

# FORD KNOCKED OUT BY ROSS

### Fourteen Rounds With Good Preliminaries Pleased Big Crowd at Boxing Contest

Charlie Ross knocked out Gus Ford in the fourteenth round, W. C. Parsons of British Columbia got the decision over Gene Chambers of Roseburg in the eight round and Charles Dewese of Libby and Will Hazel of North Bend fought four rounds to a draw. The above was the result of the boxing carnival Christmas afternoon at the skating rink.

About 400 men were in attendance and they got the worth of their money for there was some good sport. The big match was for 20 rounds but a knockout closed it in the fourteenth. The preliminaries pulled off by the young men, were both good and were enjoyed as much as the main event.

The skating rink was provided with seats around the ring so that a big crowd could see and good order was maintained. The fight was gotten up and managed by John Herron and the event probably furnished more sport than any other boxing contest ever held on the bay and everybody seemed to be well satisfied.

The first fight was the six round preliminary between W. C. Parsons and Gene Chambers. It was for six rounds and Arthur Burke of North Bend acted as referee. The fighters went at it hard. Parsons was clever and was a little too much for Chambers. In the fifth round when he had Chamber's head down he pounded his face pretty hard. This was the only blood drawn of consequence during the entire entertainment. Chambers stood up well, however, and at the end of the sixth round Referee Burke said that he could not decide the fight and the crowd was calling for a draw. Someone suggested that two more rounds be fought and the spectators began to throw money in the ring to make up a purse for the extra rounds. This arrangement was carried out. In the seventh and eighth Parsons easily had the best of the other man and was given the decision.

The next preliminary was between Charles Dewese, of Libby, and Will Hazel, of North Bend. The rules were to break clean and a more lively four rounds was never seen in a contest on Coos Bay. The spectators all said that the one match was worth the price of admission. Both boys were in fine trim and they fought every minute of the four rounds putting up a pretty exhibition.

When the main fight was called there were some offers of \$50 bets on Ross, but they were not taken up. It was the general opinion that Ross would win. Ford, however, stood up well and for a time it looked like he would get the best of the fight.

Charles Howard was referee. Arthur Burke, Will Shrock and H. J. Koehn were Ross' seconds and Ben Schuyler, Jim Binder and Jim Falkner were in Ford's corner. Before the fight began Jack McCormack announced that he challenged the winner. The referee asked that the spectators not cheer or make a noise until each round had closed and the crowd complied with the request.

The blows delivered were mostly on the body. Once Ross drew blood on Ford but neither had his face hurt any. There was a good deal of clinching for the first ten rounds. Ross began from the start getting in kidney blows on Ford and kept it up all the time and this doubtless had its effect on Ford's strength.

By the eleventh round Ford was easily the aggressor and was putting up a very hard fight and it looked like he had a good chance to win out as he had the best of it in his share of the previous rounds. He took some severe punishment in the blows he received on the body, but was decidedly game and always came back with a smiling face and hard hitting. In the thirteenth round both men seemed a little fagged but they fought hard and it appeared that a round or two would settle it one way or the other. In the fourteenth Ross rushed Ford to his corner and delivered several swift blows and Ford went down. He was flat on his back and apparently out, but got on his feet before the referee counted ten. In an instant he was down again. When the referee counted eight Ford was on his hands and knees. The referee hesitated for a moment and then declared Ross the winner of the fight. He said he did so because Ford was all in and that

# VALE MEETING HELPED BAY

### Oregon-Idaho Development Congress at Last Session Boosted for This Section.

Col Wm. Grimes has received the following self-explanatory letter from Walter Lyon, one of Coos Bay's delegates to the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress at Vale.

"The Oregon-Idaho Congress was a howling, shrieking success, especially from a Coos Bay standpoint. I. S. Smith did himself proud. He gave them Coos Bay facts and rubbed them in. The Idaho people want him to come over here and talk. The reason I'm writing to you is to call attention to the voluntary service rendered the Bay by Judge Lowell. The Judge is popular in eastern Oregon, and his popularity and official position as presiding officer were freely exercised in behalf of Coos Bay. He not only changed the program to suit Coos Bay's convenience, but put up two good booster talks himself for the Bay. It was one of the best development meetings I've ever attended in Oregon, and I believe its influence will be as far reaching.

"C. E. S. Wood, representing Paris capitalists, who had \$800,000 acres through central Oregon, the largest alien owners in the state, took off his hat to the congress and got right into the harness by giving his personal assurance the big French holdings will do their part. Wood will be on the Bay after awhile and we may expect something sensational. There could not have been fixed a more opportune time to impress Coos Bay on these people as they are waking up to irrigation and seeking an outlet.

"Cold as Greenland with snow on the ground and sleigh bells jingling here. Met one man, a Mr. Ross, who will start for Coos Bay day after tomorrow."

### Meeting Was Success.

Concerning the meeting, a Boise paper says: "The Boise delegation at the Oregon-Idaho Development league which held its last session at Vale, returned home Saturday night. The Boise men were very enthusiastic over the preliminary accomplishments of the league and predict much good will result. The following were there from the capital city: R. M. Davidson; Joel L. Priest, industrial agent for Short Line; Willard White; L. L. Ormsby; R. S. Bettis; Scott Anderson; Charles Anderson; J. H. Roney, and Max Mayfield.

"Speaking of the congress on his return, Max Mayfield said to the Statesman:

"The meeting was characterized by able addresses on subjects of vital interest to southern Idaho and eastern Oregon." Colonel Hofer, editor of the Salem Daily Capital Journal, made a very strong address favoring the solicitation of state aid to finance the Boise, Central Oregon and Coos Bay railroad with an end in view of holding a session at Salem after the Oregon legislature has convened, and one at Boise in February while the Idaho law-makers are assembled. The dates for the Boise gathering are February 23 and 24.

"The members of the congress are deeply interested in securing a railroad from Coos Bay to Vale and with that end in view they have appointed a committee to gather statistics which is hoped will interest some one to invest in the proposition. At one time Harriman intended building from Drain to Coos Bay and had the rails at Drain but gave up the project."

### SANTA CLAUS' RECORD.

Mrs. Hanbury of San Francisco, Receives 14,000,000 Gift.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The record Christmas gift of the season was made when David T. Hanbury turned over to his wife property valued at \$4,000,000. Although Mrs. Hanbury assumes legal possession of the vast holdings, she will not exercise absolute control until after the death of her husband. Every effort was made to keep the transaction secret, but the facts became public.

The Hanburys figured prominently last spring in connection with a divorce suit, but just as the climax was reached, after days of bitter charges, they forgave and forgot and decided to begin life together again. Mrs. Hanbury, at one time a telephone girl, has now become one of the wealthiest women in California. In his declaring the fight simply prevented a further knockout and brutal exhibition.

# GET CANDY IN ABUNDANCE

### Telephone Girls Receive About One Hundred Pounds of Sweets From Patrons.

If the girls at the telephone exchange fail to answer calls as promptly as usual for a day or two it is probably the fault of their friends and not of themselves and may be very fairly attributed to an over-indulgence in candy.

At Christmas time the patrons who especially appreciate the services of the telephone girls generally remember them with a gift and the present is always in the shape of candy, that being something that they are sure to like. This year, there was an enormous amount of sweets sent to the telephone office, most of it coming from business firms which do a big business over the telephone. There are eleven exchange girls and in many cases eleven boxes just alike were sent so there would be one for each girl.

With the prospect of one or two more gifts coming from neighboring towns the girls up to Christmas night had received 84 boxes of candy. Many of these were large boxes and the tonnage of the Christmas offering would amount to something like one hundred pounds to divide between the eleven girls.

One business firm wrote a letter to the exchange girls and with an expression of Christmas greeting stated that the girls generally had such an abundance of candy on Christmas they thought it might be fitting to wait two weeks when confections were less plentiful and make their present, and assured the girls that if the wait was too long they could call up and announce that they were ready for the promise to be fulfilled.

### TWELVE MILL TAX.

### Levy Is Made For Maintenance of the North Bend Schools.

For school district No. 13, including North Bend a tax levy of twelve mills was voted to all the current expenses of the schools of North Bend during the ensuing year. The assessed valuation of property in the district is \$1,195,426. The probable resources will be as follows: Special tax, \$14,345; state and county apportionment, \$3,755; total, \$18,000. The estimated expenses of the schools for the district are as follows:

Teachers' salaries	\$10,000
Two janitors' salaries	1,500
Clerk's salary	150
Fuel	600
Lights	300
Insurance	1,200
Interest on bonds	2,600
Repairs	1,000
Stationery and other sundry expenses	1,000
Total estimated expenses	\$18,350

### WAS BADLY BURNED.

### Bursting of a Steam Pipe at Leona Mills Injures W. D. Tarr.

DRAIN, Dec. 26.—W. D. Tarr was seriously scalded by the bursting of a steam pipe at Leona Mills. He was facing the pipe when the accident occurred and was scalded nearly from head to feet. He was taken to Portland. Reports from St. Vincent's hospital say he is seriously injured, but will probably recover. His home is in Drain, where he has a wife and two boys.

### BIG RABBIT KILLING.

### Party Near Filer, Idaho, Slays Three Thousand.

FILER, Idaho, Dec. 26.—The first great rabbit drive of this region took place last Thursday. Over 200 men from Filer and vicinity were in the drive, which started at 10 a. m. All the stores and shops closed and bankers, merchants and clergymen lined up with the rest to destroy the pests. The highest individual score was 93, but a total of over 3,000 rabbits was killed during the drive. The ladies served a lunch at Maroa schoolhouse after the drive was over.

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