

ARE THEY TO BE DARK

Decision Reached by Milwaukee Commission. BOY McCORMICK SOUGHT

Feels Out to Get English Boxer to Fight Again in Portland. Fighter Now Overseas.

BY DICK SHARP. Portland boxing fans will have to travel some miles out of the fair city of Rose if they care to witness any mitt-wielders in action for the next two months at least.

George Moore, manager of the Milwaukee arena, announced yesterday that his club would be darkened until Labor day, a decision having been reached by the members of the Milwaukee commission at a meeting of that body in Milwaukee yesterday not to stage another card until that date at least.

In the meantime Matchmaker Frank Kendall and George Moore are not letting grass grow under their feet and have found a contender for McCormick, lightweight champion of England, and the only English boxer who has wivedly returned to the States. He has not proved a flivver, McCormick is perhaps the most popular boxer that is not a home boy that ever made his debut before Portland fight fans. He is at present in England trying to force Georges Carpentier into a match but there is little likelihood of such a bout being brought about.

Kendall is of the opinion that they can prevail upon him to return to America in time to meet the best boy available at the Milwaukee arena.

But it is unfortunate. The unfortunate O'Dowd-Ortega affair Friday night kept the fans on the buzz yesterday and for those not on the inside of the arena the exact proposition. A book could be written about the various angles that presented themselves but there still will be something not made clear.

Kendall and Moore did everything in their power to prevent the mishap but could not do it.

It was the referee question and that only which was the reason for calling off the card. Tommy Simpson stood in that he wanted to be as old as Martin or Jack Grant to referee, while O'Dowd signed with the distinct stipulation that Martin was not to referee.

The Milwaukee commission gave Paddy Mullins a list of four names outside of Martin who were eligible to officiate, those being Mike Butler, Stanley McDonald, James J. Richardson and Herbert Greenleaf. It narrowed down to three men, as Richardson is in California. Mullins finally agreed to take McDonald on the strength of the recommendations. Mullins took McDonald with the understanding that he was agreeable to Simpson also.

Then Bucks. After all the principals were at the arena Simpson backed on McDonald and said it could be a win or a draw. The financial question regarding O'Dowd's guarantee was secondary and if the referee could have been straightened out it is stated that he would have gone through with the match if it had cost him another \$5000 on top of what he had already lost.

His stand is entitled to consideration, for if he had wanted to referee he would have gone through with the match if it had cost him another \$5000 on top of what he had already lost.

But when two fighters themselves cannot get together it is out of the promoter's power.

A thing which should really be stopped is the stampede of the one-dollar boys at every show. All of the smart ones buy dollar seats and as soon as the bell rings they make a grand rush for the ringside seats that are vacant. As yet no solution has been offered, as to how to check the "landslide."

Paddy Mullins and Mike O'Dowd left for New York yesterday morning, two regretful men. Both seemed to be sincere in that they were sorry that such a match should come to nothing and said that they hoped some time to repair the incident. Mullins also manages a boxing school in the Fulton in New York next Thursday night. Mullins landed the match for Willie the day before he left for Portland and has to be back in time to handle his boxer.

Among those well known in flistic circles on the Pacific coast who were on hand for the scheduled O'Dowd-Ortega match were: Fred Winsor, discoverer of Jack Dempsey and present manager of Bobby Ryan; Ed Light, weight and claimant of the coast title; Billy Williams of Seattle, former lightweight boxer and present owner of a sporting publication; Sid Brunn of Seattle; Don Shields, Sacramento boxing promoter, and others.

Frank E. Watkins, chairman of the Portland Boxing commission, made the announcement several weeks ago that there would not be any cards under the auspices of the local boxing body during the summer. Matchmaker Bobby Evans is again entertaining the idea of experimenting with a Saturday afternoon card at the Vaughn street ball park, but as yet has not gone into details or made any definite decision.

REED PACKS HARD WALLOP "Spud" Murphy Pays Tribute to Tacoma Boxer.

"Spud" Murphy, who is reputed to be the toughest light heavyweight on the Pacific coast, has met some tough homies during his career as a boxer. "Spud" is easy to hit and can hit hard himself and the other day he was asked if he had ever met a man whom he thought could knock him out.

"You're dern tootin'," answered "Spud," "this Wild Bill Reed, the boy I knocked out in Tacoma, is the hardest puncher I have ever seen and the roughest fighter I hit me on the neck, threw me out of the ring and broke me down and every time he punches he burns the air. That boy can hit harder than any man of his weight in the world, bar none, and any one he hits is going down."

THREE OREGON ATHLETES AND TRAINER WHO ARE MAKING BID FOR OLYMPIC GAMES HONORS.



Left to right—Willard Wells, Multnomah Amateur Athletic club hurdler; Bill Hayward, University of Oregon runner; Arthur Tuck, University of Oregon jumper; and George Foster, University of Oregon jumper.

BOXERS NOT SUPERSTITIOUS, BUT HAVE MANY PET WHIMS

Phantom Gibbons Never Enters Ring Wearing Bathrobe and Admits Dodging Black Cat While Doing Road Work.

BY MIKE GIBBONS. "Are boxers superstitious?" This question has been put to me on quite a few occasions. I generally wanted to say "No." But I hesitated.

Sometimes I countered with the reply, "Are you?" The questioner as a rule insisted that he didn't have a superstitious hair in his head. I felt instinctively that he had never taken part in an important athletic encounter. I would never admit that I was inclined to woo the goddess of fortune, but I guess have just every other day.

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Before I became a boxer I did a little wrestling. After graduating from high school I worked in the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. I engaged in a few exhibition bouts with a veteran grappler. It seemed proper that I should have a bath robe into the ring and I got one. I lost the next three or four bouts. One night I fought a couple more victories followed. Then I put on the robe and a defeat was the consequence. I decided the covering was a jinx.

The feeling remained when I began my career in boxing. One day a business man presented me with a beautiful robe and he was disappointed when I did not wear it. I told him the robe was entirely too good to spool in a prize ring. Then Mrs. Gibbons gave me one, it was a white one with a blue stripe down the side. The most trying time for a boxer is when he has reached top-notch condition for a bout and feels that he is about to step into the ring. The most trying time for a boxer is when he has reached top-notch condition for a bout and feels that he is about to step into the ring.

Waterbury Wants Big Bout. George Mulligan, boxing promoter of Waterbury, Conn., is the first man in the field with an offer for the prize fight between Georges Carpentier, the French champion, and Battling Levinsky. Through his New York representative, Harry Kraynosky, the Waterbury promoter offers \$50,000 for the battle. Mulligan has an open air arena which seats 15,000.

Terry Release Is Mystery. Just why Zeb Terry was permitted to get away from the Pirates is rather a mystery. Terry has been in the work the veteran has done around the keystone sack since his acquisition by the Cubs. Terry has been in the game for a long time and has played on many teams.

PROMOTER CHARGES ORTEGA OF BEING AFRAID OF MURPHY

Tommy Simpson Likewise Declared to Have Declined All Overtures Looking to Such an Engagement—Leonard Go Causes Flurry.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—(Special.)—Frank Lawlor, who helps promote fights at Dreamland rink as well as manage divers scrapper, is trying to work up a bout between Spud Murphy and Battling Ortega, the Oakland middleweight. Lawlor's propaganda consists largely of the assertion that Ortega is afraid of Spud and that Tommy Simpson has declined any and all overtures looking to such an engagement.

As proof, Lawlor has been waving a letter that reached him one day from a Seattle promoter in which the promoter explained he had been anxious to stage such a bout but Simpson had replied there was nothing doing; that he weighed 170 pounds and Ortega never did want to fight Murphy, says Lawlor. "As to weight, Simpson knows he is exaggerating when he makes such a statement. Just to prove it, I put Murphy on the scales this morning and he weighed 174 pounds, and all the other boys can and will make 163 pounds for a championship fight and he will do a weight for Ortega that is reasonable. But I'm afraid Ortega will continue to dodge the issue."

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THREE OREGON BOYS TO ENTER TRYOUTS

University Entries Only Ones From Northwest. ATHLETES GO TO BOSTON

Bartlett, Tuck and Foster Accompanied by Trainer Bill Hayward to East.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, July 10.—(Special.)—Accompanied by Bill Hayward, trainer; Henry Foster of John Day and Kenneth Bartlett of Estacada and Arthur Tuck of Redmond, have left for Boston to take part in the 22nd annual tryouts on the team which will represent the United States in the Olympic games at Antwerp, Belgium, July 27 and 28.

Foster will enter the 220-meter run and the broad jump. Foster has for the past three years been a consistent performer in the broad jump and the 100 and 220 dashes in intercollegiate meets, and his record of 23 feet 10 inches in the broad jump was the best in the country this year. Foster failed to place in the Pacadenia tryouts, but was recommended for the Boston tryouts in his next record.

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Bartlett Leads Country. Bartlett who took first place in Pasadena with the discus with a throw of 142 feet 3 inches, made the best record in the country this year in that event. He will enter the discus only in the Boston meet, and in this country this year. Foster has a strong chance of placing on the American team.

Tuck who has just finished his first year in college, will enter the javelin and decathlon. Tuck placed second in the javelin in the national tryouts with a throw of 177 feet. John F. Hammer of the Olympic club took first place with 178 feet 11 inches in the javelin in the national tryouts at the time of the western tryouts, and is capable of doing better in more than one event.

He has thrown the javelin better than 180 feet in practice. The decathlon, which consists of ten events, the javelin, discus, pole vault, 100-meter, 400-meter, 120-meter, high hurdles, broad jump, high jump and shot, is a very hard event. Tuck, who distinguished himself by winning an interschool grand circuit and Michigan University of Oregon two years ago single-handed is capable of performing in practically all of the events of the decathlon.

Tuck Does Fast Work. He first won fame by entering in all the events of a regular interschool grand circuit and Michigan University of Oregon two years ago single-handed is capable of performing in practically all of the events of the decathlon.

Shoot Is to Be Held. CENTRALIA, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—Under the auspices of the Centralia Gun club an invitation shoot will be held in Centralia Sunday, July 11, at the home of the club. The shoot will be held in Centralia Sunday, July 11, at the home of the club.

More Rigorous Test, Requiring Good Tee Shot, an Iron and Putter Would Remove Objection to Extra Hole Play, Is Writer's Opinion.

BY FRANCIS QUIMET. WHEN Fred Gardner lost the British amateur championship to Tolley on the 37th, or extra hole, of their match at Muirfield a few weeks ago he thought that he was counting on a certain win for some years.

He found another and more substantial example that when two golfers are able to have a match on the track or tie through 36 holes of match play that the test usually is usually them to decide which is the better player. The test should be other than that which is usually used.

Gardner going down before Tolley the extra hole was a short cut to a better match. The extra hole being able to place a fair golfer on the green. Now while an iron shot of this nature is a test of golf, I do not think it marks the difference between two men of equal ability over a 36-hole course. That test should be more rigorous, a more all-around one, one that should bring into play more different strokes.

Short Hole Argued. I, for one, think that when matches are square the tell-tale should not be a short hole, but one, say, of 400 yards and up, that would bring into play a more rigorous test, requiring, as such a hole does, a good tee shot, an iron and the putter. That would remove the one objection to extra-hole matches, which I believe is an important one.

Now, I am not setting this down as an ultimatum for Gardner. What is fair for one player is fair for another. But it seems to me that while a committee is abroad discussing the rules of golf, that it might do well to consider this point. All of which leads to other incidents in match play that have been bearing upon the subject I have just proposed as one needing attention. Let us see what has happened in various extra-hole matches. Perhaps might frankly become a post-mortem at the outset.

Extra Hole Necessary. Back in 1911 the late Fred Herreshoff was badly out of luck in losing to Harold Hilton in the amateur. At one time Hilton was six up and 13 to go, only to have Fred rally and, by dint of magnificent pluck, square the match in the home hole. An extra hole or so was necessary. In this case it was a two-shooter, and Hilton sliced his second so badly that it struck the green and splashed. Luck was with Hilton that day, for the ball rebounded from a friendly rock and landed on the green close to the cup. As a result Hilton won the decision. But how much better it happened on a two-shooter than on a 36-hole match.

There is room for improvement in this part of the game. True, as I have said, what is fair for one player is fair for another. But is not the short extra hole as a deciding factor much like setting a match with one club? Let us suppose it happened to be a putter and Travis was your opponent, a man you had held even because of your long game.

Would that be fair to you? Or let us assume it required a masher to turn the hole. Would that be fair to your opponent, a man you had held even because of your long game. Would that be fair? I believe not. In all we all want is a test of the all-around game.

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OARSMEN IN GRIND FOR NORTH RACES

Portland Rowers Entered for Every Event. LIST IS FORMIDABLE ONE

Pick of Crew Talent Busy Training for North Pacific Regatta at Victoria, B. C.

Training for the annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur oarsmen, to be held under the auspices of the Victoria, B. C., Rowing club, July 16 and 17, has been started in earnest by the members of the Portland Rowing club who expect to compete in the big rowing event of the northwest. The tentative lineup for the various crews has been selected by Captain Fred Newell and Coach Dick Hart and the oarsmen are out on the river every evening working out under the watchful eyes of these two men.

On Monday of last week the oarsmen and their friends participated in the regatta held at St. Helens and upon their return to this city the men selected to represent the local club at Victoria immediately started their training. The Portland club who expect to compete in the big rowing event of the northwest. The tentative lineup for the various crews has been selected by Captain Fred Newell and Coach Dick Hart and the oarsmen are out on the river every evening working out under the watchful eyes of these two men.

The Portland club will have an entry in every event at Victoria and the list of oarsmen who will make the trip north appears to be a very formidable one.

List is Formidable. In the junior fours, William Gregory will be placed at bow, L. V. McCunney, No. 2; H. E. Tidlam, No. 3, and A. Abraham, stroke. E. A. Stevens, former Cornell varsity oarsman, will in all probability stroke the senior four and his experience will add a great deal of strength to the crew. Jack McDonald, bow; Ben Kiskey, No. 2; and Lewis H. Mills, No. 3, will contribute their share in attempting to land the senior fours championship.

Jack McDonald is the local club's entry in the junior singles, while McDonald paired with George A. Gore, ex-Vale oarsman, will take care of the Junior doubles. A Praedner, one of the old-time champions of the club, will enter in the senior singles, while Captain Newell and George Gore will form the combination in the senior doubles.

The lightweight fours at 140 pounds will find D. Cowan at bow, W. M. Beveridge, No. 2; L. P. Olds, No. 3, and A. W. Lingas, stroke.

Special Car for Shells. The rowing club oarsmen and rowers are to have a special car which will house all the baggage and shells. The plan now is to leave here about Tuesday, July 13, and arrive at Victoria, where they should arrive Wednesday morning. They will then take the train for Shawanigan lake. On the same day they will rig up the boats and go for a row over the course. Thursday will be spent taking light covered and regaling up. Friday all the junior races will be held and Saturday the senior races.

\$23,800 for Harness Nags. Sixteen contests for the mile track and four for the half-mile track were announced for Kalamazoo's combination grand circuit and Michigan sportship race meeting, July 20 to 25. The aggregate value of the purses is \$23,800. The grand circuit programme includes two events for \$3900, two for \$2000 and 12 for \$1000 or more.

All three of Oregon's entries in the national tryouts have been prominent in collegiate athletics. Foster has been captain of the track team and has been high point winner for Oregon in every meet he entered. Bartlett has been high point winner for Oregon all season, and was a member of the national team.

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