



LOCAL SPORTING GOSSIP



SWEDISH CHAMP BEATEN BY SMITH

Wrestlers Work Industrious-ly to Defeat Each Other—Smith Wins Two Falls out of Three.

Charles "Strangler" Smith and Oscar Gustafson battled for wrestling supremacy before a good house here Monday evening.

After some delay caused by weather conditions, belated cars, no lights, etc. the bout proceeded to the entire satisfaction of the representative citizens present from Lents and other Mt. Scott districts.

Several notable wrestlers were present, among them John Berg, light-heavy weight champion of the world, and Walt Arndt, claimant of Pacific Coast light weight championship.

The preliminary go between two local lads was won by Frank Wilson, two out of three falls. At least this was the referee's decision, but not one given general credit.

John Berg was chosen referee of the main affair, and immediately called the two grapplers from their corners.

Smith sprang from his seat with the agility of a tiger, Gustafson ambling forth full of confidence at the same time. After the introduction and hand shake, time keeper Jesse Dunbar called "time" and both men gathered themselves together to take and give each other his medicine.

For 20 minutes spectators saw as good and lively a match, if not better, than ever witnessed on the coast. Each man was keyed up to perfection, each weighed the same, each was trained well in his respective holds, movements, etc., and in fact it looked like an even go all around. After trying all the various holds on his man, Smith finally secured his "sure as death" strangle hold and after a few seconds of writhing Gustafson's shoulders touched the mat and Smith was declared the winner of the first fall in 21 minutes and 30 seconds.

Gustafson soon revived from the effects of the terrible ordeal and when the five-minute rest was over came back stronger than ever. Smith was all confidence by this time, whereas at intervals in the first 20 minutes doubtfulness was written all over his features.

The Swedish champion broke the strangle hold twice and as many times did Smith extract himself from perilous positions before Gustafson secured the never failing head scissor and toe hold. Smith was powerless but stayed with it, until actually borne to the mat, Gustafson being declared the winner of this fall in eight minutes.

Although given an awful set back and being completely at the Swede's mercy during the second round, Smith was "all wrestler" when he came back for the tussle that was to decide the final fall. This proved to be a battle royal. After trying in vain to duplicate his former success the Swede set himself to even harsher methods but Smith's training and strength bore him through until given an opportunity for the strangle hold. However it was only after securing it the third time that he put his man down and was declared the winner by referee Berg.

The audience was generally well satisfied with the outcome and congratulated Smith warmly.

At the termination Smith received challenges from Arndt for a go here two weeks from that date and for a return match with Gustafson, barring the strangle hold. Arndt's challenge was accepted and Gustafson's, as well, is to staged here soon.

The affair was very commendable in that no rowdiness or roughness was permitted.

Berg announced privately after the bout that he would back Gustafson for \$100 against Smith, barring the strangle hold, anytime. "But," he added, "they are both good men and it would be hard to really pick the winner."

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McGRAW WILL LEAD NEW YORK NO MORE



JOHNNY MCGRAW.

The famous leader of the New York team who last year contended for the world's pennant has been replaced by Harry Wolverton, former leader of the Oakland Pacific Coast league team.

A Tragic Possibility.

Uncle Leven, a grizzled old wood sawyer, was told by a lady for whom he had been working to wait in the kitchen for his supper. Aunt Caroline, the cook, filled his plate with choice bits from the "great house" table, and Uncle Leven fell upon them with relish. Soon, however, a cloud crossed his face.

"What all you, Unc' Leven?" asked Aunt Caroline solicitously. "Is you got er pain?"

"Tain't dat, Sis' Calline," said Uncle Leven, "but I's feared I'll git filled up befo' I eats all I wants."—Youth's Companion.

A Cigar Lighter.

Gibbs—I went a railway journey the other day and took a box of cigars with me. Nibbs—Well, I suppose you had a good smoke? Gibbs—Aye, I had that, but when the train had started I found I'd no matches. Nibbs—No matches, and yet you'd a good smoke? How did you manage for a light? Gibbs—Well, you see, I opened the box, took out one, and that made the box "a cigar lighter."—London Tit-Bits.

The Cure.

"Alas, I am blind!" wailed Love. "Why don't you consult a doctor?" asked Experience. "I know a famous specialist who could cure you." "What is his name?" asked Love. "Marriage," replied Experience.—Philadelphia Record.

Conjugal Amenities.

She—I was a fool when I married you. He—Aren't you a fool still? She—No, I am not. He—Then you should be thankful to me for reforming you.—London Tit-Bits.

Then He Went Home.

He—I dreamed of you last night. Do you ever dream of me? She (suppressing a yawn)—No, but I'd like to very much.—Detroit Free Press.

Womanlike.

Crawford—How did your wife come to buy you all those suspenders? Crabshaw—I think she wanted the pretty boxes they came in.—Judge.

We must carefully distinguish between the absence of tact and the presence of principle.—John Davidson.

ARNDT AND SMITH MIX HERE SOON

Youngster Overly Anxious for Crack at Local Man—Smith Has Advantage in Weight.

After accepting Walter Arndt's challenge to a best two out of three match, Strangler Smith said, addressing a Herald reporter "I have been receiving challenges from this man for the last year, and I gladly accept. The only reason we have not met before is that I never could find the time to journey clear to California, but now that he is here I welcome the chance, for I can throw him handily."

Arndt has appeared on different occasions at the Southern City and is overly anxious to get on the mat here in Portland, and the chance to get a crack at Smith the first thing. He resides in Portland, where he has a brother who appears often on the mat in amateur goes. To the Herald reporter he said: "I honestly think I am the better of the two, but I want to try my mettle with Smith. Of course I know he outweighs me from 6 to 10 pounds but I'll allow him that just to get a chance at him." "And one thing more," he said as the reporter turned to go, "if we meet here I promise the public a go that will be worth the money."

The bout will probably be staged at the Grange Hall after the Gustafson return match.

Full particulars will be announced later.

A PROBLEM IN FIGURES.

It Scared the Mathematician, but the Women Solved It.

One day a teacher of mathematics went shopping with his wife. He tagged along listlessly from counter to counter until they came to the dress trimmings department, and there he found something in his line. Said his wife to the saleswoman:

"How wide is that gold spangled black crepe?"

"Three-eighths of a yard," said the girl.

"How much is it a yard?"

"Three dollars."

"Well," said the professor's wife, "how much of three-eighths wide material will it take to put four six-inch strips around a two and three-quarter yard shirt that is seven inches narrower at the knees than it is at the bottom, and how much will it cost?"

At the first mention of those figures the professor's head began to reel, and it reeled still more when his wife and the girl got out pencils and paper and began to do their sum. Presently his wife said:

"Here, dear; you know all about mathematics. Help us solve this problem, won't you?"

But the professor said: "Excuse me; I feel faint; I must get a little fresh air," and ignominiously fled.

His wife came home with exactly the amount of material required, and the professor took her word for it that she didn't pay a cent too much.—Philadelphia Ledger.

LENTS TO HAVE GOOD BALL TEAM

As a Result of Fanning Bee, Dunbar Says Lents Will Have Another Good Team Coming Season.

With the advent of the new year and the approach of Spring, local fans here have been wondering as to the future of Lents' ball team and whether or not we would have one this year.

It seems to be a settled fact that we will have a team, and a fast one, if Jesse Dunbar, leader of last year's team, is given any kind of encouragement. He says he believes he can gather the major part of last season's championship bunch together and that their ranks will be filled with some of the fastest men in the state if need be.

There is no reason why we should not maintain our standard of ball playing and our reputation for being the best amateur ball town in the county.

Last season's team gave the town more real live advertising than anything we have ever had, and their playing set a pace that was hard for other teams to follow.

With the name for superior playing we acquired last year and the assurance of the same support there is no reason why we should not cop the championship this year.

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