# ENGLISH SOCIETY **GOES BOXING MAD**

Titled Lords and Ladies Give Support to Pugilistic Game In London.

#### M'INTOSH AND BRITT JOIN

Fight Promoters Make Money at Business-Arena Fitted in London's Biggest Building at Expenditure of \$10,000.

LONDON. Feb. 18-(Special.)-William LONDON. Feb. 18.—(Special.)—William T. Stead, the famous publicist, says England "has gone boxing mad." When the London "Times" devotes a full column of its best space to a dissertation on the "Kidney punch" he thinks it is time for the authorities to consider the necessity of making further provision for the accommodation of England's hunatics. But whatever may be the views of puritans of the stamp of Mr. Stead and those who follow him there is no doubt that boxing is at the mement one of the most attractive forms of popular entertainment in England. The opera, the pantomime and the musical comedy have all taken a back seat or comedy have all taken a back seat or made room for the "roped arena." The gladiators of ancient Rome and

Greece were insignificant personages compared with the modern English bruiser. Those beroes of a past age may have enjoyed an occasional drive in a chariot: the English boxer of the pres-ent day indulges in luxurious motor cars with his mighty frame enveloped in expensive furs. It is but a few years since one could see the best hox-ing talent in England for a few cents, new the show must be very medicere indeed that cannot draw as many dollprs from the spectators and there are indications that the stock of the modern boxer must increase and multiply.

McIntosh's Invasion Is Impetus.

The invasion of Hugh D. Melntosh who may safely be described as the Bar-num of the boxing world has given an impetus in England such as only those on the spot can sufficiently realize. It is not that he has put anything very sen-sational, up to the present, hefore his patrons; on the contrary his shows have been of the mediocre variety, the only man possessing the semblance of a rep-utation in his bunch of boxers being

Bill Lang, the Australian.

Along with his own personal magnetism, and his public declaration that he was out in search of a white to beat Jack Johnson, the McIntosh enterprise has "caught on" with a rapidity that is almost inexplicable. What part Jimmy Posts the Chillyconian exclicit weight almost inexplicable. What part Jimmy Britt, the Californian ex-light weight champion, has played in the success of the Australian's undertakings and well-directed schemes in England, his many admirers thoroughly understand. The partnership, if it has not yet found a champion "to early the white man's champion "to carry the white man's burden," has been profite in unearthing pugilistic freaks and the piling up of a substantial bank balance.

### Pugilistic Freaks Uncarthed.

Jack Burns, the California heavy weight, who was the first to go up against Lang, is one of these specimens, the much boosted Bombardier Weils is another, and Parsons and Sunshine make up a quartet of alleged heavy-weight champions who have already been put out of action as far as having any claim to championship form in this any other country is concerned. Fet McIntosh and Britt command

such an extraordinary degree of patron-age that they feit justified in securing one of the largest buildings in London and fitting it out as a boxing arena. The fitting alone cost something in the neighborhood of \$15,000 while the rent st be a pretty tall figure. The prices for admission are from half a dollar to \$10.50 and at these prices every one of the 6000 or more seats is packed while hundreds of people clamor for admis-sion and cannot be accommodated. A striking feature of the McIntosh

management is that it is cultivating the patronge of women and if they have not yet ventured on adorning themselves when visiting the boxing half in the orthodox robes and picturesque finery of the opera house there are indications that they will soon present dications that they will soon present themselves at the box office in such an outht. And it must be remembered that these women are not the product of the slums or of the mean streets. drawn from Mayfair and Belgravia and from the fashionable squares and ter-

# Wealth Is in Attendance.

As to the men they may be anything Lords, Dukes and Marquises with sport-Lords, Dukes and Marquises with sport-ing instingts. The shirt fronts adorned with sparkling diamonds give tone to the show and suggest an atmosphere of unlimited wealth. No stranger wit-nessing the scene could for a moment realize that there is hunger, distress and misery almost in the next street, Even clergymen patronine these boxing bouts, and altogether there is the most varied assortment of humanity that one could expect to strike.

There is a strong feeling in certain places that the presence of women is not calculated to add to the refinement or enhance the more tender emotions of the sex while there are others who be-lieve that this attendance has a puri-fying induence on the surroundings. But whatever may be the outcome of this controversy there is no doubt bex-ing is at the moment in a flourishing condition in Great Britain and the boom is likely to continue for some time if the protagonists do not kill it then

Before the arrival of McIntosh and Britt on the scene the National Sport-ing Club, of which the great sport Lord Lonsdale is president, was the leading boxing rendervous in England. Now it is threatened with obscurity, and if its eight or nine hundred wealthy and aris-tocratic members do not hustle McIntosh and Britt will soon walk over the rulns and exclaim; we came, we saw,

# Butcher Is Hailed.

The prospects of finding a white heavyweight to contest the champion-ship with Johnson would now be re-mote if it were not for the sudden discovery of a young butcher named Chase, who until a week or two ago was unheard of outside the small community who paironized his little store in a poor London suburb. He is a discovery of A. F. Bettinson, who manages the National Sporting Club and in the three or four contests he has had in the last month or two he disposed of all the heavyweights in a round or two

by the knockout process.

He has all the elements of a fighter about him and makes no secret of his feeling that he is the only white man in England who can lick Jack Johnson. He stands 6 feet 2½ inches, weighs 180 pounds and has a reach of 72 inches. He is in his 24th year, has never tasted alcohol, doesn't smoke and makes a boast that he has been an essentially clean liver. Whether he

will make good or not remains to be seen but he can, so far, assert that he is the only undefeated heavyweight the only undefeated heavyweight England.

What is remarkable about this man What is remarkable about this man is that no follower of boxing ever heard of him before he went in for a novices' competition at the National Sporting Club at the end of last year. He has never figured in the annual amateur contests where he would have hed an opportunity of showing something of his form, which he says now has always been superior even from his schoolhoy days. The general feeling is that Chase is a stiff proposition and that he is the only man at present in the limelight who can have any pretensions to meet the hig negro.

#### Sullivan Is Undefeated.

Another undefeated man in the mid-dleweight division is Jim Sullivan, who claims the title of the middleweight champion of England, which carries along with it Lord Lonsdale's belt. Young Joseph claims the title of wel-terweight champion though he has been Young Joseph claims the title was terweight champion though he has been defeated by the lightweight Freddle Weish. Joseph is also the proud possessor of a Lonsdale belt, which he much defend soon or surrender it. Speaking of Freddie Weish, there is a Speaking of Freddie Welsh, there is a heated controversy at present as to the differences that keep him and Packy McFarland, the Chicago lad, from meeting again. The whole difficulty centers around the question of a referee. Packy wanted Corri, Freddle refuses, and on grounds which have not hitherto been explanted. Freddie feels that Corri is a bit of a sport and is not above having a bet occasionally, which means that a man who is a referee is not justified in having a gambling interest and contest. This factor and this alone is the secret of the Welsh-McFarland contretemps.

When Welsh was seen at Olympia on the occasion of the Wells-Moir contest he declared he was willing to meet the

the occasion of the Wells-Moir contest he declared he was willing to meet the Stockyards boy anywhere for any sum, but he could not and would not allow him to assume the role of a dictator in the matter of a referee. If terms can be arranged and the referee difficulty overcome, Freddle and McFarland will draw the biggest crowd that has ever been seen at a boxing contest in England. Whether they show under the McIntosh-Britt management or not, that combination means to pursue its career combination means to pursue its career of developing the best that is in British boxers in the hope that one day a man may arise who will bring back to Great Britain the title of heavy-weight champion of the world.

WASHINGTON TRACK MEN OUT

Fifty Prospective Candidates Respond to Coach Maybury's Call.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 18.—The first day on the track for the opening of the Spring training season at the University of Washington brought out 50 prospective track candidates to Coach James Maybury's call.

The track is height out in splendid

The track is being put in splendid condition for the training season and Maybury will buckle down to hard and steady training as soon as his men get

into proper condition.

An entirely new feature in the training season will be introduced here, similar to that used by Will Hayward of Oregon. All men will train individually and no other man will know for what the other is training. Prior to what the other is training. Prior to the tryout for places on the 'varsity team Maybury will hold an inter-class meet at which he expects to give med-als for winning candidates.

ORIGINAL MULTNOMAH MEN TO TALK OVER OLD TIMES.

Twelfth Annual Dinner at Comme cial Club Next Saturday Prom-

guided the destinles of the now great Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club when it was a straggling institution located in a back room on Second street in the early '90s, will gather around the banquet board at the Portland Commercial Club next Saturday night to live over again the club days of old. These veterans who started, aided and saw the Multnomah Club grow from infancy to sturdy manhood, almost gianthood, have linked themselves togenthood, have linged themselves to-gether in a little club within its par-ent organization and call it the Mult-nomah Amateur Athletic Club Veterans. Saturday's function will be the twelfth annual dinner. In the intervening years since the first dinner was given in 1899 the membership of this society gradually dwindled until now there are but two score left to honor the struggle for existence of one of the greatest athletic institutions in

the United States. Allied with the Veterans are all those members who were members of the Second-street club. Were they all to gather Saturday night there would be an attendance of 300. Such will not be the case. Some have passed into the kreat beyond, while others—the majority—have drifted apart from their old comrades and are widely scat-tered over the face of the globe. Those who are still living and whose where-abouts are known by the Veterans will not be forgotten, for they were bidden a welcome to attend the annual dinner and will be sent souvenirs of the oc-

Through their own little circle the Veterans have accomplished great good for their parent body. They are a power for good; their sentiments are generally taken up by the younger clubmen and their spirit is and has been the vital spark of the club's life. The Veterans are always present at

every official meeting of the club and a ready response is brought from them when suggestions are requested. when suggestions are requested.

The enthusiasm of a few of these members at Tuesday night's annual meeting made it possible for the club to raise \$55,000 among the members, the club giving its personal note. And when the club was destroyed by fire last July the Veterans were the first to respond to the call for aid.

Assembled at Saturday's merry-making will be the first president, secretary, treasurer and many of the first board of trustees of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. A. B. McAlpin was first president, W. H. Chapin was first secretary, and George L. Bickel was first treasurer. Dr. A. E. Mackay, who succeeded Mr. McAlpin as president, his regime being that of 1392-2, will also be present, in fact, most of the club's early officers are numbered among those 40 survivors of

The committee in charge of the dinner arrangements is composed of T. H. McAllis, George L. Bickel and Dr. A. E. Mackay. Many noveities are introduced annually and the menu cards are usually elaborate.

SCENE OF BRITISH PUGILISTIC REVIVAL, AND TWO FIGHTERS WHO APPEAR THERE.



# BURNS AFTER JACK

Champion Urged to Give Jack Lester Chance.

### DEADY SPRINGS SURPRISE

One-Time Manager of Al Kaufman Says Latter Tried to "Fix" Match With Langford--End of Racing Arrives in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(Special.)

Even though there isn't much doing in the boxing line, Jack Johnson conin the boxing line, Jack Johnson con-tinues to monopolize considerable space in the newspapers. The day following his arrival, he was called down for speeding in his automobile and would pay no attention to the policeman. He was arrested later and when he com-plained about being required to put up \$256 ball money, was told that he had refused to stop when told to do so by the officer.

Jack has also secured more publicity by his desire to enter the automobile road race that is to take place in Oak-land on Washington's birthday. He has no license or permit from the automobile association but he says that he will fight for the right to enter and take the matter into the courts if necessary.

Incidentally, the story of how he once did secure a license that was later can-

ises to Be Most Interesting.

Gelled, has come out. Jack, wise in his ways, sent a messenger to headquarters in New York, requesting a permit for "J. Arthur Johnson." Upsuspecting, the secretary made out the desired permit. Naturally, it was later cancelled and I fancy that Jack will have considerable trouble this time in securing the desired permission.

Tommy Burns is also hot on the trail

the desired permission.

Tommy Burns is also hot on the trail of the heavyweight champion, for after reading the interviews that Johnson gave out upon his arrival. Burns has telegraphed as follows from Olympia:

"I notice that Johnson desires to meet Jack Lester. No doubt he is talking for a diversion but if he will give Lester a chance, I will show the sporting world that Johnson is the poorest champion the world has ever seen. If he will box Lester to a finish within two weeks in private or public, winner take all, the match is on."

The boxing game is still dangling on

The boxing game is still dangling on the edge. There was an open meeting of the public morals committee the first of the week at Sacramento at which promoters and ministers aired their views but the committee took no action. Incidentally, a couple of boxers. Lew Powell and Frankle Burns, who are to box February 25, appeared and answered questions that were asked of them.

I understand that Assemblyman Rogers of Alameda County, who proposed a sixof Alameda County, who proposed a sixround bill, has asked leave to amend
his measure and the committee in turn
has asked him to prepare a bill that may
more nearly meet with the approval of
all concerned. The boxing people seem
to think that a 20-round law will be the
result, although it wouldn't surprise me
in the least to see the number of rounds
cut down to 15 or possibly 10.

However, next week ought to know
just what is going to happen as regards
boying. Naturally, the greater the de-

just what is going to happen as regards boxing. Naturally, the greater the delay the better the supporters of boxing are pleased.

Bob Deady of Philadelphia, who at one time acted as manager of Al Kaufman, sprang a surprise in the East this week when he gave out a story of the alleged efforts of Kaufman to "fix" a match with Sam Langford. Deady says that when Kaufman was matched with Langford in San Francisco he offered the negro \$5000 to let him stay the 20 rounds.

That bout was called off by the au-That bout was called off by the au-thorities, it coming up at the time of the Jeffries-Johnson trouble in San Francisco. Later, when Kaufman was to box Langford in Philadelphia, he made a similar proposition and Lang-ford, so it is said, did no training. Kaufman, according to Deady, planned to "double cross" the Bostonian, and

when Langford saw how things were going he refused the match. Lew Powell and Frankie Burns have gone into training for their match a week from next Tuesday night. Naturally, with the Walker-Young antigambling law in effect, there is no quoting of prices for betting.

The boys ought to make a good bout and the absence of waggring should tend rather to help the game than

Racing in California came to an abrupt close on Wednesday, the last day of grace for the gamblers. Under the new law there can be no betting even of the oral kind on any contest between man or beast or any mechanical contrivance. Tom Williams and his people have not shown any signs of desiring to test the law and have simply

mply quit. The horsemen have scattered. Most of them have gone to Juarez, but there are a number practically stranded here and it means to most of these men the entire loss of their racing stables. Runners are not worth much under present conditions and one can get a saddle horse at Emeryville for little or



sted no rule in the Pacific Coast League. That the playing of Hetling League. by Spokane was illegal is admitted, but what has that got to do with the Pacific Coast League? Nothing Who Hopes to Meet and Beat Jack

the Pacific Coast League, and when Judge Graham took it upon himself to

forfelt three games won by Portland

Where Judge Graham erred was in

been released he therefore must be eligible to play with Portland, for the Portland club had not placed him on the suspended list of ineligible play-

ers. The only conclusion resulting from this now famous case is that

Judge Graham acted hastily or ill-ad-visedly in giving his decision.

Incident Now Closed.

"That infernal Hetling case," is a

closed incident, and will remain a

fornia writers will only look at the case in its proper light and figure out for their own benefit just how much

and the only one connected with the case which was not injured in the least. Perhaps Portland gets a square

deal in the five to one running, but

of Restrictive Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Speaker-to

Clark declared that the recent activ-

enough said for the present.

of July last."

# HETLING CASE OVER

California Can't Forget Reversal of Graham.

# HERRMANN'S RULING HURTS

San Francisco Writers Have Mistaken Idea Decision of League President Is Not Subject to Change by Baseball Heads.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
"That internal Hetling case, like Banquo's ghost, is running wild again." says the San Francisco Bulletin in commenting upon the final dispositween Judge Graham and the Mc-Credies, where the latter came out vic-torious in a controversy which should have resulted in no discussion at all. The California writers seem utterly mable to realize that the Pacific Coast League suffered no harm through the playing of Hetling, and that the Na-tional Commission. National Board of Arbitration, and all the other governing bodies of baseball could not have done otherwise than to declare Judge Graham's ruling wrong in this particular instance.

# Hetling Not Imported.

For instance, in order that the rule relating to players participating in two pennant races in one season shall have offended the Pacific Coast League, Hetling would necessarily have to be an imported player. He was not an imported player and had never been released by Portland. This fact is not taken into consideration by the Calif. taken into consideration by the Cali-fornia writers as is shown by the fol-lowing from the San Francisco Post,

lowing from the San Francisco Post, another paper which has tried to support Judge Graham:

"The Hetling case has bobbed up again tike a bad penny and once more it is said that the final word has been spoken and that no more will be heard to garry Herrmann westdent of of it. Garry Herrmann, president of the National Baseball Commission, has indorsed the decision of Secretary J. H. Farrell, which reverses the Na-tional Association of Minor Leagues and at the same time annuls the rule to the effect that a player cannot parto the effect that a player cannot par-ticipate in two championship races in one season. Rules in baseball seem to be made for the convenience of the magnates and are subject to interpre-tation according to the case they are desired to fit. Nobody cares what the Hetling decision finally is to be, but it establishes a dangerous precedent in that it makes it possible for the mag-

#### James J. Corbett Regrets Lack of Real Science in Leading Lightweights of Present Day-Reviews Pugilists of Present. BY JAMES J. CORBETT. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 18.—(Special.) Adolph Wolgast, champion lightweight. did not add materially to his laurels in

**WOLGAST FAILS** 

Champion Does Not Show to

Advantage as Boxer With

ROUTE NOT LONG ENOUGH

"K. O." Brown.

it. Fair minded critics appear unanimous on the point that while Ad did not show to advantage during the early stages of the contest, he was going at full speed in the last two rounds. Brown's peculiar style seemed to puz-Brown's peculiar style seemed to puzzle the champion not a little, and it was some time before he could get on to the New Yorker's pitching. Which is no boost for Adolph. If ever a boy was made to order for a clever boxer, Brown is the kid. Still, Ad never has made any extravagant claims as a clever boxer. His forte is supposed to be what in these days is termed "fighting," and which consists mainly of the rough-house methods that have become so popular with

the six-round encounter with "Knockout" Brown, the pride of Gotham. On the

other hand, he was by no means disgraced, as some few reports would have

consists mainly of the rough-house methods that have become so popular with later-day pugilists.

A majority of the Gotham critics who journeyed to Philadelphia gave the decision to Brown without question, but the more fair-minded and unblased judges called it a draw. It was expected that Ad would not have any of the better of it at the hands of the New York newspaper men, who apparently cannot figure the champion as a fighter at all. The prejudice against the little Michigander must have influenced the verdicts; and then, again. Wolgast, like his predecessor, Nelson, is no six-round marvel. The fact he was forcing the fighting in the last two rounds and had a shade the better of the going would indicate that the champion was warming to his task and had solved the New Yorker's style. At any rate, his work toward the finish of the bout earned him a draw in the eyes of the unprejudiced. ods that have become so popular with

### Lightweight Crop Is Poor.

As an exhibition of boxing such as ould be expected from a champion and would be expected from a thing-half his challenger it was a rank disappointment and emphasizes the point that we are sadily lacking in material when aboy of Wolgast's class can rule the lightweight roost. One has not to look far back to bring home the truth of this. far back to bring home the truth of this. When one tries to compare the present bunch with those marvels of speed and cleverness. Frank Erne and Joe Gans, he can but mourn the scarcity of talent. These former lightweight champions could fight cleverly, and fight fairly, too. It is a rather difficult matter to please all the critics all the time. Now, for instance, here is this boy Wolgast, the champion in his class, whose showing in his first engagement after the series of accidents that kept the lad out of the ring for a long period is not up to the championship standard. Result is, no allowances are made for the long layoff and the boy is panned to the queen's taste and held up to ridicule as a "joke" champion. Which is all good enough, but take the case of another little champion—Abe Attel.

ling did not harm any of the Pacific pion-Abe Attel.

Coast League clubs by playing with Spokane, and as the Portland team was class so long it Coast League clubs by playing with Spokane, and as the Portland team was guilty of "farming" it was fined accordingly, and the McCredies paid the fine, but that has nothing to do with the Pacific Coast League, and when mark" for another bout. No credit is given the adversary, for it 's taken for granted Attel was stalling. Sure, it's a funny world, and the boosts and knocks are not always distributed fairly.

Wolgast was to have boxed Packey McFarland six rounds at O'Brien's club is the pear future but for some reason.

because Hetling participated in these games, he went beyond his jurisdiction because Hetling was, all the time, eligible to play with the Portland in the near future, but for some reason or other the bout has been called off, probably for the reason that Ad realrefusing to accept McCredie's state-ment that Hetling had never been re-leased by Portland. As he had not probably for the reason that Ad realizes he would make a sorry showing in a contest with a lad of McFarland's eleverness and speed. If the champion figures on meeting Packey at all, my advice is he insist on the Marathon route, as Mac would show him up badly in a six or 18-round dash. McFarland and K. O. Brown are different propositions.

Ad's next engagement will be with Owen Moran, and the agreement will call for 20 rounds or more. More likely for 45 rounds. The champion will no for 45 rounds. The champion will not risk the title in a sprint. And Wolgast ought to win over Moran over the long course. He is the same style miller as Nelson was in his palmy days—a boy who can stand a gruelling and with his wonderful endurance and recuperative powers wear his opponent down. Owen is a clever boy, but has not the youth nor the ruggedness of the champion. the Pacific Coast League was injured by the Portland team playing one of its own players. If there was any

howling to be done about the games Hetling played in it should have been done by the Northwestern League and not by the Pacific Coast League, yet Jack O'Brien did not make any money with his first all-star show. Socially it was a big night. Jack's wealthy and aristocratic sponsor. Tony Biddle, set the style for the Quaker City sports and was respiendent in evening dress, as were a number of his triends. Also numerous "society women" were at the ringside, according to reports, and O'Brien's new club had an auspicious if not a profitable opening. The box that circuit has had nothing to say about this player. Funny, isn't it, that the only league to yell about Hetling was the one with which Portland is but the tail to the California kite. office showing was a big disappointment. There were too many vacant seats to please the astute Jack. Evidently Philadelphia sports have not yet been educated to the terminal to the control of the contr CLARK CALLS RENO FIGHT FAKE Future Speaker Rejoices at Growth Had it not been for the liberal attendof New Yorkers, O'Brien would have been a loser.

be Champ Clark, in an address at Cal-Indicate that Dave Smith, who won from Billy Papke on a foul, is not the world beater we were led to believe from first accounts of the battle. In a vary Baptist Church of this city, last night, alluded to the Jeffries-Johnson fight as "that fake prizefighting affair from first accounts of the battle. In a letter from Tom Andrews, the Milwaukee sporting authority who accompanied the Americans on the Australlan trip, we are advised that, while Smith made a good showing, Papke was wearing his man down, and but for the unfortunate and accidental foul, the Dutchman eventually would have won by the K. O. route. Of course, this part of the story is conjecture, but Andrews was at the ringside and in position to tell how things were going. The foul "None of us thinks prizefighting a very agreeable pastime or a thing to be fostered by an enlightened people," he said, "yet 25 years ago prizefighting could be carried on in every state of the Union. Today, it is against the law in nearly every state. Nevada was the last to get in line, and it is a pity that the did not enact prohibitive laws against the brutal sport before that great and scandalous fake was pulled off in Reno last July."

Clark declared that the recent activity of laymen in religious affairs had done much good and that more good was to be expected from this co-operation of the laity with the clergy. He declared that President Taft, Colonel Rossevelt and William Jennings Bryan were qualified to go into the pulpit and preach sermons. He would not be surprised, he said, if Colonel Rossevelt and Mr. Bryan ended as preachers. The various German states maintain 70 schools in hoseshoeing, with courses of from one to all months

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#### Good "Middles" in the East.

There are several promising middles around this neck of the woods, and I find the New York papers full of praise for Frank Klaus, the Pittsburg boxer, who stood off the late champion in a short bout last Summer. Klaus recently stopped Willie Lewis in six rounds, and it, that is the sorge on which the ly stopped Willie Lewis in six rounds, and if that is the scrap on which the scribes are hoosting him for the championship, I will have to pass. He will have to show something better than that to establish his claim as a challenger for the title. Lewis could not beat a second-rate welterweight like the Dixle Kid a few months ago, and was a joke in the hands of Papke in Paris last Winter.

was a joke in the hands of Papac in Paris last Winter.

On the dope Jimmy Gardner and Leo Houck appear to be the best in this part of the country, with the former a veteran and on the down grade, which will make me string with Houck, who is coming all the time. Leo was unlucky enough to break one of the small bones of his hand a short while back and the accident kept him out of the ring until a week or so ago. His last bout was with a boy named Williams, whom he easily outpointed. While Houck has not as yet been sent against so formidable an antagonist as Billy Papke appears to be, still the Lancaster boy has met the best in the East and the worst he got was a draw. The and the worst he got was a draw. The winner of a series of bouts between Gardner, Klaus, and Houck would seem to be the logical opponent for Papker

upon his return.

Guess we will have to look forward to some one or other of the budding to some one or other of the budding 'white hopes," as the veterans among the heavyweights are gradually drop-ping out of the game. Jeffries has announced for the 'steenth time that under no circumstances will he ever en-gage in another contest, and Tommy Burns reluctantly admits that his ingage in another contest, and Tommy Burns reluctantly admits that his in-jured knee will keep him out of the squared circle for all time and has therefore cancelled the engagement to box Bill Lang in England next April. Jeff has been known to make the same declaration of intentions before, only to change his mind and re-enter the game,

but I guess it goes this time. Al Kaufmann is on the road with a show and challenges Johnson in every town, or at least his press agent hurls the defi at the champion. Al wants to box Johnson over a long route and will not listen to Jack O'Brien's six round proposition. He argues that he wants to win the title and realizes his only chance is in a long affair and wants Jack to accommodate him in the matter. Kauffman suggests next Labor day as a favorable date for hostilities and intimates that the champion can have a side het of any amount up to \$20,000 if he wishes. It would "listen" more like the real thing and carry more weight if the mention of a big side bet

#### Champion Johnson Sidestepping.

Johnson sidesteps every direct attempt to clinch a match, and in doing the dodging stunts tries to work in a little of his comedy. In speaking of Kaufmann's desire to meet him Jack says he will back his sparring partner, Walter Monahan, and his own particu-lar "hope," against the Californian and will bet as much as Al on the result. particu-This sort of guff does not interest the sporting public in the least and Jack would do well to can the comedy. An answer one way or the other from the champion as to his intentions would be more to the point.

Kaufmann has licked all the second

rate puglists who have had the courage to tackle him, and at the present age to tackle him, and at the gresent time there is not a suitable opponent on this side of the water outside of the champion himself. Al could establish himself as a greater favorite with the followers of the game if he would accept McIntosh's offer to cross the Atlantic and box Lang or Langford, but evidently figures he is due the first charge with Longon and is anylous to chance with Johnson and is anxious to clinch the match. And on his record Al is the man entitled to serious consideration as a championship possibillity.

# TRACK MEET DATE IS MAY 13

#### Washington's Interscholastic Affair to Be Held on Denny Field.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 18 .- Acting Manager Herbert H. Seller of the Associated Students came to an understanding yester-day with the Tacoma stadium committee and says that the University of Washington sixth annual interschol-astic meet will be held on Denny Field May 13 just a week preceding the meet to be held in the Tacoma High School The university having beld several

successful meets in the past, attracted much attention. The Tacoma citizens deemed it wise not to interfere too strongly with the Washington meet. "We expect to make this interschol-astic meet the largest and most successful of years. We hope to make our medals more attractive as well as our accommodations. The students will realize that as fraternities cannot pledge high school students who have not finished their courses, they will not be so ready to take them into their houses for two or three days as they have done in the past. But the stuaccommodations for the high school athletes."

Work has commenced on the track in Denny Field this week and for the high school meet as well as the college events the track will be in the best of condition.

Manager Seiler says that the inter-scholastic committee expects to bring a reiny team from one of the high schools of Portland. Last year the relay event in the annual meet was the spectacular feature.

SLOW BALL PITCHER TO PASS

#### Mathewson Declares Speed Is Essential Qualification Now. Christy Mathewson is of the opinion

that the day of the slow ball pitcher in fast company is a thing of the past. "When I broke into the big league," said Christy the other day, "Win Mer-cer, Clarks Griffith, Red Donohue and Smith Not a World Beater.

Tardy advices from Australia would ing upon a slow ball to a large explicate that Dave Smith, who won tent. Billy Reidy and Dusty Rhoades followed them, but look over the list of pitchers in the two big leagues today and you will not find a single pitcher who is noted for his slow ball. There may be some who have a floater

was at the rings were going. The foul to his employer, the first question that blow was a sort of right uppercut for the stomach, and delivered when both men were in a croaching position. It is laided a trifle too low, and Smith was laid up for repairs.

The results of the rings were going. The foul to his employer, the first question that the latter asks is. Has he any smoke? "I have reasoned it out that the slow games by small scores and the clubs in the days when slow ball pitchers are relatively expectably had a lot of betters." laid up for repairs.

The middleweight title was not at stake, as the men fought at 165 pounds, or seven pounds over the limit. Papke has taken on weight during his stay, of six runs were scored against a club has taken on weight during his stay, and announces that he will not try to make 158 unless for the title, which he claims since the death of Stanley Ketchel.

This claim has been weakened by Papke's defeat at the hands of "Cy-