

# AGED FIGHTER LURED INTO RING

## Venerable Fitzsimmons Is Sacrificed to Greed of Fight Promoters.

### GAME IS IN DISREPUTE

#### Following the Barren Victory of Johnson, San Francisco Offers the Next Flasco in the Nelson-Britt Match.

Sporting writers in various Eastern cities, including Philadelphia, have been telling the public for some little time past that the sport of prizefighting was again being recognized in the effete East.

throwing up the sponge, but in spite of this Johnson is not entitled to any credit for his easily won victory, and in addition those responsible for the match are deserving of the strongest censure.

**Promoters Should Be Condemned.**

Fitzsimmons has been in retirement for a period of some two years, during which time he built up a lucrative business by establishing a physical culture school, which was liberally patronized. Why was he not left to this line of work? The true sportsmen of Philadelphia should roundly condemn the men responsible for his disgrace and should be driven out of the fighting game in Pennsylvania and the country as well.

The memory of the fighting days of John L. Sullivan still lingers in the minds of the fight fans, and such fame as still clings to the Boston champion of olden days would still have been shared by Robert Fitzsimmons had he been left in peace.

While calling attention to the Fitzsimmons-Johnson flasco of the past week, it may as well be stated that another contest of the same character is about to be foisted upon the sporting public of San Francisco. This bout is none other than the coming affray of Fitzsimmons scheduled for Colma between Jimmy Britt, hero of several false performances in the past, and Battling Nelson of unsavory connection with one Billy Nolan, also a faker pure and simple.

**Fake of Rankiest Sort.**

This gigantic fake about to be perpetrated on the San Francisco sports is the yellowest deal they have had rung in on them for many a day, and is

# "DAD" TRINE WAS TRUE SPORTSMAN

## Oregon Man Who Won Success as Sprinter and Trainer of Athletes.

### WIDELY KNOWN ON COAST

#### Turned Out Winning Track Teams From University of Oregon and Agricultural College—How He Prevented Train Wreck.

William O. ("Dad") Trine, whose death occurred a few days ago at Corvallis, was known all over the Pacific Northwest as a trainer of pronounced ability and as a clean, upright sportsman. He was a pro-

splendid records. Rival colleges began to look upon Trine as an ornament of their athletic departments. It was impossible to beat him. He was the Eugene team won from Corvallis that year, but Trine was handicapped by having a lot of unexperienced men. In 1904 and 1905, however, the "Aggies" showed their heels to their varsity rivals. During the latter year, Trine developed one of the best teams in the West and won the Pacific Northwest championship without a struggle. In Williams, Smithson and Greenhow, of O. A. C., and Payne, Higgins and Heater, of the University, Trine developed a bunch of runners that were good for points in any meet in the country. He was a good trainer in all branches of athletics, but was especially good in the runs.

Trine was a modest man. He had little to say about his own achievements and those of his men. He went about his work with a quiet determination that spoke volumes. When he opened his mouth his words meant business. He was not over-severe with his men, but he insisted upon a rigid observance of training rules. He made friends wherever he went and was always recognized as a "square" sportsman. He was a man of abstemious habits and of high ideals. His influence upon the athletics of the Pacific Northwest will live for years to come.

**No Team for A. O. U. Meet.**

While no definite announcement has been made by the board of directors of the Multnomah Club, there is a tacit

# POSE AS CHAMPIONS

## Pretensions of Second-Rate Yankee Pugilists Abroad.

### "UNKNOWNNS" ON THIS SIDE

#### Profess to Hold Titles to Get Privileges of English National Athletic Club—Decline of Manly Art in England.

A lot of second-rate American fighters who have been in England for some months hunting the coin which they could not get over here, have been hailed as champions and representative American boxers, says an Eastern exchange.

The business seems to have reached such a low ebb in London, due to the monopoly of the National Sporting Club, that small-bore boxers are received with admiration. "Gunner" Molt, the champion of Britain, a big heavyweight, who

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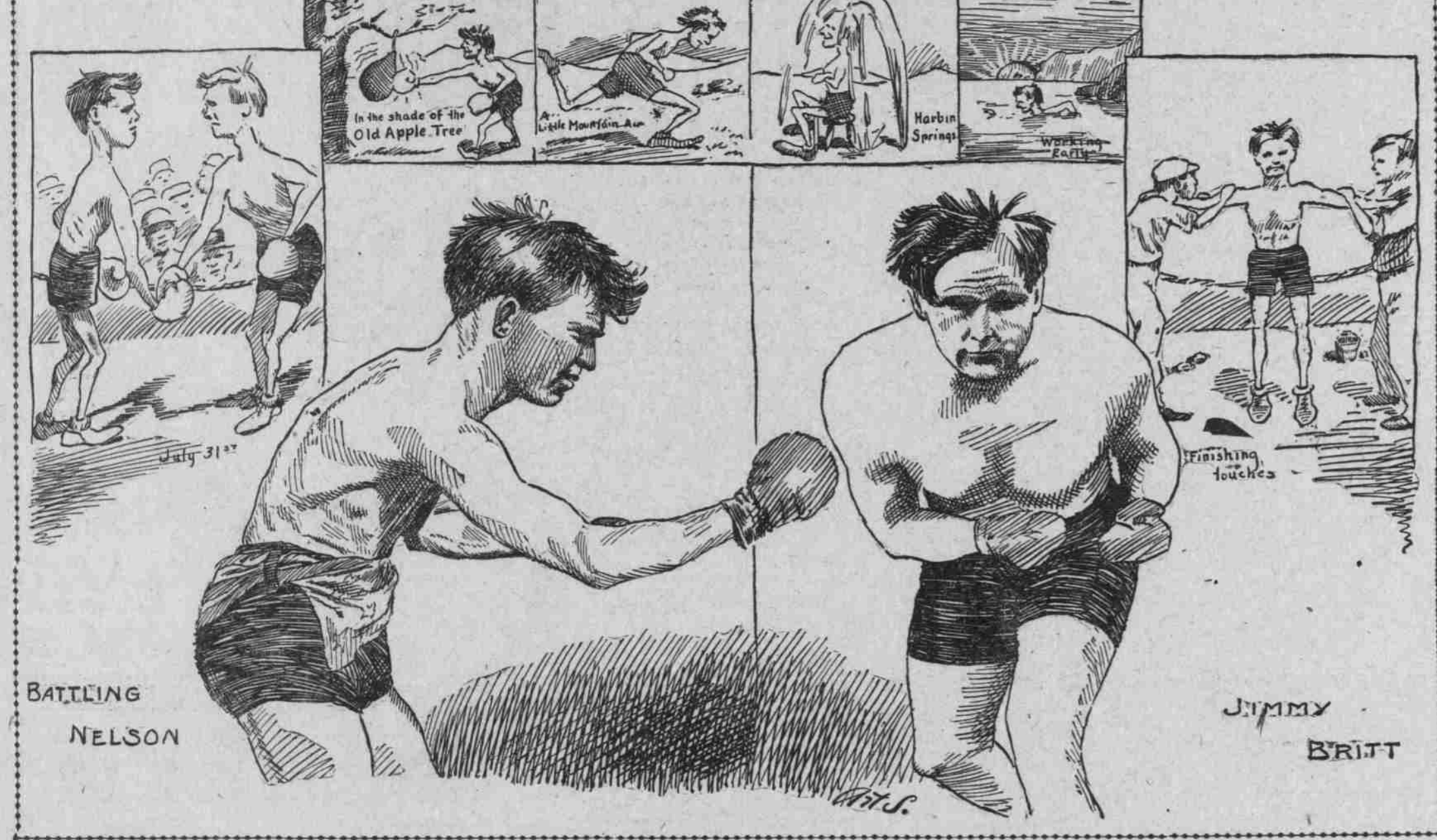
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### PRINCIPALS IN THE NEXT FIGHT OFFERED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO FANS



This statement was taken with a grain of salt at the time the first reports were published, and since the recent flasco at Philadelphia, which occurred no later than last Wednesday, the Western critics and the lovers of the game as well are more than skeptical, and it may also be added, disgusted, with the so-called re-juvenation said to be experienced in that section of the country.

Universal condemnation is meted out to the promoters of the sport in Quaker Town who are responsible for the bringing of Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons from an honorable retirement and matching him against that rankest of all rank fighters, and a black man at that, Jack Johnson, of unsavory fame not only in Portland, but along the entire Pacific Coast.

Johnson is known as the premier fighter of the pugilistic game today and in this respect is not excelled even by the record of Joe Ganz, made while that worthy was under the management of the late, but notorious, Al Herford.

Poor old Bob Fitzsimmons! During his term of fighting, when he made a host of staunch admirers, who followed him even after his defeat at the hands of that unbeatable of gladiators, James J. Jeffries, he was always rated as a square man in the ring, and principally on that account the sports of gambling tendencies were never leath to wager on his chances against the big Los Angeles man. After his second defeat at the hands of the champion of all champions, it was believed that Fitzsimmons had retired for good and all, but this surmise proved incorrect in view of the fact that he later took on Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and in this affair the ex-champion came out again loser.

purely a money-getting proposition hatched by the principals.

Britt is anxious to recoup some of his losses sustained during the San Francisco flasco, which has been sadly depleted by investments in little bits of pastebards known in turf parlance as "near-ups." Both are anxious to place their hands in the pockets of the public and relieve the feeling of emptiness noticeable in their money bags.

San Francisco, being hungry for sport after almost two years of abstinence, and also by reason of the small satisfaction furnished by the puncture placed in Bill Sauter's balloon by Tommy Burns recently, is willing to pay for anything in the line of a boxing exhibition, as the promoters now bill the game.

A few fights of the Squires-Burns and Britt-Nelson kind, and the great boxing center will become infected with "little bits" of a more virulent type than the kind now spreading over Portland by Dr. Manning.

**NEGROES, AND THE COLOR LINE**

Degrees and Shades May Appeal to Colored Pugilists.

A recent news item says that when John C. Daney, Washington's Recorder of Deeds, passed slip of paper about in his office to gather statistics concerning the force and asked that they be filled out, there was a strenuous objection to the color question by several negro employees. One negro woman absolutely refused to write "colored" after her name, and finally compromised by putting down "tan."

This opens the way to the negro pugilists that the white fighters are so assiduously sidestepping. Jack Johnson, whose skin is a rich blue-black in color, might claim to be "violet." Joe Jeannette could easily get away with the "tan" claim, while other great negro fighters could grade themselves off from blue to purple.

If some of the negro fighters would follow the example of their countryman and "draw the color line," maybe the white fighters who refuse to battle with them now will change their minds and seek matches. Suppose Joe Ganz should draw the color line and fight only blacks! Wouldn't the white lightweight make an awful howl?

feesional footracer during his youth, but afterward he undertook the work of training college athletes, and met with unprecedented success.

When Trine was a young man he wore a luxuriant brown beard and was known among sporting men as "Whiskers." He met and defeated some of the fleetest men in the country before he quit foot-racing, and he also headed a number of champion horse teams when horse racing was at its height in the Pacific Northwest. Trine was a native Oregonian, and at the time of his death was 43 years of age. He was reared on a farm near Eugene, and during his youth he took the measure of many a local celebrity. Later on he branched out into professional foot-racing and horse training. In both capacities he was uniformly successful and was held in high esteem by his fellow-sportsmen. He was a big, powerful man, possessed of great strength. He was not only a fast man in the sprints, but he established creditable records in the middle-distance and in the mile run.

About 12 years ago, when the famous trainer was living on his farm, near what is now Springfield Junction, he proved himself a real hero by preventing what might have been a terrible wreck. He was on his way home one night when he ran across a horse whose legs had fallen through a cattle guard on the main line of the Southern Pacific railway. The animal was helpless and was wrecked the heaviest train on the road. Trine began to work with the horse, endeavoring to extricate it from its dangerous position. While doing so he heard the roar of a passenger train approaching from the south. The man had neither lantern nor matches with which to warn the flying train, and he realized that the only hope lay in getting the horse out of the cattle guard. He pulled and tugged and twisted, but all to no purpose, while the roar of the approaching train grew louder and louder.

At last the engine rounded the curve, not more than a hundred yards away, and as the rays of the headlight fell across the cattle guard the engineer saw the danger and applied the brakes. With the oncoming train not more than 50 yards away, Trine made an almost superhuman effort and rolled the horse out of the cattle guard and down a steep embankment, where it landed with only a few scratches. The train, a load of human freight, dashed by at a high rate of speed, but was brought to a standstill a few hundred yards down the track.

Trine's heroism undoubtedly prevented a terrible wreck, but when members of the train crew hurried back and found him lying exhausted beside the track, he refused to give his name, but continued his homeward journey in the darkness. His identity was disclosed afterward.

**Turned College Trainer in 1896.**

In 1896, Trine was engaged to train the track athletes of the University of Oregon. He turned out a team that won the state championship, and in 1898 his men won the college championship of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He developed winning teams during the seasons of 1899, 1903 and 1901. During the two last-named seasons Oregon won the championship of the Pacific Northwest, and individual members of the team established some

understanding that Multnomah will not send a team to the A. A. U. games at Jamestown. There was some talk about sending a four-man team and it was also proposed to send Dan Kelly and Trainer Hayward, but both of these projects have been abandoned. Relations between Kelly and the club are somewhat strained at the present time, due to the failure of the champion to compete in the Seattle meet. While it is freely admitted that Kelly has injured his hand in the Seattle meet, the local clubmen do not believe that the injuries were of such a serious nature as to keep him on the side lines. On the other hand, Kelly declares that the muscles of one of his legs were in bad condition, and that he was not in shape to do justice either to himself or the club. This unfortunate condition of affairs has caused considerable ill-feeling between certain members of the club and Kelly's more ardent admirers, and it is unlikely that the champion sprinter will ever again wear the "winged A." Word comes from Eugene that Kelly is in good condition and that his admirers in that city are anxious to see him in action. Kelly says that he will raise funds with which to send him and his trainer to Jamestown, where Kelly will compete as a representative of the University of Oregon.

The Olympic Club will send a team of 12 men to Jamestown and will make a hard fight for first place. With boys as fast as Flaw, Foyale, Clark, Snedigar, Gilmore, Parsons and Garner, the San Francisco clubmen will undoubtedly make a good showing.

**Kerrigan Goes to Berkeley.**

Portland is about to lose an athlete who has made the name of the Rose city famous in Western athletics. Bert Kerrigan, the clever little jumper of the Multnomah Club, has announced his intention of going to Berkeley, Cal., where he will engage in business. Kerrigan has long been identified with the Multnomah Club, and with the athletic development of the Pacific Northwest. He has done his athletic stunts since 1894, and has made a number of creditable records. In 1898, when Multnomah and Olympic held their dual meet in this city, Kerrigan established a Coast record for the running high jump (6 feet 2 1/2 inches). This record has not yet been broken. Kerrigan also made goods records in the pole-vault and the long jump. He was the backbone of the Multnomah track team for years, and was always a sure point-winner. In 1905 Kerrigan was appointed director of athletics of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and in 1906 he was a member of the American team that journeyed to Athens.

Kerrigan is also a crack man in football, basket-ball and hand-ball. He has served as a director of the Multnomah Club and has been chairman of the outdoor athletic committee for some time. Kerrigan will be missed in the athletic circles of Portland. His many friends here wish him the best of success in his new location.

**Maccabees Will Move.**

DETROIT, Mich., July 20.—The trustees of the Knights of Maccabees have decided to move the Pacific Coast Maccabean Club headquarters from Oakland, Cal., to Salt Lake City, Utah.

is probably as good as several of the second-rate heavy men in the United States, is cock of the walk.

San Langford, the Boston negro middleweight, who went there some months ago, has been followed by Sam McVey, the big colored heavyweight who recently went to a draw with Joe Jeannette in this city. Albert Belmont, of Boston, who was never more than a third-rater in the United States, has been put in the class with champions in London.

Lord Ingham, the patron of colored fighters, has taken McVey in hand on the assurance of many lovers of the sport that he would make a hard fight against Jack Johnson. This week there has been another acquisition to the American list. Bob Scanlon, of Alabama, a big negro who says he is 19 years of age, has stepped forward as a coming champion, and the Englishmen have "fallen" for him. Mr. Scanlon may be the champion of Alabama, but Alabama isn't on the pugilistic map.

But with the close of the season of the National Sporting Club the pugilistic business will end until the Fall. The American managers will all then or come home. Langford is already preparing to return. He is to meet Geoff Thorne, once the sparring partner of Bob Fitzsimmons. But that is not a match that arouses interest in London, for Langford put away "Bigger" Smith so easily that the Englishmen think him a world-beater.

After the contest Langford will sail for the United States, where he hopes to get on fights with Joe Thomas, who has drawn the color line; Jack Sullivan, Sailor Burke, and some others, who avoided him before he went across the water.

The lack of fighters in England has, it is believed, been caused by the fact that the National Sporting Club alone can championship matches be fought out. The club is a close corporation at which only members and their friends may see fights, so that the public is shut out. As a result the average Briton, who can't afford to associate with sporting lords, loses interest in the game. Then the production of fighters ceases. It has come so near an end over there that return a man as "Gunner" Molt can hold the heavyweight championship.

**JACK SULLIVAN AFTER BURNS**

Posts \$1000 Forfeit for Match With Conqueror of Squires.

Tommy Burns need not go seeking Jim Jeffries, as there is one fighter who will accommodate him, and Jack (Twin) Sullivan is the man Burns must meet before going after any other champions.

Sullivan beat Burns in a 20-round bout at Los Angeles, a spot where Burns stood strong enough to get a decision if he in any way merited it. To prove that he means business, Sullivan has deposited with the sporting editor of the Boston American \$1000 as a forfeit to meet Burns at catch-weights for any distance and at any place in the country. This forfeit shall also go as a side bet in the match if Burns wants it.

Sullivan asks no favors of Burns, as he has a 20-round draw with him and a 20-round decision, and that is sufficient in the ethics of the fighting world to warrant Burns' recognizing the Boston fighter.

**Admirers Want Him to Quit.**

His admirers, who still cling to him in adversity, earnestly implored him to quit the game and retire to private life. Fitz had won enough glory in the ring for one man, and it was believed that after the bout with O'Brien he would adhere to the advice of his friends. But it was not to be. The career of the one-time great fighter and conqueror of the supposedly invincible and clever Corbett was not to end his days, with the glory acquired in many hard-fought contests for a few greedy promoters from Philadelphia, the city hitherto known in the sporting world for its fairness, must needs come to the front and match the aged fighter against the youth and brawn of Johnson. This man has not earned his disrepute on account of his color, for negroes like Joe Ganz, George Dixon and others have won the applause of the fight fans to this day, but he has earned the contrary through his unsportsmanlike demeanor and arrogant attempts at personal superiority.

Jack Johnson, who has figured in a number of fights, has yet to show up in a ring contest where his actions and tactics are commendable in every respect. He is usually open to be fixed or, in other words, is willing to be downed by the promoters or heavy betters will make it worth his while.

His victory over Fitzsimmons is nothing to boast of, for even though he won he failed to put the aged Cornishman out, and that Fitz was saved by his seconds

**Cricket Matches Next Month.**

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