DOOM OF PUGILISM SOUNDED

Attitude of Governors Presages Decline of the Fistic Art.

GUBERNATORIAL OPPOSITION UNANIMOUS

Future Gladiatorial Contests Will Likely Search in Vain for a Place Where the Sport Will Be Tolerated.

Very little, if any, encouragement can be gleaned from the present status of the championship go between Jeffries and Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in Cincinnati February 15. So pronounced is the opposition in that city itself and so general the denunciation of the sport the country over that what little hope lingered in the breasts of stuffed glove enthusiasts has been well nigh entirely dissipated.

A pronounced black eye has been given the fighting game by the stand taken by the governors of nearly every state in the union, who declare with an unanimity that is surprising that no prize fights will be tolerated within the confines of their respective states. Governor Dietrich of Nebraska was one of the most prompt in his response to the inquiry sent out by an eastern newspaper, and stated unqualifiedly that no fistic encounters would be held in Nebraska. Nevada is the only state whose chief executive felt himself authorized, by reason of the statutes permitting prize fights under certain conditions, to tacitly agree that prize fighting might be indulged in in his state, and Governor Beckham of Kentucky has thus far remained silent concerning the matter.

As a consequence not only does the probability of holding the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight seem mighty slim, but, likewise, the prospect of future pugilistic encounters of any sort is decidedly unfavorable. It is likely that pugilism will need many years to recuperate from the body blows that have been administered it by public opinion and public officials within the last few months. And if it ever does regain a firm footing it is probable that its death will not again be self-inflicted by unscrupulous promoters and fake fighters, who were in high clover up until the time the clamps were recently tightened on the sport in general.

Relative to the Cincinnati fight no quarter has yet been given by either side. The promoters of the affair continue in their protestations that the fight will take place as agreed, the opponents of the contest seem equally as confident that the law will be enforced and every man who participates either as principal, promoter or spectator indicted, and Mayor Fleischmann coolly looks into the boiling cauldron and dashes in a bit of seasoning every once in a while by declaring that he is mayor and that his word must be respected. The mayor still insists that he will grant a permit for the fight and believes that it will take place.

In the cross-fire of commendation and denunciation of prize fighting which has been in progress for some time now it is refreshing to recognize one who views the sport in a conservative light and admires what there is to admire in the game, while denouncing at the same time the brutal and degrading elements. Vice President-elect Roosevelt is one who finds something of good in the manly art. While on his way west recently he stopped in Chicago and had a conversation with George Siler, the noted Chicago referee, relative to pugilists and pugilism in general.

"I am an admirer of boxing and wrestling," said Colonel Roosevelt, "but like to see it run along honest lines. I do not approve of knockouts, and believe all contests should be stopped when they become manifestly brutal, or when it is plainly seen one of the contestants has no chance to win or is clearly outclassed."

Mr. Roosevelt became enthusiastic in speaking of the merits and demerits of the heavyweight boxers. He considers Jeffries, Ruhlin, Fitzsimmons and Sharkey honest fighters, and said he thought Sharkey the toughest of the lot, but not from a scientific standpoint. He said the masses liked pugilism, but not in the manner in which it was handled in New York.

"The sport would never have been stopped in New York state," he said, "if there had not been so many job and fake fights. When I was at the head of the police department in New York City I controlled those affairs nicely, and ordered all contests stopped that bordered on brutality. Of course knockouts will happen unexpectedly and when least looked for, and, therefore, cannot be prevented. A first-class experienced referee, however, ought to know when one of the contestants is outclassed and should stop such contests regardless of the feelings of the spectators."

Oscar Gardner checked himself in his downward flight last Tuesday night by defeating Tommy Hogan of Buffalo, N. Y., in the sixth round of what was to have been a twenty-round go at Memphis. Hogan had been promised in advance that if he should defeat Gardner a match with him might be considered by Terry McGovern, but he failed to make good. Gardner went after the New York boy hammer and tongs in the fifth round and sent Hogan to the floor three times. The sixth round had gone only a couple of minutes when Gardner landed a terrific left swing on the head and Hogan went down for keeps.

Perry Queenan, the lightweight who appeared not a great while ago in this city in a bout with young Peter Jackson, was whipped at Appleton, Wis., Wednesday night by Martin Duffy, a well known Chicago lightweight.

BOWLING BECOMES A RAGE

Patrons of the Alleys Have to Await Their Turn—Numbers Issued a in Barber Shop.

Bowling has become so popular in Omaha that at any one of the three down town alleys numbers are given out to parties wishing to play, on the same system as that employed in a barber shop. It is seldom that there is a vacant alley and in the afternoon, when the professional men begin dropping in for an hour or so at bowling, or in the evening, it is an impossibility to gain possession of an alley without waiting in turn until one shall become vacant.

The last week has been an interesting one in bowling circles and the contest between the teams composing the city league grows more exciting with each successive week. The Clarksons still maintain a safe lead in the race for the trophy and the city championship, but the teams are just now fairly started and the supremacy which the Clarksons boast may be wrested from them at any time. Last week the Top-Notchers and the Gate Citys met at the Gate City alleys and the Clarksons carried away two of the three games played, although the Gate Citys scored a notable triumph in securing a higher number of pins in the three games than their opponents.

Beside the local teams which belong to the city league there are several outside organizations, introduced for the purpose of improving the members by reason of competition with opponents, which are developing some rattling good players. The Westerns and Green Rivers, two of the amateur teams, met in friendly contest Tuesday night and the Green Rivers were the victors with a margin of forty-two pins. The latter team will meet the Dugans in a friendly game at Clark's alleys Monday night.

The schedule for the city league teams for the coming week is as follows: Monday night, Omahas against Peerless Cabinets at Clark's; Tuesday night, St. Charles against Sterlings at Gate City alleys; Wednesday night, Krug Parks against Clarksons at Lentz & Williams' alleys; Thursday night, Nationals against Gate Citys at Clark's.

Over at R. W. Clark's alleys F. W. Schneider made the high score of the month at tenpins the other day by scoring 242 points. Schneider feels certain of winning the monthly prize offered for the highest score made, but with the number of clever bowlers who patronize that resort the prize cannot be considered won until the month is over, for some one of the cracks is liable to overreach Schneider's splendid score any day. L. W. Shearer got the weekly prize at ninepins with a score of 9. C. H. Mullin, the commission merchant, made the big score of 124 at duck pins the other night.

Tenpin scores have been run up in good shape by the clever bowlers during the past week. Some of the top-notchers are as follows: F. W. Schneider, 242, 236; F. Flanagan, 218; John Yocom, 200; Ed Droste, 209, 213, 223; J. J. Davey, 214; F. Conrad, 211, 204, 200; King Denman, 209, 208, 200; Plumber Read, 200; Charles Zarp, 212, 225, 202, 236, 200; H. W. Lehman, 214, 204, 210; Clarkson, 215, 231; Walter Lingafelt, 230; Kolls, 200; Ward Harris, 226; Eddie Lawler, 215, 204; C. Conrad, 224; W. H. Emery, 204, 214, 200.

"I tell you, boys, it is just as easy to be a good bowler as to spend your time in the intermediate class," said R. W. Clark the other night to a crowd of the enthusiasts who had either been indulging in a game or else looking on with rapt interest while others did the playing. Mr. Clark's expression was given the more consideration and carried added weight with it for the reason that he had just chalked up a score of 254 in tenpins and his auditors thought that he was entitled to tell them a thing or two about good bowling. "A bowler has to use his brains just as does the successful participant in any game. Mere physical strength does not get high scores. The beginner makes a mistake when he selects a ball that is too big for him. Take a small ball, no matter if it be only an eight-pounder, and you will learn quicker how to bowl down the pins. Until the eye and the arm get steady it is best to roll down the center of the alley, letting the ball go without taking a run. By degrees the roller may work toward the side of the alley, bowling a slow delivery for a time, and after he gets to be master of the ball he may roll with confidence in curving.

"If the beginner follows the instructions of the old-timers he will be slow to try many steps until he has obtained control of the ball. Another thing that should be borne in mind, it is not well to bowl too long each day. Two hours on the alleys daily is a great deal. The novice must look out or he will become muscle bound."

The following table shows the standing of the eight teams competing for the championship in the city league:

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Clarksons	12	3	.800
Omahas	9	6	.600
Sterlings	9	6	.600
Gate City	8	7	.533
St. Charles	7	8	.467
Krug Park	6	9	.400
Nationals	5	10	.333
Peerless Cabinet	4	11	.267

One of the crack amateur bowling teams is that known as the "Westerns," composed of Messrs. P. G. Baltz, H. G. Ganssen, C. E. Selleck, T. P. Reynolds and W. Harris. Other recent organizations are the Green Rivers, the members being H. D. Reed, A. C. Reed, Bill Ambruster, Hartley and Gutmann; and the Bill Dugans, the members being Inches, Potter, Newcomb, Davey and Gilchrist. Last week the Westerns met in friendly contest with the Green Rivers and the Bill Dugans and won against the latter with a score of 1,992 to 1,983. The Green Rivers were victorious with a score of 2,156 to 2,140.

LOCAL MAGNATES CONFIDENT

Keith and Rourke Busy in Collecting Able Base Ball Artists—Not Bothering About League Circuit.

"Papa" Keith and "Dad" Rourke are bothering themselves but little about the outcome of the present base ball squabble. They know that out of it all a rattling good Western league will be organized and are directing their attention now toward placing Omaha at the top of the heap next season. "We had several valuable lessons last season," said Colonel Buckerino last evening, "and you can bet your bottom dollar on it that we are going to profit by every one of our experiences. We propose to put in a team next year that will give Omaha fans the best base ball they ever had and if we don't land the pennant our failure to do so will be entitled to a place in the category of the seven wonders of the world.

"In fact, we are going after the pennant with the determination of landing it. Every player on the Omaha team has got to cut out everything that might prove detrimental to his best service on the diamond and observance of this rule will be a condition precedent to his continuance on the team. We already have signed a number of crack players and in the bunch have several promising amateurs who have the earmarks of making a big hit. Several of the favorites of last season have been signed again, including Lauzon, Toman and Freeland. Besides the men already on the list we have got our lines out for several stars and believe we will succeed in landing them all right. Omaha will be in the red-ribbon class next year and don't you forget it."

Watkins—William Henry—is the latest magnate to organize a portable base ball league. He helped the American out of the Indianapolis hole by going in with Quinn of Milwaukee to form the American association, which seems to have more lives than two or three cats, and now he is planting franchises almost as liberally as Stroebel was several weeks ago. He is said to have the backing of the National, but the unanimity with which the National magnates are passing him the icy mit as he approaches their towns seems to indicate otherwise and gives color to the impression that the only thing hot about the Watkins league is the air with which it is inflated. There is no reason why William Henry Watkins shouldn't form a league. He always has a chance to go back to selling cigars when he can't find a job as manager, and he isn't much worse off now than was Byron Bancroft Johnson when he started his old original American league.

Very early this week we will be shown what Ban Johnson has been concealing all this time. His league is to meet at Philadelphia and complete its circuit. With Indianapolis out of the way, there is no good reason to think that the American circuit will be other than has been planned from the beginning—Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Washington.

During the week Messrs. De Haas Robinson and John James McGraw exchanged personal opinions of each other. It all grew out of the hot air league started at Louisville, in which organization McGraw was given a place, and credited with an intention of throwing down the Ban Johnson outfit. Both of the gentlemen gave vent to much language of a nature commonly provocative of personal encounters, but up to date no call for the ambulance has been turned in, and there probably will be no need for a surgeon, or even first aid. Whatever the merits of the case, Mr. Muggsy will be on earth a long time before he convinces the base ball public that he didn't hand the Robinsons a pretty hot package last summer. He came about as near being a gold brick as ever donned a St. Louis uniform, and to a man up a tree it looks as though he were mighty lucky to get away alive.

They're busy telling stories of queer hits and the like just now, and several good ones have crept into print, but none better than one made on the old Omaha grounds in 1891 by Ted Minnehan, who was then with the Minneapolis team. Ted was the last man up in the ninth for the Millers, who had two men out, two on bases and needed three runs to win. Ted was never known to make a home run and it looked hopeless, but he saved the day. Old-timers here will recall the fact that far out in left field, just alongside the carriage track, stood a post to which the rope that kept back the overflow crowd was anchored. This post was about eight feet high, and stood just inside the foul line, with a slight incline toward the diamond. Larry Twitchell was playing left field for Omaha and was getting everything in sight. Well, Minnehan got under a drop and boosted it high into the air. The men on bases began to move and Twitchell went back for the ball. Down it swooped, straight for the post. Larry standing alongside and disconsolately watching. The ball struck the post as fairly on top as was possible, and then bounded high into the air and fell over back of the club house, with Jimmie Donnelly in mad pursuit. Before Donnelly could get it Minnehan had scampered around the bases and the game went to Minneapolis. But that post came out of the ground the next day.

CHESS PLAYERS ARE ACTIVE

Winter Enlivens Interest in Individual and Tournament Contests.

Game completed in Twentieth century tournament.

RUY LOPEZ (Brentano's Defense.)

White—Lee Edwards, Dunlap, Ia. Black—C. Q. DeFrance, Lincoln, Neb.

White	Black
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—P-K Kt 4 (a).
4—P-Q 4 (b).	4—Kt x P.
5—Kt x Kt.	5—P x Kt.
6—Q x P.	6—Q-B 3.
7—P-K 5 (c).	7—Q-Q Kt 3.
8—Q x Q.	8—R P x Q.
9—Q B x P.	9—B-Kt 2.
10—P-K B 4.	10—P-Q B 3.
11—B-B 4.	11—P-Q 4.
12—B-Q 3.	12—P-K B 3.
13—P x P.	13—Kt x P.
14—B x Kt.	14—B x B.
15—P-Q B 3.	15—K-B 2.
16—Kt-Q 2.	16—B-Kt 5.
17—K-B 2.	17—Q R-K Kt.
18—K R-K.	18—P-R 4.
19—Kt-B 3.	19—B x Kt.
20—K x B.	20—Q R-Q B.
21—Drawn.	

(a) This move marks the new defense in this opening. (b) Probably White's best continuation. (c) If Q x Q, Kt x Q, etc. The bishops being of opposite color a drawn game is almost certain.

Tournament game completed in Nebraska Correspondence tournament.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White—Wyckoff, York, Neb. Black—Ellis, Bloomfield, Neb.

White	Black
1—P-Q 4.	1—P-Q 4.
2—P-Q B 4.	2—P-K 3.
3—Kt-Q B 3.	3—Kt-K B 3.
4—B-B 4 (a).	4—B-Kt 5.
5—P-K B 3.	5—Castles.
6—Q-Q 3.	6—P x P.
7—Q x P.	7—Kt-Q 4.
8—B-Q 2.	8—P-Q Kt 4 (b).
9—Q x P.	9—B-R 3.
10—Q-R 4.	10—Q-R 5 ch.
11—P-Kt 3.	11—Q x Q P.
12—Q-B 2 (c).	12—Kt-K 6.
13—B x Kt.	13—Q x B.
14—P-Q R 3.	14—B-R 4.
15—R-Q sq.	15—Kt-B 3.
16—P-Q Kt 4.	16—B-Kt 3.
17—Kt-K 4 (d).	17—Kt-Q 5.
18—Q-Kt sq.	18—Q x K P.
19—Kt-K B 2.	19—Q-B 6 ch.
20—R-Q 2.	20—P-K B 4 (e).
21—Kt-Q 3.	21—Kt-Kt 6.
22—Q-Q sq. (f).	22—B-K 6.
23—Resigns.	

(a) Kt-B 3 or B-Kt 5 better. (b) With the trouble following in contemplation. (c) P-K 3, forcing an exchange of bishops and perhaps queens would have been preferable, giving White an opportunity to get his king's pieces into play. (d) Cannot move P-Kt 5 or Black mates in two. (e) To prevent Kt-K 4. (f) Q-Kt 2, forcing an exchange of queens, would have only prolonged the game.

Problem composed by Dr. W. R. Inge Dalton, New York City, during the expiring hours of the nineteenth century and finished just at the stroke of 12. Dedicated to the doctor's friend, Mr. A. H. Robbins, St. Louis. White to move and mate in three.

BLACK.

WHITE.

Last week's problem, by Barry, begins with Q-R 5. It is an example of the old Indian problem doubled. The Kt masks both Q and B.

Ten games out of twenty-one have been finished in the Mississippi-Nebraska match. The score stands: Mississippi, 8; Nebraska, 2. Of the remaining games M. D. McGrath complains that E. R. Tyson has exceeded his time limit about three weeks, E. G. De Lap cannot hear from J. J. Boucher and Colonel R. V. Boothe has reached the stage when patience ceases to be a virtue and feels impelled to claim his game against G. A. Damon.

The following additional boards have been assigned in the Ohio-Nebraska tournament:

17—J. M. Crosby, Fremont.
18—T. C. Patterson, North Platte.
19—C. B. Swim, St. Edward.
20—Dr. G. N. Seeley, Kearney.
21—W. R. Ellis, Bloomfield.
22—W. E. Hardy, Lincoln.

The names of their Ohio opponents have not reached The Bee yet.

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We answer the questions briefly. If you cut an artery in your arm you do not take internal medicine to stop the flow of blood. YOU USE LOCAL APPLICATIONS. Similarly when the urethral ducts become weakened and relaxed it is ridiculous to take internal treatment, which must pass through the stomach and urine before it reaches the seat of disease. The seminal ducts project into the urethral canal through the Prostate Gland, and are easily reached by LOCAL TREATMENT. The St. James treatment is prepared in the form of crayons, very narrow, smooth, flexible and wholly soluble, which are inserted into the water passage at night, where they dissolve and deposit the medication in its full strength upon the

Prostate Gland,

Contracting and strengthening the ducts, FOREVER STOPPING drains and emissions, and curing while the patient sleeps. Dr. Carter's "Gran-Solvent" soluble Bougies will dissolve, digest and forever remove urethral

Stricture

In 15 days, without pain, injury or inconvenience. The bougies are inserted at night and act while you sleep. "Gran-Solvent" removes every symptom of stricture, leaving the canal as healthy as when nature formed it. NO BRUTAL CUTTING OR DILATING. NO INJECTIONS TO IRRITATE THE MEMBRANE. NO INTERNAL DRUGGING TO RUIN THE STOMACH. The St. James treatment is local, direct and positive.

Varicocele.

Varicocele is an accumulation of sluggish blood in the veins of the scrotum, due solely to imperfect circulation, and has its origin in a diseased and torpid Prostate Gland. Operations in this disease are only temporary, and no mechanical device yet discovered has cured a single case. Gran-Solvent heals the Prostate and restores healthy circulation. Varicocele disappears and the sluggish accumulation is replaced by pure, healthy, red blood.

19,846 men strictured, weak, wasting and despondent were cured and restored by the St. James method last year. A vast army of men in whom the light of life has penetrated the fearful nightmare of stricture and seminal decay.

Every Man Should Know Himself.

Space will not permit a complete description of the incomparable St. James treatment in urethral diseases. Every sufferer from Stricture and its offspring, Prostatitis and Seminal Weakness, should write to the St. James Association, Box 834, Cincinnati, Ohio, for their wonderful illustrated work showing the parts of the human system involved in urethral ailments, which they will send securely wrapped in plain package, prepaid

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