# FIGHT EACH MONTH IN YEAR ASSURED

## Supervisors of San Francisco Manifest Disposition to Countenance Sport.

## FANS SEEKING PROMOTER

### Speculation Rife as to Who Will Act as Chief Impresario of Fisticuffing Soirees During the Coming Twelve-Month.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—San Francisco is to have the fight game with it for another year at least. That much was determined at the weekly session of the supervisors, when the January permit was handed to the Pacific Athletic Club, with Charles J. Lecari as the controller of its destinies.

After the wordy fights in which several of the City Dads had indulged, and the threats that had been made by some of them, it was feared that there would be no permits and that the fans would have to depend entirely on Jimmy Coffroth to furnish the fistic amusement. Therefore the weekly meeting of the board was looked forward to with more than the usual interest.

Although the Supervisors declined at that time to outline their policy for the year, they satisfied the fight-going public when they issued one permit. It means that there will be in future, as there has been in the past, one fight a month.

**Promoters Not Revealed.**

As to who will be the promoters outside of Lecari, there is some tall guessing. Sam Berger is already out of it, and it is hinted very strongly that Jack Gleason will not have a fight club during 1909, as much as he would like to. Both these promoters, it is said, campaigned against the administration in the recent city election and therefore they are persona non grata and are to be punished for their misdeeds.

The men who are most likely to secure the desired permits are strangers save to a few people in the city and strangers to the fight game. No one can blame the Supervisors for desiring to regard their friends, but they make the public the fall guys. Promoters who do not know how to promote, bring about fights which are not the right kind. They usually make a botch of their work until they have had some experience, and the men who have to pay for the tickets are the ones obliged to suffer.

Lecari admits that he has no time in which to get together a first-class card, and says that he will probably content himself with staging a couple of 15-round bouts at popular prices. Coffroth has nothing in sight for January, so that this month the bugs will have to take it out in gossip.

**Comments on Sydney Fight.**

San Francisco experts are taking all sorts of views of the late Johnson-Burns fight in Australia. Some of them think it was on the square, and a lot more figure that Johnson agreed to lay down to the Canadian and that finally he double-crossed him. There is nothing on which to base such an argument, so far as word has been received. The fight appears to have been entirely on the square. Nobody questions now but that Johnson is the better man of the two; that he had too much weight, too much science and was altogether too strong for Burns. That Tommy feared something of the kind is best indicated by his demand for $20,000, win, lose or a draw, before he would agree to the fight.

**Burns Has Excuses.**

Burns, however, has come through with his excuses. In a cablegram received in this city during the week, Burns complains that he was not given a fair deal and that Johnson's seconds induced the police to stop the fight when they did. He declares that Johnson was a mighty tired coon and that he (Burns) was able to continue indefinitely. This story doesn't altogether jibe with the fight by rounds and the description of the number of times that Burns was knocked down, but it will doubtless pave the way for a return match—something that Thomas desires above all other things.

The stories from Australia are somewhat conflicting. On one side you get the report that Burns is done with the ring for good and all, and on the other that he wants another match. It is generally believed that it would be as foolish to arrange another match as for Squires to hook up with Burns.

**Nobody to Fight Johnson.**

How to get an opponent for Johnson is a serious question. There is no one in the limelight who appears to have a chance. Johnson is undoubtedly the best man in the heavyweight division at the present time. Kaufman might have been a possibility, but for the stand that has been taken by his manager, Billy Delaney. Billy was asked if he would permit Kaufman to fight Johnson and replied that as long as he had anything to do with the ex-blacksmith, that Kaufman would always draw the color line.

Barry said that if he whipped Kaufman he would be willing to meet Johnson and Confessor Jack O'Brien wants a crack at the big Texan. Stanley Ketchel and Sam Langford have both been mentioned, and while they have let it be understood that they are willing, they are regarded as middleweights, pure and simple. And for that reason Johnson seems to have a job that will not bring him in much money.

**Langford After Ketchel.**

The local lights have been bending their efforts during the past two weeks to getting Sam Langford and Ketchel matched. Langford is willing enough but Ketchel is out of distance in Michigan and his manager, Joe O'Connor, is not saying a word. Langford, through his manager, frankly admits that he wants to fight Ketchel.

"Here is what we will do," said Woodman: "Langford will agree to knock Ketchel out in 20 rounds, and if he doesn't do that, Ketchel can take all the money. That ought to be fair and just to show that we are not bluffing. I am willing to post $1000."

O'Connor says, however, that for a couple of weeks he will have nothing to say. He wants Stabley to spend the holidays undisturbed and after the first of the year will be ready to make his announcements as to what is to happen.

Needless to say, the announcement will be looked forward to with a world of interest by those who want to know just where Ketchel stands on the subject of fighting the black cloud.

**Berger May Re-enter Ring.**

Sam Berger is considering the advisability of re-entering the ring. His last fistic engagement took place two years ago, when Kaufman beat him, in this city. Berger retired and went into the haberdashery business with his brother. Incidentally, Sam went into the fight promoting business and also cornered a fighter to manage—Billy Papke. But all these things are palling on him. Sam hears the call of the wild and imagines that he might be able to grab the heavyweight championship for himself.

"If I go back into the ring," he said, "it will be to show some people that I am more of a fighter than they give me credit for being. I know that I can fight some and maybe I will accept an offer. And if I do, there will be no color line drawn. I will be out to fight anybody in the business."

Sam added, however, that it would take him at least three months to get into shape, so you can see there is no immediate danger that Sam will startle the world.

**Britt After Marathon.**

Willis Britt left for Chicago and New York the first of the week with a twofold purpose. First of all, he wanted to see Nelson and find out what were the chances for a match between the Battler and Packey McFarland. Then, he thinks, a Marathon race would be a drawing card in San Francisco. Jimmy Coffroth is backing Willis and if he can get either Dorando, Johnny Hayes or Tom Longboat, there is likely to be something stirring in these parts. Most likely, the best man to be secured in the East would be matched against Cornelius Connolly, who is the star of the California division in the long-distance ranks.

**WINNERS OF YEAR'S HARNESS CLASSICS.**

July 28—C. of C., Detroit..Minor Heir
July 29—M. and M., Detroit..... Spanish Queen
Aug. 5—2:16 trot, Kalamazoo..... Spanish Queen
Aug. 14—2:11 pace, Buffalo..The Sol
Aug. 25—Readville Derby, Readville Allen Winter
Sept. 1—St. Paul purse, Hamline.. Jerry B.
Sept. 2—Hamline stake, Hamline.. Citation
Sept. 7—Charter Oak, Hartford.. Hamburg Belle
Sept. 8—Nutmeg, Hartford..The Eel
Sept. 9—M. and M., Milwaukee.... Jerry B.
Sept. 15—Empire State, Syracuse... Spanish Queen
Sept. 22—Hoster Columbus, Columbus Ruth Dillon
Sept. 23—Kentucky Stock Farm, Columbus .....Leading Lady
Sept. 30—Buckeye, Columbus..... Spanish Queen
Oct. 1—Horse Review, Columbus.. Czarevna
Oct. 6—Kentucky Futurity, 3-year-olds, Lexington .....The Harvester
Oct. 7—Kentucky Futurity, 2-year-olds, Lexington .....Czarevna
Oct. 8—Transylvania, Lexington.... Spanish Queen
Oct. 13—Walnut Hall, Lexington.. Uhlan

## LOU CRIGER MAY QUIT GAME

### Boston Player Opposes His Sale to St. Louis.

There is more trouble in Boston. The latest news from Beantown is as follows: Lou Criger has declared himself; he objects being sold by the Boston Americans to St. Louis and says so in his characteristic manner. Louis is keen for a part of that purchase money and will not play ball next season unless he gets it. Those who know Criger believe he was never more in earnest than at the present time, and these friends who have had letters from the clever backstop are awaiting the outcome of this tangle with interest. Criger has a few dollars saved and if he makes up his mind to quit baseball he is out of it for good; all the talk and persuasion in the world wouldn't change him.

These stories of his contemplating buying land for a Summer resort upon which to erect a hotel and cottages are a little shaky. Criger intends to go in for stock raising, having purchased a stock farm in Michigan, and will devote him entire attention to this business should he fail to secure what he deems right for him in the deal whereby he was traded to the Brownies for Spencer and $5000. When Criger was sent to Dr. Brooks to undergo an operation the latter part of the season, he had no idea of leaving the game. He had signed a contract with President Taylor for 1909, and, as President Taylor said, remarked that when he signed it, it made him happier than anything in the world.

# TWO-LEAGUE PLAN APPEALS TO FANS

## All Are Pleased With Prospect of Continuous Ball in Portland.

## YET DOUBT ITS SUCCESS

### Will This Be Only City Outside Big Leagues Successfully to Support Two Clubs Is Question to Be Answered.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

The advent of 1909 marks the opening of another era in the history of baseball that is likely to be fraught with many surprises and not a little increase in the financial success.

Portland is doubly interested in the approach of the season, because of the fact that this city is to be represented on the baseball map by two teams, each in its own respective league. This distinction is enjoyed by no other city in organized baseball except the major league cities of St. Louis, Chicago, Boston, New York and Philadelphia. It is true that San Francisco enjoys continuous baseball, but both teams are in the same league and really represent separate cities. There is a possibility that Los Angeles may also get the continuous article, but in this instance, as in the Bay City, an outside town situated close by will be known as the second club.

**Some Doubt Its Success.**

Some skeptics question the plan of having continuous baseball, and doubt it proving a successful venture. However, the general run of fans herald the new arrangement with delight, for by having continuous baseball they will never be at a loss for entertainment during the months of play. Baseball, aside from the sport itself, furnishes a means of relaxation to many men, who require some means of working off surplus energy as well as a crying need for a means of forgetting, even for a short time, the cares and worries of business. All these are amply supplied in a hotly contested baseball game, for no matter how busy a man may be, a good baseball game acts upon him like a tonic.

The hold baseball has on the American public is really wonderful, and is only explained by the fact that it is the only outdoor sport that consists of comprehensive style of play. It is a game that requires brains as well as brawn, muscle and agility on the part of the player. The fickle fans of the National pastime form the most critical audiences in the world and do not hesitate to express their disapproval of a faulty action of one of the participants on any and all occasions. Baseball is truly the National game, and from a patronage point of view, it has really earned the distinction.

**Stands Alone in Popularity.**

It is true that greater crowds have attended other sports, but these have been noted only on occasions of some remarkably interesting single contest which is not to be repeated for another year or so. On the other hand, baseball is played every day of the season, and every day it draws its quota of admirers who enjoy the sport better at each succeeding game.

Here in Portland continuous baseball is to be tried for the first time. On April 13, the Portland and San Francisco clubs of the Pacific Coast League will celebrate the inaugural of the 1909 season in this city. Two weeks earlier the coasters will open the season in the south, Portland opening at Los Angeles. Either Oakland or some other club, in the event that the circuit is increased to six instead of four teams, will make the initial bow with the Seals at San Francisco.

The coast league's opening series in Portland will embrace three weeks, after which the Northwestern League will reenter this city for the first time since the disastrous effort of John J. Grim and his "Greenagues" against the Pacific Coast League of 1903.

**McCredie Is Hard at Work.**

Manager Walter McCredie, now that the holiday period has departed for at least another year, will settle down to the task of signing up his players for next season. The purchasing and drafting of players is not all that constitutes the assembling of a baseball club, for the hardest task of all is to get the players to sign their contracts, and when that task is made double by the necessity of signing up two clubs, it can be readily seen that Walter will be "some busy" for the next several weeks. A number of his players are already under contract, or will prove easy into bring to the fold, but there are others who will balk and quibble over terms and will threaten to jump to the outlaws, while the anxious manager must use his ingenuity in pacifying all of them.

Charles A. Comiskey, the genial owner of the Chicago White Sox, described the troubles of a manager aptly when he said: "You use all kinds of force on some ball players and they will eat out of your hand, but there are others who are so ignorant and stubborn that Rockefeller's millions would not convince them they are taking the wrong stand." And Comiskey has probably signed as many baseball players as any man in the business.

Trimmed with 15 ostrich feathers, each measuring two yards, the hat worn by Miss Madge Temple at the London Coliseum, is valued at $600.


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# PETERSON BEATS DWYER

### MAN WHO IS TO MEET ED O'CONNELL SHOWS CLASS.

### Local Wrestler Expects Severe Match With "Terrible Swede" Next Thursday Night.

Jack Peterson, of St. Louis, the middleweight wrestling champion of Sweden, who will be Ed O'Connell's opponent at the Exposition Rink next Thursday night, defeated Professor M. J. Dwyer, two falls out of three at Springfield, Ill., last Wednesday night, and is now on his way to Portland. The victory of the terrible Swede over Dwyer was a surprise to his followers in Portland.

O'Connell insisted after the match that he could beat Dwyer two falls out of three, but there were not a hundred people in town who agreed with him. O'Connell still insists that Dwyer would be his meat in an even-up match, and, although he expects the tussle of his life, he is figuring upon trimming the Swede.

Peterson has had a wonderful career since coming to this country two years ago. He has been wrestling all the good men he could get at, and in that time he has not lost a single match. That he had the nerve to tackle Dwyer and the ability to beat him stamps him as near the middleweight champion of America as any one else.

The men are so evenly matched that his bout with O'Connell is sure to go over an hour and may go two or three. O'Connell has wrestled three-hour matches on two different occasions, and he is training his hardest to get himself into shape for such a match this time. He is running miles on the indoor track every day and plays handball two hours every day.

Peterson left Chicago for Portland Friday night and will be here Tuesday. He is a tall, blonde son of the North, and in his physical proportions is about the counterpart of O'Connell. He is rated as a fast man in every department of the game, and the match will make O'Connell stretch himself more than wrestlers were ever seen to do in Portland.

O'Connell's best tip on the strength of his coming opponent was received in a wire from Fred Beell. Beell and O'Connell are old-time friends, and he was wired for an estimation of the new man. He replied that Peterson had defeated Dwyer. He added: "He is a good man. Look out for him."

The rink will be arranged differently for this match than for the last one. The platform will be only two feet high instead of three, and beginning at the third row all of the seats will be elevated. The tickets are on sale, and the numbers that are going indicate the biggest house that has been attracted to a sporting event this Winter. Peterson is the only Swedish champion who has come over in late years and made good, and he has attracted an immense following of his fellow-countrymen in the East. With room in the rink for 3000 people, he will have many rooters from among the local Swedish population.

The preliminary will start at 8:30 o'clock. It has not been arranged yet, but "Kid" Parker has defied Abernathy to go in it with him, and offers to bet him $50 that he can throw him twice in 30 minutes. Abernathy is seeking the backing.

## MANY EXPELLED FROM GAMES

### Ninety-four National League Players Sent From Field.

According to the statistics compiled by an Eastern paper, there were 94 baseball players expelled from the various games by the National League umpires. The Giants and Phillies had trouble with every umpire in the league, the Cubs and Doves with five arbitrators and the the Cardinals with four, the Superbas and the Pirates with three and the Reds with two. Rigler holds the 1908 series record for banishments, as he had eight of the Bostons removed from the game for violation of the rules and back talk.

These figures show the number of players each umpire removed from contests in 1908:

Rigler—Boston, 8; New York, 4; Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and St. Louis, 2 each; Chicago, 1; total, 21.

Rudderham—Boston, 4, Chicago, 3; Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and St. Louis, 2 each; Cincinnati, 1; total, 18.

Johnstone—Philadelphia, 4; Boston, New York and St. Louis, 3 each; Brooklyn and Chicago, 1 each; total, 15.

Klem—New York and Philadelphia, 4 each; Chicago, 3; Boston and St. Louis, 2 each; total, 15.

O'Day—New York, 6; Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, 2 each; total, 14.

Emslie—Boston and Philadelphia, 4 each; New York, 3; total, 11.

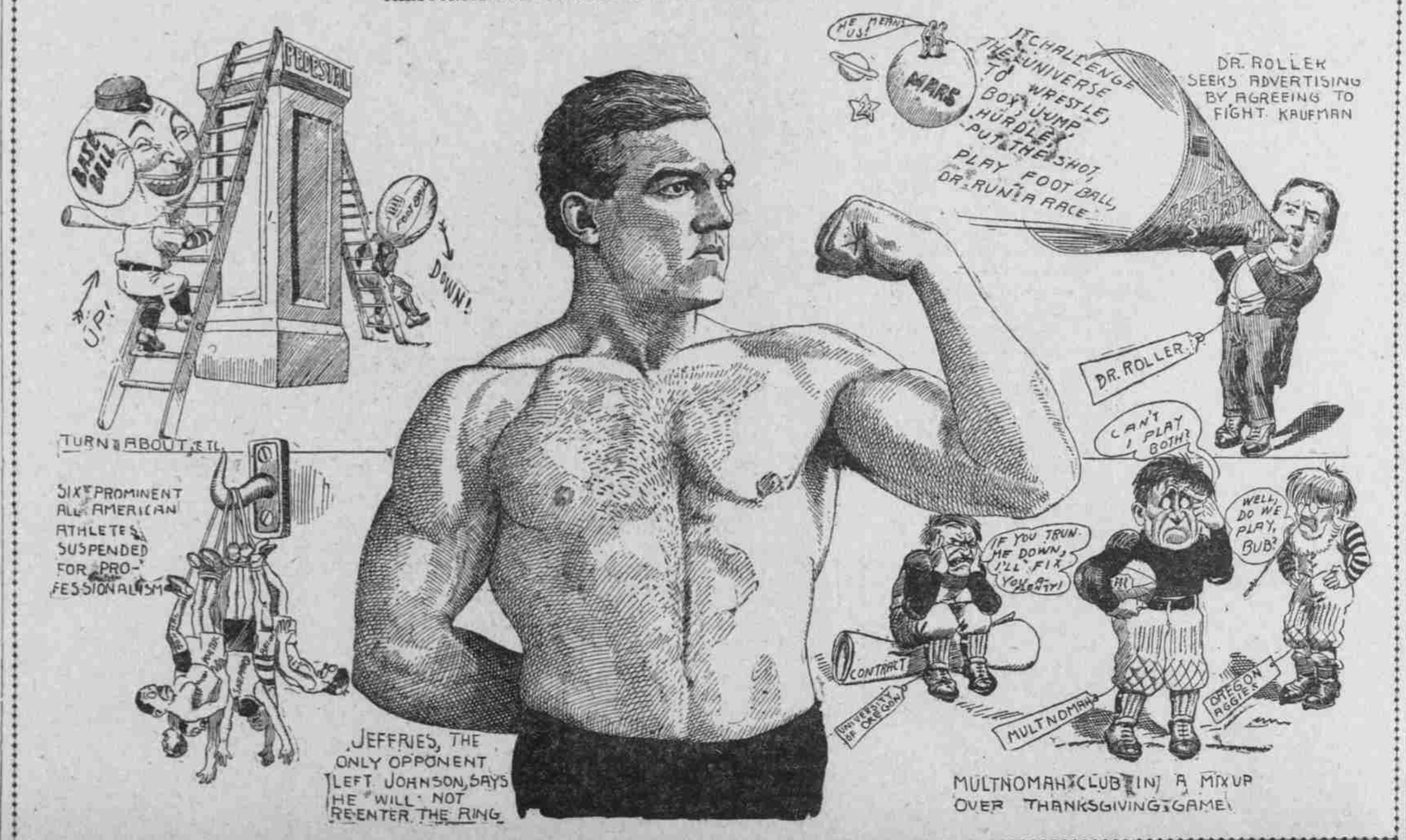
## SPORTSMEN TO MEET TUESDAY

### Annual Convention of Oregon Fish and Game Association.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Association will be held Tuesday night at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and all members of the association and their friends are invited to attend, for the meeting will discuss many important items of interest to sportsmen.

The principal proposition to be discussed at the meeting will be the draft of the new bill for the protection of fish and game, which is to be submitted to the Legislature for adoption. This bill has been drawn up by a special committee and its provisions will be discussed and amended if necessary by the members of the association.

The association will also elect officers for the coming year and all members are urged to be on hand.

There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies it is the custom for his nearest relatives to put him into a coffin and bury him, and the mourning does not begin until after the burial.

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