

READY FOR THE BIG FIGHT

Jeffries and Fitz Discussed—The Baseball Games—Notes.

The following signed statement was given W. W. Naughton, the well-known sporting writer, by Champion Jeffries last Tuesday. It shows the boiler-maker's confidence in himself:

"An mighty glad to get back to Oakland as a place for the conclusion of my training work. Hibbin Springs is a splendid place, but a trifle too warm at this time of year for the kind of work that I want to do. The last two weeks I was awfully warm up there. When at work the heat never used to bother me much, but an hour or two afterward the perspiration would start and keep up until I began to fear ill results."

"I weigh 218 pounds today, and in this cool weather expect to experience no trouble in reducing six or eight pounds during the week. My gymnasium work this afternoon was as hard as any that I have undertaken on a stretch since commencing at the springs. Oh, but I feel fine tonight! Why, I could go into the ring tomorrow and put up the fight of my life."

"What do I think about the betting on the fight? Well, I haven't thought anything about it yet and, to tell the truth, I don't care much either. What I want to do is to win the fight, and that purpose is occupying all my attention at present. However, from what I have heard people say, I suppose that they will make me a favorite."

"JAMES J. JEFFRIES."

FITZ WILL BE CAREFUL. If the boxing indulged in by Bob Fitzsimmons afforded any inkling of the kind of fight he intends to put up against Jeffries, it is safe to prophesy that the Cornishman will battle along careful lines when he tries to reclaim the championship from the burly boiler-maker.

To begin with, Fitzsimmons has a full-size 24-foot ring staked off in the canvas-covered gymnasium wherein he exercises at Skaggs Springs. "That is the size of the ring we are to fight in," explains Fitzsimmons, when drawing attention to the roped space in which he does his practice boxing. "The articles call for a 24-foot ring, and the club managers must provide one."

This seems an intimation that Fitzsimmons considers a 24-foot inclosure quite small enough when striving against the man an inch or two taller and probably 60 pounds heavier than himself. Fitz's work with the gloves affords substantial proof, however, that he regards the regulation size ring a proper thing in which to have championship fights.

He sits in one angle of the roped square, his big hands encased in gloves of oxidized hue. All the other corners of the ring are occupied, "Hank" Griffin and "Soldier" Wilson. Each of the Cornishman's sparring partners wear lemon-colored sparring mittens and it looks as if Bob is about to engage in a battle royal with his three stalwart adversaries. He goes at them in turn, however, and spars three three-minute rounds with each, taking the usual one-minute rest between rounds.

George Dawson, Fitz's trainer, has this to say of his man: "He is looking as well as ever he did, and he is living up to his looks in his work. His wind is good, and he can put in a couple of hours of fast exercise without showing any particular signs of fatigue. He boxes carefully and does not allow his sparring partners to punch him around to amuse visitors, as I am told he used to do when training for Jeffries before. The man who lays a glove on Fitzsimmons now has to have a quick eye and a quick hand, and he is lucky if he escapes a counter which will make his jaw ache."

Jeffries is a steady favorite in the betting, being quoted at Harry Corbett's last night at 2 1/2 to 1. The sale of seats promises to be a phenomenal one. When the box office closed last night, after being open only two days, there was over \$5000 in the sack. This sale surpasses anything ever known in pugilism on the Pacific Coast.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND. Seattle, 35; Portland, 25; Tacoma, 25; Spokane, 25; Butte, 22; Astoria, 22.

LABOR NOTES. All unskilled workmen at the Pueblo Steel Works of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company have been notified of an advance of 10 cents in daily wages.

hits made off him yesterday were well scattered and the game was at no time to do all the pitching for Portland for a time. Engle and Witbeck will have a fine, as Salisbury is on his way to this city to attend his wife who is very ill. Yesterday's score:

Table with columns: SPOKANE, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Howells, McLaughlin, McMillan, McKevitt, Eisey, Frary, Reitz, Kelly, Pfeister, and Totals.

Table with columns: PORTLAND, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Muller, Van Buren, Zeigler, Weed, Vigneux, Anderson, Harris, Deisel, Witbeck, and Totals.

Table with columns: SCORE BY INNINGS. Rows for Spokane and Portland across 9 innings.

SUMMARY. Earned runs—Spokane, 1; Portland, 1. Two-base hits—Pfeister, Kelly, Vigneux, Zeigler. Slown bases—Zeigler, Vigneux. Slown plays—Mullane to Reitz; Deisel to Anderson to Weed; Harris to Weed to Vigneux.

PERFECT PITCHING. Stovall is certainly doing great box work for Seattle. Yesterday he did not allow a hit, issue a pass to first or hit a batter. His playing was the only feature of the game. The summary: Seattle, 9; Portland, 0. Earned runs—Seattle, 1. Two-base hits—Habbitt, 2.

CLOSE AT TACOMA. It was anybody's game at Tacoma in the ninth yesterday, but in the tenth Fisher drove out a hot grounder which scored McCarthy and won the game. The summary: Tacoma, 1; Butte, 0. Earned runs—Tacoma, 1; Butte, 1.

SHORT SPORTING NOTES. Jack Wade, champion lightweight of Montana, was knocked out at Butte last night in the fourth round by Jack Clifford. President Sexton has fined Park Wilson, manager of the Denver Club, \$100 for assaulting Umpire Schweigert recently at Omaha.

ABOUT RAILROADS. "What the Wild Waves Say at Seaside" is the title of a catchy bit of railroad advertising just issued by the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company. It presents the manifold attractions of the several resorts at the seashore, is filled with interesting and instructive reading matter and is handsomely illustrated.

LABOR NOTES. The riggers and shipliners have been granted a new charter from the A. F. of L., and since May 2, are known as the riggers, liners, ship painters and cleaners. This change was made necessary through technical matters regarding certain kinds of work claimed by members of other unions.

LABOR NOTES. Five hundred and fifty employees of the Southern Pacific shops at Houston, Tex., walked out last Monday on the refusal of the company to grant them an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

A. O. U. W. AND DEGREE OF HONOR

Officers Chosen and Installed—Amendment to the Constitution.

At the session of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., this morning, the greater portion of the time was consumed in discussing proposed amendments to the constitution. One of them had relation to the contract between an applicant for insurance and the lodge. Another had reference to the changing of the date for the payment of dues from the 28th to the last day of the month.

Installation of officers will be held this afternoon, and the session will probably be concluded. It is possible, however, the volume of business to transact will make it necessary to continue the session tomorrow.

DEGREE OF HONOR. At yesterday afternoon's session of the Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor, immediately upon its being called to order, W. D. Hare, of Hillsboro, member of the A. O. U. W., presented the officers of the D. of H. with beautiful gold badges, gifts from the supreme and superior lodges, which were in session in this city last month.

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MURDER WILL OUT

Adage Is Exemplified in Strange Way in Wisconsin.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., July 17.—Great excitement prevails here over the finding of a skull of a man under a pile of refuse. Dr. McAee, the hypotist, has been giving exhibitions here and past week and put a boy named Bitterdes in the hypotist state with a view of ascertaining where his father was. The latter has been missing for more than four years. The lad, while in this state, said that his father had been killed and the body buried at the place above stated.

NORTHERN LAWYERS. CHAUTAUQUA, N. D., July 17.—The annual meeting of the North Dakota State Bar Association which opened here today is the best attended gathering of its kind ever held in the state. President Seth Newman of Fargo called the gathering to order and delivered his annual address. Other speakers at the opening session were Professor John E. Blair and Hon. Guy C. H. Corliss, both of the University of Law, who took as their subject education and admission to the bar. Officers for the year will be chosen tomorrow.

ILLINOIS LAWYERS. CHICAGO, July 17.—Two hundred lawyers and jurists of prominence filed Steiny Hall today at the opening of the 26th annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar Association. The annual address of the president, John S. Stevens of Peoria was the feature of the opening session.

MISSISSIPPI CHAUTAUQUA. CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Miss., July 17.—The eighth annual session of the Mississippi Chautauqua assembly opened today and will continue until the end of the month. The session promises to be the best in the history of the assembly. No expense has been spared to obtain the best platform talent, and every entertainment will be full of interest. The attendance of visitors already here represents many parts of the state.

SHE NEARLY STARVED. EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 17.—While making his rounds yesterday a patrolman found Miss Ella Smith, giving her home at Owensboro, on the steps of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was unconscious from the want of food. Four days ago the girl came to this city to seek employment, but failing to find work she was too proud to ask for food. The unfortunate girl went four days and four nights without food.

POLICE COURT. In the police court this afternoon the cases of Frank Merritt and A. Hagle, arrested last night by Officers Patton and Bailey as vagrants, were continued until tomorrow. These men are alleged to be a pair of North End rounders against whom a strong indictment has been issued.

A Fire Boat Proposition. The Board of Trade has received a communication from a person in this city stating that he would build a fireboat and furnish it, complete, if the city of Portland would lease it. The estimated cost of his fireboat would be \$75,000.

BURNED AT THE STAKE. CLAYTON, Miss.—William Odey, a negro who had outraged Virginia Tucker, white, was burned at the stake here yesterday.

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ACROSS THE RIVER

A Busy Justice. The fame of Waldemar Seton, justice for the East Portland district, has spread far and wide as an authority on the performance of the marriage ceremonies. It was no sooner than the judge had taken his position on the bench than the couples began to arrive to have the knot tied.

At Supple's Shipyard. The king post for the steamer Albany has been completed, and the steamer is again in commission. The steamer will hereafter engage in the towing of logs. A large shed, 24 by 25 feet and 27 feet high, is being constructed at the yard. The shed will be used in the construction of the new government tender, the contract which was recently let. The tender will be used by the quartermaster department at Vancouver for the shipment of supplies and troops between the several river ports.

On the Peninsula. Miss Louise Howes, who has been very ill the past few days with heart trouble, was reported improved yesterday. Dr. Rossetter is in attendance. William Bagley, of the Home Real Estate Company, is recovering his health very slowly. He was able to be out yesterday. Mrs. Matilda Wright, of McMinnville, who has been visiting at the residence of Postmaster Hemstock, has returned to her home. Miss Frances Hemstock accompanied her and will make a short visit.

Residence Destroyed by Fire. The residence of A. V. Hart at Portsmouth was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening about midnight while the family were eating their supper. The blaze spread so quickly that the family found it impossible to save any of the furniture in the house, even most of their personal effects being destroyed. The loss will amount to about \$200. Mr. Hoyt is employed by the Portland Railway Company. On account of the fire the citizens of the vicinity are now circulating a petition for the establishment of a fire company for the protection of property on the Peninsula.

Lumber Is Scarce. All the saw mills and planing mills in the city are now running on full time, but yet they are not able to keep up with the demand that has been created for lumber since the settlement of the strike. The Frank Schmitt Company on East Eighth and East Salmon street, a union 8-hour mill, is running full time. Contrary to reports, the mill is able to get all the lumber it wants to pay for from any of the saw mills in the city. The building outlook is indeed promising, even more so than it was before the strikes took place. A large number of new dwellings are under construction and a great many others are in contemplation.

Will Move Station. By the time that the new electric road to St. Johns is completed and in working order the City & Suburban Company will move its Piedmont station to Oakley Green, where the company has purchased an entire block for depot facilities. The company is also considering the proposition of extending the Lower Albina line to the proposed new station and thereby give that section better connection with St. Johns. The work of digging the holes for the erection of the trolley poles has proceeded as far as University Park.

Progress on Big Mains. The work of laying the 14-inch water mains for the warehouse district is progressing rapidly. The mains start at East Twelfth and East Market streets, and go down Market to East First, down East First to East Oak. The mains are

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Mail Carrier Gets Horse. The long looked for horse to be furnished H. C. Hutchinson, carrier on the Mt. Tabor free mail route has arrived and as a result the people within the delivery district are happy. A large number of additional territory has been taken in on the route and the older patrons now secure their mail more regularly.

Reduced Rates to Newport. Commencing June 15, the Southern Pacific Company will sell round-trip tickets, Portland to Newport and return, good via either East or West Side divisions, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. Three-day Sunday excursion tickets, good going Saturday, returning Monday, \$1.50. Season tickets, good returning until October 30. Baggage checked through to Newport. For further information call at City Ticket Office, corner Third and Washington streets, Portland, Or.

NEW RAILROAD DEAL. The fact that A. B. Hammond has gone East has set some of the wise ones to thinking. It is believed, though upon no authority, that air Hammond will endeavor to dispose of the Astoria & Columbia line. It is rumored that the line may fall into the hands of the Harriman interests. It is said that by so doing Mr. Hammond will be able to co-operate with Mr. Harriman in building a transcontinental line to Humboldt Bay.

Wouldn't It Make You Mad? H. A. Salisbury, of Heceta, Lane County, Or., writes that he purchased a mower weighing 70 pounds and had it shipped from San Francisco. The freight charge was \$11.15. "I term such exorbitant charges as downright robbery," states Mr. Salisbury in his letter, "and will rejoice when the business men will open a way for traffic between Portland and the Coast points. Kindly call the attention of your wide-awake citizens to this matter."

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