

TOMMY BURNS AND HIS RIVALS IN ENGLAND

BURNS KEPT BUSY SQUARING HIMSELF

Writes to English Sporting Papers Denying the Charges Printed in America.

STORY ABOUT NATIONALITY

Declares He Never Boasted He Was British Subject - Burns Sends Clippings to Sporting Editor of The Oregonian.

BY WILL G. MACRAE

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Burns Writes to the Papers.

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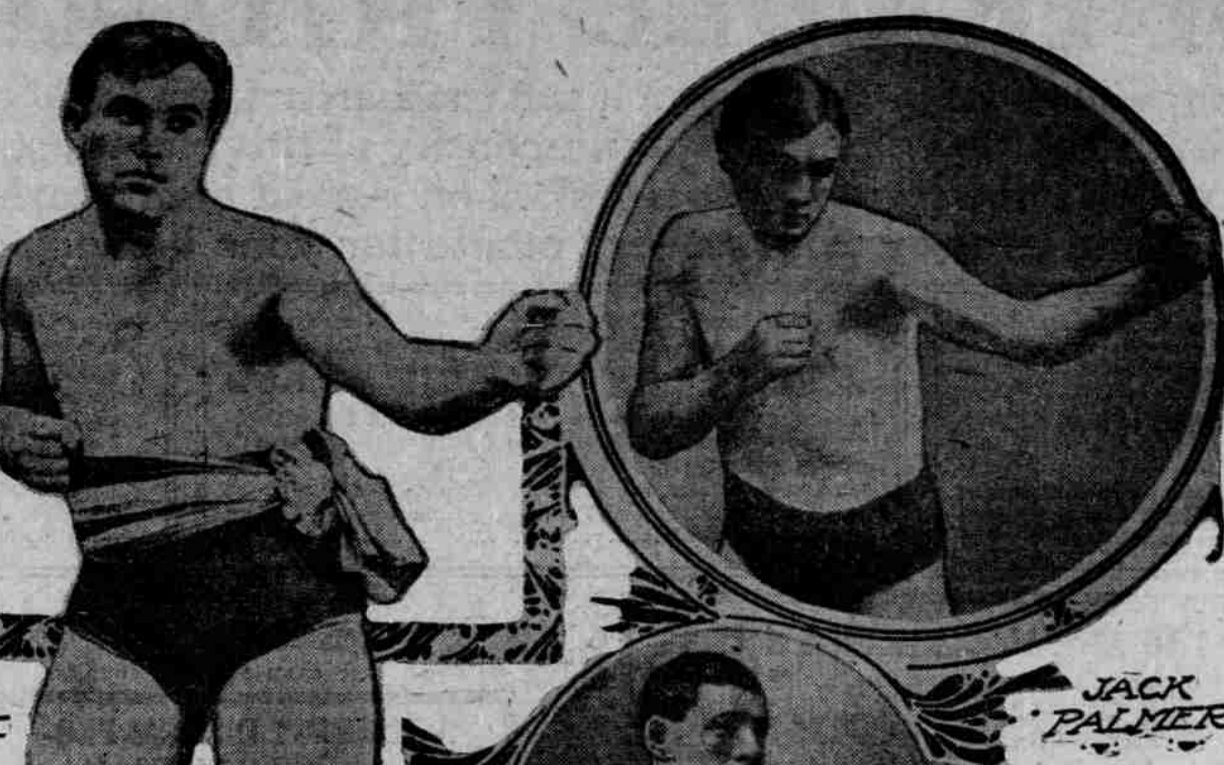
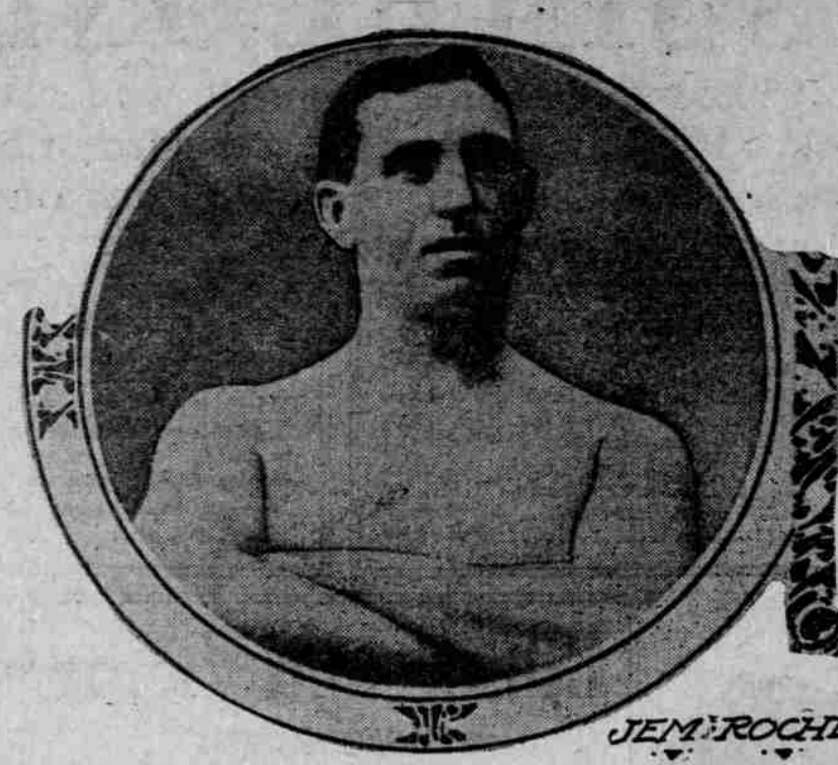
Burns Boxes at Benefit.

In the same batch of newspapers Burns also sends me a copy of the Oregonian Sporting Life, containing the articles of account for his fight with Jack Palmer.

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Burns Is Making Money.

Of course this is all good press agent dope. Burns would be a fool if he did not work this kind of a game to the hilt.



FOOTBALL SEASON COMES TO CLOSE

Multnomah Is Entitled to the Pacific Northwest Club Championship.

EVEN BREAK ON GAMES

Portland Clubmen Score 47 Points to Opponents' 10 - Talk Among Multnomah Directors of Employing a Coach Next Year.

BY W. J. PARKMAN

New Year's day marked the finale of football for the season, and the gridiron gladiators of the Northwest have stored their armor and broken training until the approach of another season.

Multnomah can now lay claim to supremacy among the athletic institutions of the Northwest, for the eleven were rudely blasted on the last day of the season.

STAKE WINNERS IN THE HARNESS HORSE WORLD

- July 15-213 pac, Libertyville: Dan S. Leland, Onward, Hidalgo.
July 17-230 trot, Libertyville: Sonoma Girl, Highball, Saddle Paws.

Hal Chase Takes a Bride.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 4.—The wedding of Hal Chase, hero of local and Eastern baseball diamonds, to Miss Ellen Herford, of New Jersey, took place here New Year's day at St. Joseph's Church at 10 o'clock.

GAME A CLOSE ONE

Columbia Soccer Team Scores Fourth Straight Win.

HORNETS DOWNED, 4 TO 3

Stevenson, an Old-Country Veteran, Plays Great Game for Hornets.

Maddy Field Mars the Sport.

The Story of the Game.

Sutton Accepts Challenge.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—George Sutton has accepted the Ora Morganstern challenge for the 18.2 world's billiard championship, and the game will be played in Lennox Lyceum, New York, January 23.

WINNERS OF THE SEASON'S TURF CLASSICS

- January 28—Burns handicap, Oakland: Kercheval, 102; Longstilla, 125; Sir Edward, 111.
February 2—California Oaks, Oakland: Eudora, 112; Grace G., 112; Miss Official, 112.

CITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Oregon Team Still in Lead, With the Beavers and Columbias Close Up.

The Oregon bowling team continues to lead in the city league contest, while the Beavers and Columbias are close up.

FOOTBALL GAINS IN PUBLIC FAVOR

Open Play Under New Rules Assures Permanency of Great Game.

BEST SEASON IN HISTORY

High Standard of Northwest Elevens Proved by the St. Louis Games—Rugby Is Losing Ground.

BY REFEREE

American football was more popular than ever during the season just closed and those who entertain doubts about the future of the game now feel assured that it has established itself with the sport-loving public in all parts of the country.

The game of football has risen rapidly in public favor during the last two seasons. The chief reason for this, as far as the game itself is concerned, is the open style of play that has been adopted.

Great Crowds at Games.

The presence of 40,000 people at the recent Yale-Harvard game and 35,000 at the Yale-Princeton game demonstrates very forcefully the increasing popularity of the gridiron game.

Rugby Is Not Popular.

The effort of Stanford and California to foist Rugby upon the Pacific Coast has proved a dismal failure.

Prospects for Next Year.

Next season promises to be better than any that the Northwest has seen. A number of the leading colleges are already at work on their schedules and plans for the coming year.

Three of the leading towns of the Northwest—Washington, Idaho and O. A. C.—have already chosen their coaches for next season, but there have been no announcements from the other colleges.