

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

DOINGS IN THE "SQUARE CIRCLE."

'Young' Corbett's Victory Over Hanlon no Surprise to Salt Lakers.

BIG FIGHTS OF THE YEAR.

O'Brien Appears to be Anxious to Meet Tommy Ryan in the King-Heavyweight Game.

It is pretty safe to say that the victory "Young Corbett" gained over Eddie Hanlon at San Francisco on Tuesday night, when they met for the second time for the featherweight championship of the world, was no great surprise to Salt Lake fight fans. Despite the fact that the coast idol gave the champion about all he could take care of in their first meeting, the majority of local ring followers looked for the little Denverite to take the candy, and he took it.

It was well known to them that, in the first engagement, Corbett was "hog fat" while Hanlon's condition was well nigh perfect. At that time Corbett underestimated Hanlon's fighting ability. He expected to find another easy proposition. He had but 11 days in which to train and then he had to go out and fight himself. The result was that Hanlon came very near to putting it on the champion and taking his wreath away from him. The coast fight fans nearly went wild over the battle. He was, as the next champion and arrangements were made for another fight.

In the meantime Corbett and McGovern had another contest. It was a fierce fight, but in the end the champion, McGovern, landed the sleep producing punch and McGovern listened to Gracely count 10. That fight rather opened the eyes to what the little Denver scrapper could do when in good condition. His fight with McGovern and his battle on Tuesday night, clearly demonstrated what we have said of him on several occasions during the last 18 months, to-wit: In condition he is the king of all the little fellows. Out of condition he is little better than a dud. Corbett has had more than one hard time in pulling through a fight with an opponent who, in Corbett's good condition, would have no more show against him than Mexican Pete would have against Jim Jeffries.

If Corbett will listen to the advice of some of his friends, and "cut out" Broadway and other things there is no reason why he should not wear the featherweight wreath for a long time. As to his training methods he has a theory all his own.

"If I trained for every fight as I did for my fight with McGovern and Hanlon, I would eventually weaken myself. I see no necessity of working hard for a fight with a man whom I know I can get away with," is what Corbett says. There is more truth in that poetry in the statement, too.

Now that he has effectually disposed of Hanlon and all the rest of the little chaps, who is left to give him a good battle? He has whipped every man who has faced him since his memorable contest with Terry McGovern at Hartford, Conn.

It is true that Terry still believes he can whip the champion and regain his twice lost laurels, and it is barely possible that the champion will give him another fight. If he does it will not be to convince people that he is McGovern's master, but because there is money to be made.

Although an agreement has been signed between the men for a contest, the Tommy Ryan-Jack O'Brien match still hangs fire. It looks as if O'Brien had succeeded in getting the crafty Tommy Ryan in a place where he will either have to come up or shut up, and it is likely that the latter will do the latter. Ryan has the reputation of being one of the craftiest matchmakers in the world, but at that he has very little in O'Brien, who has shown plenty of evidence that he can give a man a good fight. Ryan is apt to overdo things. He appears to think that he can fool all the people all the time, but to great a man as the dear departed President Abraham Lincoln, it is not as easy as it seems. Ryan is a very able man in his day and generation. The way that Ryan has kept the O'Brien match up in the air has taken a great deal of the edge off it, and it does not appear so attractive a fight as it did some months ago.

It was at first reported that Ryan wanted a six-round contest with the understanding that a twenty-round fight was to follow in some of the western cities; but he was evidently switched and signed for a twenty-round contest. It was evidently Ryan's opinion that he could do better in a long fight with O'Brien than he could in a six-round contest. The six-round bout did not seem so good a proposition to a lover of the sport of boxing for the best than any one could look for on Ryan's part would be a tin-canning display of eighteen minutes in order to study out Jack's style of boxing and discover, if he could, any weak spots that the Philadelphia boxer might have, in order to make use of the knowledge thus acquired when they came together in the long fight. Such work as this would make a very tame bout, and the patrons of boxing could hardly be blamed if they did not warm up to such an exhibition.

The expected formidable candidate for the heavyweight championship honors did not materialize in the recent battles between Jack Johnson and Ferguson. A fairly good line was held on the last night, but the fight fans were in the dark regarding the fighting abilities of Munroe and Limerick. Munroe's first battle with Butte affair with Jeffries was with Peter Maher, whom he beat handily, but this did not add much to his meager reputation, as Peter would be surprised to receive other than the short end of the purse. Munroe's match with Limerick, it was thought, would test his skill to the utmost, judging from the manner in which At was being touted, but the big fellow from Buffalo knew so little of the fighting game that Jack did not add to his "rep" by defeating him. His wily manager, however, did not overlook the opportunity to make a play for Jeffries, knowing the short end of a purse with a champion, he is ever so small, would put up a heat sum.

Regarding Johnson and Ferguson, the first named, because of his color, is barred by the champion, and "Sandy" is not so much impressed with his own fighting ability at present to think he has a look in with Jeffries. Despite this he is the most likely aspirant for the heavyweight title, as he is only 23 years old, weighs in condition, over 200

pounds, is fairly clever, and is on the improve.

The most important fights of the year and ones on which championships depended, were as follows:

Feb. 5—Jack Johnson defeated Denver Ed Martin in twenty rounds at Los Angeles. Colored heavyweight championship.

Feb. 27—Harry Fries defeated Andy Trel in ten rounds at Detroit, defending title of bantam weight champion and winning world's championship.

March 31—Young Corbett knocked out Terry McGovern in eleventh round at San Francisco. Feather weight championship.

May 14—George Gardner defended light heavy weight title against Martin Hart at Louisville, winning in twelve rounds.

May 29—Joe Gans defended light weight title against Willie Fitzgerald at San Francisco, winning by a knock-out in the tenth round.

July 4—George Gardner defended light heavy weight title against Jack Root at Fort Erie, winning in twelfth round.

Aug. 13—Frank Neil knocked out Harry Forbes in the second round at San Francisco. Bantam weight championship.

Aug. 14—Joe Jeffries knocked out Jim Corbett in the tenth round at San Francisco. Heavy weight championship.

Nov. 25—Bob Fitzsimmons defeated George Gardner in ten rounds at San Francisco. Light heavy weight championship.

Dec. 29—Young Corbett defeated Eddie Hanlon at San Francisco in six rounds. Defended feather weight championship.

Few great fighters have been developed in the year. Jeffries is still without a strong opponent, and the material in Jack Johnson, Sam McVey, Jack Munroe, Al Limerick, Con Corbitt, Sandy Ferguson and others has failed to pan out.

The light heavy weights have received no notable additions, nor have the middle weights and the welter. In the light weight division Jack O'Keefe, Buddy Ryan, Martin Canale and Jimmy Britt have made some good fights.

THE L. D. S. U. GYM

Willard Bean Ready to Begin Athletic Work With Students.

Tonight marks the opening of the L. D. S. gymnasium for night class work under the management of Willard Bean, the well known athletic instructor who has charge of the physical culture department of the institute. Mr. Bean has gone to considerable trouble in fitting the gymnasium up as he desired it, and now it is equipped with all the apparatus necessary for a thorough course in athletic development.

Mr. Bean says he will conduct night classes possibly every night except Friday, and it is his purpose to organize teams in basketball, handball and indoor baseball, and he says he will have no more show against him than Mexican Pete would have against Jim Jeffries.

More Football Changes.

Probably as Result of Opinions of Yost, Camp and Others.

The eyes of the college football world are centered on the probable action of the intercollegiate rules committee at its next meeting as regards the football rules for 1904. Speculation is already rife, and it is said that, following last year's example, still more innovations will be introduced in the gridiron sport.

It is generally thought that the new regulations first put in operation last fall were so successful that, to a greater or less degree, they will be continued for the coming season. Some weaknesses, however, that developed in the rules have been eliminated and improvements formulated. Princeton, whose football advisers are said to have been the most prominent in last season's new regulations, is, it is alleged, the college that is making the most important suggestion for next fall. The Tigers are said to advance the idea that the rules which went into effect to govern the territory between the two twenty-five yard lines should next year relate to the entire field. This would result in scrimmage being on the line of scrimmage all the time and would make possible quarter back runs, which proved successful last season everywhere on the gridiron. Putting, too, which came into such prominence as a factor in winning games, would also be put at a higher premium, and, generally speaking, the so-called "open game" would gain in importance. As Princeton's ability runs largely in that direction, such changes would naturally benefit the tigers to the greatest extent.

Yale, on the contrary, depends always on close formations and mass plays for her ground gaining. For this reason it is not unlikely that Eli will vigorously oppose any such legislation, which would tend still further to depreciate the "close" game.

It is likely that there will be several other changes of a minor nature also, but this is likely to be the most important thing that will come before the committee. The Western colleges are considering several innovations, which they propose to bring to the attention of the committee, but it is not likely that these will receive much serious attention.

DEMANDS "CLEAN BALL."

"Clean ball" will be the watchword of the American league more strongly next year than ever before, according to President Johnson. The American league executive has started a campaign against "rowdism," which is likely to make the life of argumentative players harder than ever.

One of the movements were made in the recent league meeting, in which Johnson forced every manager to put himself on record in the matter. All declared in favor of the principle so long advocated by Johnson, and more stringent rules than ever are likely to face the players the coming summer.

President Johnson has long been the enemy of rowdism and his support of the umpires put an entirely new phase upon the relations between the players and those officials. Under Johnson the umpire has always been the master of the field, and the American league games have shown an absence of much of the "kicking" so long a prominent feature of the contests. President Putnam last year followed the policy which Johnson inaugurated, but the real credit of the movement belongs to Johnson.

Official communications sent out to the club owners reminded them of the action in the league meeting and they will be kept busy with bulletins of this sort until the playing season begins.

"We want clean, sportsmanlike baseball in all of our games," says President Johnson. "and discipline will be enforced the coming year more strictly than ever before. Needless kicking will be stopped and profanity will be absolutely eradicated from all contests played on American league diamonds."

It would be better for the sport in all parts of the country if the Johnson idea were rigidly enforced by every league in the country. We had a little rowdism in Salt Lake last season, but it can be easily prevented by the enforcement of strict discipline.

CAN ROSS DEFEAT "FARMER" BURNS?

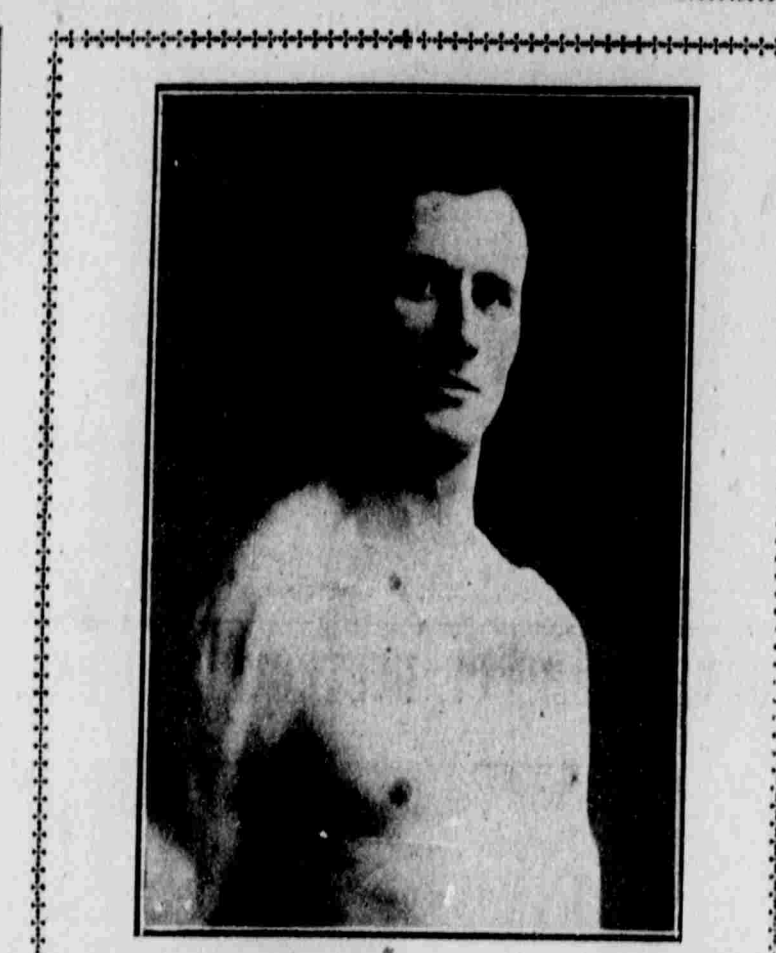
He Once Secured a Fall From The Noted Wrestling Agriculturist.

THE LOCAL MAN IS ANXIOUS.

J. E. Shaver Confident That Ross Can Now Defeat Burns Three Out Of Five Falls.

A wrestling match is now on tap that that will give Salt Lakers a line on work on the mat between professionals that they have never seen before. It will be a contest worth going miles to see, and one that will not soon be forgotten by those who are fortunate enough to witness it. If the contest referred to takes place, it will be between Charley Ross of Salt Lake and Farmer Burns, the noted middleweight mat artist. Ross is the only man of his weight who ever secured a fall from the famous wrestler. That was several years ago. He downed Burns after more than 20 minutes of terrible struggling. Burns won the match by taking two out of three falls. But at that time Ross did not know as much about the game as he does now. Since then he has had a great deal of experience. He has wrestled some of the best men in the country and has steadily improved and he now feels confident of his ability to beat the agriculturist.

J. E. Shaver, the man who managed McLaughlin when the latter wrestled in Salt Lake, believes that Ross is the best man in the west of his weight, and he declares his willingness to back the Salt Laker in a generous manner. He has informed Burns that he will back Ross in any sum up to \$1,000, and stipulates that the winner of the match take the entire gate receipts. That should be a big inducement for Burns to come here. He claims the championship and if he thinks he can beat Ross, here is a splendid opportunity for him to make a neat little sum of the necessary. Burns is a wise one, though,



CHARLIE ROSS.

Champion Wrestler of Utah, Who Wants to Meet "Farmer Burns."

and would like Shaver to guarantee him a certain amount. To this arrangement Shaver will not consent.

"If Burns wants a good match let him come out here and go against Ross under conditions I have suggested," is the way Shaver talks. "I have spent lots of money to find out that Ross is the king of them all at 168 pounds. I thought McLaughlin could put it all over the best of them, and he did it until he struck Ross. You know what happened then. Ross won hands down. Since then McLaughlin has been wrestling all through the northwest and has been beating all the best of them. This only demonstrates what a wonder Ross really is. He got a fall from the Farmer and now I believe he can beat Burns. I am sincere in making that statement and will prove it by putting up any sum to \$1,000 on Ross."

Shaver expects a final reply from Burns any time now, and if the noted wrestler does not balk, or show cold feet over the terms, articles of agreement will be drawn up and sent to him immediately. It is Shaver's desire to pull off the match in Salt Lake some

time during the latter part of this month.

ODD BASEBALL CHARACTERS.

Old Time National League Tells Stories Of Peculiar Pitcher Shreve.

"Among the many characters with whom I came in contact as a ballplayer," said George Myers, the old time catcher of the National league, who was a star back in the 80s, "there was probably none so unique as Shreve, the pitcher. He joined our team while I was catching for St. Louis, coming to us from some college. My, but he was a fresh youth. For all that he could pitch. He had awful speed and good curves and perfect control of the ball. His confidence and egotism were astounding. I remember one day we were to play against Detroit. It was when the Big Four, Rowe, White, Richardson and Brothers were on the team."

"Mr. Shreve, who had been assigned to pitch, strutted to the box with the swagger that would have made John L. Sullivan look cheap when John L. was monarch of them all in the flesh business. Just watch me, fellows, and see what I do to those swell-headed guys from Michigan," said the smiling Shreve. "I am going to make 'em look like a lot of suckers."

"Hardy Richardson was the first batter up, and you know what kind of a batter he was."

"Oh, ho! So you are the great invincible Hardy Richardson, eh? drawled Mr. Shreve. 'Well, Hardy, old chap, I'm going to show you that you are easy for a good pitcher; regular mince pie. I am going to fan you out, Mr. Richardson."

"George, where did you get this fresh mug?" asked Hardy of me. "He's a kid we picked up down the road," I replied.

"Shreve let go the first ball and it went around Hardy's neck like a shot. He struck at it after I had it in my hands. Bang goes the second, also, a strike, and the third a wide, slow, out-shoot, fooled the great batter completely, and Shreve said mockingly: 'Back to the bench, Hardy, I told you that you were easy.'"

"Big Dan Brothers, who was always a terror to pitchers, came next and he had blood in his eye. 'Hee, hee! So this is the terrible Mr. Dan Brothers,' cried the pitcher. 'I hate to tell you, Dan, how soft a mark you are. I hope you don't think so. You might some pitchers, but you are just my meat.' Dan missed the first two, which went close to his chin, and the next he hit like a shot at the pitcher. Shreve caught it in easy style and gave Brothers the ha, ha, in most tantalizing fashion as Dan ambled to the bench."

"Deacon White came next and Shreve kidded him unmercifully. 'Deacon, who told you that you could hit anything?' was the greeting White was given. The Deacon scowled and muttered ominously. 'Duck soup is what you are for me,' sang Shreve, as White missed the first ball by several inches. 'Oh, how easy,' was the next rejoinder, and Deacon smashed blindly at an out-shoot, a moment later striking out on one of those speedy ones such as had sent Richardson to the bench."

"The Big Four could do absolutely nothing with Shreve's delivery, and the other members of their team were just as helpless. We won the game 3 to 1. This fellow Shreve was one of the best pitchers I ever met, but he was an erratic chap and dreadfully hard to handle."

I recall another occasion when the Chicago club which team led the league,

came to play a series on our home grounds, St. Louis. Shreve, who had been missing for two or three days, came on to the grounds in uniform just as the teams were practicing. The manager, on seeing him, immediately assigned him to pitch. Shreve then came over to me and asked: 'Say George, what team is this we are up against today?'

"I immediately began to read him a lecture, telling him that a young man just starting in on his career as a professional player should not deport himself in such a manner. 'The idea of you coming on to these grounds when the champion Chicagoans are here, and you not knowing it, why—'

"The champion Chicagoans,' interrupted Shreve. 'Never mind, George, just watch me. Oh, just wait and see what I will do to that bunch.' And sure enough that crazy monkey went in and shut out that heavy hitting Chicago team. He was simply a wonder."

"In another game he had Foster, the great base runner, at bat, and he took occasion to tell Foster what a poor base runner he was. He purposely gave Foster his base on balls, and then, turning to the speedy runner, Shreve said, 'Now, Mr. Champion Base Runner, let us see you get down to second. Foster led off a few feet from the bag, and like a bullet the ball went over to the first baseman. A moment later Shreve pitched one to me, and Foster darted for second. He really did move easy. We caught him by 10 feet going to second. I could tell story after story about this man Shreve. If he had taken care of himself he would have been the greatest pitcher in baseball history."



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