

## WHAT ABOUT BASEBALL IN 1903?

Turning Down of Utah Towns by  
Northwest League Suspicious.

### WAS IT PRE-ARRANGED?

Assurances Given that Utah Cities  
Would be Admitted but There Was  
A Deadlock at Meeting.

The result of the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Baseball league, so far as admitting Ogden and Salt Lake into the league, looks very suspicious, "to a man up a tree." When the subject was first broached here by President Lucas there seemed to be considerable enthusiasm over the proposition of admitting the Utah towns and every assurance was given that if the teams were acting in good faith there would be little trouble in securing the coveted franchise. But just when all indications pointed to a successful termination of the scheme, there is a change, a deadlock. Three teams voted for expansion and three against it. The day following the meeting, Thursday, Spokane suddenly switched from the support of the local towns and voted against them.

When the matter was first brought to the attention of the local fans, McCloskey of Butte was quoted as saying that the Utah cities would have but little trouble in securing the franchises, furthermore that he would do all he could to assist them. But when the matter came up for final test, there was an even break, three for and three against. It all looks like a pre-arranged affair to keep Salt Lake and Ogden out, for what reason is hard to understand unless it is that Vancouver and Victoria will secure the franchises next spring. The managers in those towns have been watching the league, and did not take any decided action until they knew that Salt Lake and Ogden were in earnest about joining the league, then they suddenly changed their positions in the league and were worth striving for. Is it not possible that some deal was fixed up to shut Salt Lake and Ogden out in the hope of discouraging them from further attempts to get into the league, and then take in Vancouver and Victoria next spring?

Now that the question has been settled so far as the local towns are concerned it may be a dead proposition here, since the league has been formed. Utah leagues have been tried, weighed in the balance and found wanting, the same may be said of Utah leagues and two club affairs. None of the local towns now look very bright to say the least.

### "Corbett" Beat Lenney.

"Young" Corbett had little trouble in making a good showing against Eddie Lenney at Philadelphia Tuesday night. It was the first appearance of the champion since he fought in Denver. He outpointed Lenney all the way, according to the reports, and scored a couple of knockdowns in the fifth round. Corbett showed his class in the encounter. He appeared heavy, while Lenney was in the best of condition. Under the circumstances Corbett made the showing of a champion.

### HERFORD'S METHODS.

The Bad Men in the Boxing Game  
Should be Shown Up.

Because there are many people who like boxing as a sport it does no good to cover up the fact that there are some bad men in the game. The best way to get them out of it is by exposing their methods. On Oct. 3 at Brand's hall "Young" Peter Jackson fought John Willie, and made so poor a showing that he lost the decision by a good margin.

Maurice Herford, who managed Jackson, thought Jackson did not lose by much, but had no complaint to make at the hall after the fight. He hurried to a telephone office, however, and sent a telegram to the papers in Baltimore, his home town, to the effect that he had been robbed. He alleged that it was agreed the fight should be a draw if both men were on their feet, and that, to his great astonishment, Willie was declared the winner.

Herford knows that no club in Chicago would stand for an arrangement of that kind, but sent the telegram hoping it might save his man from the mark against his record. Considering Herford's slight importance to the world of boxing, the matter would not be worth speaking of, but Herford has a system and the public should know about it.

When Jackson was defeated by Al Nili recently in San Francisco Herford sent messages to the Chicago papers to the effect that he had been robbed by Referee Eddie Creaney, and

that every man in the hall agreed Jackson won the fight. Of course the messages were thrown on the floor, but the instance illustrates Herford's methods.

### BALL DEAL DENIED.

"Ban" Johnson Says American  
League Didn't Get National's Team

President Ban Johnson has returned from St. Louis, says the Chicago Record-Herald, and would not admit that there is any strong probability that the American league will acquire the National league interests in the Mound City. From what he did say on the subject, however, it seems probable that such a deal may develop later.

St. Louis reports indicate that the Robisons are in sore financial straits. In fact, that the cardinal club has been the highest commutation. The deal and sportsmanlike manner in which he conducted the sport in St. Louis has won for him many friends.

"There are reasons in support of the belief that the Robison brothers would like to quit St. Louis. The National league team suffered heavy financial losses in the season just closed, and there is no future for the club. It would occasion me no surprise if Mr. Robison should manifest a desire to close out his interests.

"There is a possibility that but one club will contest for the championship honors at St. Louis next year, and that team will be the brown stockings of the American league.

"Jimmy" Collins, playing manager of the Boston American league team, was in the city yesterday. Collins announced he would be able to play next season. He probably will be in better shape than ever. His knee, which has troubled him a great deal, is now practically well. Collins came to the city yesterday to meet Henry Killilea of Milwaukee, the controlling factor in the Boston club. The two had a conference during the afternoon looking toward a strengthening of the team for next year.

"We have our eyes set on that pennant next year," said Collins. "I admit we faltered a little at the close of the race this year, but it won't happen again. It is a little early to talk about flags for next year, but we will land that bunting sure."

### ANOTHER REASON WHY.

Reformers Apparently Have It In  
For "Young Corbett."

Again the opposition to the boxing game in "contaminated" praying their batteries to be turned upon the fighting brigade. Young Corbett and Austin Rice are the objective target. Just why the Colorado boy should be selected as a target for the reformers is not quite clear. William Crowley while in Cincinnati declared in positive terms that only a "scratch" prevented the McGovern-Corbett fight from taking place in New London as advertised. He does not credit the Law and Order league with stopping the same. It seems that in granting a license for a boxing contest the law reads: "It must be granted to any proper and respectable person." This is the clause that defeated Crowley. After the license was issued the people interested with Crowley held a dog fight in New London. On the strength of this the opponents proved that people engaged in dog fighting are not "proper and respectable," and the consequence was that the fight was stopped. This may be news to a great many, but that is what stopped the McGovern-Corbett fight in New London, and nothing else. It may, therefore, not be so easy to stop the coming fight at Watbury.

### What's the Matter Jimmy?

Frank Erne has wired Jimmy Britt that if he (Britt) does not call off his match with Billy Gardner at the San Francisco Athletic club on Oct. 31 he (Erne) will call off his match with the Californian. What's the matter with the quite clear figure Britt so cheap that he is afraid to allow him to take a chance with a man of the caliber of Gardner? It looks that way at least. Now Britt is beavelling his fate in Frisco should not being able to keep his matches with Clifford McFadden and Gardner. What's the use complaining, Jimmy, there was a colored boy out there not long ago by the name of Gans who offered you all kinds of inducements to enter the roped arena with him in any kind of a match, but you refused. It's a poor time now to complain about your hard luck. Gans would have demonstrated to you that you are a very lucky fellow you did not clash with the Baltimore black.

### HARVARD TO PLAY WEST POINT.

## SLOAN GIVES A FEW INSIDE FACTS

Strenuously Denies Taking Any  
Part in Race Course Fakes.

### HE IS ANXIOUS TO RIDE

Says He Has Been Trying to Set Him-  
self Right With Jockey Clubs  
And Public.

In an interview in Paris Tod Sloan says: "I have had nothing to do with any card schemes in Paris; I do not frequent any of the clubs where cards are played; I am not connected with any horse-pulling combinations, and never was; and have not profited by any betting scheme or arrangement whatever, but, on the contrary, have lost nearly all my savings, and am ready and anxious to earn a legitimate living by means of my profession whenever the powers of the turf are pleased to allow me to do so.

"Furthermore," continued the former king of jockeys, "I regret more than I ever regretted anything in my career, this agitation in connection with the Paris turf scandal, as I have been endeavoring for a long time to set myself right with the various jockey clubs and the public, in order that I might rehabilitate myself and benefit by the position.

"I repeat that I am in no manner connected with crooked work either on or off the turf, and I really think that after the matter has been carefully investigated, I shall be vindicated and again recognized as 'the Tod Sloan' of old. I am not a 'dishonest winner,' as some reports would have it. The truth is that at present I am an honest and unfortunate loser. Can anything be more to the point as to my part?"

"Tucked up on a sofa in one of the central hotels, and with his forefinger emphasizing the earnestness with which he speaks, Sloan said:

"This is a moment of the greatest importance to me, and I want to convince the people that I mean to do the right thing and want credit for it."

Then he proceeded to volunteer a little information which is calculated to throw a new light on the case.

Tod Sloan was not disqualifying by the English jockey clubs. The majority of persons have always understood that he was actually ruled off the English turf, and consequently off the French and American courses.

The true version of his experience on the English turf is as follows, briefly told: Tod lost his standing on the English turf because he began betting, and he began betting because it was at that time his only resource.

"During the season of 1900 in England," he said, "I had a contract for \$25,000 (\$125,000) for the season, with no second call on my services, and, as everybody knows, I was very successful. Things came strictly my way, and in addition to my salary, I cleared \$50,000 (\$250,000) in the shape of gifts and extras. This was while I was riding under contract, mind you, and as a man always has good things tossed at him when he is prosperous, I had many tempting offers of extra mounts which I could not accept. Horse owners used to say to me in a complaining way, 'You are all the time tide up by your contracts. Why cannot you manage things more according to your own inclinations?'

"I thought the matter over, and decided that the following year I would be a free lance. That looked to me like a gold mine. Well, it did not pan out. I got me give you an instance or two of my errors in expecting big sums from my big winnings.

"For winning one of the biggest English stake races I received \$500 (\$2,500), and for a big cup race a short time afterward I was presented with \$8 (\$40) and a cigar.

"That is how my free lance scheme worked. It was plain that if I did not want to starve I should do better to try my luck in France with the French officials granting me a riding license, and that was the beginning of the trouble.

"Instead of making a regular application for a license in England in 1901 I refrained from doing, because I was told I could not be refused, and had I then thus disqualified I should never have had any chance whatever of obtaining a license from other jockey clubs.

Tod also explained that in June this year he obtained a letter from the English Jockey club addressed to the French Jockey club, explaining that the English officials would be in no degree opposed to his application.

### TERRY CALLS NAMES.

Says Corbett Will be Carried Out on  
Stretcher Next Fight.

Terry McGovern, who heads a  
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Harold Weekes, captain of the Columbia University eleven, is the greatest halfback on the gridiron today, according to Capt. Chadwick of the Yale team. This graceful tribute from a brother captain is endorsed by the whole college football world who declare that Weekes is a modern football phenomenon.

speechmaking habit, and has not aroused too much enthusiasm thereby. Here are some excerpts from his recent orations:

"Young Corbett is the biggest four-fusher in the business, and if I ever meet him again they will have to carry him out on a stretcher."

"I'll tell you what I'll do if 'Young Corbett' will agree to meet me at 125 pounds. I will guarantee to stop him in ten rounds. If I don't I am willing to forfeit the gate receipts."

Then at another performance, after consultation with older heads, the tune was:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—'Young Corbett' defeated me fairly and squarely, and I want to give him all the credit due him for his victory. I know he feels very confident of defeating me again, but he does not feel any more confident than I do. If he will meet me, I know that I will again become the world's champion."

McGovern's act, which is a sparring exhibition with his brother Hughes, is one of the cleverest ever seen in a vaudeville bill.

GUS TRY'S ANOTHER JOKE.

Demanding Seventy Per Cent of Re-  
ceipts to Appear Against Gardner.

Gus Ruhlin certainly thinks pretty well of his ability as a drawing card. He was recently offered a match with George Gardner before Alex Gracians' club and demanded nothing less than 70 per cent for the privilege of allowing the public that saw him quit before Jeffries probably duplicate the performance against Gardner. "Such a dishonor," Ruhlin ought to be almost tickled to death to get another opportunity to appear in San Francisco after his miserable exhibition against Jeff. How many cities would stand for Ruhlin again? Some of these fighters have a very exaggerated opinion of themselves. They are pretty lucky fellows in these days of squaring the authorities to get permits to allow them to box. What do they think a manager is in the business for? To lay awake in the night, scheming and plotting to get a permit, only to give some bum fighter a lot of money? It's about time the fighters were willing to meet the promoters half-way and give the latter a chance to see their box clear. As matters stand at the present time the promoter is taking all the chances and the fighter none. It's not an even break, to say the least.

### HUMOROUS.

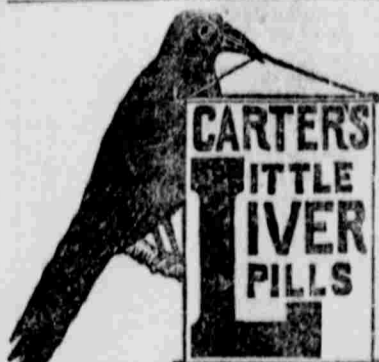
Suburb—the mortgage on my house is a paradox.  
Uphus—How so?  
Suburb—I'm carrying it because I can't lift it.

"What is a synonym?" asked a teacher. "Please, sir," said a lad, "it's a word you can use in place of another if you don't know how to spell it."—Sawyer Heart Review.

"It's a good thing for man that woman is not a logical being." "What now?" "If she were he could never get her to tackle the job of keeping up appearances and keeping down expenses."—Indianapolis News.

Rites—Instinct and reason are one and the same thing.  
Diggs—Indeed they are not. Instinct enables a woman to know what is right, and reason makes a man fight for what is wrong.—Chicago News.

Mr. Weighbidge—Doctor, your anti-fat remedies are doing me a great deal of good. I'm losing flesh right along. But, seems to me, your charges are ruinously high.  
Doctor (calmly)—That's part of the treatment.—New York Weekly.



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Young Wife—I received today a beautiful diploma from the cooking school on parchment—and I've celebrated it by making you this dish. Now guess what it is!  
Young Husband (chewing on his burnt omelet)—The diploma?—The Caterer.

"How is your husband this afternoon, Mrs. Dobbie?"

"Why, the doctor says as how if he lives till morning he shall have some hopes of him; but if he don't he is feared he must give him up."

Doctor—What? Your dyspepsia no better! Did you follow my advice and

drink hot water an hour before breakfast? Patient—I tried to, doctor, but I was unable to keep it up for more than five minutes at a stretch.

Mrs. Mahool—Share awn th' doctor is makin' a hog out ay Patrick. Mrs. O'Toole—Awn how so, Mrs. Mahool?

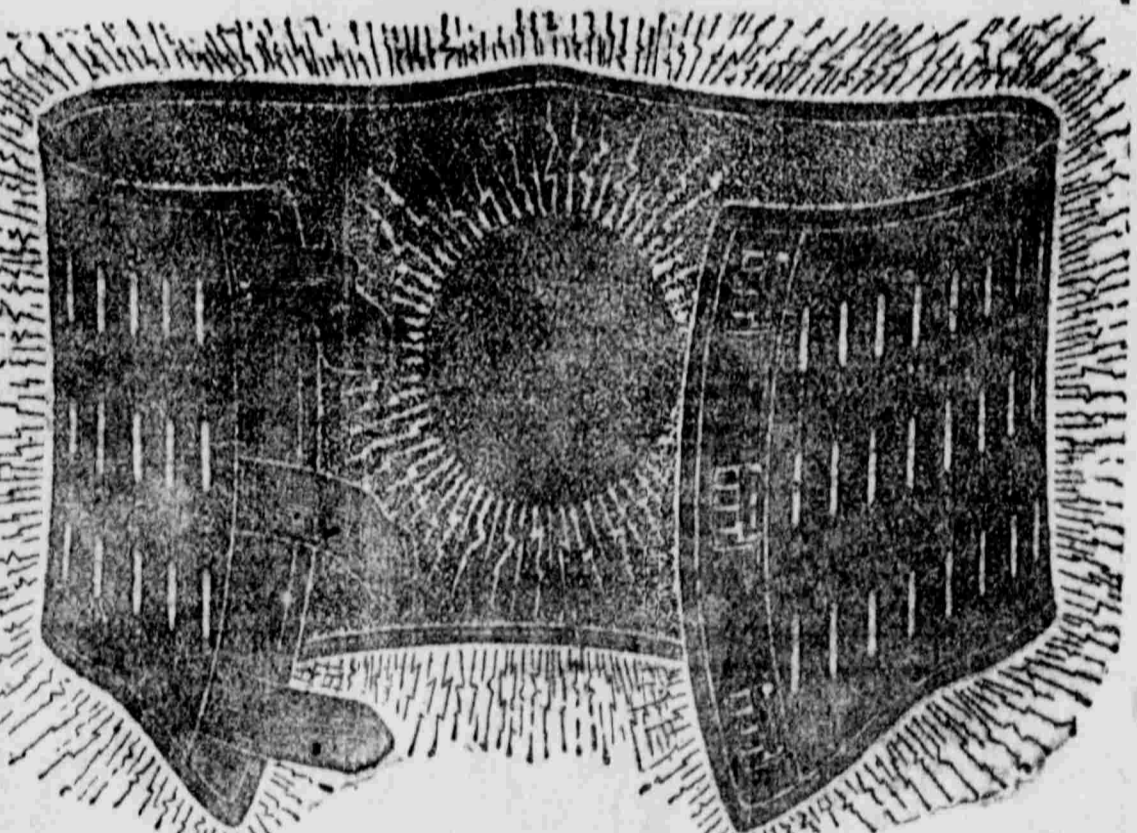
Mrs. Mahool—Pho, he forbid him smokin' kceit after meals, awn now Patrick aches th' meals a day.

"Are your sympathies with the coal mine operators or the strikers?" "My sympathies," answered the severely practical man, "are with the consumer. He's the innocent bystander who gets hurt in this difficulty."—Washington Star.

Grandma—Johnny, I have discovered that you have taken more maple sugar than I gave you.  
Johnny—Yes, grandma; I've been making believe there was another little boy spending the day with me.—Harper's Bazar.

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