

## HARD LUCK STILL FOLLOWS TRAIL JIM COFFROTH

Sporting Gossip for Rabid Fans—  
Reception of Johnson in Frisco  
Rather Peeves Him—Fans Jeer  
Him at Exhibition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 4.—Old Kid Hard Luck is still camping on Promotor Jim Coffroth's trail. To cap the climax of the series of disasters that have befallen him since the big fight was grabbed away from him, Jim Driscoll, the English featherweight champion, who was matched by Coffroth to fight Abe Attell for the world's title, has taken a run-out powder, claiming illness, and sails today for England.

There is a suspicion that the illness is feigned and that the real cause of the Englishman's change of heart is due to the miserable showing against "Pal Moore," the 17-year-old Philadelphia bantam, who made Driscoll look like a ring-tailed monkey in a 10-round bout in New York about two weeks ago. The verdict of the New York papers in favor of Moore for a slaughter at the hands of Jim evidently sent the Britisher into a blue funk and the cancellation of the match followed. Coffroth has not yet decided upon a card for the Saturday before the Fourth, but it is not unlikely that Driscoll's stable mate, Owen Moran, who fights Frankie Conley in Los Angeles in the near future, will be offered the place made vacant by Driscoll.

Sam Langford journeyed out to Millett's today and by tomorrow the much dreaded negro will be in the full swing of preparation for his fight with Al Kaufman in Blot's arena on the afternoon of June 18. Langford, who has been fighting steadily ever since the beginning of the year, does not need much work, but he intends to put himself into the very best of shape for his meeting with the local giant. Sam is about as light even now as he cares to be, scaling around 163 pounds, which is fully 40 pounds lighter than Kaufman will weigh when he enters

the ring. Langford has heard a good deal about Al's punch and ability to assimilate punishment, but doesn't seem to be worrying about it.

Jack Johnson is pleased rather than peeved over the reception given him at Dreamland last night, where he sparred four rounds with Marty Cutler and two rounds with Kid Cotton before a crowd that was very much smaller than the one that saw Jim Jeffries go through his paces last week. Barring a few hisses from the gallery and several interruptions while making a speech, Jack was given quite a nice reception. His exhibition was a good one and he caught the crowd by permitting Cutler, who has a good punch, to whale away at his stomach without attempting to block him. Johnson also showed some ability in the forensic line, but when he tried the trained orator's trick of pausing just before the peroration to give the audience an opportunity to set itself for the grand finale he tumbled into a trap. "Gentlemen," said Jack, "on the Fourth of next July you will see—" The negro paused, looked around the house to see what effect his talk was having and was about to resume when an unfeeling gink in the gallery, seeing a grand chance to put one right over the plate, yelled out:

"A nigger's funeral."  
The sally hit Johnson on the funny-bone and for several seconds the golden smile was on exhibition. After the laughter had subsided, Jack cut one himself, saying:  
"For the sake of the well-educated gentleman in the gallery, I do hope that when the people from all parts of the world come here they will see two men well trained and a fight in which the best man will win."

### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IN MONTHLY SESSION

The Rogue River Valley Horticultural society met in regular session Saturday afternoon with President C. W. Potter in the chair.

The meeting took the character of an informal discussion of matters pertaining to the growing of fruit.

A special meeting was ordered for June 18, at which Professor O'Gara will be asked to speak, the date of the meeting, however, being subject to the convenience of Prof. O'Gara.

On motion the regular meetings for July and August were ordered omitted, and a vote of thanks was extended to the Pacific States Telephone Co. for the co-operation with the orchardmen in fighting the frost.

## CONGRESS MAY AID MOVEMENT FOR WORLD PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4.—That congress will resolve to aid in establishing a world's peace commission with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as chairman, is generally understood here today.

The way has been paved for the commission by the proposal of Secretary of State Knox to establish an arbitration court of justice at The Hague by enlarging the powers of the peace court already established.

## HOME PHONE RATES RAISED IN HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 4.—The Home Telephone company has announced a raise in rates which has been expected here for several months since the stockholders asked that the directors try to put the company in shape to pay dividends. The raise will take effect July 1 and the company stated in its communication that an effort would be made to get dividends for the stockholders, who have had no returns since they invested their money two years ago.

Main line business phones were raised from \$2.50 to \$3.25 per month, party line business and main line residence phones from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per month, party line city residence phones from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and party line rural phones from \$1.50 to \$1.75. It is expected by the management that the raise in rates will cause many subscribers to have their phones removed, and already orders have been received to that effect from several patrons, but as the system is now heavily loaded with 1220 phones the company hopes by this means to get ahead of the constantly growing business. Over 100 phones have been installed by the company in the valley since the first of the year, and many applications are coming in for service which cannot be given.

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### RECOVERS HIS HORSES, BUT CAN'T LOCATE TAKER

KLAMATH FALLS, June 4.—Jack Moore is home from Medford, where he has been for the past several days gathering up some horses which

were disposed of by Frank Benson.

Benson had been working for Moore here for some time. Moore had business in the Fort Klamath country and while away Benson took three head of horses on which Moore had a mortgage as well as a saddle

horse which belonged to the latter.

Going to the Rogue river country Benson disposed of all of the animals and fled. Moore followed him and was about two days behind time when he would have overtaken the culprit before he got away. The

horses were all recovered by Mr. Moore and a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Benson, but to date nothing has been heard from him.

A. C. Hough of Grants Pass was in Medford Saturday.

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