

# WILLARD WINS DUE TO DETERMINATION

## New Champion at Goal Which He Set for Himself Despite Ridicule.

### STRUGGLE IS DIFFICULT

#### Flock of Rumors Concerning Victor Over Jack Johnson Run Down by Reporter, Who Finds That Tombstone Proves Name.

Although whole flocks of rumors have been floating around to the effect that Jess Willard, the new heavyweight champion, is not Jess Willard, it seems that after all he is Jess Willard, son of M. B. Willard and none other. An enterprising newspaper man in Chicago detailed to look into Jess' posterity, comes forth with the statement that he read the name of M. B. Willard, who was Jess' father, on his tombstone at a cemetery in Kansas half way between the towns of Emmett and St. Clara.

Jess Willard was born at St. Clara, Kan., December 29, 1881. These facts looked up in the town where the champion was born, he is 33 years of age, and not 27 as was generally believed before and shortly after his encounter with Jack Johnson in Havana.

#### More Evidence Offered.

The Chicago scribe also offers further evidence to show that the Kansas giant is no Spring chicken. He has been the "oldest inhabitant" of St. Clara, Kan., since 1881. He died two months before his son Jess was born and the date of his death is given as October 29, 1881, two months to the day before Jess first saw the light of day in this world.

W. R. Biddle, a Portland attorney, residing at 1028 Hawthorne avenue, offers some data and a clipping from the Fort Scott, Kan., Tribune-Monitor to show that Willard is not Willard, but Arthur Brittingham, son of Sol Brittingham, who lived near the Kansas line in Missouri, about ten miles from Pleasanton, Kan.

#### Elder Brittingham Tall.

Mr. Biddle lived in Pleasanton from 1872 until 1887 and claims to have been well acquainted with Sol Brittingham. The elder Brittingham, according to Mr. Biddle, was six feet seven inches tall and was powerfully built. He was of a retiring and inoffensive disposition, declares Mr. Biddle and has been dead for a number of years.

The Brittingham story originated in Denver when Frank Brittingham, of that city, declared that Willard was his cousin and that his real name was Arthur Brittingham. The only fact he has set forth to back his story is the fact that he knew Arthur Brittingham several years ago and recognizing the picture of Jess Willard as that of Brittingham, whom he played with in Kansas 15 years ago. Brittingham also says that he visited the Britthamins in Kansas, but that Arthur was away at that time so he has not seen him since he was a boy 15 years ago. He declares, however, in a story in one of the Denver papers that Jess Willard has several of the Brittingham features which are unmistakably characteristic of the Brittingham family.

#### Giants Evidently Mixed.

However, the Denver Brittingham has evidently got his giants mixed, as the tombstone in the cemetery between the towns of St. Clara and Emmett in Kansas is pretty good evidence that Jess Willard goes by the name which was his father's name. Charley Cutler, the Chicago wrestler, is given credit for first teaching the rudiments of the manly art to Jess. According to a statement issued recently by Cutler, he picked Willard up in St. Louis about 1912, when the present champion was on his last legs financially. Frank Carsey, a former boxer, now in the lively business in Chicago, comes forth with the assertion that he was the first to discover Willard to do a boxing glove. He also has newspaper clippings to prove his assertion.

#### Tentative Agreement Made.

Carsey was the first to bring the club in Oklahoma City and Jess Willard was in town. That was in 1910 and this, according to Carsey's dope, was the first time Willard was in the boxing ring. Carsey invited Willard to work out at his place and had a tentative agreement with him. He was to train him in the boxing ring, and manage his affairs in the ring.

At that time Willard was a big, awkward fellow but was in the best of condition. He did not have any bad habits and was willing to learn. One day, however, Carsey was called out of town and on his return discovered that Jess had broken and was in the ring. A neat little romance has been woven about the marriage of Willard and his wife who was formerly Miss Hattie Evans, of St. Clara, Kan.

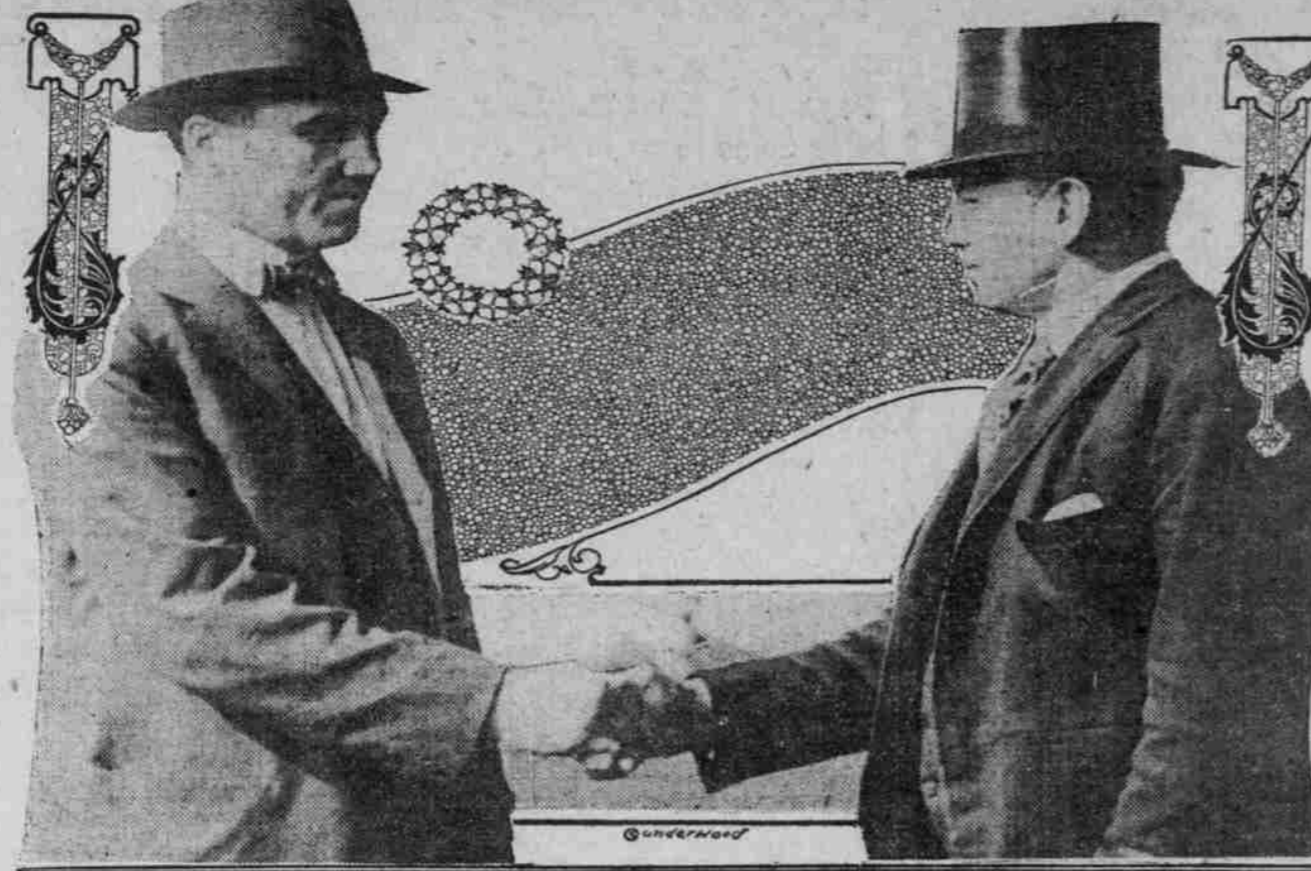
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Jeffries-Johnson fight, he was driving a mule team in Elk City. He was then returned at the outcome of the battle that July 4, 1910, and told his wife that he would rather lick Jack Johnson than be President of the United States. He little dreamed at that time that his dream would be realized five years later in a foreign land.

#### PORTLAND GOLFERS HOPE TO DO BETTER THAN AT EUGENE.

Best Players of Club Not on Recent Trip, It Is Said—Waverly-Portland Club Meet Unlikely.

Members of the Portland Golf Club are not offering any alibis for losing to the Eugene club last Sunday. However, in credit to the club, they should be said that the golfers who made the trip and competed against the Eugene players did not represent the best talent of the Portland club by any means. Some of the men that composed the Portland team were little more than novices at the game, while the Eugene club had a selected team of its best players on the links against the Portlanders.

#### Track Meet to Be at Woodland.

WOODLAND, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—The annual track meet of the associated Cowitz County Schools will be held at Woodland May 8. The interest in track and field events has taken up nearly all the attention of the schools of the county to the exclusion of baseball.

#### TENNIS TEAMS MEET, TOO

Ladies' Golf Matches Likely to Be Arranged Also—Waverly Club Is Ready to Accept Invitation for Eugene Contests.

#### CRICKET SEASON OPENS SOON

Portland Club's First Game May 1 and Good Crowd Expected.

The Portland Cricket Club will open the 1915 season Saturday, May 1, when the Eugene Country Club this week will be the first such contest for the Eugene Club. Medford is said to have all crickets and their friends are invited to the cricket park. The playing ground has been put in first-class shape, and it is hoped that all old members will turn out in force. The officers of the club extend an invitation to all who play the British national game to be present on the opening day.

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Top—Jess Willard (Left) Shaking Hands With Bob Fitzsimmons, Who Handed the Delegation That Met the New Heavyweight Champion at the Depot in Washington, D. C. Below—Mrs. Willard and Children.

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EUGENE, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—More than 25 Eugene golf-players are planning to go to Medford May 15 for the return inter-city golf tournament with the Medford Country Club. A special sleeper will be chartered to leave Eugene Friday night, arriving in Medford early Saturday morning and returning to Eugene late Sunday night. The Medford Club members were pleased with trout breakfast, the banquet and other incidents of their entertainment here last year, and they have announced their intention to show the Eugene players a real time next month. A dinner at the University Club and luncheon at the Country Club are planned.

#### Tennis Tourney Planned.

A feature of the Medford trip will be an inter-city tennis tournament. The Eugene team will probably be composed of Elmer Payne, Ralph Newlands, Jay Lewis and Bert Prescott. This will be the first such contest for the Eugene Club. Medford is said to have all crickets and their friends are invited to the cricket park. The playing ground has been put in first-class shape, and it is hoped that all old members will turn out in force. The officers of the club extend an invitation to all who play the British national game to be present on the opening day.

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MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

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#### Chick Evans Only—Western Crack to Retain Rating.

#### EGAN IN 3-STROKE CLASS

#### Handicaps for Waverly Club of Portland Show Seven Players Placed, McLeay and Smith Highest With Five Strokes.

CHICAGO, April 24.—(Special.)—Golf stars of the West hit the toboggan at a merry clip in their performances on the links last season, if the handicap disclosed in the annual roster of the Western Golf Association matches public today, are the correct standard of achievement.

According to the Western Golf Association list, issued by Secretary Henneberry, Charles Evans, Jr., the three-time Western amateur champion, stands alone in the golfing firmament on this side of the Alleghenies. Warren K. Wood, the former Western titleholder, tumbled from the coveted scratch ranking to a handicap of two strokes, where he joined W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Oakmont and Eben M. Byers of the Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley, Pa.

Ten players who have been prominent contenders for championship honors for several seasons will have to look one or two notches lower to find their names in the Western Golf Association list this year. In the three-stroke class are Donald Edwards and Paul Hunter, of Midlothian; H. Chandler Egan, of Exmoor; Robert Gardner, Hinsdale; Fraser Hale, Skokie; Ned Sawyer, Wheaton; Norman MacBeth, Los Angeles, and Albert Seckel, Riverside. Kenneth Edwards slipped into the four-stroke group while Jack Stevens of Los Angeles, gets tobogganed into the five-stroke band.

#### BOOTS AT EXPOSITION FAIR

Frank Harmar, Back, Says Northwest Boys Lost on Infighting.

#### TOLD ON THE LINKS

EARLY Spring golfers in the East are enthusiastic over the new painted rubber ball. It has proved the most economical ball made, as one ball lasts for several rounds and looses no different. It won't cut up and it won't lose its original color. Only by actual use, which would come after a dozen rounds, would it lose its resiliency. The ball makers evidently have slipped one over on themselves in producing it. There is no doubt but that they will revolutionize the golf ball market.

Golfers are wondering what will happen next year when the original patent for the present rubber-cored ball runs out. With any one able to manufacture and sell them the price should come down about one-half.

Paul Ford, the sensational 19-year-old golfer of the Seattle Golf Club, will participate in the tournament at the San Francisco exposition.

The Northwest will be well represented in the professional events at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in May. Nearly every "pro" in the Northwest has announced that he will compete in the exposition events.

Some one said that the automobile has been one of the principal factors in making for golf popularity. The perfection of the motor car has cut down distances so much that any one who owns a machine can enjoy the game. Of course, there are a number of us who like to chase the ball, although we may never own an auto.

There is a new book entitled "The Pro and Con of Golf." Experience has taught most of us that the "pro" has long been able to "con" quite thoroughly.

Thirty-seven open tournaments, not counting championships, will be held under the direction of the Massachusetts Golf Association this season. The Albemarle Golf Club will be the scene of the junior championship June 23 to 26.

The man or woman carrying golf bags in town is no longer looked upon as a freak. Golf has passed that stage. Next to baseball, it is America's national sport, and, as a sport, of the individual it has no rival. The chances are that it never will. Where scores play baseball there are thousands who watch them. But this is not true of golf. Save in the big matches, there are no galleries to applaud good shots. Golfers play the game for what pleasure they get out of it. There is not much fun watching the average golf match, but there is plenty in playing it.

Where baseball is confined to four walls and tennis to the boundaries of the courts, golf is played over hill and dale over great stretches of greensward, with the blue sky overhead, and over a field that everywhere is the Tigrard High team 1 to 3. A good delegation came with the team

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towed on all cruises, should they so desire. A fine lot of prizes have been collected for the season's racing events.

Captain Hazlett, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced an informal hop to be held at the clubhouse on the evening of April 30 for members and their friends. On that evening the men of Fleet street will dedicate the new kitchen by preparing a sumptuous supper, which all the women have promised to eat.

A fine new addition has been added to the clubhouse, which is to be used as a kitchen and also for a multi-room when dances are given. This will add considerable floor space for dancing.

This is Spring cleanup time. Fleet street teams with activity. Houseboats are being painted and flowers planted and everything will be in gala dress for opening day.

The Dalles Wins Meet by Relay.

THE DALLES, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The Dalles High School de-

feated Hood River High here today in an exciting track and field meet, which was decided by the relay race, the final event, which was captured by The Dalles. The score was 61 1/2 to 69 1/2. Hood River defeated The Dalles at baseball 4 to 3 in a five-inning game this afternoon.

#### ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL WINS

Aggie Freshmen Defeated, 9 to 12, in Game Played in Rain.

ALBANY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Playing half of the game in a drizzling rain, the Albany High School baseball team defeated the freshmen team of the Oregon Agricultural College here yesterday 12 to 9. Errors, many of them due to the wet grounds, figured largely in the big score, though both teams did their best hitting when men were on bases. Score:

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Albany 9  
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