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BIG PRIZE FIGHTING

To Take Place on Mexican Soil Friday.

ANXIOUS FOR THE FRAY.

The Journal Will Print Full Report Friday Evening.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Many sports are becoming so anxious about seeing the big fight that they have declared their intention of watching the depots all night tonight to avoid being left. It is practically certain now that the fight will be on Mexican soil somewhere. It will be a dash across the border and a run for home after the fight is over.

LATE DETAILS.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Jim Hall and Buck Connolly, seconds for Peter Maher, arrived from Las Cruces at noon today. Maher dropped off three miles out of the city and will come in tonight. Dan Stuart completed arrangements for a special train. The start for the battle-ground will be made at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

ARIZONA MILITIA.

PHOENIX, Feb. 13.—Col. J. M. Miller, of the first regiment, national guard of Arizona, has been ordered to take command of the militia to guard against the mission of the prize-fighters and is now at Bowie station, near the New Mexico line, with two companies from Tucson numbering fifty men. The Southern Pacific is concentrating a large amount of rolling stock on the El Paso division and indications are that the fight will have to take place west of El Paso.

THE FIGHT ON.

Superintendent Wade, of the Western Union, informs THE JOURNAL that the fight will come off Friday at 9 a. m., Pacific time 8 a. m. in Mexico.

CONDITION OF THE MEN.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Fitzsimmons is in the best of condition, and is capable of making the fight of his life. He has eased up a little in his work, and is only taking enough exercise to keep himself in good condition. He weighed 163 pounds today, and will probably enter the ring very close to that figure. Reports from Las Cruces are that Maher has completed his training, and is also in most excellent shape. It is expected that he and his party will leave his training quarters at Las Cruces today and come to El Paso, where he can be in readiness to start for the battle-ground at a moment's notice.

The pugilists of lesser note are all hard at work. Dixon has let up considerably in his training. He is down rather fine, and is afraid to train hard for fear of overdoing it. Walcott is above weight, and is trying to work off three or four pounds which still cling to him. Everhard, Leeds, Barry and Murphy are all ready to fight at any time. Barry, in particular, is in good shape, and, if Murphy wins over him, he must work for his life.

Fitzsimmons went to the bicycle races yesterday afternoon, and about 500 bicycle enthusiasts saw him ride around the track. Al Smith, the sporting man from New York, arrived yesterday morning. He will represent Corbett at the ring side, but he will issue no challenges. However, if any defiances are hurled at the erstwhile champion, he will be prepared to answer them.

FITZSIMMONS BADLY SCARED.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Late yesterday afternoon Adjutant-General Mabrey gave Fitzsimmons a scare which sent the lanky Australian to Stuart with his eyes hanging out. Mabrey called at Fitzsimmons' quarters in Juarez, and informed him that no matter where he went, no matter where the fight took place, some of the rangers would be with him. If he attempted to fight on Texas soil, the rangers, General Mabrey declared, would at once open fire and pay the principals in the fight the honor of trying to kill them first of all. Fitzsimmons at once hurried over to El Paso and declared his antipathy to being shot, and demanded

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absolute protection, without which he would not fight at all. He and Stuart had a long conversation, and, at its close, Fitzsimmons mounted his wheel and with an apparently easy mind started back, saying he was satisfied to take the chances.

The all-pervading fear of the law which has possessed Fitzsimmons ever since he became entangled in it for killing Con Riordan at Syracuse, may make him take the stand he took at Little Rock last fall—no fight unless absolute protection is guaranteed him, although he has kept quiet on that point up to date.

WHERE THEY MAY FIGHT.

EL PASO, Feb. 13.—A cable was received from the National Sporting club, London, offering a purse of £1500 for a fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher, and allowing each £100 for expenses. This offer stands in case no fight is pulled off here.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED.

EL PASO, Feb. 13.—Buck Connolly, one of Maher's seconds, has just reported that because of trouble with Maher's eyes, he will be unable to enter the ring tomorrow.

OREGON NEWS.

A federation of the churches of Eugene for united Christian work has been effected.

The state central committee of the people's party has fixed the date of the next convention for March 26, to be held in Salem.

The Southern Oregon Jockey Club will hold a race meeting at Central Point, commencing May 13. This will be the opening meeting of the North Pacific circuit.

The sheriff of Morrow county has announced that he will give \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the robbers who held up J. C. Hart, the O. R. & N. agent at Heppner, last Thursday.

Two of the four prisoners in the Eugene jail cut through the board wall Monday and made their escape. The jail has several iron cells, but it was not thought necessary to confine the prisoners therein.

Prof. D. Leppert and wife, United Brethren evangelists, gave a concert in the United Brethren church in Hood River last Saturday. Those who heard them are enthusiastic in praising their gospel-singing.

C. T. Griffith & Co. have sent 3000 pounds of leather to Harrisburg. The leather, which is for the San Francisco market, had been placed in the warehouse at Eugene for shipment by steamer, but was sent to Harrisburg, as the boat did not reach Eugene.

The Southern Pacific company may build a roundhouse and repair shops at Creswell, in Lane county. The company is at present making Creswell the distributing point for the products of their crosscutting plant at Latham, and has acres of ground covered with the "doctored" timbers.

C. C. Cunningham, of Milton, who has been sent to jail for selling liquor without a license, has also been bound over to the grand jury, on a charge of selling liquors to minors. It is said that the people of Milton are ready to file 25 or 30 more complaints against him for selling liquors to minors should Cunningham remain to fight.

Niagara Falls Dry.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 13.—For the first time in half a century the American Falls practically ran dry today. By the formation of an ice bridge or dam, about half way across the river, the water was almost entirely diverted to the Canadian falls. This morning it was possible for a time for a man with a plank to have walked from the main land to Goat Island without wetting his feet.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Considerable of the deficiency bill was continued during the afternoon in the senate, there being a long debate on the expenses of courts. The bill was passed. A motion to take up the tariff was defeated. Yeas, 21; nays, 29.

Suspension Suspended.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.—The life suspension of Titus and Cabanne has been reconsidered by the National League of American Wheelmen, and the racing board has refused to reduce it to one year. The convention has adjourned sine die.

Coin Amendment Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—An amendment to the bond bill to coin the American product of silver was defeated in the house by a vote of 41 yeas to 118 nays.

The crisp motion to concur in the free coinage substitute, was defeated in the committee of the whole, by 30 to 190.

KILLING IN COREA.

A Norwegian Explorer Finds the North Pole.

ON HIS WAY TO RETURN.

Venezuela Will Submit Proofs of its Claim.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 13.—Advice just received from Seoul, the capital of Corea, say that an uprising took place there Tuesday, February 11, during which the premier and seven officials were murdered. The dispatch says the king and prince sought shelter in the Russian legation. It is stated the king has ordered the ministers put to death.

Two hundred Russian sailors and marines are now guarding the legation of that country.

FOUND THE POLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—A telegram received today from Irkutsk, Siberia, says a Siberian trader named Kouchnareff, agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, who sailed on June 24, 1893, for the Arctic regions, found land there, and is returning towards civilization.

MAY BE CORRECT.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—It is pointed out here in well informed circles that if the news of Dr. Nansen returning from the North pole turns out to be correct, it indicates that the explorer made his way back to New Siberia from the Arctic regions, and is there awaiting favorable conditions before commencing the homeward journey. Kouchnareff, agent of Nansen, who has received the information that the explorer has found the pole, and is returning, is Dr. Nansen's dog supplier. He resides near the mouth of the Lena river. People of that locality pay frequent visits to New Siberia, and he may in this manner have brought the news to Kouchnareff.

STEAMER COLLISION.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 13.—While the American line steamer Paris, from New York, was docking this morning she came in collision with the steamer Majesty, belonging to the Isle of Wight. The Majesty was sunk, but all the crew were saved.

FIFTY LIVES LOST.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Feb. 13.—The Brisbane river has been greatly swollen by floods. A small steamer crossing the river today with about ninety passengers was capsized. Only thirty persons were saved.

WILL SUBMIT TESTIMONY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Through Senator Andrea, its minister here, the government of Venezuela has notified Secretary Olney that it will respond affirmatively to the invitation of the Venezuelan boundary commission to submit all the evidence in its possession touching the location of the true boundary line. The officials of the government of Venezuela are now compiling the record.

The Convention Hall.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—The problem regarding the meeting place of the Republican convention of 1896 in St. Louis will be solved tomorrow. The hall committee of the national sub-committee and the local committee will meet in St. Louis on that day and decide between the exposition and the wigwam plans. Indications at present point to the selection of the latter.

For a long time the exposition has had the call, but it is now realized that the difficulties to be faced are almost insurmountable. The wigwam will cost somewhat more, but it will have advantages that probably are worth the additional outlay. It will seat from 12,000 to 14,000 people, all of whom will have a chance to hear as well as to see. It will be well ventilated and handsomely decorated.

Some Silver Votes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Bramm's amendment to the silver bond bill for retention of seigniorage by the government was defeated, 35 to 82. Curtis, Republican of Michigan, offered an amendment for the coinage of the American product and retention of the seigniorage, which was defeated without division.

TO THE PEN.—Jo. Kalyton was today, brought to the pen to serve three years for perjury, fromumatilla county.

WEATHER FORECAST.—Rain tonight and Friday.

ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.
A Large Class in the Public Schools Graduates.

Wednesday evening was a gala event in the school year. Thirty young people walked the boards of Reed's opera house. The girls wore the classic white gowns, the young gentlemen wearing the suits of customary black. On the right sat the officials and board of education, the state superintendent of schools, Hon. G. M. Irwin, Superintendent of the city schools, Geo. A. Peebles was a busy man through it all.

THE DECORATIONS

surrounded a large picture of Lincoln and were the work of a committee of the teachers, under the direction of Principal Smith, and caused a great deal of remark of a complimentary character. Two large flags were draped over the stage and festooned at each side gracefully dropped to the floor. Back of the stage were two more large flags, forming a rich background to the banks of snowy graduates.

Rev. G. W. Grannis asked the audience to arise while he asked an invocation appropriate to the occasion. At the close the H. A. C. orchestra played an overture very sweetly, and Miss Anna Golden, in a lovely modiste gown of pale yellow China silk, recited "A Twilight Idyll," in a pleasant manner.

H. G. Kunderet now appeared and sang "He Was a Prince," with a great deal of skill and finish. He responded with "Maggie" to a hearty encore, a most sweetly rendered old ballad that was heartily enjoyed by all, especially the familiar old refrain:

"Now we are aged and gray, Maggie,
And the trials of life nearly done
Let us sing of the days that are gone,
Maggie,
Sines you and I were young."

John Byrne spoke a well worded oration "Oregon," describing in appropriate words the character, history and advantages of our state. "He was warmly applauded, and for so young a man he did very well."

Chas. D. Ford now sang "Day After Day" for which he was rapturously applauded and as an encore sang "The Story Old." Mr. Ford has not appeared for some time but showed that he has not neglected the culture of his voice, but is constantly improving.

Miss Olive Hanna read a spirited essay "On What a Girl Can Do." Every word was heard to the furthest-most galleries, and Miss Hanna has a clear strong voice.

Roy Damon recited "The Jiners," a merry take-off on the multitude of secret societies. He raked them all from the A. P. A. to the Masons, from the Odd Fellows to the Owls. He got many a laugh.

The young man carried on a dialogue between an old lady and her husband and a lawyer, and it created the impression of different persons talking on the stage at the same time, and young Damon produced almost the effects of ventriloquism. He was heartily applauded.

Prof. McElroy now played a cornet solo in a masterful manner. His trills and double-tonguing cannot be equalled and the audience gave him an encore, something unusual for a performer on a wind instrument. He responded with the ballad air "Oh Promise Me."

Grace Suiter recited with stirring martial ardor and yet great tenderness "The Whistling Regiment," a long and difficult selection, to a a whistling accompaniment of the tune of "Annie Laurie." Every word was distinct and Miss Suiter evinced great power of expression and was richly applauded.

Miss Adda L. Davenport sang "Camelia and Rose" and was given the popular reception always accorded this popular young singer. She was rapturously applauded and sang "Little Red Riding Hood" as an encore to the great satisfaction of the audience.

Arthur Boeschien read an original and excellent class poem. There was more music, followed by an address from State Superintendent Irwin, who paid a glowing tribute to the character of Lincoln. To the class he said:

"There are certain periods of time to which we attach so much importance that we mark them with milestones—and thereby designate the progress we have made. Whenever a

task is done we fix it in some way on the page of our memory. Tonight marks a particular event in the lives of these young people who are about to receive the evidence of their having done in fitting themselves for the duties of life. Education is a necessity in the human race, without which it is not possible to fulfill those obligations that will arise in our political, social and domestic situations. It will hardly be admitted that the school room is the only place where an education may be obtained, but it is looked upon as the most available means of fitting one for life's duties.

"All will realize that the preparation made and the expense incurred by the state arise out of an apparent necessity for some degree of fitness to qualify for a proper relation to the state life.

"The state lives and feeds upon the qualities of its citizens, therefore good citizenship is the object sought by the state in all its arrangements to provide means within the reach of all prospective citizens. Self-preservation is as much a law of the state as it is of the individual man. Illiteracy is disastrous to any commonwealth. The combined forces of mental and moral training, entering into the warp of civil government, give us a political fabric that will stand the strain of time. Every home in this city is interested in this gathering here tonight and this class immediately interested in these exercises feel that this is one chapter in their life's history to be followed by others.

"Of the future you may know but little. It is a realm of discovery. Hidden in its mysterious regions are mines of wealth and pyramids of honor, but they are not for you except you press after them. I do not mean golden wealth but a noble wealth of character gained by a noble and useful life. The world needs you if you will be a lawful servant. It has room for you if you give it the energies of a clear head and honest heart. I do not know that it needs any other. The greatest destiny then is a pressing need for additional attainment. Opportunities are all around you if you will seize hold of them."

There was more music by the orchestra and each of the events on the program by the pupils was signalized by presentation of bouquets and flower pieces. Next came the presentation to the graduates of diplomas by Dr. W. H. Byrd, chairman of board of education as follows:

Clara L. Albert	Julia W. Perry
Oscar N. Blair	Walter C. Gray
Ellen W. Fay	Della Osborn
Omar Bittner	Otto Klott
Anna M. Golden	Jerry P. King
Arthur Boeschien	Clyde L. Peebles
Mabel N. Hewitt	Fred Palmer
Guy S. Barshaw	Robert D. Scott
Iris O. Hanna	Leona Mae Ryan
John A. Byrne	Alvin L. Savage
Tina Hester	Grace E. Sulter
Andrew Campbell	Joseph Starr
Marie A. Laughlin	Bertha E. Savage
Roy D. Damon	Dean Wright
Clara Lloyd	Rosette L. Weber
Gaines L. Ford	

The audience filled the Reed to standing room and was one of the most refined ever assembled and a credit to our city as was the entire graduating performance. It shows what may be done even with the common school branches, and with no high school course, and in hard times when the board of education is compelled to economize on every hand to keep the schools open even nine months of the year. The occasion is always a source of great local pride and enthusiasm and the board of education and Prof. Peebles and his assistants are to be heartily congratulated on this most successful of all graduating exercises.

INSANE.—Edgar M. Bryan, aged 41 years, was today committed to the asylum from Willamina.

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