

STANLEY KETCHEL AFTER JOHNSON

Middleweight Champion Issues Statement as to His Position.

FOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

Refuses to Fight Langford But Says He Will Make Big Fellow Back Up.

By Stanley Ketchel.

I had made up my mind before the Johnson fight never to fight a colored man, but now that the great bulk of the American sporting public seems to be interested over the fact that Johnson is the recognized champion, I am through with him to fight him, but all other negroes I will bat. The fact that I am willing to fight Johnson is proof positive that the talk or my being afraid of Langford is all been.

I am the middleweight champion of the world. Langford is a middleweight, but he has not beaten any of the men that I have been fighting over Langford's record during the last year, the best he is is to beat such fellows as Jim Fury, I would like to see Jim Fury in the same time that Langford did, but I am tired of hearing about Langford and his challenging. Let him come and defeat the middleweights that are in the game. In the meantime, I am going to continue looking for a champion to fight. Jack Johnson is proof positive that the talk or my being afraid of Langford is all been.

Weeks fought gamely, but never had a chance to win. His blows lacked the steam necessary to do any damage to the champion, who came out of the battle without a scratch.

Edie Graney of San Francisco officiated as referee, and the boys put up a clean fight in every way. Both Attell and Weeks were well within the weight limit of 122 pounds.

Attell opened the fight with a right swing to the head, and ended it in the tenth round with a series of vicious swings to the nose and eye, which started Weeks to the ropes.

Attell followed with a right cross to the jaw, putting Weeks down and out in one minute after the tenth round was over. The boys picked Weeks up and carried him to his corner.

It was a grueling fight, but the champion outgeneraled Weeks at every point and was more vicious than Weeks, who fought his best.

The following officers were elected:

President, J. G. Hoffer, Y. M. C. A. secretary-treasurer, James Moss, Granite High School.

Team was expected to enter the Y. M. C. A. in the following organizations: U. of V., Y. M. C. A., L. D. S. U., Granite High School, Fort Douglas, Twentieth Ward, Taylorsville, Waterloo, Winder ward and several others.

FIGHT AT POCATELLO.

"Cyclone" Johnnie Thompson and Pete Sullivan Clash Tonight.

Considerable interest is taken in the scheduled 35-round fight at Pocatello tonight between "Cyclone" Johnnie Thompson and Pete Sullivan. The latter arrived in Pocatello last evening feeling in good shape and confident of defeating the Cyclone.

The men are well matched and each has scored a win over the other. Both are said to be in superb shape and a grueling fight is looked for. Several Salt Lakers will witness the match.

Likes Jim Corbett.

In the meantime all of the other challenges have been met by the other heavyweights are somewhat less interesting. The last few years when everybody expected he was out of the game for good, entitled him to consideration. You never know what a fellow of unknown ability can do. In the meantime, however, feel that it takes a sinfully hunky fellow with a wallop in either hand, to bring the championship when it belongs.

SPORTSMEN MEET.

Propose to Hold Convention and Then Draw Up Bill.

There was a well attended meeting of sportmen at the Commercial club the night after the proposed challenge to the state and now as there exist the state at the present time. The proposal, however, did not receive the attention expected, the discussion being limited to the representation at a convention which is to be held soon for the purpose of drafting a bill to submit to the legislature.

It was proposed that the county commissioners of each county send their delegates to attend the convention and that the sport clubs have representation. Some of the clubs from other countries and states, and of those of this country, although in the majority, were willing to have the same representation as other and smaller countries.

GIRLS PLAY BASKETBALL.

U. Team Defeats Salt Lake High School Five to Two.

The University and High School girls basketball team met in a practice game yesterday afternoon and the U. team won by a score of 5 to 2. The teams used as follows:

Miss Jones, L. F.; Madeline Boliner, Dahlia Brown, R. E.; Kate Adams, Jessie Browning, C. C.; Ruth Rachel, Leah Geary, L. C.; Faith Redman, Delia Duggins, R. E.; Ethel Hocken, Edna Hull, G. C.; Caroline Burroughs.

LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Eight Teams Represented at Meeting At Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

The junior basketball league was formed.

TRYING TO ARRANGE MATCH.

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—Manager Bettison of the National Sporting club said tonight that he had been endeavoring to arrange fights between Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and the other fighters for the championship, both American and English. He could not, however, mention names until the matches had been clinched, as he would invite the combatants to his place by doing so.

With the exception of Johnson's fight with Sam Langford of Boston, absolutely nothing had been arranged, not even the date, except that the English representative, Nelson, on the cruiser line is without an equal in this section of the United States, and modestly says: "We have a 10-second round with the like of anyone less than that." The Aggies hated to lose Nelson. He felt that as Denver was his home and he as a north Denver high school boy, he could do nothing more loyal to his home than to enroll at Denver university.

At Los Angeles.

TRYING TO ARRANGE MATCH.

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—The biggest betting coup ever attempted in the west was spoiled when Lady Iron, the 1 to 2 favorite, ran away in the fourth race at Santa Anita park today. She was supposed to have won by a nose, but the odds of dollars were bet on her at 1 to 2. She galloped along nicely to the post, but wheeled and ran away one mile and five furlongs, ruling whatever chances she had. When she started running off last, and was practically left at the post, finishing lengths behind her field. The race was won by Benmar. Two favorites were also beaten.

Iron, who had written her that she will be back in London some time in February, but Mr. Bettison did not expect him before the end of March, owing to the bad weather in England. Both Johnson and Fitzpatrick had said they desired to make engagements with the National Sporting club.

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SIX BEST SELLING BOOKS.

RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

According to the foregoing lists, the six books which have sold best in the order of demand during the month are:

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2. Lewis and Johnston, \$1.50

3. Peter Smith, \$1.50

4. The Testing of Diana, Mallory Ward, \$1.50

5. The Red City, Mitchell, \$1.50

6. The Man from Brodney's, McCutcheon, \$1.50

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