There is an old superstition, equally prevalent among railroad men, that tragedies always travel in couples of three. This cycle worked itself out within a few weeks in the fighting game when Ebanston Wyer, of Manchester, England, met his death during the past week while boxing in the 120-pound class with Robert Lauder at a tournament in Toronto, Canada.

Thus is the cycle, that started with the death of Alex. Dowin at an unlicensed mill at Colma, Cal., to be followed by the lamentable taking off of Harry Tenny after a beating from Frankie Neil, completed. The members of the manly art hope that there may be no more tragedies in the ring.

There was joy among the short-haired fraternity in California when the court ruled that there was no law under which the seven men held by the authorities charged with being responsible for the death of Tenny, could be held. During the past week however, I. Tennebaum, father of the dead fighter, has brought suit against the various members of the Associated Athletic Club and others connected with the unfortunate bout and asks that he be paid \$100,000. The family of the dead fighter have been egged on by a more or less irresponsible firm of lawyers to put up the cry for vengeance, and have thereby lost much of the sympathy that might have been their due. It is altogether unlikely that they will ever recover a cent, whereas had not the strenuous cries for revenge been indulged in, there would have undoubtedly been a benefit performance sponsored that would have netted a tidy sum. It may be well to mention in passing that the Tennebaum family are far from being in need of assistance, as they own and run a number of the second-hand shops in the poorer quarters of San Francisco, that do a paying business.

**Matches Go to Los Angeles.**  
While the so-called fight trust has done nothing buticker and quarrel, Tom McCarey, of Los Angeles, has gone ahead and grabbed about all of the good matches for himself. The month of March has passed without a professional mill in San Francisco, and from present indications there will be nothing doing during this month. The relations of the members of the trust are so strained at present that it looks as if nothing could result until there is a split. To this end, J. W. Coffroth made a very startling offer, which of the two should own the stock now belonging to the other. Coffroth estimated that under proper handling, his share of the profits of the fight game this year should amount to not less than \$15,000. In addition to his stock in the fight trust, he also offered to put up stock in the Ebbett's Hotel, which he estimates to be worth \$10,000, against Graney's interest in the same place, amounting to the same. He wanted to sever for all time the partnership that has so long existed between the two. Graney refused to accept the proposition, and the troubled waters will have to be dried in some other way before there will be anything doing.

**Keys vs. Turner.**  
The battle which the sports are looking forward to with most interest, however, is the one which will take place on the last day of the month between Hock Keys, the champion lightweight of Australia, and Rufe Turner, who is considered the best negro fighter in the country outside of Joe Gans. Keys is but a recent arrival from the Antipodes, from whence he has come some of the cleverest boxers ever seen in this country. His manager, Jack McDonald, showed his confidence by matching Keys with boys that all the good lightweights in this country have persistently ducked whenever a match was mentioned. Jimmy Gardner and Joe Gans are the only two fighters who have ever gained a decisive victory over Turner, and both had many pounds the best of the weights when they met, as Turner is a legitimate 120-pound man.

Keys has been tried out in exhibition bouts since his arrival, and before a match was offered him, and those judges who were present declare him to be a cleverer boxer than James Brille, the English champion, and than whom no cleverer boxer ever showed on the Pacific Coast, although he did lose a battle to Jimmy Britt, a more rugged man. Should Keys succeed in beating Turner, he will show himself to be of the real championship timber and will be in line for a match with any of the topnotchers at any of the best clubs.

Present indications point to a match between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Sam Berger, the erstwhile Olympic Club amateur champion. The two boys will be matched for the May date in San Francisco, provided the fight trust ever comes to any kind of agreement. The only other thing that is being talked up is the match is Berger's hesitancy to enter the professional ring. He is considered a very formidable piece of timber for championship honors, but hesitates to shy his castor into the ring, fearing the injury that may come to his social and business standing. However, he is seriously considering the matter, and the match contemplated may result.

### Boxing Carnival in May.

A question that is now agitating the minds of followers of the pugilist game in this neck of the woods is whether Manager McCarey, of Los Angeles, has not taken too large a contract on his hands for the proposed boxing carnival to be given in the Angel City during the month of May.

Billie Nelson and Aurelia Herrera are to receive a purse of \$20,000, or rather that is the amount that McCarey puts up. Nelson receives \$2000 bonus for signing, so the amount actually to be fought for is \$18,000. The amount may not sound like a lot of money when one reads it on paper, but McCarey will find it a big sum when he goes to count up his house.

The real trouble of the Los Angeles manager will come when Nelson strikes the Southern town. He is considered the hardest man to do business with that ever signed an article of agreement, and can find more bumps of trouble and snags of discord than any shyster lawyer who ever hit the trail of turbulence.

In addition to the Nelson-Herrera battle, which is set for May 11, Jimmie Britt and "Kid" Herman are scheduled for an earlier date in the same week. It is predicted by those in the know that McCarey is going to have something of a time in getting these two in the ring.