

Roper Signs to Fight Gibbons if Jack Refuses

However, "Tiny" Herman May Upset Robert's Plans Here Friday.

ROBERT ROPER, the husky gentleman who breezed into town yesterday for the sole purpose of extinguishing "Tiny" Herman's lights in a 10-round bout at the Auditorium Friday night...

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Before leaving New York, the town of promoters, fighters and large baseball parks, Roper signed a contract whereby he will fight Tommy Gibbons in Shelby July 4, should the championistic mauler decide to side-step Gibbons.

However, there is 200 or more pounds of human flesh that says Roper won't get a crack at Gibbons, even if Dempsey refuses to fight Tom. This 200 or more pounds of flesh is none other than "Tiny" Herman himself.

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As we get it, Herman hasn't signed a contract to fight Gibbons should he (Herman) win over Roper, but it's a cinch that the Shelby promoters wouldn't want Robert to fight Tommy if Herman tied the can on Roper in their bout here Friday evening.

The first bout on Friday's program should be about as good a fight as any on the program. We have reference to the Phil Longo-Erwin Bige 10-round affair. Bige is a comer, there is no question about that, but just how far he can go before receiving a setback is another angle.

Now, Longo isn't a world-beater or a second-rater among the lightweight, but at the same time he is a mighty fast left on his "dogs" and has a good left. Longo left-jabbed "Turk" Logan into defeat and beat Logan worse than Bige beat him. That Longo-Logan go was fought here a year ago.

Pal's First Foul in 200 Fights

Chicago, April 24.—Pal Moore, the veteran Memphis, Tenn., bantamweight, landed his first foul punch in 200 years of boxing and more than 200 ring battles last night when he lost to Frankie Genaro, the American flyweight champion, by striking him in the groin in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Moore, always known as a dancer and jumper, was out-jumped by Genaro. The blow landed with both Genaro's feet six inches off the floor, the little champion literally leaping into the punch, a left hook.

Genaro was unable to walk from the ring, and later was taken to a hotel in an automobile.

It was announced Genaro has been matched to meet Joe Lynch, world's champion bantamweight, in a 10-round bout here May 15.

Middleweight Champion Johnny Wilson had been carded for a 10-round bout last night with Italian Joe Gana, but said he had twisted his ankle, and returned to New York.

Trap Shoot Starts

Biloxi, Miss., April 24.—The Mississippi state trapshoot tournament, conducted under the auspices of the Biloxi Gun Club, opened here today with 109 entries.

Shooting in the Biloxi white house trophy, E. N. Nutting of Los Angeles and E. F. Woodward of Houston, Tex., with perfect scores, tied for high honor, each breaking 100 targets. The tie will be shot off tomorrow.

Cook Wins

London, April 24.—George Cook, Australian heavyweight champion, outpointed Frank Goddard, an English heavyweight, in a 20-round bout at the National Sporting club last night.

Golf Facts

Q. A player drives his ball and it lands in a group of small grass-covered mounds. His caddy finds a ball almost buried in the side of one of the mounds. The player is not sure it is his ball. He is allowed to lift the ball to identify it before playing.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS



I WONDER WHAT'S BECOME OF EDDIE — HE'S BEEN MISSING A WHOLE WEEK! NOW!! NOT A TRACE OF HIM ANYWHERE!! WE CAN'T GET UP A GAME OR NUTHIN' BECAUSE MOST OF THE GANG ARE OUT LOOKIN' FOR THE BIG STIFF.

NIETHER HAS JOHN. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT — I'M GLAD THOUGH, THAT HE IS BEGINNING TO APPRECIATE HIS HOME.

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HAS COME OVER WILFRED. HE HASN'T BEEN OUT OF THE HOUSE AT NIGHT FOR A WEEK!

Bout With Fulton Should Prove Great "Tuner-Up" for Johnson, Says Corbett

By JAMES J. CORBETT, Former Heavyweight Champion. Copyright, 1923.

Jersey City, N. J., April 24.—Floyd Johnson outpointing Fred Fulton last night, but he was a mighty tired and slightly groggy warrior at the end.

Johnson's furious rushes, his aggressiveness and the fact that Fulton laid his extra 20 pounds all over the Iowa fighter began to tell in the tenth and eleven rounds.

In the opener it looked like a chain-lighting knockout victory for Johnson. He raced into Fulton with the opening bell, rushes Fred around the ring and finally succeeded in crash-

ing a right-hander to his chin. Fred went down on all fours but jumped up quickly and was mixing it merrily at the bell.

After that it was a fast, furious melee, with each man striving for a knockout. Each round was a slug-fest, during which both men let loose with all they had. But outside of bloodied noses, nothing serious happened until the twelfth.

Johnson came out for the final looking somewhat worn and tired. He made a desperate rush in the hope of finishing Fulton, but Fred slipped over his famous left hook and staggering Johnson. Then Fulton shot at

Johnson's chin with his right, connected, and wobbled Johnson a bit more.

By a rare display of gameness and generalship, Johnson succeeded in pulling himself clear of immediate danger. Fulton continued to try for a knockout but he, like Johnson, became arm and leg-weary and his blows lacked steam at the end.

The superior height and weight of Fulton was a distinct asset to him, and so was his experience. But Johnson had the edge in speed and aggressiveness. The bout with Fulton should serve as a great "tuner-up" for Johnson in his future battles.

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Royal Arcanum Officers Chosen

S. P. Bostwick Grand Regent — Order in Prosperous Condition.

Twenty-seventh annual session of the Nebraska Grand Council of Royal Arcanum, which convened Tuesday morning at Crouse hall, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

S. P. Bostwick, grand regent; William Von Krog, grand vice regent; H. C. Stafford, grand orator; P. T. Tobins, past grand regent; Harry A. Withrow, grand secretary; Julius Rosenzweig, grand treasurer; J. C. Martin, grand chaplain; J. H. Watts, grand guide; Lloyd Kilgore, grand warden; A. B. Gadd, grand scribe; William Holly, A. C. Reed and A. B. Gadd, trustees.

William Griffith and P. J. Tobins were elected supreme representatives, to attend the supreme council session to be held at Atlantic City next June.

L. J. Meiser, supreme representative, of St. Louis, installed the newly elected officers Tuesday afternoon.

Reports indicated a healthy and prosperous condition of this organization not only in Nebraska, but throughout the United States.

Bootleg Suspect Shot When He Tries to Evade Arrest

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Madison, Neb., April 24.—Earl L. Ramsey, suspected of bootlegging, who resisted arrest and attempted to make his escape, was shot through the leg by Chief of Police Kennedy.

The officer was summoned yesterday to the stockyards, where Ramsey and a stranger were apparently bootlegging.

The stranger escaped while the officer was apprehending Ramsey. Ramsey was placed in jail and medical attention was given him this morning there is every indication that he will recover.

Wakefield Man Chosen Head of Northeastern Bankers

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., April 24.—R. H. Mathewson of Wakefield was elected president of group 2, Northeastern Bankers association, at the close of the annual convention here.

Other officers are H. E. Mason, Meadow Grove, vice president; W. B. Staab, Norfolk, secretary; J. B. Dupuy, Battle Creek, treasurer.

Nearly 300 bankers attended the convention.

Road Conditions

Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club. Lincoln Highway, East—Roads muddy; Lincoln Highway, West—Roads muddy; O. L. D.—Roads muddy; Meridian Highway—Roads muddy; Conestoga Highway—Roads muddy; Highland Cutoff—Roads muddy; Black Hills Trail—Roads muddy; S. Y. A.—Roads muddy; Washington Highway—Roads muddy; Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads muddy; Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads muddy; King of Trails Highway—Roads muddy; River to River Road—Roads muddy; White-Way Highway—Roads muddy; I. O. A. Short Line—Roads muddy; February No. 4—Roads muddy.

Weather reported clear at all stations. There is a high wind and by afternoon roads will probably be dry enough to permit driving without chains.

Feature Transactions of Livestock Exchange

A load of well-bred Hereford steers averaging 1,075 pounds was brought to the local market by L. R. Christian of Newman Grove and were sold for \$9.25 a hundred.

Mr. Christian said he believed it paid better to raise nothing but high-bred livestock for the market.

Six fine 2-year-old steers, averaging 1,200 pounds, part of a shipment of mixed cattle brought to the local market by Emil Schlichting of Oakland, were sold at the top price of \$9.50 a hundred.

Mr. Schlichting said there were many cattle still on feed around Oakland and a lot of corn left, but that it did not pay to feed cattle where the raiser had to buy feed and hay.

A load of fine purebred Poland China hogs was brought from Council Bluffs by H. E. Tarks. There were 76 head in the load averaging 249 pounds and they were sold to a local packer for \$7.60 a hundred, the top price of the day.

Mr. Tarks said field work in his section was at least two weeks behind and that very little plowing had been done, but that with the present good weather farmers expected to get their corn in on time.

William Driscoll of Spearfish, S. D., was a visitor at the local stockyards looking over market conditions. He said there was practically no loss among livestock this winter in his section and that cattle would go to grass this spring in better condition than for many seasons.

He said there was a strong prospect of an unusually big calf crop.

Switchman Run Down by Car in Fremont Seeks Damages

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., April 24.—John Shomshore, driver of the car alleged to have struck and seriously injured Robert Ginn, 27, Northwestern switchman, last week, has been sued for \$10,000 damages in district court.

Ginn was riding on the front of an engine when the car, said to have been driven by Shomshore while under the influence of liquor, was approaching at a high rate of speed.

Fearing a crash, Ginn leaped from the engine and landed in the path of the car. He was unconscious for several hours and doctors nearly despaired of saving his life.

Shomshore is a son of a wealthy retired farmer residing near Scribner.

Fremont Rector Resigns

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., April 24.—Rev. A. H. Fred Watkins, rector of the Fremont Episcopal church, has accepted a call to Kennewick, Wash., where he will fill the pulpit of the Episcopal churches at that place and Pasco, a town adjoining. His health is given as the reason for his departure from Fremont after nearly three years of successful work.

Head of Children's Bureau Asked to Address Alma Mater

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Neb., April 24.—Miss Grace Abbott, head of the children's work bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, has been invited as a distinguished alumnae of the institution, to address the students of Grand Island college at the approaching commencement.

If the brown sugar has lumps in it, place it uncovered on the top shelf of the refrigerator for a few days. They will soon soften.

Federated Women in Meeting at Albion

Albion, Neb., April 24.—The 20th annual convention of Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs was opened in Albion Monday evening with a large attendance.

Miss Fanny Debow of Coleridge, president of the Third district, opened the meeting. There is present Mrs. E. B. Penny, Fullerton, president; Mrs. James T. Lees, Lincoln, vice president; Mrs. W. E. Miner, Oakland, corresponding secretary; Mrs.

Paul C. Perryman, Ord, treasurer of the Nebraska federation and state and district chairman.

Reports of fine arts, applied education legislation and girls' organizations were given Tuesday. Greetings from Mrs. Lela G. Dyar, Boone, president of the W. C. T. U., and Mrs. E. C. Warner, Norfolk, president of the American Legion auxiliary, were extended to members of the convention. The musical numbers on the program were a feature of all sessions.

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