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BOTH PUGILISTS HAVE ADMIRERS

Oregon People Pretty Well Divided on Question as to Which Will Win.

LARGE VARIETY OF REASONS ARE GIVEN

Of 21 Replies Received to Journal's Query 11 Favor Jimmy Britt in Coming Lightweight Battle and 10 Favor Joe Gans.

Just twenty-one replies were received to the Journal's query: Who will win the Gans-Britt fight in San Francisco on September 17? Eleven of these who dared to make a choice favor Britt; ten favor Gans. While the number of replies was not as great as was expected, the twenty-one letters embody a large and interesting variety of reasons as to why this man should win and why the other should lose. The twenty-one letters follow:

Gans Is Easier Than Nelson. Yonahia, Or.—To the Sporting Editor:—With all due respect for Gans, it is my impression that he will beat him easier than he beat Nelson at Colma. Why do I think this? Because Britt has had a good rest, has taken the best of care of himself, and in my estimation is a better man than ever before, simply because he has lost none of his old-time cleverness, and has developed his punch until it is nothing short of wonderful, as was plainly shown by the way in which he floored the Battler at Colma.

I think Gans is not the man he was a few years ago, and I believe he fully realizes it, and if he would say exactly what he is keeping back, I believe he would really believe he can beat Britt in a square bout. Gans had Nelson before him for 42 rounds, and could not put him out, but had to do some very fast dodging to keep Nelson from putting a "souther" on him.

It is my opinion that if Britt had been in Gans' boots in that fight he would have put Nelson out long before the forty-second going. F. L. BEARD.

Gans to Win Any Old Way. Portland.—To the Sporting Editor:—I've got no use for a boxer who fights when it comes right down to bedrock, but this Joe Gans certainly takes the candy when it comes to fighting. I saw him at Goldfield, and he took down the money as easy as a man would steal candy from a baby. I hope Britt can stay long enough with Gans to give the fellow his just deserts. He's the best fighter of the two, and if the fight goes the Britt way, the referee does not do any more than his duty. A story that says FRANK HADDOCK.

Has Seen Both Fight. St. Johns, Sept. 1.—Sporting Editor Journal:—Having seen both Britt and Gans fight, I believe the latter will win. He is a better man today than at any time in his career. If the Goldfield fight had been a knockout, I am sure it surely did not go Gans' way. W. G. LATTE.

Britt in Fifteen Rounds. Sporting Editor:—I think Britt will win inside of 15 rounds by a knockout. I base my assertion on the fact that Gans will not be able to make the weight and he is in as good condition as he has had, having broken it in his fight with Nelson. Britt will be at his best. Truly yours, JACK DAY.

Goldfield Does Not Count. Sporting Editor:—Gans ought to win, barring a fake. Britt's victory over Nelson only proved that Nelson's iron constitution was denied by Gans' terrific administration at Goldfield, and not Britt's supposed improved condition. Gans and Britt faked each other, they made a deal, and Gans undoubtedly has fought on the square since he waived the management of Herford, it is a question of who has gone back to the old Gans. TOMMY ELKS.

Britt in Twelve Rounds. Portland, Sept. 6.—To the Sporting Editor:—Britt to win inside of 12 rounds, believe he is in as good condition and well trained as he ever was, and will put up the best fight he ever did. D. MARTINI.

Gans to Win in Ten Rounds. Portland.—To the Sporting Editor:—My money goes up on Gans at any old odds, because he is a fighter and not a pose. He will beat the plumber boy early, as figure it out somewhere between the ninth and tenth rounds, because he is stronger, can box better and has a better chin than Gans. Britt will never win. FRANK BROWN.

Gans Like a Stake Horse. Portland Hotel, Sept. 6.—To the Sporting Editor:—While Britt made a grand showing against Nelson in their last fight, my opinion is that Gans will win in 15 rounds or less. It is just like starting a good selling plate against a stake horse. Gans has the class. Nelson has gone back from the terrible beatings he has received in every fight dating back from the time he met Spider Welch in Salt Lake. Therefore, Britt never would have stood up before Britt for 42 rounds at Colma as he did before Gans at Goldfield.

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Even Money on Native Son. Troutdale, Or., Sept. 2.—To the Sporting Editor:—I do not need the limit of selection of words, but will say that I will bet even money on Britt any old time. H. H. MORITZ.

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BRANDT WICKERSHAM, MISS STELLA FORDING, DE SCHWEINITZ, WALTER A. GOSS, WALTER ROSENFELD, F. V. ANDREWS

By clever boxing, blocking and the wall-lop. There is no stage of the game where Gans does not excel Britt. ROY SPARKS.

Britt, But for Britt. Sporting Editor Journal:—I believe Britt will prove an easy winner. C. C. WOODWORTH.

Britt Would Win Short Fight. Sporting Editor:—The Journal:—Taking about the coming fight between Britt and Gans, I wish to publish my thoughts with the rest. I believe that if the fight ends before 20 rounds Britt will be the winner, but if it goes past that Gans will put Jimmie to sleep. Britt is by far the cleverest, while the colored lad can outlast him. Yours for sport, H. M. ASHGRAV.

Gans Has the Punch. Portland.—To the Sporting Editor:—Gans will knock Britt out because he's got the punch and Jim is only a clever fighter. The rest can stand the stuff longer than James Edward and he can out-box him. HENRY BRICKLEY.

Weight Too Low for Gans. Portland, Sept. 6.—Sporting Editor:—I don't think Joe Gans can make 132 pounds inside of a week, and if he does, it is different fighting at night and fighting in the afternoon. If the best he can do is 125 pounds in the afternoon, then the best he ought to do is 125 at night. Therefore, he will have to lose weight to make the weight, and Jimmy Britt, fighting at his natural weight, ought to win, provided the fight is on the level. Yours truly, JAS. X. ALLEN.

Sees the Last of Britt. Jacksonville, Or., Sept. 6.—Mr. Editor:—Seeing your question in The Journal, "Who will win the Gans-Britt battle, and being somewhat of a sportsman myself, I have seen both the contestants fight that figure in this event. Gans will win with all ease. He will also win over Battling Nelson. Nelson would win over Britt, which will be the last of Britt in the ring. N. E. MELTON, Jeweler.

Races at McMinnville. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) McMinnville, Sept. 7.—Today's races resulted in a sweep again for Henry Grey in the trotting race. Time, 2:22 1/4. Starlight was second, Blacksmith third. Blacksmith, who was the favorite in the betting, was shut out in everything he entered. In the pacing New Moon won with Lizzie C. second and Lancer third. Time, 2:16. The attendance today was excellent and the promoters of the races are pleased with the results of the first meet.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE was the greatest general the world has ever known. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the greatest liniment. Quickly cures all pains. It is within the reach of all. T. H. Pointer, Hempstead, Texas, writes: "This is to certify that Ballard's Snow Liniment has been used in my household for years and has been found to be an excellent liniment for rheumatic pains. I am never without it." Sold by all druggists.

Big Clinch for Gans. Portland.—To the Sporting Editor:—Gans will have the biggest clinch in his fighting career when he steps into the ring at Frisco next Monday afternoon. It's dead easy money and everything is all over by the shouting. Why? Because the negro can go the pace, because he's there with the punch, staying qualities and gameness. Look for a clean knockout about the tenth round. D. R. JAMES.

Gans Better at Every Point. Dallas, Or., Sept. 2.—Sporting Editor of The Journal:—In regard to the fight between Gans and Britt I think Gans will win. Britt is a good man, but Gans is better. He will win, as he has done,

kindly with him. He is a thorough believer in the old formula—a man is as old as he feels—and Joe says he feels as young as the first day he pulled an upstooler, mitten over his knuckles. Colored Pugilist Talks. "Admitting, for the sake of argument, that my vitality isn't quite what it was," said Joe, "don't you think I've gained in experience and confidence in such a way as to balance the shortage? I don't think any one who knows me will accuse me of being vain about my championship when it comes to a case of man know thyself, you bet Joe Gans knows his own strong points. My talents are to me what a merchant's wares are to him and I look the stock over and compare it with others' stock very often. Until some one comes along that can beat me in my own game I will continue to think there are certain things in which I've got it on Britt and every other man operating in the light-weight class. I think I know just what speed to carry in a fight, and what effect the pace and the punishment is having on my man. I rate him just as a jockey rates a horse. If I find he can stand a whirlwind I'll hit him a little better than I can, I change my methods, but it doesn't follow because I slow up that he is out of danger."

Believes He's Same Old Joe. But even while discussing the whys and wherefores Joe Gans bellowed his reliance in himself on the basis that he is the same old Joe. He will not admit that his punches are lighter or his strength less. He says he made a careful study of Britt while the Native Son was working his way to victory over Battling Nelson, and that he is confident that the lightweight laurel wreath will still adhere to the Gans brow when Monday's shouting is all over.

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But a Genuine Struggle for the Mastery—Famous Hearst Expert Goes Into Exhaustive Discussion of Condition of Two Lightweights and Chances for Victory.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) By W. W. Naughton. San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Monday at the baseball grounds Joe Gans and Jimmy Britt will meet in a contest for the lightweight championship of the world.

That it will be a genuine struggle for the mastery the writer firmly believes, but at the same time I do not look for any display of brutality. Britt and Gans are beyond argument the two most talented exponents of the manly art in the ranks of the small men of the ring. Neither of them has ever made a specialty of being punched, as a glance at their well-kept features and their bodies, which are as hard as steel, will tell. You will find no flattened nose or crimped ear about Gans or Britt, and as neither of them is an inept at the game it is to be assumed that the same good luck or good management which has kept them face-to-face in the past will exert its influence.

Neither a Battling Nelson. To be thoroughly frank about it, I don't consider that either Gans or Britt is built for inordinately rough weather in the matter of assimilation, neither of them is a Battling Nelson, by any means.

Not desiring to make a forecast of what will happen on that small white platform set in a sea of human heads, I would venture to predict that while both men are strong and unharmed, the combat with padded fists will be one of the most thrilling ever witnessed. Everything that pertains to the carte and tierce of the prizefighting game will be brought into play in the battle for supremacy.

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ing slower. He insists that his access of bodily power is not foggy strength, but nervous, active strength.

Jimmy Remembers Goldfield. When Jimmy was shown that he is a more rugged bit of fighting machinery than Gans, he makes comparisons along the lines of cleverness. He reminds you that he saw Gans in that long drawn-out affair at Goldfield with the durable Dime, and in Jimmy's hold everything that Gans ever knew or held in reserve is put into competition with the boxing game was brought into requisition that September afternoon up on the Nevada desert.

It was at the close of that contest that Jimmy arose from his seat with a glint in his eyes and yelled: "I can lick the both of them."

It certainly was a thorough test of Gans' quibbling knowledge, and it is not to be hard to understand why Gans and Jimmy are so friendly. "He is as clever as I am, possibly a trifle more so," says Gans, "and he is a lot faster. Where I have it on him the most I think is in strength. For the rest I don't figure that Mr. Gans can get out with a punch or a half dozen punches, and when he is reaching for some particular mark that he has picked out for himself, he will have to knock me out when it comes to my mark my words, on the all-important occasion that is so close at hand, I will not overlook any openings."

As to Their Courage. On the score that length of service and slightly falling vitality so far as Gans is concerned will equalize the men's chances, many are wondering how things will go if the thorough trial. One of the things claimed for Britt by his admirers is that he is game to the core, and they believe that other things being equal, the Native Son will rise superior to the Baltimorean in a display of stoutness of heart.

As to the question of gameness makes food for argument if nothing else. To my way of thinking it almost seems as if there are different brands of courage. Take for instance, the Ketchel-Thomas fight. One man was just seething with fighting spirit and the other man was coldly, stubbornly defiant and it would be a brave man who would undertake to say which was the gamer—Thomas or young Ketchel.

I have seen both Gans and Britt in trying fights and have never had occasion to doubt the gameness of either of them. Britt, who is mercurial, is aggressively game, where Gans is patient and methodical. There is nothing to choose between them in the matter of courage, in my opinion, and if tomorrow's event should develop in a bruising battle, it will be a question of endurance, rather than one of pluck.

May Sutton Wins Tri-State. (United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 7.—May Sutton today won the finals in the tri-state tennis tournament, taking the cup. Miss Sutton leaves for California tomorrow.

Season's First Football Victim. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicopee, Mass., Sept. 7.—Fred Griggs, a high school student, is the first football victim of the season. During a practice game today his collar bone was broken.

Smith, who started the game for Oakland, hit the first ball directly into the hands of the waiting Bassey.

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NEWS NOTES OF TRI-CITY LEAGUE

Brewers Play Apostles and Tigers Cross Bats With Bohemians Today.

RACE FOR PENNANT IS NOW A HOT ONE

Secretary Has Heard From Spokane Managers as to Post-Season Series With Winners of City League Inland Empire Metropolis

TODAY'S TRI-CITY PROGRAM. At St. Johns—Brewers vs. Apostles. At Kelso—Astoria vs. Kelso. (Doubt header.) The Frakes will play a non-league game against Eugene at Springfield. The league race is a good one for the top liners, now with Woodburn of the running. St. Johns practically took the winking of an eyelash make a difference. Kelso has 5 or 6 more games to play than the Frakes, and the Frakes win from Astoria and the Cubs, and Kelso will from Astoria at St. Johns, the teams will be tied. The Frakes were tied with the Trunks and the Trunks and Cubs—one being a postponed game which will have to be played off and Kelso is two games behind with the Trunks and one with the Trunks, and as they have two opportunities on their grounds, they will demand that the games be played on their grounds, an equal number of games giving them an equal number of games on the schedule.

Secretary H. K. Smith has length secured word from the Spokane City league bearing upon the proposed series of games between the champions of the Tri-City and the champions of the Spokane City league to be played at the close of the Tri-City season. The Fairbanks-Morse team of that city has a claim on the pennant, and will be selected as the team to represent Spokane. Just which team the Frakes or Kelso will succeed in winning the Tri-City pennant is unanswerable. Secretary Smith is now arranging a series with Secretary M. C. Colman regarding games to be played at Spokane and three in Portland. The matter will culminate definitely in day or so.

Judging from the comment in the Kelso Journals, the fans in the little burg can read the handwriting on the wall as regards their remaining in the league for next season. One writer does it up thus: "Kelso does not seem to have secured in the Tri-City league for 1908, but she will be just as well off as a six-team league can easily be formed by Kelso, Rainier, Central, Chehalis, Lewis and Clark, and Rainier, which can be operated at less expense than the Tri-City."

How would a league composed of Portland, St. Johns, Vancouver, Woodburn, Salem, Albany and Eugene look to you? Two teams in Portland and one each in the other places. Eugene to be handed in hand with Springfield, the Portland teams to represent the east and west sides of the river. It's a possibility.

There have been 23 home runs credited to players in the Tri-City league this season. Charlie Moore of St. Johns leads the bunch with three to his credit. Moore's long hits have been made on the St. Johns grounds. Eugene to win the Day of the Trunks. Houston of the Frakes and Chapin of St. Johns have each two. Astoria and Rainier have one each. Conrad and Herbert of the Kelso Tigers one each. Jackson of the Trunks one. Robinson of the Lewis and Clark one. Kainan, Shea and Morrow of the Cubs one each. Carlson and Wroten of Astoria one each. Laurin and Laurin one each. Clark Moore of St. Johns one.

The Woodburn Indians are practical baseball players. Manager Grover being unable to find any other team to play a game, it is rumored that the Astoria team is not in much better shape.

Calliff, the big leaguer, who helped the Frakes win their last two games has been called up to the major league. He played that many of the regular Tri-City league pitchers. He pitched 12 games in the Tri-City league, and he pitched 12 more in the major league. He pitched 12 more in the major league. He pitched 12 more in the major league.

The introduction of a pneumatic baseball into the game last Monday between the Frakes and Apostles has caused a great deal of comment among the fans who are wondering what will be done with the game when the board of managers meets on Monday. It is the first instance of a "quaker" ball being discovered in a match game. Several years ago a pneumatic ball was discovered in a championship game being played between New Orleans and Atlanta in the Cotton States League. The game was called off and the officials threw it out entirely and made the teams play the game over. Another instance is cited in which two of the New England league teams dealt with a pneumatic ball and made sundry home runs and scores before it was discovered. It is the president of the league ruled the game out and caused the teams to play it over. It is the president of the league ruled the game out and caused the teams to play it over.

Tri-City officials will take no matter, however, as they have set aside all precedents in several instances and did the unexpected thing. It is the president of those who have given the matter thought, however, that for the justice of the game should be thrown out, declared an illegal game and the teams ordered to play it over. From an advanced standpoint such an action would mean many dollars to the two teams when they did play.

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