

## KETCHELL NOT TO FIGHT LANGFORD

Someone Evidently Got Off on the Wrong Foot Regarding Reported Match—Fight Gossip for Rabid Fans.

(By Ringsider.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—Apparently somebody got off on the wrong foot with regard to the alleged Ketchell-Langford match, despite Sid Hester's assertion that he had signed the fighters to do battle at Point Richmond in May or September. Joe Woodman, manager of the negro, continues to deny that he has signed on behalf of his man.

"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, who is filling in time which Bat Nelson takes to make up his mind by grabbing off all the spare matches that are lying around loose, may chase down to New Orleans next month and meet Matty Baldwin, the New York crack, in a ten-round contest before Tommy Walsh's New Orleans Athletic club on the 11th of the month. Yesterday afternoon Thompson received a generous offer from the southern promoter and his manager, Charlie Cleaver, said they would probably accept it. The only thing new standing in the way is the weight question, and as Baldwin has managed to make 133 pounds at 6 o'clock, there should be no difficulty in sending the lads together.

Baldwin and Thompson would be a crackerjack of a card, in view of the former's rapid rise to fame, and the latter's well-established reputation for toughness.

In a letter to the boxing editor, Tommy Walsh, formerly a popular Los Angeles referee, who is now matchmaker for the New Orleans Athletic club, declares that the present Louisiana legislature is favorably disposed toward the rehabilitation of the fight game and the bangtails, and will, in all probability, restore both to their full splendor before many weeks are past.

George Memsie, the Chicagoan, who is matched to fight Lew Powell before the Oakland Wheelmen early next month, commenced work today at Al White's place in Emeryville. Memsie will be trained by Abdul, the Turk, who is best known to fame as the husky who carried Bat Nelson into the ring at Point Richmond on his back.

It is to be hoped that if Abdul is in Memsie's corner, Mel Moffitt will see to it that the Turk is securely gagged, for of all the pests that ever pumiced his way to a fighter's corner, Abdul is of the worst.

### A Boy and a Flying Tank.

ASHLAND, March 26.—Orpheus Sonnichsen, aged 14, son of Mrs. J. Wamsley, of 176 Mechanic street, who carries papers on the west for one of the Portland journals, conducted a hazardous experiment the other evening and that he escaped without serious injury, seems under the circumstances almost miraculous.

In the yard at his home there was a gasoline tank with a small amount of the combustible fluid in the bottom. Orpheus was playing about it Friday evening and opening the opening in the tank tested his lung powers by blowing into it. Then he lighted a match and getting on the top of the tank touched the flame to the open faucet. The result can easily be imagined. Orpheus and his flying machine suddenly cut the air, grazing the leaves of the woodshed, and made a quick descent upon the garden a rod or two distant.

That the young aviator came through his dangerous experience with nothing more than a bad scare and a few bruises seems wonderful to tell, but he did, though it was necessary to summon a physician to patch up the superficial bruises.

### Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—K. A. Truack, W. R. Clark, Stockholm; C. Lawrence, Buffalo; H. D. Reichers, O. Huber, P. O. Gilmer, W. Parker, Portland; W. G. Estep, Los Angeles; G. W. Libburg, E. M. Hutton, J. Vaughn, Portland; E. V. Price, Pasadena; R. G. Smith, Grants Pass; O. H. Vonzael, San Francisco.

The Moore—Noah Frederick, Portland; T. P. Mack, Indianapolis; H. N. Starr, Portland; J. C. Wilson, Sacramento; J. P. Olsen, Portland; J. W. Holmes, G. E. Metcalf, Eugene; W. K. Garrett and wife, Portland; W. G. Smith, Wolf Creek; W. W. Merriam, Portland; J. N. Kellogg, San Francisco; G. W. Libbey, Portland; A. S. Radcliff, Salem; F. A. Grisez, Ashland; R. G. Hirsch, Portland; J. F. Bigelow, J. M. Bennett, A. J. Knight, Flandran, N. D.; G. H. Parker, Grants Pass.

## IF JEFF SHOULD FAIL, WHO THEN?

Kaufman and Langford Both Eager to Hook Up With Big Heavyweight Black, Should Jim Not Show Up at Ring in July.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—A local sporting writer today discusses the possibility of Jeffries failing to meet Jack Johnson next July and the position in which such a failure would leave the fight promoters. He says:

"If James J. Jeffries, for one reason or another, fails to keep his appointment with Jasper Jack Johnson on the 4th of next July, the fight fans of San Francisco are still assured of a championship match, providing the dingy title-holder is out of jail and is still ready to 'meet any man in the world' in a contest for the heavyweight crown.

"Two men, Albert Kaufman of California and 'Beggar Sam' Langford of Boston, are ready to step into the breach in case Jeffries fails to toe the scratch, and will give Johnson his \$10,000 side bet and split the purse any way the latter may desire. Nor does either of these men want to meet the negro for a loser's end of the purse—on the contrary, they would much rather fight Johnson on a winner-take-all basis, so sure are they of their ability to stop the champion before the end of a 45-round bout. Kaufman, in fact, declares that he will meet Johnson in the back room of a saloon or any other private place and fight him for the side bet alone. 'Beggar Sam', while not quite so generous, is equally anxious to meet his brother dingo and has the hardihood to maintain that Johnson is afraid of him.

"In the writer's opinion, both Kaufman and Langford have more than a good chance against the negro champion—just as good a chance, in fact, as Jeffries himself. Of course, the one man whom the public wants to see in action against the Galveston black is Jeffries—but 'Beggar Sam' and 'Bean Albert' are really more entitled to another crack at Johnson than the ex-boilermaker and should at least be considered with the heavyweight championship which is being discussed.

"If Jeffries should happen to be defeated by the gorilla-like dandy from the Texas water-front, the American people would be inconceivable. It is therefore imperative that he whip himself into the very best condition possible before he enters the ring, and failing to do this, it is barely possible that he will even yet decide that discretion is the better part of valor and stay up in the mountains for good.

"In view of this fact, would it not be well for Tex Rickard, who is arranging to substitute referees and such things to have Albert Kaufman or Sam Langford on hand to take the ex-champion's place."

Medford Concert Band Elects New Officers

The Medford concert band held its annual election of officers Friday evening, at which those elected were: President, W. E. Lane; secretary, G. W. Stull; treasurer, F. A. Fifer; business manager, Basil Gregory.

Messrs. Lane and Fifer were re-elected and William Warner would have been re-elected manager if the members could have prevailed on him to take the office, but he seemed to think he had held it long enough and wished to give someone else the opportunity.

Don Colvig dropped in for a short time, as he is on a short visit from his school in Portland. Conductor Bradley had a lot of new music for the rehearsal and is arranging for an entirely new repertoire for the coming season.

The regular rehearsals are each Tuesday and Friday evenings in Smith's hall.

Attell-Moran Matched.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Abe Attell and Owen Moran today signed articles for a ten-round fight here April 1. Moran and Attell had already been signed for a scrap on March 29. The new articles provide for a scrap to supersede the one provided for in the others and practically amounts to a change of date for the battle.

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### SWISS CHALET

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  - W**—11.60 acres, all in fruit; 574 Newtowns 4 years old, 175 Bose pears 4 years old, 80 Bartlett pears 4 years old. Price \$8400.
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