

Ireland Wins In Eighth Round.

Preliminaries by Johnson and Dillard, and Smith and Richardson.

The boxing contest at Ft. Niobrara last Friday night was begun at 9 o'clock p. m. by Johnson, of company B, and Dillard, of company D, of the 25th infantry, getting into the ring. Mr. Langley, of Ainsworth, was referee of the evening and W. A. Kimbell was time keeper and master of ceremonies.

Johnson and Dillard shook hands and made for each other, striking right and left with several clinches and breakaways, Johnson doing the leading. Johnson landed hard left on Dillards jaw and followed it with a right swing which landed on the face and staggered Dillard. Several hard punches in the face and a left swing for the head brought Dillare to the floor but he was up and fighting when the gong sounded, but practically knocked out and gave up when the gong sounded for the second round.

The second bout was between Billy Smith, a local man who has had considerable experience in boxing and doesn't know what it is to "get licked," and Kid Richardson who took part in the previous contest, and is Ireland's sparring partner. The fight was fast and furious from the beginning with wild "swings," "ducks" and "clinchings," each being hit repeatedly in the face and body so frequently that a short hand reporter couldn't have kept up with their movements. It was plainly evident that Richardson was in much better training, and hardened to give and take blows without losing his wind. It became a test of endurance and wind with them, even in the first round which seemed twice as long as it should have been, the blows finally becoming light jabs that were not evaded and sapped the strength of the one giving the blow as much as the one receiving it, though neither was hurt in the least. Once Smith made a lunge and tried to land with a right swing but Richardson ducked and Smith fell full length forward on his face. Richardson got in some good licks in the second round and had the advantage in his favor, though there were no knock downs. Nearing the close of the second round Smith becoming completely exhausted threw up his hands and walked back to his corner leaving the victory to Kid Richardson.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS BY ROUNDS.

Round 1.—Several blows right and left exchanged. Smith landed hard right on jaw. Richardson returned hard left and right on breast. Richardson rushed Smith to ropes and put left to face. Smith failed to land with right swing and fell forward but was up and game when the gong sounded.

Round 2.—Richardson landed several times on head with right and left. Smith ducked a right swing and blow after blow was exchanged with successive ducks and swings in which Smith fared worst. Richardson rushed Smith to ropes with several blows to head and breast and Smith clinched. Smith rushed Richardson and landed with right and left on face. Several rushes and clinches followed in which blows were rained on each other at every effort but were only light jabs at close in fighting and arms mixed and entangled each other. Richardson rushed landing right and left successively and ducked, bumping their heads together and again jammed his head into Smith's breast. Smith rushed and put right to breast, missed left swing, landed right to neck and clinched. It was plainly evident here that Smith was winded. He made efforts to return several successive blows to head and breast but they were not vigorous and

put up his hands after a mix up and gave up near the close of the second round.

The main event of the evening between Hamp Ireland, the colored champion of the 25th infantry, and Jim Farroll, of Norfolk, which by the way is his fighting name, began at 9:45 p. m. 250 persons were present to witness the bout, some coming 75 to 100 miles with a team and others from different points east and west, though the crowd was not as large as was expected for the event. Ireland was cheered as he walked down to the stage and for some little time after taking his corner. It was apparent when the two men stepped up to shake hands that Farroll was 20 pounds the heavier of the two and was taller and broader across the shoulders, though he was not in training and his flesh was soft. At the sounding of the gong both men bounded into the ring and showed by their first efforts that they were more than ordinary men in the ring.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS BY ROUNDS.

Round 1.—After sparring for an opening Ireland got in a left swing to Farroll's jaw which brought him to his knees but he was up instantly and more cautious. Ireland put left to wind and a clinch resulted in which the comparative strength of the two seemed nearly equal at that time. Ireland put left to wind and rushed to a clinch and immediately after the breakaway Ireland rushed and landed a hard left swing on Farroll's face which staggered him and a general mixup ensued by Ireland following up his lead in which he put a stiff right and left jab to Farroll's face and several exchanged in the air went wild of their mark. Ireland tried a left swing but Farroll ducked and as he straightened up Ireland put a stiff left and right to his face and they clinched just as the gong sounded. The round was clearly Ireland's and he was loudly cheered by his admiring friends.

Round 2.—As the gong sounded both men bounded to the center of the ring and began sparring for an opening. Ireland tried a left hook for Farroll's jaw and fell short. Farroll returned a right swing to jaw which landed hard and brought Ireland down. Ireland got up and sent a left to face and Farroll returned another hard right swing to jaw and Ireland went down again. Ireland got up and sent left to face and got a right swing on his left shoulder and went down. Ireland tried a left swing which Farroll ducked and they clinched, in which their strength was given a test for a moment, as each gave the other a tug. Ireland again tried a left swing for the head and missed and Farroll came back with hard right to face and Ireland went down. The gong sounded and both took their corners. Farroll had the best of this round.

Round 3.—Ireland put left and right to face and clinched, then left to shoulder but Farroll had his guard up and broke the force of the blow. Ireland put left to face and Farroll put left to Ireland's jaw and followed with right to jaw, and Ireland countered with left swing to Farroll's head. Several swings intended to do some work failed to land for either and they rushed to a clinch in which Farroll jabbed Ireland in the ribs and was cautioned by the referee. After the breakaway each was a little more cautious and Ireland landed a stiff jab on Farroll's nose. Sparring was light at the close and the gong found them ready to take their places in the corner, though Ireland had the best of this round.

Round 4.—Both men rushed in fresh apparently and Ireland put

left to face and repeated with left and right to face in which he seemed to be doing the work when Farroll made a left swing which Ireland ducked and they came to a clinch. Ireland put left to breast and tried left swing but failed. Ireland swung left for head, Farroll ducked and they came to a clinch when the gong sounded.

Round 5.—Ireland put in a left hook for Farroll's jaw and Farroll struck with left for body and came to a clinch. Several swings again failed to land hard by either and light blows struck each others arms. Ireland put a right to breast and fought slowly waiting for an opening. Ireland put in a hard jab on Farroll's right eye and got away. Farroll was crowding the fight in this round and Ireland backing off waiting for opportunities in which he landed each time and got away clear, excepting one clinch.

Round 6.—Ireland led with left to wind and jammed his right shoulder into Farroll's stomach in a clinch. Ireland put in a left to face and got a right swing to face from Farroll. This was repeated and Ireland put left to wind and in repeating it came to a clinch as he ducked forward. Ireland put left to wind and clinched and just after the breakaway put in a hard left to breast and repeated it but left an opening and Farroll put in a hard right swing over Ireland's heart, which caused him to drop his hands and staggered back. They were fighting hard when the gong sounded.

Round 7.—Ireland led with a left swing for Farroll's head repeatedly but failed to land and then put in a hard left to Farroll's breast and followed with a left to wind but got a right swing on the head which brought him to his knees and while he was down was struck by Farroll two or three times on the head before he could raise and was cautioned by the referee again. Ireland jumped up and put a hard left to face and rushed Farroll to the ropes on the west side, putting in blow after blow. Farroll was staggered by the blow in the face at first but seemed to recover and swung hard right and left to Ireland's body and the two were fighting hard when Ireland went down and the gong sounded.

Round 8.—Both men seemed cautious but firm. Ireland tried left swing repeatedly. Farroll rushed with right swing but Ireland ducked. Ireland put left to wind and followed with left to breast. Ireland landed right swing on left side of Farroll's neck which brought him to his knees. Farroll attempted to rise but steadied himself with his hands to the floor and as the count proceeded his head drooped and he sank to the floor and was counted out. The bout was closed and the crowd yelled for Ireland as the champion.

Quiet was restored and Ireland came to the front of the stage and announced that he would meet any man not over 158 pounds in the country. Tommy Sullivan, the second for Farroll, stepped to the front of the stage and announced that he would accept the challenge for Jack Sullivan of Wyoming, whom he claimed was the best 158 pound man in the country.

Jack Donovan and Tommy Sullivan were Farroll's seconds. Ireland's seconds were Com. Serj. Green and Private Hays of the 25th infantry band. There was good order throughout the evening and those who were there expressed themselves as well pleased with the entertainment.

N. B. In round 2 it is claimed by some that Ireland was not knocked down but once and that the other three times, he went down to dodge a blow. It is the intention of the editor to be fair to all parties and our position some distance away not being as good as those on the stage we may be mistaken.

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John Redfern has rented Will Wiseman's place.

David Groves was a caller at W. A. Smith's last Sunday.

Mrs. Brosius has gone to Valentine on a visit relatives.

David Groves is intending to do some trapping after school is out.

Foreman Banks has nothing to do nowadays but read novels and write love letters.

The Wizard reads the real estate transfers with interest and thinks they should be continued.

One of Geo. Sawyer's teams passed through Big Valley last Monday enroute for Woodlake for a load of provisions for his ranch near Kennedy.

BIG VALLEY WIZZARD.

Sparks Items.

Mr. Callen had his corn shelled.

Henry Brown's baby has been quite sick.

There will be preaching in Sparks next Sunday.

The last two days makes one feel like making garden.

Aaron Grooms and family have visited in Sparks.

Edgar Brown is visiting friends and relatives near Sparks.

Mrs. Jim Hudson and Miss Mabel Dyre spent Monday afternoon at Tom Hudson's; also Jim Huggins, E. I. Brown and Jennie Peterson.

The dance and birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hudson Feb. 17, in honor of their daughter Miss Ethel was well attended. Presents received: dress, Miss Blythe and Sophia Powers; breast pin, Ed Allen; handkerchief, Gerie Allen; white silk muffler, Mrs. Jas. Hughes; breast pin, Dick Allen; box writing paper and envelope opes, Ida Shelborn; white muffler, John Shelborn, Jr.; water glass with Lord's prayer engraving, Virginia Bowden; glass pitcher, Mrs. Simmons; sugar bowl H. K. Brown; handkerchief and breastpin, Edna Hudson; handkerchief, Orin Grooms; celloid backed hand mignon, Homer Bristol; handkerchief, Mabel Dyre; hair clasp, Mrs. Myrtle Morrison. Supper for all free. If anyone wants to have a good time, go to Tom Hudson's to a dance.

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Witness my hand and the seal of the SEAL Auditor of Public Accounts the day and year first above written.
CHARLES WESTON, Auditor of Public Accounts,
JOHN L. FIRBANK, Deputy.

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.

In the County Court of Cherry County Nebraska.

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
COUNTY OF CHERRY)
To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of Gustave Foudiges, deceased:
On reading the petition of Frederick Tomlinson, praying a final settlement of his account filed in this court on the 13th day of February, 1904. It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

SEAL W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Sylvester E. Ott, deceased: On this 16th day of February, 1904, it is cause coming on to be heard upon the motion and showing of H. J. Lowe a creditor I said estate asking the court to see aside the order allowing claims made on the 6th day of February, 1904, and asking that the said order be vacated and set aside and that a rehearing be granted and that a time be fixed for said hearing, and notice given to all parties interested in said hearing, and it being considered by the court, said motion is sustained, and the order of this court heretofore made on the 6th day of February 1904, allowing claims against this estate, is hereby set aside and annulled and the court here now fixes March 19, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of claims against said estate, and it is further ordered that the second notice be published in the Valentine Democrat four successive weeks

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