Base Ball Prospects Were Never Brighter and the West Shares in Good Outlook for the Game

MANY MEN GUT TO PLAY BALL

Nebraska Never Had Such Large Number of Candidates.

SEASON DISASTROUS ONE

and Get in Trim Early-Good Material for Battery.

LINCOLN. Feb. 22-(Special.)-The base ball squad at the University of Nebraska numbers more than sixty candidates, and in the largest that has reported for indoor practice in the history of Cornbusker athletics. At the time the call for candidates for the 'varmity was issued, it was expected the: many wen would try out for the team. but nobody dreamed the number would be as large as it is. The squad is composed of so many men now, that in order to get the Lest work out of the candidates, Manager Reger, who is acting as coach until Billy Fox arrives next month, has divided it into fear sections for practice. All the divisions practice daily in the cage at the go hashout at different hours.

The experience of last conson's nine accounts for the extraordinary number of men Who are trying out this year. The Cornhusker leam of 1507 had the most disastrous meason that any Nebraska aine has gone through la recent years. Practically the only ga cen the team won were those played at home. The team's unsuccessful season was due entirely to a senselly of candidates for the various positions wn the nine. Just before the team went on its eastern trip the captain and manager had to go among the students, seeking men to fill some of the places, and were over a week getting a suitable player to hold down first base. There was much good material in the university, but only a few of the students would get out and work for places on the nine. The students and athletic management were aroused by the failure of the team, and during the summer and winter ptirred up interest in university bare ball so that, when the call for candidates for the 'varsity was issued last week many

Some Good Tossers,

The indoor practice has brought a promfeing bunch of new men. In the line of pitchers there are several good men. F. W. Johnson, the foot ball player, is doing some encouraging twirling and will make a strong bid for a place on the pitching Hetzel, a youngster from Grand Island, is attracting much attention with some of his curves. Last year Hetzel established a reputation as a puzzling twirler in the fraternity base ball league, G. Petrashek of Humboldt, and Prouty of Reseville, Ill., gives promise of developing into valuable material and they will be gi p thorough trials. Halligan, who p'tched for the freshmen last spring, is stowing up well. These new men in addition to the twirlers of last year's team-Ward, Elake and Hrubesky-will furnish the Cornhuskers with a strong pitching The services of Ward, the best pi'cher on the nine last spring, will probably he lost to the tram for the early part pox, and will not be able to report for is released from the pesthouse Ward will have to get to work making up his studies, and it is expected he will not be ready to practice before April. He probably wi'l be in share to make the eastern trip with the 'varsity,

The work of A. Stutznager and Roy Creenslit as catchers has convinced the Cornbuskers that the position behind the ta: will be well filled. These two men ar : making a strong showing in practice and there will be keen competition between them for the catcher's position, which was left vacant by the graduation of R. Carrol of last season's nine. Bobby Hyde, who held down the position behind the bat on the 1906 'varsity, had been figured on to catch for this year's team, but a few days ago he announced that he had received a flattering offer from an lows league team which, he said, he would guit school to

Two Good Men at First.

Several new men, including J. A. Balderson, Lloyd Denslow and Sam Buck, are trying out for the first base position. Balderson's work in the cage has been of a high order, and in all probability the fight for the initial cack position will center between him and Watson, who played first for a while last spring. Neither Buck nor Denslow, although each is a good player, stands much show against Watson and Bal-

P. B. Harris and M. M. Jennings are chyering the shortstop position in nice style. Harris has had considerable experience and seems to be a competent man for the place. Jennings was on the squad last year and undoubtedly would have made the team had he had enough university credits. Among the other new men who are doing

much good work in practice are G. Mattison, E. S. Kimmel, Lee Greenslit, L. E. Johnson, W. R. Brooks and Turner

Captain Bellamy, center fielder; Dudgeon, second base; Beitzer, shortstop; Sleuter. left field; Freeland, right field; Watson, first base; Blake and Hrubesky, pitchers, are the players of last season's team who have returned to practice. Bellamy, Beltzer, Steuter, Blake and Hrubesky are the only men who are considered as having places on this season's nine clinched. The rest of the new men and will have to show improvement over last year in order to make the trying out for their old positions. Beltzer, he held down shortstop last spring, is and will probably get it.

The large number of men on the squad will add much strength to the fearn this a professional for two years, but in that spring, and the supporters of the Cornhuskers are looking for a successful season. When Billy Fox arrives next month he Gleason is seriously thinking of trying to will at once take the candidates outdoors, bring the Englishman and Packy McParif the weather-permits, and drill them in batting and base running, in order that they will be in good shape for the opening NEW RULE FOR THE AMATEURS teams of the Missouri Valley conference start the season with a strong nine and be able to win a large majority of their games.

Banket Ball with Gophers. The Nebraska basket ball team closed its home schedule when it met the University of Kansas five in two games on Friday and Saturday. Next week the Cornhuskers will begin an enatern trip that will take it them into Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. The first games of the trip will be played at Minneapolis with the University of Minnesots; nest Friday and Saturday evenings. Cornbuskers have not defeated the Gophers since 1904, but hope to do so this week and are centering all their efforts

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Western Base Ball League Magnates in Annual Session at Omaha



Rock Island Arsenal Club Gets the Trophy and Also the Next Match.

NEW YORK. Feb. E.-According to an official of the Western Golf association. those in control of the sport here in the east recently turned down an opportunity to have the Olympic cup competition held over one of the courses in this vicinity now stands, the Western Golf association has awarded the Olympic cup competition to the Rock Island Arsenal Golf club. It will be played on Saturday, July 11.

immediately precedes the annual championship tournament of the Western team going abroad.

the Olympic cup an adjunct to the national | the two conferences. prathcuse with a bad case of small- amateur championship tournament, but as The Missouri Valley conference is the dipractice for several weeks. As soon as he nor the Metropolitan Golf association evi- in the schools west of the Mississippl; it nell made rowing history on the Hudson tee either do not understand the matter He went through the list of heavyweight few friends in this city. Among the latter denced a desire to have it played for at is, in fact, an athletic trust for the en-Garden City, thus giving the metropolitan forcement of proper direction of athletics. team a chance to defend the cup at home. It is now up to the institutions of first there was nothing left for the western di- rank in the territory under dominion of rectors to do but send it to Rock Island to the conference to get in line with its probe played for in connection with the west- visions or become trailers in the second ern amateur.

It is quite evident, therefore, that if the Hawkeye representative in the negotiations metropolitan team wants to try to hold prior to the permanent organization, said the cup for another year, it will have to today in his opinion the conference form travel to Rock Island in July. The pre- of organization, of which the Big Eight is vailing impression is that the metropolitan the pioneer, is to become the accepted team will let the cup go by default.

the Olympic golf competition abroad next of distances and locations. June will be left entirely to the United States Golf association. Some time ago it was stated that the Amateur Athletic union had turned the golf invitation from the other side over to the United States Golf association, but W. Felloes Morgan, secretary of the latter body, said the other day that no communication whatsoever had been received either from the Amateur Athletic union or the foreign committee.

There may be some excuse for the lack of interest in golfing circles here for the Olympic tournament at Deal, as for some reason hard to explain many of the leading golfers abroad resent the action of the English committee in instituting a championship of such pretenzions, while a leading authority is quoted as saying: "It does not appeal to us as attractive or desirable from any point of view," and, "if it is advertised as a world's championship, or by any such pretentious designation, or if it is in the least degree subsidized or engineered by trading interests, our leading amateurs will have nothing to do with it." This position is in striking contrast to that taken by the Henley stewards, who have placed their own pet Henley regatts second to the Olympic regatta by barring

COFFROTH TO HANDLE WELSH

foreign crews for one year, so as to make

the latter event first in public interest.

Matches on the Coust. SAN ERANCISCO, Feb. 22.-Freddie Welsh, England's lightweight champion, the veterans are being hard pressed by has authorized Jimmy Coffroth to arrange some matches for him on the Pacific coast. Welsh is coming to the coast from Milteam. The old men, with one exception, are waukee. He writes to the local promoter that he will meet any lightweight in the business, but would prefer a battle with making a bid for the third base position George Memsic, so the sports can get a

Welsh has only been before the public as time has engaged in forty-seven fights and yet has to meet his first reverse. Jack

National Trotting Association Favors Chicago. the Class.

ing of the National Trotting association new rule favoring amateurs was adopted as follows:

Records cannot be made or bars incurred in contests on grounds of members for premiums other than money when no entrance is a collected from entered or campeting horses, even if admission is charged at the gate or grandstand and privileges sold but all other rules governing public races shall be enforced, and members, as well as competitors, shall be answerable for violations of same. This answerable for violations of same. answerable for violations of same. This side of the water if he is offered suitable rule shall apply only to meetings given by inducements and his passage paid here and the grandstand and finish on a straight will be a modified manner of booking. thinks that Kelly gave him the double

OLYMPIC GOLF CUP AWARDED STRICTER FOOT BALL RULES

Missouri Valley Conference Exists to Raise Tone of Sport.

ALL BIG EIGHT RULES ADOPTED

Whether She Will Join, but Acts Indicate Intention.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.-(Special.)-The inside story of the formation of the Mis-Golf association, which is to begin the souri Valley conference was given out for to the recent examinations, which elimifollowing Monday over the same links, the first time today. The authorities of nated several foot ball and track team vet-There had been some talk of presenting the the State university of Iowa have been in erans, the oarsmen have so far escaped. Olympic cup to the foreign committee hav- constant communication with the other in- But two members of the big squad have ing in charge the Olympic contests to be stitutions of the new organization and have held in England next summer, but this had a controlling influence in all the preproject was abardoned because the western liminaries on account of the fact that by directors were not assured of an American its geographical location and membership in the Big Eight Iowa is peculiarly well The alternative proposition was to have situated to act as a connecting link between

class. Prof. L. M. Byers of Iowa, the method of athletic control all through the There has been a general impression that states of the west, each body being orwhatever part this country is to take in ganized according to the logical limitations

First Meeting of Conference,

The first meeting of the new conference was due to the efforts of Kansas and Missouri. It was held at Kansas City on February 15, 1907. Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Washington university of Eight as to eligibility were adopted almost verbatim by all of the schools present except Nebraska. Invitations were extended to other institutions to join in the movement at this time and arrangements were made for a permanent organization. The rules of eligibility. The Cornhuskers' position on this point has never as yet been definitely settled and their membership is still only prospective. The management for a two-year foot ball contract, and practically everything but the date is settled upon. This is taken at lows to mean that Nebraska has decided to get in line with the conference requirements.

Move for Stricter Rules. It was to clean up athletics in the schools ormed. And by reason of the impossibility of getting games of any caliber unless these rules are observed, it looks as if the desired effect was not far distant.

There is no agreement or understanding between the two big western conferences, the new conference simply undertaking the work performed by the old in its respective territory. Iowa is the only school which enforce the strictest.

The first athletic event to be held under the auspices of the new organization will be the track meet, which will be held probably in Kansas City, if a suitable track can be provided. If this arrangement falls through it is difficult to say where the meet will be, but the only other place available seems to be St. Louis. Des Molnes is too far from the western schools and will send men to the Big Eight meet in

CORNELL OARSMEN AT WORK YOUNG STILL AFTER TITLE Courtney to Get His Boys Under Headway for the Coming Sum-

mer's Races.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 22.-The preliminary crew work at Cornell, in preparation for the annual intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie on June 27, has been recom menced under the eyes of Coach Courtney. The veteran sweep wizard is devoting his Easterners attention to 'varsity and freshmen crew squads which are practicing daily on the machines in the armory. One hundred and eight candidates comprise the squad, which consists of six regular 'varsity and five regular freshmen combinations. Despite the severe shakeup in Cornell athletics, due

three of last year's 'varsity eight have been clearer light. All correspondence sh by a sensational bow and bow race over the four-mile course of the Poughkeepsic-Highlands course. For the places thus made vacant those of Newman, No. 3: Stowell, No. 7, and Goodierf, No. 6, Coach Courtney will have a long list of desirable eligibles from the 1907 'varsity four, fresh-

OPEN GAME FOR OLYMPIC TEAM All American Atheletes Are Invited to Compete.

men eight and the substitutes of the same.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- A wrong impression seems to have arisen in some quarters concerning the fund which is being raised by the American Olympic committee to ship out of doors or more than one sec

this fund will be divided to insure the best on I with much depends on the attitude that those pleasure in writing you further.

P. E. PRESBREY, for Secretary. interested in the various branches of sport take looking to a proper representation for their particular line. The lawn tennis playmost serious difficulty in the way of the ers, the golfers, the carsmen, the riflemen movement at this time and later was the and such others for whom competitions will opposition of Nebraska to the proposed be held must do their part toward creating interest and providing the money to send of Omaha for the clay court championship their teams abroad. Up to this time those was backed by letters from clubs in St. who are interested in track and field ath- Joseph, Kansas City, Sioux City, Chicago, letics have done about all the work and the Des Moines and Denver. The easterners has lately opened negotiations with Iowa money subscribed to date, some \$2,500, can do not seem to realize the vast difference be traced to the efforts being made to send in the clay court game from the grass as strong an athletic team to London as court game. went to Athens in 1906, when the Olympic, eral fund is \$50,000.

Automobile Club of France Has Route for Grand Prix.

PARIS. Feb. 22.-The Automobile Club of of the land on which the grandstand stood pionships at Newport each year. is a member of both conferences, and in last year will make necessary certain very case of a conflict of rules has agreed to important changes in the running of the KENTUCKY DERBY RUNS IN MAY contest. The organizers experienced opposition to the race being held on the old Churchill Downs Classic is est for an course from only one village, a little place called Sauchay, between Dieppe and Enthorities.

the rental asked for two weeks' use was the other day: equivalent to the capital value of the land equivalent to the capital value of the land at the present time. Rather than submit to this demand the committee decided to erect the stand on another point. The stand last year was near to a fork in the road near Dieppe on a straightway that enabled the drivers to get up top speed in passing. This year it will be situated about half a mile away in a position which will be titing.

"The new Louisville Jockey club opened certain stake events, among them the Kentucky Oaks, over a year ago. These events were liberally subscribed to by the biggest breeders in the land, and the race will be run at Churchill Downs. The new Louisville club intends to comply with the law in every respect. No statement has as yet been made about betting at that track, but if it be against the law there will be no betting. NEW YORK, Feb. M .- At the last mest- GUNNER MOIR IS COMING OVER road near Dieppe on a straightway that half a mile away in a position which will betting. the English heavyweight fighter who was to take before the grandstand is reached. respect to what course would be pursued same direction as last year this feature this is considered quite important. Sporting club of London, is anxious to will detract greatly from the speciacular Paris mutual system may be adopted, but meet some of the good big men on this value of the contest and to obviate this the as it would take a long time to secure ma-

Persists in Seeking Award of National Clay Court Championship.

BOOSTS FOR THE FIELD CLUB

Show by Their Correspondence They Do Not or Will Not Understand the Situation.

Conrad Young is still in the east promotng the interest of the Omaha Field club there wil be no other heavyweights to clay court championship for the winner annually at the Omaha Field club.

been lost during the recent recess in athletic training and this defection was due This action was expected by Mr. Young bright hue for the coming season. But when the matter will be looked at in a neither the United States Golf association rect result of faculty control of athletics lost since the day that Columbia and Cor- that the members of the national commitor do not care to. This letter is ser-

explanatory: BOSTON, Feb. 18.-F. M. Blish, Chairman BOSTON, Feb. 18.—F. M. Blish, Chairman Tennis Committee, Omnha Field Club: Your letter of February I referring to correspondence with Mr. Ward was duly received and should have had earlier answer, but as I am no longer secretary and as our new secretary, Mr. A. L. Haskins, is not yet in touch with the correspondence there has been a delay, which I trust you will pardon.

Your letter with enclosures was received just before I left Boston to attend the annual meeting in New York, and the matter was taken up by the executive committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting. Eleven members of the thirteen were present and they all were of the opinion that it was not desirable to establish more than one national champion-

defray the expenses of the teams which will represent this country at the Olympiad in England this year.

It is the desire of the American Olympic committee that this country shall be well represented in every branch of sport on within a reasonable space to discuss these defenses the discuss the fact that it would be difficult within a reasonable space to discuss the Nebraska and Washington university of St. Louis were represented at this meeting, and took the first action on the adoption of rules of eligibility, which was the first matter considered. The rules of the Big make this condition possible. Just how this fund will be divided to insure the best way. If Mr. Young does not come make this fund will be divided to insure the best with correspondence, and if he does not with correspondence. results has not been definitely decided, as appear within a few days I shall take

> Give it Only Side Glance. This letter shows that none of the east erners who control the national association looked more than casually upon the arguments from the west, although the clai

In a personal letter to an Omaha friend championship was won by the United one of the directors, who is himself a near States. The amount required for the gen- champion, showed clearly that he could not see across the Hudson river and did not care to recognize the demands of the of the middle west that the conference was DIEPPE COURSE FOR BIG RACE great and growing west. He said that if Omaha was given a clay court championship some other little town might ask for some other sort of a championship on some sort of a court existing in that one town. France has decided to use again this year of Chicago have a grass surface? Very the so-called Dieppe course for the annual few. The clay court game is the great renewal of the Grand Prix race, but the tennis game of the west and it would in alleged extortionate demands of the owner no way interfere with the national cham-

Enrly Date. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 22.-The Kenvermeu. The objections were overruled tucky Derby will be run at Churchill will have at least an eighteen-day meeting. With regard to the grandstand, it was Colonel Matt J. Winn, vice president and found when negotiations were begun that general manager of the local track, said

"The new Louisville Jockey club

If it is decided to run the rate in the in the event of the prohibition of betting, similar to that employed in the east

BURNS HAS MUCH WORK AHEAD Roche Last of English Lemons and Then Comes the American Gar-

den to Pick. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-Tommy Burns 'made good" his promise to put Jack Pal-

mer out within six rounds. Tommy turned if he had cared to. Next comes Jem Roche, of Ireland. When he finishes Roche Tommy Burns might as

more. In England now, Tommy Burns is in the big tennis tournament which is held in the same position occupied by Jim Jeff- Yonkers. There was a tough crowd aboard ries in America. And Burns deserves a lot The national association met before Mr. of oredit. He isn't a giant in size by any Young went east, or while he was enroute, means. He is short, strong and remarkto the candidates in question having left and turned down the request from Omaha. ably fast. He is a clever boxer, but more than a boxer he is a fighter. He can tap horse market on the East Side. This New This, together with the veteran material before he left, but he hopes by personal until he gets an opening, and then deliver York gang declared before the mili that available, gives the Cornell prospects a persuasion to have the question reopened crushing blows of the knockout variety. Flood would win either by fair or foul Although Burns has been adding to his bank account of late by picking up all this easy English money, he is a real fighter. New Yorkers and had, as a result, very claimants in this country, picked up the unknown Squires, and then took Moir, who was reputed a wonder. Although Burns hand to see that the Boston fighter got a beat these men with ease, it stands to his square deal in spite of the fact that they credit that none of the other heavyweights

> satisfied to let Burns do the experimenting. ion. First, there is Jack "Twin" Sullivan, who has an old decision over Tommy. That ought to be wiped out. Then there is big Al Kaufmann, who has been coming up as Sullivan knocked his antagonist into a rapidly under Billy Delaney's tuition. And corner. last, but not least, there is Jack Johnson, whom Burns says he will fight as soon as

the match can be made. Johnson will give Tommy a battle, but in weight, it is no cinch that the champion will turn his title over to the big smoke. Probably a battle between Kaufmann and than one between Burns and Johnson, for his hand to command silence. people have not yet forgotten the fact that Johnson is a faker of the Jack O'Brien school-a black Jack O'Brien-while Kaufman has always fought "on the level."

AL KAUFMAN'S NOSE IS FIXED Bum Probosis of the Heavyweight is

on the Job Now. BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 22.-Al Kaufman, the heavyweight fighter of California, is for twelve rounds at one of the shows to be brought off by the Armory Athletic association of this city next month. Billy Delaney, manager of the Kaufmann, wired Miah Murray, manager of the club. that he was perfectly willing to let Kaufmann meet Sullivan, and that as soon as he arrives in Boston he will sign the arti- in 1892, when he decided the fights between les of agreement for the contest.

Kaufmann's nose, which was operated on recently in San Francisco, is well again, and Delaney claims that Al will be much faster when he boxes Sullivan than he with active participation in the puglilatic ever was before. Delancy said:

"Those who have seen Kaufmann fights in the past have noticed that he was handleapped in breathing, and those at the ringwide have heard him breathe heavily. The operation will relieve this entirely and Al should have had this operation performed while he was a child. The bone in his nose and obstruction to his proken noses, but the bone became solidified, and this made the operation a deli-

PAPA NEIL HAS HIS ANGER UP Beating Attell.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.-Jim Neil is angry at Spider Reily for stopping the as Gibbons was a "native son" it was said Neil-Attell fight and does not mince his that the Jersey coppers had agreed that he words in speaking of the matter. He says should not receive the worst of the mp! that he never authorized Kelly to stop the McAuliffe soon proved that he was my fight and never mentioned the subject to of the situation, for in the sixth row has him. Jim claims that he was in Frankie's was on the point of putting Gibb as to corner for that particular purpose, that he sleep when the bluecoats suddenly jumped was the only person who had any right to into the ring and ended further hostilities. throw up the sponge and that Kelly over- But Dunn was on the alert, and stepping stepped his authority when he climbed to the side of the ring he exclaimed; through the ropes in the thirteenth round. mean that if the race is run in the same | As the first authoritative announcement | Jim felt that as long as Frankle was strong direction the cars will have a sharp bend from the track interests in the state with on his feet he had a chance to win and says that his boy was not in any distress when the fight was stopped.

Jim stands ready to back his boy with New Jersey at the time, as he had lived real money in a fight to a finish against for a number of years at Elizabeth. Attell. He wants to post a guarantee to cross in the recent fight.

REFEREES OF THE PRIZE RING

Men of Courage, Fairness and Honesty Best Officials.

POINTS ABOUT SOME OF JUDGES

Dunn, Hiram Cook and Other Veterans-Tank of Deciding Glove Contests Not Easy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-It isn't always at easy task to referee a giove fight. Unless an official knows the rules, possesses courage and fairness and is honest he cannot hope to succeed. The old-time referees of the prize ring were generally selected for their pluck and squareness. Their decisions were as a rule respected and they seldom received pay for their services, although they often took their lives in their hands. Many of them had to face the worst mobe in the country, composed of lawless thugs, crooks and desperadoes, who attended the fights pulled off in the back woods or in secluded barns. It was often the case that they saw murder done at the ringside during the progress of the mills, but this was a mere incident in old-time fighting days. Many a square referee was nearly beaten to death, too, because he had rendered a manifestly just decision-Today it is another story, for referees are usually protected by club officials and the police at the ringside.

Hiram Cook was the official referee of the old California Athletic club of San Francisco, which flourished fifteen years ago. He always appeared in the ring in evening dress and handled the fighters with kid gloves. Cook refereed the memorable sixty-one-round battle between Jim. Corbett and Peter Jackson in 1891 and came out of the ring without having the pariing of his hair disarranged. Cook, by the way, decided this battle "no contest," the fighters receiving only \$2,500 each, although the articles of agreement called for a purse of \$10,000-\$8,500 to the winner and \$1,500 to the loser. This ruling queered both the club and the referee, both of whom soon passed out of the boxing game because of this un-

One of Al Smith's Affairs.

Al Smith, the veteran sporting man, who still enjoys rugged health, is one of the the trick in four, and from all accounts he best living types of the old-time referee, outclassed the English ex-champion so far He has always been on the level and never that he might have put him away sooner rendered a questionable decision. There were times when he had a good bet on the result of a battle which at the last moment he was forced to referee, yet he well come home. He has established his decided his own money away rather than superiority over anything England can pro- have anyone say that he was not fair and duce in the fighting line so easily that aboveboard. In 1880 Smith was selected to referee the rough London rule battle bein its efforts to secure the title of national oppose him even if he walts a year or two tween John L. Sullivan and John Flood, which took place on a barge anchored off and all of these rowdles were for Flood, because he was a New Yorker and had gained many admirers because of his rough-and-tumble scrapping about the

were Billy Tracey, an old gun fighter, and several tough young men, who were on were greatly outnumbered. John L. was a rushed in to get ahead of him. They were real gladiator that night. He was in superb condition and ready to battle for his life There are three heavyweight fighters in When the mill began, therefore, Sullivan America now who can claim Burn's atten- went at Flood like a cyclone and proceeded to pound him all over the ring.

"Cut the ropes and throw the Beaneater overboard!" cried one of the Flood mob

It was a critical moment and everybody had his hand on a gun or knife, "Fair play, boys! Fair play!" came the warning cry from Al Smith just then. "If spite of the great difference in height and you do anything wrong to that Boston fellow I'll decide against you!"

Before the crowd realized what was going on Sullivan had knocked Flood out as Burns would be a far better drawing card clean as a whistle. Referee Smith held up

Sullivan's Ingratitude.

"Sullivan wins!" he cried, and the mob, respecting his decision, subsided. If it had not been for Smith's coolness and fairness, however, Sullivan would not have won, for he might have been subjected to a cold bath in the Hudson river. But Sullivan in his prosperity forgot this and many other kind acts of Al Smith. He also forgot to return to Billy Tracey's saloon coming east in two weeks, and his first that night, where the latter had a crowd battle will be with Jack "Twin" Sullivan of leading sporting men waiting to welcome the coming champion. Tracey up to the day of his death, about a year ago, continually vowed vengeance for this slight, but Sullivan always took good care to give him a wide berth.

Al Smith's last appearance as a referee was at the old Coney Island Athletic club Joe Lannon and George Godfrey and Billy Plimmer and Tommy Kelly. He has refused all kinds of inducements to officiate since then, deciaring that he is through game forever. As a referee Smith never accepted a cent for his services,

Jere Dunn's Fairness.

Jere Dunn, who died two years ago, was a fearless referee whom the sporting element always held in high esteem. When Jack McAuliffe fought the late Austin Gibbons at the Granite Athletic club, Hoboken, breathing was not of the form found in in 1891, Dunn, who officiated as referee, made this speech before the fighters shook hands.

"Gentlemen, I understand that the police may stop this contest after the boys go a certain number of rounds. If that is so I after a long conference between the au- Downs this year on May 2, and Louisville Still Thinks His Boy is Capable of the best of the contest when the interferwill give the decision to the one having ence takes place. This goes!"

As the fight was held on Jersey soil and

"McAuliffe wins!" The Gibbons people pleaded with Dunn to call the fight a draw, but he was a man with an iron will and the ruling went, Dunn, by the way, was also a resident of

Jack Cusnek's Adventure.

Jack Cusack is one of the old time ring followers of this city who has referred