

BRITISH ERNE BOY CONFIDENT

In Perfect Fettle for World's Lightweight Championship Battle Are Evenly Matched.

Tonight "Whirlwind" Jimmy Britt of San Francisco and Frank Erne of Buffalo will battle for the lightweight championship of the world in the city of the Golden Gate. Never in the history of pugilism have two men been brought together who were more evenly matched in size, and those characters, who are essential success in the roped arena. Both await with eagerness the call of time for the battle of their lives. Both are to all appearances equally confident of winning the laurels. It never seems to have entered the head of either one of them that defeat awaits him. Both are gentlemanly young men of education and good manners, and all-around, splendid fellows. They are the best of friends and bear each other no malice or envy. It seems a pity that the boys will go into the ring to batter each other into unconsciousness. However, cutting out all sentiment, and barring accident, the two fighting machines, when met in operation against each other, will give one of the best exhibitions of the boxing sport in the history of the game.

CONDITION OF ERNE.
Erne has had some trouble to make his weight, as the California air is conducive to the laying on of flesh. He has, however, trained faithfully, and will be in perfect form when he steps into the ring. The Buffalo lad has some peculiar ideas about training. Everything he does is so different from what others do. Instead of lying on a table to be rubbed down he sits in a chair, giving first one limb and then the other to those who massage him. He does not take showers nor the usual bath. Neither of those things belongs in his scheme of attaining a perfect condition. He says:

"If men would only follow the rules that they themselves pursue in training horses or dogs they would be better off. You think it strange, I should not lie down to be rubbed. I would think it very strange if I should. A race horse does not do it, nor does a dog. The position to me seems unnatural. It may simply be an idea of mine. I should be that by sitting in a chair and relaxing each muscle as the moment for it to be rubbed comes and then letting it go back to its true position is the only way. Your muscles are constantly kept in use and on edge, and they should be if you are going to tax them."

Erne has been drying up for a week in order to make his weight. A little sherry and egg once a day, a pot of tea at lunch and a little sherry at dinner. The victor will all the while things he has been taking. It is fairly torture for a man to stay away from water or thirst-eliminating beverages as fighters do. Just enough to rinse the mouth out is all that Erne has. Erne's lips, and there is a great temptation for him not to let a "wee drop" slip down the throat. He says:

"I feel like cheating myself with water, but in this business if you start in to do a thing you have got to do it or be beaten."

ARE EVENLY MATCHED.
Two men could not be more evenly matched. A comparison of their parts shows Erne to be only a shade the larger; no more than half an inch. The victor is just turning 22. The Buffalo man, despite the fact that he has been so long at the pugilistic game, is still fresh. His mode of living has always been conducive to strength and its preservation, and his years and his handicap him as they might otherwise.

ERNE A HARD MAN.
About the only one that Erne is like is George Dixon when he was in his prime, only he is 500 per cent. faster. His movements are like shadows and it can be understood how he can defeat a man who is over the negro wonder that he has. One of the best things about Britt is that he realizes what Erne is. He says:

"It makes me sick when people come up and tell me I've got a chance and all that sort of thing. I know I haven't and that I'll have to fight from the moment I strike the ring. Erne is no man's sucker and the only way I can beat him, and I hope to do it, is by hard, scientific work."

DELANEY AND JEFFRIES.
Billy Delaney, the famous trainer of Corbett and Jeffries, saw Britt yesterday in the gym at Croft's and formed a high opinion of his chances. He thinks he is a marvelous piece of machinery and all things considered ought to give Erne the battle of his life.

"Erne is an exceptionally clever man and one worthy of any fighter's best," said Billy this evening in discussing the chances of the two. "Any man who has a decision over that wizard, George Dixon, is entitled to it."

Jim Jeffries thinks highly of Britt's chances, although he realizes Erne is dead game.

BRITT'S MEASUREMENTS.
Neck, 15 inches; chest, 36 inches; chest (expanded), 38 inches; biceps, 12 1/2 inches; forearm, 11 inches; wrist, 7 inches; height, 5 feet 6 inches; waist, 30 inches; calf, 14 inches; thigh, 21 inches; reach, 68 inches.

ERNE'S MEASUREMENTS.
Neck, 15 1/2 inches; chest, 36 inches; chest (expanded), 39 1/2 inches; biceps, 13 inches; forearm, 12 1/2 inches; wrist, 8 inches; height, 5 feet 7 inches; waist, 31 inches; calf, 14 inches; thigh, 20 inches; reach, 68 1/2 inches.

PRELIMINARY BOUTS.
"Toothpick" Kelly and Fred Craig will furnish the star preliminary. They will box 10 rounds. Kelly's weight is given at 220 pounds, while Craig weighs in the neighborhood of 190. The first bout will be of eight rounds between Tommy Snellham and Louis Gassagne of Redding. The sale of tickets for the battle is the largest in the history of the city outside of the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight.

Commissions on California Races Accepted at Portland Club Cafe, 130 Fifth Street. Direct wires from tracks.

The Examiner's expert writer on sports, W. W. Naughton, in speaking of the contest, says:

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Erne has been quite a few years on the pugilistic road. It stands to reason that he is neither as supple nor as savage as he was back in '98. He claims to be trained to the hour for the coming fight. But it appears as though he has had to keep his nose to the grindstone in order to make the weight.

THE PROBABILITIES.
To make a stand-off fight with a fellow like Britt would be to adopt a course fraught with danger. There is the prospect of losing the decision on the score of non-aggressiveness. There is the greater danger of impoverished condition manifesting itself as round after round of a defensive fight goes by.

Assuming that Erne really has had difficulty in making the weight, is it not reasonable to suppose that he will be anxious to get in his best kicks while the fight is young? It will be to his advantage to make it a test of quick and full hitting rather than a test of condition.

As for Britt, the chances are he couldn't go slow if he wanted to. It isn't in him.

It is the wide discussion of these little points and possibilities that has led the patrons of pugilistic pastimes to look forward to a blistering bout.

No matter how things may go for Erne, he will always be remembered as one of the particular stars of the American ring. When at his best and when the weight conditions suited him he was invincible. Prior to his affair with Dal Hawkins in this city some years ago it was said he had never been knocked down. But Dal floored him all right. It was with that peculiar left which Hawkins was so peculiarly left.

Matters looked dismal for Erne as he squatted, frog-like, on the floor, his eyes blinking drearily and the right side of his face showing a fiery flush where Dal's tightly-knipped glove had caught him.

Many old-timers remember how Erne pulled himself together; how he fiddled and feinted, and when an opening presented itself, sent in a right-hand crack which made Hawkins meat for the thrashers.

ERNE'S PRINCIPAL FOULY.
Erne's principal folly has been in getting tangled up in handicap matches. He made a howl for Terry McGovern, and entered the ring looking like a consumptive. He was defeated, of course. Some time later he entered in an opposite direction and gave away weight to husky Frank Ferns. He was beaten again.

Frank hasn't done much good since those days. He has waxed fat between fights, and possibly the edge of his ambition has been dulled. We will know more about it by midnight tonight.

One or two Eastern racing men who intend backing Erne are frank enough to admit that they do not consider him nearly as formidable as he was in his younger days. They figure, though, that Britt would not have afforded Erne, common amusement when Erne was Erne, and they feel that Frank still carries guns enough to take Jimmy's measure.

Fighting is like racing. You can't for the life of you tell. And when it comes to an even weight proposition and one of the men is an ex-champion and the other a stocky, sturdy, snappy slugger like Britt, there is room to spare for argument.

COLOR LINE IS DRAWN.
Believing that the exhibition of the negro pugilist, mauling and drawing the blood of a white fighter or boxer, has an unwholesome effect upon the rough, brawny element, tending to make it more disorderly, the police authorities are considering the possibility of refusing to issue permits for contests between white and colored boxers. Both white and colored lawyers, however, today stated that such laws would be a violation of the fifteenth amendment.

For several years Baltimore has been a haven for pugilists and their exhibitions, but for the above reasons the authorities have decided to put a stop to such contests altogether.

At a recent fight Joe Gans, the negro celebrity of Baltimore, knocked out Charles Selger of New York. The white man was covered with blood. A business man from a Southern state, who was at the fight, left the hall before it ended, saying to the police he could not stand such a scene, and make a "chopping block" of a white man.

FIGHTING AT SACRAMENTO.
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 25.—The boxing card to be presented before the Sacramento Athletic Club tonight contains six four-round events with the following contestants, the first named in each match being the local man: Terry McGovern vs. Joe Kelly, 118 pounds; Henry Walsh vs. Jack Adams, 125 pounds; Frank Turman vs. Tom Moran, 132 pounds; Joe Crowley vs. Charles Weber, 135 pounds; and Joe Sweetman vs. Eddie Finnelly, 110 pounds. Prof. William Johnson will officiate as referee.

Sporting news, Tracy & Denny, 105 4th.

QUICKEST EAST.
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KICKERS WILL WORK TOMORROW

U. of O. and Multnomah the Star Elevens.

A Fierce Fight for Championship Honors Expected—Other Contests.

The Multnomah Club rooms are filled these evenings with crowds of expectant members, all discussing the football game of tomorrow. The question uppermost in everybody's mind is: "Can we hold them down and score ourselves?" The weight of opinion leans toward an affirmative answer to the question, but there are not a few doubters who are inclined to think that at best the club team can do no more than Albany and Corvallis did, hold the U. of O. team down to no score and be unable to cross the U. of O. goal line. Many an anxious sizing up is given each player as he trots out to practice, and many a hope is pinned to his prowess on the field.

U. OF O. POSITION.
Likewise the U. of O. students are debating the question, "Is this the year that we beat them?" and answer, prompted by a heartfelt wish, "Yes." There are no faint hearts in the Oregon contingent, neither is there any overconfidence. A hope which has grown luxuriantly out of the ashes of former blunders is being kindled and bled him down on victory. He knows full well that a sturdy fighter a Multnomah team is, and he knows that his representatives have a herculean labor to perform in lowering Multnomah's colors. But he has confidence in every member of his team, confidence in his strength and in his courage; he has confidence in the methods which Coach Dolph has used with the team, and he has confidence that this strength, this courage and these methods are harmonized so that the result is perfect team work and will result in victory.

TO THE OUTSIDER.
To the unbiased observer there seems to be little choice as to which team will win. The records of the teams have been very different this year, for the Whitman team is the only team to have won a game against Multnomah. But Whitman put a great deal stronger team against Eugene than against Multnomah, so that the little difference in the scores by which both teams have good strong lines and speedy backs, and both have sure, long-distance punters. The ends on both teams are fast and nervous, and tackle sure and hard.

Portland Academy track team, probably have a slight advantage in these respects over Downing and Pratt of Multnomah. At tackle Watts and Thayer of Eugene, and at guard, center, halfback and end, Kirby, and they will probably play each other to a standstill. Guards Kerton and Frizzell of Eugene will face Valentine and Van Vorhes in the Multnomah line. A. C. McKnight of U. of O. will try to ride Cooper Ketter around the field. Back of the line Eugene will have Payne and Goodrich at halfback and Templeton at fullback, while Multnomah has Bert Jordan and Bishop at half and Cooke at full. Murphy will play quarter for U. of O. and Plowden Stott will receive the ball and pass it for Multnomah.

Many a contest will cause general disappointment. The two men are undoubtedly the best of their class in the world and without doubt would put up one of the best fights seen in this country in a long time.

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DENTISTS AT DALLIES.
The Dental College team, which is one of the strongest teams on the local gridiron, will go to The Dalles tomorrow to line up against The Dalles football eleven. The Dalles team will be the heavier and will contain a number of old men, but the Dentals have had lots of practice and expect to make up in experience what they lack in weight.

The Dentals have won many victories over local teams, but have lost a few. They lost but one game this season, which was won by the soldier boys at Vancouver with a score of 5 to 0.

The line up for tomorrow's game will be as follows:
Center, Duhar (155); guards, Alkin (159) and O'Connor (170); tackles, Hare (159) and Davis (150); ends, Hollister (148) and Shaw (146); quarters, Russell (141), Hayes, McFarland (140) and Boyd (149); fullback, Hyde (160), the average being 151 pounds per man. Loomis, Ollinger Remington are out of the game on account of sickness.

EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Claims the Interscholastic Honors of Oregon.

The Eugene High School came out a day or two ago with its annual "gripe" about winning the interscholastic championship of the state. They claim the state championship on the grounds that Portland Academy, the winner of the interscholastic championship of Portland, declines to meet them for the reason that the P. A. has already played more games than was advisable, and a victory every date has been taken up to Thanksgiving. Eugene proposed to come to Portland November 22, but the third H. M. A. game was scheduled for that date. Then Eugene suggested that P. A. go to Eugene on Thanksgiving; that too was impossible because P. A. is not allowed to play Thanksgiving day or any time afterward. Hence, says Eugene, P. A. will not play us, and we win.

CLAIM IS "HOT AIR."
This claim of Eugene's is similar to that which the University of Washington makes in the Northwest championship without playing U. of O. But it is all "hot air," and has come to be an old story. The way they persist in trying to tantalize the Academy team into the impossible reminds us of a fido snoring and snapping at the heels of a man and growling more exasperated with every yawn because the man refuses to notice him or his noise. The P. A. boys do not claim the championship of the state, but, as a disinterested football statistician said the other day, they keep their mouths shut and let the teams talk who make their regulations largely in paper games. Why doesn't Eugene go to The Dalles.

Pondleton, Baker City and La Grande and win before it sticks such a large ostrich plume in its cap? It would improve its reputation by letting its record speak for it any by laying claim to nothing which it does not deserve.

BISHOPS AND ACADEMY.
The Bishop Scott Academy team and the Portland Academy are battling on Multnomah field this afternoon. Both elevens have been doing some hard practicing for the contest and it is anticipated that the game will be a close one. The line shot:

P. A.	Position	B. S. A.
Sutherland		S. Morrison
Koerner		G. R. Ford
Scott		G. R. Speckard
Charleston		Lewis
Seelye		Flint
Burkhardt		W. R. Smith
Whitless		R. Smith
Pease		I. Smith
Wood		R. R. Smith
Fenton (C.)		C. E. Smith
Brooke		Downs

HILL TEAM WINS.
The two scrub teams of the Hill Military School and the Portland Academy met on Multnomah field yesterday afternoon. The soldier boys won out by a score of 6 to 0. The game was called off at the end of the second half owing to the darkness.

WASHINGTON GAME.
SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—The Pullman Farmers and the University of Washington will play here tomorrow. The game will decide the championship of the Northwest. The Pullman team and their admirers will arrive here in a special train. The "Varsity" record: Oregon Agricultural College 6; University of Washington 16; University of Idaho 9; University of Washington 10; Whitman College 5; University of Washington 11.

IDAHO AND WASHINGTON.
WALLA WALLA, Nov. 25.—The University of Idaho and the Whitman eleven have made all preparations for the game tomorrow. The "Maladinas" are determined to win. The people of this locality will probably witness the fastest game in the history of the local gridiron.

ALBANY AND MINNIVILLE.
ALBANY, Nov. 25.—At Ronger Park tomorrow the McMinnville and the Albany College will contest for the league championship honors. The league comprises the smaller denominational colleges of the Willamette Valley, namely, Albany College, McMinnville College, Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, Pacific College (Newberg) and Dallas College. It is thought that the home team will have no trouble in defeating the visitors.

FAVORITES TAIL-ENDERS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—Yesterday was not favorite day at Ingleside track. The sure things brought up the rear in the galloping contests. Vesuvius, a 20 to 1 shot, won out in the sixth race. Results:

Seven furlongs, selling—Loyal S. won, Ignacio second, Mike Rice third; time, 1:28 1/4.

Five furlongs, purse—Pass in Boots won, Esther second, Penance third; time, 1:04 1/2.

One mile, selling—Sugden won, Doomed second, Bangs third; time, 2:04.

Five and a half furlongs, purse—Artis won, Beau Ormonds second, Kenilworth third; time, 1:07 1/4.

One mile and an eighth, selling—Lode star won, R. Shannon second, Grafter third; time, 1:50.

Six furlongs, handicap—Vesuvius won, Money second, Flash of Gold third; time, 1:19 1/4.

RYAN-OBRIEN FIGHT.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—Tomorrow night is the time set for the fight between Tommy Ryan, the middleweight champion, and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien. The impression among boxing fans is that Ryan will not come together according to schedule, though no positive announcement to this effect has been made by the club under whose auspices they are to meet. From the time the match was made Ryan has displayed his well known dictatorial tactics and this is mainly responsible for the feeling of doubt existing among local sporting men. The failure to put off the contest will cause general disappointment. The two men are undoubtedly the best of their class in the world and without doubt would put up one of the best fights seen in this country in a long time.

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AGITATION FOR NEW YORK FIGHTS

Want to Legalize Boxing in Gotham.

Prosperous Field for Sluggers if Sparring Were Permitted.

With every election in New York comes the story that the next legislature will take the ban off fighting and that by the time the snow is flying for sure the mitt game will be in full swing again. The fact that most of these stories have been spun out of the wrong kind of yarn in the past has not discouraged the spinners, and now the old story is cut loose once more. Fighters and fight patrons have heard it so often that little attention is paid to the story now, and this may have the effect of the talk amounting to something. Heretofore as soon as the revival story was sprung those opposed to the sport immediately got busy and the opposition proved so strong that the fight promoters were forced to quit.

The year the reopening talk has created no comment whatever, as few seem to have any idea that there is as much as a chance. Senator Tim Sullivan is the friend of the ring artist on all occasions, and if there is a chance he can be depended upon to take it. About the only hope for the fighting game at the present time is that it will be given a lift in New York. It is not probable that the game will be allowed to run along again as it was just before the law prohibiting fighting went into effect. At that time 25-round fights were the thing, the best of the heavyweights were making their headquarters in New York, and they were getting enormous purses.

BUT LITTLE CHANCE.
A reopening along these lines is not expected by the fighters, that would be going to the other extreme after the long days of total abstinence. Chicago and Philadelphia have made a success of the six-round fight and if the fighting game comes to life again in New York it will be on something like this plan. Short bouts are not to the liking of either the spectator or the fighter, but they look immensely good when stacked up alongside of nothing. If the ring artists could be induced to get inside the ropes with the idea of winding things up within six rounds, there would be little need of longer bouts, as few fights would last over six rounds, and the men would not suffer other than instead of keeping on the defensive and trying to go through the six rounds without a scratch.

Sporting writers all over the country, who have been clamoring for the repeal of the law, are now making a foregone conclusion that the fighting game is to be revived. The Western papers are full of it. For instance, the Commercial Tribune of Cincinnati says:

"The fact that Jim Corbett is under the impression that there is a chance for the boxing game to be revived in New York naturally leads to the belief that a movement is on foot to legalize the sport. While boxing was allowed in New York the pugilistic fraternity reaped a rich harvest. It might still be so had not a few 'greeds' in their efforts to bag N. Y. the money, resorted to taking the law. Should a law be passed legalizing boxing in New York, the game would revive everywhere. That has been the history of pugilism. Whenever the game is stopped in New York it is stopped everywhere throughout the country."

"Boxing is a harmless sport when properly conducted, and there is no reason why it should not be allowed, providing it is given the same educational institutions. Broadminded men may one day give pugilism the proper boost and see to it that it is properly conducted."

AT THE "NAT" AGAIN.
At Spokane for the season of 1902, baseball will be again played at Natatorium Park. While the distance is greater than desired, the street railway company has guaranteed better service for the coming season.

PITCHER POWELL TO WED.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 25.—"Big" Jack Powell of the St. Louis Browns, the star of the American league twirling star, during the last season will be married here tomorrow to Miss Nora O'Connor, a sister of Catcher Jack O'Connor. Powell and his bride have planned to spend the winter in Chicago.

HANDBALL PLAYERS.
The Athens Basket Ball team of Oakland arrived in Portland this morning. They will play the Y. M. C. A. team Thursday and Friday nights. From then they will go to Seattle and Victoria. The team consists of W. E. Rode, captain; W. G. Lennett, trainer, and players William Kuriz, Paul Marguerite, J. F. Torrey, Stanley Burper, R. H. Farish, William Martens and W. E. Rode.

CYCLE MONEY WASTED.
The wheelmen of Spokane are kicking over the expenditure of the funds derived from the city tax on bicycles. From the time they were first levied for the construction of new paths. Not an inch has been built. The money is being frittered away at the rate of \$25 a month in the payment of salaries to officials.

STANFORD FIELD EVENTS.

The results of the Stanford University field meet were highly satisfactory. The results:

Three quarter mile run—Gay, scratch, first; Halman, scratch, second; Fowler, handicap 35 yards, third.

Seventy-five yard dash—Turpin, '66 and Dunn '04 tied for first place; Hawley, third.

Three hundred yard dash—Dunn, first, scratch; Singletary, second, 15 yards handicap; Wycoff, third, five yards handicap.

Seventy-five yard high hurdles—Narramore, first, scratch; second, Thomas, handicap 30 yards, third.

Two-mile run, first, Barkan, second; Harper, scratch, first; Gundrum, scratch, second; Thomas, handicap 30 yards, third.

One hundred and fifty yard dash—Hawley, scratch, first; Holman, handicap three yards, second; Singletary, handicap three yards, third.

Six hundred and sixty yard run—Swinnerton, handicap 20 yards, first; A. Thomson, scratch, second; W. Thomson, handicap 20 yards, third.

Shot put—O. E. Hyde, first, 42 feet 4 1/2 inches; Crawford, second, 40 feet 4 inches; Magee, third, 38 feet 6 inches.

High jump—Abbott, first, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches; Beach, second, 5 feet 2 1/2 inches; Campbell, third, 4 feet 11 inches.

Hammer throw—Crawford, first, 129 feet; Magee, second, 104 feet 10 inches; Hyde, third, 100 feet.

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MAJOR TAYLOR IS OUT.

"Major" Taylor has given up the ghost and retired from the field of cycling strife, perhaps forever. At least, Taylor says that no more will he chase the elusive dollar around the cycling oval. Taylor, retired more dollars for riding this winter in Australia and Europe than he possibly can hope to make in years of hard daily toil. The people at the antipodes offered Taylor \$500 to come there this winter and race. The promoters at Madison-Square Garden offered him \$200 for one night of racing, win or lose. He refused both, stating that he had retired with money enough to support himself for the rest of his days, and that was all he sought. With the retirement of Taylor the professional cycling field loses its only negro rider, and no more will the money-chasers be required to meet black men in cycle races.

READY TO RACE AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 25.—Everything is in readiness for the opening tomorrow of the winter meeting of the Crescent City Jockey Club. For several weeks the stables have been filling with fast horses, and with favorable weather the meeting is expected to prove one of the most successful in the history of the well-known club. Over 1200 horses are at the track. Some of those in training are fast and high-class.

WINNING AMERICAN JOCKEYS.