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CHANCE OF OTHERS.
Fitzsimmons has a better chance than any man in the class to defeat Jeff, and his chance is very slim at that. Jeff has put him out twice and from every indication would do so again if they ever meet. Fitz is getting too old and has not the best of speed and agility. He is hard to figure out to a nicety what chance he would have against a man 10 years his junior, who is bigger and stronger than Corbett ever was.

IN SULLIVAN'S DAY.
John L. Sullivan, just because he was about 25 pounds lighter than Jeffries, had matches to burn in the days of his glory. Men who weighed from 160 to 180 pounds were continually seeking scraps with John, and John fought them, too. Were these men in the same today, as young and strong as then, they would not even be thought of as foes for the enormous Jeffries. Nobody weighing under 195 pounds is even dreamed of as an opponent for the champion. When John was in the ring, the crowd of fellows who looked as big as he, even if they couldn't fight a lick, were continually trotted out to meet him. If Jeffries went over to the same today, his local adversaries in each burg would look so pitifully small beside him that the crowds would hoot, hiss, and leave the hall.

TURNER'S BIG SHOW.
Tomorrow night, at the Turner Hall, an athletic exhibition will be given by Prof. Krohn and his pupils. The show will consist of gymnasium work and athletic exercises. The program will be a long and interesting one.

STANFORD CAPTAIN.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Stanford has elected a captain for the season of 1903, in J. P. Bausback of Denver.

BASKET BALL AT MONMOUTH.
MONMOUTH, Dec. 12.—The first game of basket ball of the season was played last evening between Rickreall and the local team. The score was 22 to 11. The line-up:
Rickreall: Normal, Fostons, Rickreall, Byers, Fostons, Wade, Murphy, Fostons, Burch, Ziegler, Gostons, Southwick, Butler, Gostons, C. C. Simington, Bailey, C. C. Simington.

ANOTHER STREET CARNIVAL.
Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club for the holding of a fair next fall. No plans have yet been formed as to the nature of the show.

WILL BAR-WESTERN MEN.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Harvard and Yale are trying to make a new set of athletic rules, which will revise the eligibility list. In the past the colleges of the East have been in the habit of drawing their star players from the Western teams, to the exclusion of their own men. The intention is to give their own men a chance.

TWO TEAMS FORGE AHEAD.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In the six-day bicycle race, two teams, Newark and Jacobson and Leander and Krebs, have separated themselves from the rest of the bunch and are now in the lead. The best score up to noon today was 1,796 miles.

GARDNER DEFEATS STITT.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Last night, before the Apollo Club, Billy Stitt was defeated by George Gardner in a six-round contest. For the first time, Gardner made no effort to fight further than on the defensive. In the fourth round, he became the aggressor and at the call of time at the end of the sixth had his man helpless. Stitt was not a match for Gardner. The men weighed in at 160. Gardner is the man that recently beat down Jack Root at Salt Lake, and put Jack Moffat out of business.

SCRAPPING IN LONDON.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—Spike Sullivan, of Boston, last night defeated Bill Chester, the lightweight champion of England, for a purse of \$1,000. The battle was a fast one and lasted 14 rounds.

SWEENEY VS. GARDNER.
BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Patsy Sweeney and Gus Gardner, in a 12-round bout, is the magnet that is expected to draw a large crowd at the ringside of the Criterion Athletic Club tonight. The two fighters appear to be in excellent condition and a fierce contest is expected to be the outcome.

BOXING AT TERRE HAUTE.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 12.—Considerable interest is manifested in the boxing show to be pulled off tonight at the Casino Theater. The wind-up will be furnished by Eddie Gardner and "Kid" Blackburn, who are scheduled to meet in a 15-round contest.

AFTER BENNY YANGER.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Billy Maharg of Philadelphia has written to Chicago that

he wants a match with Benny Yanger. He claims to have defeated every 122-pound boy around his home town and thinks he is entitled to a match with the local Italian. He claims to be anxious to post a forfeit for weight and appearance.

DIXON GROWING YOUNGER.
Old George Dixon is said to have returned to form in England and careful training has made him look fully ten years younger than when he left his native shores. Ten years ago George was a mighty good little man.

FORBES AND ATTELL.
Clarence Forbes, the clever Chicago featherweight, will probably be matched to meet Abe Attehl in the near future. Forbes is willing to take on the Ghetto boxer at 125 pounds, ringside and says that he can furnish plenty of backing if the match is made.

CORBETT FIGHTING A PAPER.
Ex-Champion J. J. Corbett has filed a libel suit against the Wheeling Telegram for \$10,000 damages. The paper contained a story that Corbett had had an encounter with a Wheeling & Lake Erie conductor yesterday morning while en route to Bellair, where his company appeared. Corbett denied the story and proposed to continue the water cure for an indefinite period.

SULLIVAN TALKS TEMPERANCE.
John L. Sullivan is again on the road in the show business. He is said to be hale and hearty, sound in mind and body. Sullivan recently celebrated his 44th birthday anniversary. He is happy and says he has quit drinking liquor and proposes to continue the water cure for an indefinite period.

"There ain't so much in the monologue game," says Sully. "but it will keep me in spending money. I haven't much left of the \$1,000,000 I made in fighting because I was too fond of drink and too fond of burning it for other fellows. There's a whole temperance lecture, young fellow. If I had lived with my money as sensibly as I lived when I trained to make it, I'd be fixed now for the rest of my life."

IS OFF WITH DUFFY.
Two years ago Martin Duffy looked like a world beater, but he has gone the route and is now a wind-broken second-rate. It is said, lucky to be taken on for any bout on a card.

YANGER AND SULLIVAN.
Sullivan and Yanger will meet some time between December 16 and 22, probably before the America Athletic Club, at Chicago. A purse of \$2,000 has been offered, of which \$1,750 will go to the winner. Fred Whittingham, selected finally as the referee for the bout, is well known as the sporting partner of Harry Forbes. He is exceptionally clever with the gloves and has done a lot of refereeing in the smaller clubs and should prove all right when it comes to drawing the line between Sullivan and Benny Yanger.

MAXEY HAUGH CHRISTENED.
Maxey Haugh came by his name in a peculiar way. His right name is Mike "Crock" Haugh. He was christened "Maxey" by an amateur Bobby Gaylor, the famous Irish comedian, took quite a fancy to the little chap, and when he jumped into the ring for his first professional fight, Gaylor had a big bet on him. Howe made good and Gaylor insisted on time.

the lad assuming his (Gaylor's) name, which is Maxey Haugh. He did, and it has stuck to him ever since. When Maxey won the 135-pound championship of America, Gaylor remembered him with a handsome present.

FERNES AND MATTHEWS AGAIN.
"Rube" Fernes and Matty Matthews have been matched to fight in Pittsburgh on December 22. Fernes won the welterweight championship from Matthews and then lost it to Joe Walcott.

OUT OF THEIR CLASS.
The Attehl brothers seem to have a penchant for going out of their class making matches. Abe finds it necessary, because he is too heavy to make weight for the bantams, and there are few featherweights of class that can get down to 125 and be in proper shape for a hard fight. He has been matched to meet Buddy Ryan, the Chicago boxer who gave Board all that he cared for a few weeks ago. This bout will bring Attehl against a man who is almost a lightweight. Recently Caesar Attehl, Abe's brother, attempted to do some of this overmatch work, boxing Aurelio Herrera at San Francisco. He lasted two rounds, going to dreamland just before the bell was tapped for the second breathing spell.

PEDLAR PALMER TO SCRAP.
Pedlar Palmer, the former English champion bantamweight boxer, who has been boxing at the featherweight limit, has been matched to fight Will Curley, the other English featherweight. In a 20-round contest at Newcastle, December 16. They are to fight for a purse of \$2,000. According to the articles of agreement signed by the fighters, Palmer is allowed to fight at catchweights, while Curley will weigh in at 125 pounds.

CHICAGO LIKES BRITT.
The biggest drawing card that could be brought East right now would be James Edward Britt, the new California lightweight, who so handily polished off Frank Erne, says a Chicago exchange. Britt against one of the best local men would draw an enormous multitude. The boy has been getting such big money in California that it will be found hard to coax him here. Neither John Hertz nor Paddy Carroll could afford to hang up over \$100 guarantee for Britt and any adversary, and Britt, who has been getting more than that for his own share, without having to leave his home, might turn up his nose at such an offer. Yet Britt is the one big drawing card that the people wish to see, and it is a pretty safe guess that he will soon appear here somehow or other. The passing of Erne brings Britt to the foreground, but the latter evidently does not relish very hard game, as he has already fortified himself behind the color line.

PERHAPS TOO CONFIDENT.
Corbett has been featherweight champion for just one year. He knocked out Terry McGovern in two rounds at Hartford, Conn., a year ago on Thanksgiving Day. The result came as one of the biggest surprises in pugilistic history. Since then he has not met any of the real top-notchers. He boxed "Kid" Broad at Denver, and his showing was a disappointment. Later he has defeated Joe Bernstein at Baltimore. The latter was unable to continue on account of a broken hand at the end of the eighth round. At Philadelphia he fought "Young" Erne, "Crock" Boyle and Eddie Lenny. He failed to knock out any of these boys inside the six rounds. However, he appears extremely confident that he can beat McGovern when they meet for the second time.

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WOODMEN OF AMERICA.
(Journal Special Service.)
WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12.—The Modern Woodmen of America gave a masquerade ball last night at Armory Hall which was well attended and very successful. The state camp of the order meets in this city in a short time, and the local camp has started in to raise funds to defray the expenses of entertainment. The dance last night was the first effort. During the cold season other entertainments will be given.
Regulator Line.
Regular line steamers from Oak-street dock at 7 a. m. - Coast and fastest line of steamers for The Dalles, Lyle, Hood River, White Salmon, St. Martins Hot Springs, Cascade Locks, Moffet's Hot Springs, and all Middle Columbia River and Klackit Valley points. Take this line and get to your destination from one to four hours ahead of other lines.
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THE WAR CLOUDS DARK AND THICK

Upheaval in Northwest
League.

Magnates Are Scrapping Over In-
vasion of the Northwest
by California.

The baseball magnates of the Northwest League are pawing the air over the intruding of the Californians upon the Northern field. The situation has not undergone any radical change in the last 24 hours. Manager Harris of San Francisco is in Portland and affirms the previous report that the Portland team has jumped to the Southern League, and that another team will be put in in Seattle unless that club comes to terms. The Pacific Coast Baseball League, as outlined by Harris, will include Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles. This combination will be a strong one and make the Coast League the third strongest in the United States. Harris says that this is the plan for next season, and if his league is willing to spend the money and go ahead he cannot figure just how the Northwest managers are going to stop him and how the fans will be any the loser. He takes the stand that it is simply a question of which league delivers the best ball that will receive the patronage.

SIDE OF THE MAGNATES.
Dugdale and Lucas of the Northwest League radically oppose the action of the Southern League. They take the stand that they have spent considerable

money in building up the Northwest circuit and now, matters are on a paying basis, the Southerners butt in to reap the fruit of their efforts. This, they claim, is contrary to the rules of the association. They claim that Helena, Butte and Spokane will all come to the rescue to drive the enemy from the field. A team will be maintained in Portland in spite of the appearance of the opposition.

LOCAL SENTIMENT.
The general sentiment of the local fans on the baseball issue seems to be one of "we don't care what happens. We pay our money and want to see the best brand of ball possible for the expenditure. If competition gives us a better lot of ball than we have had in the past, the public will be maintained. Again, the management of the Portland team have not during the past season spent the money necessary to secure top notch players, with the result that some of the exhibitions were not up to the standard. The California clubs have no salary limit and secure the best men available, no matter what the price, with the result that they have been playing good ball. Others cannot figure out just what all the fuss is about. They say that it is an even break. If California puts a team into Seattle and the Northwest League puts one into Portland, there is no occasion for all the argument. Of course the patronage will be divided, but by the proper arranging of the schedules it is not thought that the returns for the season will be less to any great extent. Seattle and Portland are both good ball towns and if people have a chance to see a good game they will turn out every day.

RECORD OF ALL-AMERICANS.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—The All-American bowling team played five games here yesterday, winning four and losing one. The record of the team is now as follows: Games won, 246; games lost, 28; high score, 697; high individual score, 219; highest total, 2,939.

AUTO RACE FOR CUP.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—James Gordon Bonnet has hung up a cup for an auto race. He has sent out invitations for all to compete. This is the first time Americans have been allowed to enter the events. The test of speed will be over the course from Paris to Bordeaux.

WORLD'S LONGEST DIVER.
TACOMA, Dec. 12.—At the state meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last night the world's record for a long distance dive was broken by Lave Grant of Seattle. He made 12 feet 2 inches. The best prior record was 14 feet and 7 inches.

CANADIANS IN EUROPE.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—The football team from Halifax sent out invitations for all to compete. This is the first time Americans have been allowed to enter the events. The test of speed will be over the course from Paris to Bordeaux.

JOCKEYS COME HOME.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Ben Rigby, Charles Thorpe, Bob Gray and Eddie Jones, four American jockeys who have been riding on the continent this season, arrived in New York yesterday on the steamer Wilhelm.

THE PORTLAND HUNT CLUB.
Tomorrow afternoon the Portland Hunt Club will leave West Park and Burnside street for a cross country ride on the East Side. About 40 riders will participate in the event.

Commissions on California Races Accepted at Portland Club Cafe, 130 Fifth Street. Direct wires from tracks.
Sporting news, Tracy & Denny, 105 4th.

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