JOHNNY KILBANE TO TAKE NO CHANCES IN GO WITH J. WILLIAMS

Featherweight Champion Refuses to Meet Bantam at 122 Pounds, Ringside.

8 P. M. IS BEST HE'LL DO

Abe Attell Is Also Making Life Miserable for Title Holder—Havana Wants to Be Boxing Center.

By Ringside.

New York, Feb. 20.—Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight of this planet, absolutely refuses to be inveigled into a match with Johnny "Kid" Williams, who domineers the bantamweight division of this universe. At least, the Kilbane Johnny will have nothing to do with the Williams Johnny until the latter Johnny makes a number of concessions—in the matter of weight, size of purse and place where the contest should be conducted.

For a while the gullible enthusiasts of Philadelphia were led to believe that the two champions would at last condescend to mix matters for their edification. Announcement was made that the forfeits had been posted, the date decided upon and the poundage settled. Wednesday evening, February 24, was designated as the all-important day.

Now it is all off. The reason advanced for the indefinite postponement of the battle is that Kilbane refuses to agree to 122 pounds at ringside, the weight Williams demanded. It is said that Kilbane was ready to make the featherweight limit at 8 o'clock on the evening of the battle, but Williams would hear nothing of it.

Williams, however, had another explanation. The bantam boss is firm in his conviction that Kilbane fears him, and for that reason alone does not anticipate with delight a meeting with him.

Thinks Kilbane Afraid.

Here is Williams' end of the controversy:

"I am quite certain that Kilbane does not care for any part of my game. I have reason enough to believe so after the manner in which he treated the negotiations for our proposed match.

"First, Kilbane balked at the weight, saying that he was perfectly satisfied with the $2250 offered for his ends. He said, however, that he would waive the weight question—that is, would agree to weigh in at 122 pounds ringside if the ante were raised to $5000. Here his bluff was called, for the club promoter, at the instigation of my manager, consented to give Kilbane that sum if he would accept the match at the featherweight limit at ringside.

"That was the last we heard of Kilbane. Instead of grabbing the $5000 for a six round bout he is going about the country fighting second raters at $1000 or less, per man.

"It is not for us to say whether Kilbane can make 122 pounds ringside. But it does seem queer that he should refuse such a big sum for so short a bout if he can make the weight, the only hindrance to the consummation of the match.

"If I thought Kilbane could make the featherweight limit, the division in which he is champion, I would not hesitate a moment in boldly announcing that he fears to meet me in the ring. I can see no other reason why he should spurn $5000 for 18 minutes of boxing."

Abe Attell With Axe.

And here we have another notable personage picking on Mr. Kilbane. We have reference to Abraham Attell, who a few years ago flaunted the featherweight championship, the same Abie Attell this Kilbane person won his title from.

The name of Attell at first appears inappropriate in a boxing discussion these modern days, but Abie will have his say, and list to it:

"I have not been before the public of late as much as in former years, but I have not been idling away my time. I am still in active training; training for one more bout with the man who deprived me of the championship—Johnny Kilbane.

"You cannot convince me that I am not Kilbane's master. I beat him once before, in Kansas City. That was before we met for the championship. I think I am entitled to a return battle; I would like to get another chance at my old title.

"With that goal in view, I am still going through the training grind. This ought to prove that I am sincere in my desire to engage in another bout. I do not care to take on anybody else; Kilbane is the man I want."

Havana Is Ambitious.

Havana is making a strenuous bid to become the boxing center of the world. But it went about it the wrong way, and the pent up enthusiasm of the natives is likely to peter out before the tight little isle gets a chance to establish itself as the pugilistic Mecca.

For their opening bout down there a week ago the Islanders put on Young Ahearn and Willie Lewis—Ahern, a cautious boxer, and Lewis, who saw his best days many years ago.

Little did the Havana promoter know that Ahearn and Lewis were under the same management, and that a "fake" was being perpetrated. This makes the second "frame-up" Lewis has engaged in within the short time of a year.

Several months ago, Dan Morgan, seeking some publicity for his self-proclaimed champion, Al McCoy, secured Dan McKetrick's consent to let poor Willie Lewis "tackle" the champion." It was an unadulterated "set-up," and Lewis graciously took the count in the sixth round.

But Willie is willing to be implicated in these matches, as long as he is compensated for acting his part, as people will go to see him perform his act.

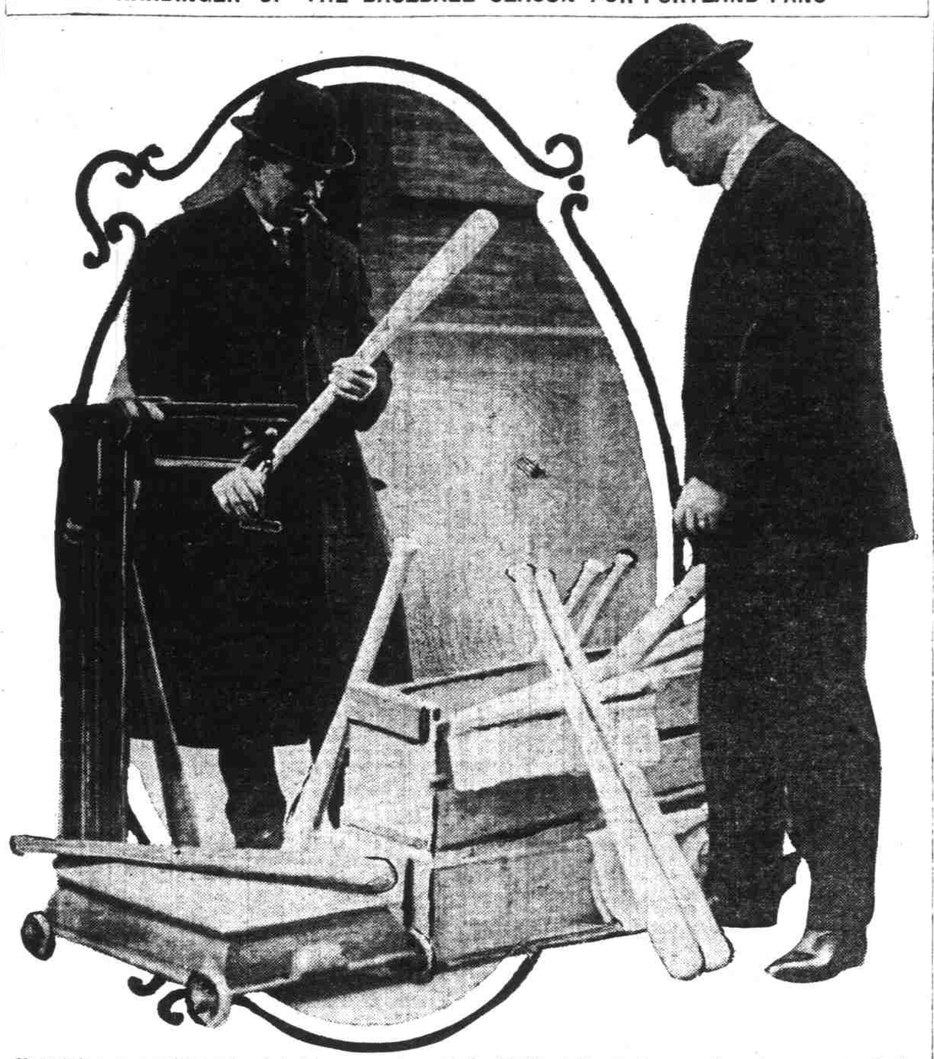
$500,000 for New York Autos.

In January, New York automobile and motor licenses netted the state $500,000.

CURED HIS RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 296 A Marcellus avenue, Manasquan, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation. (Adv.)

HARBINGER OF THE BASEBALL SEASON FOR PORTLAND FANS



Examining a consignment of bats for members of the Portland Coast league champions received by Archer & Wiggins. On the left is Gus Fisher, champion batsman of the Pacific Coast league, admiring an ash of his own peculiar type. The other Beaver in the picture is Walter McCredie, champion manager of the Pacific Coast league.

RUPERT EXPECTS HIS TEAM TO BE IN RACE FOR CITY BALL TITLE

Veteran Manager Hopes to Develop a Couple of Young Twirlers.

"If I can develop a good right handed twirler, my team will be right up in the race for the championship of the Portland City Baseball league," said Manager Red Rupert of the West Side Monarchs yesterday.

"I have my old stand-by 'Lefty' Goddard for a starter, but I want a good right handed heaver. Oswald, a six footer who tips the beam at 190 pounds, looks very promising. He is a youngster yet, but has plenty of speed. Murphy, the North Portland twirler, who is 6 feet 3 inches tall, also looks good, and if I am able to get a winner out of either of these boys watch out for my team. Then I will have Colly Druhot the old Pacific Coast and Union association pitcher, to fall back on in case my youngster fails to live up to expectations. Druhot will be used in the outfield most of the time.

"Hyronimous, who pitched for the Columbia team last season, is after a tryout and I have asked him to report when my squad starts training, which will be within the next three weeks.

"For the infield, I have Fred McKeen, Porter Yett, Wallace Childers, who captained the Walla Walla team of the Western Tri-State league last season, and Harvey Newall, the old Tri-City leaguer. I am trying to get Billy Mascot to join my club. I wanted Mascot in the city series last fall, and he looked good to me. He is very fast and I think with the aid of the veteran Druhot, Newall and Childers, that I could develop him into a great infielder.

"Benny Briggs, who played with the Pendleton team last season and Murray, who managed the Chehalis team of the Washington State league a couple of seasons ago, are mine.

"John Shea and Bleeg will do the receiving. I will play one of these catchers in the outfield during a part of the season."

Manager Grayson of the Piedmont Maroons of the city league, placed the order for the suits for his team with a local sporting goods house last week. All records for uniforms for local semi-pro teams were backed off the boards, as Grayson paid $262.80 for 12 "unies."

Maroon, trimmed with white, will be the color and every new fangled idea will be used to make the suits the best obtainable.

C. Moore May Go to Southern League

Charley Moore, the Portland boy who was recently released by Manager Frank Dillon of the Los Angeles team of the Pacific Coast league, is dickering for a position with the Chattanooga club of the Southern league. A couple of seasons ago he tried out with the Chicago Cubs. Moore is not through as a ball yet and a shift to the southern part of the country might do him good.

According to reports from Los Angeles, Manager Dillon will release infielder Bill Page before the opening of the training season. Catcher Hoffman, who was recalled from the Victoria team of the Northwestern league, will likely be returned to the Bees.

COACH SHOCKLEY NAMES OREGON'S GRAPPLING MEN

King Only Eugene Man Who Has Had Experience in Game.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Feb. 20.—After three days of tryouts wrestling Coach Ed Schockley today announced the University of Oregon wrestling team which will meet the Oregon Agricultural college grapplers in Corvallis Saturday, February 27. The men are: Harry H. Hargreave, Milwaukie, Or., 115; Grant Schaffner of Eugene or "Coxy" Barnett of Wasco, Or., 125; Clinton J. Griffin, Oregon City, 135; Ellwyn Rutherford, Eugene, 145; Dal M. King, Myrtle Point, 158.

Ellwyn Rutherford was elected captain by his teammates.

With the exception of King, none of the Oregon team has had any experience in wrestling. King has been in one conference meet, that in Portland last year. Coach Shockley said today that he expected his team to put up a good fight but that he didn't expect to win.

"From what I have heard Arbuthnot has a good team over there," said Coach Shockley. "I believe they are more experienced than we. I look for King to throw his man and possibly Rutherford and Griffin."

Big Leaguers Start Training This Week

New York, Feb. 20.—The coming week will see practically every major and A. A. league club in the country start the annual migration toward the land of mud baths and stiffened muscles. A great many, despite the frowns of league officials, have already sent a contingent consisting mostly of battery men, southward for a few preliminary boilings-out before joining the main squad.

CHESS CHAMPION TO PLAY HERE TUESDAY

Frank Marshall, America's foremost chess master, who will entertain Portlanders with simultaneous exhibition against local clubmen.

NEW YORK FIGHT FANS BACKING J. JOHNSON TO RETAIN HIS TITLE

Odds Are Ranging From Ten to Six to Four to One on the Big Cinder.

By Barry Farris.

New York, Feb. 20.—New York's betting fraternity is picking Jack Johnson at odds to successfully defend his title against Jess Willard, ex-Kansas cowboy. A tour of the Broadway betting centers tonight showed that the black man is a favorite at odds ranging from ten to six to four to one.

Few large amounts at the latter figure have been posted, however.

Johnson's backers were inclined to hedge tonight, however, after the report that the giant negro was in poor physical condition and had done little training on his voyage from South America. Five thousand dollars had been up at a Broadway buffet at odds of two to one, on Johnson for a week without any takers. Soon after the story of the officers of the Highland Harris, the ship on which Johnson sailed from Buenos Aires to the Barbadoes, about Johnson being in poor shape, were published, this money was withdrawn.

Many Freak Bets.

A great many freak bets are being posted. One that went up today—two hundred dollars to one hundred dollars—was that the bout would not go the limit. Another—at even money—was that Johnson would not be knocked out. Several bets have been made that the bout would be over inside of 20 rounds.

Interest in the bout has been increased greatly since the announcement that Johnson had landed at Tampico and would be permitted, by the Carranzistas, to go to Juarez. Indications are that several Gotham fans will attend the fight.

W. Ritchie Will Give Welsh Extra Money

Chicago, Feb. 20. — Willie Ritchie made the suggested $25,000 purse for a Welsh-Ritchie fight of 20 rounds at Denver look closer tonight when he announced that he would put up the extra $10,000 himself.

"If Welsh really wants $25,000 for beating me," said Ritchie today, "I'll see that he gets it. The Denver club has offered $15,000. If he beats me, I'll give him $10,000 more. I'll put the $10,000 up any time. If Welsh really means business it's now up to him to come through and sign up. The only stipulation I shall make is that if he doesn't beat me, he doesn't get the extra $10,000."

Young Giants Start.

Marlin, Texas, Feb. 20.—The baseball season was officially declared open here tonight with the arrival of Scout Dick Kinsella and a squad of young battery candidates.

Watering will constitute the menu for tomorrow and on Monday the Giant squad will hit the grit hard.

Yankees in Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 20.—Joe Kelly in charge of the Yankee squadron eased up on his groaning charges today and the players dragged themselves over the long hills at a slower pace than Joe has heretofore let them take. Caldwell has already taken off 10 pounds.

GHASTLY ERROR MADE BY ORGANIZED RANKS IN CONTINUING FIGHT

Federals Have Satisfied the Fans, Says Eastern Critic, That They'll Stick It Out.

ROOM ENOUGH FOR THREE

Outlaws Are Entitled to Players They Have Grabbed from Majors as Spoils of War.

By Frank G. Menke.

New York, Feb. 20.—An analysis of the baseball situation at present convinces that organized baseball made a ghastly error when it elected, after the close of the 1914 season, to continue the warfare on the Feds.

The Feds, by going through the 1914 season, satisfied practically everyone but those organized magnates that they were in the baseball business to stay. They convinced the skeptics that they had unlimited bankrolls and that they would use them to get ball players of the first grade.

The fact that many of the Federal league club owners built concrete stadiums and signed men to three year contracts that were absolutely binding upon them, should have acted as a "tip off" of the sticking around purposes of the Feds, even before the 1914 season opened. But the organized magnates were blind.

Organized baseball was perfectly justified in fighting the Feds when they first showed their teeth last winter. The Feds threatened to bust up the monopoly that the American and National leagues had in the major league baseball world. To fight to protect its interests was the proper thing to do. And that's what organized baseball did. It's the wise man, though—and only the wise man—who knows when he's beaten—who knows when to quit.

Organized baseball wasn't wise. It didn't know when to quit. It had its chance at the close of the 1914 season to call things quits and save itself from further lammings. But it refused the chance—and things have come to a sorry state for organized baseball since.

Cost Only Pride.

To make peace with the Feds at the close of the 1914 season would have cost organized baseball little else than a wallop on its pride. It would have been something of an admission on the part of organized baseball that the Feds had forced recognition, but that would be an admission only of a fact that the public knows now. The public loves a winner—but it also loves a game loser.

Had organized baseball allied itself with the Federal league at the close of the 1914 season, how different things would be now. How much better for all the magnates and for all the leagues—big and little. That trust suit never would have been filed. The International league and American association magnates wouldn't be in a panic as to the 1915 outlook and baseball, instead of being in a disordered condition, would be back to normal—and facing general prosperity.

The organized folks wouldn't have had to concede much to make peace. All the Feds wanted was major league recognition. There is room for a third big league. The schedules in Brooklyn could have been arranged so that the Brookfeds and the Dodgers wouldn't clash. The Feds might have been willing to quit St. Louis and move on to Detroit, Cincinnati or Cleveland, where there is only one major league club at present.

Room in Chicago for Three.

There is room in Chicago for three big league clubs. The city is divided into sections, and in each of the sections where the rival clubs are located there is a big enough population to support the club located in that section.

The Baltimore situation could have been adjusted as it has been adjusted—the transfer of the International league franchise to Richmond, Va. The Buffalo International league franchise could have been transferred to Syracuse, N. Y., or some other big town in the east.

The Feds could have been permitted to keep the players they had grabbed from organized baseball. That would have constituted their spoils of war.

Settling the baseball war at the end of the 1914 season—after the Feds had convinced all but the most biased that they were a permanent proposition—wouldn't have been such a complicated job, would it?

Organized baseball, had it formed an alliance with the Feds, would have drawn into its select circle a bunch of men who would have done them honor as associates.

Gilmore Is Fighter.

James Gilmore, president of the Feds, is a hustler, a fighter and a good man to be tied up with. The Ward brothers, who own the Brooklyn Feds, have made their millions by fair and honorable dealings. Walter Mullen, one of the principal backers of the Buffalo Feds, is a clean cut type of business man, who has made a reputation for honesty and industry. Judge Harry S. Goldman and Carroll Raisin, officers of the Baltimore Federals, have enviable reputations. Ed Gwinner, president of the Pittsburg Federals, is a genius in a business way. He's square, honest and he's game.

Charley Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Feds, is one of the highest types of sportsmen that ever was connected with baseball. Ten years ago he was poor; today he is rich. He made his money in the restaurant business—and he made it honestly. Otto Stifel, owner of the St. Louis Feds, made most of his money in the brewery business, as did Jacob Ruppert, owner of the Yankees—through close application to business and by square dealing.

Yep, when you think it all over, it looks as if organized baseball made a monumental blunder when it refused to come to terms with the Feds after the Feds had firmly convinced even the skeptics that they were in the baseball business to stay—whether it was to be peace or a continuance of the war.

Feds Invade Newark.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—President Gilmore of the Federals today acknowledged for the first time that Newark will be in the league this coming season.

The Federal president asserts that Kansas City has no chance of making a fight against the transfer of the Federal league franchise from that city to the east.

University of Kansas football team's games netted $8290 profit last year.

TEAM PLAYS HIGH CLASS BASKETBALL

The Gresham High School basketball quintet, which has won eight of ten games played this season. The players, from left to right, are, back row—R. Stanley, manager and forward; Principal J. E. Stubbs, coach; Kesterson, sub. Front row—Chido, guard; W. Stanley, sub; Captain H. Stanley, center; C. Brown, guard, and W. Metzger, forward.

FULL SPORT PROGRAM IS ORDER FOR THREE DAYS AT THE SEASIDE

Four Different Organizations Send 150 Members on Washington's Birthday.

Golfing, swimming, diving, running, jumping, walking and dancing will be on the program of the members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, the Waverly Country club, the Portland Golf club and the Mazamas, who departed from the North Bank depot yesterday afternoon on a special train for the seacoast. There were close to 150 clubmen and women aboard the special.

The golfers will stop at Gearhart, where, on Sunday and Monday, they will indulge in the royal and ancient game. It is expected that there will be some very good scores made in the many rounds that are to be played.

The "Winged-M" club members staged their annual dip in the Pacific last night, after enjoying two hours of dancing. After the dip into the ocean, the party splashed water in the Natatorium for a couple of hours.

There will be special swimming, diving, running and jumping events today. Professor Jack Cody has arranged a unique program of events.

The Mazamas will hike from Seaside to Tillamook.

A majority of the club members who went to Seaside and Gearhart will return to Portland tomorrow night.

The Golfing Contingent.

Among some of the local golfing enthusiasts who will make the trip are: Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sawyer, J. R. Straight, Henry H. Pearce, A. E. Ehrhorn, Agnes Caulfield, R. Guilhelm, Ruth Sipe, Miriam Sinclair, Mrs. W. H. T. Green, C. C. Sturtz, C. H. King, H. L. Keats, William A. Pettygrove, J. M. Angus, Dr. R. C. Mulholland, Kenneth S. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Ayer, Miss Ayer, Dr. J. L. Manion, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Cooke, Calvin Heilig, Mrs. Barrett, R. C. F. Astbury, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colt, R. R. Warriner, Gerald Eastham, M. H. Hartwell, H. Sooysmith, F. A. Forster, E. F. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Blumauer, Mrs. Hazel Litt, Graham Glass Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Glass, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wiley, Jr., W. Mersereau, Miss Parke, Miss McKinsie, Mr. McKinsie, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Louisson, Mr. and Mrs. Rothchild, Mr. and Mrs. Alvord, Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sampson.

Some of the Multnomah club members who made the trip are: Mrs. Grace Kadderly, Mrs. E. M. Blackmar, Mrs. C. A. Kay, Mrs. J. J. Pittinger, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Smith, Harry Fischer, Mrs. Fred Snow, Mrs. L. M. Schwartz, Hal Rasch, J. Lee Thompson, Mrs. A. E. Von der Werth, Clair Tait, Art Allen, Louis Balbach, Norman Ross, Mr. and Mrs. M. Barrie Mackay and Howard Mackay.

BASKETBALL

Spalding's basketball bookings for the week of February 21, are:

Monday—Stilettos vs. Goldendale, Wash., at Goldendale at 8 p. m.

Tuesday—Holmes Business College vs. C. B. B. C., at Christian Brothers' college gym at 8 p. m.

Friday—Sunnyside Climbers vs. Zephers at Sunnyside school at 8 p. m.

Friday—North Pacific Dental College vs. Baracas Club, at Oregon City at 8 p. m.

Saturday—C. B. B. C. Jrs. vs. Holy Grail at Peninsula Park at 8 p. m.

Hillsboro, Or., Feb. 20.—The local high school junior basketball quintet defeated the 115-pound quintet of the Bishop Scott Academy this afternoon by the score of 40 to 11. The Academy boys started the scoring, but the high schoolers came back strong during the remainder of the first period. The score at the end of the first half was 27 to 7 in favor of the high school five.

Emmons and Tinker, who entered the academy this week, were tried out in the second half and played good games. Joe Mann and Leon Allen starred for the locals, scoring 31 points between them.

The lineups:

B. S. A.	Pos.	H. H. S. Jrs.
English	R. F.	W. Mann
Noble	L. F.	Allen
Jarvis, Capt.	C.	J. Mann, Capt.
Stier	R. G.	Meek
Abbott	L. G.	Long

Substitutions—Tinker for English and Emmons for Noble.

Officials—Professor Heater, referee; Professor Levisee, scorer; Professor Lansinger, timer.

Club Soccer Team Wins.

The Jefferson high school soccer eleven held the strong Multnomah club team of the Portland Soccer Football association to a 3 to 1 score yesterday afternoon on the "winged M" field. The schclastic players deserve credit for the wonderful defensive game that they played.

The feminist movement has struck the horses. The mares will have the center of the trotting stage when the curtain lifts at Cleveland in July.

IMPERIAL ATHLETIC CLUB WILL HOLD 2D SMOKER NEXT FRIDAY

Jack King Will Referee and This Means That Boxers Must Hustle Along.

ARMORY CLUB NAMES MEN

Committee's Selections Will Receive Gold Belts from Association—Kenton Smoker March 4.

A return match between Jack Wagner and Valley Trambetus will be the feature of the second smoker of the Imperial Amateur Athletic club, which will be staged next Friday night in the Arion hall, Second and Oak streets. There is a great deal of rivalry between these two boxers and a great bout is expected.

Wagner was given the decision over Trambetus in their first meeting after four rounds of mixing, although Trambetus beat the former Armory boxer in the first three rounds.

Manager Charley Jost announced yesterday that the program will consist of six and possibly seven events. The second main event will be between Dave Wheeler, the Kenton welterweight, and Flanigan of the Spokane club. Flanigan is said to be a good mixer.

Hary Mahoney, the former Columbus club boxer, is matched to meet Parslow of the Multnomah club. Parslow is improving right along and should put up a good battle against Mahoney. Farmer Burns, the light heavyweight, is to meet Maholen, who is a pupil of Prof. Flint, a new comer in the local boxing field.

Able Gordon will meet Kid Brenen of South Portland and Bud Stevens will be matched with Charley Rooney, another unattached boxer.

The boys who will appear in the seventh bout have not been selected as yet.

Jack King, the organizer of the club, will referee he bouts in Friday's smoker and promises that the boys will not be given any chance to stall.

The boxing champions of the Armory Amateur Athletic association were selected at a meeting of the athletic committee last week. The title holders of the various classes are:

150 pound class—Al. Sommers, Eighth company.

145 pound class—Parley Parslow, Battery A.

135 pound class—Jack Allen, Company F.

125 pound class—Shea, Company B.

115 pound class—Druscoll, Company D.

These boxers will be awarded a handsome gold belt, which they must defend at every inter-company meet. members of the guard who desire to meet the title holder must place their challenge with the athletic committee.

Among some of the other boxers in the guard, who are anxious to meet the belt holders, are Keppinger and Goda of Company C in the 150 pound class; Boatright, Oscar Carlson and Harry Hansen in the 145 pound class; Fleschinger in the 135 pound class; Owens and Schmock in the 125 pound class, and Weeks and Gardner in the 115 pound class.

There is a great deal of interest in the boxing events by the members of the various companies, each trying to develop a mitt slinger who will be able to win the championship.

There are 700 men in the Oregon National Guard. Sergeant Dunne of Company D will act as trainer of the boxers.

Kenton Club to Box.

A seven bout smoker, at which some of the best talent in the city will appear, will be staged under the auspices of the Kenton Athletic club on Thursday night, March 4, according to an announcement made yesterday. Complete details of the affair will be arranged at a meeting of the club officials to be held today.

Dave Wheeles, the crack welterweight boxer, who fought under the colors of the Woodlawn Amateur Athletic club during the season of 1913-1914, will appear in the main event. His opponent has not been selected as yet. Yost Schmeer, the tough lightweight, will also be matched against some light or welterweight.

Joe Salter, a middleweight of the stockyard district, is scheduled to make his initial appearance in the Kenton show.

The complete card will be announced during the coming week. It is planned to have the card made up a week in advance so that the boxers will have plenty of time to train for the events.

LOCAL DIAMOND WILL BE FINEST IN THE LEAGUE

Groundtender Is Picking Out Stray Weeds by Hand to Beautify Lawn.

Portland will have one of the finest diamonds of any baseball club in these United States, when the Portland and Venice clubs of the Pacific Coast league open here April 13 for the first game of the season. Walter McCredie has given it his official survey and pronounced the "turtleback" diamond one of the best that has ever been seen in any ball park.

Groundkeeper Ed Krentlehr has spent most of the winter in removing the surface of the diamond and filling in the low places and smoothing it off. He took the action of the dirt by the forelock, as it were. He raised the diamond up six inches higher than he surveyed for the permanent work, and then rolled it until it became firm. This action lowered the height to the point he desired and the surface is now as near perfect as ingenuity can make it. Ed has not undertaken to remove any wayward weeds that might have scampered over into the tract set aside for the diamond. He is doing this work by hand, and when Bill Leard shows up in these parts he won't have any more alibis for booting the ball.

Trouble Brewing in Major Hockey Circles

Trouble is brewing between the two major hockey leagues—the Pacific Coast Hockey league and the National Hockey association, according to word received yesterday from British Columbia. A dispatch from Ottawa to Vancouver, B. C. states that if the Ottawa team, which is leading the N. H. A., wins the championship it will not be able to make the trip to the coast.

The Ottawans also want the coast champions to come east, but according to President Frank Patrick, the eastern title winners will come west or there will be no series between the two leagues. If Ottawa fails to come to the coast the agreement between the two leagues will be broken again and then the coasters will likely induce more eastern players to jump.

There is a possibility of an all-star team of the N. H. A. coming to the coast in event of Ottawa's failure.

Home Missionary Conditions Topic

Rev. E. R. Martin, District Superintendent of American Sunday School Union, Speaker.

Sellwood, Or., Feb. 20.—Rev. E. R. Martin, district superintendent of the American Sunday School union for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will deliver a lecture on "Home Missionary Conditions in the Rural Northwest," illustrated with lantern slides, tomorrow evening at Sellwood Methodist church. Rev. A. R. McLean, pastor, will preach at this church tomorrow morning.

Robert H. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, delivered a stereopticon lecture on "The Making of a Book" at this church last Sunday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Sellwood Baptist church held its regular monthly business and social meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. B. Roberts, 461 Bidwell avenue. A letter was read from Rev. J. E. Lear, former pastor of the church, thanking the society for the Christmas box sent him at the church orphan asylum at Kodiak, Alaska.

Rev. F. H. Hayes, pastor, will preach tomorrow morning. Rev. Mr. Waltz, pastor of the Baker City Baptist church, will occupy the pulpit.

Delivers Lecture on Delinquent Children

Professor William Proctor of Pacific University Talks at St. Johns; Program Is Excellent.

St. Johns, Or., Feb. 20.—Professor William M. Proctor of Pacific university delivered a lecture on "The Treatment of Delinquent and Dependent Children," illustrated with lantern slides, at a well attended joint meeting of the North School Parent-Teacher association and the Central-East Schools Parent-Teacher association last night in the James John High school auditorium. Mrs. J. M. Shaw presided.

The following program, arranged by the program committee of the two associations, was rendered: Selection, high school mixed chorus; vocal solo, Mrs. L. E. Coovert; selection, Teachers' Glee club; vocal solo, Miss Joana James; reading, Mrs. J. Bowers, and selection, Miss Hortense Ingalls.

A lock has been invented to hold a door open any distance desired as well as to fasten it when closed.

Washington Wins From 'Skeet' Bigbee

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Feb. 20.—The University of Washington basketball team defeated "Skeet" Bigbee and four other Oregon players here tonight, 27 to 19.

The game, especially the second half, until the accumulation of personal fouls on Boylen and Morton, caused an easement in Oregon's defense, was the fastest exhibition of the indoor game seen here for several years.

"Skeet" Bigbee was the Oregon team. The midget forward made all of Oregon's 19, with 13 out of 15 converted Washington fouls, and three field baskets.

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