

FIGHT FANS PICK GANS FOR WINNER

Britt Believed to Have Small Chance in Ring Against the Baltimore Lad.

COLORED MAN LEADS CLASS

Uncertainty of Legislation in California Prevents Jimmy Coffroth From Securing the Battle for San Francisco.

BY WILL G. MACRAE. It must have been the uncertainty of what the California Legislature will do when it meets, on the matter of passing anti-fighting laws, that prevented Jimmy Coffroth from securing the battle for San Francisco.

Britt may have a notion that he can beat the Baltimore black. Some of his very close friends may share this belief, but the odds are not shared by the fight fans. In the opinion of most of the followers of the game, Britt's chances against the champion are but a few.

In spite of the fact that Britt had fought many ring engagements, there was a notion in the minds of the fight fans that the little Californian wasn't a fighter.

That Britt made a great mistake when he fought Nelson is a fact. Like other fighters, with the exception of Gans, he held the Dane too cheap and instead of standing off and making Nelson bring the battle to him, he attempted to rush matters.

If Britt could not stop Nelson, how is he going to stop Gans? It is a fact that his articles of agreement call for a \$10,000 purse for Gans.

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NORTHWEST MAY SEND ATHLETES

Bert Kerrigan Has Plan for Participation at Jamestown Exposition. The plan is to send ten or twelve of the best athletes in the Pacific Northwest with Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to the Jamestown Exposition.

STRONG TEAM AVAILABLE

Winnipeg Agreement Could Be Picked From Four Northwestern States. It is believed, without the aid of California, that a strong team could be picked from four Northwestern states.

H. W. Kerrigan, who went to Athens, Greece, with the American track team and who was recently appointed one of the National Committee on Sports for the Jamestown Exposition, has under consideration a plan for the organization of an All-Northwest track team to send to the Jamestown Exposition.

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Northwest Can Go It Alone

A project of organizing an All-Pacific Coast team was talked of for some time but the help of the Golden State is not needed. There are very few track men in California, if any, who could compete with such men as Kelly, Smith and McKinney.

Tug-of-War Tournament

Probably one of the greatest Tug-of-War Contests ever held upon the Pacific Coast will occur early in March. Every nation will be represented, and the contest will be a great success from an athletic standpoint.

Will Mine Borax Near Silver Lake

SILVER LAKE, Or., Jan. 12.—W. T. Moore, who recently visited the new townsite of Swan City, this week filed a borax mine. He says the supply is unlimited, as each year when the water of the hot springs recedes it leaves a new deposit of borax.

BRITT IS CERTAIN TO GET \$10,000

San Francisco Pugilist Will March Even if He Does Lose to Gans. The pugilist is certain to receive a \$10,000 purse if he loses to Gans.

TONOPAH WILL GET CROWD

Special Excursions Will Be Run and Bay City Fans Will Be at Ring. A large crowd is expected to attend the fight between Britt and Gans in Tonopah.

REJECT NEW ATHLETIC RULES

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Modifications in athletic rules recommended to the colleges composing the Intercollegiate Conference for adoption at the annual meeting here in December were today decried by the Pacific Northwest.

THE REO

Advertisement for The Reo automobile, featuring a large illustration of the car and text describing its features and availability. Text includes: '20-H. P. Light Touring Car, with Detachable Tonneau—The recognized king of light touring cars, built by R. E. Olds, the father of the American automobile industry; if he doesn't know how, who does?' and 'Fred A. Bennett, Distributor for Reo and Ford Cars for Oregon and Eastern Washington, 471 Yamhill St., Portland, Or. 718-29 Front Street, Spokane, Wash.'

MULTNOMAH WILL STAND BY OREGON

Report That Thanksgiving Game Will Be Played With Whitman Denied. The board of directors of Multnomah College has denied a report that a Thanksgiving game would be played with Whitman College.

BOTH TEAMS WOULD LOSE

Board of Directors of Multnomah Club Contradicts Rumor That Football Relations With University Will Be Severed. The board of directors of the Multnomah Club has contradicted a rumor that the club's relations with the University of Oregon would be severed.

It has been reported that Multnomah Club and the University of Oregon were on the point of severing athletic relations, dropping the annual Thanksgiving day football game.

So far as the clubmen are concerned, the situation is not as serious as it is reported to be. The suggestion that Whitman College made a claim to the Northwest championship, the claim was not made.

The board of directors at their regular meeting last night vehemently denied that any such move had ever been mentioned to them.

The board expressed the most friendly feeling for the university and said that the clubmen are not in any way opposed to the suggestion that a Thanksgiving game be played with Whitman College.

Reports from the university are that the game is not known of such a move until the story came from Portland that Multnomah had been instructed to arrange a game with Whitman College.

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