

## DOINGS IN THE ROPED ARENA.

Hot Fight Looked For Between  
"Young Corbett" and Eddie  
Hanlon.

### YANGER AFTER THE WINNER.

Jerry McCarthy Receives a Peculiar  
Communication from Pueblo, Col.—  
Clifford Wants Another Fight.

Word has been received here from San Francisco that "Young Corbett," featherweight champion of the world, and Eddie Hanlon, the idol of the coast fight fans, who are to battle for the championship on the night of the 29th, are rounding into fine form for the big struggle. This contest is attracting more attention than any since the Corbett-McGovern fight, not even excepting the Jeffries-Corbett mill, and when the going comes to call the little fellow in the center of the ring, it will likely be in the presence of one of the biggest crowds that ever assembled on the coast to witness a flat encounter.

Despite the fact that Hanlon is almost worshipped by California ring followers, Corbett has hundreds of admirers in his opponent's stronghold and they will all be on hand to witness the bout and bet on the result. It is expected that a snug little fortune will change hands on the night of the battle.

It can be depended upon that both the little fellows will be in as good condition as careful training for weeks can make them, and, barring accidents, the loser will have no reasonable excuse to offer.

According to the articles of agreement, the fight is scheduled for 20 rounds, under straight Marquis of Queensbury rules. The principals will weigh in at 125 pounds, which may not be the legitimate featherweight limit, but which seems to be the accepted weight at this time. The fight will be refereed by Eddie Graney, the man who officiated in that capacity in all the recent big contests.

Benny Yanger is once more in the limelight, and has again encouraged his friends to believe he is still in the race for championship honors in the featherweight class. Yanger's defeat of Hushy Murphy at the Watila club a few nights ago, furnished at least two surprises. One was the fact that Yanger showed a knockout punch and won in a hurry, and the other was the unexpected weak showing of Murphy.

The Boston man did not land a blow that gave Yanger a good jarring, while Benny slammed all kinds of hard ones at his opponent from the minute the fight began until Murphy was on the floor taking the count. Yanger made a fast and creditable fight. He hit harder than he did the last time he appeared in Chicago, and fought with much more dash.

One of the explanations offered for Yanger's improvement is that for a couple of years he has been fighting a fear that he would lose a decision and ruin his record. He had no such fear after he lost to Hanlon. Instead of working as if afraid to let himself out, he was now fighting with a confidence and good style.

Yanger is now a challenger of the winner of the fight between Young Corbett and Eddie Hanlon at San Francisco. The champion and the California are now in training for the battle which is arousing much interest on the coast.

Corbett will most likely be made a favorite for the fight but Hanlon will have plenty of backers, who will jump at anything like odds, and who may back their man sufficiently to make him almost an equal choice. The fact that Corbett showed so strongly against Terry McGovern the last time the pair appeared together has left an impression on the Californians. Besides, it is natural that a champion should be a favorite. The impression remains, too, that Corbett was not in condition when Hanlon fought him to a draw.

There are a number of shrewd men who pick Hanlon to win. One of them is Jim Corbett, who has greater faith in the Californian than he has in the fighter that bears his name. George Gardner is another who likes Hanlon's chances.

A few days ago, Jerry McCarthy wrote to Cal Harris a tight promoter of Pueblo, Col., asking for a match with some good welterweight there. Jerry explained the best he could do in the matter of pounds, and the fact that he would fight any man the club cared to match him with. A day or two ago, Jerry received a reply from Harris. It is rather humorous, that reply, but perhaps the most interesting of the kind. Harris does not regard it as such. He gravely informs Jerry that the club will be delighted, don't cherknow, to give him a fight, but that the club would expect 4 per cent of the purse of the fight, and that the last fight drew a \$100 house. Think of it! What would the Walkerville scrapper do with all the money? Harris further says that the man they have selected to fight with Jerry is a little over weight, but he thinks McCarthy would have no trouble in defeating him. When Jerry read the name of his prospective opponent he nearly fell in a dead faint. It was Morgan Williams! A man who got a draw with Jimmy Flynn, who is pretty close to the heavy weight division of the game. Jerry thinks Harris is quite a jokemaster and suggests that he get a job on a funny paper.

### THE HUMAN BULLDOG.

Kid Carter's Many Game Fights Give Him  
Right to the Title.

A communication from Philadelphia says: Through his conduct in the recent fight before the Critter Athletic club of Boston, with Marvin Hart of Louisville, Ky., Edward, better known as Kid Carter, has earned the title of "Human Bulldog" for all the men who went from this city to Boston to witness the fight. The unanimous opinion that Carter verily displayed the courage of the king of the ring that bout. Time and again Carter was on the verge of collapse and in danger of falling helpless in the ring, but every time he was knocked down he would jump up and come back trying to hit Hart. Never once did he take advantage of the 10 seconds which the rules allow a man when knocked down. Never once did he hug and clinch to get wind and steady himself. He was always trying to come back to beat the other fellow. Finally, in the last round, Carter was so weak and nearly exhausted that Miah Murray, manager of the club, motioned to the referee to stop the bout, although there was but 30 seconds remaining of the last round. Had Carter been able to stay out those few seconds the referee's decision would have been a draw. As it was, he was forced to give it to Hart. Murray's reason for stopping the bout was that he thought that Carter was going to be hurt by the point of his endurance, and he feared that perhaps the Brooklyn boxer might drop dead in the ring. An hour or so later Carter said to his

## YOST TALKS ABOUT FOOTBALL RULES.

"Hurry Up" of Michigan Sug-  
gests Changes in the Play-  
ing Code.

### AIM FOR MORE CLEARNESS.

Greatest Coach of the Day Shows How  
Present Rules Are Indefinite in  
Their Meaning.

In a communication to the Chicago Record-Herald, F. H. Yost of Michigan, the great football leader suggests several changes in the rules, which, in his opinion, would make the code more explicit and easier to interpret. The "hurry up" rule, which has often been asked to decide disputed points in games and he has found the rules ambiguous in several instances.

"During the past year much discussion has arisen regarding the interpretation of some rules," says Yost. "When the play is made near a side line many of the players line up out of bounds. This should be stated positively, yes or no, as this is very often a ground for excuse.

"Rule 8 says: 'A goal is made by kicking the ball in any way, except by a punt, from the field of play over the cross-bar of the opponent's goal.' Now this should read: 'A goal is made by a drop kick or a place kick from the field of play.' This is very essential factor in the makeup of a pugilist, gameness. Close students of the boxers business who have seen the young Lovell giant claim that when put to the severe test he will show the white feather. It is stated that Tom O'Rourke was the first man to bring Gardner into the ring and to defeat him. Gardner, because he did not possess true courage under the lash. In his fight with Jack Johnson, the big champion, it is reported that Gardner side-stepped at the really hard punches which came his way whenever he could do so, and reports of the recent battle with Fitzsimmons state that he put up identical the same sort of a fight with the Cornishman that he did with the big black boxer. It is announced that Gardner intended to fight the ring and devote himself to a small stable of race horses which he has gathered together from the results of his recent boxing matches. If Gardner is lacking in gameness, he might as well take up some other occupation, for if there is any man in the world who the American sporting public has absolutely no use for it is a fighter who in what is vulgarly known as a "cur" under punishment.

Another chance for Jim. Jimmy Flynn, the husky Salt Lake fighter who performed here several times while Jack McNamee was manager for the Salt Lake athletic club, is to have another chance to convince his friends that he can whip Jack Root, the man who held the title of champion of the light heavyweights. It will be remembered that on Thanksgiving day Root whipped Flynn, but that a howl was raised because Referee Otto Ploetz used the word "out" for the count "ten." Flynn declared that he was not distressed but was merely taking advantage of the time allowance for a fight and that he was acting to his feet when Ploetz counted him out.

He immediately issued another challenge to Root and now the latter, through his manager, Lou Houssman, has consented to give Jimmy a fight in January. He also intimates that Morgan Williams can have a tilt with Root on the same night and in the same ring. That would be a great program for the Pueblo sports, eh? It is Houseman's idea to allow Root to box Flynn and Williams 10 rounds each and the scheme seems to be meeting with favor among the fight fans. Flynn will probably kick at this arrangement as he wants a chance to go the limit with Root and wipe out the defeat suffered at his hands if possible.

CLIFFORD WANTS TROUBLE. Jack Clifford, a former Salt Lake boxer, is now in a hard war with hammer and the anvil and is in excellent physical condition. For that reason he is looking for trouble in the roped arena and will not be content until he is signed up for a match or two.

Writing to a friend in this city this week, he said he would give much to get another fight with either Herrera or Louie Long or both. He says that if the fighters will agree to meet him at catch weights he will agree to stop them both in the middle of the same night. Jack would like to fight again in Salt Lake and wants to know what the outlook for the game is, here at the present time. Jack says if either Herrera or Long will meet him he will allow them to make their own terms as to the purse. He will fight for the entire gate receipts or divide them in any reasonable way. Clifford says he firmly believes he can defeat the Mexican if they fight again, and declares that had he not changed his style of battle in their last engagement, he would have had no trouble in getting the long end of the purse.

Under the rule for charging before the ball touches the ground on a free kick I think this is true anyhow, but many officials say you cannot put them back in their own goal.

Rule 14, section B, should limit in some way the number of times the side having a free kick can have a short kick, which does not go ten yards, before being touched by an opponent.

Under rule 28, section B, the penalty for throwing, passing or kicking the ball toward the opponent's goal as it is at present is a shifting penalty and at times seems very unfair. If the rule read, "The point to be gained remains unchanged," the penalty would always be a just one.

"Instead of rule 18, sections B, C, D and E, why not substitute a general rule which will say that at least six players must be in the line of scrimmage at all times, but if seven players are on the line of scrimmage between the 25-yard lines then the first player receiving the ball from the center or snapper back may carry it beyond the line of scrimmage, provided in so doing he crosses such line outside the second man from the center on said line."

"This rule would make it easy for officials to know positively when any violation occurred. The way it is now it is almost impossible to do so. If this rule were adopted it would make it optional to use either style of play between the 25-yard lines.

"The past year, I believe, has clearly demonstrated that the game had not shown any marked improvement since the 25-yard lines than under the old rule—in fact, I think the opposite has

been true. It has forced a line attack, because there are not enough men in the interference to circle a good end successfully. The suggestions would leave the style of game to be played optional."

### DON'T LIKE FOOTBALL.

Baseball Fan Says He Will Never Attend  
Another Gridiron Battle.

"Yes," confessed the rabid baseball fan, as he knocked the ashes from his cigar and quaffed the foaming shupper, "I went to a football game the other day, and I'll be as old as Cy Young before they can drag me to another. They play the game with two umpires, who take all the sass that twenty-two champion sappers can spread. Be the power of great Dan! What wouldn't Silke O'Loughlin do to them?"

"Well, the game started an' some idle galoot, with paddin' on each shoulder—trying to pass the broad shoulder bluff—caught the ball and began chasing himself down the field instead of throwing to first, with the hull mob after him. Willes on the side lines let out a whoop, but never told the fellow what to do. 'Slide! yer nifty ringleader!' I yelled when I saw him runnin' for base. Then some big guy garbled him and sent him on his crotch, served him right, too. The hull gang seemed awed about somethin' for they all jumped on, and I saw some fun comin'.

"'Fight! I yelled: 'come on, fellers, let's butt in.' With that the players began to pile off. I guess they heard me comin'. Just then some high moga in the bus line, with a great big sweater on, pikes me off, an' tells me to get next to meself.

"'Quit yer warblin', sez I. 'It's too dern cold for little birds ter twitter. Yer nine deserves free transportation on the hog train.' With that I gave him a witherlin' look of contempt. 'It froze him all right, all right. He never answered, but went back to his bunch. I didn't press the argument, as I sort of respected the chap. How he could a' rattled a pitcher with those lungs! But his energy was misdirected, and he stood there yelling Latin like wild cats.

"They only played two innings, an' they didn't issue any rain checks either. I piked over to the guy at the gate to see about it.

"'Gimme me quarter back,' sez I. "'Cap,' he yelled at one of the 'players passin' by, 'yer paw wants yer.' Then he turned to a chap next to him and sez, 'Now watch th' my darling boy act.'

"'Watcher want?' sez the player; 'my paw ain't here.' 'Ain't he yer paw?' sez th' guy, pointin' to me.

"'Watcher mean?' sez I, burnin' up. 'Yer ast ter see yer son, didn't yer?' sez he.

"'No, sez I. 'I ast fer me quarter back.' 'Well, he's th' quarterback,' sez he, an' me celluloid collar button began to sizzle.

"'Yer fresh galoot,' sez I. 'I'll dent yer brassy face with a hammer if yer don't gimme back me 25 cents.' 'Just then th' bouncer gave me a list and I was off th' diamond. Th' bunch seemed satisfied with th' game an' as no one else was holdin' back I was kind of leary about returning. But yer can bet yer sweet existence that I don't get roped in again."

### JOE CORBETT FREE.

Great Coast Pitcher May Sign With Any  
Club He Likes.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Joe Corbett, who was signed by Jim Morley at a salary of \$4,000 last spring, has returned from his season's work. He was the highest paid player in the Pacific Coast league, and when Morley agreed to pay him this figure it looked like a risky investment, as Corbett had been out of the game some time, and, furthermore, his health had been poor. Corbett assured Morley that he was still able to win games, notwithstanding this, and went to training. As was to be expected, Corbett did not get in shape as quickly as other players, but when the hot weather came he was there like a brick. Aside from a few knicks in his contract, Corbett was the Corbett of old. He had as much speed and as sharp curves as ever, and his head work was keen. Without him the pennant might have gone to some other club. At any rate, the fight would have been less of a walkover for Morley's team. In speaking of his plans for next season, Corbett said yesterday: "I don't know what I will do. If I can find some good business prospect, between now and next spring it will catch me, and if I don't—back to the ball field I suppose. As I have told you before, I don't like the game, it does not suit my taste, but there is money in it, and besides I think it agrees with my health to play. I can't tell you how much it has benefited me to play this season."

"If you play, what are the chances of your staying in California?" Joe was asked.

"I can't say anything definite on this score," was his reply. "I will say, however, that I want to play here. My family is here and I want to be with them as much as I can. I have no insane desire to go back in the big leagues, for I have had my fill of fast company. The only thing that will drag me east will be money. If I can earn a great deal more back east I suppose I will go, but if I can't I will stay here."

### MANY YOUNG ATHLETES.

A Great Organization Now Being Per-  
fected in New York.

A very remarkable bit of evidence of the interest that is being taken in sports by the younger generation is the organization of the New York Public School Athletic League with one hundred thousand members, making it the largest athletic body in the world. This association is largely the outgrowth of the military movement that Gen. George Albert Wingate fostered in the public schools of the metropolis some years ago. The idea of the movement was to attract boys toward physical development and at the same time to inspire patriotism.

In changing this organization into a great body which is to promote running, jumping, shot putting, disc throwing, basketball, fencing, etc., instead of musket swinging, the patriotic idea will not be in the least minimized, and it is safe to say that the cause of good health will be materially increased. Not that drilling is not a very excellent exercise, but because the various forms of athletics indulged in are more attractive and thereby gain more recruits and command closer attention.

The example set by New York public schools should be followed by similar institutions in every town and city in the United States. All advanced pedagogues freely acknowledge that athletic while quite necessary to the physical health of the student, are a potent aid to higher mental attainments.

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