

"RAV, RAV, RAV," SAY FIGHT FANS

Ketchel-Papke Mill Was Such a Rancid Thing, if Sports Are Right.

REFEREE HAD BAD DAY

Only Excuse for Giving Decision to Ketchel Was That He Was Almost Prohibitive Favorite in the Betting.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE

After a careful reading of the Ketchel-Papke fight by rounds and after reading what some of the fight fans have to say of Referee Billy Roche's decision on Monday, it must be admitted that the fight had a very screwy angle. It was James Edward Britt who gave the sports something to talk about when he claimed that he had broken a bone called the ulna when he quit to Joe Gans, but Ketchel has gone Britt one better by swathing his knuckles in bandages and saying that he broke the osmagnum, one of the smallest bones in his wrist.

Whether Ketchel broke this little bone or not, the fact remains that he slipped the "Assassin" the decision just because he was the favorite in the betting and not because he had bested Papke.

Coarse Work by Roche.

This is one angle of the fight and the closer the result is studied, the worse it looks. Many of the fight fans overlooked Papke's ability, just because he was whipped by Ketchel, after having given the champion a beating. The wallop that put Ketchel out of commission may or may not have been that proverbial lucky punch, yet it must be admitted that Papke is far from being a second rate fighter. I am not saying this because I think Papke is a champion, but I am convinced that Ketchel, swathed on himself, drinking too much wine and letting his "Love o' Women" get the better of him, did not get into condition for a battle with a fighter of Papke's ability.

When the telegraph wires sang the song of Ketchel's victory over the Philadelphia rube confessor, the fight fans were too well pleased with the performance to study the fight carefully. To have "blinded" them to the possibility of a frame up.

Ketchel Very Willing.

It will be recalled that Ketchel was very prompt in hooking up a battle with "the pride of Dingeville," Jack Johnson in October. But few sporting writers over the country gave the white champion a look in against the negro pretender. They said so in their prints, but they were willing to wait for the outcome of Ketchel's fight with O'Brien before passing final judgment. This battle, they held would give the fight fans a line on Ketchel, for in meeting O'Brien, Ketchel would be into condition for a pastmaster of prize ring craft and as vulpine a boxer as ever put on a glove. Before this fight, it was frequently said that Johnson would be a 2-to-1 favorite in the betting over the white man and chances are 3 and 4 to 1. Ketchel would be the market in October. Wise crooks knew this. They also knew that a knockout of O'Brien and a lot of ragged broadcast over the country about the way the big smoke was hitting the wine retter would change the odds and quotations and make a 4-to-1 shot and even money break.

Ketchel Looked Good.

When the match between Johnson and Ketchel was made, I said Ketchel would never be able to do more than take a glove on the dinge. I also said if Johnson would fight and keep down that broad streak of yellow that runs through his corners, that Ketchel would be the battle of his career to beat him. Next to Jeffries, Fitzsimmons and Jim Corbett, no faster big man ever stepped into a ring than Johnson.

The negro knows every trick of the game, can hit a terrific punch with either hand and his foot work is all that could be asked. Like Joe Gans, Johnson is a career while Al Herford had him in his stable, Johnson has faked and played possum, I venture to guess that the first battle he ever fought on the square was the one in which he whipped Tommy Burns. And perhaps after all, Johnson's faking has not been all his own doing. He was a fighter, a black one at that and he had to live. He would not soil his hands with blacking boots, wait on table or do stunts in the middleweight division. White fighters in his class dodged him and only fought him when they had an ace in the hole, like when he fought that white sub with Hart.

Johnson Full of Confidence.

The truth of the matter is the best line any of the fight critics has laid out fans have on the skunk, is his battle with Burns. A careful study of the pictures show Johnson full of confidence at all stages of the fight. Burns was the stiffest battler on earth, yet never in all of his ring career had as much trouble trying to land a punch as he did on Johnson. The pictures show Burns utter helplessness in this endeavor and while it is true, Burns seemed to have plenty of fight left in him when the police stopped the mill, it is also true that Johnson made a monkey of him all through the fight.

Now if Johnson thought it merely a boxing exhibition to beat Burns, sprained ankle or no sprained ankle on the part of Burns, what chance would Ketchel have against Johnson's Burns and Ketchel. It is true never met, but there was at one time some talk of such a battle. Had they fought I could have fancied the Burns end of the engagement, for Tommy likes a wide open rushing fighter of the Ketchel type. Ketchel of course at that time was strictly a middleweight while Burns was too heavy for the middleweight class and got heavy enough for the heavyweight division. A battle between Ketchel and Burns would have been a corking good one and I believe the issue would have been in doubt up to the finish if it did not go to a draw.

TROLLEY LINE FOR ROGUE

Jackson County Court Grants Franchise to Electric Company.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—The Jackson County Light & Power Company was today granted a franchise over the roads of Jackson County by the County Court of Jackson County. The company in its petition asks for the right to erect electric light poles along the highways in certain townships for conducting light, heat and motive power.

It is the intention of the company to begin at once the construction of an electric railway to traverse the Rogue River valley.

A FEW CARTOONS MADE AT THE SEATTLE-PORTLAND GAME THURSDAY.



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TURKS ARE SAVED BY RAIN

This Is Second Game Spoiled by Weather and Magnates Lose Much Money—Colts Doped to Win Rest of Series.

Then heaven wept and there was no baseball at the Vaughn-street playground yesterday afternoon. Hugh McCredie waited until long after the starting time of the game before he finally gave the "blow" sign, and when he did, a dozen or more of the faithful trudged back home, saying a lot of fancy things about the weather man and Colonel Hofer's prayer for rain.

This makes the second game of the Portland-Seattle series that the Beals-Hofer rain-making combination has prevented and both men will be declared unfair by the fans and will be overlooked next year when the pass season rolls around. The loss of both games, especially yesterday's game, put a big crimp in the pocketbooks of both the McCredies and D. E. Dugdale. Seattle and Portland in the three games that were played, were drawing better than any of the

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OUTLAWS NOT DEAD

Organization Lasts Until After Fourth and Saves Pride.

COAST LEAGUERS ARE SOLD

Danny Long Also on Buying Side of Market, and Secures a Pitcher Named Meikle, Who Put 26 to Sleep in Recent Game.

BY HARRY B. SMITH
SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—(Special.)—At least the California State League can point with pride to the fact that it is not a "Fourth of July league," as those organizations which go up the state with every dollar purchase of dry goods at Shanahan's whirlwind mill recently factory sale. Ask for ticket with every purchase. All extra parts, our door, Conductor, let me off at Shanahan's, 14 and 148 Third street, corner Alder.

GOVERNORS TO TALK TAX

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 10.—Twenty-four out of 47 state Governors already have accepted invitations to the international tax conference in this city, September 21 to 24.

Extra Season Let In

Consequently, the officials of the league decided to have two seasons and let the winner of one half play the winner of the next. Stockton has already clinched the first race, and the new period commences next Tuesday.

Gandil Is Prize

Arnold Gandil, the Sacramento first baseman, has been sold to Charlie Coniskey of the White Sox and in all probability there will soon be news of the sale of Henley and Browning, the San Francisco twirlers who are doing such phenomenally good work.

Veterans May Have to Pay

ATLANTA, Ga., July 10.—Confederate veterans no longer may continue the sale of "near beer" without paying the regulation license fee of \$200, if a bill which received a favorable report today by the committee on temperance of the house becomes a law. Under existing laws, Confederate veterans are exempt from practically all license fees except on sewing machines and lighting rods.

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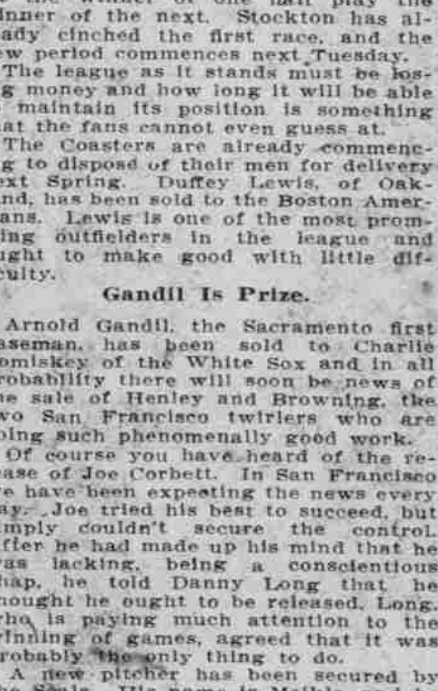
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Chase was a man who did bring about innovations. Before his time the custom was to stand still at first and "play the bag." The idea of making it a holding position originated with him. Dan Brothurs, John Morrill, "Pop" Anson and Roger O'Connor, not to mention "Long John" Reilly, who played with the old Metropolitan and Cincinnati, were heavy hitters and were renowned by reason of their ability to club the pill.

Giving Comiskey credit for evolving the idea of holding at first base, you must take Fred Tenney as the next step. Tenney came from Brown University. He was a freak in baseball because he was left-handed. For years Tenney was hidden at Boston, where stinky management prevented him from being a successful leader. About the time he thought of making a change in his position, a comet appeared in the baseball horizon.

When Hal Joined Yankees.

While training with the Yankees that year the writer heard Griffith talk about Chase, a lad who was well spoken on the Pacific Coast. Chase joined the club at Jackson, Miss.

The morning after he arrived he was ordered to dress and trot out to the grounds for practice. And he had not been working 20 minutes before Keeler stroled to the bench.

"If that kid can keep on doing this stuff he'll be the greatest first baseman I have ever seen." Chase did keep on doing stunts, and his influence on the National game is evident. He does an art of things at his station and takes all kinds of chances. He is a baseball freak, and recently his old father for the first time saw this prodigy play in fast company.

James E. Chase and his wife sat in a box during the Yankee-Washington contest, in which New York emerged victor by the score of 4 to 2. Mr. Chase is 65 years old. His head is sprinkled with gray, but he is strong-limbed and sharp-eyed. The mother, with her old-fashioned black cloth gloves, leaned over the box railing and those two loving parents simply gobbled up everything that Chase did. It has furnished a catch moment, you could see the wince of anxiety on their wrinkled faces. When he came to bat they held each other by the hand, all unconscious of the New York public, which riveted its gaze upon them.

Born in Maine.

"If you would know how my son came to be a great ball player," narrated Mr. Chase to the writer. "I can very easily explain. The home of our family was in Methuen, Mass. We were born in Methuen. In 1865 I went West by way of New York and the Isthmus of Panama. Today is the first time I have seen New York since then. Hal's great-grandfather fought in the revolutionary war, and when Harlow began to grow up his mother tried to interest him in United States history. We lived in Santa Cruz County, Cal. And I did manage to keep him in public school for a while.

"The boys were five boys and one girl. The oldest boy died. Hal is the youngest of our children. When he was six years old he could throw a stone straight as a rifle shot, and I had to pay for many a pane of glass in our neighbor's homes.

"I was in the lumber business, and I put him to sawing wood. If I left him 10 minutes he would run off and get in a ball game. He could run very fast, and he could not catch him. Even at that age people said he would become a professional ball player.

Couldn't Catch Truant.

"My wife and I are of the Baptist faith, and Mrs. Chase could not allow Harold to play on Sunday. She thought it a sacrilege. Well, when he was 10 years old he got an offer of 50 cents to catch for a club in a nearby village. He could play any position. He stole his brother Albert's uniform and got away from the house. The church members told us about it, for this was on a Sunday in July, and Mrs. Chase insisted that I go after Hal. It was a hot expedition. Sometimes I would see him ahead of me and yell; then he would duck under a bush and throw me off his scent. Finally he doubled on his tracks and escaped.

"I went back to the village church and told my wife then and there that Harold would be a professional ball player in spite of everything we could do. So we made up our minds to let him go.

"He is 38 years old now, and he does not care for anything but baseball. He has his old parents so dizzy that we read the Yankee scores before we eat breakfast. I suppose that success in life is to do what comes easiest. That, at least, was our philosophy with Hal."

FAST ENTRIES FOR TOURNEY

Oregon State Tennis Games Draw Crack Players.

A good entry list has been assured for the big tennis matches of the Oregon state tennis tournament, which is to be held on the Multnomah Club courts, July 15-17. A number of skillful players will be competing for the championship.

Miss Hazel Hotchkiss, the National woman champion. A close competitor for the Oregon championship will be Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of San Francisco, who will make a try for the title. Some of the fastest local players who will participate are: Mrs. W. I. Nethrup, Miss Myrtle Schaffer, Miss Lily Fox, Miss Stella Fordling and Mrs. J. C. Fouboulex.

There will be a warm fight on for the Fiske cup for men's singles. The cup will go to the winner of this year's contest for the reason that J. A. McBurney, of Spokane, will be unable to defend his title. If either Major Bethel or W. A. Goss with this year he will have permanent possession of the cup, as each has already first lost.

Joseph Tyler, of Spokane, who won the cup in 1907, and W. J. Knowlton, of San Francisco, will be on hand. Some of the expert local players who will take part are: Richard Wilder, Brandt Wickersham, James F. Ewing, H. A. Wilkins, T. H. V. Andrews, F. E. Hartigan, E. W. Waskaman, Charles McC. Snow, Irving Webster and Irving Robb.

The entry list is kept at the office of the Multnomah Club and will close tonight.

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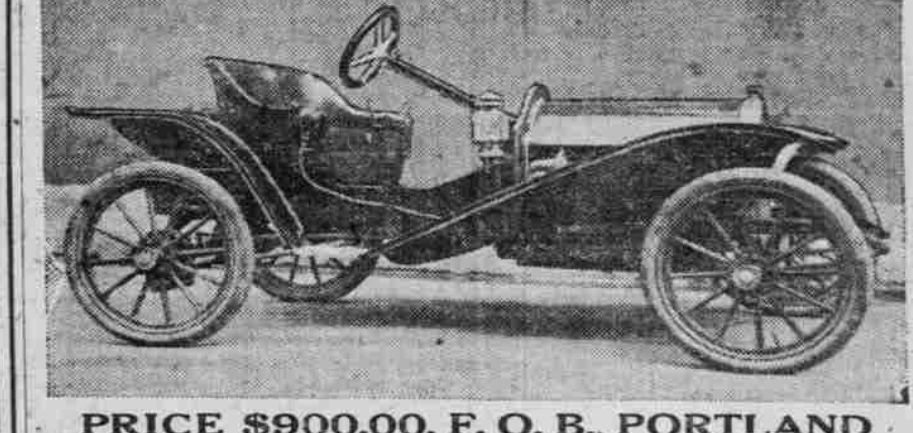
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WINTON MOTOR CO. OF OREGON. Sixteenth and Automobile Row. Demonstration by Appointment. Phones—Main 2583, A 4944.

Following the closing of Walthburg's last saloon two weeks ago, the City Council of that place last night passed an ordinance placing a ban on the selling or giving away of intoxicants for purposes other than medicinal. Any person found guilty of violation of the ordinance, which includes a clause against the use of beer and spiked cider, will receive a fine of from \$25 to \$100.

Strategy Proves Boomerang.
CHICAGO, July 10.—The village of Arlington Heights, a suburb of 2200 persons, accidentally went dry last Tuesday. It came about because three members of the Board of Trustees resorted to strategy when they found themselves in a corner. There was a sewer ordinance that they

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