

BOXING HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Opening of the Game Again on
Monday Night Next.

TOM JACOBS AND HERRERA

If Sport Is Conducted on the Square
It May Not Be Interfered
With at All.

After many months of anxious waiting and wondering what was going to be done, local ring followers are to be rewarded on Monday night by having an opportunity of witnessing another glove contest, and the event provided for their amusement ought to give satisfaction. The bout will be between Tommy Jacobs and Aurelio Herrera, (to pronounce the name one must have a mouth full of hot mud), two of the cleverest featherweights in the west. They have never met before, but they are evenly matched, both are quick and strong, in very best of physical condition and both have a wide knowledge of the fist game. The little fellows will weigh in at 125 pounds and can be depended upon to set a fast and furious pace and keep it up.

Jacobs has been training in Salt Lake for several weeks, and is as fit as a fiddle, as the saying goes. He has had good men to work with and good quarters to train in, and has been here long enough to become acclimated. He wound up his hard work today and will do only a little light work before the contest. Herrera has been fighting about every week since he left the coast, and that in itself speaks well for his condition. For the reason that he has not had time to go stale.

Corbett appears to have the better of the argument in reference to the proposed bout with Jeffries. At the same time, under the very unsettled conditions now prevailing in pugilism, a champion dictates terms for a bout and cannot be compelled to fight unless his conditions are accepted. It is idle for Corbett to talk of claiming the championship, for no one will ever recognize him as the Queensberry boss unless he outpoints "Jeff." The days of claiming championships have passed. Under the London rules regime when a champion received a bona fide challenge he was compelled to fight or relinquish the title. Billy Madden was a star performer under those rules. Like a political partisan, William claimed everything in sight, but got nothing. John L. Sullivan dealt a knockout to the forfeit game when he side-stepped Jackson and Sivola and still held on to his title. Corbett also evaded Jackson and "Fitz" gave his challengers a merry chase before he lost the laurels. Therefore, a man who talks of claiming a title simply wastes his breath.

Corbett's argument that a finish fight would have to be held in some inaccessible place and thus result in no financial gain is good from a business standpoint, but if "Jeff" is willing to forego a loss of money, and Corbett is very desirous of a chance to fight for the title, then he has no ground for complaint. Corbett was not slow to accept the implied compliment to his prowess in "Jeff's" refusal to box 20 rounds. It really looks as if the champion were afraid to tackle limber "Jim" in a limited bout, and, judging from his experience at Coney Island, he has good ground for apprehension.

Sensational reports that Jeffries has been going the pace that kills and that he was on the verge of a collapse have been denied. Jeffries, according to a St. Louis report, was almost ready for the undertaker. From Louisville comes the news that the champion is in the best of condition. Meanwhile the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons combination continues to draw the people.

Think of all the things that have happened to the pair since they began their tour, or rather since they saw the necessity for keeping before the public. Here is a mental list:

Butte, Mont.—Jeffries defeated by Munroe.

Helena, Mont.—Fitzsimmons flees his brother-in-law.

Anacostia, Mont.—Jeffries elopes with an actress.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Jeffries afraid of "Mexican Pete" Everett.

Denver, Colo.—Fitzsimmons bitten by a monkey.

Omaha, Neb.—Fitz offers to stop Ryan, McCoy and others in four rounds.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Jeffries wants to fight Corbett to a finish.

St. Louis—Jeffries dines of consumption.

Louisville—Jeffries in perfect health.

Cincinnati—Barred by the mayor.

As long as Fitz and Jeffries know the

value of a press agent they will probably be able to keep out of the poor-house.

Terry McGovern and Benny Yanger have again pledged themselves to meet in the ring and have agreed to all terms for a battle to be fought "on or before March 15," according to the articles. As March 15 falls on Sunday the bout if it takes place at all, will come before that date.

The fact that there is so much match-making with so few fights has caused followers of the game to doubt the sincerity of the parties concerned until the men are actually ready to enter the ring. McGovern and Yanger have been matched before, but after the articles were signed nothing was ever heard of the bout. Bids were to be opened on a certain date, but even the managers of the men forgot about it.

NEW NEGRO CHAMPION.

Jack Johnson Willing to Meet Best Of Heavyweights.

If Kid McCoy or Tom Sharkey is really desirous of engaging in fist combat with a worthy fighter the man seems to be Jack Johnson, the Californian who defeated "Donner" Ed Martin recently and incidentally won the colored heavyweight championship of the world. Johnson will come east in a few days to endeavor to clinch a match with McCoy, Sharkey or any other good heavyweight. Not only has Johnson lowered Martin's colors, but he has triumphed to his credit over such men as George Gardner, Jack Root, Hank Griffin and Jack Jeffries. His bout with Martin was a fierce one, but he won by a much harder punch than the ex-champion. When he arrives in the east he intends to take on some of the big fellows who are hurling challenges in all directions.

HOW ABOUT THE TRACK?

Nothing Seems to Be Doing in the Matter at Present.

There has been a great deal of talk of late regarding the building of a mile track at Agricultural park and incidentally making it possible for Salt Lake to be placed on the western racing circuit about which so much has been written of late, but so far the enlarging of the half mile course to a mile track is no nearer a reality than it was three weeks ago. It was understood that a small army of horsemen and directors of the D. A. & M. society had started out with the avowed intention of talking legislators into the idea of making the appropriation necessary to build the track, but the legislators either do not take kindly to the proposition or those interested in the outcome are not working very strenuously. The fair people have repeatedly said that if the money could be secured they would have the track in shape for next summer's racing so that the whole thing hinges on the appropriation.

SOME FOOTBALL TALK.

St. Paul Team Tries to Arrange Game With Utah University.

The football team of the Amateur Athletic association of St. Paul, Minn., is already making arrangements for games during next season, and contemplates a trip to the Pacific coast. In view of that trip they are trying to arrange games with western teams on the route. They have already closed for contests with a team at Portland, and another with the Reliance club of San Francisco. During the week the sporting editor of the St. Paul News wrote to Athletic instructor Harvey Holmes asking if the university team would give the St. Paulers a game. Mr. Holmes answered that it was not the policy of the local team to play any other than school teams and for that reason it is not likely that a game between the two elevens will be arranged. It is quite likely that in May a truck meet will be pulled off in this city between the University and Agricultural college of Logan.

BOXING IN NEW YORK.

Ring Followers There Elated Over The Good Prospects.

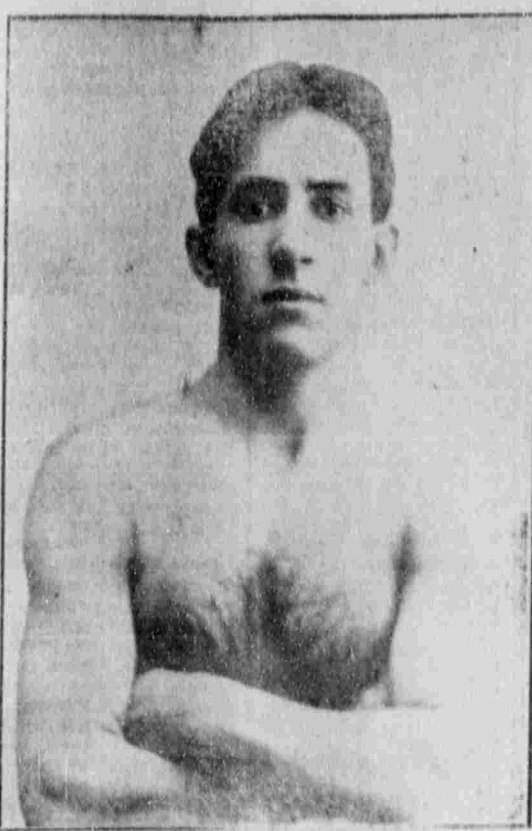
It begins to look as if boxing would again gain a foothold in New York. Senator Fawcett is about to introduce a bill legalizing the sport once more. In speaking about the matter he said:

"I favor boxing as one of the finest of exercises. It brings into play every muscle in the body. It teaches a man to be manly, resourceful and clean. A man with a healthy body must be clean, morally and physically."

"I am willing to father a boxing bill, but it must be drawn as a dictate. Under its provisions there could not be any such prostitution of the sport as took place under the Horton law. It was a relief to me and to all true lovers of sport when the Horton law was repealed. The public had been robbed and bewildered repeatedly by fake fights, by collusion between fighters and promoters, and in various other ways. If I thought for one moment that a regulation of these things would be possible under the bill I have in mind that bill would never be introduced."

"My object is to establish a commission to take boxing under its wing and regulate it. This commission would have the power to license regularly organized athletic clubs to conduct boxing matches."

"No measures will be necessary to



TOMMY JACOBS, A CLEVER FEATHERWEIGHT.

Above is a cut of little Tommy Jacobs, one of the cleverest featherweight boxers in the business, and he is about as husky a looking chap as ever crawled through the ropes of the fist arena. He has undertaken a pretty big job when he tackles Aurelio Herrera in this city in a boxing bout. On the afternoon of the contest the pair will weigh in at 125 pounds, and Jacobs is already down to weight and is apparently as strong as an ox. Although not yet 21 years of age, he has beaten some of the best of them in his class and has perfect confidence that he will be able to take the little Mexican's measure. Jacobs' first fight was with Young Corbett, and from all accounts it was a fierce one. After Corbett defeated McGovern he thought Jacobs good enough at the business to take him along as his sparring partner in his exhibitions, and that fact alone speaks pretty well for Tommy. But the local ring followers will have a chance for themselves Monday night to see how handy he is with the padded mitts.

prevent fake fights. That will be entirely within the province of the referee. If he sees two boxers faking it would be his business to at once declare the fact. If he did not and the fight was known to be a fake, then that referee would never be permitted to referee another bout. As for the boxer, he would also be disbarred from entering the club again or from boxing publicly at any other place within the state.

"My bill will provide for a limited number of rounds. It will be impossible to prevent knockouts, of course."

MILE IN HALF A MINUTE.

That's What Fournier Expects to Do—What Others Think.

One of the statements attributed to Henri Fournier while on his recent visit to the New York show was that he would in time be possible to make a mile in an automobile in half a minute. L. P. Moore, the Cleveland automobilist who is to enter the international cup race this year, does not believe this. He says:

"It cannot be done, for the machine would leave the ground constantly and energy would be wasted. You would touch the ground only in the high places at such speed, for at the mile in 45 seconds I have enjoyed all the sensations of flying and every pebble has seemed a rock of huge size throwing me upward."

"The road for a mile in a half-minute would have to be specially prepared for such a ride and every little stone would have to be removed. I do not believe that we shall ever see 40 seconds for the mile beaten, even with the present immense horse power."

"The machine prepared for a half-minute ride will have to be so constructed that there will be a bearing-down strain upon it from the air through which it passes. I should suggest a sort of roof standing to either side and coming to a peak at the top and a point at the front, and from the front gradually widening to the place where the operator sits, and then slanting to the rear."

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT.

Five Team League Organized by Y. M. C. A. Players.

Pleased with the success of the last handball tournament, the Y. M. C. A. players got together during the week and organized another league. It consists of five two-men teams, and they will play a series of 10 games. The first game will be played today with Fowler and Stewart against Moore and Parsons. The complete schedule stands as follows:

Feb. 21—Fowler and Stewart vs. Moore and Parsons.
Feb. 22—Fowler and Stewart vs. Dunn and Tregua.
Feb. 23—Rasmussen and Rippeto vs. Badger and Ingelbreiten.
Feb. 24—Moore and Parsons vs. Badger and Ingelbreiten.
Feb. 25—Rasmussen and Rippeto vs. Dunn and Tregua.
March 2—Rasmussen and Rippeto vs. Moor and Parsons.
March 7—Fowler and Stewart vs. Rasmussen and Rippeto.
March 14—Dunn and Tregua vs. Badger and Ingelbreiten.
March 21—Fowler and Stewart vs. Badger and Ingelbreiten.
March 28—Moore and Parsons vs. Dunn and Tregua.

Doings of Some Pugs.

A huge joke—"Mexican Pete" going east to fight.
A farce-comedy—Tommy Ryan and Cyclone Kelly bout.
A tragedy—Denver Ed Martin's defeat by John J. Jeffries.
A comedy-drama—Jim Corbett challenging Jeffries.
A melodrama—Gov. Yates clearing boxing in Illinois.
A vaudeville sketch—Fitzsimmons and Jeffries bout.
A song and dance—Tommy White and Griffin in 25-round bout.
A society sketch—Houseman and Hertz in loving embrace.
A wandering minstrel—Jack Grace.

Delaney on Jeffries.

In speaking of Jim Jeffries the other day, Billy Delaney spoke in the following manner:

"Jeffries is a fine fellow, but a peculiar thing about him is that he is crazy to be small. You can tell him that he is getting thin and you can have anything that he has. The reason that we fell out was because he would not train like I wanted him to, but after his last fight he said I was right and after this he would listen to me. Why, when the weather was so hot that it would be dangerous to send a horse a mile down the road, Jeffries would put on two or three sweaters and go three or four miles. When he would return he would be nearly exhausted, but satisfied that he was doing right. He would feel himself and then say: 'Why, I still have some fat on me, but I will get that off yet.' That weakened him, and in his last fight he was in poor condition. After this Jeffries says he will go into the ring big and strong. He has had enough of the fat-fat process."

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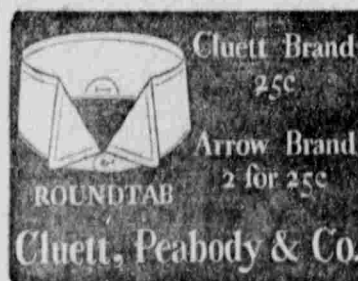
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CORBETT WITH MUNROE.



James J. Corbett has offered to train Jack Munroe for his coming bout with Sharkey. The famous ex-champion will give the new wonder a few lessons in the scientific part of the game. The above interesting snapshot shows Corbett and Munroe sparring together.