

### FIGHT GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

#### New Yorkers' Views on the Possibility of Arranging a Match Between Britt and White

### O'ROURKE LOOKS AFTER ENGLISHMAN'S INTERESTS

#### An Australian Named Squires May Prove Worthy of a Match With Jeffries.

New York, Feb. 17.—(Special Service.)—Plans for the formation of an intercollegiate wrestling association are being rapidly pushed. J. L. Mason, of the University of Pennsylvania, is engineering the move, and has sent out invitations to Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Princeton to attend the wrestling tournament at Philadelphia in the early part of March, at which most plans will be formulated for such an association. It is very probable that all four colleges will accept the invitation.

The scheme is to have four classes of wrestlers—a lightweight for those under 135 pounds, a middleweight for those from 135 to 155 pounds, a middle-heavy weight for those from 155 to 175 pounds and a heavyweight for those over 175 pounds. A tournament is to be held and a trophy will be given to the college winning the most bouts. Cups will be awarded to those winning first or second place.

Tom O'Rourke, who is looking after White's interests in this country, has received two offers for the fight from clubs in San Francisco. They were in the form of telegrams from "Jimmy" Coffroth and "Al" Greenman, both members of the "White" camp, offering 50 per cent of the gross receipts for a 20-round bout on any date that is agreeable. They also stated they would allow White \$500 for his traveling expenses.

O'Rourke accepted both offers by telegram for White, and called Mitchell that he had done so. As soon as he gets a reply from the matchmakers, he will notify Mitchell to come to this country with White.

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After his fight with Hanlon Attell will go to the coast, where he will endeavor to arrange a fight with Frankie Neil or Dick Hyland.

After 10 years of prohibition in Pittsburg, boxing is to be revived again in that town. Half a dozen clubs have already been organized, some of which will hold weekly bouts.

Three of the best of the local amateur boxers have entered the amateur boxing tournament of the A. A. U. to be held in Boston on March 5, and more are expected to follow suit. The boxers who have already entered are Emory Paine and W. J. Rosenback in the heavy-weight class, and George Mayer, of the St. George Athletic club. The latter will compete in two classes, going in the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions. The country's next month promise to be the best held under A. A. U. auspices.

John Piening is insistent on securing a match with Frank Gotch, "Tom" Jenkins' conqueror. He says he is willing to meet Gotch in either a Graceco-Roman or a mixed-style contest. If the latter sort of a match is agreed upon the style of the first fall is to be decided on by the toss of a coin. Piening thinks he can defeat Gotch, despite the latter's youth and strength.

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### NO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DIVISION

#### Washington Legislature Will Not Cut the State Into Three Divisions.

### COULEE AND BENTON CREATED NEW COUNTIES

#### Plans for Lewis and Clark Building Provide for Erecting Three Wings.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Feb. 17.—Washington has three congressmen elected at large for the state. She will likely make no change in the manner of election for two years at least. The committee on congressional districts, now considering the division of the state into three congressional districts, has agreed for the present at least to allow the bill to rest in peace. No recommendation has been agreed upon and there is a good chance for the bill to die in the hands of the committee.

The west coast members of the committee to divide the state into three congressional districts with Seattle and Tacoma the centers, giving one district to the east side for Spokane and Walla Walla. This might allow the Democrats to elect in the coming year, and also the bill creating Coulee county by dividing Douglas county, one of the extremely large counties of the state. Efforts were made at the session two years ago to bring about the change, but the body refused to alter boundaries of any county. This time it is quite likely that no other changes will be made.

Two New Counties. Two new counties will be created by the legislature of the state of Washington, perhaps next week. The committee on county boundaries has agreed to recommend for passage the bill creating Benton county, by cutting off part of Yakima and Kittitas, making Prosser the county seat, and also the bill creating Coulee county by dividing Douglas county, one of the extremely large counties of the state. Efforts were made at the session two years ago to bring about the change, but the body refused to alter boundaries of any county. This time it is quite likely that no other changes will be made.

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