

SIGNS OF THE LAY

LABORED LONG TO MEET CHAMPION

Joe Gans Tells of His Battle for Recognition in the Lightweight Class.

ENGAGED IN FOURTEEN FIGHTS IN ONE YEAR

Won Championship From Frank Erne in One Round After Being Once Beaten by the Latter—Some of Gans' Matches.

"It isn't as hard as it used to be for a man to get a chance to fight for the lightweight title," said Joe Gans between bouts at his training quarters the other day. "Not much like the time when little old Joe Gans of Baltimore was trying to get into the moving picture class! I had to lick every lightweight in the east before the champions would so much as look at me.

"You understand that a negro is handicapped when it comes to telling his claims. If he goes around telling how good he thinks he is people will say, 'My, but that fellow's a fresh tiger!' We'll have to hand him the 'rosen boot' and teach him his place!"

"The only chance I had was to build up such a following that the eastern sports would demand that I be given a fight with Lavigne, who was then the lightweight champion. I never overlooked a chance to fight. I was going around the east showing lightweights on the map just like tumbling drunken jongsorens off a wharf. I averaged more than one long hard fight every month for two years before I got a chance at the championship, which in the meantime had changed hands several times in Erne's possession. The year before I met Erne I had 14 fights with a total of 265 rounds. Show me the man who has beaten that record."

Struggles Year in New York.

"I was up against it. I had to make the champion notice me and in order to draw his attention I had to over-act. I walked a bunch of fights around New York in 1899. When I went to the big town Kid McPartland was their top-notch lightweight. He raked right up next to Lavigne, then the premier of them all. They made me fight McPartland, thinking that I would be easy for him, as he had just won 30 rounds with Lavigne. I beat McPartland handily in 30 rounds. Then they gave me Jack Daly—another tough one. I whipped him in 25 rounds. Then came George McFadden—and oh, what a tough fellow he was in his prime! I fought him and for the fight I got it in the twenty-third round and they thought that was the end of the Baltimore champion. But I came back at McFadden. I fought him seven times in all and licked him soundly the last six times we met. Six beatings ought to reverse a knockout."

"They were coming pretty fast for me after the first. McFadden fought Billy Ernst, Gene Bozeman, Spike Kelly, Martin Judge, twice for him, Steve Crosby, and Kid Ashe. Then I fought McPartland again and after that I won from Spike Sullivan. Then I got what I had been looking for—Erne signed up with me for the lightweight championship.

First Fight With Erne.

"Every man who saw that fight knows what I did to Erne for 11 rounds. My one mistake, which I corrected later, was in that I did not go in to outsize him. I had him beaten at that game, but I did not know it then. I gave him credit for too much punch and stood away, slapping him down until I could get him without taking a chance. In the twelfth round Erne reached me over the left eye and the eyeball came out of the socket and lay on my cheek. They had to stop the fight and I lost the decision. That bump delayed my championship for two years.

"After that I licked Dal Hawkins twice, beat Young Griffith in eight rounds, fought McFadden a couple of times, beat Kid Parker in Denver when they thought he was the coming champion, and hung it on our old friend Spider Kelly in eight rounds. Then came the bad business with McGovern and after that I had to fight in Baltimore for a while. After a month I got another fight with Erne.

"The second fight did not last long.

PORTLAND'S HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 7, 8 and 9, are the dates set for the first annual horse show of the Portland Hunt club.

The place has not yet been definitely selected, for the directors are determined to secure the one building in the city best suited for such an undertaking.

That the horse show shall be a big one is the biggest and best ever held in any of the western states—is the first ambition of its promoters. No expense will be spared to bring horses from all sections of the country to compete in the various classes. The club has just appropriated \$5,000 for the free stabling of the visiting horses alone. It is even probable that free transportation will be furnished outside exhibitors.

The handiwork cups will be donated by distinguished horsemen as prizes for the trophies. Prizes will be given in 167 classes, at least. Every breed of horse that is likely to compete will be taken care of in the classification which the directors have just made out. But if any appear which have not been provided for the classification list will be added to accommodate them.

W. A. Dobson of Marion, Iowa, head of the veterinary department of the Iowa Agricultural college, but better known as a horse expert, will be the presiding judge in Portland. His assistant will be Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural college.

NO RACE OF ROWING CHAMPIONS ON CARD

Gloss, Pape and Laing Will Not Be Brought Together at Astoria.

Despite published statements to the contrary, there will be no race at the Astoria regatta between the three crack oarsmen, Ed Gloss, Alex. Pape and C. Laing. Mr. Gloss stated today that the committee had called off the race some time ago, his understanding being that they did not wish to go to the expense of bringing the men together.

Mr. Gloss also stated that none of the Portland Rowing club's oarsmen would compete in any of the races at Astoria.

It is possible that a race between Gloss and Laing will be pulled off on the Willamette early in October, on the occasion of the dedication of the new clubhouse. Directors of the club are strongly desirous of bringing about the race and it will be arranged, if possible. Until last Fourth of July Gloss was the champion single sculler of the northwest, but on the Fourth he was beaten by Laing, who hails from British Columbia. Gloss says he is in constant training and would be prepared to row a winning race. The contest, if pulled off, will undoubtedly attract a lot of attention.

SPORTING NOTES

Local and Otherwise.

Barney Oldfield is still breaking world's records. Last Saturday at Des Moines he broke the record for a mile dash on a half-mile circular track. Time, 1:14 4-5.

F. Hitachiya, champion wrestler of Japan, a millionaire and society leader in his native land, arrived in Seattle on these days. He will be in the city for a few days. Hitachiya will travel in many countries investigating methods of athletic training and form in wrestling. The champion weighs 330 pounds, is short in stature and a monument of plain, everyday fat. He has held his title for the past six years. He is not looking for a match with Americans or Europeans.

The Olympic club track team left San Francisco for Jamestown yesterday. The team comprises Captain Andrew Glanor, Ralph Rose, Charlie Parsons, Al Plaw and six others. The party will spend one day at Chicago en route.

Melville Long, the 18-year-old coast tennis champion, again demonstrated his superiority over southern California players last week by winning the annual tournament on the courts of the Santa Barbara hotel.

William J. Clothier, tennis champion of America, has announced that he will not defend his title this year on account of a sprained leg. Beals C. Wright and Raymond D. Little both defaulted in the championship tourney, which is now in progress at Newport.

James R. Keene's great horse, Peter Pan, the champion money winner of the season, closed his racing career as a 2-year-old last week, when he was shipped to the Castleton stud farm in Kentucky to be turned out for the season. It is doubtful if he will ever be returned to racing. Peter Pan's retirement is due to an injury received recently during his work of training. Peter Pan's turf winnings aggregate \$112,390, of which \$85,240 was earned this season.

Prince Henry of Prussia will come to America to participate in the next Sonderklasse yacht races, which may not be held until 1909.

If the American yachtsmen were beaten at Kiel, they have some consolation in the fact that they won the Canada cup in the races on Lake Ontario last year. The blue ribbon for motor-boats also came to this country.

The motor-boat Dixie is home after winning the British international cup in Southampton waters with the greatest ease, and Captain S. Bartley Pearce, her skipper, is an enthusiastic convert to the motor-boats in British fair play in sports. He says: "Everything was on the square and I have come back to tell the Englishmen the fairest I have ever met."

Elaborate preparations are being made by the members of company E, Third regiment, O. N. G., under whose auspices the battle between the two modern gladiators is to be held, for the coming event. Captain Odale, commanding the entire company in full dress uniform on the grounds to handle the crowd and keep the throng from encroaching on the field of battle. The general admission to the contest has been fixed at 50 cents with an additional charge of 25 cents for seats in the grand stand. Tickets will be placed on sale at Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s and Schiller's cigar stores tomorrow.

SWORD EXHIBITION TO PRECEDE BATTLE

Major Reid Will Perform Dangerous Feats With the Saber.

So dexterous with the broadsword is Major Robert F. Reid, who is to fight Carl Nelson for the mounted broadsword championship of the world on Multnomah field on Labor day, that he bears the distinction of being the only swordsman who can cleave the carcass of a sheep with a single blow of the saber; cut in twain a 2 1/2-inch bar of lead with one quick jerk of the sword and divide an apple or potato on the neck of any person absolutely without injury to the person.

Major Reid's ability to perform these astonishing feats attracted the attention



Major Robert F. Reid.

TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST FOR POLICE TEAMS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 27.—What promises to be one of the most interesting features of the athletic and military games to be held at the local ball grounds on Labor day will be the tug-of-war between the teams from the police departments of Astoria, Tacoma, Victoria and other nearby cities.

The local police officers are in daily practice and they are training with an much care as though their lives depended upon their being right when the crack of the pistol sends them along on their parade. The Tacoma team has adopted a new system for the training of the men who are to engage in the tug-of-war; he has them on the road each day, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the evening, according to the "shift" they have. Three times each week, or every other day, the "coppers" take exercise in the rear room at police headquarters. The men pair off and pull tug with one another for fully five minutes, after a short rest they go at it again and this work is kept up for more than an hour.

Word has been received here that both the Seattle and Victoria police teams are conditioning themselves for the big tug-of-war. There is much interest in the affair in Tacoma.

The Labor day program will consist of all kinds of athletic and military games and the sanction of the Amateur Athletic union has been given that all the crack amateurs of the northwest who wish may enter the different events. The athletic program has been ever offered in this city. It is estimated that fully 300 entries will be on the list. This will include Portland, Vancouver, Everett, Bellingham, Brierley, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Eugene and all the cities that boast of crack athletes.

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Grateful Words From Patients

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20, 1907. Being much annoyed with Eczema for three months, last spring I went to Rev. P. J. Green and took two days' treatment. Before the second day I felt that the disease was destroyed. Mr. Green's talk was so uplifting spiritually and intellectually, I felt I had my money's worth before he treated me.

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Milwaukie, Ore., Aug. 20, 1907. I was beset with Rheumatism through Mr. Green's treatment. Astigmatism compelled me to wear glasses for two years. Mr. Green said three months' treatment would heal my eyes. Six weeks did the work. My eyes are perfect and true. I have not worn glasses since that time, April, 1904. I am happier and stronger in every way.

MISS ELLA SPRING.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—Chicago 3-4, Boston 1-1. At New York—New York 5-3, Pittsburgh 2-0.

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At Detroit—Detroit 7, Washington 4. At Cleveland—Boston 5, Cleveland 3.

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Los Angeles	71	56	.562
Oakland	74	64	.538
San Francisco	70	65	.519
Portland	47	77	.379

State Golf Tourney.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 27.—The Minnesota state golf tournament opened auspiciously today on the new 18-hole course of the Town and Country club, where in attendance.

WOMAN CHAMPION NEVER KILLS GAME

(Journal Special Service.) Omaha, Neb., Aug. 27.—"I could not endure the thought of killing wild game," asserts Mrs. Adolph Topperwein of San Antonio, Texas, who claims the title of champion woman marksman in the United States.

She continues, "but I never attempt a tournament without my husband accompanying me. The only objection I have to going away from home to shoot is that I have to leave my little 2-year-old boy for an entire week at times."

Mrs. Topperwein, who finished among the leaders in the Nebraska state shoot, recently held at South Omaha, is the only woman who ever participated in a national rifle meet and qualified at 200, 300 and 400 yards. A short time ago she broke 485 clay birds out of a possible 500 at a trap shoot. Her highest score is 123 straight on the shotgun. She has made 100 straight on nine different occasions.

City Fathers on Diamond.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 27.—Baseball teams made up of the city aldermen of Milwaukee and the councilmen of Philadelphia lined up at Columbia park today for a game to determine the city championship of the United States. The Philadelphia team claims the championship of the east, while the Croton city aldermen are supposed to hold the pennant over any team of city fathers in the middle west. Mayor Debyurn and a host of other baseball rosters from the city hall were on hand at the opening of the game.

Fight at Muskegon.

(Journal Special Service.) Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 27.—Considerable interest is manifested in the ten-round fight between Maurice Sayra of Milwaukee and Billy Roche, the New England lightweight. The bout is scheduled to take place this evening in a baseball park just outside of this city.

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IRVINGTON TENNIS TOURNAMENT ON TODAY

Should the weather be fair at 3 o'clock this afternoon the fall handicaps at the Irvington Tennis club will begin. On account of the uncertainty of the elements only a few matches have been scheduled for today. The schedule, which will not be carried out if it rains, follows:

3 p. m.—Snow vs. W. W. Benham, Winch vs. Scott.

4 p. m.—Dole vs. Edgar, McKennie vs. Frohman, Wolf vs. Wilbur, Warren vs. C. D. Starr, Chamberlain vs. Fisher, Humphrey vs. L. M. Starr.

5 p. m.—Shives vs. Andrews, Goss vs. Vesper, McAlpin vs. Cuddeback, Benham vs. Rohr, Benham vs. Rosenfeld, Wilder vs. Reynolds.

AUTOISTS BACK FROM THE TILLAMOOK FAIR

The mobilists who went to Tillamook last week to attend the fair in that city returned yesterday afternoon. They report a fine time and are more enthusiastic than ever over the project of turning the Sheridan road into an automobile boulevard. The members of the party were: W. J. Clemens, R. D. Janman, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mrs. E. J. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Wempe, Paul Steinmetz, C. A. McCarger, W. S. Bowen, Dr. F. W. Brooks and all of them. F. W. Brown has of Astoria, C. D. Cuddeback of Chicago, H. W. Smith of Nashville, Tennessee; S. W. Childers and daughter of The Dalles and Mrs. C. R. Beebe of Sedro-Wooley, Washington.

Howard Leads Wabash at Bat.

The Wabash independent team has a collection of hitters in their aggregation. Outfielder Howard is leading the regulars with the average of .455. Following are the averages: Johnson .509, Howard .455, Summers .381, Allen .323, Stone .323, Adams .320, McBride .308, Thompson .250, Fortier .244, Thomas .233, G. Pembroke .210, C. Pembroke .200, Entich .177.

Ray Thomas, the popular Columbia collegian, is on his way to Hongkong, China. "Tommy" was the recipient of many hearty wishes from his supporters. He will join a recognized team in the big port and will accept a good position. Jack Olney and Elmer Stone will be the mainstays in the box for Wabash. Outfielder Eulich has returned from the Coos Bay country and says that the article of ballplayers there is certainly classy.

National Target Meet.

(Journal Special Service.) Port Clinton, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Everything in readiness at Camp Perry for the opening tomorrow of the national rifle shoot by teams from the United States army. During the four days of the shoot teams and individuals will compete for honorary prizes, the most important of which is the national trophy and \$200 in cash donated by Henry Hilton of New York. The bronze statue, "The Soldier of Marathon," presented by President Roosevelt on behalf of the state of New York, is the third prize.

Lafayette Beats Forest Grove.

In a snappy game of ball played on the Lafayette grounds Sunday the home team won from Forest Grove by the score of 3 to 0. Springer was in the box for Lafayette and pitched quite well. The Grove boys were outplayed and 1 point in game from the other team was won one game from the other and the third will be played next Sunday.

Callender Appointed Admiral.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Aug. 27.—Charles H. Callender has been appointed and accepted the position of admiral of the regatta to succeed C. J. McArthur, who resigned. Hon. John C. McCreas has been appointed commodore and chief of staff.

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