



HE CONDEMNS BASEBALL WAR

Seattle Sportsman Would End It All.

Says Seattle Will Remain True If Portland Will Turn California Down.

When Hank Harris, Mosely and those associated with him in organizing the new baseball league and placing teams in Seattle and Portland, reach the former city they are not likely to find everything such plain sailing as they alleged it has proved here. Mr. Van De Vanter, one of the most prominent sporting men in the Pacific Northwest, will enter the field against them and he states most positively that he can block their game on Puget Sound.

"He has a heart that is cruel and cold. Who will let a new friend take the place of the old."

The above correctly expresses the sentiments of former Short J. W. Van De Vanter of Seattle, regarding the invading of Northwest Baseball League territory by the California League. Mr. Van De Vanter, now prominently known as a sportsman and engaged in promoting fair and racing associations, is at the Imperial today, just returning from an extensive trip through California.

"What is this I hear about the breaking up of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League?" he queried of a reporter for The Journal, as soon as the latter individual had made known his business. "I hope Portland will act wise in this matter. It is not something that can be done into in a hurry. I shall make it my business while here today to see those prominently connected with baseball affairs in Portland and shall put in a good, round knock against the California usurpers."

MATTER OF BUSINESS.
"Neither Seattle nor Portland can afford to become allied with San Francisco in anything of a business nature. Both Portland and Seattle are commercial rivals of San Francisco and always will be. There can be no such thing as peace between the two cities and the Northwest Coast and the metropolis of the South, not even in baseball. If the people of this section tamely submit to incursions from the South they will come to regret it most seriously. I can hardly believe they are in earnest about the matter, or that they will give it even momentary consideration."

Mr. Van De Vanter came up on the train from San Francisco with Mr. Harris, who is engineering the California expansion. "He told me," said the Seattle man, "that their object in coming North was to break up the Northwest League. He was very frank and I have not the least doubt that he spoke the absolute truth. They have seen that Portland and Seattle make money in baseball and they want to turn those profits their own way."

KILL IT IN SEATTLE.
"I have Mr. Furth and Mr. Dickinson with me in Seattle and am certain that I can kill the movement there. And I will do it. If Portland will hold out I am certain that Seattle will stick to her faith."

"It is absolutely certain that neither Portland nor Seattle can support two baseball teams. Why, then, should they attempt it? Logically the present Northwest League circuit is the correct one. Northern teams cannot afford to make the long Southern jump. The charges for railroad transportation will be too great. The people in this city, if they received poor ball last year, should fire their managers and get new ones, not jump to another league. There is no better condition for the Northwest League will only put in a team that will come into competition with the California League team and both will lose money. As a result poor ball will be given."

HAS POLITICAL VIEWS.
"What do you know of the Washington political and Senatorial outlook?" was asked.

"I have been out of the state some time," replied Mr. Van De Vanter, "and have lost my grip on politics. Of course the thing is something inside, even though it may only be smoldering on the surface. I think Harold Preston is a very good man, and I think Harold Preston is a very strong man, but there is one thing that I do not believe about his candidacy. That is this: I do not believe he stands the least show of being defeated in his race for the Senatorship."

GREAT FIGHTERS BECOMING SCARCE

Once Familiar Faces Are Fast Disappearing From the Ring.

Slowly but surely the heavy material which has occupied the center of the pugilistic stage for the last 10 years, is being shoved aside by younger blood. Jim Corbett is the only fighter of note in the early '90's who is still given the faintest claims to consideration in the heavyweight class, while of all the champions and prospective champions of a decade ago Tommy Ryan alone holds his position in the ring.

That the old-timers held their positions for so long is the only surprising feature. Pugilistic success is generally limited to two or three years, but the champions of 1892 held their own for nearly 10 years. Then they all retired from the foremost ranks. A year ago

Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Ruhlman, Corbett and even old Maher were still dangerous men—in fact, the best men at their weight. Now the stars of all have set. Corbett alone wants his final chance at the championship.

NEW FACES APPEAR.

Within the last year Carter, Root, Gardner and O'Brien have loomed up as dangerous factors in the heavyweight and light heavyweight divisions. These men combine science and hard-hitting ability, the qualities laid down by Young Corbett as the necessities in the fighter of today. Their comparatively sudden appearance has swept to the wall the who were the leading heavyweights for the last 10 years.

Dearth of new material is responsible for the fact that Maher et al. held their own for so long in the heavyweight world. Until the development of Carter, Root, Gardner and O'Brien, not a single heavyweight of class has been developed since Corbett won the heavyweight championship, save only Jeffries and Sharkey; and as Sharkey's star was in decline in the middle '90's, he may be classed with the elder division.

Tommy Ryan still holds the position he won 10 years ago—in fact, he has improved his position within six years. Although for a time he was a contender for the title, he has since been done little—his bout with Carter was practically his only severe bout. He has taken care of himself, however, and though his ring career is longer than that of the several men who have followed him, he is still the most dangerous factor in the ring of his weight.

DIXON HOLDING ON.

George Dixon made a plucky stand against elimination from the ranks of the topnotchers, but after winning the featherweight championship two nights before Corbett became heavyweight champion, he went under before Terry McGovern, and then started down hill.

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Of the mention as products of 10 years ago, however, this may be said: That it is doubtful if the ring at any previous time in its history ever saw so many fighters in each division at the highest ability in their line, and in each division one or two candidates were present of almost equal skill with the champions.

WHY LONG SHOTS WIN.

In a communication from one of the best handicappers in the country, now in New Orleans, he says that the form recently shown by horses must be entirely erased when the season changes and the track gets good. The writer says he has seen dozens of horses that were better than the winners of races, though they finished in the rear, owing to their slow action in the beginning of a race. This gave them no chance whatever to get on the much-talked-of path. "One wants to look for quick breakers," says he, in conclusion, "when the track is bad, as a slow beginner has little or no chance to make up lost ground."

This means that it will be good judgment to look for a complete change of form when the track gets good.

TO HUNT



Lady Delamere, famous English beauty, daughter of Earl Enniskillen, is said to South Africa. She accompanies her husband on a hunt for big game. She is an enthusiastic sportsman.

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SECRET PRACTICE HAD DAILY

Multnomah Players Claim That Oregon Will Be Easy Game.

If the signs are right and the Oregon pigskin players think they are, the Multnomah football aggregation is going to receive a genuine surprise on Christmas Day on the local gridiron. Ever since the defeat on Thanksgiving Day, the Oregon boys have had a strong feeling away down in their football hearts that a showdown with the club players, and that the best time to deliver the goods was on Christmas Day. The university eleven has been strengthened by six of its old stars and the eleven that will face Multnomah will be the most formidable team that ever went out from Eugene.

Two practices are held daily and during the evenings signal quizzes are gone through. The team will average about 165 pounds, a little heavier, perhaps, than their opponents. The team will be found at his old position at left end, and side-line cranks say that he is the peer of any end ever turned out in the Northwest. Ziegler played on the Oregon eleven for four seasons, being captain of the team in 1900 and 1901. In the former year, he was chosen by California experts as left end on the All-Pacific Coast team. Ziegler goes into the opposing interference hard, and runs through his territory with few and far between when he guarded the goal line of his Alma Mater. This season Ziegler has been playing with the Oregon Medics, and is therefore still a student in the University of Oregon.

Bernard C. Jakway, 1902, will fill his old position at left tackle, being pitted against Martin Pratt, his old-time rival. Pratt and Jakway are among the best tackles on the Coast, and the two will perform old-time stunts on Christmas Day.

Billy Scott, 1901, will play quarterback, alternating with L. G. Bradley, 1900. Scott was a member of Oregon's famous eleven that defeated Berkeley in 1899, while Bradley is another old varsity hero. During the season just closed, Bradley played quarterback for the Oregon Medics, and is therefore in high class condition for the fray. Oregon's heavy center is McKinnley, Kerron and Fitzell will play in their regular positions, and "Dutch" Thayer will again face Captain Kirkley at tackle. All of these men did good work on Thanksgiving Day, Thayer especially showing marked aptitude for the game. The position of right end will be filled by Captain Homer Watts.

Joe Templeton will play his customary position at right half, while Goodrich and Payne will alternate in the other half-back position. The end line will probably hold down the position of fullback, although McKinnley may be shifted to that position, and Wagner, 1901, substituted as center rush.

Indications point to a large and enthusiastic crowd at the game. The weather man says that the day will be ideal in every respect, and that no one attending need fear getting wet.

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

Indications now point to the entire resumption of athletic relations between Yale and Harvard on a long-term basis. While nothing was given out as to the conference of the Yale and Harvard men who met recently at the Hotel Waldorf, it is inferred that the conference was a very amicable meeting and that everything is practically completed for the announcement of the terms of agreement. Walter Camp, who was designated as spokesman for the conference, admitted that the question of "eligibility rules" has been the chief topic considered. He said, however, that nothing definite was agreed upon and that the conference adjourned to meet again in a few days.

The question of the eligibility of Edgar T. Glass, the Yale guard who is almost sure to be elected captain of the Yale football team if he is decided to be eligible, was the chief topic for the conference. Much time was spent in the discussion of this case and the result, it is stated, will undoubtedly be the adoption of a set of general rules which will prevent petty squabbling and hair-splitting such as have been indulged in during the past two years. It is the general opinion now that the rules will be framed so that Glass will be eligible to Yale another season.

There is also a possibility of changes in the annual Yale-Harvard regatta at New London, the prevailing opinion being that the "varsity eights" will row three miles in future instead of four. Those present at the recent conference were Walter Camp, Prof. T. S. Woolley, Leonard Stokes, Jr., and S. C. Sargent and the athletic managers and captains for Yale and Prof. Ira E. Hollis, chairman of the Harvard Athletic Committee; J. J. Storow and E. E. Krumbhaar for Harvard.

WHAT LEANDER ATE.

Even for such a giant as George Leander the amount of food reported to have been consumed by the Chicago boy during the six-day cycle race in New York last week was something to wonder at. Plunging along the way Leander did it harder work than digging ditches and reports from the garden say that in the 142 hours of the race he ate the following:

Twelve pounds of steak, 12 pounds of chops, 6 boxes of prepared breakfast food, 4 boxes of grapes, 24 bunches of celery, 24 bottles of kumyss, 60 bottles of apollinaris, 18 bottles of ale, 48 oranges, half a peck of apples, 12 packages of water, 18 quarts of milk, 3 pounds of coffee, 1 1/2 pounds of tea, 24 cups of custard, 12 bottles ginger ale, 60 eggs, 2 quarts sherry, 4 quarts of burgundy, 72 cans of beef tea, 2 gallons of vinegar, 30 pounds of salt, 12 loaves of bread, 12 cans of bouillon, 8 jars calves' foot jelly. The sea salt and vinegar were for rubbing and bathing.

Commissions on California Races.

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Sporting news, Tracy & Deany, 105 4th.

PUGILISTS VERY BUSY

A Sketch of the Iron Man Who Stopped Jeffries.

COLOR LINE DRAWN IN EAST

Interesting Doings of the Wrestlers of the Country.

Jack Munroe of Minnesota, the only boxer that ever received a decision over Champion Jeffries, he having stayed the allotted four rounds at Butte, Mont., on the 25th inst., and during the contest forced the champion to his knees. Munroe's services were enlisted to prepare the Philadelphia favorite for his contest with Neil. Prior to Munroe's advent in San Francisco he was known as a football coach, having also played center rush with Minnesota's team. Up to Munroe's recent meeting with Champion Jeffries he was looked on as a mere tyro at the game. Munroe stands six feet one inch, and weighs over 200 pounds. Tom Tracey of this city, when training at Alameda, Cal., had a lively go with Munroe, and though the Australian had somewhat the better of the contest, he then advised Jeffries' victor to enter the arena against one of the big heavyweights. This a mere novice has succeeded in securing the first award on record against Champion Jeffries. Fitzsimmons, it is now said, may meet Munroe under the same conditions before a large and anxious audience. Several of Butte's wealthiest sport promoters have offered to wager \$1,000 that no man in the Northwest, outside of Jeffries or Fitzsimmons, can stand against Munroe ten rounds. This may bring response from Duncan McDonald, who once stood up before Pete McCoy in a protracted contest, and he may be prevailed on to emerge from his temporary retirement.

FORBES ARRIVES

Harry Forbes, pugilistic champion of the world in the bantam division, arrived in San Francisco Friday night, accompanied by his manager, John Hertz. Forbes is matched to box Frankie Neil, the local midgit, at the Regency Club, this evening. The weight is 115 pounds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Forbes, who trained for the event before leaving Chicago, will complete his work at the Regency Club. In the event of a draw, he will remain some little time in San Francisco in the hope of securing other matches. Manager Hertz says that Forbes will box Eddie Hanlon if the latter agrees to weigh 115 pounds at the ringside.

Forbes, accompanied by his trainers, arrived here several days ago, and has completed his work of preparation for the coming fight. He is in fine physical condition, and his training has been reported in excellent form for the fray and his many admirers in this vicinity are of the opinion that he will give the champion a hard time. Though the Pacific Coast boy has been fighting only about two years, he has done excellent work, defeating some of the best lads in his class.

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by a nose from Alice Carey, a 26 to 1 shot. The riding of Burns entered him the victory. Fitzsimmons was entered for \$400 and Sandy McNaughton, owner of Alice Carey, raised it to \$2,500 in one bid, at which price he secured him.

Ethylene won the last race. Tularo took the steeplechase handicap at odds of 20 to 1 from Crest, the 7 to 1 favorite. Flashlight fell, and G. Wilson fell off Mike Rice on a sharp turn. Jockey Cochran, dismounted by his fall, rode a ride more winners, left for home today. Results:

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Katherine Ennis won, Hesper second, Gibraltar third; time, 1:39 1/2.

Six and a half furlongs, purse—Sterling Towers won, Alma Giver second, Rosalie third; time, 1:23 1/2.

Seven furlongs, selling—Budd Burns won, Matt Hogan second, Goldstone third; time, 1:39 1/2.

Handicap steeplechase, short course—Tularo won, Crest second, Loyal S. third; time, 2:33 1/2.

Six furlongs, selling—Fitzsimmons won, Alice Carey second, Quatre third; time, 1:25 1/2.

One mile, selling—Ethylene won, Axminster second, Bill Maesle third; time, 1:42.

JACK O'BRIEN'S BUSINESS ABILITY

During His Short Pugilistic Career He Has Made a Fortune.

Philadelphians are naturally proud of Jack O'Brien, one of their most favored prizefighters. O'Brien, unlike most of his class, possesses fine business capabilities, and during his career has accumulated a snug little fortune. Recently O'Brien posted \$1,000 to arrange a match with Tommy Ryan for the middleweight championship of the world. O'Brien has made \$40,000 at the boxing game since June 10, 1899, and now owns 20 small properties in that city. From 19 of these properties he is collecting rent. His parents live in the twenty-third ward, and Jack is doing what he can to help bring up the younger members of the family in the way they should go.

About \$10,000 worth of O'Brien's worldly goods were picked up in England on his recent visit to that country, which extended over a period of 13 months, and the greater amount of the balance was collected right in Philadelphia since his return to this country last February. Considering the fact that O'Brien is not yet 25 years of age, and possessed of no special advantage over the average youth in the way of strength to fit him for such a rugged occupation as he is now following, his remarkable success must be credited to his own experience and strict attention to business rather than to any favors of fortune. O'Brien attributes his success to diligence and to a natural shrewdness that has taught him to always take advantage of every opportunity that comes to him.

This shrewdness helped him in acquiring skill as a boxer. In securing opportunities that would work to his ultimate good; to making advantageous matches and not need them will there be any knowing how to keep from being cornered, as well as making the other fellows afraid every time he seemed likely to become dangerous.

The beginning of his pugilistic career O'Brien selected and secured a good boxing fight. After he had learned to box he seemed unable to hit hard, and now he does not class as a slugger. But he has taught the men whom he has met to respect his lightning blows, and any who have failed to do so have been repented. He is today one of the best fighters in the ring, outclassing many of the featherweights in this respect, while few of the big men come anywhere near his speed.

Wrestling, the popular sport of many countries, is nowhere more popular than in Japan, where it is considered a national sport, says the New York Journal. Possessed of wonderful strength, the Japanese athletes are famous for their physical manhood. They follow the sport from childhood, and there are few in the country of the Mikado who cannot handle themselves cleverly on the mats. So it is a case of leg and log, and which are held together by powerful muscles. The athletes are the only big things in Japan, everything else being small in comparison. They certainly are large, the most famous ones being perfect mountains of flesh. But they are usually so thin and so light in weight that there is no suggestion of weight or clumsiness. Just what these fellows look like can be imagined when it is known that the present champion of the empire is about 7 feet in height and weighs 300 pounds. His name is Yokokawa, and he is 29 years of age. The pride of the Japanese wrestlers is that they are born to their profession. They say their gigantic bodies are a gift from heaven. The position of wrestler in Japan has always been high, skilled strength being looked upon with great respect. At the championship tournaments only the best wrestlers in the empire enter. Sometimes they number 20, and there is as much enthusiasm during the progress of a match as there is in this country at a football game.

CYCLISTS ORGANIZE.

A most powerful cycling organization has been formed in New York City. It is to be known as the International Cyclists' Union, and will have absolute control of all wheeling organizations in the world. The formation of this union was membership to the National Cycling Association of the Australian Cycling Council, which includes organizations in control of cycling in the various colonies of Australia. The National Cycling Union of Great Britain is already in the great organization. With the enrollment of the body the victory of the International Cyclists' Union was complete. The annual meeting of the union will be held in Paris in March.

WRESTLING NOTES.

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likelihood that the meet will be held. Harry S. Brooks of Yale, who was chairman of the arrangement committee, in charge of the match last year, said recently:

"It is in order that a match between the athletes of Harvard and Yale and Oxford and Cambridge should take place next season at the Queen's Club, London, and doubtless when the proper time arrives there will be no trouble in arranging the details. I see no reason why such a contest should not take place in 1903. Personally I have not been asked to make any move in the matter as yet, nor am I aware that anything has been done officially at New Haven or Cambridge. What has been printed in the newspapers is simply rumor and nothing more. Probably later on there will be a meeting of the Yale and Harvard representatives, and not until then will there be any definite news about the contest."

The first match between Yale-Harvard and Oxford-Cambridge took place in 1899 in London, and it was then understood there should be a contest every two years, alternating between New York and London. In the first match the Americans were defeated by the Englishmen, but when the Englishmen came here they were beaten at the Berkeley track. It is a case of leg and log, and this fact alone should make the contest next year of great interest to the athletic world at large.

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