

AFTERMATH OF RITCHIE FIGHT

CALIFORNIA FRIENDS OF THE CHAMP THINK HIM STILL A WINNER DESPITE DEFEAT BY CHARLEY WHITE IN MILWAUKEE.

Accentuated by Willie Ritchie's surprising defeat at the hands of Charley White in Milwaukee, the Ritchie-Foley discussion has opened afresh, and, judging it by and large, the popular verdict would seem to be in favor of the trainer as against the champion. This is but natural, when you remember that it's human nature to knock down the man who's at the top of the ladder. Also, it can be said, without fear of contradiction, that Ritchie is none too popular with the rank and file of the followers of boxing and it is quite natural, perhaps, for these selfsame fans to take delight in his defeat and to assume that changing horses in the middle of the stream was responsible for his defeat.

At long range, it is extremely puzzling to advance good reasons why the champion of the light-weights was beaten by the Chicago boy, who apparently had little chance to score a victory. There are so many reasons which might be advanced that it would be difficult for those of us who were obliged to take our information through the eyes of others to tell just what happened and why.

Ritchie himself says he made the mistake of trying to please the crowd instead of fighting his own fight; that he should have allowed White to do the leading instead of leading for the challenger. Foley opines that Ritchie probably did more work in the gymnasium than was good for him and in consequence didn't have the fighting spirit when it came to the real action of last Tuesday night. There is some ground for such an assertion, for those who know Ritchie best appreciate that he is a boy rather inclined to over-work than to shirk. He may have felt it incumbent to put up a better showing than under ordinary conditions would have been necessary and possibly he made the mistake of attempting too much.

Against that theory is the knowledge that, all told, he had no more than ten or eleven days of advance work for the bout, and while he possibly overdid things at times, it is hard to believe that in so short a time he could have gone as stale as might have been indicated by the outcome of the contest.

It must be remembered that White had everything to gain and nothing to lose in the match. Also that Ritchie had everything to lose and in view of his \$40,000 bout with Freddie Welsh, considerable to lose, it might be added. That would rather tend to give Ritchie a slight advantage. He evidently went in bound to do his utmost and his attitude easily could have been something like this: "I'll do my best to stop Ritchie, even if in doing my best he beats me."

Then too, White had a decided advantage from the start, for when he caught the champion that series of punches in the first round, he seems to have had the titter-holder almost hors de combat.

"Another punch," according to one of the men who saw the match, "and the championship would have changed hands."

Champion Still Figured a Winner Strange to remark, with all the adverse criticism leveled at Ritchie, there is a general feeling here in San Francisco that White could not duplicate his performance in twenty rounds. There are any number of fans who have remarked: "We're just waiting for the pair to be matched in San Francisco and we'll lay a good bet on the Californian."

Granting that doesn't prove anything as to the respective merits, it does go to show that many people are still inclined to think there was something gone wrong and that in the long run Ritchie would retain his honors.

Coffroth After the Middle-Weights. If Coffroth can land for July a middle-weight match between Billy Murray and George Chip, he will come as close as any promoter could to deciding who's the best of the 155-pounders, at least those of this country.

New York papers are to hand containing accounts of the Murray-McCoy match. It can't be said that Murray is lauded to the skies, but there is no doubt that the McCoy championship bubble has been completely broken. The Brooklynite is dubbed a "second-rate fighter" and, although Murray is quoted as having seven out of the ten rounds, the fact that he couldn't stop McCoy counts against the Californian in the eyes of the Easterners.

Murray, so they say, is a long step short of the first-class and was anything but accurate in the way he shot over his punches.

Granting that Petrosky was weakened by weight-making, George Chip re-established himself by the 12-round knockout. Whatever the East may think of Murray, Fighting Billy stands well in this country, and the card would be an attractive one and well worth handling.

The city of Tacoma, Washington, has entered into a co-operative agreement with the forest service for the protection of the source of its water supply, the watershed of the Green River, which sits within the Rainier National Forest. The two agencies working together will protect this stream from the results of forest destruction by fire or by other agencies.

THE CAMELS



NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

TEACHERS AT BANDON

Three New Instructors for Schools There Elected. Three new men have been elected to teaching positions in the Bandon Public Schools. Professor J. O. Ervin, of Philomath College, will teach science in the high school. Prof. Ervin is also a manual training teacher of wide experience and it is hoped that a way may be found to start manual training in Bandon next fall. Professor Henry, of Mississippi, has been elected to high school work and will have charge of the commercial department as well. Professor Henry has also had several years' experience in coaching athletics and will be a decided help in that direction here. Professor Van Vleet, of California, has been elected to principalship of the eighth grade. The addition of these three men to the teaching corps, with Superintendent Hopkins, should make next year the best in the history of our schools. The loss of Miss Ritchie, Professor Watkins, Mr. Nichols and several other teachers, all of whom were re-elected, is a cause of regret to the patrons of the schools. All are going to places of deserved promotion in the way of better salaries and opportunities for advancement.—Bandon Recorder.

NEWS OF BANDON.

Briefs of City-by-the-Sea as Told by The Recorder. One of the best musical treats the people of Bandon have enjoyed for a long time was the recital at the K. of P. Hall Wednesday night, given by the music pupils of Mrs. Geo. Geisendorfer, assisted by a quartette composed of Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Haggerty, Mr. Straubal, and Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Haggerty favored the audience with a violin solo. About 275 invitations were issued. Chas. McCullough, of this city, who received the nomination at the Republican primaries for County Surveyor, has also received the endorsement of the Democratic party, and is therefore assured of election this fall. Miss Jessie Sweet, chief clerk in the Bandon Postoffice, will leave on the Alliance for Eureka, Cal., Sunday, where she will take a month's vacation. Miss Elsie Wolf will be in the Postoffice while Miss Sweet is away. Dr. H. M. Shaw, of Marshfield, gave an address on Sex and Health at the Commercial Club rooms on Wednesday evening, which was attended by quite a large number of men and young men. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Welschimer Fined \$20.—J. A. Welschimer was fined \$20 by Justice Pennock this morning when he pleaded guilty to a complaint filed by Nils P. Adamson, who charged Welschimer with assault and battery. Welschimer attacked Adamson last Saturday evening with a pair of pliers. According to the testimony of each of the parties concerned, one accused the other of making false accusations.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

If the Coos Bay phone girls were to give a party would dancing be a "Central" attraction?

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION.

State of Oregon, County of Coos, School District No. 9, ss. Notice is hereby given that at the School District Bond Election hereby called to be held at the Central School Building, in and for School District No. 9, of Coos County, Oregon, the 6th day of June, A. D. 1914, between the hours of two o'clock P. M., and seven o'clock P. M., there will be submitted to the legal voters thereof the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for the purpose of erecting and equipping a gymnasium for school purposes in and for said school district. The vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words: "Bonds, Yes" and "Bonds, No." and the voter shall place a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No" which indicates his choice. The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contraction of said indebtedness will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of two o'clock P. M., and remain open until the hour of seven o'clock P. M. of the same day when the same shall be closed. By order of the District School Board of School District No. 9, of Coos County, Oregon, made this 13th day of May, A. D. 1914. JNO. C. MERCHANT, Chairman, District School Board. Attest: John F. Hall, District Clerk.

Students of the Oregon Agricultural College are working at the forest nursery on the Siuslaw forest. The arrangement is said to be mutually satisfactory since the students gain experience in forest nursery practice and their assistance lowers the cost of nursery work.

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