

## Attendance Low at Legion Hall

Boxers Draw Best Crowds But Wrestlers Put on Best Shows. Monday a Poor Night. Free Admission for Women Might Help.

By JOE PIGNEY  
The time is excellent for a brief review of boxing and wrestling promoted for the last two months under Herb Owen, successor to Bill Elliot as matchmaker for the Klamath Falls commission.

There have been four cards at the Legion hall since Owen was appointed, December 22. Two boxing events were balanced by two wrestling programs. If there were any gate "records" they were set by the boxing shows. But if there were any "records" for action, the honor belongs completely to the grapplers. The fact that boxing outdrew wrestling can be traced back to the unattractiveness of Roy Anderson's persistence as a main event feature, and to the Klamath Falls sporting personality which does not yet know sincere wrestling is more thrilling than fighting.

Bad weather and the cry of hard times have contributed to low gate receipts. Owen could do nothing with the storms blowing over the region this winter, but he attempted to meet the depression by slashing prices.

The promoter is the chief boss of the athletic exhibitions. He can make or break the game along with himself, and anything said here will be done only in view of suggestion.

When the attendance improves at the Legion hall, the character of the programs will have to improve out of necessity. That does not mean, however, that there has been anything amiss with Owen's promotions. There will never be better wrestling matches than those between Pete Becker and Walter Achul, Bill Sandahl and Tom Ray, or Robin Reed and Sam Remaine. In boxing the Frankie Monroe-Teddy Fox and the Young Nationalist-Young Deane main event bouts didn't please everyone, but the two sets of preliminaries were outstanding.

We are sure it has not been entirely in the matchmaking that the Legion hall has had a minimum of spectators—such a minimum that the game here is once more in danger of obliteration.

If the matchmaking has not been at fault there must be other factors, beyond storms and depressions, to prevent boxing and wrestling rising to popularity.

Monday night probably is the most disastrous time of the week to attract attendance. Almost any other night would be better. Wednesday would be normal and Friday best of all.

Both Wednesday and Friday would be fortunate here, but unhappy for Herb Owen. Owen promotes in Medford on Wednesday, and in Eugene on Friday. That, however, really should have nothing to do with Klamath Falls.

Pacific coast league baseball saved its financial neck when it introduced "Ladies Night." The women brought their husbands—or someone else's husband—and immediately the profits began to soar and the quality of Pacific coast league play turned upward.

Before Owen left for Medford after his wrestling card more than a week ago, he said he would be back this coming Monday, probably with another wrestling program. This Monday should be something of an exception. It is Washington's anniversary, and there probably will be some holiday atmosphere. If the card is sufficiently attractive, the Legion hall receipts may go up temporarily.

A LATE START  
LONDON—Although he's getting a late start, Alfred Arnold, 193, thinks he can make as great a success in the movies as "the young fellows." He's already had parts in films at Ealing, and hopes to be the featured actor in one soon. Although he claims to have been born in 1825, he does not look to be over 70.

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# Dempsey Puts Away Two in One Round

## EX-CHAMP ADDS KNOCKOUTS TO COMEBACK TRY

PLINT AUDITORIUM, Mich., Feb. 16, (AP)—Jack Dempsey was in action less than one round here last night, knocking out two opponents with a vicious attack which brought wild acclaim from the capacity crowd of 7,000. The receipts were about \$11,000, of which Dempsey received 50 per cent.

Fighting the 30th and 31st bouts of his exhibition tour, Dempsey knocked out George Kohler, Chicago, in 61 seconds, and Pat McLaughlin, Wausau, Wis., in 1 minute, 13 seconds. They were the 26th and 27 knockouts of his tour, and made it three in a row as he stopped Meyer (K. O.) Christner, Akron, Ohio, veteran, in Cleveland last Thursday night.

Dempsey weighed 194, Kohler 190, and McLaughlin 158. Ten ounce gloves were used by all three of them.

Dempsey left soon after the bouts for Chicago, where he meets King Levinsky, Chicago heavyweight, in a scheduled 4-round bout Thursday night.

## COUGARS DEFEAT OREGON STATERS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 16, (AP)—Washington State College, leaders of the Northern division of the coast basketball conference, gained a more secure hold on their position last night by defeating Oregon State College, 25 to 24, after a stiff uphill battle.

The Cougars have won nine games and lost three, and have only four more games to play, including another contest with Oregon State tonight. The University of Washington, defending champions and closest rivals of the Cougars, have won eight games and lost four. They have four more games to play, two with Idaho and two with Washington State.

The Cougars last night came through the first half at the short end of a 13 to 7 score. In the second half, however, they found their stride and drove well to the front before the Orangemen scored again.

Oregon State had plenty of fight left and climbed to within one point of tying the score when Holsten, Cougar forward, eluded his guard, dribbled the length of the floor and scored. Cross added the final score on a free throw.

## Handball Tourney Started at Club

The annual handball tournament at the Klamath Athletic club opened in the club courts Monday. Thirty-two players have entered the meet, and the first round already has started.

### GOLF DATES SET

PORTLAND, Feb. 16, (AP)—Dates of the annual Pacific Northwest Golf association tournament were set as June 27 to July 2, inclusive, in an announcement today by Paul Farrens, president of Alderwood Country club here and tournament official.

The tournament will be on the Alderwood course.

### SPIDER IN AN EGG

DUNCAN, B. C.—The spider that frightened little Miss Moffitt had nothing on the one that gave M. Talbot of Trunk Road a surprise recently. He sat down to his breakfast and topped his egg with a knife. There, inside a small air sack between the shell and meat of the egg, he found a small black spider, he says.

## Northwest Golf Association To Meet In Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16, (AP)—The Pacific Northwest golf association's annual championship tournament will be held at the Alderwood country club here June 2, Paul P. Farrens, association president, announced Monday.

Originally scheduled for June 26 to 28, the tournament was postponed by telegraphic vote of the directors. The original dates were fixed at the annual meeting of the directors in Seattle a week ago. President Farrens cited several reasons for the postponement.

Although the dates for the Oregon State golf tournament have not been named it usually is held early in June and Farrens said the officials of the Northwest association did not wish to have the two tournaments too close together.

## GILBREATH TIED FOR TRAP HONORS

M. L. Gilbreath, crack trap-shooter from Lakeview, traveled from the Lake county city Sunday and joined Klamath marksmen at the Klamath Gun club where he tied N. Y. Stoddard in the 16-yard event by breaking 49 out of 50 pigeons.

Stoddard was also high gun in the handicap with 24 out of 25 birds broken from the 32-yard line. Charles Moore led in the doubles event by cracking 20 birds. Clear and cold weather reduced the list of shooters.

Scores follow:

|                 | 16 Yds. | Handicap | Doubles |
|-----------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Woodward        | 45      | 20       | 15      |
| H. Baum         | 45      | 15       | 13      |
| Wm. Baum        | 47      | 20       | 15      |
| E. Alexander    | 41      | 15       | 13      |
| Stamper         | 33      | 15       | 13      |
| Halseiger       | 48      | 23       | 15      |
| C. Moore        | 45      | 21       | 20      |
| Lamm            | 43      | 19       | 19      |
| Stoddard        | 49      | 24       | 19      |
| Cawker          | 34      | 22       | 17      |
| E. Hardenbrook  | 45      | 20       | 17      |
| G. W. Houston   | 33      | 21       | 17      |
| M. L. Gilbreath | 49      | 17       | 21      |
| C. C. Kelley    | 45      | 22       | 14      |

## Basketball

Purdue 43, Ohio State 26.  
Michigan 40, Iowa 22.  
Indiana 33, Wisconsin 21.  
Kansas 51, Nebraska 19.

### ALBANY COLLEGE WINS

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 16, (AP)—With the score tied and ten seconds to go Albany College basketball team defeated College of Puget Sound 32 to 31 here last night when Bob Buchanan, Albany center, dropped a field goal for the winning point. The game was close throughout and was tied 15 to 15 at the halfway mark.

### GIRLS' TEAMS MEET

The girls' basketball team of Klamath High school will meet the women's team of the Klamath Athletic club Tuesday night at 9:00 o'clock on the club floor.

## Old Los Angeles Clock on Block For Highest Bid

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16, (UP)—A huge clock that has kept excellent time for 44 years will be offered for sale to the highest bidder. The clock has adorned the tower of the old courthouse since 1858, but must be removed because the tower, weakened by age and a couple of earthquake shocks, is considered a menace and must be torn down.

The timepiece, weighing eight tons, will be sold by the county board of supervisors.

## FOOTBALL RULE CHANGES CAUSE SOME DEBATE

By HERBERT W. BARKER  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, (AP)—Generally speaking, the official reaction to the changes made in the playing code by the national football rules committee has been favorable, but there have been dissenters enough to make the debate interesting.

The new and liberalized substitutes rule and the move toward making equipment safer, not only for the wearer, but his opponents as well, met with almost unanimous approval.

Changes Protested

But protests of varying degrees of emphasis greeted the other four changes—the alterations in the kick-off and "dead ball" rules and the committee's decision to forbid the use of the flying block and flying tackle, and the aggressive use of the hands on the defense.

Those who favored the changes took the position that the rules committee had made the game safer for the players without taking anything vital from it. Those opposed believed some spectacular features had been removed, and that the new rules would handicap the smaller player severely.

Small Players Out

Elmer Layden of Duquesne declared the rule which forbids a player on the defense to strike a rival on the head or face with his hands "will eliminate the use of small players," and called it "simply a protection for the big boys."

He was joined by three other former Notre Dame-trained coaches, Tommy Mills of Georgetown, Rip Miller of Navy and Edward (Slip) Madigan of St. Mary's of Oakland, and by Bill Ingram of California. Harvey Harman of Penn thought the penalty for violation of this rule (disqualification of the player and loss of half the distance to the offending team's goal line) was so severe that officials would be chary of calling it.

Slip Penalty Warned

Glenn S. (Pop) Warner of Stanford favored all of the regulations except that calling for an automatic "dead" ball when any part of the ball carrier's body, except his hands or feet, touches the ground. He pointed out that a ball-carrier could out-distance all opposition in a dash to the goal line and still lose a touchdown should he happen to slip and fall.

Bernie Bierman, who branded the rule changes "mostly a bunch of bunk," thought the "dead" ball rule was a good one. "It's one place," he said, "where they've got at the cause of accidents."

Elimination of the flying block or flying tackle will handicap the little player, Dick Hanley of Northwestern, thought, and J. J. Lipp, a Big Ten official, said it was "going to be hard to call" a violation of this rule. Clark Shaughnessy of Loyola, of the South, favored elimination of the flying tackle, but he thought the flying block was the smaller player's best weapon.

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## Seaman Bitten By Large Fish Reaches Ship

ABOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA OFF LAHAINA, Maui, T. H., Feb. 16, (AP)—Although attacked by some large fish, probably a barracuda, number two seaman William W. Prange of Hollywood, Calif., suffered only minor injuries, and ships surgeons said he would be able to return to duty in a few days.

Prange, who is attached to the U. S. S. Saratoga, had been in Lahaina on liberty and as he was returning to the ship decided to "cool off"—being unaccustomed to the Hawaiian winter climate—by swimming the two miles from the beach to his ship.

The man was not noticed until he had proceeded about a mile, when the U. S. S. Medusa sent a boat to pick him up. The boat crew, approaching, found blood in the water and Prange swimming at record speed. The barracuda apparently had been hungry, and had bitten him repeatedly. Doctors said, however, he would sustain no permanent effect of his experience.

## OREGON COACHES COMMENT ON RULES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16, (AP)—The two leading football coaches of Oregon do not see eye to eye on the question of revision of football rules as announced Monday by the National rules committee.

"What we need," said Dr. Clarence W. Spears, University of Oregon coach, "is more rigid enforcement of the rules rather than additional rules to confuse both officials and players."

John Paul Schlissler, coach at Oregon State College, believes that new rules "a very constructive step." Spears declared it will be extremely difficult to determine under the new rules if a man uses his hands legally or illegally and that the rule will "create numerous discrepancies." As for the flying block, he said, the rules have prohibited that for many years "but in 15 years on the gridiron I have seen a man penalized for it only once."

Coach Schlissler said he believed the rule on the use of hands by linemen should be clarified somewhat. He said the new substitute rule was "an excellent one" and that he favored abolition of the flying wedge formation. Schlissler was particularly pleased with the new ruling on when the ball is down.

The Oregon State coach believes, however, the rule against the flying block "places too much of a handicap on the defending team."

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## ASSORTED CREW WINS BOB SLED RACE FOR U. S.

By HENRY McLEMORE

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 16, (UP)—"The U. S. A. No. 1," driven by a Cambridge university graduate, braked by an amateur steeplechase jockey and ballasted by a gentleman pugilist and a song writer, pounded down Mt. Hoevenberg yesterday to win the four-man bobsled championship and give America its sixth and final Olympic title.

This strangely assorted crew—Billy Fiske, Jay O'Brien, Eddie Ryan and Tippy Gray—covered the three miles of the third and fourth heats today in 3 minutes 54 seconds, which, added to their time for the first and second heats yesterday, gave them a winning total of 7:53.68.

Red Devils Second

Second place went to Harry Homburger's Saranac Red Devils, holders of the world's record, and favorites to win the last of the championships in the winter Olympic games that were officially "closed" last Saturday. Homburger's time for the four heats was 7:55.70.

Hans Killian, German pilot, who had seen two sets of his

countrymen sweep over Mt. Hoevenberg's treacherous curves to serious injury, drove his red, stream-lined bob over the six laps in 3:00.04 to take third place and set the pace for the five foreign teams. Switzerland, Reto Cappelletti, driver; Italy, Count Rossi Di Montelera, driver; Roumania, Capt. Al Papana, driver, and Germany's No. 2 team, Baron Walther Von Mumm, driver, finished behind Killian in the order named.

America's one-two victory in the four-man bobs brought the games to a close, officially, unofficially and otherwise, and gave this nation the unofficial championship with a total of 103 points.

The remainder of the final standings, figured on a point score basis of 10 for a first place, 5 for a second, and 4, 3, 2, 1, for the remainder of the six finishers in each championship event in that order, was:

Norway 77, Canada 49, Sweden, 26, Finland 25, Austria 15, Germany 13, France 10, Switzerland 9, Hungary 7, Roumania 4, Poland 3, Italy 3, Belgium 1, Czechoslovakia 1.

## Londos Defeats Ancient Rival

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, (AP)—Jim Londos of Greece, heavy-weight wrestling championship claimant defeated his perennial challenger, Jim McMillen, of Illinois, tonight, at Madison Square Garden. Londos threw McMillen in 42.39.

Kola Kwariak, Russia and Dick Davis, California, drew in 20 minutes.

## Mecca Five Plays In Games Tonight

The Mecca basketball team will take on a heavy program Tuesday night at 7:30, at the Mills school gymnasium when it meets two city league opponents in a double header. The Mecca five will play Klamath Athletic club in the first game and Sons of Italy in the second.

MacMarr, leader of the second-half schedule, and the Klamath Club, winner of the first-half title will be idle until Thursday night.

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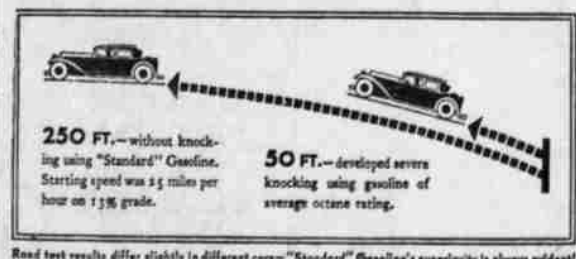
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