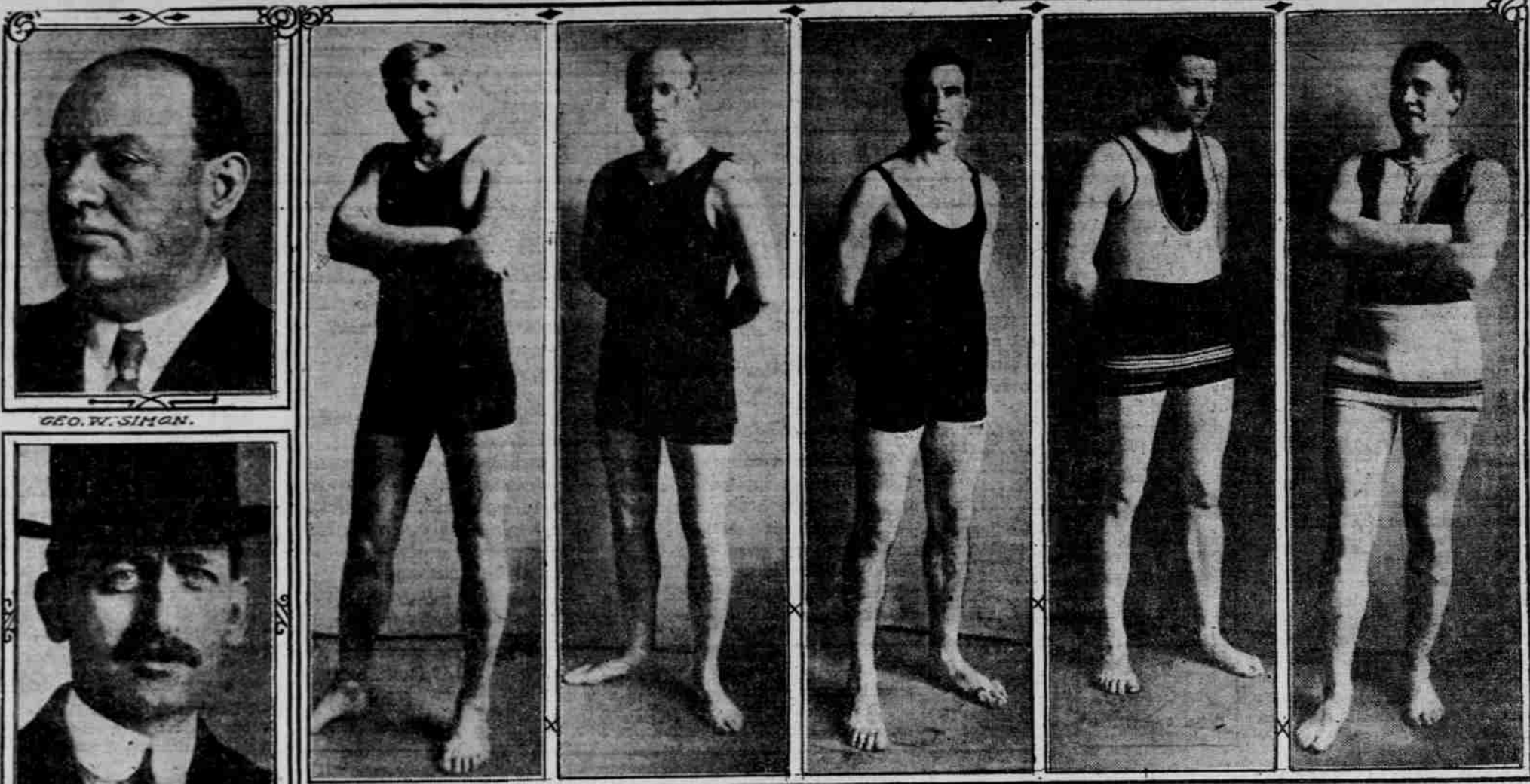


SIXTY ALREADY ENTERED FOR CHRISTMAS PLUNGE

Annual Aquatic Event of Multnomah Club Promises to Bring Large Number to Water's Edge to Contest for Handsome Trophies Offered for Winners of Places.



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WELSON'S DEFEAT IS PECULIAR ONE

Referee Fails to See Foul by Dane When He Drops to Knee in Moran Bout.

BEATING IS TECHNICAL

James J. Corbett Declares Bat Did Not Recover Fully From First Punch to Respond to Call for Further Effort.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT.
 FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Looking at the pictures of the Moran-Nelson bout a few days ago had to chuckle when I thought back to the reports of the fight published immediately after the Dane had succumbed to the prowess of the Britisher. We were led to believe that Bat had been knocked cold and carried to his corner dead to the world. The ex-champion was made out a hero of the last stand and was supposed to have gone down and out fighting as only Nelson could until knocked unconscious.

The Britter was beaten all right and Moran is entitled to great credit for the workmanlike manner in which he defeated Nelson; but the Dane was not "out" according to the conventional knock-out of the world. For ten rounds the fight was a corker, with Nelson proceeding in his usual aggressive manner. In the 11th round Moran landed a hard right to Bat's jaw and down went the Hegewich boy flat on his back. During the round Nelson was floored six times, but the first knock-down blow seemed to have done all the damage.

Several times Nelson fell from light punches or was apparently wrestled to the floor. On one occasion he took advantage of a double count by a little feisty play. He accomplished this by dropping back to one knee after having regained his feet following a knock-down. This left the Britter open to disqualification, but the referee did not look at it in that light and Moran did not claim the foul.

Knockout Peculiar One.

It is the ending of the fight that interested me particularly. In the pictures it looked as if the Britter fell the last time from weakness and after getting up to his knee watched Referee Selig count off the fatal ten seconds without making an effort to get to his feet. Immediately the referee declared Moran the winner, Nelson rose and wanted to resume hostilities. So the knockout, as it was called, was only a technical one, as the loser was far from being "out."

The question naturally arises, Why didn't the Dane get to his feet within the time limit, as he was on his knee long before the count had ended? Was he so dazed that he did not fully realize that he had been given the full count, or was he unable to hear the referee's distinct, as many of his friends contend? It is my belief after looking at the pictures several times that the Dane had not fully recovered from the effects of the first punch, and was so dazed from hitting the floor so often that he was unable to respond sooner. Nobody questions Nelson's greatness, but it was rather surprising to see that he took the count in this way.

Nelson Aggressive Till End.

The pictures are well worth viewing and are the most distinct I ever have seen of a boxing contest. Nelson proved that so far as he could go he was the aggressive fighter of old and was on top of Moran all the way until the punch on the jaw in the 11th round. While the contest demonstrated that the "iron jaw" cannot stand the old-time wallop, the Britter did not fight like a "dead" man, and his attempt to belittle Moran's victory by claiming that Bat was a dead one do the little Englishman an injustice. Nelson was not so good as he was in the championship, but it took a good boy to lick him just the same.

Jack Johnson fears he is going "nuts," if the champion has been correctly quoted, and has had his cranium examined—not with a fine-tooth comb, but with an x-ray apparatus. Apparently the negro is not in a serious condition, but the doctors contend to do some good and may be the means of bringing about a reform in his methods of living.

Brain Photography New Fad.

This brain photography is a new one and may be adopted generally by the profession now that the champion has set the fashion. If the system could be brought into use during the progress of a fight it would become popular with the public. An x-ray of Abe Attel's "think tank" while performing would be worth looking over particularly if the boy was with one of those boys the featherweight champ was "saving" for future use.

Burns Making Good Money.

Last week I suggested in this column that it was about time something definite was heard about that long-talked-of Burns-Langford quarrel. Since then I have read in a dispatch from the Northwest that Tommy has announced his retirement from the ring. This news does not surprise me much, as Burns is thought to be in "pretty sweet" in a business way out in that locality and is said to be doing so well that he cannot afford to neglect his interests long enough to undertake a long course of training.

Burns claims to have discovered a promising heavyweight and has agreed to take charge of the youngster's career in the prize ring. The boy's name is Jack Lester and he weighs at the present time about 130 pounds. If Tom gets back into active work in handling and training his protégé, it likely will mean the ex-champion's return to the game, as once the old boys get the gloves on, even in practice, the desire to "come back" gets the upper hand, I know.

Vancouver Team Is Winner.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Vancouver High School basketball team met the team representing the Catholic Young Men's Club of Portland in the Armory tonight, and the final score was 25 to 20 in favor of Vancouver.

This is the first game the home team has played on the regular schedule this year. The line-up of the team: Vancouver: C. Y. M. C. Johnson (Capt.), Wolf, P. F. Johnson, Daly, Bishop, L. G. Johnson, Murbak, Morse.

The annual Christmas swim in the Willamette River this year promises to eclipse the inaugural one held last year, not only in the number of entries but in popularity, to such an extent that the first affair of the kind will fade into insignificance.

Last year there were 12 starters in the Christmas swim, and this number comprised the greatest of the swimming in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, for, at that time, it was a distinct novelty idea and many persons were skeptical. The success of that swim and the resulting boost it gave to athletics in this vicinity is now quite generally known, and the shortening of the course to 300 yards this year has increased the list of entries to such large proportions that the event is likely to prove one of the greatest swimming contests ever attempted.

Sixty Names Entered.

Already Arthur Cavill, swimming instructor of the Multnomah Club, has maintained a list of 60 starters from among the members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, and this means that at least 30 of them will actually start, for percentage figuring on events of this character generally allow of about half of the nominated starters actually entering the event, and besides there are several entries from the Portland Y. M. C. A. who can be depended upon actually to participate in the meet.

Swimmers to Be Cared For.

Chairman Watkins of the swimming committee of the Multnomah Club, accompanied by Instructor Cavill, selected the course last Wednesday, and the 100 yards of water to be traversed by the contestants on Monday, December 20, will extend from one of the piers on the West Side of the Willamette River to Kellogg's bathhouse, where the upper story has been set aside for the exclusive use of the contestants, and a competent corps of rubbers and handlers will be on hand to take care of the aquatic competitors. Everything possible will be done to provide for the comfort of the swimmers immediately after they emerge from the river, and the accommodations will be

much better than was the case last year, though at that time no ill effects resulted from the swim.

To demonstrate the interest that is being taken in this proposition it is announced that in addition to the Stephen T. Britten cup put up for last year's swim, and to be won twice in order to become the permanent property of the contestant, the following business men of Portland have also offered prizes for this annual event: Frank E. Watkins, of Parrish, Watkins & Co.; J. A. Heusser, of the Royal Bakery; E. House, caterer; Max Michel, of Michel & Sichel, clothiers; Clayton Falls, and Henry Hanno, of Kirchner & Hanno, caterers.

Fine Prizes Donated.

All these firms have donated the prizes to be distributed at the swimming committee sees fit. The S. T. Britten cup, of course, will go to the man finishing first, and the cups donated by Frank E. Watkins and John A. Heusser will be tendered the winners of second and third places, while the other prizes will be distributed among the swimmers who finish

fourth to seventh places. The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club has provided for handsome medals to be tendered each of the first 12 swimmers who finish. These medals are in the shape of a star and are solid gold with crimson and white enamel finish, and appropriately engraved, making a beautiful souvenir of the event.

Of the Big List of Entries So Far Listed.

The following swimmers are virtually sure to start on December 20: Phil Patterson, winner of the last Christmas swim; Ralph Withycombe, winner of second place last year; Art Allen, B. McAlpin, Otto Mikkelsen, Frank Watkins, Larry Shade, H. E. Daly, Joseph Hare, W. M. Hanebut, J. S. Killeen, W. E. Gray, Dave Welch, Eddie Sammons, H. E. Seymour, M. Boyle, Ted Ludlam, Lewis Thomas, William Davis, Eben McDonald, Oliver King Jeffery, Edward Sherry, Oscar E. Frank, John Cahalan, Ed Jorgensen, Joe De Boest, Will Bennett, Paul E. Marr and Jim Bennett, of the Multnomah Club, and Gus Markert, L. Abbey and J. McDonald, of the Y. M. C. A. and Edward O. Gross, of the Portland Rowing Club.

MEET IS FAVORED

Eugene Student Body Pledges Hearty Support.

FRATERNITIES WILL AID

Conflict With Corvallis Institution Over Dates Is Indicated—Leading High Schools and Academies Invited.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the varsity student body of the University of Oregon, pledged financial and moral support to an interscholastic track meet to be held in Eugene next Spring. All of the prominent high schools and academies of the state will be invited to send four or more representatives.

BUBBLING WATER WINNER

Displaying Class After First Quarter She Takes Oakland Event.

OAKLAND, Dec. 17.—Bubbling Water again displayed her class at Emeryville today when she proved an easy winner of the Oakland handicap. She ruled a mild favorite for the event, and after being in the rear the first quarter, moved up and ran over the leaders, winning from Arionette and Jim Gaffney. Roy Junior won the Flerend handicap from Blackmate and Coppertown. Chester

to take place in New York Friday night. Packer allowed to weigh in at 115 at 6 o'clock on the day of the contest, which means that he will enter the ring a full fledged welterweight. As Atel's best fighting weight is in the neighborhood of 124, the featherweight champion will be giving a ton away. With a dub this might not hinder Abe any, but in the case of a good boy like McFarland it would appear that Atel was biting off too large a chunk. There are some nasty rumors concerning the bout and the arrangements, but I know Atel has all the confidence in the world that he can beat the Chicago boy. I think the handicap is too great for even such a marvel as the little Hebrew, and if everything is on the "up and up" I look for Mac to trim the champion.

FOOTBALL TEAMS TO CLASH

Catholic Club and Piedmont Stars Have Game Scheduled Today.

The Catholic Young Men's Club football eleven and the Piedmont Stars will meet on the gridiron at the grounds of the former organization at Williams avenue and Morris street, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The Piedmont Stars and the McLaughlin eleven will fight it out for the supremacy of the city at the baseball grounds, Twenty-fourth and Vaughn streets, on Christmas day. The teams will line-up this afternoon in the following order:

Catholic Club	Piedmont Stars
Zander	Lawrence
Dueber	Glenn
Evera	Hanna
Johnson	Zimmer
Kilump	Donaldson
Clawley	Vogey
Patterson	Sherry
Sirebig	Morgan
Compton	Nansom
	Whelless

GOULDENALE DEFEATS STEVENSON.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Gouldendale High School basketball team defeated the Stevenson High School team in the first game of the Mid-Columbia League series, played at Gouldendale. The game was closely contested, the final score being 22 to 18.

FAN EXTOLS CASEY

Harrison Allen Opposes His Transfer From Team.

LETTER PROTESTS CHANGE

Baseball Enthusiast Tells McCredie to "Take Tumble" and Retain Best Player He Has—Champion Lineup Is Mentioned.

Portland fans are not taking kindly to the announcement made by Walter McCredie that he had asked and received waivers on Perle Casey. This action on the manager's part is taken as an indication that he will transfer Casey to the Northwestern team. Several fans have protested and one of them, Harrison Allen, has sent an open letter to Manager McCredie expatiating against the transfer of the star second baseman to the Northwestern club. Mr. Allen's letter is:

"Dear Walter—Newspaper comment has it that you propose to send Casey to the Northwest League. Many of the fans and I, myself, do not see why you should do this. Casey, as you know, or ought to know, was the mainstay of the team last year, and many a time have I been in the grandstand when Casey pulled off a stunt which won the game. I have carefully investigated the record of Neal Ball, the man whom you propose to place at second base. He is by nature a shortstop, and if you will place Casey at second, Ball at short, Kapps at first and Sheehan at third, you will undoubtedly have the best infield in the league.

Casey Wisest Player.

"I have been told that you do not like Casey personally. If that is true, you ought not to let your personal views interfere with your judgment as a manager. If you send Casey to the Northwest League, you are taking away from the Portland Coast Club the most popular, consistent and head-lead player you ever had at second. You used to think that Larry Schadeley was a good second baseman, but he never saw the day that he could play the game that Casey can. In my opinion, if you left it to me, I consider just as competent a judge of players as any manager in the league, you will discover that you are making a very unpopular move by sending Casey North-west. If you have any such an idea, you better take a tumble to yourself and let the best second baseman that ever played in the Portland baseball park remain where he is. I am sending a copy of this letter to the judge."

McCredie Is Reticent.

Mr. Allen is one of the most enthusiastic fans of Portland, and at one time was mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency of the Pacific Coast League. He intimates plainly that he thinks McCredie is making a mistake in transferring the player to the Class B organization, and his views are shared by quite a number of fans.

McCredie refused to comment on the letter. He said it is his intention to give Portland a winning baseball team next season, and that he would try to have two first-class clubs in the field. He declares that he likes to hear from the fans, but refused to say just what disposition he intended to make of Casey. He would neither affirm nor deny the report that the second baseman was destined for the Northwestern club.

KNOCKOUT BLOW IS FATAL

Boxer's Skull Fractured When Sent to Floor for Final Count.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Edward "Kid" Gardner, a local lightweight pugilist, 21 years old, died in a hospital here this afternoon from injuries received last night in a bout with John Kain at the Nonpareil Athletic Club. Gardner never regained his consciousness after the second round, and died at the final count. He died from a fracture of the skull.

Kain, 22 years old, is in the County prison, where he is having confined with the fatal bout. Others connected with the fatal bout were held in bond as witnesses.

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