

HAS MEDFORD A WHITE HOPE

Well Known Negro Pugilist Challenges Local Jeweler to Fourth of July Combat—Wants Referee Partial to Blacks.

The following letter has been received by Frankie Edwards of the Athletic club from Joe Catton (colored) former sparring partner of Jack Johnson, requesting a match for the Fourth of July with some local boxer:



"I have been trying for some time to get on a match with Carl Morris, the Oklahoma white man's hope, but I guess he's afraid to tangle with me. I also here that you have a guy in the jewelry business whose name is Van something, posing as a white man's hope in your section.

"If you can secure a match with this fellow for me for the Fourth of July, will either wrestle or box him ten rounds for the gate receipts, and will give you \$50 if you can make this match.

"Understand that you have a fight fan in your town named Jeff Hurd. If you make the match, secure him for referee, as I understand he is partial to the colored race. Wire me if anything is doing care the Afro-American Athletic club."

P. S.—"Enclosed find my mug."

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING

Last Sunday's session of the Men's Bible class of the M. E. church was made especially interesting because of the fact that the teacher, Mr. Steep, had assigned some very entertaining topics to a number of the first biblic students in the class. The discussion were confined exclusively to the lesson and much real scriptural information was imparted on the most part the class prior discussions of this nature rather than a delving into business, social or political matters. The membership of the class is continually growing and the large class tent is being taxed to its capacity, still room will be made for all who attend and an invitation is extended to all to join the class.

RAPID GROWTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent Collins Makes His Annual Report—Year One of Unusual Activity—1325 Pupils Upon the Register

City Superintendent of Schools U. S. Collins has rendered his annual report to the Board of Education and to the residents of school district No. 49. He states that the year has been one of unusual activity and that many important movements have been inaugurated, and that the opening of school September 4th will see the successful completion of all of them.

"The great and rapid growth of Medford has made it necessary to provide more room," states Professor Collins. "The building of the Queen Ann and Jackson schools is an important part of the year's work. The buildings are entirely modern in all arrangements. The plumbing is on modern plans and the best grade of fixtures, sanitary in every respect will be installed.

Praises School System. "No where in the west can be found more commodious, better lighted, heated and ventilated school buildings than those in the city of Medford. The affairs of the district are administered in as capable and business like manner as a private business with the aim at highest efficiency at a reasonable cost."

The report shows 1325 pupils on the register and an average number of attendants of 1054. These are divided as follows: 405 pupils over six under nine, 335 over 9 under 12, 234 over 12 under 14 and 351 over 14 and under 20. Percentage of attendance for the year was 96 per cent. Number of books in the school library is 1610 and the increase during the year of 325.

Course of Study Changed.

The course of study for the Medford schools has been materially changed during the year. More stress is laid upon reading and pupils given a wider acquaintance with literature. More attention is paid to spelling; arithmetic, history and geography all come in for the usual attention while effort is continually made to improve penmanship.

Regular courses in manual training and domestic science are maintained and the introduction of industrial art has proven successful.

In the first five grades no home studies are expected, but in grades

VANIMAN TO TRY AGAIN.



MELVIN VANIMAN
Melvin Vaniman, swimmer, who attempted to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a rubber balloon with Walter Wellman, crossed in this country more hopeful success than in a trip he made in New York, perfecting his plans.

POOR MEN CANNOT DRINK UPON TRAINS

CHICAGO, Ill., June 24.—After this week all persons who drink intoxicating liquors on any railway train except in the dining car, buffet, or sleeping car will be subject to fine or imprisonment. Because the law is aimed particularly to those who drink in the day coaches the statute is commonly known as the "poor man's anti-jag law." Railroad officials point out that the framers of the law paid full regard for those who have the necessary change to pay for the best accommodations on the trains and landed heavily on the fellow whose purse is not long enough to pay for entry save into ordinary coaches.

TOGO TO VISIT AMERICA ON RETURN FROM LONDON

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Only 17 days will be spent in the United States by Admiral Togo, of the Japanese navy when he arrives in this country on his way home from the coronation festivities in England. Togo will arrive here August 4. He will visit New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington.

six to eight home studies are expected. During the year \$250 worth of pictures and statuary has been purchased by school largely through the interest taken by the ladies of the Greater Medford Club. Preference is given to home teachers in employing the staff.

TO CROSS BATS AT GRANTS PASS

Court Hall's Invincibles Pay Tenth Game of Season With Their Old Foes and Have Chance to Even up the Score—Two New Pitchers

Court Hall's Invincibles will prove today whether they are in the "come back" class for today they have the opportunity to even up the percentage of games won and lost with their old foe—Grants Pass. Today's game will be the tenth of the season, Medford has won four out of the nine played and a victory today is important. If they lose it will take three straight victories to cinch the season.

Two new pitchers will be given a tryout by Manager Hall. Stevenson a clerk, and Thodes an electrician, who drifted into town are both good bushers and will see what they can do in the twirling line. Court, however, is counting on Burley Bob Braggdale to cinch the game. Bob is showing class at last and has been working out well.

A large number of fans will accompany the team to Grants Pass. Several wads 'tis reported will be placed on the boys to cap the game.

CHALLENGE IS ISSUED TO WINNER OF FATS AND LEANS

The Medford Furniture & Hardware Company's baseball team has issued a challenge to the winner of the fats and leans the proceeds to be given to the Ladies of the Greater Medford club to assist them in erecting the new bandstand in the city park. The Furniture team has the following lineup: Elmer Wilson, c; Lloyd Elwood, p; L. F. Kurk, 1st; Bailey 2nd; Harry Wilson, 3rd; Cartwright, rf; Otto Myers, cf; Dexter If; Doc Rujler ss; F. W. Payne substitute. F. W. Hollis is the treasurer of the team and John H. Butler manager.

ELEVEN MORE MINERS VIOLATED INJUNCTION

DENVER, Col., June 24.—Judge Whitford today ordered the arrest of 11 more members of the United Mine Workers of America on the charge of having violated his injunction preventing interference with strike breakers in the Northern Colorado coal fields. All those arrested were held in bonds to appear June 29.

POOL GAMES ARE VERY EXCITING

Tournament Under Way in University Club Draws Large Crowd of Interested Spectators—Social Evening a Success.

The pool tournament now under way in the University club is proving a great drawing card. A large number of spectators were present last evening and hugely enjoyed themselves.

The results to date: Brooks defeated Frazier 65 to 62; Beckwith defeated Barbour 39 to 15; Powell defeated Meikle 70 to 31; Bevord defeated Burgess 100 to 33; Al Carpenter defeated Fiero 70 to 29.

PORTLAND BOYS ADDICTED TO THE USE OF COCAINE

PORTLAND, Or., June 24.—Through the arrest of Samuel Miller, a First street druggist, the authorities today asserted they have learned that several hundred boys, many of them newsboys and largely residents of South Portland are addicted to the use of cocaine.

Miller was arrested following the confession of a boy that he purchased the drug from Miller's store and that other youths bought "flake" at the store also. The lad confessed that it was only after his craving for the drug had become so intense that medical aid was called.

FRATERNITIES BARRED AT WHITMAN COLLEGE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 24.—It was officially announced here today that college fraternities would be barred from Whitman college for another year. At least this decision was reached by the overseers.

Under the ruling a number of local fraternities were denied the privileges of applying for charters from national organizations. If at the end of the next college year the board decides that fraternities are doing no good, the local bodies will be disbanded. Otherwise they will be allowed to petition for national charters.

PORTLAND GETS NEXT MEET OF LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, June 24.—Portland, Oregon, was chosen here today for the 1912 convention of the National Livestock Exchange, which closed the sessions of this year's convention.

Health Hints

Electric Light, in your store or home, burn no oxygen, therefore are more healthful than any other artificial light that exists.

In truth, Electric Light is the one and only healthful manufactured light known today.

It does not vitiate the atmosphere in any way whatever, whereas every other open flame light does.

Furthermore, electric lights throw out no odor; they are cool, not heating the store unpleasantly in the summer time; they are neat, clean and handsome; they do not burn in a wavering, fitful way, throwing a deceptive light on your goods; they do not "blow" out accidentally.

SAFETY

If you have any other but Electric Illumination in your store, or home, you run a risk of fire every time you or your help light a match.

Matches are the cause of more fire losses in this world than any other known agent.

With your electric lights, all that is needed is a simple turn of the wrist to throw on or off the light; no time wasted hunting around for dangerous matches; no danger from discarded, burning matches; no danger from discarded, burning to dirty the floors or become a menace to your store and stock.

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For the Biggest Steelhead Trout Caught on Fly
For the Biggest Cutthroat Trout Caught on Fly

For the Biggest Salmon Caught With Spoon

For the Biggest Steelhead caught with one of Our Special Flies,

\$50 Rod

For Biggest Cutthroat Trout caught with one of Our Special Flies,

\$10 Rod or Reel

For Biggest Salmon caught with one of Our Spoons,

\$15 Fishing Outfit



For Second Largest Steelhead caught with one of Our Special Flies,

\$1 Rod or Reel

For Second Largest Cutthroat caught with one of Our Special Flies,

\$5 Rod, Reel or Line

For Second Largest Salmon caught with one of Our Spoons,

\$5 Rod, Reel or Line

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST—Fish must be dressed and brought into our store and weighed, catcher making oath that fish was caught on flies or spoons purchased from the Medford Hardware Company—headquarters for fishing supplies of all kinds, and tackle, made and guaranteed especially for the Rogue river and its tributaries.

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