

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

GOSSIP OF THE SQUARED CIRCLE.

Battling Nelson Proved He is King of the Little Fighters.

DANE MAY MEET HERRERA.

Marvin Hart Has Been Offered Match With George Gardner and With Rubin—Gans-Britt Scandal.

Well, Battling Nelson, the boy who got his real start right here in Salt Lake, is still champion of the world in the lightweight division of the Queensbury art. Wednesday night he about finished the job he undertook after leaving this city, namely, to prove that he is master of all the little fellows in the game of wallpops, by decisively beating one Terrence McGovern, erstwhile Terrible Terry.

Let's see: The Durable Dane started out by beating Spider Welch. Then he waded through Eddie Hanlon, Martin Canale, Aurelio Herrera, "Young Corbett" and finally the real native son, James Edward Britt. Wednesday night he added McGovern's scalp to the collection. If we remember correctly, his last fight is the only one in which he has been a pronounced favorite. In each of his previous battles the wisecrackers had it all figured out to a certainty that Nelson would lose. They said Canale was too clever for him; that Hanlon's defense and speed would be the Dane's undoing; that Corbett's experience would offset his aggressiveness; that he would never be able to live under the terrific wallpops Herrera would hand him. And, when it came to Britt, why, there would be nothing to it. Nelson was "not good enough fighter." Britt was "too awfully clever." It was said that Nelson would not be able to hit Chances Hedward with a handful of wheat. It was said that Nelson was not clever; that he had no speed; that he was clumsy, and that he could not hit.

Do tell! But by the way, isn't it singular that he has managed to beat the cleverest men in the business? He has defeated the coolest and most experienced. He knocked out the brightest star in the pugilistic firmament. He decisively whipped two of the hardest hitters (lightweights) in the world—"Young Corbett" and Aurelio Herrera, and on Wednesday night he made the most aggressive of them all look like a plugged duck. Six or twenty rounds seems all the same to Bat.

"How does he do it?" Simply because he is a fighter who fights, and that's all there is to it.

HAS GOOD JUDGMENT.
While some have criticized Nelson for his style of fighting McGovern, we think he did exactly right. They say he should have gone in with a bang from the tap of the gong and beat Terry down. But hold on a minute.

That sounds all right after the fight, when it is apparent to everybody that Nelson could have knocked out Terry by those tactics. But Bat had to be careful. He had more to lose than McGovern had to lose. In the Brooklyn boy the batter met a dangerous opponent, one possessing a slumber producing wallop and a fair amount of cleverness. By "roughhouse" tactics Nelson would have thrown caution to the winds and might have been on the receiving end of one of those wallpops which has laid many a good man low. What then? Skidoo for the Dane.

HIS PLANS FOR FUTURE.

It would be interesting to know just

what the batter's plans for the future are. Gans, Britt and Herrera will be camping on his trail from now on. It would really be a good thing if Nelson would take on the negro, make him come down to 133 pounds ringside, and then give him such a licking that he would never be heard of again. But Nelson will not be blamed if he refuses to fight Gans. The latter is a self-confessed fraud and a fakir, and ought to have the "23" sign tacked on him wherever he goes. Nelson could make a big wad of money in a return fight with Britt, and could get along until the first of the month from the proceeds of a mix-up with the Mexican. The latter looks like the most promising candidate.

Marvin Hart has been offered a match with George Gardner at Chelsea, and then a fight with Gus Ruhli. If he beats Gardner, some seem to think that a victory over Gardner would give him some standing. A win over Rubin might, but over Gardner, no. The latter's present standing is not any better if as good as Hart's. Rubin is a better man than either of them. The knockout handed to Gardner at the Salt Lake theater by Mike Schreck, hauled the Lowell man down several pegs.

There is some talk of an offer for a return match between Hart and Burns. Burns certainly would not accept it, as he stands an excellent chance of getting on with Jack O'Brien—a match that would be worth while from every standpoint. Meanwhile, Jack Root is clamoring for another meeting with Hart, as he thinks he could redeem himself from his previous defeat.

Hart, having not gained much by his charges of unfairness in the conduct of the bout at Los Angeles, even if he did get the worst of it. Physically he was much the bigger man and should have been able to stand all of Burns' roughing tactics and give back a great deal more in return.

THE BRITT-GANS MUDDLE.

The Los Angeles Times has the following timely comment upon Messrs. Britt and Gans, and it is right too:

With the presence of Joe Gans and Jimmy Britt in the city there should be an opportunity offered for these two gentlemen to gather themselves together in a barn somewhere between Los Angeles and Los Nietos and have a little argument all by themselves with baseball bats, razors or mud balls. Mistah Gans has alleged certain things that should grate upon Mr. Britt like sandpaper on a brickbat, and Mr. Britt has called Mistah Gans divers sorts of uncomplimentary names. So neither can claim any recognition until they have fought it out in minus purse or cuffs words.

If we are to discredit Gans on the strength of his confession, then it would appear equally applicable to Britt, unless the coloring of their reputations harmonizes more readily with the dark skin of Mistah Gans.

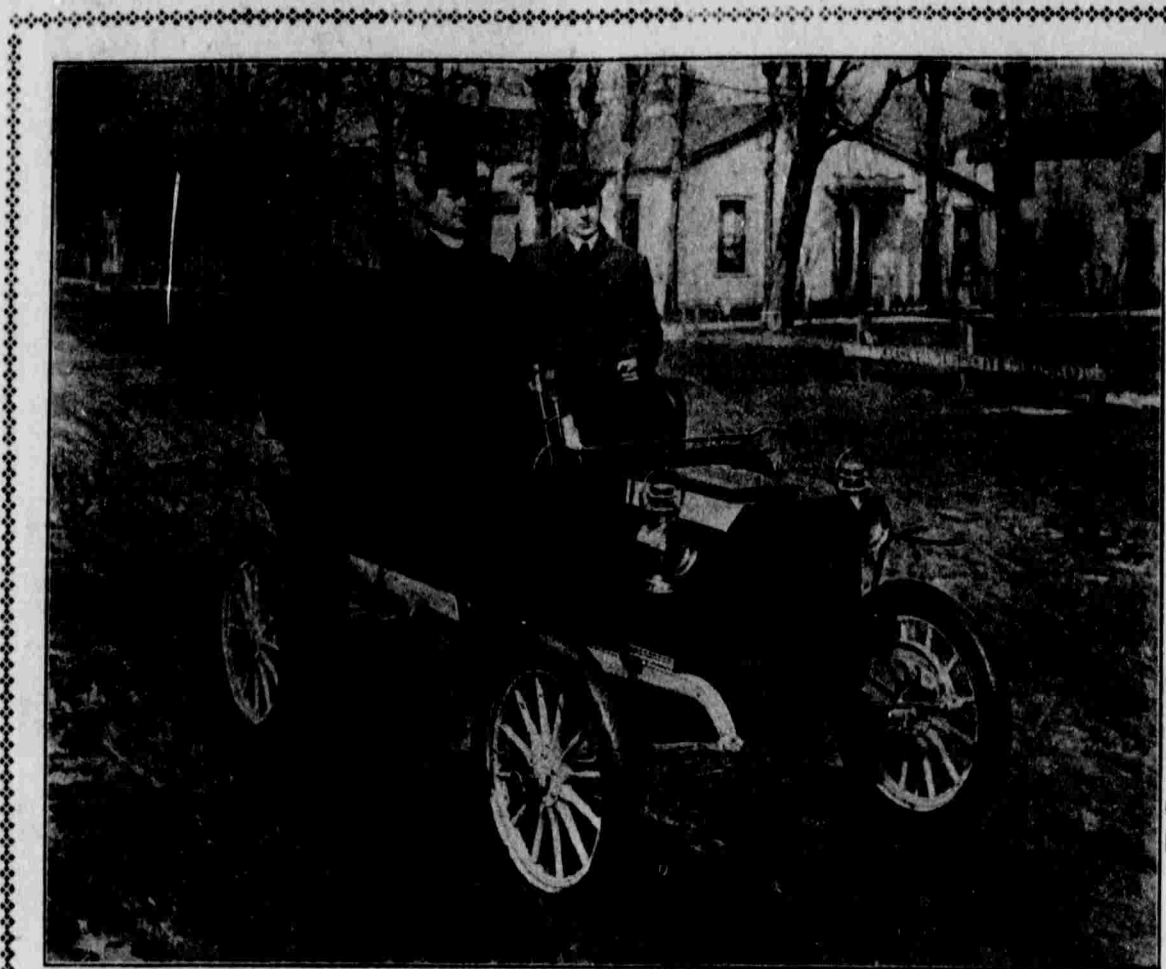
The public admires both men—from a fighting standpoint—and it cannot be denied that they are still in the peerage, but if Gans is debauched from McCarey's club, how can he accept Britt without doing Gans injustice? McCarey has catered to the public in making matches, and it places him in an unenviable position, with Britt on the ground making sheep's eyes, and Mistah Gans out at the Bohemian cottage getting in shape to fight before Levy's club despite the protest of the fight fans.

Britt would like to fight Herman, who accepts the deft, and Herman is a card with the fans. If this match is made it will be necessary to whitewash Britt, and likewise Mistah Gans, and until Britt and Gans settle their dispute elsewhere it appears there is small chance of their performing better than a bona fide local club.

If Morris Levy had sought to drive the killing wedge into the game here, he could not have selected a better weapon to do it with than by bringing Gans here and then have Jimmy Britt show up. Gans may be a prevaricator and he might be hurt. Be this as it may, the only way to decide it is to totally discredit both until one or the other proves his cause right.

NEWS NOTES.

A young man from Kalamazoo is getting a lot of notice as the perfect physical specimen. But the day is coming, so the



AFTER THE RECORD RUN FROM OGDEN.
One Hour and Thirty Minutes From Salt Lake to Junction City Over Heavy Roads.

A more powerful engine is a feature of the 1906 automobile, as distinguished from those of previous years. A week ago the car shown above was run from the postoffice in Ogden to the postoffice in Salt Lake through roads deep in slush and mud, in the record time of one hour and 33 minutes, reducing the previous record held by Bert Fuller of one hour and 45 minutes. The 1906 machines run up First street hill and the Theater hill without effort, while formerly it taxed the smaller cars to their fullest capacity on the low gear to make these hills. The tires now seem to be the field where most improvement is needed, instead of the engine, where the trouble formerly centered.

faculty members say, when a one-legged, fat-chested, shirking fellow with the Phi Beta Kappa key will be the real candy man.

A State Baseball league makes it appear that after all there is virtue in staying with a job in the state when your friends tell you you can't win.

Bowling got a big boost the other week, and the Salt Lake alleys will get a big bunch of recruits from the tournament bleachers. This is a prediction.

A three cornered fight between the High School, the Preps and the Y. M. C. A. seems to be the most exciting event scheduled here in Salt Lake this spring.

The big track meet will hardly have the element of interest in it pitched to a high key as a contest for second honors is not exciting.

All pennant claims at this season of the year are unqualified. Later they become subject to bad luck and bum umpires.

Marvin Hart, our fallen champion, doesn't seem to take it much to heart. Of course, he didn't fall far.

The solar plexus is said to be the seat of emotion. Jim Corbett, by the way of proof, was somewhat inconsistent after the Carson City fight.

Aurelio Herrera claims he was doped in his fight with Terry McGovern several years ago. Aurelio is a deliberate fellow.

Kentucky's legislature will legalize the sport of kings with a turf commission. The grass is still blue in Kentucky.

Judge Trevelyan of City Park is not only clever at detecting a dope horse, but very skilful with the harpoon.

Another fatality should be charged to football. A center rush in the Virginia legislature killed a bill abolishing the game.

Charles J. P. Lucas accuses the Amateur Athletic Union of commercializing athletics. Being the champion potato cover of the world, his words certainly ought to carry some weight.

A DITTY FROM CITY PARK.
Uncle Ed and Nephew Pat
Own horses by the dozen;
Ed wins a race; Pat's turn next,
Then one thrown in for cousin.

Uncle Ed prefers the jumps,
Nephew Pat leans to the flat;
The knocking wedge into the game here,
This, to Edward, lends aid.

The card today's a beauty,
With good things well provided.
Tomorrow's paper shows them,
Twixt Pat and Ed divided.

Comes a stake of large reward,
The fast ones all are ready;
Nephew Pat may be behind,
But not your Uncle Eddie.

Uncle here and nephew there,
Winning all on course and flat;
Mighty turmen are this pair,
Uncle Ed and Nephew Pat.

*Stockyards pronunciation.
—Inter-ocean.

ENGLISH RUGBY NOT A FAVORITE.

Expert Declares Soccer is the Popular Sport in England.

AMERICANS PREFER RUGBY.

But it is Declared They Will be Educated Finally to Love For Soccer Instead of Present Game.

English Rugby threatens to make a big inroad in America next year, on account of the disorganized condition of American football, following the heavy assaults upon it and the many attempts at its revision. Experts have favored Rugby while they have found much objection to the other English game of soccer football. What show has the soccer game for general approval?

Most American experts say none at all, and most American football players who have seen the soccer game join heartily in the chorus. However, in Salt Lake there is a small percentage of soccer experts, and enthusiasts who stay by the game. In fair and foul weather, and who claim that some day it will get a popular hearing, and receive popular favor.

The teams of Utah who insist on playing soccer ball, will this spring have it out for a trophy cup, and one of the men who claims much for the game sends the "News" a communication giving his views of why the soccer game will appeal where the Rugby will not, and making the allegation that the Rugby is second in importance across the water to soccer football.

RUGBY VS. SOCCER.

Mr. J. Morgan, who makes the assertion, explains his view point in the following statement:

Reading the account of the Rugby game played at Berkeley in a recent Saturday Evening News, and some of the comments on same, I wish you could grant me space to say something further on the subject. Undoubtedly,

being on a quasi professional basis, the Northern union players do keep themselves in training and good condition, as the pace set on their league matches is terrific, and if the "All Blacks" had these teams to meet, a far different story would be the result. As it was, the New Zealanders, clever as they are, met their equals once they bumped up against the Welsh clubs.

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HERE IS THE CHAMPION DOG STORY.

The following story is told by the Chinese minister at Washington, according to the New Orleans Democrat: "There was a Chinese who had three dogs. When he came home one evening he found them asleep on his couch of oakwood and marble. He whipped them and drove them forth. The next night, when he came home, the dogs were lying on the floor. But he placed his hand on the couch and found it warm from their bodies. Therefore, he gave them another whipping. The third night, returning earlier than usual, he found the dogs sitting before the couch, blowing on it to cool it."

energy, dash. Their ability to take full advantage of any weak point or mistakes of their opponents; their quickness in forming the "scrum"; their fast method of breaking loose once the ball was heeled out and their dash in following the ball, etc. It was to these causes they owed their wonderful success.

RUGBY A COMMON GAME.

But spectacular Rugby such as is witnessed by the Yanks equally as much weekly at hundreds of enclosures in Great Britain especially on Northern Union and Welsh grounds. Yet in spite of this, according to Yankee experts, many believe the British sports have thrown this game over in favor of the "soccer" game. They should know which is the best as they have had an ample opportunity of judging, as upon a time the Rugby clubs outnumbered the soccer ones by 30 to 1, while today the soccer clubs outnumber the Rugby ones by at least 50 to 1, yet there are certain sections in Britain today where nothing but the Rugby spirit is played. It was natural, so, as Americans to enthrone their Rugby display by the premier league teams in England they would be treated to a revelation as far as fast, open, scientific play is concerned, as they would witness not only more brilliant displays of "soccer," but also far superior team work than anything the New Zealanders showed, and for attractive work, effective and pretty combination plays, which even the uninitiated could understand and enjoy, it would leave any Rugby display by the New Zealanders in the shade entirely.

SOCCER THE FAVORITE.

Americans have made the mistake of confining the work of the famous "All Blacks" Rugby with that of the teams playing the soccer game, but the comparison is not a fair one. Before judging on the merits of the two games, Americans should see two real first class teams play "soccer." At present there are no teams in this country that are really up to third grade as far as soccer is concerned, but if by some chance American critics could see the displays of the teams by the premier league teams in England they would be treated to a revelation as far as fast, open, scientific play is concerned, as they would witness not only more brilliant displays of "soccer," but also far superior team work than anything the New Zealanders showed, and for attractive work, effective and pretty combination plays, which even the uninitiated could understand and enjoy, it would leave any Rugby display by the New Zealanders in the shade entirely.

Scores of thousands of soccer enthusiasts saw the New Zealanders perform, but came away disappointed. They thought the game even as played by the "All Blacks" as a rough and tumble affair compared to the marvelous work that is displayed weekly by the magnificent professional soccer league teams. When once the American public and players are educated to the finer points of the soccer game there will be no need of building a fire under the kindle of soccer enthusiasm. The game and it will be in Britain at present even a "frenching" rainfall of "cats and dogs" would not quench it as such is the enthusiasm in Britain for the game. It is to be regretted that in a soaking rain in Glasgow last year over 50,000 braved the downpour (it was drizzling all day) to see the replayed final for the Scotch cup, while under such climatic conditions would have been impossible to draw out 50,000 even at an international Rugby match.

AMERICANS UNINFORMED.

According to the praise bestowed by the press on the attractive display given by the New Zealanders, it is conclusive proof to me that neither the critics, the faculty nor press know what a real spectacular football game is like, and there is no saying to what excesses of enthusiasm they would indulge if by some chance of magic they could be transported across the "briny" to the magnificent enclosure at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, London, when the first for the England cup is on, with its 100,000 spectators huge tiered dark masses of humanity set in contrast to the wonderful immaculate green of the springy English turf and the bright colors of the costumes of the contestants, as such is the greatest football or athletic tournament the world has ever seen or known and after seeing the skillful and attractive spectacular display and the terrific game set and the excitement, then even the American critics would know and understand why the British sporting public prefer "soccer" to Rugby, which latter game even American critics believe to be a dull and unattractive and spectacular than the inter-collegiate one.

Yours respectfully,
J. MORGAN.

FORM IN BILLIARDS.

It Consists of Having Everything You Want and Knowing You Have It.

New York—"Form in billiards," said the veteran, George Slosson, this week, as he was talking to a group of cronies in his academy, "is as variable as the weather vane blown in a merry race at the top of a steeple by conflicting winds. When you've got it, form I mean, you are as confident as the majority of humanity is that those who cheat in this world are going to be caught up with somewhere before they have shaken off every recollection of subliminal existence," curiously interrogated a bystander.

"I'd never thought of defining it," said the student. "Form, let me see, why form is having everything that you should have and knowing that you have it. When your touch, execution and position insight are working at their best, and in union, that's form. One may naturally possess two qualities and acquire a third, but the third, being an acquired accomplishment, is unreliable."

"When it fails to work properly it not only makes a player's game, but provokes him at length into playing a worse game, unless he be one of great self-control and iron nerve."

The truth of these observations no one knows better than Slosson, for there is no expert living whose playing form he has followed more closely than that of the man who has won and lost championships more than once.

And missing such shots, he said, never adds to Slosson's regard of mind, for he is of the worrying temperament, if he begins to believe that the balls are bewitched.

THE ORIGINAL.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, on account of the great merit and popularity of the great merit and many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for FOLEY'S Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safe for children and delicate persons. Sold by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

Loss of Appetite.

A person that has lost appetite has lost something besides—vitality, vigor, tone.

The way to recover appetite and all that goes with it is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla—that strengthens the stomach, perfects digestion and makes eating a pleasure.

Thousands take it for spring loss of appetite and everybody says there's nothing else so good as Hood's.

HAS NO RIGHT TO CHAMPIONSHIP.

President of State Basketball League Says Title Cannot Change Hands.

BURTNER'S CLAIM MUST WAIT.

And Next Year Another League Series Will Give His Team a Chance To Try Out For It.

The status of the state championship in basketball cannot be changed by any den issued by Physical Director Burtner of the Y. M. C. A. or by any other element, until the end of the next league series of games, according to President Joseph A. Geddes of the league. He protests against Provo playing with the Y. M. C. A. team in this city, to decide the championship, and says that while Provo may accept the challenge, the Provo team has no right to hazard the championship title upon the outcome.

Provo has refused to accept the challenge, so that item is finished. Mr. Burtner, however, has announced his intention to claim the title by default, after issuing a challenge to all state teams, and giving them a time limit to meet his team for the title. He has a game scheduled for Saturday with Ogden, and one with American Fork in prospect, provided they are still willing to play after being told to go away and get a reputation, while there was a hope of getting a game with Provo.

BURTNER CAN'T MAKE CLAIM.

The view in basketball circles generally is that Burtner's action is ill timed, as the basketball season is over. It was steadily in progress all winter, during which time 60 league games were played and Provo came out the pennant winner. Entries closed Jan. 15, but before that time the Y. M. C. A. team was not organized, and in fact did not show up in playing form till the Chicago meeters came in February. If the state league is to be changed, it is now, the other schools will not stand the point, and it will have no recognition in basketball teams.

GEDDES ISSUES STATEMENT.

The signed statement on this point submitted to the "News" by President Geddes, at Logan, is as follows: "You may give this a prominent heading. The state league is not willing to concede the championship to any team outside of the league. The league is designed to be broad enough to include all institutions of standing in the state, teams which have made no effort to enter the league cannot expect to play the champions for any honors outside of merely defeating them."

BURTNER NEEDS A REP.

"The B. Y. U. of Provo has played 9 games to gain its standing. Teams outside the league should defeat the team Provo has defeated before being allowed to meet Provo. However, so far as the league is concerned, they are not allowed to Provo playing outside teams, it being understood that the state championship is not involved in the outcome."

JOS. A. GEDDES.

"President Utah State Basketball League."

SCANDAL IN AUTOS.

American Maker Charges That Foreign Cars Win Because of Home Graft.

E. R. Thomas, who is wintering in southern California, made an announcement yesterday, which will cause comment throughout the automobile world.

For the first time, Mr. Thomas made known that there are now being constructed in his factory at Buffalo three high power racing cars, to compete for the Vanderbilt cup this year.

A telegram sent to Mr. John Parsons, president of the American Automobile association, several days ago, will reopen the discussion that followed the action of the association, which disqualified three cars that qualified in the Vanderbilt elimination trials and substituted three others to represent the United States. Learning that the action of the A. A. A. was about to be appointed, Mr. Thomas wired as follows:

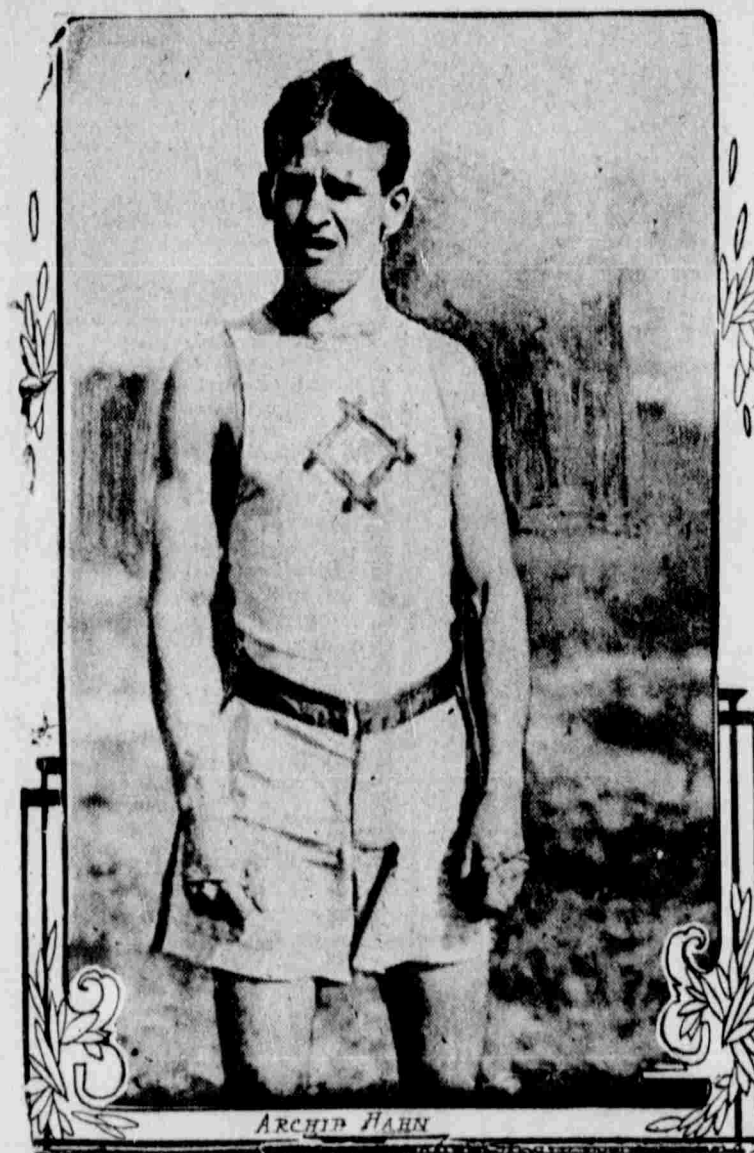
"Robert Lee Morrell is said to be a large stockholder in Locomobile company. I respectfully request that no one interested as an agent or manufacturer of automobiles be appointed to act on the ruling boards. I am building three racers at a very large expense for the sole purpose of winning the Vanderbilt cup for America, and demand a square deal, which was not given me last time."

The announcement made of his intentions is as follows: "I don't believe we should permit foreigners to send automobiles to America and carry off our cups. I am sparing no expense to turn out cars capable of competing with any and have engaged a driver who will pilot my race car at speed to equal that of any car the foreign makers may send over."

"Last year what was known as an elimination trial was held to determine the five cars which should represent America. My car qualified. I had no pull on the board and was counted out with two other machines in favor of cars which had failed to qualify in the test race and later broke down in real contest, all making a miserable showing. I was at no time given a square deal. Four of the members of the committee which selected the cars to race were interested in certain cars to race and could not expect very much under such circumstances, and I certainly received very little consideration."

"This Vanderbilt race is an American mobile classic. It should be American against the world, and if money and skill will bring that cup where it belongs, I mean to get it. If I lose a race, it will cost me \$40,000, if I win, that means \$25,000 more for me. I am not at all interested in the money, but I am interested in the honor of the American car. Only one of the five American cars entered made any kind of a showing."

Since the abandonment of the Gordon-Bennett cup race, the Vanderbilt contest becomes the greatest of all the world's automobile races. It is held over a 200 mile course, and first prize is a place last year were won by foreign cars. Only one of the five American cars entered made any kind of a showing.



ARCHIE HAHN

WESTERN SPRINTER FOR OLYMPIAN GAMES.

Archie Hahn, the lively little Westerner, will be the representative American sprinter at the Olympic games at Athens next spring. Before leaving for Greece, Hahn will have one more opportunity to show his prowess on his native soil when he appears in New York on St. Patrick's day in the games to be held under the auspices of the Pastime A. C. Indians. He will compete in the sixty yard A. A. U. championship event. Hahn is a high-class man at any distance up to 220 yards. At the Olympic games in St. Louis in 1904 he finished first in the 60, 100 and 200 metre event. Hahn has done the 100 yards in 9.4-5 seconds at a closed meet of the University of Michigan. He has scored many victories at the distance in 10 seconds. Last summer, at Portland, Hahn beat Parsons, of California, and Blair, of Chicago, in the 220 yards.

HERRERA TRAINING FOR MATCH WITH NELSON.

The future of Battling Nelson is now an important question, in which all fight fans are interested. A match with a man with a punch is wanted, and in this connection a dispatch from Bakersfield, Cal., where Herrera is training, is interesting.

Bakersfield, March 6.—Aurelio Herrera expects to see the signature of "Battling" Nelson signed to articles calling for a 20-round contest before Thomas McCarey's Pacific Athletic club in Los Angeles for a purse of \$15,000.

Herrera, in anticipation of a match with Nelson for the championship, is doing light work in this city. He has been helping carpenters add five rooms to a lodging house that he owns between Bakersfield and Kern City, and

he has secured some good exercise while assisting in carrying lumber, bricks and mortar.

"I am thoroughly acquainted with Nelson," said Herrera. "He followed my camp through the east several years ago, and he was in my employ." Herrera claims he did not train for his last fight with the "Battler," which occurred on the night of Sept. 5, 1904, as he believed it was not necessary. In the seventh round of that fight Herrera landed on the Dane's jaw and he took the count of nine before getting up. The Butte fight went the limit of 20 rounds, and Nelson was given the decision on a narrow margin.

Yesterday morning Herrera wired McCarey at Los Angeles asking him for the latest about Nelson, and the promoter telegraphed that if he did not land Nelson for certain in a day or two he would match the Mexican with somebody else. The local boy has a number of good prospects in the east.