

Baseball Season Ends Today

Britt and Corbett May Meet Next Month —With the Sportsmen—Naughton is Full of Boxing Gossip — Racing and Boxing.

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WHY DO SPORTSMEN DESPISE MUD HENS

Many Killed Every Year but Are Not Thought Fit to Eat.

WHEN STEWED MAKES A DELICIOUS SOUP

Its Proper Name is Moor Hen and is Found Along the Columbia.

Along the bottomlands of the Columbia there is during the fall and winter months always a large crop of a native water fowl that is a most delicious article for the table when properly prepared. Strange to relate, however, this bird, although harmless in its habits, enjoys the hatred of most local duck hunters. It is hard to explain this unreasonable dislike and almost unanimous declaration to wage a war of extermination (leaving the dead to rot where they drop), unless it be their absolute ignorance of its rare value as an article of food. The name "mud hen," by which every one knows the bird throughout the Pacific states is entirely misleading—and, although the origin of the application is unknown it must have been derived from some totally ignorant source. The "moor hen," or as known in some localities as "water hen," represents a family widely scattered over the world. The American species "G. Galeata," which we have seems to differ very slightly in color of plumage only from those of other countries. It is not a good bird from a sportsman's point of view generally, as when feeding in a locality it will rarely take wing, preferring to use its legs in getting out of gun range thus destroying the exciting pleasure of a wing shot. It is rarely a fish-eater, feeding mainly on the tender tips and seeds of aquatic plants, insects and grains. Its flesh is dark in color and when broiled or roasted is not so palatable as most of the duck family, being somewhat dry; but when stewed or made into a soup, adding a liberal supply of vegetables and a joint or two of oxtail, with other seasoning to taste, there is nothing that will so tickle the palate of the most precocious epicure. Some prefer to stew them in milk, with an addition of such vegetables as onions, carrots, celery and parsley. The birds should be skinned, not plucked, which will remove most of the fat, of which there is nearly always an abundant supply covering the flesh. There is no law protecting the "moor hen" from extermination, and it would be a wise move to have a measure enacted for their preservation.

15 TO 1 SHOT WINS AT OAKLAND TRACK

Dora I., with Holbrook Up, Shows Her Heels to the Sad Talent.

(Journal Special Service.)
Emeryville, Cal., Nov. 26.—Weather cloudy, track fast.
First race, five furlongs, maiden two-year olds, \$400.—The Reprobate (Halgeron), 16 to 5, won; Golden Buck, second; Lillitus, third. Time, 1:01 1/4.
Second race, six and a half furlongs, three-year-old and up, selling, \$400.—Dora I (Holbrook), 15 to 1, won; Mima, second; Adirondack, third. Time, 1:22.
Third race, futurity course, two-year-old, selling, \$400.—Corn Blossom (David), 1 to 2, won; Ara, second; Mogregor, third. Time, 1:11 1/2.
Fourth race, one and an eighth miles, three-year-old and up, handicap, \$600.—Divina (Sheehan), 5 to 1, won; Blue Eyes, second; Toledo, third. Time, 1:53.
Fifth race, six furlongs, three-year-old and up, selling, \$400.—Sir Preston (Davis), 8 to 5, won; Whoa Bill, second; Silent Water, third. Time, 1:13 1/2.
Sixth race, one mile, 3-year-old and up, selling, \$400.—San Nicolas (Davis), 1 to 2, won; Ishlana, second; Eve G., third. Time, 1:40 3/4.

CAPTAIN THORPE OF COLUMBIA

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Nov. 26.—Columbia's football players have elected as captain for next year Thomas J. Thorpe, 1905, science, right tackle of the eleven. Thorpe has played tackle for the past two years. Since he became eligible to play for Columbia he has been a prominent figure in intercollegiate football. In the Cornell contest he is credited with having practically won the game. He is manager of the baseball team for next season.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE CHAMPION

Noted Boxers Declare That John L. Was the World's Greatest.

DEFEAT OF KILRAIN THE BEST OF PROOF

Charley White Says There Was Never Any Doubt on the Subject.

Was John L. Sullivan ever champion of the world? This question has been asked thousands of times. There seems to be some doubt on the subject, some thinking that the mighty John L. was champion only of America. To decide that matter several noted authorities were interviewed on the subject, and herewith are the opinions of Sullivan himself, Corbett and Charley White, the referees:
John L. Sullivan—Look up the dope and note the long list of hard-fought victories dating as far back as 1880. I clinched the championship of the world by licking Kilrain at Richburg, in 1895, and held that title until defeated by "Foxy" Jim at New Orleans, in 1897.
James J. Corbett—Sullivan was world's champion, of course. Some people may say he was not champion, according to the present champions, because they win championships now—days by Queensberry rules. But if you stop to think, back in Sullivan's day

he whipped all the Queensberry rules fighters with gloves in four rounds, and they only fought in his day for the championship by London prize ring rules. I don't think Sullivan would class with Jeffries in his best day, any rules; but Sullivan was champion of all champions 36 years ago.
Charley Mitchell—John L. Sullivan was, without a doubt, the heavyweight champion of the world. Jake Kilrain boxed Jim Smith a long draw, but really beat him. Then Kilrain challenged Smith for another fight, and as Smith declined to fight him within a specified time he forfeited his title to Kilrain. Sullivan defeated Kilrain, and thereafter was the heavyweight champion of the world. I have always said, and still proclaim, that John L. Sullivan was champion of the world.
Charley White—Was John L. Sullivan the heavyweight champion of the world? In my opinion there never was a doubt of his holding this title. Fitziana and the records of Sullivan's battles in the prize ring all go to substantiate his claim. His defeats of the men who were champions of the different countries prove conclusively that he won the world's heavyweight title. For instance: He first won the championship of America from Paddy Ryan. Ryan had defeated Joe Goss, the English champion, and this made Ryan the acknowledged champion of both countries. Sullivan's next fight, which gave him his claim to the title, was his defeat of Charley Mitchell in three rounds, and it is acknowledged by all file critics that Mitchell was the legitimate champion of England and the peer of all English heavyweight fighters.
John L. also defeated Jack Burke in five rounds, who was also considered a champion of England. He also beat Al Greenfield, who was the holder of the English heavyweight belt of England. These three fights, in which Sullivan bested the three champions of England, and his defeat of Paddy Ryan, the champion of America, gave him his title beyond a doubt.
The clinching argument is Sullivan's defeat of Jake Kilrain for the heavyweight championship of the world.

BOTH BOXERS WILL MAKE THE WEIGHT

Corbett and Nelson Will Be in Trim for Tuesday's Battle.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE COMING CONTEST

In all Probability Britt and Corbett Will Meet Next Month for a Go.

(By W. W. Naughton.)
(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)
San Francisco, Nov. 26.—San Francisco will have its monthly pugilistic function next Tuesday night, when Young Corbett and Battling Nelson will try each other's mettle in a 26-round bout. So far no attempt has been made to cast a slur upon the match. The claim has not been made that it is fixed to go a certain way, and that if it should go the other way it is fixed anyhow—for which, while but a small mercy, let us be truly thankful.
As nearly as can be judged, each lad will trip to the firing-line in full possession of his fighting force. Making weight, so far as Nelson is concerned, has been as easy as strolling down hill. The usual scare was started about Corbett's avoirdupois, but the Denver youngster has declared himself in a sensible, business-like way when approached on the subject.
"My name isn't Carnegie," said Corbett. "I'm not giving away my substance yet. I have a \$100 forfeit up for 130 pounds, and there is no fear of the money getting away from me. I've been making weight out here winter after winter, and it appears to me that half the talk has been about the difficulty I am supposed to have in scaling down. I'm always there, and I've never been accused yet of being weak in a fight. I wish they would get a peep at the results, and talk about the price of something."
Corbett states the case correctly. He is always under the specified notch at the weighing-hour, and he never looks wan or weary from over-exercising. He has a hard time keeping his engagements, just the same. It may have been innate laziness that caused him to be caught napping at odd times in the past, but the fact remains that he has had to steam off a few pounds on fight-day more than once. Luckily for him, nature has endowed him with such a physique that he can resort to that kind of thing without seriously impairing his vim.
It may be that Corbett will be pinched to make good in the Fairbanks department this trip, but if so, the chances are the public will not be let into the secret. It is said that when making tests the beamy little fighter juggles the weights himself and does not permit his measurer even to get a peep at the results. This all comes from taking pride in the belief that he is a featherweight, pure and simple. Corbett insists that he could do 125 pounds if there were desperate reasons for it. That he has trouble in reaching 130 occasionally is due to unexpected spells of cold weather, according to Corbett.
Will Make the Weight.
Anyhow, it is safe to leave Corbett alone with his weight. He will get there just as he has done before, and if Nelson takes the big end of the purse it will hardly be because Corbett was weakened by reducing.
I heard a discussion the other day as to how Nelson would act if Corbett began taunting him as he has taunted other opponents while fighting. According to all accounts, the Denverite is a past master at working off irritating allusions in the ring, and he generally contrives to arm himself with information concerning his adversary's weak point before the contest begins.
The general impression among those I heard talking over the matter was that Corbett's badinage will have no more effect on Nelson than it would on a stuffed seal.
"Why, this fellow comes from Copenhagen, where the snow is seven feet deep in summer," said one of the party. "He is cold-blooded, and he is partly deaf as well. It is easy enough to rattle a jerk-in-the-box, like Terry McGovern, with reflections on his courage and references to his nationality, but good stiff punches are the only things that will count with this tow-headed Dane."
Such being the case, instead of pol-

INTERESTING SPORT AT ATHLETIC MEET

Soldiers at Vancouver Barracks Hold Monthly Outdoor Competitions.

FIRST BATTALION WINS WALL SCALING

Nineteenth Infantry Men Scale the Wall in Splendid Time.

(Journal Special Service.)
Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Nov. 26.—About 2,000 people were present at Vancouver barracks today to see the field sports. The most prominent individual athlete was Farr, of I company, Nineteenth infantry, who won both the hurdle race and the 40-yard run. Farr ran in good form, and won both races easily. The mounted wrestling was very exciting. Each battery furnished three contestants mounted back on the artillery horses. The first bout was fought between Cunningham, of the Twenty-sixth battery, and Erwin, of the Eighth battery. The former, downed his opponent after a fierce struggle. Murray, of the Eighth, then threw his opponent of the Twenty-sixth. This made all of the excitement center on the final bout, between Speirs, of the Twenty-sixth, and Ponda, of the Eighth. The struggle was well fought. After about one minute's wrestling Speirs grabbed Ponda's collar and pulled him off. As this was a plain foul, the officials had Ponda mount again, and the contest began once more in dead earnest. After a struggle of about two minutes' duration Speirs dismounted his opponent and the contest went to the Twenty-sixth battery.
The equipment race was won by Townsend, of E company. The great interest was given to the wall scaling contest, carried on under the same rules as last month. Each battalion furnished a team. Lieut. Roderick Dew, with the Second battalion, Nineteenth infantry, was the first to make the attempt. It took them 1 minute, 31 seconds to line up on the other side. Lieut. C. M. Allen then lined the artillery squad up. This squad finished in 1 minute, 9 seconds. Lieut. Evans, Nineteenth infantry, then led the First battalion over in 1 minute, 4-5 seconds. There was a loud cheer when this time was announced. The Third battalion, under Lieut. Ferrell, then tried to beat the First battalion's time, but failed to get over the wall at all. The last man was too heavy for the small man left on top to assist him. Lieut. Evans' men showed system and training and they deserve much credit for the way in which they won the contest.
This is the first time that the artillery has ever failed to win this contest, and their defeat yesterday was perhaps due to the fact that it was necessary at the last minute to put in several new men who had never practiced going over the wall. However, the artillery battalion still holds the championship in this contest, for the time made by the team under Lieut. W. K. Wilson of the artillery corps last month was, as published in the Journal, only 55 4-5 seconds.

JEROME TRIED OF BOXING.

New York, Nov. 26.—District Attorney Jerome, who was a guest at the Hanover Athletic club's smoker recently and saw half a dozen boxing bouts, said today:

ART SIMMS WINS A BOUT.

(Journal Special Service.)
Cleveland, Nov. 26.—Art Simms of Akron and Bert Wing of Cleveland, lightweights, fought 19 rounds before 300 sports in a roadhouse near this city this week. Simms knocked Wing out with a left swing to the jaw after a contest that was pretty even up to the last round. The fight was said to be for a purse of \$500.

PENN 'VARSITY MADE SPLENDID RECORD

On the record Pennsylvania is entitled to the football championship. Not only is the Quaker team the only one which has a clean score of victories, but her goal line has yet to be crossed. It is that easy for her to score. A top kick, made early in the season by Swarthmore. She has beaten Harvard and Columbia of the Big Six. Yale has been beaten by West Point and scored against by Syracuse. Princeton has been beaten by Annapolis and Yale and scored against by Cornell and West Point. Harvard has been beaten by Pennsylvania and Yale and scored against by Holy Cross. Columbia has been beaten by Amherst, Pennsylvania and Yale and scored against by Cornell. Cornell has been beaten by Princeton and Columbia and scored against by Bucknell, F. & M. and Lehigh. While there are few who believe that the Quakers can beat the sons of Eli, on the figures she certainly seems to have a valid claim to the eastern championship. It is a pity that there is no way of deciding by play which is the better team. There is some talk of a game between Pennsylvania and Michigan, the western champions. It is to be feared, however, that the season is too far advanced for such a game to be played. It would be interesting, however, if the eastern and western champions could meet on the gridiron and fight it out for the national championship.

JEROME TRIED OF BOXING.

"I think boxing is one of the finest sports there is, and certainly favor its being made legal again here—of course, under rigid restrictions that would insure it against brutal exhibitions between men not well matched, and all kinds of crookedness that has put such a stigma on the game in the past."
"A boxing commission appointed by the state from a list of well-known competent men, with full power to sanction all matches, license clubs and likewise revoke the same, it seems to me, should be able to keep the sport free from objectionable features."

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