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WHILE FAMILY AGT SERVE AS HODOO IN COMING BATTLE

History of Ring Shows Fighting Brothers Have Invariably Been Worsted When One Set Out to Revenge Himself.

By C. E. Van Loan. New York, Feb. 7.—There used to be a man in Chicago whose proud boast it was that he had "paralyzed" three delirious stores into a system for beating the race and when he had the system perfected he had no more stores than a jackrabbit.

It is absolutely impossible to dope horses except in true run races barren of racing luck, good or bad. It is also impossible to dope fighters, because you never can tell what a man is going to think when he catches a stiff prod on the point of the chin.

My Dear Sir—I am not a palmet but I have brought out a new line of thought in connection with the Jeffries-Johnson match which may interest you.

There are three acts of fighting brothers whose careers I have followed. Of course, there may be other fighting brothers, but these were all famous and at one time or another there was a champion in each family.

Those Forbes Boys. First we will take Clarence and Harry Forbes. Harry was the bantamweight champion at one time. Clarence fought Frankie Neil, and Neil knocked him out cold.

The next pair of fighting brothers are Harry and the Twin Sullivan. Take them individually, the greatest fighting brothers ever developed in this country. Clarence Forbes wasn't much at the best, but Twin Mike used to be a wonder and Twin John used to be the toughest man to lock, at his weight, in the world.

Then to start the eight year Twin Mike hooked up with Ketchel. Ketchel knocked him kicking with one punch. That was February. In May Jack Twin, the middleweight, went into the ring to square matters for the honor of the Sullivan clan.

Here's where we get around to the coming fight. Eight or nine years ago Jack Johnson, then, unknown, had a chance to fight Jim Jeffries' brother Jack. Jack was never considered much of a fighter, but if he had gone into the ring and put up the same sort of an argument which he used to give champion Jim out in the barn, he would have licked plenty of the second raters.

Jack Goes in a Punch. Anyway the men fought and Jack Jeffries, hard as he was to stop, was downed by a single jaw punch, which dropped him cold for five minutes. Do you begin to get my? The other brothers, going out for revenge and that sort of thing were also licked, and if the thing carries through in the future as it has in the past, Jack Johnson will win this coming fight by the knockout.

So True Line in Sight. Until two men have been seen in action against each other there is absolutely no true line on the result of a meeting between them. You can't tell what A will do to B because A has whipped C and B hasn't. Fugillate dope doesn't work out that way, because men do not fight exactly alike and every man has a different assortment of punches and his own peculiar way of using them.

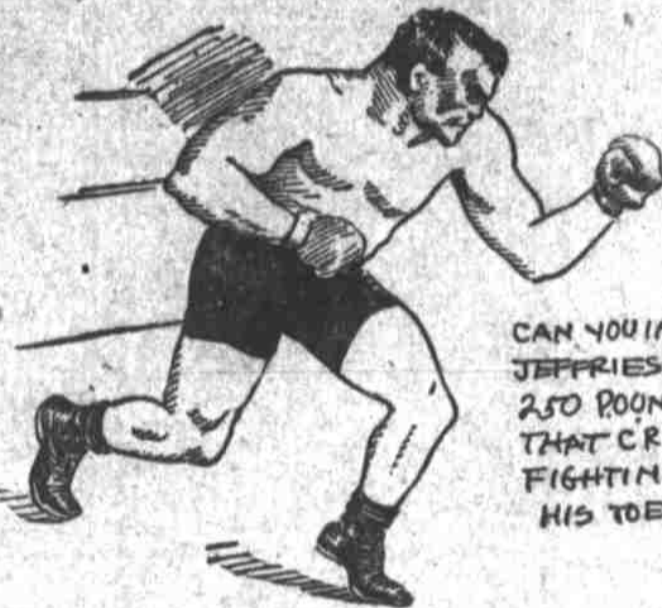
Chemawas Play Ashland. Chemawa, Or., Feb. 7.—The Chemawa Indians will try out this evening with the fast bunch of ball tossers from Ashland, who are touring Oregon. The Ashland Athletic club is represented by several old stars, among them Shaw, the old Dallas center, who was and still is a terror to all opponents.

TAD SHOWS FLATFOOTED POSES OF OUR GREATEST FIGHTERS

BATTING NELSON THE GREATEST OF MODERN LIGHTWEIGHTS FIGHTS WITH HIS FEET BOTH PLANTED FLAT. HE DRAGS HIS RIGHT FOOT AFTER HIM WHEN HE FOLLOWS HIS MAN.

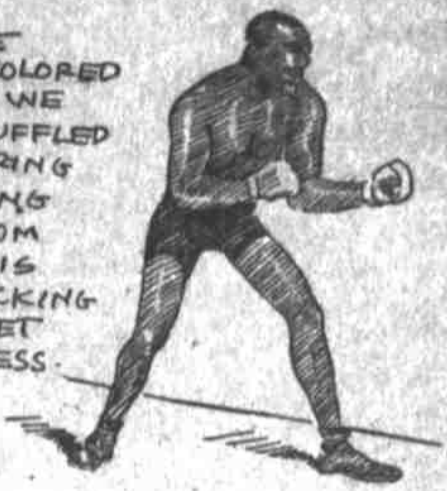


OLD FITZ SET HIS FEET FLAT ON THE FLOOR WHEN HE STARTED TO SLOG. HE PUT ALL OF HIS WEIGHT IN IT THEN.



CAN YOU IMAGINE JEFFRIES WITH HIS 250 POUNDS AND THAT CROUCH FIGHTING UP ON HIS TOES?

JOE GAN'S THE "FINEST" COLORED LIGHTWEIGHT WE EVER SAW SHUFFLED AROUND THE RING SELDOM LIFTING HIS FEET FROM THE FLOOR. HIS CLEVER BLOCKING WAS THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.



JACK JOHNSON KNOCKED KETCHEL OUT WHILE HE WAS WAITING WITH HIS FEET PLANTED SOLELY ON THE FLOOR.



The above cartoon repudiates the statement recently made by James J. Corbett, one time heavyweight champion, that no good man ever fought flat-footed. Corbett's contention is that the best fighters worked on their toes. Billy Madden, the veteran trainer, takes exception to this, and says that all the best men in the ring fought flat-footed. Corbett afterward said flat-footed meant defensive fighters.

CUE EXPERT CHANGES POOL GAME

As the balk line revolutionized billiards, so will the proposed new "open break" work a great improvement in the game of continuous pool, according to Thomas Heuston, former pool champion. Heuston is exhibiting the new style of break in his daily exhibitions, and is trying to induce the rule makers to write it into code for championship play.

Experts who have experimented with it say that Heuston's idea is entirely practicable; that it would make the game more spectacular in that much safety play would be eliminated; that it would permit long runs without the safety pauses, and that among expert players it could be easily manipulated.

To play the new style game, it is necessary to place a third "spot" in the middle of the table at the intersection of lines extending from the center of the end rails and between the two side pockets. The game is started in the usual way with the customary safety break, but in subsequent rackings the "point" or "apex" ball is removed and placed on the spot in the center of the table.

Instead of placing the cue ball anywhere behind the first two diamonds at the beginning of each new frame, the player who pockets the last ball in the previous frame continues to shoot from where the cue ball rolls after the final shot in the preceding frame. Heuston proposes a rule that permits a hard break of the pyramid on the same shot that pockets the spot ball, it being necessary, however, for the cue ball to take at least two cushions between contact with the first object ball and the "bench."

It is Heuston's contention that expert players can manipulate their position play so as to pocket the spot ball and at the same time swing into the pyramid with enough force to scatter the balls and thus continue to run without pausing to play safe. He has practiced this game a long while, and his proposition is well spoken of by prominent billiard and pool stars, and has favorably impressed the rule makers.

Eastern League Selects Dates. Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 7.—The Eastern league owners, after two sessions, adopted a playing schedule for the 1910 season today. With a few minor changes the draft originally submitted by President Powers was accepted.

President Powers said tonight that he probably would not again preside at an Eastern league meeting. "I have been an official in baseball for 27 years," he said, "and would have retired two years ago except for the fact that I was under fire by unfriendly club owners. Each time this caused a determination on my part to offer myself for reelection; but if things progress smoothly this season, I will make way for some other man."

The full schedule will be made public February 14.

WASHOUGAL TOSSERS SPEARED BY SPARTANS

The basketball game at Washougal Saturday evening between the Spartan team of Portland Y. M. C. A. and Washougal Athletic club was won by the Spartans by a score of 23 to 10.

The Spartans played one of their best games, but the fighter home team remained with them and were satisfied to hold them to the lowest score for the season.

The Spartans played their usual lineup. The Washougal team was as follows: Hogford, Starr, Good, Forward; Wall, center; Wood, Palmer, guards.



Thomas Heuston.

Wolgast Wants Slice of Picture Money That Bat Regards as Insurance. San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Sid Hester is making his final effort today to secure a permit in San Mateo county for the Nelson-Wolgast fight and with the optimism that has marked his conduct since he began negotiations for the match, the boy promoter, still has hope of landing the coveted document.

Hester went to Redwood City early today to attend the meeting of the board of supervisors and when he boarded the train he stated that he had an even chance of winning out. If he fails he will go to Point Richmond, where a 45 round permit awaits him.

The meeting in Hester's office tonight, when the referee and other questions in dispute are to be settled, promises to be a torrid one. In the first place, Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager, is going to make an awful fight for a cut of the picture money.

Says Bat Is Going Too Far. Jones contends that Nelson is going too far in his demands and inasmuch as Wolgast is fighting for one-third of what the Dane is to receive in the matter of purse, he is entitled to some sort of consideration when the picture privileges are doled out.

Jack Robinson, Nelson's manager, will strenuously oppose giving Jones any part of the picture money. Robinson points out that when the agreement was entered into Jones declared that he would not ask to be declared in on the pictures and that he was fully cognizant of this clause in the final articles of agreement when he signed them.

Robinson looks upon Nelson's share in the pictures as so much insurance. If Nelson is knocked out his

GREAT "CY" YOUNG LOOKS OVER OREGON

Veteran Big League Pitcher May Settle on Farm at Cove.

Denton Tecumseh Young, known wherever baseball is played as "Cy" Young, tarried a few hours in Portland yesterday, spun a few yarns and then lit out for Biglin, Or., to visit a farmer brother and listen for the call of the simple life on a western ranch. If it comes while Cy is in eastern Oregon, the veteran ball player will invest a few thousands in farm land and like Fielder Jones and Billy Sullivan, pave the way for a life of affluence in his declining years.

To speak of Cy as declining is almost a sacrilege. Men may come and men may go, but like the babbling stream, Cy goes on forever. Better still, the sage of Olean grows stronger each year. Today there are few better pitchers in the major leagues. He is entering on his twenty-first year as a major league twirler and he promises to be just as good as ever.

He will go from Cove direct to the south to report to the Naps March 1. St. Louis now has both Rebel Oakes and Rube Ellis, the two fifty outfielders who went from Los Angeles in one year to the big leagues and stuck fast as jeeches. Originally Cincinnati had both of the ex-Angels but wanted to turn Ellis back to Los Angeles. Roger Bresnahan refused to waive on the Rube and he became St. Louis property, for a long time being the sensation of the league. Oakes and Ellis are two of the best young outfielders that ever left the coast and will undoubtedly strengthen the St. Louis club.

Charles Somers of Cleveland says the coast youngsters are always the hardest to sign up, because they are accustomed to getting paid for eight months' work on the coast, and are only offered pay for the sixth month season of the American and National leagues.

Buster Armbruster is keeping himself in splendid trim this winter and some of the fans will be surprised at his showing on the ball lot. Walter McCredie regards Butler as the greatest coach of young pitchers that ever came to the coast and attributes the success of Harkness and Carson to the veteran backstop's careful grooming.

Oto Johnson is rarely seen around the places where the fans love to congregate. All winter long Oto has been in the habit of showing up about once in a week, saying "hello" to his friends and then going back to his solitude. Oto is watching Chinks in Uncle Sam's immigration service and it takes a lot of his time.

J. CAL NOW PROMOTING ANOTHER BALL LEAGUE

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—If the efforts of J. Cal Ewing and other baseball promoters are successful, California will have another league under the sponsorship of organized baseball when the season of 1910 opens.

Representative of eight cities which will compose the circuit met last evening and elected officers. E. H. Raymond of Napa was chosen president. The cities that will be represented, according to the present plans, are Napa, San Rafael, Healdsburg, Vallejo, St. Helena, Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Point Richmond. An effort will be made to get class "D" sitting for the organization. Games will be played on Sundays and holidays.

WRESTLER'S BRAUN LIKE MERCURY

Eddie O'Connell's brawn resembles the mercury in a barometer. One hour he is close to the 142 pounds that he must make for his \$1000 match with the Jap Matsuda in Merrill's hall next Thursday night, and in another he is some six or eight pounds off.

After a hard workout and half an hour in the Turkish baths in the morning he will weigh around 144 pounds, but in the evening he tips the beams at 147 or 148 pounds. It is this that is worrying the Multnomah instructor. He can't understand why there is such a great fluctuation in his weight.

Strong Men Weaklings. Eddie made the strong men of the club look like kindergarten pupils yesterday. Some half dozen of them engaged him in a follow-the-leader stunt, with the wrestler as the leader. None of them finished. Some dropped out in the running on the track, while others found the medicine ball their Waterloo. None lasted through the chest protectors. After all that he wrestled with five of the club wrestlers for over half an hour and then played half a dozen games of handball. This all took place in the morning and he did some work before retiring last night. With three days more O'Connell is still above weight.

Long String of Victories. That O'Connell fears him is shown by the way he is training. He has a long string of victories, his experience on the mat covering many more years than O'Connell's. This all took place in his country, a Vancouver ten years ago and has become an adept in the catch-as-catch-can style. Some of his victories have been over such stars as Sink, Swanson, Miller, O'Neill, Sutor and Billster.

Word was sent from Spokane that the Jap and some of his backers would reach Portland Wednesday morning. Among the local Japanese colony much interest is being manifested over the bout, and a number of wagers have been placed by the Japs working about the various hotels with the Caucasian employees.



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ESPEE HELPING COFFROTH WIN \$1000

San Francisco Fight Promoter Puts One Over on Railroad Company.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Friends of Promoter James Coffroth say he has "put one over" on the Southern Pacific railroad and thereby takes his place today with a small, exclusive and unidentified party of gentlemen who have accomplished that remarkable feat.

The Southern Pacific is bending its best energies to win one thousand dollars for Coffroth, by getting him here before 12 o'clock tomorrow night and thereby winning the bet which Coffroth made in London that he would be in his office in San Francisco at Midnight, February 8.

It is not because the Southern Pacific loves Coffroth—not by any means—but because Coffroth has contrived to attract the attention of the public to the question of whether the Espee's star train, the overland limited, will arrive on time tomorrow evening.

The Overland was two hours late when it pulled out of Omaha last night, but that is a small matter and easily can be made up.

Must Be No Delay. The point is that there must be no delay. The train is due here at 12:00 o'clock tomorrow evening. If it gets in three hours late Coffroth can easily win his bet.

But a teup anywhere along the line would make it hopeless and that is what the Espee is taking special pains to guard against.

It is no simple matter to bring the Overland through in midwinter, with the heavy pull over the Sierra Nevada and the long run through Wyoming, Utah and Nevada, on the same time that is made in summer time.

But special orders have been issued that no delays should be permitted for any cause which possibly may be avoided. The two hours must be made up and the train must be brought through if three or four engines have to be tied on to it.

Realizing the advertising feature of the stunt the Espee is making to win Coffroth's bet for him and all Coffroth has to do is to look out the window and admire the winter scenery.

DALLAS HAS PERFECT BASKETBALL RECORD

Chemawa, Or., Feb. 7.—The Willamette Valley Basketball league is nearing the completion of its schedule, there being yet 12 games to be played. Dallas college is in the lead, not having lost a game thus far. Albany college has lost all games played on home floor, and forfeited the games away from home. The games played thus far are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Dallas College 5 0 1.000, Philomath College 4 0 1.000, McMinnville College 3 0 1.000, Pacific College 3 0 1.000, Chemawa 2 0 1.000, Albany College 0 6 0.000.

This Date in Sport Annals. 1849.—At Rock Point, Md., Tom Hayer defeated Yankee Sullivan in 14 rounds, in fight for \$10,000 purse.

1887.—At Chicago, Joe Acton (3 fms) defeated Ewan Lewis (2) in catch as catch can wrestling contest.

1901.—At Racine, Wis., Tommy Cody knocked out Jack Dougherty in fourth round.