

Ohio's Chief Executive Says Jeffries-Rublin Match Cannot Take Place.

MAYOR FLEISCHMANN SAYS IT CAN

Contest Booked for Cincinnati May Resolve Itself into Question of Authority Between the Two Officers.

Affairs pugilistic are in a chaotic state just now and the prize fighter finds himself up against what appears to be the "real thing." Even the championship event between Jeffries and Rublin, which has been announced with great gusto as a sure go, is in a state of uncertainty. It is likely to die a natural death, for Governor Nash of Ohio has issued a proclamation declaring that he has not been interviewed in the matter and suggesting that the laws of Ohio consider prize fighting as a felony.

"No one has consulted me about this matter," Governor Nash is quoted as saying, "and I want it distinctly understood that I do not approve of prize fighting, participation in which is a felony under the laws of Ohio. I have not yet looked into the matter to ascertain what my duties are, but the public may rest assured that whatever they are I will meet them promptly."

Mayor Julius Fleischmann, however, rests serenely upon his guns and announces that he has given his consent for the holding of the big show and that he will not be brooked in his plan. The mayor makes no reservation in the declaration that the fight will be permitted. "I guess I am about the biggest authority around here," he says, "and I wish it could be made plain that I know of no one who is going to interfere with the present arrangements. I have said that I would issue a permit for the contest, for I believe, as do some of the very best business men and those of some public spirit, that the contest being conducted as it will, in an orderly and decent manner, is going to be a big advertisement for the city and will bring much money here."

"There is not going to be any rough work of any sort. The prize of admission will be high enough to make the contest desirable element. The contestants are of championship caliber and there is no chance of the contest being anything but clean-cut and devoid of all features of brutality, which are such a popular argument of those who want to stop fighting."

It looks now as though the situation has settled down to the settling of the argument between the governor of Ohio and the mayor of Cincinnati. Each has turned the box and it is now a horse race, with the third horse decidedly in favor of the governor, in case he plays his hand according to his published statement.

Meantime, however, the Cincinnati promoters are proceeding with their arrangements. Billy Brady, the great fight promoter and manager, has been selected to take charge of the affair, but even Brady himself doesn't seem to know just where he is. The day after Christmas he is quoted as saying that, even though he had been selected to manage the affair, it wouldn't come off because of objection of the authorities. If the whole matter is a game of bluff it is an interesting one, to say the least, and meantime, Cincinnati is getting all sorts of advertising out of the affair, and that's one of the things the mayor has been looking for.

All over the country the fighting game has been receiving a series of solar plexus blows that bespeak the necessity of future fights being pulled off on some desert island in a balloon or else forcing the members of the pugilistic profession to seek other employment. In New York, Chicago, Omaha and any number of other cities that could be mentioned the seal of official disapproval has been stamped, and if Cincinnati follows the precedent established it looks as though the jig were up.

Carson City may be used again as a place of last resort, provided the championship problem becomes sufficiently complicated to force the deciding of conclusions between the top-notchers. It is a certainty, however, that Jeffries and Rublin will never fight in Carson City. Such a match would not be sufficient of a drawing card to warrant Dan Stuart or any other promoter in pulling off a contest in the wilds of the west.

Mr. Jeffries is probably viewing the situation with a deal of interest. To him the view of a life-long hold on the championship because of lack of opportunity to have it wrested from him may well be roseate-hued and he can continue drawing down a copious competence from stalking before the footlights and umpiring base ball games.

An effort will be made before the coming legislature of New York to revive the fighting game along lines that will be open to as little criticism as possible. Assemblyman-elect Brooke of New York has introduced the introduction of a bill to legalize boxing, but there is little prospect for the alteration of the present situation in New York. Both houses are republican and the question of prize fighting has at all times been a political issue in that state. The republicans generally opposed to it. Besides Governor-elect Odell is antagonistic to the sport and would probably veto any such a bill were it fortunate enough to run the gauntlet before it should reach him.

Speaking of this general shutting down of prize fighting, a Chicago writer says: "The rout of the poor fighter is now complete. Cincinnati was about the last hope held out to him and that is tottering. By signing with the repeal of the Horton law in New York, prize fighting is being driven to the wall. Outside of New York, Chicago presented the best field for the ambitious glove man. There alone came Joe Gans, who either did or did not take a fight at 'Old Time' in New York, and now the game is dead as a mackerel here. Other towns, including a grand possibility at Cincinnati, followed the lead of New York and Chicago. Omaha's mayor decided he did not want any more of the game and called a

halt, although there were to be shown only at the rate of one every thirty days. Springfield, O., a fair town for the championship of prize performers, followed in the wake, and as luck would have it, while all the talk of the fight was going on, a fight was being fought. A young amateur was accidentally killed in Philadelphia.

Certainly, killed the boxing game there, for the mayor put his foot down and said that no other glove could be pulled on or a blow dealt. There are a number of other places that fell under the ban. An effort was made to start a fight in Elkhart, Ind., but the sheriff drew one card, filed a club and batted the challenger. In the meantime, however, there are a number of towns and cities to be heard from. Even the mayor of Anderson, Ind., who, Tommy Ryan and Jack Beauchamp are to fight January 18, has said that would be the last night he would allow there.

Votaries of amateur sporting affairs in this city are availing themselves of the interest in the school of physical culture, which will soon be opened by Eddie Robinson and Peter Loch. At the present time workmen are engaged in fitting out the quarters which the club will occupy at 1810 Harvey street. There will be one main room, 150x25 feet, which will be equipped with all the paraphernalia usually found in a first-class gymnasium. Adjoining this there will be shower baths, and all of the members will be accorded the advantages of a Roman bath, superior knowledge of administering massage to athletes and gymnasts. The promoters of this club are well known in Omaha as amateur athletes of considerable ability. Mr. Robinson is a crackling good boxer and has been trainer to number of prize pugilists. Mr. Loch is the champion amateur wrestler of Nebraska, and the members of the club will be given instructions in boxing and wrestling by these two gentlemen. The new club will be formally opened on the night of January 7, which is an interesting athletic program will be given, consisting of amateur contests in wrestling and other feats of strength.

Michael Crowe's victory over Frank Gotch of Iowa in his wrestling match at Fort Dodge last week was the greatest victory ever won by the Omaha man and is one in which his friends take a deal of satisfaction. This victory Crowe lays claim to the title of heavyweight champion of Nebraska and Iowa and stands ready to defend the title against all comers. The bout with Gotch was, he admits, the hardest he ever had in his life and his chances looked pretty bleak when Gotch got the first fall in eighteen and one-half minutes. The succeeding two, however, Crowe won by clever work, getting the second in eight and one-half minutes and the third in twenty-four minutes.

WHISTERS BEGIN PRACTICE

Local Players Will Try to Make Good Showing at Annual Meeting at Kansas City.

The annual meeting of the Central Whist association is to be held early in February at Kansas City, and the local whisters have commenced practice work in four or five to have a good representative team at the meeting. Last year, at Lincoln, the club won by a comfortable margin, but they are determined to make a better showing this year by sending at least a dozen good players to the meeting.

The following score was recorded at the regular meeting Wednesday night:

NORTH AND SOUTH.
Burness and McDowell..... 204
Salmon and Rockeford..... 201
Comstock and McKelvie..... 201
Cahn and Rock..... 198
Crummer and Shipley..... 197

EAST AND WEST.
Bushman and Allen..... 192
H. Jordan and Brown..... 196
Sumner and Burrell..... 192
Cahn and Rock..... 188
Boucher and Smith..... 182

A WOMAN TO BE PRETTY.

Must Have Luxuriant and Glossy Hair.

The finest contour of a female face, the sweetest smile of a female mouth, loses something if the head is crowned with scant hair. Scant and falling hair, it is now known, is caused by a parasite that grows into the scalp, and the hair, where it itches the scalp, the little white scales the germ throws up in burrowing are called dandruff. To cure dandruff permanently, then, and to stop falling hair, that germ must be killed. New hairdressing, and the use of the hairdressing laboratory, destroys the dandruff germ, and, of course, stops the falling hair, and cures baldness. When you kill the germ you can't have the dandruff or thin hair. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect."

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

A needle machine turns out 1,500,000 needles a week.

There were 2,042 brotherhood carpenters in 1881, and nearly 80,000 today.

Female compositors in Paris are not legally permitted to set type at night.

Over 80 men, says the Salt Lake Tribune, are employed at the big mechanical plant the Rio Grande Western will establish at this city.

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Bennett's Pre-Inventory Hardware Sale.

Skates for men—

Rolled cast steel, 49c

bright finish, 75c

Rolled cast steel, finely finished, nickel plated, regular price 88c, 75c

Hardened steel runners, blued tops, regular price \$1.10, 90c

Welded iron and steel runners, nickel plated, regular price \$1.98, 1.69

Welded iron and steel runners, nickel plated and hand finished, finest made, regular price \$2.74, 2.19

Ladies' Skates—

Cold rolled, best finished, strap toe and heel, regular price 72c

88c, for, 72c

Same as above, except clamp toe, reg. 1.00

ular price \$1.28, 1.42

Finely finished nickel plated skate, reg. 1.42

lar price \$1.64, 1.42

Welded iron and steel runners, finely nickel plated, extra quality leather, regular price 2.50

\$3.14, for, 2.50

Bennett Prepares Pre-Inventory Prices

Let us once more impress you with the importance of these sales—at no time during the year can you profit so largely as now—Do not neglect this golden opportunity for money saving when you can buy the best quality of goods at such low figures. We ask you to come and judge for yourself.

Bennett's Pre-Inventory Jewelry Sale

Another day will close out bargains in jewelry—one day more at these prices—

Silvered steel tea spoons, 1c

Silvered steel table spoons, 2c

6 solid steel nut picks, 9c

6 solid steel nut picks, two cracker in box, 27c

Children's knife fork and spoon, 12c

Link Cut Buttons, regular price 25c, for, 10c

Razor straps—a good one, 14c

Ebony top salve and hair, 15c

Solid silver novelties, 39c

Ladies' guard chains, 25c

50 inches, 75c

Pearl pen and holder, 75c

Seth Thomas Clocks, 98c

Fancy Porcelain Clocks, 98c

30 hour, 75c

Solid silver Match Safes, 1.98

1847 Rogers Bros. Fruit Knives and Forks, per set

Bennett's Pre-Inventory Crockery and China Sale

In addition to our four special close-out tables of china and crockery, we will display a "spread" of extra large and fine pieces of pre-inventory bargains at half or less in price to close out stock of odd pieces. This is a last call.

A few more of those Thomas pen holders—worth 5c, at 1c

Toilet Paper—only, 1c

Pencil box with lock and key, 4c

Fine Stationery in boxes, 5c

Large Assortment of Scrap Books, 8c

New Testaments, clear print and strongly bound, 10c

A full box of pens, 10c

More of the air tight ink stand—regular price \$1.25, for, 25c

Fine Fancy Box Stationery, 25c

Bound book lithographed covers, 25c

Round book lithographed covers, 25c

W. R. BENNETT CO.

SIGNS OF PEACE APPEAR

Row of Promise Stretches Across Base Ball Firmament Once More.

BAN JOHNSON'S FACE WREATHED IN SMILES

Difficulties in Fair Way to Be Amicably Settled Long Before Empire Cries "Play Ball."

One would hardly imagine after reading the reports that have emanated from Chicago during the week that there is any sign of peace in the base ball firmament. Yet a glass even less powerful than one used to decried the canals on Mars can detect a hope of promise in the sky, and behind its radiance may be seen the features of Ban Johnson, wreathed in smiles, the same being caused by the contemplation of the future he has kicked up. Ban Johnson is hardly a merry jester, but he is apparently a most contented man. More than that, he is sufficient to show how diaphanous the new "league" really is. Five cities are named as having been given franchises, and several others are suggested as having made application or being under the general head of "callable." Among the latter is included "Careful Inquiry has failed to develop the presence in Omaha of anyone anxious to put in a second team. Detroit is to have two teams, and it is even suggested that other points in the American league, such as St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Rockford, Illinois, is put down as a probable candidate and there is a fluttering among the fans down Quincy way in hope that that town may be similarly honored. All of these stories read nicely and will probably sweeten the hearts of the fans, but the little analysis is sufficient to show how diaphanous the new "league" really is. Five cities are named as having been given franchises, and several others are suggested as having made application or being under the general head of "callable." Among the latter is included "Careful Inquiry has failed to develop the presence in Omaha of anyone anxious to put in a second team. Detroit is to have two teams, and it is even suggested that other points in the American league, such as St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Rockford, Illinois, is put down as a probable candidate and there is a fluttering among the fans down Quincy way in hope that that town may be similarly honored. All of these stories read nicely and will probably sweeten the hearts of the fans, but the little analysis is sufficient to show how diaphanous the new "league" really is.

Who is back of Ban Johnson? The owners of American league franchises. Who is back of them? Echo answers. Ban Johnson says the big league has created him. How? Why? The big league refused to give up when he said he proposed to make his league the premier. That's all. There is a dispute as to which shall hold first place, that is all. Johnson and his backers do not propose to be kept in check by a national agreement any longer. Jimmie Manning says the big league didn't give him the protection he paid for, in that it did not compel the Toronto club to pay him \$500 for a player in dispute. Mr. Manning complains specifically that the matter was taken up at the late meeting of the Lincoln league. When the National league was in session at New York recently it was announced through the papers that neither Mr. Johnson nor any of his coadjutors would be taken up at the late meeting of the Lincoln league.

What sort of protection will the American league be able to give the associate league? It is reported to be forming, if it withdraws wholly from the national agreement? Only the ball player's word. Most managers know what that means. Well, if base ball is to be put on that basis, it simply comes to anarchy. This is why The Bee puts its dependence in the report of rival leagues and "two teams in every town" stories. It is beyond reason that men of sufficient means to equip and ability to direct a successful base ball team will deliberately put themselves at the mercy of the players. Not that all players are dishonest, for they are not. In fact, The Bee believes that most base ball players are as honest and trustworthy as the common run of men, but there are enough rascals and tricky players to upset all plans. Old base ball annals are full of cases of contract jumping and there is no very good evidence that the breed of players has much improved. In fact, Mr. Manning's complaint against the National league is based on a case of contract jumping. Kick on National league rules. Charley Saultpaugh, who owns the Minneapolis team, doesn't propose to allow Perry Werden to manage the St. Paul team because the pipe-dreamers picked Perry for the Saints without consulting the manager of the club. Saultpaugh says that he has no objection to Werden managing the team, but he is under contract to Minneapolis, and he'll be double-dashed if he is going to let anybody dispose of his player without his consent. If they had asked him first he would have consented, but since they didn't he'll be jumped up and

down if he's going to put up with it. And that's about as consistent as the average of these fellows are.

Before closing this chapter it might be well to quote what Ban Johnson himself says about the war. Here is the way he talked in Chicago on his return from the east when asked to define the exact relations between the National and American leagues:

"I would rather not attempt to do just now. I think it could be done better a fortnight hence, after the meeting of the league. That will be held in this city shortly after the holidays. Philadelphia was anxious to have the meeting there and I see they sent out announcements that it would be held there, but that is not true."

"One thing I can say, however, and that is I don't think there will be any war. We are not trying to provoke one, and the National league is in no position to carry on one. They will think a long time before they will engage in a war in their present condition."

Just remember now that the hot air association that met in Chicago during the week was not the American league, and that the meeting of that body is yet to convene, and you'll have a good line to back your judgment on.

The six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, three weeks ago, scored a victory in the eyes of the American league. It was a New York hospital, a week ago, Aronson was injured in one of the mix-ups, but continued in the race, exerting all his powers to the point of collapse. Publicly the doctors said he died of pneumonia; privately, they admitted that exhaustion was the primary cause.

Aronson was 25 years old. An ambitious rider, proud of his record, he was not an easy man to beat. In fact, it is admitted even by the men who defeated him, that the accident that sent him to the hospital was a good thing for him, for, Babcock, from riding under the wire close to the victors.

Aronson and Babcock were among the leaders on the night of the accident. Then came the awful mix-up. It was as bad as ever seen in Madison Square Garden. Aronson was thrown many feet. His head was gashed; and wheels and riders piled on top of him. His body was cut and bruised in many places. The Swede was carried unconscious from the track, but returned later on.

Aronson first came into prominence in New York, in 1898, in the six-day race, when he finished among the leaders. In 1899, his partner, Julius, dropped out, but Aronson continued to ride alone, and won the second individual prize. Later he was to San Francisco, and in a six-day race finished second to Charles Miller.

Jimmie Michael is not the whirlwind he was a few years back. Last Saturday night he was defeated by Harry Elkes by a score of three-fourths laps in a motor-paced race in Madison Square Garden. Elkes, a thousand or more persons saw the Glen's Falls stripping practically run away from the Welsh "midget" in the remarkably fast time of 2:25 3-4.

It required only such a victory as this to stamp Elkes as the most marvelous cycle rider at present in competition. Within a fortnight he has demonstrated himself to be among the strongest of endurance riders, the greatest of sprint riders and the greatest of middle-distance pace followers. His record is one never attained by any other cyclist in the annals of the sport.

From start to finish Elkes had his match with Michael well in hand, and he crossed the line with something up his sleeve. From first to last he followed by one machine, a two and three-quarter horse-power gaso-tandem, while four times the Welshman found it expedient to change his pace-makers.

On the part of both principals the riding was flawless. Never a skip or a break made Elkes and never a mile made Michael. The latter trailed his puffing motors as closely and beautifully as he had ever done in his life, but never before had he been called upon to match the speed of so formidable an opponent.

The greatest fight in the history of the L. A. W. will be on when the annual convention opens next February and the parties to it will be primarily the Massachusetts, Michigan and New York divisions. The strength of either side will depend on the number of delegates from the other states in the union which these three can take into their camps. The New Yorkers made up their minds nearly two years ago that nothing on earth would satisfy

HOW WEAK MEN ARE MADE

STRONG, VIGOROUS AND WELL

DOCTOR

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Most Successful and Reliable

Specialist in Diseases of Men.

Men, many of you are now reaping the result of your former folly. Your manhood is failing and will soon be lost unless you do something for yourself. There is no time to lose. Impotency is never on the standstill. With it you can make no compromise. Either you must master it or it will master you, and fill your whole future with misery and insupportable woe. I have treated so many cases of this kind that I am as familiar with them as you are with the very daylight. Once cured by me, you will never again be bothered with nervousness, falling memory, loss of ambition, or similar symptoms which rob you of your manhood and absolutely unfit you for study, business, or marriage. My treatment for weak men will correct all these evils, and restore you to what nature intended—a hale, healthy, happy man, with physical and mental powers complete. I also cure to stay cured.