

RITCHIE MADE GOOD MONEY

Though Champion Less Than Two Years, He "Got His."

FULLS HEAVY GATE RECEIPTS

In Twenty Months of Fighting He Drew One Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand Dollars for His Work in Ring.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The loss of the lightweight title and the financial opportunities it represented were doubtless a sad blow to Willie Ritchie, but he can console himself with the gratifying knowledge that he got his.

Ritchie won his title on November 25, 1912. He lost possession of it July 7, 1914. Between those dates he accumulated the respectable fortune of about \$121,000, including his receipts from theatrical engagements.

Table listing receipts from various fights: Joe Rivers, Leach Cross, Ad Wolgast, Tommy Murphy, Charlie White, Freddy Welsh, Theatrical engagements.

Since his defeat by Welsh, Ritchie has engaged in one bout, a four-round exhibition with Johnny Dundee at Frisco.

Although Welsh is fighting more often than Ritchie—he has already fought as many times in the five months he has held the title as Willie did during his entire titular career—he has not received anything like the money Ritchie was paid for his efforts.

Table listing receipts from fights: Matty Baldwin, Ad Wolgast, Charlie White, Freddy Duffy, Fred Yelle, Young Sbruges.

While Ritchie was paid \$20,000 more per month than Welsh, the latter's earnings per month were greatly in excess of the former's.

Jim Flynn Laments His Opportunities From the Box Office

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Jim Flynn, battle-scarred veteran of the roped square, who has done more real fighting in thirteen years, received more punishment and inflicted more than probably any pugilist of recent years, is still in the thick of the combat and ready to box any one, any time, any place.

In spite of the fact that Flynn has not been very successful against heavyweights of class, and that he is no longer considered a contender for the title, winning or losing, he fights like a wounded wildcat every time he enters the ring.

As a matter of fact, Flynn is beginning to think seriously of providing for that period of life when he will no longer be able to swap punches with the young and husky heavies of a new generation.

"If the managers would give me what I am worth as a box office attraction," said he, "I would soon have a nice bank-roll. But they don't do it. They give all the money to some other boxer who can't hit hard enough to break an egg, and I get the leavings."

PAPILLION THROWS SCARE INTO SOUTH OMAHANS

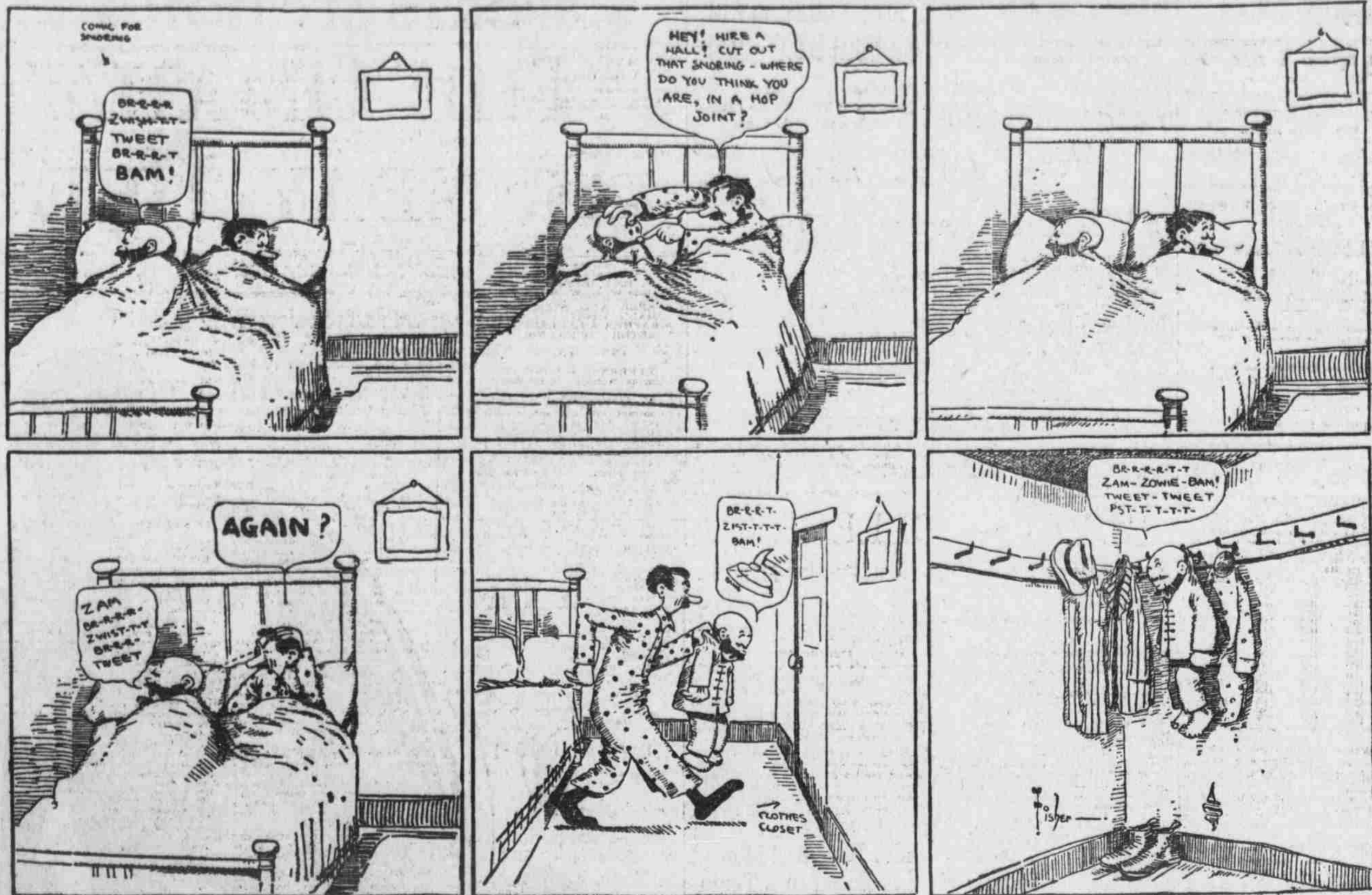
South Omaha High school basketball five received quite a jolt last evening at the local gymnasium, when the Papillion High school team played them to a tie for a quarter of the game and then held them in one of the fastest games a team of Coach Patton has ever played.

The sophomores of the high school beat the freshmen in a preliminary game, 25 to 15.

With Cue Handlers

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Walker Cochran defeated Harry Chase, 86 to 79, in a Billiard Players' league match to-night.

Asleep or Awake, Jeff is Up Against It



By Bud Fisher

BIG JOB IS UP TO WILLARD

Famous White Hope Must Save the Day from Jack Johnson.

BOTH ARE PHYSICALLY EQUAL

When Two Boxing Giants Meet it Will Be on a Nearer Fair Basis Than Any of the Fights Since Reno.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The heavyweight class will indeed be a sad state if Jess Willard fails to humble Jack Johnson when they meet in the spring.

However, if Willard is the last he also appears the best of the lot. Beginning with Carl Morris, the original "hope," none of those who followed him has looked so promising as the big Kansan.

Taking them in order of appearance, there was Morris, big and game, but with nothing else to recommend him. He owed his vogue to the fact that he was a giant.

Next came Al Palmer, another giant. He had great strength and ferocity, but no headwork.

Arthur Peiky, who was the cause of McCarty's untimely end, never did figure. The unfortunate accident that caused McCarty's death brought Peiky considerable notoriety, of which he was not slow to take advantage.

Gumboist Smith was the lightest of all the hopes now blighted. When in his best form Smith was a spectacular fighter. With his arching swings and vigorous attack he waded through a long array of third-raters whose lack of defense permitted Gumboist to land his cruel wallops.

Johnson Selected Moran. Frank Moran, who proved a mark for the black champion last summer, never led the procession at any stage. He was Johnson's own selection and was forced down the sporting public's throat.

This leaves Willard as the only prominent white to account for. So far as his past performance go, Willard can point to nothing that has distinguished him. But Willard is the biggest of the lot and the hardest hitter. So far as is known he never has been hurt.

The ability to give and take are the main factors in a finish fight such as the promoters have in view. In both branches Willard appears to be excep-

McCook High School Claims Championship of Southwest Nebraska



In the Sunday Bee of November 29, the Franklin Academy claims the championship of the Republican valley by virtue of having played seven games out of which it won six and lost one.

Now, McCook High school claims the championship of southwestern Nebraska and the Republican valley, basing the claim on the fact that it played nine games, winning every one of them, and during the season met and defeated the strongest teams in the locality.

McCook and Franklin played two games with Cambridge, one each at Cambridge, and one on their respective home fields. On their home fields Cambridge was defeated by both teams, but on the Cambridge field Franklin lost and McCook won.

against Cambridge for the season of 1914 give McCook two victories and Franklin one victory and one defeat.

ONLY FIFTEEN .300 HITTERS

all powerful arm of Father Time. For the period from 1897 to 1913, inclusive, Wagner had a grand average of .341. His highest mark was .386 made in 1909 and his lowest, .280 made in 1913.

Another peculiar feature is that three of the four players who figure in the .300 or better class for both seasons increased their averages while all around them the heavy hitters were dropping below their last year's performances.

Beals Recker raised his 1913 average of .315 to .325; Cash Wheat gained eighteen points by batting .329 in place of .211 and Sherwood Magee moved up from .206 to .214.

The leading batters in several leagues, as shown by official and unofficial records, are as follows:

Table of batting averages for various leagues: Union Association, Kaufman, Elmira, N. Y. State, Le. Flambeau, Emporia, Kansas State, Shaw, Augusta, South Atlantic, etc.

Official Standing of Billiard Players

Table of billiard player standings: Merriamstar, Sutton, Cline, Dumars, Cutler, Tamada, Schafer, Cochran.

Entry Blanks for Next Indianapolis Races Being Filed

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The 1915 racing campaign of the Indianapolis motor speedway is open, entry blanks for the next 500-mile race, May 23, having been distributed among manufacturers and private owners here and abroad.

The number of starters has been raised to thirty-three, as compared with thirty of other years. This is the full capacity allotted the track under the rulings of the American Automobile association, which specify a limit of one car to every 400 feet of track.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The University of Pennsylvania association football team defeated Harvard college, three goals to one, in an intercollegiate league game here today.

The most desirable employers advertised in The Bee's "Help Wanted" column.

Studebaker Agent Finds West in Fine Business Condition

Kenneth Butler of the E. R. Wilson Automobile company just returned from an extensive trip through Colorado and Wyoming in the interests of Studebaker cars.

Specifications for the next contest have been much changed from years previous. The chief revisions being the reduction of motor dimensions by one-third, of from 60 to 50 cubic inches, and the raising of the speed minimum to eighty miles.

HOG CHOLERA PREVENTION SWINE BREEDERS' SUBJECT

LINCOLN, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Hog cholera, its prevention and control will be discussed on the afternoon of January 13 at the meeting of the Nebraska State Swine Breeders' association at the state farm.

FOOT BALL CODES ARE WEAK

Recent Seasons Have Shown Up Defects in the Game Rule.

THE SAFETY AND TOUCHBACK

A Perusal of the Regulations After Yale-Harvard Game Leaves the Decision of a Play Undetermined.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Recent foot ball seasons have been notable for showing up weaknesses of the playing code which had hitherto escaped detection, and the season just closed has been no exception.

What is a safety and what is a touchback? Up to the time of the Yale-Harvard game foot ball followers thought they understood just where one differed from the other.

Should Wear Numbers. As the curtain is now drawn on the 1914 season, it is to be hoped that the rules committee makes a New Year's resolution not to let another season go by without compelling teams to wear numbers.

Expert Says Steam Power Will Cost Less Than Water Power

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The day when electric power, generated by steam, will be cheaper than that generated by the falling waters of streams, is not far distant, is the opinion of John A. Brittan, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric company of California, who appeared today before the senate public lands committee to oppose the water power site leasing bill.

Mr. Brittan asserted that the rapid development of steam turbines and oil fuel had kept pace with the progress in hydro-electric power generation and that already electricity developed from steam had been sold in competition with hydro-electric energy at a lesser rate.

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