

Owen's Own Story For Monday Card

New Matchmaker Enthusiastic About Possibilities of Battles at His First Promotion in Klamath Falls.

By JOE FINEY

Portland boxers accepted Herb Owen's Klamath Falls invitation as a compliment and up north at Ace Baker's Whitehouse gymnasium wet gloves have smacked wet gloves and rosin dust has been scuffed for the opening boxing card of the year at the Legion hall Monday night.

If Owen isn't overestimating the enthusiasm among the ranks of the Portland fighters, there should be a sufficient number of ambitious battles to last the fighting fans over the wrestling card. A week from Monday until the next boxing program. This writer is not an idealist, and his sense of selectiveness is sharp enough to distinguish between fact and fancy. There's not going to be any tremendous meat for Owen's first fight program in this column. If the card "flops" it will be Owen's misfortune, but there can be no harm offering his description of the fighters and sincerely trusting they will be iron-bound guarantees of action.

"Baker declared all the boys from Portland are of great shape and raring to go. Every one was enthusiastic over the fact that this was to be the first card of the year in Klamath Falls, and that it had been planned as one of the most thrilling and scrappiest that could be gotten together. They were pleased I had selected them for my first Klamath Falls program and they were determined one of them should bring it back to Portland.

"Incidentally they heard about that new suit offered for the boy who made the greatest showing and they decided among themselves they were determined one of them should bring it back to Portland.

"These boys will come direct from Portland to Klamath Falls by way of Bend. They stated they might get there in time for a warmup Sunday evening at the Klamath Athletic club."

But if Portland boxers are so certain this suit of clothes will travel north about Tuesday, other fighters are just as positive it will remain either in Klamath Falls or Chiloquin. Jack Hibbard and Frankie Monroe, Klamath Falls, have some use for a new suit, and the two Indian boys from Chiloquin are very fastidious dressers, always looking for new apparel.

Damon Savage, Chiloquin fight follower, has told Owen the Indians have gone into more intensive training than for some time. Butch Johnson and Johnny Jackson have developed an abundance of interest among the Chiloquin residents, and half the town will move to Klamath Falls for Monday's card.

But this is Owen's story, and so let him continue with his conversation:

"The Fox of Portland, who meets Frankie Monroe, in one of the six-round headliners, is out to give the Falls boy a lesson. Monroe is plenty clever himself and means to give his best. These two boys are lightweights.

"Another of the six-rounders find Young Doc Snell, Portland terror, pitted against Buddy Ambrose, the slugger boy developed in Salem. Ambrose never backs up and swings all the time. Every time he swings he puts all his strength into it. He is wild and his fists make a perfect windmill. Both men are vicious and love to battle."

"In the other six-round fight Chief Thomas, the Marshfield Indian whirlwind, will swap punches with Pete Becker of Brighton, Colorado. Thomas has been knocking them kicking in the Bay region and fans consider him a great sensation. Becker is a mean puncher. He waves from side to side and throws gloves from all angles."

Owen is just as hopped-up about his four-round bout: "The fans know Jack Hibbard, Klamath Falls, is a real

Dempsey May Stage Comeback in July at Reno

MAULER READY TO TAKE OFFER FOR BIG BOUT

RENO, Jan. 8. (UP)—With more than \$100,000 in expense money guaranteed, July second chosen as a date, and Jack Dempsey apparently ready to accept Reno's offer for a "come-back" battle, the only undetermined factor in plans for the bout is an opponent, sponsors of the fight said today.

Five candidates for the job of meeting the Manassa Mauler in his bid for new heavyweight honors have been mentioned, with Primo Carnera conceded a good chance of getting the call.

The date for the bout was selected at a meeting today of the citizens' committee recently named to complete details for the contest.

The July 4 holiday will embrace the week-end of July 2 to July 5, sponsors of the bout pointed out in their choice of a date. It was assumed that thousands of visitors could be drawn into the city for the fight Saturday, then remaining until Monday or Tuesday.

Bonanza went down to its first basketball defeat of the season Friday night against the Klamath Athletic club, 39 to 34. In the second game of the double header Mecca lost to a high scoring Texaco five from Medford, 37 to 27.

	FG	FT	PF	TL
Pernell, F.	4	1	1	7
Emmons, F.	12	4	1	16
Peterson, C.	2	2	2	3
Hamaker, G.	0	2	3	2
Olson, G.	0	0	4	0
White, G.	4	2	0	6

	FG	FT	PF	TL
Sharpe, F.	10	3	1	23
L. Hanks, F.	4	1	4	5
Sparks, F.	2	0	0	2
Bray, C.	0	1	0	1
Kilgore, G.	0	1	0	1
D. Hanks, G.	0	0	4	0
Sheets, G.	2	0	1	2

	FG	FT	PF	TL
Huston, F.	1	0	4	2
Crochat, F.	1	1	0	2
Estes, F.	1	2	3	0
Palmer, F.	3	0	0	6
Kermely, C.	1	1	1	2
Stewart, C.	1	1	1	3
Walters, G.	4	0	4	8
Lawrence, G.	0	0	0	0
Walsh, G.	0	0	0	0

	FG	FT	PF	TL
Neuland, F.	2	0	4	4
Harrington, F.	4	0	0	8
Larson, F.	2	0	3	4
Swanson, G.	5	5	17	17
Franks, C.	1	1	0	1
Westergren, G.	0	0	0	0
Williams, G.	0	0	0	0
Green, G.	1	2	1	3
Frisky, G.	0	0	0	0

scrapper, but they will have to take my word for O'Neal. O'Neal is a tough, rough lad, who takes plenty but stays right in the thick of battle.

"Johnny Garbie, Portland Mexican, will give Johnny Jackson of Chiloquin, a real fight. Garbie is a classy battler and slug with both hands.

"The third four-round bout has every mark of a grueling affair. Butch Johnson of Chiloquin meets Louie Nelson of Portland. Johnson is a two-fisted lad with plenty of nerve and Nelson is a battler, and hits with terrific power. He has been stealing the show regularly in Portland. It will be a thrilling battle."

That is Herb Owen's story, not mine. Hope he will be able to stick to it about Tuesday morning.

Sons of Italy Defeat Sacred Heart Quint

Sons of Italy defeated the Sacred Heart academy basketball team 40 to 14 at the Millie school gymnasium Friday night. J. Pastega, playing for the Sons, played his first game in more than a month.

Line-up for the Sons: B. Giavannini, Nina, Robustelli, guards; N. Giavannini, Pastega, Busti, L. Pastega, forwards, and Conforti, center. Academy high school: Nurone, Calwell, guards, Krueger, Vaughn, Tony, forwards, and Rucconich, center.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9. (AP)—An overtime two-point defeat opened the northern division Pacific Coast conference season for the University of Washington basketball team last night, on their homing to the Oregon State college Beavers, 26 to 24.

A brilliant one-handed shot by Merrill, Beaver guard, in the last minute of the five-minute overtime, was the margin of victory. The game had been sent into overtime when Captain Ralph Cairney of Washington, sunk a free throw on a technical foul, with the visitors leading, 24 to 22.

The defending Pacific Coast conference champions meet the Beavers here again tonight.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 9. (AP)—Idaho's well-balanced, smooth-working basketball quintet defeated University of Oregon 31 to 26 here last night in their opening Pacific Coast conference game. Idaho led all the way, the score being 11 to 10 at half time. Roberts, who started at center for Oregon and played forward during the second period, was the outstanding player of the game, with Wicks, Idaho guard, leading the Vandal attack.

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 9. (AP)—The Stanford basketball team opened the conference season last night with a 25 to 22 victory over University of California at Los Angeles.

DEMPSEY MAY NOT FIGHT AT GARDEN

CHICAGO, Jan. 9. (AP)—Jack Dempsey, if and when he comes back, isn't likely to fight for Madison Square Garden corporation, according to a statement today by his manager, Leonard Sachs.

Sachs' statement was in answer to a story from New York under the headline, "Dempsey must fight here in April, says Johnston." The story went on to say that Jimmy Johnston, Madison Square Garden matchmaker, would not consider matching Dempsey with Max Schmeling unless Dempsey boxed a tune-up bout with Risiko or Heeney in the Garden in April.

Quimet to Head Walker Cuppers

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (AP)—Francis Quimet, national amateur golf champion, today was named captain of the 1932 United States Walker Cup team, pending decision as to whether the matches would be played this year. The make-up of the women's international team was announced at the annual meeting of the United States Golf association.

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BAT BATTALINO FAILS TO MAKE WEIGHT LIMIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (AP)—Christopher "Bat" Battalino of Hartford, Conn., became a boxer without a title yesterday when he, tipped the scales at 133 1/2 pounds when weighing in for what was to have been a featherweight championship fight with Lew Feldman at Madison Square Garden last night.

General John J. Phelan, II, the only member of the New York athletic commission present at the ceremony, read the weight. He announced Battalino's title vacant and placed the Hartford boy under an indefinite suspension.

Training Impeded
Battalino's only excuse for coming in almost 10 pounds over the class weight of 126 pounds, was a letter from a Hartford physician certifying he had been under treatment since January 2, for a knee injury that had handicapped his training activities.

As prompt as was General Phelan in cashiering Battalino, he was no quicker than Henry Jacobs, Feldman's manager, in refusing to fight and claiming the title for his boy.

Fight Is Off
The moment Battalino's weight was announced, there came a voice from the assembled multitude, shouting: "Then the fight's off."

"Who says it's off?" roared the general.
"I do," replied Jacobs. "If you think I'm going to let my boy fight a man 10 pounds over the limit, you're crazy."

General Phelan then dug into his pockets, pulled out his rules book, and after much thumbing found the rules governing the case.
According to the rules, Feldman could not have gone through with the bout if he wanted to, the commission's rules forbidding more than a nine-pound difference between featherweights. There is also a clause in the rules which says that, while a title may be lost by forfeit, it may be won only in the ring. This means that the title will remain vacant until a tournament produces the best man in the class.

BASKETBALL LAST NIGHT

By Associated Press
Moscow: Idaho 31, Oregon 26.
Seattle: Oregon State 28, Washington 24.
McMinnville: Linfield 45, Columbia 32.
Milwaukee: Milwaukee High 39, Pacific 26.
Portland: Benson Tech 27, Astoria 18.
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Amusements

Pine Tree—Starting Sunday: Richard Arlen and Jack Oakie in "Touchdown."

Rainbow—Starting Sunday: "Never the Twain Shall Meet."

New Vox—Starting Sunday: "Flying High" with Bert Lahr.

Pelican—Starting Sunday: Edmund Lowe in "Transatlantic" with Lois Moran, Greta Nissen and Myrna Loy.

AT THE PINE TREE



JACK OAKIE in "Touchdown"

Thrills come abounding and abounding to the Pine Tree Sunday with the opening of "Touchdown!" the first football story ever turned out by Hollywood without the use of the conventional trick Marshall finish.

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AT THE RAINBOW
Those who love romance with a dash of adventure will undoubtedly be fascinated with the South Sea Island picture, "Never the Twain Shall Meet," which opens at the Rainbow theatre Sunday.

In "Never the Twain Shall Meet" is portrayed the fierce struggle of the races that made immortal the words, "East is east and west is west, but never the twain shall meet."

AT THE NEW VOX
"Flying High," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical comedy success, will open Sunday at the New Vox theatre for a four-day run. Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian and star of the original Broadway hit, heads the cast of the talkie version, which also features the ace comedienne, Charlotte Greenwood, last seen with Eddie Cantor in "Palmy Days," and Pat O'Brien, who scored as the reporter-hero of "The Front Page."

AT THE PELICAN
Edmund Lowe's career has embraced any number of film beauties—and so has he. And if you doubt it, see him with Lois Moran, Greta Nissen and Myrna Loy at the Pelican theatre in William K. Howard's Fox production, "Transatlantic," which comes to the Pelican Sunday.

He was born in the land of perpetual sunshine, he has basked in perpetual glory. Sun-kissed at birth, he has been star-kissed ever since. Such is the happy fate of screenom's romantic hero.

You can't have war between a chopstick and a machine gun.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California.

1931 HIGHWAY WORK TO HELP MIDDLE OREGON

Completion of mid-state roads, three of which were graded and a fourth finished as far east as Burns, during the past year, will have an important bearing on tourist travel through the Klamath country during the coming season, according to authorities.

Grading of three important state roads, all feeders to the Dalles-California highway, was completed in 1931, and the General Oregon highway, also an important arterial feeder finished as far east as Burns.

The Wasatch cutoff, a scenic road which reduces the distance between Central Oregon points and Portland, was the scene of considerable construction work during 1931, and is now graded, surfaced and oiled over its entire distance, from the Dalles-California highway just west of Maupio to the Mount Hood loop. This mountain cutoff is being maintained as an all year road. Thousands of motorists used the short cut over the Cascade divide this year, while construction work was under way, and it is predicted that traffic will double in the coming year. Not only does this route provide a short cut between interior Oregon points and Portland, but it brings the Central Oregon vacation country nearer to the thickly populated areas of the upper Willamette valley.

Ochoco Route Surfaced
The final unit of the Ochoco highway east from Mitchell was completed in 1931 and is now surfaced the entire 31 miles between Mitchell and the John Day highway. Some oiling work remains to be done in 1932. The first unit of the Ochoco extension was placed under contract in 1927, with F. L. Brown as the contractor. The unit extended from Mitchell to the Keys creek summit. In December, 1928, Earl McNutt received the contract for the second section, from the Keys creek summit down Mountain Creek. The last section of the grading was completed in 1931 when heavy rock was blasted away in Rock creek, just up from the John Day highway. Surfacing work followed immediately.

On the Central Oregon highway between Bend and Burns, the final stretch of grading, between the Gap ranch and Sagehen hill, was finished this past year and an oil surface was extended eastward from Bend to the Horseshoe section. Approximately 13 miles of the east-west road is now oiled. The new grade has reduced the distance and the driving time between Bend and Burns.

Fremont Road Opened
The final grading work on the Fremont highway was also completed this past year. The work was in the Picture Rock pass area. This road has opened up

the interior Lake county district and has brought Bend and Lakeview closer in time and distance. Test strips of oil have been placed on a short distance from La Pine.

During the summer and early fall of 1931, the Santiam grade was extended from Suttle lake up past Blue lake to the Cascade summit and next summer will be extended to the junction of the North and South Santiam roads. This new highway, being constructed by the bureau of public roads, will open up to vacationists one of the most scenic areas in the northwest. It is to have two feeders from the west, one leading out of Albany and the other from Salem. Work on both western connections is under way, with Linn county and the state cooperating in the work up the South Santiam and Marlon county and the bureau of public roads cooperating on the North Santiam project. Completion of these roads will still further reduce the distance from Bend to Portland.—Bend Bulletin.

POWERFUL BEND FIVE UPSET BY PELICANS

The Pelican basketball team, surprising even itself by the

power of its offensive, swamped Bend at Bend Friday night in one of the major hoop games of this district. The Klamath five gathered its court combinations in the last half to hold the Lava Bears to six points and to take the contest 30 to 19.

Strong defensive play by both teams during the opening minutes of the game kept the first half score at a low point. At the end of the opening time limit, however, Dutch French's team was in front 19 to 13.

Dun Knevel, regular guard, slowed by a sprained ankle, shook off his handicap and led the Pelican boys to their brilliant win.

The second game of the series will be played at Bend Saturday night.

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