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PROMOTERS NOT ASSURED WHERE FIGHT WILL BE HELD

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—After all, Tex Rickard may know what he is talking about when he tells us in mournful numbers that Salt Lake will be the Jeffries-Johnson battle ground. When Rickard came out with his announcement that the Mormon metropolis would get the big battle, the governor of Utah declared in most emphatic terms that the fight could not be pulled off in Salt Lake or any other city in Utah. Now, however, he has changed his tune.

"I do not think the fight will take place in Salt Lake," he is quoted as saying in a dispatch from Philadelphia. "Besides, Jeffries has been accustomed to fighting in San Francisco and I do not think that he would be able to fight in the high altitude of Salt Lake."

That the business men of Salt Lake and other Utah cities are overwhelmingly in favor of holding the fight there is indisputable and that they may have exerted their influence with the governor in favor of Rickard is not at all improbable. Rickard seems to be so sure of his ground that it is safe to assume that he "knows something."

Has Wealthy Backers.

Among his backers are some of the most influential and wealthiest men in Utah and it is a cinch that they are going to leave no stone unturned to bring the biggest thing in pugilism to Salt Lake.

In the meantime Jack Gleason continues to plug for San Francisco, declaring for this city just as emphatically as his fellow promoter is declaring for Salt Lake. Rickard is expected here soon after Christmas and then he and Gleason will thresh the matter out. Gleason today denied that one object of Rickard's mission to this city is to talk with the local people who promised to aid Coffroth financially in case he landed the match. Gleason also denied that Rickard holds the big end of the match.

"It's a straight case of half-and-half with us," he said. "As to the story that the $20,000 put up by the promoting end when the final articles were signed belongs to Rickard in its entirety, I will leave that to Rickard to answer when he arrives here. We are going to carry this thing out in a businesslike way and will talk things over like business men. If we fail to agree on the time or place, or anything else, we may let the toss of a coin decide for us.

Best Place Suits Gleason.

"As to Salt Lake, I have never said positively that the fight would not go there. If we can be shown that Salt Lake will do better by us than San Francisco, it would be foolish for us to pass it up. However, my contention all along has been that San Francisco is the place, for the reason that we know what San Francisco can and will do, while on the other hand past records fail to show that Salt Lake can do nearly as well."

Information was obtained today that throws new light on the manner in which Gleason and Rickard got the match, or rather how Gleason got in on it. Gleason was closest to the wire throughout the race for the plum and both Coffroth and Rickard knew it, Jeffries being Gleason's most intimate friend and Johnson also being inclined toward him.

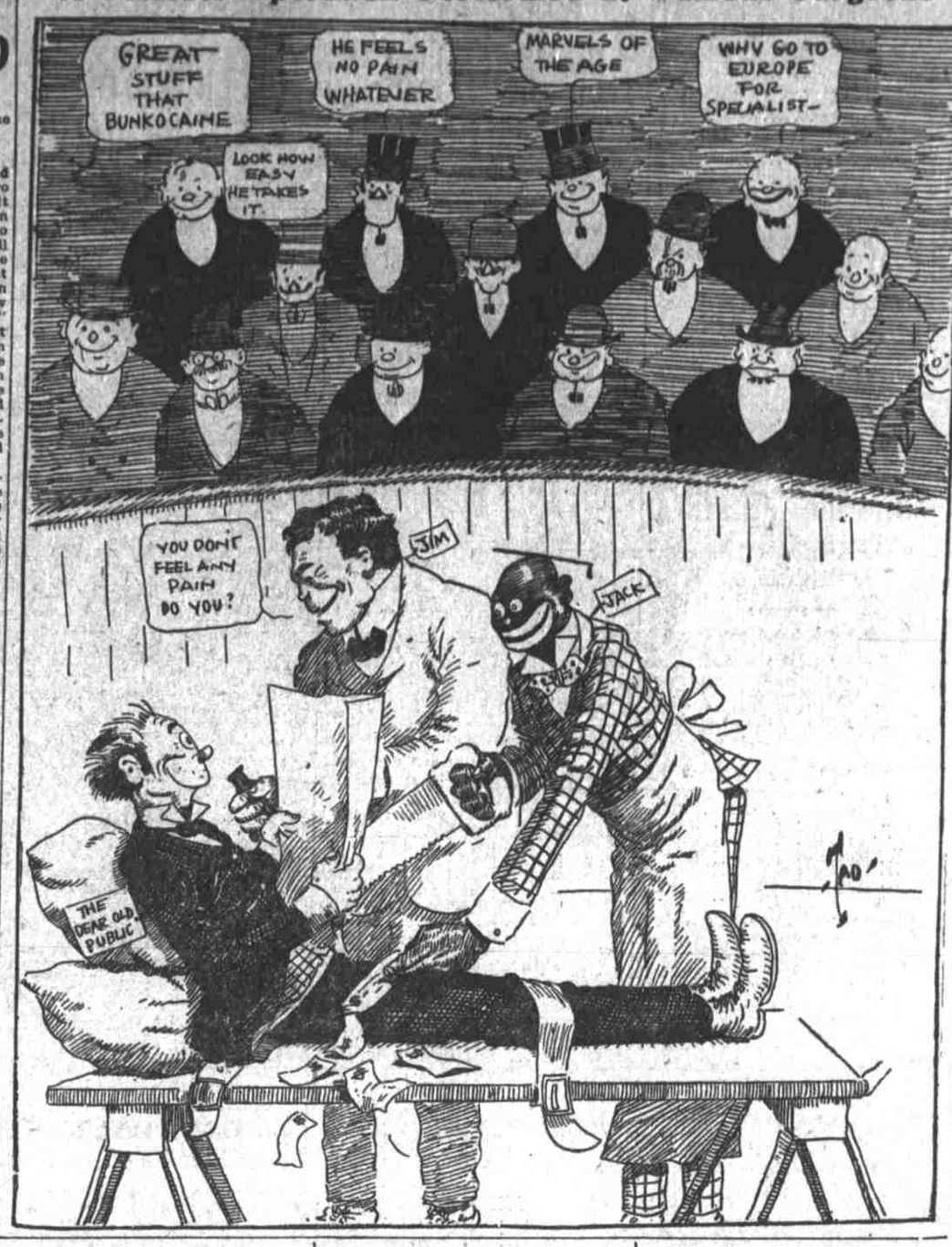
When Gleason doubled up with Coffroth all parties were satisfied and the two San Franciscans had the fight as good as won right then and there. They had the money, they had the permits and they had the sites. That in itself was enough, but to make their hand stronger they stood ace high with the fighters.

How Gleason Got In.

When Rickard came along and asked Gleason to go in with him on the $101,000 proposition, Jack realized that the fighters were bound to give it consideration. As both Jeffries and Johnson were agreed that under any and all circumstances Gleason must be one of the promoters, he cast his lot with Rickard after securing Coffroth's consent to the new alignment.

In this connection, it is stated, Gleason's hold was so strong that had he not joined hands with Rickard, the fight would have gone to the Gleason-Coffroth combination, despite the fact that Rickard's bid was the best. Johnson and Jeffries did not feel that Rickard alone could handle the battle and make a success of it, because of his lack of experience, and as they were favorably inclined toward Gleason for other reasons than his experience, they practically insisted that Gleason must have an equal share in the promotion of the fight, whether it went to Rickard, Coffroth or someone else.

A Delicate Operation Performed by Famous Surgeons



ALL OUT FOR BIG DIP IN WILLAMETTE XMAS DAY

Prof. Cavill's little band of fortitudinous (found that in an old history about G. Washington crossing the Rubicon) dippers are ready for their Yuletide plunge into the Willamette at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when they will attempt to swim from the Morrison pontoon to the Burnside causeway.

This is the first swim that has ever been projected in Portland for Christmas day, and originated in the fertile brain of the Multnomah club swimming instructor, who has found the Oregon climate similar to that which hovers over dear ole Lunnon, where the English disport themselves every Christmas morning in the historic Thames.

It was this similitude (that's going some) that led Prof. Cavill to plan the Christmas swim which takes place tomorrow morning. (Don't forget the hour.) The swim is expected to advertise the facility (an easy one) of Portland's mild winter climate. (The snow killed all the roses, ye recollect.)

See It From the Docks.

Spectators are requested to find vantage points to witness the swim from the docks that front the river. Morrison and Burnside bridges will be kept clear, the officials fearing a repetition of a former breakdown that occurred some years since during a boat race.

Launches will be brought into play, their uses being eleemosynary (another easy one). They will transport the swimmers to the dressing rooms, the starting place, and then stick around the emergency points. After they finish they, the swimmers, will be handled by the trainers and rubbers. Many of the Portland ball players, who are regular bear cats when it comes to playing water polo, will keep their eagle eyes on the swimmers to succor them should they be distressed by the H-2-O (that's water, gentle reader. Another word for water is aqua. To elucidate, the first term is a chemical term and the second belongs to the pharmaceutical family.)

After the swimmers complete the 250-yard race for a trophy they will quaff hot toddy through a straw. Charles Armbruster, of the ball team, will have charge of the zythepary (not so easy. Honestly, zythepary is not the most fastidious word for the sentence, but we had to get it out of our system somehow).

Look Out Below.

Here comes a whopper. Place five pebbles in your cavity a la Demosthenes, wiggle your tongue three times to the right, once to the left, and then describe a parabolic gyration, and you have pronounced potanospongiae. In order to avoid such a catastrophe the swimmers will anoint themselves with balm of Gilead. Isn't that poetic, Clarice?

The palevzoic Zeuledon will have nothing on the Xmas swimmers, no siree. Whoever heard of a prehistoric member of the genus cetacea plowing through the aqua (See, there's that word aqua again) for a silver goblet?

Let us hope that the swim will be a huge success, but let us fervently pray that there shall be no poliomyllitis (guess that's going some) as a result of the festive (going down) exercise.

Plans School for Umpires.

President John Spinney, of the Virginia Valley Baseball league, plans a school for umpires. Forty lessons will constitute a course, and graduates will receive a diploma. There will be four instructors, of which Bill Carpenter, who umpired in the Southern league last season, will be the chief. The organization will have headquarters in Cincinnati.

This Date in Sport Annals.

1874—At New York, Maurice Vignaux defeated Joseph Dion, three-ball billiards, $1000, 600 to 538.

1879—At New York, J. B. Clark, amateur, walked 24 miles 1152 yards in four hours.

1880—At Paris, Maurice Vignaux defeated George F. Slosson in championship billiard match, 3000 to 2961.

1882—Chester Goodwin, pugilist, born at Chelsea, Mass.

1903—At Philadelphia, Terry Martin knocked out Harry Schumacher in the fourth round.

Ottawa football team winners of the inter-provincial championship of Canada will be presented with gold watches as souvenirs. The executive has donated $1000 out of the club's treasury to meet the expense.

SOCCER GAME IS CHRISTMAS SPORT

Cricketers and Multnomah Club Elevens Lineup Before Critical Americans.

The Portland Cricketers and the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club have sifted out their best elevens for the contest on Multnomah field Christmas afternoon, when a demonstration will be given Americans who do not come from districts where soccer is played what the hard, fast game originally imported into this country from Europe is like. The regular soccer following is also likely to be out in force, if weather permits, for the Cricketers and Multnomah are two exactly matched teams, which tied one another in their first meeting this year.

Professor Robert Krohn, physical director in the public schools, has accepted the invitation to size up association football from the viewpoint of its adaptability as the football game for public schools. In Canada both public and high school children employ soccer as their standard game, few of them indulging in intercollegiate, or Canadian Rugby, until they reach the universities.

Kick Off at 2:35.

Kickoff will be at 2:45 and W. S. Richmond, a Scotch expert and a prominent player last year in the San Francisco Bay Soccer league, will act as referee. The lineups will be as follows:

M. A. A. C.—Goal, Barton; right back, Buchan; left back, Dyment; right half, Sammons; center half, Hughes; left half, Bennett; outside right and captain, Kydd; inside right, Dick; center, Young; inside left, Harry Matthew; outside left, Andrew Matthew.

Cricketers—Goal, Kerr; right back, Pratt; left back, Banham; right half and captain, Eyles; center half, Stewart; left half, Naylor; outside right, Copninger; inside right, McNicholas; center, Albinson; inside left, Gray; outside left, Kendall.

DERBIES CLINCH HOLD ON LADDER

Bill Dougherty Plays Hard but Can't Win Game for Team.

George Dilworth's "Derbies" cinched their hold on the first round of the percentage ladder last night by defeating "Bill" Dougherty's nail keg rollers by the decisive score of 18 to 10.

The Columbia Hardware boys played a fast, aggressive game of indoor ball, however, and it was only the hard hitting of the "Derbies" that did the business.

Stubbs, who started for the Derbies, retired in the fifth inning after being touched up for four in a row, and McKenzie was sent in to finish the game. Eight hits and five runs were made off his delivery, the same number made off Stubbs.

Backus, who twirled for the Columbias, pitched his average game, but used his famous slow ball too often, the Derbies landing on him for six hits and six runs in the ninth. The feature of the game was Manager "Bill" Dougherty's all around playing. He seemed to be about the only serious thing about the place. Bill swatted 'em like a three time champion and was in every play in the back field and some that he shouldn't have been in. But he was there like Hans Wagner with all his feet and hands.

Benny Briggs carried off the batting honors of the evening, securing five hits out of six times up. Baker & McConnell were even for second place, each securing four bingles out of a possible six.

Score by innings:

Dilworth & Co.	0	2	4	0	4	0	1	1	6	—18
Hits	0	3	2	0	5	0	2	2	6	—20
Columbia Hdw.	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	2	—10
Hits	2	1	1	4	2	0	1	2	3	—16

Errors—Derbies 5, Columbia 4. Batteries—For Derbies, Stubbs, McKenzie and Barrell; for Columbia, Backus and McConnell. Struck out—By Stubbs 8, by McKenzie 10, by Backus 17. Two base hits—McConnell, Weisendanger, Dougherty, McKenzie, Baker, Briggs. Time of game—One hour and 20 minutes. Umpires—Mackie and Washburn.

RED HOT GOSSIP FOR RABID FANS

Vermont hunters have already paid over $15,000 into the state treasury for licenses to shot game.

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Minneapolis high schools are considering the advisability of abandoning baseball and substituting lacrosse as the spring scholastic sport.

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C. F. Holway, the Rhode Island sprinter who won many important races in England this year, is going to South Africa with his backer.

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Lee Talbot, the former Cornell weight thrower, is getting the Pennsylvania State college wrestlers in shape for the winter's schedule.

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A Winnipeg man thinks enough of Shrubb to bet $600 that Alfred can beat anybody in the world in a ten-mile race at the Winnipeg arena, Shrubb to run the last lap backward.

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Pool Champion Thomas Hueston will defend his title against Bennie Allen of Kansas City in Boston, December 21 to 28. The series will consists of three 200-point blocks.

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Manager-Captain Fred Clarke, of the world's champion Pittsburg baseball team, has a patented covering for a baseball field for stormy weather. It is 180 feet square and weighs about 16,000 pounds. Clarke claims it can be taken off the field in four minutes.

OVERALL GETS BONUS IF HE WINS 30 GAMES

Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Murphy of the Chicago Cubs announced today that he has promised a $500 bonus to Orval Overall if the big right hander wins 30 games next season.

Overall drew down an extra check for his work last season, and President Murphy promised him another if 30 games fail to the Cubs through "Big Jeff's" efforts.

Inasmuch as few of the Cubs are worked for 30 games, sports here do not believe Overall will rest contented with $500, and look for him to demand a larger sum.

James R. Schaeffer has been unanimously chosen head coach of the University of California. He was a former baseball and football star of that institution and held the same position this year.

PRESIDENT LUCAS STILL WAITING FOR CAL EWING

"Until we hear officially from Cal Ewing, the ex-president of the Coast league, to whom the matter was referred concerning the reentrance of the Northwestern league into Portland, there will be nothing doing," was the expression of President Lucas this morning. "However, we hope that Mr. Ewing will get around to this little matter without any delay, for it is getting time to talk over our plans and fix up our schedule for next year.

"Just what this expansion talk of the Coast league means I am not prepared to say. Everything looks good for the same circuit we had last year, unless, of course, the unexpected happens. It was left to Mr. Ewing to decide whether we were to remain in the coast territory, and we can hardly do anything but wait until he says something.

PURSE OF $5000 PUT UP BY AFRICAN SPORTSMEN

Through the agency of the British South African company, represented by Guy Nickalls, the great English oarsman, a purse of $5000 has been subscribed by African sportsmen and financiers for a sculling match for the world's championship between Richard Arnst of New Zealand and Ernest Barry, the English champion. The match will probably take place next August over a 3-mile course on a part of the Zambesi river near the Victoria falls, recognized as one of the finest regatta courses in the world, and the winner will receive $3750. It is announced that Tom Sullivan, late of New Zealand, and ex-champion of England, has consented to accompany Barry as adviser and trainer. Guy Nickalls will also go out to control the race and assist both competitors.

Football alone paid at Purdue.

FAMOUS FIGURES CALLED BY DEATH

Sheedy, Smith, Pony Moore, McDowell and Billy Hogg Are Gone.

By Manhattan.

New York, Dec. 24.—The year which will end in another week has removed from the ranks of sportdom some of its best known members.

The last to pass away was Pat Sheedy, the man who made the word "square" famous, who made half a million in touring John L. Sullivan, and who won and lost a score of fortunes at faro.

Al Smith, next to Sheedy, was perhaps the best known sporting man who also answered the last great roll call this year.

Then there was Pony Moore, father-in-law of Charley Mitchell, the prize fighter. Although an American, Pony's fame was bounded only by the confines of our little planet.

Judge McDowell, a turf man known to every track from Sheepshead Bay to Oakland, also replied to the ultimate bugle.

Among the lesser lights there was Billy Hogg, the baseball pitcher, who died only a few weeks ago in New Orleans. Billy nearly won the pennant for the Hill Top team against the White Sox once upon a time.

From Old Chicago Gang.

I dropped into the Albany bar last night and greeted, by chance, one of the old cronies of Pat Sheedy. I learned many interesting things, some of which I will hereby relate:

Sheedy was one of two survivors of the old Chicago gang of sports who put the Windy City on the map a score of years ago. The other is "Parson" Davies, who is now running a theatre in New Orleans. The old bunch consisted of "Jere" Dunn, Al Smith, George Hankins, Jimmie Elliott and Mike McDonald. For years these men were the stars in all the sporting events at Salt Lake City. All of them graduated from the same school—the faro bank.

Star Game Was Faro.

Sheedy's star game was faro. He was playing in a club in Hot Springs, Ark., some years ago and in a short time had dropped $34,000. Turning to Charley De Milt, who was running the game, Pat said:

"Say, Charley, I'm busted, but I've got a picture painted by a cull named Rubens that's good for a bunch, and my share is $35,000. Can I play it in?"

"Sure," replied De Milt.

Pat lost $8000 more, and soon afterward the famous painting was sold in Detroit. The first thing Sheedy did after getting his share was to pay De Milt. Sheedy never followed the races. He called it a sucker's game.

Four years ago the four best hockey players on the Ottawa team were signed for $500 each for the season. An idea of how determined the club is to hold the championship cup may be had from the fact that Bruce Stuart, one of the stars, has been set up in business there. He will receive about $1500 and captain the team. Marty Walsh is to get $1500 and Taylor, the same. Kerr and Lake will receive $1200 and Bruce Ridpath $1000. Ken Mallen and Harby Shore, utility men, will get $800 each.

Lee Johns, the well known Newark bowler, established a world's record by rolling an average of 272.2 for six games in the New York individual championship against Jimmy Watt of New York on the Oxford alleys, Newark. Johns won the match with a margain of 421 pins. He did not have a break in the series and made 51 strikes and 9 spares. His highest total was 279. His scores were 270, 268, 248, 277, 277 and 278.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
M. A. A. C. vs. Cricketers
Multnomah Field

ATTELL IS COMING NORTH ON SUNDAY

Bantam Champion Will Have Hard Match With Jimmy Carroll.

With Jimmy Carroll and Frankie Edwards training hard for their bouts at the next smoker to be held, the Rose City Athletic club affair December 30, and Monte Attell due to depart for the north Sunday, things fistic have begun to look up again. Matchmaker Grant made a good stroke when he signed Jimmy Carroll to box with Monte Attell. They have had four whirls at each other and honors are even, each having taken a battle and drawn one.

Carroll is still working out with Edwards at the Catholic club gym, and the little chaps rough each other up every afternoon as if they were in a real go. Edwards, who made a good impression on the fans at the Oregon club's smoker last Tuesday night, will go against Ted Whitman, a boy who earned quite a reputation up in Canada and who looks well in training.

Attell preferred to stay in California until after Christmas, and will leave the Bay City Sunday. That will put him here in plenty of time to let the fans see him in training. Attell will take his training quarters up at Tommy Tracey's gymnasium and will work out with Whitman.

SOCCER REFEREE

William S. Richmond of Dundee, Scotland, famous association football player, who will referee tomorrow's game on Multnomah field between Multnomah and the Cricketers.

Pugilist Packy McFarland is going abroad.

FAMOUS CYCLIST

Rutt, the German, who finished first in the recent six day race, and who will also ride in Germany.

The National Roller Polo league of New England and the Empire State Polo league formed an agreement for the protection of players of each league along the lines of the national agreement in baseball.

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SOME DIFFICULT SHOTS IN CHINESE POOL

This set of pictures shows some of the intricate shots performed in Chinese pool by Charles E. Blodgett, the world's champion at the game. Blodgett is now in the city and may give several exhibitions here.

In the picture that has the balls on the table they are all in motion, having been rolled off the two cues and banked on the ball to be struck. The other picture shows the manipulator juggling one ball on the two sticks, having the power to make it disappear. The drawing shows a reproduction of the game from historical charts made 400 years before Christ.

Ian Hague, the English boxing champion, and Jim Stewart will box at the National Sporting club, London, about

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