# MANY ARE WILLING TO FIGHT JOHNSON

Corbett Gets Letters From Hundreds of Aspiring Pugilists.

#### GIVES THEM GOOD ADVICE

Ex-Champ Says They Should Study Lives of Fighters, and Points Out What Makes a Leader. Other Prizering Gossip.

BY JAMES J CORNETT Since I announced immediately after the Reno fight between Johnson and Jeffries, July 4 that it would be one sim of my life to find a man who would win back the championship and to see that It was again the white man's burden I have received acceptal hundred letters from all parts of the country from young, and even old, aspirants for the heavy-weight pugilistic crown.

I wish to take this opportunity to say to the writers of these letters and to all

to the writers of these letters and to all others with like desires that I am deeply touched by the sentiment which excited this correspondence. While it is impossible for me in the height of my summer vaudeville season to make personal replies to all, I have had each latter carefully filed away and ordered from a newspaper clipping bureau reports which will cover a wide clicuit in order that I may keep fully posted upon the advance made by these men.

My advice to them all is to caution personal care. Avoid all the pitfalls and temptations which tend toward physical weakness. Sitck fast to careful training and let your matchmaking be always

weakness. Stick fast to careful training and let your matchimaking be always toward the highest goal. One good, hard fight won is worth a dozen victories over "easy marks," and it frequently happens that a defeat after a hard battle is the etepping stone toward a championship.

#### Should Study Fighters' Lives.

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It would not be a bad idea to read the stories of the lives and battles of our greatest fighters, and in this matter I may digress in order to say that it has always been a wonder to me why someone has not prepared in book form such a complete volume. It would be a ready seller and full of interest.

While I have stated that I would be willing to give my time and such ability as I may possess and my experience to any promising white father whom I may think may have the ability to win back the championship from Johnson, this must not be taken in too literal a sense. I could not be expected to take even a dozen or six men under charge.

But I do say now, as I intended that the offer should first appear for acceptance, that when the Line comes that I think one man stands out from all the rest as having a chance he will then be asked to accept my offer. Today there are a number who seem to be possibilities. It is for them to get together in the ring and show us which is the best among them all.

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And I want to impress strongly upon all who may feel a sincere desire and who have the physical qualifications that while thity may not at this time be directly under the specificht they should always remember that many of our champions have won the crown although they have entered the ring with seemingly only half a chance at best. Odds on favorites have lost their honors in accres of fights. It is well to

Odds on favorites have lost their honors in acores of lights. It is well to remember these things.

And now a word to Jack Johnson. In some quarters it has been made to appear that I am personally antagonistic to him because he defeated Jeffries: Of course, I feel that natural dislike that comes to every man against one who licks his friend.

#### Johnson Is Praised.

All my readers, however, will remember that I gave Johnson all the praise as a fighter that was coming to him in my weekly Sunday letter of July 10, and also directly following the Reno

frankly admit I have a race preju diee against Johnson because he holds the championship, but I am not alone in this. I don't believe that a white man should enter the ring with a noman should enter the ring with a ne-gro. If we are to have colored men as champions, then let them fight in a

class by themselves.

Johnson as a great fighter, as he surely is, was entitled to public opportunity, but I certainly blams Tommy Burns, who practically blame Tommy Burns, who practically had a gift of the championship for which we of the good old times almost, if not actually sweat blood to gain, in matching up with a colored man. When Burns lost, while I felt some personal friendly sympathy, I also believed he had been justly rewarded for his fosl-ishness.

hope I have now placed myself plainly on record as regards Johnson.
Briefly, I want to see Johnson whipped, but with me it's the supremacy of the white race that I wish to see again established, and I won't rest until I have done all that I can towards bring-

### "Unknown" Looks Good.

Incidentally, I have an unknown un der cover who is a big, strong, dan-gerous fellow, and I think him a good candidate for championship honors. When I can see what he can do I will give his name and more particulars to the public.

Those who have carefully read the newspapers of late, and I hope all my readers are "regular subscribers," may have noticed that Hugh McIntosh, the have noticed that Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, publicly offered to back my unknown against Johnson for a side bet of at least \$5000, the fight to be not less than 20 rounds. Johnson was personally notified of this offer, and what do you think he said in reply? Just this: "I. too, have an unknown to match with your unknown." As Sig Hart, erstwhile manager of the champion, would say "Johnson is a

They are gradually getting Johnson screwed up to a fight, however. Mc-Intosh offered him \$75,000 to fight three men, the first contest to be with Tommy Burns and within three months. I understand that this match betwee Johnson and Burns is cinched. Jo Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, the Boston tar baby, opened the eyes

# HIGH-BRED HORSES TO RUN IN FALL FESTIVAL MEET

Big Purses Attract Some of Fastest Harness Racers in Country-Noted Trainer Praises Ruby Light-Extensive Exhibit of Fancy Stock Will Be One of Peatures of Coming Show.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THE PROMINENT HORSEMEN SHOWN IN THE PICTURE ARE—G. K. HOWITT, PAUL WESSINGER, LOUIE CARRILLO, JOHNSON PORTER, DICK WILSON, A. R. SHREVE AND FRANK E. ALLEY.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. ORTLAND'S first annual Fall feati-val, to be held under the auspices of the Portland Fair and Livestock Asthe Portland Fair and Livestock Association, is only a few weeks away, and greater interest than ever before is now being taken in the big event. Finer Pacific Fair Association can compete racing, better attractions, and a bigger and more extensive stock show will be more attractive features during the week of September 5 to 10 than have marked any show held in the Northwest in the past.

This annual festival includes regular harness race meet, and this year the fancy steppers are to have a Briefly, I want to see Johnson whipped, but with me it's the supremacy of the white race that I wish to see again established, and I won't rest until I have done all that I can towards bringing about such a happy and, to myself, seatisfactory conclusion.

Seatisfactory conclusion.

Seat the fancy steppers are to have a greater inning all over the circuit of the North Pacific Fair Association than has been the fortune of the horsemen in previous years. Larger purses are have a greater inning all over the circuit of the coming month. Wilson was a driver, trainer and handler on the Grand Circuit for more than 15 years, and today is rated as one of the best while in the country. He knows the horse game thoroughly, and is enthusiant.

annual fair either lost money or just about broke even, the coming race meet 'R and stock show here will undoubtedly prove a huge success. Different management, a generally improved policy, and the added interest attached to big cash stakes for the races means in creased attendance at the gate, and corresponding prosperity. The Portland Fair and Livestock Association. after careful consideration of every de tail, decided upon the policy of offering increased purses to attract the best horses and biggest horsemen to this champion, would say: "Johnson is a great self-made man. Got all his edu-cation hisself."

> Burns 20 rounds before the Olympic | Club, London, the last week in Sep-

the Boston tar baby, opened the eyes of the Johnson clique the other day, when he went to New York to post a forfeit of \$20,000 for a fight of 45 rounds for a side bet of \$20,000 and the largest purse. And I'm just going to tell you that this Sam is some scrapper and Vohnson knows it as well as anybody.

Burns and Langford to Fight.

MeIntosh is likely to bring Tommy

I heard that Frank Gotch had given up the idea of entering a pugilistic career. Gotch has many good points to recommend him to public attention in this way, but he finds it hard to screw his courage up to the sticking point. Now that I recollect, I think he expressed some idea of entering the ring the about six or seven years ago, but about as suddenly decided to reconsider the matter

So far as my knowledge goes, I don't will be a fight worth going a long way to see. Langford and Al Kaufman are to fight in Philadelphia August 10, and I hear that Bill Lang, the Australian thear that Bill Lang, the Australian thear which the property of the contest of the motorcycle kane; vice-preside to fight club at Coney Island, by which the serious intentions of such a contest. There are many besides Sam Berger and Joe Cheynski who think "Jeff" town of New York probably is to be the annual champlonship races at Willis of Seattle-

Pacific Fair Association can compete with the Grand Circuit right new, and that it is only a matter of a year or two when most of the biggest horsemen in the country will be looking to this circuit for their Fail sport.

Dick Wilson has something like 40 horses in his care, about one-third of which are his own entries, the other two-thirds being Northwestern horses intrusted to his care for handling and

DICK WILSON'S LUCILLE PATCHEN

intrusted to his care for handling and as the Portland meet starts the ball rolling, the interest naturally centers upon the proposed plans of the Portland association.

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er Wilson waxes most enthusiastic, is the 2-year-old mare owned by Mrs. A. R. Shreve. This mare is Ruby Light, by Aerolight, 2:11-2, as a 3-year-old, out of the famous broad mare Bertha. out of the famous with marks of better dam of five horses with marks of better than 1 2:10, and of five others better than 2:14. Coming from such splendid stock Ruby Light has the proper strain to become a great pacing filly, and Dick Wilson predicts that, barring accident, when will some day be the champion she will some day be the champion and the control of the control of the control of the champion she will some day be the champion and the control of the control of the control of the control of the champion and the control of the contro

tosh, is to fight Stanley Ketchel, two would make a better showing than beripping good bouts. Langford sails for fore, perhaps reverse the decision, but fall and winter,

I don't think Jeff, while sore at his li takes the women to show us a last night by the officers of the Federwill ever enter the ring again. Those \$50,000 purses for a fight in private between the Reno contestants and a lot of other guff which comes Eastwards of other guff which comes Eastwards have the same flavor as the sea serpent

## Nelson to Re-enter Ring.

Battling Nelson is to re-enter the ring this winter, as I learn that he has agreed to fight Jack Redmond in Milwaukee. Redmond, it will be remembered, gave Ad Wolgast a hard fight

est trainers, has been in Portland for several months, and he has worked out his own horses as well as the best-bred fancy steppers owned by Portland by Considered a remarkable performance.

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for a filly of her age.

This colt is entered in all the futurity events in the Northwest, and Wilson figures that she stands an excellent chance for the \$5000 stakes offered for these races in the Portland and Salem meets. All the horsemen of the Northwest are especially interested in the colt, for she has shown such splendid form in the workouts that it is naturally interesting to find just what she will do when raced and put to the test of her strength and endurance. Thus far Wilson is handling the ribbons over a similar promising entry, engage in a speed test much to the delight of the group of owners and stable hands assembled at the track to watch the workouts. Many a hotly-contested heat is dashed on in this way, for the horses seem to enter into the spirit of the affair and do not have to be urged by their handlers to the limit of her speed. He says she on figures that she stands an excelthe filly easily and has not hurried her to the limit of her speed. He says sho to the limit of her speed. He says shall lers to let themselves out. It is in this can do much better than her mark of way that Wilson has discovered many 2.25 %, and roughly timed in morning of the fine points of the various horses workouts has gone the mile in 2.22.

ing groomed as carefully as possible, and the Eastern turfman says he will be a sterling performer by the time he has finished the futurities and enters the regular stake events. Count from is a finely bred horse, and Mr. Alley has received several flattering affers for his colt.

Paul Wessinger's Oragon Park

become a great pacing filly, and Dick become a great pacing filly, and Dick Wilson predicts that, barring accident, she will some day be the champion pacer of the country. Aerolite, sire of Ruby Light, has a mark of 2:05, and Wilson declares the Shreve mare will better this mark easily before she is a barring to startle the Northwestern circuit. However, the owner desires to him. However, the owner desires to him over the Northwestern circuit better this mark easily before she is a tip for the sport fit of the care of Wilson to fit him propclrcuit and the policy is already proving its wisdom in the large number of highclass entries already received.

Dick Wilson, one of America's great-

defeat and angered at his own showing. | thing or two, after all. Over in Westport, Conn., the Ladies' Town Improvement Association, in order to give an added attraction to a lawn fete and fair, advertised the moving pictures of the Reno fight. The clergy denounced the show, but the women knew that the clergy didn't pay the piper. The pictures were shown all right, and in the big crowd were several clergymen who declared later that the show was a corker.

Motorcycle Champion Suspended.

end of this season.

There is no busier place than the track of the Portland Fair & Livestock Association during the periods when Dick Wilson and his staff of trainers, including the veteran, Louis Carrelle put the fancy-steppers through their paces. Every now and again Wilson, handling some fast horse, and Carrello holding the ribbons over a similar promising entry, engage in a speed test much to the delight of the group

Another excellent performer being men.

Between handling so many locally-byear-old trotter, Count Boni. This epiendidly-gaited young trotter is bestable, Wilson has his hands full, but Affers for his colt.
Paul Wessinger's Oregon Patch is another finely bred stallion being prepared for the Fail meets. In this horse wilson believes he has an entry likely of the finest trotting mares in the

this affair, not only for the sport fit will furnish during that wek, but also because of the incentive it adds to blooded stockraising in Oregon and the

ation of American Motorcyclists.
Whitley appeared at the Sait Palace,
a National Cycling Association track.
Local representatives of the Federation, which is at outs with the Asso ation, consulted the Eastern headqu ters by telegraph and Whitley's sus-pension followed.

#### Washington Doctors Elect.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 30 .- The Washington State Medical Association losed its annual session here today by the election of the following officers; President, Dr. Wilson Johnson, of Spo-kane; vice-president, Dr. L. L. Love, of Tacoma; secretary, C. H. Thomson, of Seattle, Wash; treasurer, Dr. Park Wood

# PERIOD OF REAL

No Good Fighters, Big or Little, Left to Maintain Game's Former Glory.

#### PUGS ARE ALL MONEY-MAD

High Financing Occupies Their Attention Rather Than Fighting, - According to View Taken by This Writer.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Boxing promises to be a dead issue in America as far as the professional exponent of the game is concerned. for there are no good hig or little men left to uphold the title of champion. No matter what the division selected, one cannot point to a John L. Sullivan, a Jack Dempsey or a Jack McAuiiffe.

The old-time champions were real hampions and not money-mad financters as are the would-be fistle premiers of the present day. In the olden days the men who posed as fistic champion would fight, and it was by fighting that they won the prowess enjoyed by them during the time they were at the top. The champion of today tells his challenger, if he be a poor man and without backing, to go and get a reputation. The champion figures that the unknown will hardly help the box office receipts and that is more essential than the champion-ship. Besides if he were to lose to the unknown he would be no more a card and would not be an attraction sought after by the giddy promoters of the present time.

#### Game Fraud to Get Money.

The present status of the fistic game is nothing short of a zigantic fraud to get the money. The promoters, fighters and training-camp followers handle the truth about their entries as recklessly as a negro young-ster would handle a watermelon. This was emphatically demonstrated in the case of James J. Jeffries and his handlers, who heralded him broadcast as the physical marvel of the age. As long as it was possible to peddle a as the physical marvel of the age.

As long as it was possible to peddle a tale of Jeff's great physical prowess the "hirelings" attached to his camp as well as to the staffs of various newspapers, took advantage of the unlimited space allotted them to tell the poor old general public, out of simpathy more than anything else, wanted to know, and that was that Jeff had come back. How he came back is history. It was about the most miserable comeback ever experienced.

Johnson Aleme in Field

#### Johnson Alone in Field.

The elimination of Jeffries leaves Jack chason alone in the field. The big egro is in a class by himself, for there negro is in a class by himself, for there is no other man living who looks to have a chance with him, for he was not put to the test in his recent fight with Jeffries. There are some who think Sam Langford stands a chance with Johnson. Sam Langford is about the same size as Tommy Burns. Johnson, the bigger and cleverer of the two, does not seem likely to mind much of the chirping from the Langford person.

In New York they are mentioning a time as har Wagner, oung collegian, William Warren Barbour, at the possible he will seek the championship. Anxiety to secure a possible conqueror capable of defeating Johnson has also brought forth a Harvard football player and all around athlete named Earl Van Meter Long. Long is a burly young glant, and said to have all of the qualities necessary to the winning of a world's championship. Neither Barbour nor Long ever appeared n a regular fight, so they would be but experiments at best.

## M. A. A. C. Gossip

The true Multnomah Club spirit was shown the past week when everybody worked for the bond sale. President Holt and the board of trustees wish to thank the public and the clubmen for their generous support of the project.

The new clubhouse will be taken over tomorrow by the club and will be gotten into shape to receive the membership inside of a week. The new clubhouse is expected to prove so comfortable that it will be with rejuctance that the removal to the bloom of the company of the compan that the removal to the bigger club is

Martin Pratt, an honorary member, has asked that his name be placed on the active list again, that his dues may help the club. Ralph Knight, who won three months' free dues in a recent membership campaign, has refunded that amount to the club.

W. Tyler Smith, a well-known track athlete, who was formerly employed by The Oregonian, has taken the position of circulation manager of the Medford Sun, a new paper.

Tennis players are still seen on the club courts night and morning. A dressing tent has been established on the grounds. The new courts are in first-class shape and play on them will begin soon. . . . .

On the new clubhouse lawns croquet will be the dominant game. Dow Walker has ordered several sets. The big lawns are ideal for this game.

The handball players asked that they be allowed to pay for the establishment of a new court on the temporary quarters. This is being taken under advisement.

All of the debris about the old club-house site has been cleared away.

"Wesley," the caretaker of the towel-room, has left the employ of the club to manage the farm of W. M. Davis, at

asset in addressing the bond letters and circulars. More than 3000 letters were addressed by it the past week.

LAJOIE AND COBB ARE CLOSE

Struggle for American League Batting Honors Is Interesting.

The struggle for the batting honors in the American League is one that is attracting widespread attention. Napoleon Lajoie, the Cleveland star, and Ty Cobb. the Detroit whirlwind, are batting along about even these days. Lajoie has a head of scarcely 10 points over the "Georgia peach," and indications are that this struggle, for which an automobile has been offered to the leader, will be of as much interest as the pennant fights in both leagues. The averages follow:

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HANS WAGNER COMES BACK

Pittsburg Player Again Has and Exercises His Butting Eye.

Hans Wagner, the famous Pittsburg to mind much of the chirping from the Langford person.

Then we have the "joke" challenger, Al Kaufman. Billy Delaney once told Kaufman that he was a fighter, and Al was fool enough to believe because Delaney seldom made a mistake in doping out fistice experts. However, Kaufman has been tried several times and each time he has been found wanting. It would be a pity to let Johnson at him, and have the burly black man put up an carnest fight.

Bugger, has finally "come back." For a long time this season the "Flying Dutchman," bitherto the terror of all pitchers, and been trailing along among the almost hitters with a small percentage. But Hans seems to have recovered the batting eye of late completely and is elamming the ball at such a lively gait that he is once more in the 300 class. This wonderful player is the marvel of the base-ball world, for it is seldom that a player gains so batting points in so short a time as hay Wagner. player, has finally "come back." For a

last few games, for he has increased his percentage. The averages up to the Graham Boston . 74 203 2
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Colin Dyment is expected back from the East about the end of August. Mr. Dyment is now visiting his brother at Durant, Okla.

The new addressograph was saved from the fire and proved a valuable college. New York.