# TODAY'S INFORMATION IN SPORTDOM

## NAUGHTON WRITES ON THE FIGHTERS

### Squires Is Now on His Way From the Land of the Golden Cross.

### BIG AUSTRALIAN WILL SOON BE IN FRISCO

**California Fight Promoters Are Tumbling Over Themselves in an Effort to Secure the Gans-Nelson Contest.**

Journal Special Service.
Melbourne, Australia, Saturday, March 30.—Naughton, Examiner, San Francisco.—Squires sailed Ventura, 25th.
(Signed) WREN.

The above cablegram received last night sets at rest all doubts as to the Australian champion's movements and intentions. Squires is now on the Pacific ocean journeying to San Francisco, and if there are no further delays should reach here about April 16. Bookmaker Wren has evidently changed his plans about accompanying Squires.

By W. W. Naughton.
(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, April 1.—"They're all noddin', niddin', niddin', noddin'," says an old song. In San Francisco just at present "They're all biddin', biddin', biddin', biddin'," would be apropos of the situation.

The bone of contention is the Gans-Nelson fight, and from the offers made thus far one might think that the pugilistic event is a more promising investment than a gold mine that has proved its worth.

Tex Rickard bid $30,000 for the match with the idea of having it at Ely, Nevada. Eddie Graney thought it was a shame to see such a promising venture and such a splendid spectacle get away from San Francisco and he raised the figure to $35,000. Along came Billy Roche, formerly of Cherry Hill, and now a full-blown native son, who decided that the bout was worth all of $37,000, and who placed $5,000 in the writer's hands to sweeten his bid. Roche thinks that the green fields of Colma would be the best setting for the lightweight championship event, and he purposes making an open-air affair out of it on the afternoon of the Fourth of July if the match comes his way. Roche was followed by Jack Gleason, the baseball man, who offered $40,000 for the contest.

**Rickard Quits.**

When other offers began to roll in Rickard let it be known that he had named his limit; that his first bid was his last. This leaves the field to Graney, Roche and Gleason. Whether they will flourish their checkbooks and continue to bid furiously against each other remains to be seen.

Until there is a reasonable prospect of the fighters agreeing upon the terms of a second contest all this bidding may be regarded as so much by-play. True, the only question at issue just now—thanks to Gans' easy-going method of conceding point after point—is one of weight, but it is in such shape that there is small chance of an agreement.

Two of the men who have made bids for the contest—Rickard and Roche—have let it be known that they will not do business with Billy Nolan. They say that if Nelson cares to entertain their offers he must employ another manager, at any rate for the time being. It may be that the Dane will refuse to depose his manager at the suggestion of the match handlers. Nolan may have rendered himself objectionable to certain sporting men who have to do with fisticuffs, but so far as the financial end of it is concerned he has been a pretty good pilot for Nelson.

**Nolan Should Behave.**

It mightn't be amiss, however, for the Battler to advise Nolan to tame his stubborn pride a wee bit. Nolan is too fond of exclaiming, "What I say I mean," without stopping to consider whether what he says or what he means is fair and sportsmanlike. Through making inordinate demands and refusing to be budged he has earned the sobriquet of Stonewall Nolan and has made himself the most unpopular man in the Queensberry game.

As already said, the present point in dispute between Nolan and Selig, who is in charge of the Joe Gans bureau on the Pacific coast, is the weight. It is a point on which the public is deeply interested and a matter in which the public has rights. Nolan insists that Gans make 133 pounds at the ringside in full fighting regalia. If Gans agrees to such terms the fight will be either a fake or a farce, and as an attraction would not be worth 37 cents, let alone $37,000.

It won't do to say that Gans made the weight at Goldfield. He did it in desperation and he did not know he would be forced to weigh in ring rig until a few days before the fight. He was as lean as a desert coyote when he stalked from his corner clad in his paper slippers and his china silk clout, and the chances are that what stood to him best that September afternoon was the fact that Nelson was also weak at that weight. We all saw the bottle of beef tea that the Battler partook of so eagerly when he stepped from the scales just before the contest began, and I have always thought that Nelson, through the whole of the Goldfield campaign, buoyed himself up with the argument, "I know I'll be weak, but he'll be in a worse pickle still."

After the fight Gans said: "They'll never catch me in a trap like that again."

In the face of this, if Joe begins to act as though he might be induced to knock under to Nolan's stubbornness I for one would be interested to know what any sane, sincere promoter considered the "attraction" worth.

**Hyland and Thompson.**

The go between Dick Hyland and Cyclone Thompson at Dreamland last Tuesday night was a living argument against ringside weighing. The Cyclone—he was as gentle as the south wind that evening—had to fight on an empty stomach and had to step on the machine barebodied and barefooted to save his forfeit. And his fight was in keeping with his efforts to make the weight.

Given a few pounds more or a few hours' respite, Thompson could probably trim Hyland to the queen's taste in a dozen rounds or less. Hyland knows this, and being in a position to dictate, virtually said to Thompson, "I won't fight you unless you come in weak."

It is at a prize fight that man's in humanity to man flourishes in all its pristine glory. The crowd at the Hyland-Thompson affair didn't allow for the fact that the Cyclone had dwindled to a zepher under the rigors imposed by the weight clause of the articles. The one bit of balm for Thompson was that Hyland shared the general condemnation, the pair of them being likened by some of the disappointed to a brace of old women.

Thompson will have a chance, however, to show what he can do at his natural strength, for he has been matched to box George Memsick, otherwise Jimmy Burns, at catch weights at Los Angeles on April 9. At first blush it looks as though the winner of this affair might make a worthy opponent for Gans.

**Britt and Gans.**

We don't hear a word about a Jimmy Britt-Joe Gans battle now. The very latest from one on the inside is that Britt, if he cannot get Nelson, will keep out of the swirl of the ring game for an entire year.

Poor Jack Palmer. It is far cry from Long Acre to Los Angeles and an awful distance to come for a trouncing. What's puzzling some of us is to know what the English lad was traveling on. No matter how big they may talk, most latter day fighters know just about where they fit into the scheme pugilistic, and it certainly looks as though Palmer must have had some inkling in regard to his own class, or lack of it, rather.

Well, it disposes of Palmer and it causes the spot light to dance around Twin Jack's bald pate like the St. Elmo glare around the truck of a storm-tossed ship. And it seems to create a desire for a Mike Schreck-Gunner Moir event if we can only entice the gunner across the pond.

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## BENDAM CAPTURES THE INDOOR SINGLES TROPHY

### Clever Net Work and General Steadiness in Back Court Gives Final Set to Victor.

R. R. Benham is winner of the handicap singles tournament, which has been on at the courts of the Indoor Tennis club during the past month. Yesterday he captured the final round in a four-set match with J. K. Turner, Benham being rated at scratch and Turner at owe 3—6. Three of the sets were exceedingly close and, though the day was dark, the match developed probably the best tennis of the tournament. Benham won by exceptional steadiness in the back court and brilliant work at the net. The score was: 7—5, 6—8, 6—1, 6—4. There will be no more tournaments on the indoor courts this spring.

## BOWLING KNIGHTS GATHER AT TORONTO

(Journal Special Service.)

Toronto, Ont., April 1.—Ten-pin players from many parts of the Dominion, with a number also from Buffalo and other cities across the line, have gathered in this city to take part in the first international tournament of the Canadian Bowlers' association. The association is affiliated with the American Bowling congress and the tournament takes place under the rules of the latter organization. The play is to continue through the week, the games being rolled on 12 new regulation alleys laid especially for the occasion. Two thousand dollars in cash prizes and a number of valuable trophies will be distributed among the winners in the five-men, two-men and individual contests.

## ST. LOUIS AUTOMOBILE SHOW IS NOW OPEN

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Louis, April 1.—A monster parade of motor vehicles was held today to mark the opening of the St. Louis automobile show which is to hold forth all week in the big Jai Alai building. The success of the exhibition is already assured as the exhibitors include all the prominent motor car manufacturers of America and also a number of European firms. Besides the automobiles and auto accessories, there are exhibits of motor boats, motor cycles, motor buggies and motor commercial vehicles.

### Milwaukie Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars at First and Alder.

## REGISTRATION IS FULLY EXPLAINED

### President Sullivan of A. A. U. Makes Known the Ruling Governing Athletes.

### WILL AFFECT KELLY IN HIS CLUB COMPETITIONS

**Kerrigan Writes an Interesting Letter From the Metropolis, Dealing With Amateurs and Full of Information Regarding Rules.**

By H. W. Kerrigan.

New York, March 26.—Now that I have seen the president of the Amateur Athletic union, the interpretation of the new ruling confining all athletes to the one institution for one year has been greatly modified. In truth it has always been the same since the making of it, but it has never been interpreted in its right form of the rule by any of the institutions in the west, or for that matter, in the east as well.

Most every one knows that since the new A. A. U. official handbook was sent out, or perhaps since the annual meeting last November, the new ruling has been raising no end of speculation from the athletes and athletic organizations of the whole country. Particularly has this been noticeable among the members of the northwest association of the A. A. U. It looked for awhile as if some serious outbreak would be the result of the ruling throughout the various organizations comprising the northwest association. The chairmen of these institutions in charge of the outdoor athletic committees began to look for some loophole to escape—the restriction of the news, too rigid amateur athletic ruling that would prevent home athletes who were attending local or outside schools or universities from participating for their own club who had perhaps developed them in their earlier athletic training. They were even going so far as to allow them to compete any way and not say anything in regard to it by falling back on the schools, who in most every case were not members of the Amateur Athletic union or even belonged to an association of the mother body.

**How It Was Done.**

They could have done this, but only to be done as a last resort in case the ruling would not have been modified to some degree. The laws of the Amateur Athletic union could have prevented such a thing if made aware of it before hand, perhaps. But the thing would have been done and would only be taken up afterward by the union. In the meantime the men would have competed for whatever club they belonged to as well as their own institution. Still this fact alone would have disqualified them just the same, only the union perhaps would hesitate before using harsh measures, as the feeling of the northwest athletes is still a bit antagonistic toward the mother body, though why they should be is a question, as, no doubt, the union makes them stronger and gives them more scope to perform and protects them, if need be, against outside competition. The only excuse that the different clubs, using the school athletics, would have is that the schools and colleges of the northwest are not affiliated in any way with the Amateur union, therefore making it difficult for them to take any action at all against the clubs using the athletes. But in the meantime if the athletes were not already registered under the name of whatever club they intended competing for it would be absolutely essential that they do it to enable them to compete. That is the one way they could have gotten around such a ruling in the northwest. But it would have either started an awful fight or an innovation for a new ruling by the mother body if such a move had been made by the clubs. So it is better that they didn't do it.

To insure a more comprehensive understanding of the rule as it should be I had J. E. Sullivan write out an entire explanation detailing in full on the interpretation which he will have sent to the various organizations and colleges. He said that he had already sent some to many organizations.

This is the interpretation in full as made by the president and submitted by the registration committee:

**Interpretation of the Rule.**

"A question having arisen as to whether undergraduates competing in events open only to college students would thereby affect their right to represent the club from which they are registered, the chairman of the national registration committee after consultation with the president and the chairman of the legislation committee hereby advises members of the national registration committee and of the various district registration committees that under construction of the rules to be found at page 136 of the Official Athletic Rules such competition will not affect the undergraduate's right to subsequently represents an athletic club, provided the event is open only to members of the collegiate association.

"College undergraduates who have been registered from their colleges prior to November 19, 1906, shall be immediately notified by their respective registration committees that if they desire to change their registration to entitle them to compete from a club they must do so at once, otherwise if they compete in open meetings from their college they will be unable to change such registration until the expiration of the period. JOHN J. DIXON,
"Chairman National Registration Com."

Just to show how this ruling affected a case of digression we will cite A. C. Gilbert's case and the cause of his being disqualified. It was more through misunderstanding than anything else that Gilbert committed his error. Still the mistake will not prevent his competing for his own college, but will probably keep him from competing for the Multnomah club, providing that his registration is not cut with his collegiate association. But if the registration has expired he will be reinstated immediately by the expiration as explained in the ruling above.

It was during the national indoor championships of the Amateur Athletic union, given in Madison Square garden here, that Gilbert entered for the pole vault from his college—Yale. That was all right if he intended to compete all the time for Yale during the year. It wouldn't keep him out of his own college games. But the idea of his competing in an open meet such as the A. A. U. Nationals representing his own college disqualified him from competing for the rest of his registered year in college in any other open meets. If he had entered, say from his own club, the Multnomah Athletic club in an open meet, it would not affect his standing at all, for the reason he would not be entered as a college man. This is to prevent the college man from outside competition, thereby protecting the college association, and keeps the collegiate under the jurisdiction of the college association proper. So not understanding the rule has kept Gilbert out of open competition for a year from the date of his digression.

**Will Affect Kelly.**

So will this same rule apply to Kelly if he should compete in an open meet such as the Seattle indoor meet, registering from his college.

How it would affect him in not belonging to an intercollegiate association affiliated with the Amateur Athletic association is a question. But the rule would undoubtedly apply just the same as it will apply to all college athletes who should happen to compete under the same conditions.

In the company of some officials in the Amateur Athletic union, Ed Frank and the writer went over last Thursday night to the Metropolitan association's wrestling championships, held at the Boys' club on the east side. This club is made up entirely of Jews. And they have one of the finest athletic organizations on the east side. The affair being an association championship, other members of the union who are not under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan association could not compete. So Mr. Frank, who had intended taking part, was unable to enter the meet.

There were about 70 entries in all the six classes. It took until 12 o'clock in the evening of the first night to run off the preliminaries. The contests started at 8 o'clock Saturday night, finishing the semi-finals and finals.

For every different class they had a different referee, and they ran the bouts off like clock work, although, to tell the truth, the officials were not very good, the best of them. At times they would call a man down when he hadn't touched both shoulders. The bouts, as a rule, were short, the combatants making a rush game of it at all times, not showing any particular science in any of the bouts. In the 125, 145 and 158-pound classes there were one or two men who showed up pretty well. To tell the truth, in all the 125-pound class there was but one man who showed any adeptness at all. He was Macherest of the National Turn Verein of Newark, last year's 125-pound amateur champion of the Nationals. He was very good, but not too good for Frank, who, I think, can win from him. There is only one other man whom he need really fear—Dole from Yale—who may enter. Of course there may be some unknown quantity, but it has not appeared as yet.

## PORTLAND STUDENT ON THE CALIFORNIA CREW

### Francis R. Steele in Line to Make a Rowing Name at Berkeley University.

(Journal Special Service.)

Berkeley, Cal., April 1.—The freshmen crew at Berkeley this spring has among its members a Portland boy who is making good in the position of coxswain of the freshman eight. In the interclass boat races held on the estuary at Oakland a short time ago Francis R. Steele proved to the boat coaches that he was perfectly familiar in directing the proper course to follow and in maneuvering his boat to the best possible advantage. Due to his cool and steady work the 1910 crew was able to give the varsity eight a close and exciting race yesterday afternoon. Except for the fact that he is a freshman in college Steele would undoubtedly be enrolled in the regular varsity crew this season and make his C in the intercollegiate races with Stanford.

Besides being interested in boating at Berkeley this young Portland student led all others in his class at tennis during the first of this semester and was well in line for class champion when he was forced to drop the game and devote all his time to boating.

Another Portland student who recently received honors at the university was R. D. Robinson. At a meeting of the students and stockholders in the California Publishing company held last week Robinson was elected vice president of the company and yesterday his election was ratified by the student affairs committee.

The California Publishing company has control of all student publications at the university and the position carries with in some literary honors.

## COLLEGE GAMES TODAY

(Journal Special Service.)

Princeton vs. Georgetown university at Washington, D. C.

Yale vs. Walbrook Athletic club at Baltimore, Md.

Columbia university vs. University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va.

Lafayette vs. Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Roanoke, Va.

University of Pennsylvania vs. Richmond college at Richmond, Va.

Trinity college vs. Delaware college at Durham, N. C.

Newberry college vs. University of South Carolina at Newberry, S. C.

Davidson college vs. University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Wake Forest college vs. A. & M. at Raleigh, N. C.

Knox college vs. Chicago American league at Galesburg, Ill.

University of Oklahoma vs. Epworth university at Norman, Okla.

## SPORT CALENDAR

Monday—Opening of St. Louis automobile show. Opening of tournament of Canadian Bowlers' association at Toronto. Second week of racing at Benning. Final race meeting of season at New Orleans opens at City Park track.

Tuesday — Capital lacrosse team, champions of Canada, sail for England. Sixteenth annual horse show of the Durland company opens in New York City. Opening of annual international regatta at Monaco. Ten-round bout between "Kid" Ferry and Jack Cardiff at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Wednesday—Opening of two days' horse show at Augusta, Georgia. Opening of annual bench show at Duquesne Kennel club, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Thursday — Wisconsin state high school basketball tournament at Lawrence university, Appleton.

Saturday—Opening of international automobile and sportsmen's show in Montreal. Boat races at Annapolis between crews of naval academy and Georgetown university. Opening of college baseball season in the middle west.

## EAST SIDE CLUB IS READY FOR BUSINESS

### Full Schedule of Classes Will Begin at the New Institution Today.

The East Side Athletic club at Grand avenue and East Morrison street is now ready for opening. The bad weather of the past few weeks has delayed some of the outside work but the interior of the club is all completed. The gymnasium is as fine a room of its kind in the state and every visitor that inspects the club comments upon the conveniently arranged and handsome equipment. Courts for basketball, indoor baseball and handball have been marked out on the floor and already numerous teams are trying out. The boxing and wrestling rooms separate from but overlooking the gym have permanent mats always in place and ready for work. The shower baths are of the very best nickel finish and are placed in enamelled rooms.

**Fine Swimming Tank.**

The swimming tank is ready and as soon as the sidewalk lights arrive will be opened in connection with the rest of the club. The big feature of the club is the handsome ballroom with maple floor, roomy stage, tastily decorated parlors and a large balcony and refreshment rooms. The members' socials and dances are held here and the hall will be rented for entertainments, social gatherings, musicales and select dancing parties.

Professor Ringler announces the full opening of all gymnasium classes according to schedule today. Nearly 100 members took advantage of the no initiation fee for 30 days rate and have applied for membership. The entrance fee of $5 for all new members will be dropped until May 1 when it becomes effective. Until that time members may join by merely paying the membership fee and will be charter members of the club. The east side business men and young men are coming in and by May 1 the club will have a very good enrollment.

**Some Prominent Members.**

R. D. Quinan, T. T. Knight, Dr. McCorkle, Dr. Bruce and many other prominent east siders have already joined the club. The entire Zebra basketball team of the Y. M. C. A. and the entire Sunnyside basketball team have applied for membership. The club will open its magnificent ballroom with an informal dancing party on Monday evening, April 8. The patronesses will be: Mrs. W. Y. Masters, Mrs. A. H. Morrill, Mrs. C. J. Wellman, Mrs. A. McCalman, Mrs. B. Ely, Mrs. M. M. Ringler.

## THREE SPLENDID MATCHES ON THE OREGON ALLEYS

### Bowling Enthusiasts Enjoyed Some Interesting Ten-Pin Work Yesterday Afternoon.

Three special matches were pulled off on the Oregon alleys yesterday. At 2 o'clock the first match, consisting of seven games was played by L. J. Ambs and H. Sumption. Ambs started off strong and got a lead of 58 pins at the end of the first game. He held this lead up to the sixth game, when Sumption got busy and cut it down to 16 pins. The last game they see-sawed, first one leading then the other, until Ambs put in three strikes in the last two frames, winning the match for him by 31 pins. Ambs' high game was 215, average 185. Sumption's high game 200, average 180. The scores were:

Ambs—209, 153, 201, 199, 177, 133, 215; total, 1,292.

Sumption—151, 172, 169, 180, 196, 193, 200; total, 1,261.

The second match was 10 games between Dr. Madden and A. A. Dale. The doctor had everything his own way, beating Dale, whose bowling name is "Happy," by 53 pins. A return match will be played in the near future.

The third match was between M. H. Lamond and Leo Boulanger, consisting of 10 games. Lamond started out with a lead of 28 pins at the end of the first game, and was an easy winner, finishing with 173 pins to the good. Lamond's high score was 233, average 182; Boulanger's high score was 201; average 164.7. The scores:

Lamond—161, 155, 194, 156, 187, 164, 233, 170, 186, 214.

Boulanger—133, 130, 160, 201, 168, 152, 146, 183, 185.

Richard Hague challenged the winner of this contest, which was promptly accepted by Lamond, to be played April 14, 10 games.

Prizes are awarded the winners. Total pins count in all games.

Wednesday night, April 3, a match consisting of seven games will be played between L. J. Ambs and R. Ficken. Total pins.

## NOTABLES WILL ATTEND THE BREAKING OF GROUND

### Special Ceremonies Will Be Observed by the Catholic Young Men's Club of Albina.

On next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock ground will be broken by the Catholic Young Men's club of Albina, for the erection of a substantial home for the use of the members of the club.

The ceremony that will mark the taking of the first shovelful of clay from the site will be participated in by Mayor Lane, Archbishop Christie and members of the different city boards, besides the large number of young people who have signified their intention of becoming members.

The scheme of the Catholic club is an elaborate one and embraces all of the features, social and athletic, of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. All sorts of athletics will be encouraged. The baseball nine will play in the local amateur league this season and, when the football season comes along, the football squad will be after matches.

The new club house will cost about $15,000 and will be fully equipped. The members are making big preparations for the beginning of the work on Friday. The club members expect the building to be completed by fall.

## FIGHTS TONIGHT

Jimmy Briggs vs. Tommy Quill, 18 rounds, at Lymanville, R. I.

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