"PENNY'S" PRIZE RING GOSSIP

Great Battle Between Lightweights Comes on Monday Afternoon.

WILL BE A CLASSIC EVENT.

Pay Little Attention to Records; the Thing That Counts is Condition—Nelson and Gans Are Ready.

In all probability, by the time the "News" is off the press on Monday evening, the big fight between Nelson and Gans will be a thing of the past, and the much mooted question of who is lightweight champion will have been settled. The battle is attracting as much, if not more attention, than any other Queensbury session since the memorable victory of James J. Corbett over John L. Sullivan, when Corbett wagered a big bunch of money against himself.

A CLASSIC EVENT.

Monday afternoon's affair is distinctly a classic event. It is a match which could not have been reasonably escaped by either Gans or Nelson. The public, the fight-going public, demanded it. Gans hungered for it and Nelson—well, Nolan and Nelson were waiting for a big bunch of money, win lose or draw, and they will get it. The game sports of Goldfield pungled up a small fortune of $30,000 for the fight, and wise Billy Nolan gobbled onto $20,000 of it before definite arrangements were made. Now the big fight is on.

ONE BLACK MARK.

Nelson is the accredited lightweight champion of the world, but his title will not hold without a black mark until he removes that same black mark, i. e. Gans. As there seems to be a distinction between white and black, if Nelson loses he will have a small crumb of comfort in the fact that he will be the white lightweight champion. If he wins, however, and I believe he will, there will not be the slightest blot on his title.

WILL BE SQUARE.

The fight will undoubtedly be absolutely on the square, and may the best man win. The Goldfield sports will not stand for anything crooked, and, besides that feature of the event, every one who knows Nelson knows full well that the Durable Dane is honest and has been fair and square in every fight he has had. Not the slightest suggestion of wrong doing has been laid against him. He will be up and fighting as long as the breath of life remains in him.

A TOUGH PROPOSITION.

That Nelson is tackling the toughtest proposition of his career there can be no question. Whether at his best or not, Gans is the most formidable opponent Nelson has yet encountered. That Gans will make the weight there is no doubt. He is there now. But is he the Gans who fought Walcott? Is he the Gans who made a monkey of Mike (Twin) Sullivan? If he is it will be good bye, Mr. Nelson. But those questions make all the difference in the wide, wide world. He has been fighting for sixteen years. He has not taken the best of care of himself; he is six years older than Nelson; he is not capable of enduring the punishment the Dane can absorb, and in the matter of weight he is giving everything to Nelson.

On the other hand: Gans is one of the cleverest fighters who ever stepped into a prize ring. He understands the game from Alpha to Omega. He is clever, crafty and fast. He has (had) a terrific punch and it is generally conceded that he is game. These are some of his advantages and disadvantages.

CONDITION, THE THING.

A word about Nelson: He is but 24 years of age. He comes of a stalwart family. He has always taken the best of care of himself. He is as strong as a young bull and tough as a pine knot. He is a fighter of the rough and ready style and doesn't know what "quit" means. He is a puncher of no mean ability, and can take wallops that would make a heavyweight wince. The rougher, the harder, the longer the battle, the better he likes it, and the harder he fights. As a fighter he is right in his prime. He has never been knocked out.

If we gage this battle by what is called "dope," there is nothing to it but Gans. As to records, he outclasses Nelson 2 to 1. But when you scan the "dope" book, and come to the record pages, you might as well tear them out. They are no good. For instance: Welch, Canole, Hanlon, Herrera, "Young Corbett" and Jimmy Britt all classed above Nelson, but he beat 'em all to a frazzle. Britt made a monkey out of Gans, but Nelson knocked out Britt.

The thing that counts is condition. In this respect Nelson should have it over Gans by a big margin. But for the benefit of those who like to base their opinions on fights won and lost, we publish the following:

FACTS ABOUT THE FIGHT.

Principals—Joe Gans of Baltimore and Battling Nelson of Chicago.

Title at Stake—Light-weight championship.

Length of battle—To a finish.

Purse—Thirty thousand dollars, $20,000 to go to Nelson, win, lose or draw, and $10,000 to Gans.

Rules—Marquis of Queensberry.

Moving Pictures—Proceeds to be divided on percentage basis.

Referee—George Siler of Chicago.

Place of Contest—Open-air amphitheater at Goldfield, Nev.

Time of Contest—Labor day afternoon, men to enter ring at 3:30 p. m., about 4:30 Salt Lake time.

Weight—One hundred and thirty-three pounds at noon and 133 pounds at ringside.

Gans at present holds light-weight championship, which he won from Frank Erne on a knockout in one round in 1902 at Fort Erie, Canada.

Age of Men—Gans 30 years; Nelson, 24 years.

Principal fights of both men for last four years:

Gans: 1902—Frank Erne, knock-out, 1 round; George Fadden, won, 1 round; Rufe Turner, knock-out, 15 rounds; Gus Gardner, knock-out, 5 rounds; Charley Seiger, won 14 rounds, and draw in 10 rounds. 1903—Gus Gardner, won on four, 11 rounds; Steve Crosby, knock-out, 11 rounds; Willie Fitzgerald, knock-out, 10 rounds; Buddy King, knock-out, 5 rounds; Joe Grim, 6 rounds, no decision; Dave Holly and Jack Blackburn, 6 rounds each, no decision; Sam Langford, lost 15 rounds. 1904—Willie Fitzgerald, won, 10 rounds; Joe Grim, won 10 rounds; Mike Ward, won 10 rounds; Jack Blackburn, won 15 rounds; Jimmy Britt, won on a foul, 4 rounds. 1905—Rufe Turner, 6 rounds, no decision; Mike "Twin" Sullivan, draw 15 rounds. 1906—Mike "Twin" Sullivan, knock-out, 11 rounds; Dave Holly, won, 20 rounds.

Nelson: 1902—Johnny Thompson, won, 6 rounds; Billy Hurley, won, 6 rounds. 1903—Adam Ryan, drew, 10 rounds; Johnny Thompson, won 10 rounds. Clarence English, drew, 15 rounds; Charley Neary, drew 6 rounds; Clarence English, won, 14 rounds. 1904—Spider Welsh, knock-out, 16 rounds; Martin Canole, knock-out, 18 rounds; Aurelio Herrera, won, 20 rounds; Eddie Hanlon, won, 19 rounds; Aurelia Herrera, won, 20 rounds; Young Corbett, knock-out 10 rounds; Young Corbett, knock-out, 9 rounds; Abe Attel, 6 rounds, no decision; Kid Sullivan, drew, 6 rounds; Jack O'Neil, 6 rounds, no decision; Jimmy Britt, knock-out, 18 rounds.

ON AUTO RACING.

The following views were expressed by an uninitiated visitor to an auto race meet: "Horse racing is foolish, motor-paced bike races kindergarten work and looping the loop mere tea-party pastime compared to high class auto racing, where each chauffeur carries a self-addressed, stamped envelope in which he may be mailed home if the expected happens. And record breaking is a favorite game. The daring autoist drives his machine out on the track and his friends bet on what he will break. A burst tire counts five points, a wheel 10 points, a blow-up is 50 points, and a broken neck counts game and the widow gets a medal."

CHEAP ALCOHOL.

A Dream for the Future From the Automobile Magazine.

Some farmers are beginning to see fat fortunes from the raising of crops that will produce alcohol. An acre in potatoes can be made to produce 255 gallons of commercial alcohol, by raising what may be called alcohol potatoes, instead of food potatoes. And alcohol, untaxed, will not only turn the farmer's power mill or work engine much cheaper than gasoline or any other fuel, but will light his sitting room and kitchen cheaper than kerosene oil. With the tax removed grain alcohol will be cheaper than wood alcohol, when all the coal is dug and all the trees cut down, the country will raise its fuel from the soil, as alcohol, and get it cheaper, probably, than it now gets fuel from the coal mines.

SHERIDAN LOSES RECORD.

Failure to Return Discus to be Weighed Robs Him of Laurels.

James E. Sullivan, chairman of the record committee of the Amateur Athletic association, has received from the officials a report on Sheridan's remarkable discus throw at Celtic park, New York, recently. The throw was made correctly, but Sheridan, in his anxiety to get back to work, took the discus with him, and it could not be found to be weighed or measured.

So, on a mere technicality, Sheridan will lose his remarkable throw, as it will not be allowed on the record books. Sheridan is in such fine shape now that on Sunday next, or at the New York track and field championship meeting, he will no doubt better the figures.

RUGBY IN TROUBLE.

Stanford Team Can't Find Anyone to Meet in Preliminary Practise.

There's trouble down the coast, according to reports received in Salt Lake through letters from Stanford. The football authorities declared for Rugby when they saw the New Zealand team play a local aggregation last spring, and now the coaches have learned the game to some degree of excellence, both at Berkeley and at Stanford.

Here is where the rub comes, however. There isn't a single preparatory school or secondary university that dares to follow in the wake of the two leaders in athletic modes. Consequently there is a total dearth of applicants to play the preliminary games. The picture of Stanford going up against Berkeley for the year's supremacy without trying out the team or its play on any dog of any color would be unique, and that is practically the situation the coaches are facing. A proposition is under way to bring a Victoria team to San Francisco for the season.

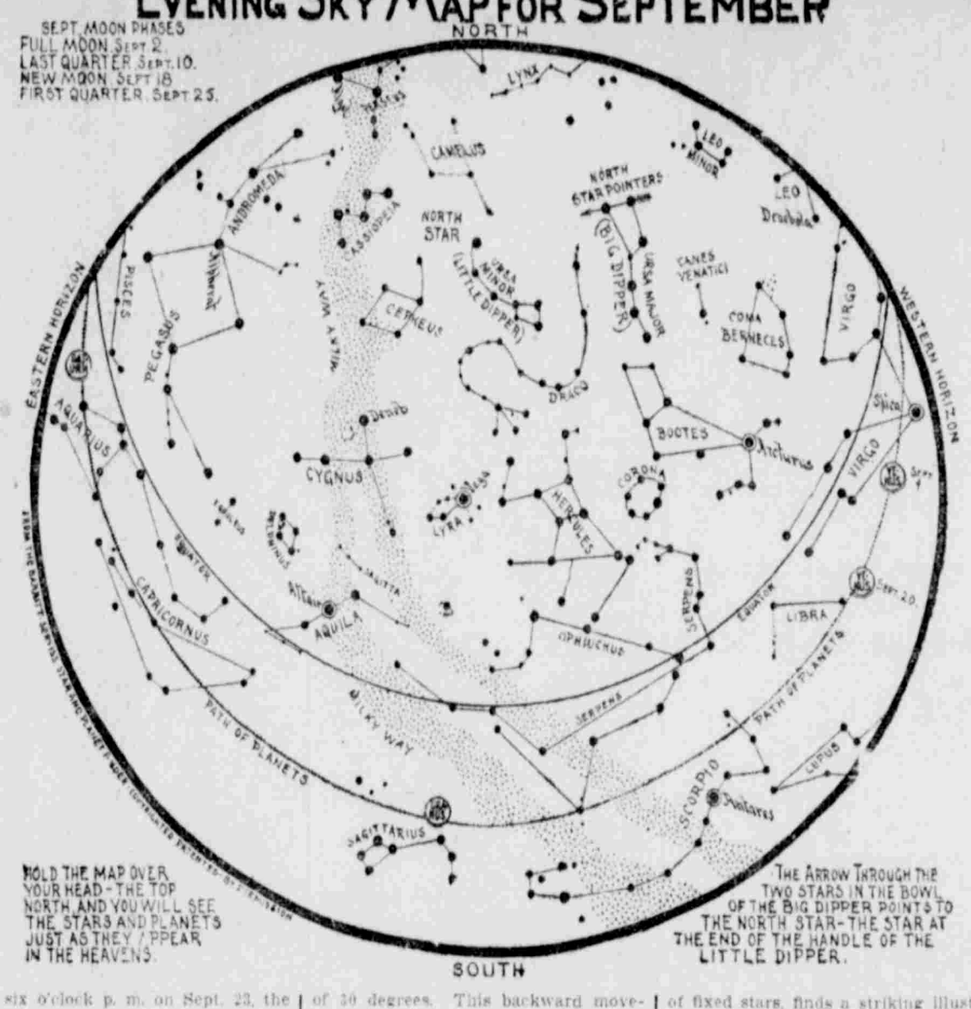
THE ENGLISH CREW WHICH HARVARD WILL TRY TO BEAT.

Despite the pessimistic prophecy of C. S. Titus, the American single-scull champion, regarding Harvard's chances of winning from Cambridge when the two eights meet on Sept. 8, the glowing accounts of Harvard's trial performance at Henley, which have come from Americans who have seen the Boston boys on the Thames, have served to keep the hopes of the Americans at home pinned high.

SCENE OF HARVARD-CAMBRIDGE CONTEST SEPT. 8.

These are the members of the Cambridge crew which will try conclusions with the Harvard eight for international honors, on the English Thames on Sept. 8.

EVENING SKY MAP FOR SEPTEMBER



At six o'clock p. m. on Sept. 23, the sun crosses the equator on its way south and autumn, with its charming days will be inaugurated. On this date the sun rises due east and sets due west, and day and night are of equal length (12 hours) over the whole earth.

The sun crosses the equator in the constellation Libra, astronomically speaking, but actually 30 degrees back in the constellation Virgo (see map). This difference, as explained in the March article, is caused by the sun crossing the equator 50 seconds further back each year.

Two thousand years ago the zodiac divisions and the constellations coincided; that is, began at the first point of Aries—degree one—at which point the sun then crossed the equator in the spring. But crossing the equator 50 seconds back each year has, in the course of 2,000 years, caused the sun to cross at a point 30 degrees back, where it now crosses in Pisces. This change at the spring equinox also applies, of course, to the autumn equinox. The sun then (2,000 years ago) crossed in the constellation Libra, but now crosses in the constellation Virgo.

Astronomers always speak of the sun crossing the equator at the equinoxes according to the old zodiac arrangement, and I allow for the change of 30 degrees. This backward movement is called "precession," and is caused by the unequal attraction of the sun and the moon upon the earth at the equator.

Cassiopeia, a constellation that presents a clearly defined "W," is moving up from the east into the evening sky, followed by Andromeda, Pegasus, Capricornus and Aquarius. Delphinus, sometimes called "Job's Coffin," is a pretty little group of stars just north of Aquila, which will be found very interesting when viewed through an opera glass. To those who cannot afford or who do not have access to a large telescope, the heavens will take on a new charm when examined with an opera glass. Try it on the moon some evening and you will be agreeably surprised, or on the Pleiades, that wondrous cluster of stars. The fact is that a low power telescope—say three to five inch object glass—will afford more actual pleasure and interest to the average man than the high power telescopes, which are only intended for the professional astronomer.

Cygnus, sometimes called the Northern Cross; Hercules, Corona, Bootes and Aquila, of the constellations, are most clearly in view in the evening this month. Vega, the second brightest star in the northern sky, gives 100 times more light than our sun. It will be found in its zenith this month.

The changing positions of the planets as they move eastward on their never ceasing journey through the field of fixed stars, finds a striking illustration at this time in Venus, now so finely in view in our western evening sky. This planet is so strikingly prominent in comparison with the fixed stars that it is easily distinguished, and its course can be easily followed from night to night. It comes into view about 20 minutes after sunset, and sets about 8 o'clock. On Sept. 4 it will be five degrees east of the first magnitude star Spica, and on Sept. 20 will have reached its greatest elongation east near the lowest star in the constellation, Libra (see map).

The planets Uranus and Saturn are still evening stars. Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Neptune are morning stars. Mercury will be found low in the east about an hour before sunrise, and near the point of the sun's rising, for the first 10 days of the month. Mars and Mercury will be very close together on the morning of the third, only seven degrees apart. Mars can be distinguished from Mercury because of its ruddy color and from the fact that it will be nearer the sun.

The Milky Way, that mysterious and wonderful combination of stellar worlds, that seems to enfold our solar system like a mighty belt, is now sweeping from the northeast to the southwest across the evening sky. It presents one of the most awe-inspiring sights in the heavens, and to the most powerful telescope yields, only clustering millions of stars on beyond.

LEON BARRITT.

And Now it is the "Automobile Spine."

Automobiling has produced a new disease, "chauffeur's spine," which is gravely described in the Lancet. There is scarcely an occupation which has not some disease peculiar to it. Scrubwomen have "housemaid's knee," literary persons have "writer's cramp," sandhogs have "the bends," decorators have "painter's colic," professional wheelmen have the "bicycle heart," opera singers have sore throat, and so on. It is fair to predict that as ballooning becomes a pastime or a profession its enthusiasts will develop some strange complaint, which the doctors will dub "aeronaut's lung" or "balloonist's liver."

The symptoms of "chauffeur's spine" are described in the Lancet as persistent acute pain in the hip, becoming so intensified by pressure that the sufferer is unable to lie on the side affected; a dull, aching pain across the loins, inability to move the leg, and such tenderness of the leg that the weight of the bedclothes causes intense suffering. Drawing the finger across the sole of the patient's foot caused great pain and made the man "cry out loudly and draw up his foot, an action which he was quite unable to perform voluntarily."

The treatment advised is bed, free use of aperients, three grains of calomel being given at the outset; for 10 days a medicine containing 10 grains of iodide of potassium and 40 minims of tincture of hyoscyamus to the ounce, taken every four hours; a purely milk diet for the first week; beef tea the second week; fish, eggs, toast and farinaceous puddings the third week, and no alcohol.

This new disease is probably due to the incessant jarring to which the chauffeur is exposed. It is said that automobilists in general are subject to this new disease.

GOATS AND DOGS OF MALTA

THE great rocks of Malta are not a hospitable place for the cow—the pasturage is insufficient—but nature, in her ever-wise provision, has made Malta an inviting place for the goat. As a result there is plenty of milk for such of the inhabitants as desire that harmless beverage. A Maltese woman would have had hard work to accustom herself to American methods of supplying milk for home consumption; it is quite likely that she and her babies would not take to the milk of American cows at all. As for having bottles left on the steps at an abnormally early hour in the morning, such a procedure would make the world seem topsy-turvy to her. When the Maltese woman wants milk she has but to go into the street and summon the nearest peddler of the commodity. He will respond with his herd, and, if she wishes (and she usually does wish), she can see the operation of milking a goat or two conducted at her very door. The Maltese plan has obvious advantages. The milk is fresh, for one thing; the source of supply is konwn, for another; there is no chance for adulteration, and, if it is desired, the goat can be milked directly into a vessel provided by the recipient.

So, all day long, herds of goats wander about Valetta, following their leader by the clanging of its bell. They learn how to care for themselves—not a hard matter, for the people care for them. In size the herds vary; sometimes there are over a score of the animals, occasionally but three or four. officially, the goat is about two and a half feet in height; as a matter of fact she seems smaller. The milk, which is of good quality, although one must become accustomed to it, brings from 8 to 10 cents a quart. As a rule it is only purchased as required.

But goats are not the only animals to carry off the honors in the streets of Malta's city. Dogs there are in abundance and cats as well, though the latter are not so frequently seen. The tiny Maltese dogs are in great demand as pets. Indeed, the Maltese seem to like dogs of any description, whether they are native to the island or not. The people are wonderfully adept in teaching the dogs tricks.

DOING THE AUTOMOBILISTS.

"An interesting experiment," said the young millionaire, as he dismounted, warm and dusty, from his bicycle. "An experiment that adds another to the long tale of injustices suffered by the rich.

"I motored last year all through this lovely country. I had my 80 horsepower machine, a chauffeur, and two friends. The expense was outrageous.

"This year I have just finished covering the same ground on a humble bike. I have stopped at the same hotels. I have eaten the same food. I have slept in the same rooms.

"But the difference in the price!

"For a room, while I was motoring, the average charge at the 50 hotels we visited was $2. Biking, it was 75 cents. For breakfast, motoring, the charge was $1. Biking, it was 35 cents. For lunch, motoring, $1; biking, 50 cents. For dinner, motoring, $1.50; biking 75 cents.

"In other words, an ordinary individual, a bicycler, can travel about here and live at the hotels at a weekly cost of $15. But an automobilist can't live at them at a lower cost than $37. He pays two and a half times as much for the same accommodation.

"To be rich," the millionaire bitterly ended, "is to be done."

REMARKABLE RENTALS.

Strange rents were being discussed—how this church paid one lily annually, and that convent paid two doves. A real estate man said:

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