

HEAVYWEIGHTS OUT OF STYLE THESE TIMES

By W. W. Naughton. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 1.—Heavyweight pugilists are out of style, at least for the time being. Possibly the fact that Jack Johnson and a few other husky skinned men are on top of the heap, has something to do with the public's indifference toward the big fellows. But whether such is the case or not, it is noticed that the promoters are not reaching out for heavyweight cards, and the promoters are supposed to keep a finger on the public pulse.

Some idea of the manner in which heavyweight talent is being slighted can be gleaned from the experience of Dan Morgan and Carl Morris. This pair have been hunting a battleground for months and there is grave doubt even now as to whether they have found one.

Will Have Americans. Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, makes it his boast that he will have a whole herd of American heavies in Sydney before Christmas. Possibly he will. The heavyweight situation at present resembles a wood patch and if Mac has secured the men he speaks of, it may give those tender plants known as "white hopes," a chance to grow.

It is noticed, however, that McIntosh is not bragging about American lightweights he will introduce to fight lovers of Australia. No air. The lightweights are having it made worth their while to stay at home and the heavies are being permitted to wander where they listeth. The moral stands out in this like a wooden peg in a cheap shoe.

Lightweight boxers will furnish the best of the pugilistic entertainment in this country for quite a while. And the better the lightweight, the oftener he will entertain.

Brown Is Busy. Knockout Brown's manager, Dan Morgan, in declining a Los Angeles offer to match his man against Freddie Welch, said that Brown had a dozen contests to look forward to in the next two months, and that he would box Welch later. In the slang of yesteryears, that's going some. The question is, how long will a youngster like K. O. B. last, long will a young sinner such a breakneck clip? He is a youth so new to the game that his name does not appear in the 1910 records, yet we hear of him being committed to a dozen matches in the next two months.

It almost looks as if Morgan, in addition to claiming the lightweight championship for Brown, might claim the match for the greatest number of rounds in the shortest space of time. Surely it must be a record.

How Will He Train. Will Knockout train separately for each of those bouts, or will he condition himself to begin with and then figure that the first fight will consist of training for the second, and so on until he has finished the campaign? Whoever way he fixes, it almost looks as though he will have to sleep in fighting costume and with boxing gloves tied to his wrists.

But perhaps, after all, Manager Mor-

gan is drawing the long bow. Possibly he was afraid of offending Welch. If he told Freddie straight out that Brown wanted nothing to do with him, and preferred pleading a multiplicity of engagements.

Joking aside, it was evident that the new order of things in the east is going hard on rising young lightweights. If the K. O. B. date book is to be taken as a fair sample, the New York fight fads will be watching bouts between jaded boxers before the season is over.

Nelson Found Out. Bat Nelson used to say that he would have preferred to box every two weeks. With that time, the Dane would have had a life tenure of the wonderful endurance with which nature endowed him. Now he knows that even fighting flesh has its limitations.

If K. O. Brown keeps crowding a dozen fights into a space of two months, he will not last anything near as long as Nelson did. When Brown can cover what is in store for champion Ad Wolgast? He is the most sought after young man at present in the pugilistic lights and, in addition to being a mark for the boys in his own class, the promoters in every section are reaching out for him.

Ad might make a one night stand of his business, if he feels so inclined, but up to the present he has not evinced a hunger for matches as has his rival, Knockout Brown.

After what Moran said, it will be interesting to watch which of the pair—Wolgast or Brown—fights more frequently in the months to come.

JOHNNY HAYES WANTED BY ITALIAN ATHLETES

If reports emanating from reliable sources are to be believed, Johnny Hayes, of marathon fame, has been offered a lucrative position. One of the big Italian clubs desires his services as coach to prepare their team for next year's Olympic games. The American marathon runner has been in Italy for some months. He likes the place so well that he doesn't mind sticking it out for another year or so, according to what is in store for champion Ad Wolgast? He is the most sought after young man at present in the pugilistic lights and, in addition to being a mark for the boys in his own class, the promoters in every section are reaching out for him.

The American tennis team, W. A. Larned, R. D. Little, Maurice McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy, will meet the English tennis team on the West Side Tennis club courts, New York city, on September 7, 8 and 9, and the winners will go to Australia to challenge for the international trophy now held there. After the matches a dinner will be held in New York at which moving pictures will be shown of last year's matches when Melville E. Long and Maurice E. McLoughlin competed there.

STAR BATSMEN ARE GAINING

Art Bues still of Seattle leads the Northwestern league in batting, but Kille Brashers of Vancouver is making jumps upward each week and is now second in the list. Otto Moore is third in the list, tied with Swain.

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PORTLAND SWIMMERS IN ASTORIA RACES

Everything is in readiness for the swimming races to be held at Astoria, under the auspices of the Centennial committee, September 4, 5, 6 and 7. Some of the best athletes on the coast and in the middle west will compete. It is expected to exceed anything of a like sort ever held on the Pacific slope.



Arthur Cavill, swimming instructor of the Multnomah Athletic club, will have charge of the affairs. He states that conditions are ideal for the meet, that the water is not cold, and that the current is not very strong.

The local clubs, Multnomah and the Y. M. C. A., will both be represented by strong teams, and a hard fight for first place honors probably will occur between them.

The Multnomah swimmers will be Gus Mankurtz, Lewis Thomas, Oliver King Jeffrey and Leon Fabre. Mankurtz is the star swimmer of the club, but will only be able to compete in the half mile race, which will be held on Monday.

Thomas is the next best man at the club and he is expected to win several places for them at the coming regatta. Thomas won the Christmas swim, and the city championship for 220 and 440 yards.

Fabre is, perhaps, the best fancy diver at the club. He probably will enter that contest for the winged M.

Oliver King Jeffrey, chairman of the swimming committee, will also represent the club in the fancy races and in the diving contest.

The local Y. M. C. A. will send one of the strongest swimming teams to the meet that has ever represented the association, in Pete McDonald, H. Pfander, Frank Gross and Jack Footner. Pete McDonald has been swimming with the association for two years and has placed in many of the events in both outdoor and indoor races.

McDonald has greatly improved over last year's swimming time, and he likely will prove a strong winner in the association this year. In a tryout held last Tuesday night, he swam the 100 yards in one minute and ten seconds, and the 50 yards in 22 seconds. He will enter all the championship events in the coming races and will be a member of the Y.

M. C. A. relay team. McDonald lowered the national Y. M. C. A. swimming record for 200 yards unofficially, which he swam the distance in three minutes and six seconds, 1 1-5 seconds faster than the record.

Frank Gross, lately elected captain of this year's team, has bettered the national Y. M. C. A. swimming records for the 100, 200 and 220 yard swims. He will enter all the championship events and swim in the relay.

Jack McDonald, the fourth member of the team, is about four seconds slower than his team mates, but as this is his first year in the swimming game, his time up to 100 yards is remarkable. He will enter the 100 and 220 yard swims and also swim in the relay.

Pfander has been swimming for some time and is a fast man. The local athletes will leave for Astoria Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, on the steamer Murchison.

Regatta Race Program. The complete program for the regatta is: Monday, September 4.—1/4 mile ocean swim, fancy diving championship, fancy costume race, greasy pole contest, 100 yard handicap, exhibition by Professor Cavill's pupils.

Tuesday, September 5.—Team relay race between M. A. C. and Y. M. C. A. tub race, cigar and umbrella race, breast stroke race, 220 yard championship race, exhibition by pupils.

Wednesday, September 6.—100 yard championship ladies, 100 yard championship blindfold race, canoe tilting contest, follow the leader by Cavill's pupils.

Thursday, September 7.—440 yard championship race, ladies' diving, back stroke, 50 yard race for boys, barrel race, exhibition by pupils.

Cavill will give exhibitions during the meet consisting of fancy diving, fancy floating, life saving, fast swimming and Monte Cristo sack feat.

Chance Is Disciplinarian. Frank Chance is perhaps the greatest disciplinarian in the game. A player who has been with the Washington club all the time for all he is worth. This is the reason perhaps for the splendid showing the Cubs always make. There is no other manager in the game who would put two of his star players on the bench with the Washington club. Chance did with Joe Tinker and Heinie Zimmerman.

The Columbia club and the Gresham Giants are scheduled to meet in their second game tomorrow afternoon on the Lents diamond. The game will be played for a \$100 side bet and all the gate receipts. The Gresham team won the first game played with the clubmen, and the latter are anxious to get revenge for their first defeat.

Should Gresham win, they will be heralded as undisputed champions of Portland and vicinity. If the club wins, a deciding game for the championship will be played. Porth or Van Hoomisson will occupy the mound for the Columbia club and opposed to them will be Emery Webb, the new Gresham slabster.

"Red" Rupert and his squad of Eschles ball tossers are off this morning for a two days' stand at Sheridan. A game will be played this afternoon and one tomorrow. "Mysterious" Mitchell who has been pitching great ball for Sheridan, was released last week and Frank Archer, the ex-Portland Beaver signed in his place.

Manager Jerman of the Salem team is importing ball players from all parts of the state to beat Woodburn today in the championship game. If Salem wins today, the Willamette Valley league pennant will be awarded to them. Ray Henken of the Eschles team will be in a Salem uniform.

Young Wise of the Hudson Arms team of Lents pitched another beautiful game last Sunday against the Meier & Frank aggregation. Wise pitched two hours in the air while trying to straighten out some of Wise's slants.

The Greenfield Blues will close their season today in a game at North Plains. "Bill" Kotteman, the old time local heaver will be on the mound for the Blues.

The Columbus club will meet the Mount Angel nine on the latter's grounds this afternoon. This the Gresham Giants are leaving for Hillbore this morning where they will hook up in a battle royal with the Cornellus team, pennant winners of the Washington County league. Excursions from Cornellus, Banks and Forest Grove will be run to the game. The Cornellus squad is reported to be composed of heavy sluggers and "Cy" Townsend, the veteran Gresham twirler, will assay the task of holding them down.

"Red" Cassner is still seen in a Hood River uniform. A game in that place without Cassner's name in the lineup would seem strange to the fans, as the old timer has been on the club for the past 10 years.

Ade Sieberts continues to pitch grand ball for the S. P. & S. team and it was not his fault that Rainier won last Sunday. Errors behind him were responsible for nearly all the scores.

Here's a good one told on "Red" Rupert, the foxey manager of the Eschle team. In a game at St. Helens last season "Red's" team was having one of their few "off days" in the season. "Red" was guarding the right garden and was anxious to see how many errors his team was making. Following his old custom of putting a rock in a pile for each error, Rupert had quite a collection in the eighth inning, when a St. Helens slugger (most likely Perry Austin) came up with three on base, and slammed a drive in his direction.

goes to Australia and his following may also include a private secretary and a stenographer or two. When Johnson gets back to the United States which may not be for a year or two he will be a widely traveled man as he intends to visit India, China and Japan.

Johnson can very easily afford to have two or three valets if he wants them, as his contract with McIntosh calls for an annual guarantee of \$125,000, a pretty tidy salary for the ex-roundabout. He expects to start for Australia after his bouts with Wells and Curran have been fought. He is immensely popular here, the color line being very little in evidence in England. It is possible that Johnson may never go back to live in the United States.

"This side certainly looks good to me," he said the other day. "Of course I am an American, but there is no mistake, the people here treat a colored man with lots more consideration than they do at home. I have been thinking of buying me a place in England where I can live in peace and comfort after I retire."

Has Been Driver 68 Years. Captain Andrew Jackson Russell, better known as Jack Russell, of Watervliet is the oldest driver of trotting horses in New York. He was born on November 4, 1832, and has been on the grand circuit more than 40 years. The great race in which he held the reins was 58 years ago, on the ice of Lake George.

Peoria, Ill., has a plan laid out for a week's rowing races such as was held in Pullman in 1889, to consist of two days racing by the clubs of the northwestern and central states, associations on Peoria lake, finishing up with two days' racing of the national association of amateur oarsmen. The first two have already been secured, but the national regatta will not be awarded until next March.

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SAME OLD TALE ABOUT BUD

Buddy Ryan still leads as usual in the Coast league. Patterson, the Oak's new outfielder, started out in a lively fashion and he is credited with the average of .306. Lindsay, Portland's latest, is hitting at a great clip and has the average of .341.

Bill Rapps and Artie Krueger increased their average last week, while Holland of the Seals came up a number of points. Tiedeman and Wolverson both made big gains last week. Most of the Seals also did some heavy batting. Christian did good work with the bat last week and entered the .250 class. The individual averages:

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SULLIVAN STANDS FOR CLEAN BOXING

New York Expected to Become Fight Center in a Short Time.

New York, Sept. 2.—New York will probably be the great eastern fight center under the Frawley law which legalizes fighting. Governor Dix could not have made a wiser selection for chairman of the boxing commission than James E. Sullivan. While Mr. Sullivan has not heretofore been identified with the boxing game, he knows it from soup to nuts, as in fact he knows all branches of sport.

No man in the country has had wider experience in handling athletes, and the professional boxer has a strong family likeness so far as temperament goes to the amateur athlete.

Beyond this Mr. Sullivan is absolute-

ly on the level and anything with which he is connected must be on the square. The sporting public knows this. Hence legalized boxing will start out in New York under the most favorable auspices.

The rules adopted already by the commission make for clean sport. It is the purpose to have representatives at all bouts and to gradually codify the laws of the game in accord with experience.

Mr. Sullivan, by the way, is a strong advocate of state supervision of all sports, amateur and professional, and it is by no means impossible that in New York state at least this will be done before long.

"We have state departments of education, agriculture, charity; why not of athletics?" asks Mr. Sullivan. Why not indeed?

Bill Pitonof, father of Rose Pitonof, of Boston, who now claims to be the champion long distance swimmer of the world by reason of her swims to the Boston Light and also Coney Island, as well as many exhibitions in rivers throughout the country, challenges Sam Richards and Aislie Aykroyd, of Boston, both of whom swam to the Boston Light within the last few weeks, to an endurance swim in Boston on any Sunday under any conditions.

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