

WEIGHT KILLS OFF BUD, SAYS SMITH

Sporting Writer Believes Last Seen of Medford - Vancouver Pride of Ring.

NEW MIDDLEWEIGHT SEEN

Fighting Billy Murray Thought Legitimate Heir to Late Stanley Ketchel's Honors—Coffroth Takes Eastern Trip.

BY HAARY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Will California develop in Fighting Billy Murray, of Sacramento, a legitimate heir to the middleweight throne that since his vacation by the death of the late Stanley Ketchel, has never had a fitting possessor? San Francisco fans who saw Murray defeat Leo Houck Monday are very much of the opinion that Murray is a comer and a fellow it will be well to take.

It was figured that Houck's experience would be far too much for Murray, but the Sacramento boy proved an agreeable surprise. Houck looked to be dead on his feet and loggy, but Murray beat him at every stage of the game. In the in-fighting, he excelled and punished Houck considerably about the body. At long-range he used a swinging left from which Houck couldn't seem to get away.

Murray is a Portuguese boy, about 23 years of age. He is the same loose-limbed chap that Stanley Ketchel was. Murray doesn't shape up today as fast as a man as the Michigan, but he can improve. Moreover, he is a small middleweight and can do 124 pounds nicely. Probably he gave away six pounds to Houck.

Future Thought Promising.
All the same, I should say he has a promising future ahead of him. He isn't particularly bright, although he is bright as most fighters go these days. He is quite willing to learn, and Jack Kearns, who is his manager, doesn't want to carry Murray along at too rapid a gait, which is to his credit. It looks very much as if we have seen the last of Bud Anderson in the boxing game. Of course, he may decide to try the sport again, once he has had a good long rest, but if he has any real friends they will advise him against such a move. The truth is that Anderson has had quite enough and ought to be contented to settle down to some nice business from which he can make a living.

So far as the match with Red Watson is concerned, it was the last straw with San Francisco fight fans. The local followers of the game do not figure Watson as anything and they realize that it was a very poor proposition of making weight that killed off the Northwestern boy. He had to take off more than 12 pounds in two days and as he had been conditioning himself in the North prior to coming to San Francisco, that meant a lot more than would ordinarily be the case.

The fact that Anderson can't do better than the welterweight limit any longer and be strong. Also, with the knockouts that have been registered against him, it is questionable whether he could stand for any length of time.

Ritchie Pays Taxes.
There is no question but that Anderson and Donald have had something of a quarrel, in spite of the announcement that they just agreed to disagree. While Ritchie, the lightweight champion, left on Thursday week for Milwaukee, where he has been matched with Ad Wolgast for a 10-round bout March 10. He was accompanied by Harry Foley, his manager and trainer, and the fighter also took with him one of his sisters, in order to give her a peek at the Middle West.

Promoter Jimmy Coffroth left on the same train with Ritchie. The promoter will go to New York to attend to some business and expects to be in Milwaukee for the Wolgast match.

Ritchie has set the fashion for pugilists, of paying his income tax. Estimated on what he made during the last 12 months, the little San Francisco boxer paid a tax on a little more than \$20,000, which meant that his tax to the Government stood him about \$200.

Eddie Grancy, who holds the March permit for San Francisco, has done nothing as yet regarding a card.

"TAP DAY" IS UNDER BAN
Yale Juniors Would Abolish Time-Honored Custom of Class.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 24.—One hundred Yale Juniors have organized to abolish the time-honored "Tap day" and to remove the selection of candidates for the secret societies of the academic college from the historic old maple trees on the campus to Berkeley Oval.

The Juniors contend "tap day" has become too much of a public carnival, instead of a dignified election.

The rivalry of the clubs to get desirable men has led to some unpleasant incidents. It is said, and the heartburnings of disappointed boys have been paraded too much. One plan suggested is that some responsible person suggest the names of 70 men of the junior class thought to be eligible for society honors and submit them to the clubs, which may agree upon them in advance privately instead of scrambling for them in public.

GIRL'S LIPS HIDE GEMS
Diamonds Stored in Her Mouth as Robbers Fleeced Her Escort.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 24.—Children living in the residence districts near the business section of Springfield have been terrorized for several nights by repeated during holdups, committed almost in the heart of the city. Five persons have been held up. One young woman saved diamonds valued at several hundred dollars by putting them in her mouth, while the robbers went through the pockets of her escort.

The method of operation used by the robbers, believed to be boys, is peculiar in that they approach their victim from behind, touch him on the shoulder, point a gun in his face and go through his pockets from behind.

The sum of \$51 was obtained early this evening from a druggist on his way home for supper. Police have thus far been unable to find a trace of the robbers.

VISION OF DEATH APPEARS
Briton Tells of Remarkable Experience Late at Night.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Canon Sutton, vice-chairman of the Cumber-

land County Council, has told a remarkable story in a lecture on spiritualism to the church people of Dearham, Maryport. He was dealing with the possibility of a dying person's form appearing to the individual in his or her mind at the moment of death and he related an extraordinary experience. He befriended the orphan daughter of a clergyman by obtaining her a situation as a governess. She became engaged to an officer of the Indian Army and Canon Sutton gave her a sealskin coat as a present. The affair turned out unhappily, however, for the officer jilted her and broke her heart.

Some time afterwards Canon Sutton dined at Dovenby Hall and rode home to Eidekirk on a clear, moonlight night. Near Dovenby School, at 11:15 A. M. he saw the form of the girl in her sealskin coat. The horse seemed to see something too, for he stopped. On reaching home the Canon told his wife what he had seen, but she laughed at him. Nevertheless he learned later that the girl died at the very moment she appeared to him on the road, that at the time of death she was wearing the sealskin coat he had given her and that her last words were to tell him that she forgave him for introducing her to the faithless officer. Asked if his experience on the Dovenby

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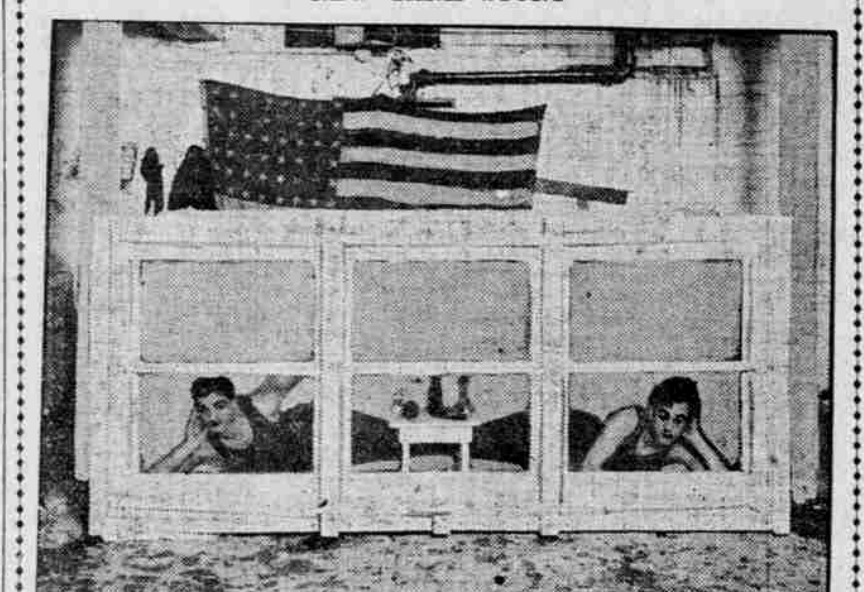
Reed College Interclass Sport Brings Many Benefits.

POLICY ADOPTED YEAR AGO

It Is Dr. Foster's Turn to Laugh at Those Who Considered New System in the Light of a Temporary Jest.

BY RALPH J. STAEBLE. One year ago Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College, announced

PORTLAND SWIMMERS WHO HAVE BECOME EXPERT IN NEW TANK STUNT



PERCY BOWEN AND JAMES MISTROT.

road had not shaken his nerves, Canon Sutton replied that he had no nerves.

BOYS EAT UNDER WATER

PORTLAND LADS PRACTICE QUEER "STUNTS" IN TANK.

James Mistrot and Percy Bowen Consider Offers to Enter Vaudeville at Flattering Salary.

Did you ever jump into a swimming tank, go to the bottom and go to sleep, or eat a meal, or play cards, or sing a song, or smoke a pipe, or cigarette, or something equally out of place under water? Most of you probably did not, and those who tried got a mouthful for their pains. James Mistrot and Percy Bowen, Portland amateur swimmers, have built a big tank and in that they do each of those "stunts."

The ability to stay under water demands, above all, good will. Mistrot first learned to swim the length of the tank, then back and the full length at this time, on the surface. Bowen was soon able to do the same.

Then they started doing "stunts." They are now able to eat a three-course meal under water. Following the submarine lunch the usual. The voices reach those above the water by means of a telephonic arrangement.

The boys have been urged to accept some vaudeville offers at flattering pay, and are thinking seriously of accepting.

ON FIRST RIDE MAN HURT

Farmer Sues Railroad for \$20,000 Damages for Injuries.

PORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—To live 50 years without being on a railroad train and on the first ride to be in a wreck was the experience of Monroe Ray, a farmer, of Sulphur Rock, who filed suit against the Iron Mountain Railroad for \$20,000 damages today.

Father than ride on a train again Ray rode to Batesville on a horse, a distance of 18 miles.

KAISER BANS MUSTACHE

Instructions Given to Regiment Say Style is Non-German.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Wearing of the "toothbrush" mustache was forbidden to soldiers of Emperor William's body-guard regiment.

The reason given was that it was non-German.

VAUDEVILLE ACTOR IS ENTHUSIASTIC ANGLER

Henry Woodruff, late star of "Brown of Harvard," who is headlined at the Orpheum this week in the comedy playlet, "A Regular Business Man," is a lover of life in the open. "I always look forward to my well earned rest in the summer," says Mr. Woodruff, "when I can retire to my summer home, don an old suit of clothes and just be lazy. Casting a fly is one of my favorite sports and how I would like to spend a few summer months in Oregon, whipping the streams that are noted for wonderful results."

that the policy at his institution was "intercollegiate athletics at the minimum and interclass sports at the maximum." More than that, there were no intercollegiate athletics at all and the interclass contests were broadened out to include every one in them.

This immediately became a jest with the other Northwest colleges and it was remarked by the knowing ones that Reed would soon become a place for the mollycoddlers and would not demand the attention of any self-respecting athlete.

Opinions Are Unsettled.
The first hitch in their opinions came when several prominent intercollegiate athletes went over to Reed. The second came when they stayed there more than a year. They are there still, and it is declared that the athletic system at Reed is the best possible.

It eliminates one factor—the bargaining for athletes. Though there are many of the stars who seem to specialize in nothing but football and who later make good, there is a vast majority who later make failures of the game of life, though they did star at college.

What Dr. Foster tried to eliminate, and which he succeeded in doing very successfully, was the condition which had 500 sitting in the stands watching nine or 11 playing in the field below. Now when you go out to Reed you find no spectators. If there are any, they are merely those of those in the game are stopping from the play long enough to give some one else a chance.

To be sure, Dr. Foster's methods would be the quickest way to eliminate the defects of the present system, the bidding for athletes and the placing of the intercollegiate sport at too high a rating.

Dr. Foster Gives Opinion.
In speaking of these conditions Dr. Foster says: "After two years of trial by Reed, there is not the slightest doubt that it is a success."

"A larger proportion of Reed College students and faculty are engaged in athletics as a normal part of college life than in any other school. The absence of all the excuses of intercollegiate sports, the series of intramural games and the 200 acres of playground have proved adequate incentive to every member of the college."

"Athletics at Reed are meant for everyone and not for a few selected individuals. There are no stars who make sport their only business at college. As we have no use for them, we do not have to make athletics a business."

Coach Pipal, of Occidental College, in California, says that it is easy enough for the college presidents all over the country to call for interclass athletics and pass the buck, but claims that intercollegiate athletics do more for the educational institutions than to develop healthy bodies.

Compulsory Athletics Advocated.
"I would like to see some college president big and strong enough," said Pipal, "to make it compulsory for every male student in his institution to take part in athletics."

"Every student an athlete, is what we should have. Most colleges do not compulsory and give credit for it. Have the interclass contests and in addition to the interclass athletics have the intercollegiate contests."

"The athletic directors are largely to blame for the neglect of many male students who really need athletic exercise to take it. Too much attention is paid to stars. Get out the third, fourth and fifth-place men. Get three or four full teams out for baseball. At the start of the baseball season get every class to put a team in the field and play off an interclass series before the regular season starts."

"Personally I would rather have ten men on a track squad who could run the hundred in eleven seconds than one or two men who could do it in ten flat. It's all right if you have the stars, but the understudy men should not be overlooked."

"The bottom will drop out of the athletic system if the stars alone are cared for. Have interclass contests to give every man a chance, and have intercollegiate athletics to keep up the spirit of loyalty to the college."

WOMEN CAPTURE "DIP"

Duo Drag Pickpocket to Police as Admiring Crowd Looks On.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Two Brooklyn women captured a small man one night recently on Avenue A, Manhattan, whom they charged with picking pockets, and with an excited crowd of men and boys following after them, dragged him to the Fifth-street police station. Mrs. Mary Bischoff, of 223 Moffat street, and Mrs. John Regan, of the same address, were on their way to visit the former's

mother, Mrs. Barbara Smith, of 412 Fifth street, when at First street and Avenue A Mrs. Bischoff felt a tug at her pockets and saw the little man running away.

Starting after him, she grasped him by the coat collar, and despite his appeals to the crowd around him to make the woman release him, he was brought to the police station. At first he said his name was Samuel Shapiro, of 1242

Washington avenue, Manhattan, but later admitted that he was Samuel Levisky, of 371 Rodney street, this borough. The police say he admitted picking Mrs. Bischoff's pocket.

Woman Steps Into Cold and Dies.
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Barbara Welsh, of 55 Bridge street, Paterson, cook at the City Farm, is dead as the

result of a walk in the zero weather after she left her kitchen. She started home at night after her work was finished. On the way she staggered into the home of Peter de Cenzo and collapsed.

Stork Makes 16th Visit.
MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Feb. 21.—Residents of Jacobs, Jackson County, Ill., celebrated the arrival of the 16th baby at the home of Mrs. Susan Temple, of that place. It is a girl and weighs about 12 pounds. The mother is 40 years old and the father 45. Scores of their friends gave the parents an ovation as real boosters for the town.

No. Allica, the calf pocketbook No. 201 made from the hide of a cowlet. That's where you wear them.

body of man in country has ever agitated in vain for what was right.—A SUBSCRIBER.

Questions Concerning Whisky.
To the Editor:
In large whisky advertisements in the local press the statements are made that "whisky is one of the greatest medicines ever invented," and that it is "the only medicine ever invented that has been proved to prolong human life."

Will someone who has investigated or who is a chemist or physician kindly inform me if this statement is true, and state what ingredients in whisky possess such medicinal and curative properties?

Will someone inform me in what way it prolongs or preserves life?
—PERPLEXED.

What About It?
To the Editor:
I am in favor of a law that will com-

An Open Letter to "Perplexed"

In a recent issue of a local paper "Perplexed" makes doubting inquiry regarding the truth of certain statements made in one of our recent advertisements appearing therein. Inasmuch as we are responsible for the statements inquired of, it is up to us to defend them, although such defense is offered to be received only by the unprejudiced and no attempt will be made to convince those who "much against their will are of the same opinion still."

During the past few years we have threshed out this question with the medical fraternity with conclusive results; upwards of forty thousand physicians canvassed reporting in the same strain, i. e., that good whisky such as we distill possesses medicinal properties unknown to any other substance. "International Clinics" teems with substantiations of the claim that *spirits fermenti* is indicated, above any other medicine, in a score or more of conditions, and that in many conditions it is the only remedial agent that can be employed.

Dr. Edward Willard Watson, of Philadelphia, generally conceded to be among the leading diagnosticians of the world, says (*International Clinics*, Vol. 3, 71st series):

"When distilled liquors were first used as medicines their effects were a little short of miraculous, brandy was the 'Water of Life' in the power to revive the exhausted and stimulate the dying. The power it has to relieve depression of spirits and enable the patient to rally from shock was obvious to all. The world will still resort to it. It will still be given in exhaustion to sustain life, and in faintness, to revive. So far as the observation of hundreds of years goes, whisky will continue to help the sick and tide them over the brink of death to recovery. When tonics fail, the malt liquors such as whisky turn the scale, causing better digestion and increased weight. If, as some would say, this is because they contain biters, why in all these years of temperance reform has not someone invented a non-alcoholic beverage that will do the work of whisky? This question is a practical one, and will never appeal to the unpractical and visionary."

All of which, taken in conjunction with hundreds of similar utterances by men of high wisdom in the profession, is a complete substantiation of the statement that good whisky does prolong human life and if Dr. Watson and thousands of other noted physicians are to be believed is the one substance that has proven to do it.

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