

FORECASTS OF THE FIGHTS

How Will the Three Great Pugilistic Encounters at New Orleans End?

PREFERENCES OF THE FISTIC FANCY

Fighters, Ex-Fighters and Expert Sportsmen Express Opinions as to the Outcome—Choice of the Majority—General Local Sports.

Two weeks from tomorrow night the first of three great pugilistic encounters at the New Orleans Olympic club will take place. The interest in the outcome of the contests is widespread and engaging. No parallel exists in the history of the prize ring for the bunched events of September 6, 8 and 7.

On Tuesday George Dixon and Jack Scully will meet and to the victor will come \$17,500 in purse money and side wager. On Wednesday night John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett will engage in an encounter to decide the ownership of a purse of \$25,000 and side stakes of \$30,000; the largest sum of money in the "clear" ever dependent on the decision of a referee in a prize fight.

The forecasts, preferences and opinions of the wise are therefore of some moment if not of absolute value for spectators. In six weeks ago a canvass by mail and in person was begun by the Chicago Inter Ocean. This paper has secured expert opinion as to the probable results of the three pugilistic contests at New Orleans September 6, 8 and 7.

The replies received are interesting, in that they show the wide diversity of opinion as to the lightweight contest, while the battles between the heavy and featherweights carry with them a conviction that Sullivan and Dixon cannot lose.

Answers have been received from every prominent pugilist and fancier of pugilists in the country. The boxers to be actively engaged have been canvassed and give either their own views or those of their trainers and managers in answer.

Certain it is that second only to the contests proper in point of interest will be the prognostications of the sportsmen. Jack Barnitt, Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 1.

Luncan B. Harrison, late Sullivan's manager and co-actor—Corbett, 2; Myer, 10; Scully, 4.

Eugene Jimmy Carroll—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 10.

Corbett, all night if necessary; McAuliffe, 4; Dixon, any time he pleases.

Tom Allen, ex-heavyweight champion—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 10.

John L. Sullivan, manager—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 10.

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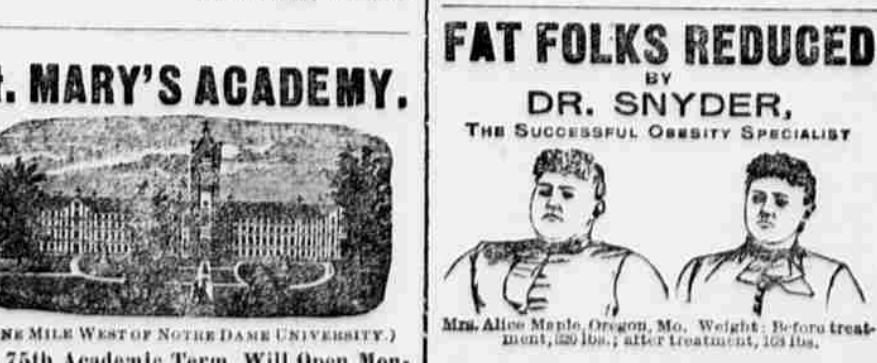


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