

LATEST NEWS IN BOXING, BILLIARDS AND OTHER SPORTS

HELena SPORTS GETTING BUSY

Gibbs-Lafontise Bout Attracting Attention.

Current News and Chatter Heard Among Those Who Are Interested in Sport.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 21.—The chief interest in Montana sporting circles nowadays is centered in the coming 20-round go between Mose Lafontise, champion welterweight of the state, and "Young" Gibbs, colored, of Cleveland, O., which is scheduled to be pulled off at Butte February 28.

Lafontise has a new idea about training, and the outcome of this is awaited with much interest. "I can train any old way," said he to a Journal representative, "and weigh in under 146 pounds. The trouble with most fighters is that they make the mistake of getting down to too fine a point.

They dry themselves out, which process consists in taking absolutely no water in order to reduce the weight. Of course, the result is that if they weigh in stipulated, but if the weight is a convenient one it is a great mistake to go against Nature's laws.

February has been a pretty quiet month in Montana baseball circles. All eyes are on Portland and Seattle, where the real battle of the two leagues will occur—it being a conceded fact that both leagues will have teams in those two cities. Sammy Vigneaux has many warm friends in Helena.

Flannery is not as yet ready to announce the personnel of his team, but it will be forthcoming shortly. The final deals being on the verge of consummation. Suffice to say that he has gathered a collection of splendid men. Among those who are sure to be here will be Flannery, Peoples, Thompson and Shaffer of last year's team; Arthur Putnam, a six-foot-four southpaw whom Flannery found in Cincinnati; Fred Carisch, a pitcher, and George Carisch, left hander, a catcher, will probably also be with Helena. Denver is putting up a hot fight for the catcher's services, but Flannery expects to win out.

John McCloskey, manager of the Buttes, has not conceded Ward to Higgins, and says that while he may open the season with Portland he will report in Butte for the opening of the Northwest season. He has reserved the remainder of his pennant-winning team and expects a new pitcher or two.

Ingleside Accidents. (Journal Special Service.) S. FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The stepladder handicap was the occasion for a number of accidents at Ingleside yesterday. At the first jump Discovery, Rainer and Be Happy fell, while Duke of York, the best choice, was crowded over the wing. Corrigio fell at the eighth jump. The race was practically between Mike Rice, the favorite, and Dragger, the first-named winning handily. Imperious, the other contestant, fell at the last jump, but the boy remounted and took third money. McCarthy, who rode choice, was unconscious for some time, but is not seriously hurt.

Bear Catcher won the 2-year-old race at four furlongs in the fast time of 48 seconds, beating Toledo and Rapid Water. Only one favorite won. The weather was fine and the track fast.

Future course, selling—Tommye Knight won, Puss-in-Boots second, Acton third; time, 1:22 3/4. Seven furlongs, selling—David S. won, El Fosse second, Lone Fisherman third; time, 1:25 1/2.

Four furlongs, purse—Bear Catcher won, Toledo second, Rapid Water third; time, 0:48. Stepladder, handicap, short course—Mike Rice won, Dagmar second, Imperious third; time, 3:37. Six furlongs, handicap—Sad Sam won, Honiton second, Glendinning third; time, 1:15 1/2.

One mile and 50 yards, selling—Gold One won, Oriana second, Urchin third; time, 1:45. Six Day Race. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—The six-day go-as-you-please race which starts at midnight tomorrow night in Industrial Hall will have more prominent starters than ever competed in any other race of the kind in this country. Pat Dineen, who won the championship title last year, heads the list and other well known pedestrians who are entered are Len Hurst, the champion of England, John Glick, Tom Howarth, George Cartwright, Shelton, the colored champion, Lon Tice of Pittsburg, George Tracy, Pete Heigelman and Davis, the Indian champion.

Waterloo Coursing Event. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—The Waterloo cup coursing event at Alticar was captured by Father Flint, owned by J. H. Bisby. Sixty-four dogs were entered.

Herdman Resigns. Northwest Athletic Commissioner H. H. Herdman, Jr., of the Pacific Athletic Association, has tendered his resignation.

INTERESTING TO HORSE FANCIERS

Short Paragraphs Concerning Recent Doings of Horses.

G. G. Stead, the new Zealand turfman, recently at Auckland, with his two-year-old colt King Log, captured the Great Northern Stakes from seven others. His four-year-old Stage Gun (by Hotchkiss—Frailty) won the Auckland Cup of 1500 guineas, and later in the afternoon his colt, Orloff, won the 400 guineas handicap. On the concluding day of the meeting King Log captured the Royal Stakes of 500 guineas.

Kinglock, an Australian horse, by Lochiel—Lady Kimbrough, won the New Year's gift, one mile, at Sydney, in 1:39 3/4, with 146 pounds up—this after being nearly last in a big field at the three-furlong post. This is said to be the fastest ever run at the weights over any track.

Frank ("Tip") Leigh, brother to "Gene," the American trainer, who is training for Frank Gardner in England, has been engaged to train Milton Young's race horses this season. At one time during the halcyon days of the Guttenburg track "Tip" rode a number of winners for his brother.

Six high-class horses compose the nucleus of John A. Drake's racing stable now wintering at Nashville, Tenn. They are Wyeth, winner of the American Derby last year; South Trimble, Run-

SPORTING NEWS FROM SEATTLE

Students and Faculty Clash at University

Racing, Boxing and Athletic Gossip Arranged Interestingly for Journal Readers.

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 21.—The all-absorbing topic in sporting circles of the University of Washington, is the battle between Will T. Laube and Edgar Wright for the position of graduate athletic manager. The student body is lined up solidly for Wright and the faculty for Laube. The fight has grown to such proportions that an open row is the result. It has long been the custom of the University to allow the student body to choose the manager. Such a rivalry for the position came up this year after the student body in open convention made nominations for the position, that

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JOHN P. MARSHALL, President of the Portland Baseball Club.

The faculty met and appointed Laube the students declare that they will not stand for it, and unless the matter is straightened out in some way, some of the best baseball and football players are school threaten to withdraw. This would cripple the university interests. This week the students had it framed up to meet and hold a regular election, despite the action of the faculty, and let the students decide whether Laube or Wright should be manager. President Kane stepped in and at his request the election appointed for next Monday has been put over one week. However, an indignation meeting has been arranged, when steps will be taken by the students to force the faculty to allow their rights. If that cannot be secured, athletic leaders will be induced to drop out and practically kill college sports in Seattle. The faculty retaliates by threatening to expel the leaders in the rebellion if an end is not soon reached. The students are led in their fight by Donald McDonald, Joe Wright and Ed Hansen, best known athletes of the school. If the students decide to force the election upon the faculty, all kinds of trouble may be expected.

Racing Program. The program for the summer racing meet to be held in Seattle from June 6 to July 4, inclusive, has been completed and some fine races are promised. Many entries of Portland horses will be made, and racing men of that city are already being interested in the big show. There will be nothing but running horses. It was decided to bar harness animals, and make this meet strictly a running race affair. Butte may not have exclusive running races this summer. A. T. Van Deventer, manager of local racing, says he expects there will be 600 head of horses here. Five liberal purses will be offered every day. The rules will be the same as those used by the California Jockey Club, which the North Pacific Fair Association has adopted. Entries for all stakes will close on May 1. Among the big stakes are the following:

The opening handicap—\$600, one mile; Saturday, June 6. The King County selling stakes—\$600, six furlongs; Wednesday, June 10. The Seattle Derby—\$1,200, one mile and one quarter; Saturday, June 12. The Ladies' Plate—\$500, five furlongs; Wednesday, June 17. The Inturban Handicap—\$600, seven furlongs; Saturday, June 20. The Kindergarten Handicap—\$400, four and one-half furlongs; Wednesday, June 24. The Club Members Handicap—\$500, one mile and one eighth; Saturday, June 27. The Seattle Hurdle Stakes—\$600, one mile and three furlongs; Wednesday, July 1. The Celebration Handicap—\$1,000, one mile and one quarter; Saturday, July 4.

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THE PORTLAND BROWNS.

The Portland Browns, of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, a powerful and capable organization, which has been in the city during the coming season, will leave for San Jose Monday evening at 8:30. The team will be under the supervision of Sammy Vigneaux, the popular and well-known performer, who has been in the Portland team for two years. President John P. Marshall will leave Sunday night for San Jose, where he will make the arrangements for the coming of the Browns. From all indications, Portland is going to be represented by a first-class ball team, and The Journal congratulates the officers of the club upon the excellent array of talent they have succeeded in gathering together, to promote the great American sport in this city. Let the Browns make a good start in the pennant race, and get so far in the lead that they will never be passed in the struggle.

There is much talk of establishing a new racing circuit, including the cities of Astoria, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Butte and Lewiston, for the purpose of running races entirely. The proposed new circuit will in no way be connected with the North Pacific Fair Association circuit.

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Enjoy Their Sports as Much as We.

Sons of the Great Chiefs Are Clever and Active in Pursuit of Outdoor Exercise.

Among the Omaha Indians, now settled on a reservation in Nebraska, the children play games which are as popular with them as football, baseball and basketball are among white children. The games are played in the same manner as they have been for centuries. One is called Manciniant. The boys take tall sticks of red willow in their hands, and standing in a line, throw them so that they shall strike the ground at an acute angle and bounce off. The wind catches the sticks and carries them to a considerable distance, and the boy whose stick goes the farthest wins the game. Sometimes the boys divide into teams and the team whose sticks go the greatest average distance wins. The boys become very expert at throwing the sticks and sometimes will send them surprising long distances, especially when the game is played in winter, and the sticks are thrown on the frozen crusts of snow which cover the prairie. In winter they sometimes play this game with a peculiar stick having a thick projection at one end and the boy whose stick goes the shortest distance is hit on the head by its companion, though not hard enough to hurt him. In summer the boys are fond of diving in the river to see who can swim the farthest under water. Before diving a boy puts a handful of grass in his mouth and as he swims along under the water he blows through it, causing bubbles to rise to the surface, by which his course can be traced. The boy who goes the longest distance is privileged to strike with wet cloth the boy who goes the shortest.

Play in the Mud. The little Indians delight to play in the mud as much as if they were white children, and making mud wigwags is a favorite amusement with the boys. The girls used to make dolls out of sticks, but of late they have taken to making rag dolls instead, which shows an advance in civilization. What white children call rag dolls is much played by the little Omahas. They tag each other, instead of crying "You're it," they shout "Gitecan," which means "So far."

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BASEBALL WISDOM.

During the past several months a baseball war has been in progress in the principal cities of the Northwest. This controversy was not relished in any way by the lovers of the game, and had it continued, it would have been instrumental in injuring baseball in this city. No matter what dispute caused the silly turmoil, there was no reason why the principals of certain organizations rushed into print on the most trivial pretext, and vomited forth their personal abuses upon those who have seen fit to be their opponents. Baseball is a game and must be gentlemanly, any deviation from the principle of gentlemanly courtesy will be frowned upon by the patrons of baseball teams. A cause, however just, will be surely lost, when its supporters resort to malicious backbitings. Portland wants a first-class ball team, not a debating club of blatant blowers.

BOWLING MEN AT TOURNEY

Great Gathering at Indianapolis for Tenpin Championship.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 21.—Tenpin players from all over the country are gathering in Indianapolis to take part in the bowling championship of the United States, which begins in Tomlinson Hall Monday, to continue all week from Toledo, St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbus, Des Moines, Erie, Pa., Louisville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Chicago, New York and numerous other places. The allies men are swimming in to compete for the hat most of the time, but he has two strong substitutes in Farmer and Rockwell, both of the football team. Three good new pitchers have been found in the persons of Jackson, from Exeter School; King, from Hotchkiss School, and Bowman, the football fullback, who formerly pitched in the Hill School nine. Fatten, one of Yale's best pitchers, who injured his arm last season, is in first class shape again, and will be relied on for most of the pitching. Besides the encouraging feature of good material to count on, there is another aspect to this year's season at Yale which is encouraging, and that is the acquisition of a professional coach. Dr. William H. Murphy, an old Elly pitcher, and a brother of "Mike" Murphy, the Yale trainer, will be at New Haven to coach the baseball men throughout the entire season. This is an advantage that Yale has never enjoyed before, and a corresponding improvement is expected in the team's play.

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Southern League Meets.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 21.—The members of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs met here today and discussed the final arrangements for the coming season. Chairman M. J. Finn of the schedule committee, presented a schedule providing for the season to open April 2, and close September 29, with practically the same number of games as last year. The managers and owners of the various clubs embraced in the circuit are pleased with the outlook and predict the most successful season since organized baseball was introduced in the South.

Tennis Challenge

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The English Lawn Tennis Association, through Secretary McBurn, has forwarded a challenge to America for the international championship.

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

BASEBALL AT BIG COLLEGES

Spring Practices Have Just Begun.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Georgetown Have Nines of Excellent Players.

Baseball is now the main interest at the big colleges, for the large universities have either begun baseball practice or are just about to do so. Plans for the year and the season's schedules have in most cases been placed on foot. From now on all efforts will be devoted to developing first-class teams. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania are those in which work on the diamond is the center of athletic interest just at present. Yale baseball begins this week with last year's first base, on third, and pitcher, Guernsey, third base, and Washington, right field, were the only players to be graduated last season. There are, however, half a dozen good new men to take their places. To replace Chittenden, last year's first base, on third, and allowing Hasenwinkle or Littlefield to occupy first, Metcalf can be relied on to cover second, while Miller, of last season, and O'Brien, from Andover, are the logical candidates for shortstop.

Out in the field the most promising men seem to be Cote, Cornwall, Barnwell and White, Winslow, the captain, will be behind the bat most of the time, but he has two strong substitutes in Farmer and Rockwell, both of the football team. Three good new pitchers have been found in the persons of Jackson, from Exeter School; King, from Hotchkiss School, and Bowman, the football fullback, who formerly pitched in the Hill School nine. Fatten, one of Yale's best pitchers, who injured his arm last season, is in first class shape again, and will be relied on for most of the pitching. Besides the encouraging feature of good material to count on, there is another aspect to this year's season at Yale which is encouraging, and that is the acquisition of a professional coach. Dr. William H. Murphy, an old Elly pitcher, and a brother of "Mike" Murphy, the Yale trainer, will be at New Haven to coach the baseball men throughout the entire season. This is an advantage that Yale has never enjoyed before, and a corresponding improvement is expected in the team's play.

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