

# LATEST TRENDS IN SPORTING CIRCLES

## JIMMY BRITT TO MEET PARKER

### San Francisco's Star to Battle Again.

#### "Young" Corbett and Benny Yanger Have Been Matched for a 20-Round Go.

#### CHESSE ON THE OCEAN.

The latest form of improved sport was recently introduced on ocean steamers in the shape of a chess match by wireless telegraph. The two vessels, the Philadelphia and Lucania, got into communication last Friday and a challenge was hastily transmitted by the Lucania. Chess players on the Philadelphia accepted and a game was soon in progress. Moves were passed to and fro and the greatest interest prevailed. The players were surrounded by the passengers and as the members of the Lucania's team won the game, cheer after cheer resounded for Marconi and his invention.

#### (Journal Special Service.)

OAKLAND, Jan. 21.—Jimmy Britt of San Francisco and "Kid" Parker of Denver will meet before the Reliance Club of this city in the early part of February. The contest will be of 15 rounds duration, winner to take all, the title of lightweight champion of the Pacific Coast being involved. During Britt's brief theatrical engagement in San Jose an incident came to light wherein Britt evinced the true spirit of chivalry. A burly local ruffian insulted two ladies of the company during Britt's absence and then waited on the management as to starting the specified four rounds with the San Francisco favorite. When the embryo candidate for fistic honors donned the gloves with Britt, the latter lost no time with the candidate for fistic honors, knocking him out in the first round.

"Soldier" Tom Wilson, Fitzsimmons' ex-sparling partner, having received his discharge from the army, proposes to enter the lists against any of California's heavyweights. Sam McFay (colored) the Southern California boxer and "Kid" Carter will be the attraction at the Oakland, Cal. Reliance Club middle of February. Fifteen rounds will be the distance.

Jimmy Kelly, the trainer and manager of Andrew Tokel, the English bantam fistic champion, who is now in this country, says that during his recent visit to England he talked with George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler. "He is certainly a wonder," said Kelly yesterday, "and when he comes here he will make a big hit. Any time he secures would visit New York some time next month. He is the best-developed athlete in the world, in my opinion. Although not a clever wrestler, he keeps on winning just the same. He defeats his men by sheer strength. Any time he secures a hammer lock on you've either got to go down or suffer a broken arm. The women wrestlers in London are all the rage."

George Gardner has deposited \$500 in Boston to bid a match with Jack O'Brien or Tommy Ryan at 162 pounds for six rounds, middleweight championship of the world. However, the correct weight is 155 pounds.

Two more fighters who retired from the ring some time ago have decided to re-enter it. The men are Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," who has already fought 637 battles, and Sammy Kelly, the crack featherweight boxer, who has just returned from England, where he had his collar bone broken in a fight with Will Curley, the English boxer.

"Young Peter Jackson" knows "Jack" Munroe, the fighter who made it so hot for Champion Jeffries in an exhibition bout on December 20. Jackson said recently: "I became acquainted with Munroe about three years ago, when he was training 'Jack' O'Brien to box me at San Francisco. Munroe was an amateur at that time and was the good, strong, husky fellow, with little science. He was a football player and was attending school. Before that time I had seen him knock out a man before the Olympic Club in an amateur tournament. He won the amateur heavyweight championship that night. His bouts showed only rough-and-tumble work, but they were all short and in his favor. Nobody could stand before him."

After he had helped O'Brien train he boxed 'Hank' Griffin 20 rounds and lost. That was at Watsonville. I do not regard Munroe's practical defeat of Jeffries as a "fluke," but always did believe that Munroe would make a top-notch fighter. He is young yet, for he cannot be over 24 years of age. I would probably be afraid to meet him, and I would probably get a match with him when he comes East."

#### Bout Has Been Arranged.

(Journal Special Service.) CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The offer of the fosemitle Club of San Francisco for a 10-round contest between Benny Yanger and Young Corbett has been accepted by John Herz, Corbett's representative, who has posted \$1,000 and declared that he would allow Corbett to make all conditions of the match. The weight is set at 130 pounds at ringside. A side bet of \$2,500 is offered.

Commissioner on California Races Accepted at Portland Club Cafe, 120 Fifth Street. Direct wires from tracks.

## PILLSBURY TO PLAY LASKER



New York, Jan. 17.—Chess enthusiasts are striving hard to effect a series of matches between Pillsbury, the American champion, and Lasker, the world famous European expert, to definitely decide who is the master. At present there are several difficulties in the way of the contest but it is believed that these can be removed. The above authentic snapshot posed while both celebrities were in New York, is the only photograph in the world showing the two great chess champions seated at one table in an individual game.

## NEW YORK A. C. ANNUAL REPORT

### Splendid Showing Made by Gotham's Great Athletic Club.

The annual report of the New York Athletic Club was mailed to the members last week and every man who went to the club house to cast a vote for the incoming and unopposed board of officers had a pretty clear idea of the splendid work performed by last year's administration under President John E. Van Wormer. This report shows that the financial affairs of the organization are conducted on an irreproachable plan. In the main sheet are included reports of the board of governors, athletic, athletic committee and captain.

The reports show that the year just past has been a prosperous one. The gross cash receipts were \$666,682.90, and net receipts, \$347,954.54. Against this total expenditures of the city house and Travers Island amounted to \$298,118.18, exclusive of furnishings in both places, leaving a profit of \$58,536.36. In this connection 10 per cent, \$18,061.10, of the amount of annual dues was charged off on account of depreciation.

From initiation fees the receipts were \$51,150, and this deducted from \$58,536.36 leaves \$7,386.36, an excess showing that the club could be satisfactorily conducted on a basis of \$5 for first, 3 for second and 1 for third, are as follows:

- M. L. Hurley, 302; W. W. Swan, 177; T. Billington, 169; A. Y. Sarony, 109; P. J. Walsh, 92; H. F. McDonald, 70; F. A. Senck, 69; Le Roy Bee, 59; C. Ruberli, 46; E. Kitching, Jr., 46; A. Grant, 40; A. L. Newton, 38; F. M. Sears, 35; G. C. Wood, 33; D. S. Horton, 31; Otto Wahle, 30; R. Sheldon, 25; F. Rickett, 24; A. G. Anderson, 23; E. F. Adams, 23; H. A. Seelye, Jr., 22; H. P. Smith, 21; R. K. Baxter, 20; William Mayne, 20; W. R. Orthwein, 20; A. A. Jackson, 19; C. Beecroft, 16; H. M. V. Connelly, 16; S. S. Jones, 15; F. R. Moulton, 15; J. E. Peters, 15; R. H. Hatfield, 13; E. L. Zimm, 13; G. G. Bothner, 11; H. Welsing, 10; P. H. Pilgrim, 9; W. E. Dickey, 9; L. E. J. Feuerbeck, 9; Ray C. Ewry, 9; J. Miller, 8; J. R. Andersen, 8; H. E. Warren, 8; J. S. Spraker, 8; G. Weising, 8; B. C. Reimer, 8; J. M. Cunningham, 8; Klingelhoff, J. Y. Arnold, T. M. Clute, C. W. Booth, J. M. Ereen, E. T. Lyons, E. Martin, Jr., L. H. Legren, J. H. Bell, H. E. Toussaint, D. J. Singer, Dr. G. M. Hammond, E. E. C. Cunningham, A. E. Cochran, W. G. Wood, F. Martin, G. Smith, D. G. Smyth, P. H. McMeekin, Jr., and W. T. Heintz. Three points each were made by E. C. Perry and G. P. Berlek, T. C. Beck, made 2, and T. J. Eschewerria and C. Van Cleef 1 each.

#### AMATEURS UPHELD.

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#### FOR PROPRIETY'S SAKE.

There is a small war in progress at the High School at Berkeley, Cal., all on account of the selfishness of the staid pedagogues who compose the local faculty at that cultured institution of learning. The facts, as far as can be ascertained, do not warrant in the slightest degree, the position assumed by the professors. The story of the strife runs thus: The girls' basketball team has been practicing daily for their coming contest with the Alameda High School team. In accordance with the wishes of the male members of the faculty the girls went through their athletic preparations without the aid of their tutors, appreciating the interest that their instructors were manifesting in them and the sport which they represented. The field, upon which they worked was so small that they could not handle themselves in the manner prescribed by hygienic authorities, although the only comfort left fanatics is to sit by the winter fire and ponder over the outlook for the campaign looming ahead.

There is also comfort every now and then to turn back the leaves of Father Time and ponder over seasons that have slid down the abyss into the region of forgetfulness.

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#### All Dogs Have Their Day.

(Journal Special Service.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 21.—The aristocracy of the dog kingdom was on view in Infantry Hall today on the occasion of the opening of the fifth annual show of the Rhode Island Kennel Club. The Providence exhibition is the first of that kind shows in the year, and always attracts exhibits of a high class. This year the entries are more than usually numerous and include prize-winning dogs from many of the most famous kennels of this country and Canada. Prominent among the exhibits this year are the prize bulls from the Earlington kennels, famous dogs of various breeds from the Long Leasdown kennels of Philadelphia, the number of fox terriers, bulls and Russian wolf hounds belonging to Mrs. Richard Harding Davis. William C. Rockefeller is also among the exhibitors. Judging of the exhibits commenced today and will continue until the show comes to a close next Saturday night.

#### Corbett and McGovern.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Young Corbett and Elmer H. Clark were now under consideration an offer from the Seituato Athletic Club of Seituato, R. I., as to their meeting under its auspices in a 30-round contest, the title of featherweight championship of the world being at issue. A purse of \$10,000 has been offered, but McGovern and Corbett have asked for percentage terms. The club's answer is expected before next Saturday.

## GOOD STORIES OF OTHER DAYS

### Baseball Yarns That Recall Stars of the Diamond.

Now that the chill of winter is in the house and the marrow of fandom and southern diamonds are covered with snow or hidden from view with the rubbish of the earth scattered far and near by the stirring blasts of Boreas about the city, fans are looking for a good story to read by the winter fire and ponder over the outlook for the campaign looming ahead.

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#### Interest in Sports Has Deteriorated in the Hub.

"The rise and fall of Boston in the athletic world" is the topic of conversation in the Hub, and the talk is full of jammers in that city. They are bemoaning the deterioration of the Hub as the center of athletic activity, and point with sorrow to the fact that although several years ago Boston was ahead of New York in this respect, she is now a mere selling plater.

One solution of the problem which confronts the athletes seems to be that there are now in the city in which the runners, the jumpers and the weight throwers can heartily enter. A meet once a week was a fixture a few years ago, but last summer there were perhaps half a dozen, and the biggest of them for professionals.

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## PRESIDENT LUCAS IS IN TOWN

### Northwest League Magnate Talks Baseball.

#### Says That His Team is Here to Stay and Will Give Portland Fine Baseball.

#### THE LAST OF MERCER.

Winnie Mercer, the once great baseball pitcher, is now dead and buried. Probably the last mention of his name occurred last Sunday in San Francisco, when the All-American and National Baseball Teams played a game. Mercer, who was awarded to his grief-stricken mother, set this contest were many who played with Mercer, and several thousand who had often witnessed and applauded his prowess. There was a great applause for the living, a vagrant thought, perhaps a tear, for the dead. How soon the greatest pass from daily memory!

#### (Journal Special Service.)

CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—The meeting of the National Baseball League held in this city Monday adjourned without having reached any definite conclusion on the territorial question, the league failing to accept the proposed peace agreement. Even if there had been no injunction issued in anticipation of ratification, it is doubtful whether the result would have been different. President Pulliam held a conference with Eastern and Western representatives and had before him an opinion from Attorneys Outcall and Foraker as to what could be done while the injunction was over them, and it was on the advice of counsel that the league went into committee of the whole to discuss the situation, rather than to take any decisive action. During the evening recess president counsel in Philadelphia was engaged by wire for the hearing of the injunction cases on Wednesday, and this fact has not yielded to persuasion to drop the cases.

The night session was devoted to considering the joint peace agreement and the vote stood six to two on a motion to accept the agreement. The New York and Brooklyn clubs said they were not opposed to these sections, except that they were interwoven in a compact to which they were opposed, as a whole. President Pulliam and Dreyfus of Pittsburgh are the only ones who will go to Philadelphia to attend the injunction hearing in court tomorrow.

#### Game and Fish Clubs Meet.

(Journal Special Service.) OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 21.—The North American Fish and Game Protective Association began its annual meeting here today and will continue in session through the rest of the week. As its name implies, the purpose of the association is to promote legislative action for the better protection of fish and game. Delegates are in attendance from all over Canada and from parts of the United States between Maine and Illinois.

#### Gans' Busy Week.

Joe Gans, the colored lightweight, who is now recognized as the best man in that division, after several weeks of idleness, got busy again last week. He fought Charley Sieger, formerly "Young" Corbett's partner, in Boston, and although Gans clearly outpointed his man, it was called a draw. From Boston, Gans went to New Britain, Conn., where he chased Gus Gardner around the ring until the referee and spectators became tired of looking at the spectacle. The man of Gans' name was stopped, and Gans awarded the decision. Sieger, Gans' first opponent, is regarded as a tough customer, but that's about all that can be said for him. He is hard to knock out, but is not in the same class with the man of Gans' name. Gans (Gardner) should know by this time that he has no business with Gans. He had better take heed before he gets hurt.

Kid McCoy evidently intends to fight again, despite his repeated assertions that he intended to retire from the ring. McCoy's manager has posted a check in New York representing \$2,500 as a forfeit. The money was accompanied with a challenge especially aimed at Jack Munroe. McCoy says if Munroe sidesteps then Jeffries or Fitzsimmons will do.

George Dixon has evidently caught on in earnest in England. On Saturday Jimmy Kelly received a letter from Dixon to the effect that the former featherweight champion has arranged a number of engagements at the music halls and in the ring. Kelly declares that Dixon is well thought of in England and can make plenty of money if he takes care of himself.

Con O'Leary, the man with the terrible appetit, has been matched to meet Artie Holmes before the Milwaukee Athletic Club, January 29. Holmes is training at Barnickel's gymnasium, and O'Leary is working out at Paddy Dorrell's place. Con says he would like to meet Young Mahoney of Sheboygan after he disposes of Holmes.

## CLAIMS ANDREWS IS NO THIEF

### Letter Received in Morning Explaining Relations With Garrett.

In refutation of the statement made by President Lucas, to the effect that Jay Andrews, former third baseman and manager of the Tacoma team, was a thief, the following letter was received this morning from Mr. Andrews explanatory of his connection with W. V. Garrett of the Spokane Club: "Mr. Lucas' statement that I am indebted in any way to the Spokane Club is absolutely untrue. At the commencement of the season, I received from W. V. Garrett, its owner, \$400. Before I signed with Portland, I sent by registered letter to him at Spokane the sum named, less \$214, which amount I incurred as legitimate expenses on my trip to California in signing up a team for Spokane."

#### Defeat Will Please Them.

If F. C. Titus, the oarsman, is ever beaten in a single scull race, nothing could be done which will be ever more pleasing to the members of the Young Men's Gymnastic Club of New Orleans, which first brought the champion into prominence. The club has long been trying to get a man to beat him. Its members claim that, after sending Titus all day before the races and had in regular, he threw them down. That is the reason for their avowed determination to get even. In Ferdinand Demourelle the club believes it has the man who will lower Titus' colors this year, and if the champion takes part in races Demourelle will be on hand to row against him. The club's new champion is training hard under the eye of James Ten Eyck, the old champion oarsman. In preparation for the coming season, and it is said that if he meets Titus he will surely defeat him.

Demourelle was sent to the National Regatta two years ago to row, but fell ill a day before the races and had withdrawn. Titus won. Then last year he was sent to the Harlem Regatta, but

## THE GREAT TRIUMPHATE

### NO AGREEMENT

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the six furlongs handicap. Track fank weather cloudy. Results: Futurity course, selling—Evanover won, Jim Gore II second, Edinburgh third; time, 1:11 1/4. Mile and a furlong, selling—Sleeping Child won, St. Server second, Boney Lisack third; time, 1:54 3/5. One mile, selling—Lena won, Sir Hampton second, Rosario third; time, 1:54 3/4.

Six furlongs, handicap—Kenilworth won, Money Muss second, Sylvia Talbot third; time, 1:13. One mile and an eighth, selling—Kate Walcott won, Ultras second, Kitty Kelly third; time, 1:34 1/4. Seven furlongs, selling—Eplure won, Reina second, Clausus third; time, 1:27 3/4.

#### Fast Going at Oakland.

(Journal Special Service.) OAKLAND, Jan. 21.—Jockey Burns received a splendid ovation for his clever ride on Kenilworth yesterday, winning



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