WILL JOHNSON MEET FLYNN! GREAT COURAGE NECESSARY Big Question Still Surges While the Players of Thirty-Five Years Ago Foxy Promoter Plays for Time in Naming the Field

for Battle.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

guessing mood a while longer.

Curley, by the way, still insists that the championship event will take place pitched and it is on this point that he to enlighten us at the beginning of

the merry month of May.

Jack is surely a persistent fellow. He has hunted high and low for a location that will serve as an appropriate setting for the heavyweight battle, and he has shown wonderful determination and marvelous qualities of optimism in the face of discouraging conditions.

When last heard from, Jack was looking over the ground at Juarez, across the river from El Paso, and was said to be trying to pave the way for the coming together of Jack and Jim at that point. sidering the status of affairs around Juarez, this seems like a sign of weakness on Jack's part.

down that way has now worked beyond the bounds of a moving deture eneculation and there is no tellmay be in power and possesnext few months. It certainly seems as though Jack must have felt that all other even then it was dangerous to catch close were closed to him when he crossed the Rio Grande to look for sure ground player, invented the mask, a cumbersome for Flynn and Johnson.

playing a deep game, just as Dan Stuart did when casting around for the most suitable sife for the Bob Fitzsimmons-Peter Maher match. Jack may be cross-ing the Mexican border in order to throw the authorities in other directions

off the scent. Possibly when Jack tells where the fight is to take place we will have to admit that he covered his tracks well and fooled us completely. It is said that Jack Johnson is beginning to feel dublous about Curiey's ability to pall off the match and is considering risin offers placed before him by Tom O'Rourke. Furthermore that one of these offers calls for a ten-round bout between ohnson and Al Palser in New York.

In view of some of the things that have been said during the past six months, this is starting news. To begin with, one of the members of the New York boxing commission has set his face alinet Johnson being allowed to appear a New York ring and had threatened

In the next place, a great deal was aid about holding Palzer back for a year and permitting him to develop before sending him against Johnson. Then again, Johnson was supposed to be in-censed against Tom O'Rourke through ome slight placed upon the champion in its cub days and that he would on no account become a party to any match in which O'Rourke was interested. Well, if O'Rourke has made offers and

Johnson is considering them it means that the dove of peace has descended comewhere and that there is a better understanding all around. O'Rourke knows the ropes of the fighting game thoroughly and is not likely to make any fool breaks. If he approached Johnson on the subject of a match in New York, it is a safe bet that New York is not considered closed to the champion, notwithstanding the attitude of the box-

FIGHT FANS ARE WAITING RECALLS BARE MITT DAYS

it Used to Be Played,

Can Vouch that Broken Pingers and Split Palms Were Every-

NEW YORK, April 12.-"Can you imag SAN FRANCISCO, April il.—Before long we will know if there is to be a game bare-handed." asked a gray-haired Jack Johnson-Jim Flynn match. Just fun while discussing diamond doings of at present the prospect is none too long ago. "There would be plenty of romeate, but as Jack Curiey has promised to give out some definite information on errors in the field that the sport would May 1, there is no harm continuing in a develop into a burleaque. Yet I can remember the days when ball players never neither masks nor mitts. It required great in July. The only doubt he mays, is in courage to face a swift pitcher and lots segard to the place where the ring will of nerve to get in front of a hot under. Nowadays, however, ball play ing isn't so painful with the softly pa fielders' gloves, the steel wire masks, the heavy catchers' mitts, chest protectors and shin-guards to protect the player from harm.

Many of our citizens who played here ball more than thirty-five years ago will tell you that broken fingers, bone bruises split paims and torn fingernalls were every day accidents and that a player who showed the white feather was tabou Before gloves and masks were invented catchers had endless troubles. The old timers who dared to stand close behind the butsman had teeth knocked out and nones fractured by the hot foul tips that could not be avoided. Soon came a habit of putting a piece of solid rubber in the mouth made in such a manner that it covered the lips and provided protection for the teeth. It proved so effective that even then it was dangerous to catch close up until James Tyng, the former Harvard affair with broad stripes of flattened iron It may be, however, that Curley is that covered the face, but also partially obscured the backstop's vistor

Mask Came First.

The mask was the first contrivance calculated to prevent serious injury. Then came the catchers' gloves, one for each hand. These gloves were of light kid, with no fingers and little or no padding. Catchers who handled swift deliveries, therefore, soon found that the gloves did not come up to the requirements. So it was a common thing to see backstops stuffing grass, cotton and even strips of meat into the gloves to protect the palms of the hands wher under a hot fire from the box.

One of the first National league catch ers to use a left hand glove with fingers was Meyers of Indianapolis, more than twenty-five years ago. Somebody made a glove for him that caused a general commission has set his face laugh. The fingers were so long and the surface of the glove was so broad that York ring and had threatened the game if any promoter atgreat lienry Boyle in those days, and Boyle had bluding speed. Meyers had broken all of his fingers, also both of his thumbs in handling Boyle with the fingeriess gloves, so that he readily tried the new one, and after much persever-ance, he proved that it had merit. After that all the catchers adopted a finger give for the left hand. The glove was improved upon when the manufacturer put solid leather tips on the ends of the

Buck Ewing, Silver Filnt and Charley Bennett, three of the greatest backstops the game ever produced, were among the first to adopt the mitt, which was a comparatively light affair, but made it impossible to injure the fingers of the left hand. Incidentally these star catchwriter that during an advent pitched balls with his bare hand. He used to break away quickly, and possesses that Flynn were signed up in quick order in case the Flynn-Johnson venture collapses. If Burna hesitates or names unsuitable terms Jin has only to say the word apassed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed ball. With the right hand giovenable to have a passed character of the possesses that a contract of the base in able to break away quickly, and possesses that went of the hard possesses that is a catcher and the base in the base in the base in the last once of flesh. He will not relinquish one inch of his right to start so as to get the break on the opposite to have any one should have anything one hand exacts the last once of flesh. He will not relinquish one inch of his right to start so as to get, the break on the opposite to have a ball player. I've always given the other hand, the used to break away quickly, and possesses that a catcher hand, the used to break away quickly, and possesses that the last once of flesh. He will not relinquish one inch of his right to start so as to get, the break on the opposition on inch of his right to start so as to get, the break on the opposition on the base in a passed that I can see why quickly, and possesses that it is a catcher and the possesses that it is a catcher and the possesses that a start once of flesh. He will not catcher any quickly, and possesses that it is an adventure of the possesses that it is an adventure of the right hand one inch of his right to start once of flesh. He will not catcher any quickly, and possesses that it is an adventure of the possesses tha and Joe Jeanette will place himself at less catchers gradually learned to how Plynn's disposal.

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Before very iong MeVea and Langford should be wandering this way from Australia. The open air boxing season closes around Sydney in May and there will be nothing worth while after that for the two to remain abroad for. When they get back here and Bombardier Wells puts in an appearance from England there should be plenty of activity among the hig men of the ring.

With Carl Morris out of the lists, the white hops brigade has dwindled to very white hops brigade has dwindled to very third baseman, played that which made it impossible for him to miss hard ground hits or drop a fly ball. Cross the padding firmer. Later on the mask hard ground hits or drop a fly ball. Cross the padding firmer. Later on the mask hard ground hits or drop a fly ball. Cross the padding firmer. Later on the mask hard ground hits or drop a fly ball. Cross the padding firmer. Later on the mask hard ground hits or drop a fly ball. Cross the padding firmer. Later on the mask hard a visor of leather to keep this wine neck and

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Happy Hal Chase's Program



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Such genuine earnestness as Cobb disloin trip Chase is absolutely sure that he plays might have placed Chase on a par I do not think it was my best. I did not belds the windless of the windle

Just one thing, hereafter, has stood be- the national pastime lightly.

NEW YORK, April 15.—A new chalChase has avowed designs on the crown actions both on and off the field. But getly. But some nights I didn't sleen

star was firmly established in fame's tween this wonderful player and the allfirmament long before the wonder of the around championship. A fault, you might displays deep interest in his collegues of contract.

It ween this wonderful player and the allfirmament long before the wonder of the around championship. A fault, you might displays deep interest in his collegues of the infield and coaches them and schools them in his little mannerisms so as to Hal Chase, first bassman of the High-his charming personality. He has shown effect the best possible working harmony anders, aspires to Cobb's crown. It in every movement on the field, and in It in every movement on the field, and in his every attitude of base stealing. He has than ever. And it can be noticed ing commission.

If the Flynn-Johnson match is to go by the boards and Johnson elects to box by the boards and Johnson elects to box ing up in the heavyweight division.

Flynn, when he finds himself fancy free, will begin looking around for trouble in the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to receive the ball. Ewing ones told the placed the mitt in the right position to catch a plicitle aliding he has done has been done sill head first, not because he listle wery attitude of base stealing. He has always alid head first, not because he listle aliding he has done has been done that cannot progress as eleverly and quickly with the spikes in front of him, but the spikes in fro not relinquish one inch of his right to a ball player. I've always given the base lines even if the career of an op-

> holds the winning advantage. Chase is a with the Georgian the last several years, look upon the game seriously enough. I good hitter—a wonderful batter in fact— Hal has never been fired with the lust have given my word to Wolverton that for glory that prompts Ty to climb up if I do not show New York this year th lie when it comes to protecting the runner. and up even at the expense of others. In- real thing in first-sacking, then I'm ready deed, the peerless first baseman of the to step down and out. And, you know Hill Toppers has always looked upon I'm no millionaire. I need the money

lenger enters Ban Johnson's list this seather to protect the nails. Even then catchers were not envised by the other players, for their right hands usually were mangled until physicians had to be called in.

Lenger enters Ban Johnson's list this seather to protect the nails. Even then son for mortal combat with the champion of all diamond knighthood. Tyrus Raymond Cobb, like the "Georgian peach" of Hugh Jennings mighty Tiger aggregation, is no novice at the game. His gregation, is no novice at the game. His tween this wonderful player and the all-displayer does in his playing manner never before evidenced. He has assured Wolverton of his heartiest cooperation. He declares himself delighted to have been relieved of the responsibilities of management. For the first time he displayer does in his collegues of which King Ty Cobb now wears. The initial sacker of the Yankees appropries

Princeton Springs a Rowing Surprise in Entering Regatta

throat. The chest protection in the soa but at first it was not inflated. It was a flat affair with a bamboo frame over which was a buck-akin covering. This did not prevent catchers from being partially knocked out by sharp foul tips in the bread basket, as the pneumatic chest protector was haited with delight and is now indispensable.

Carnegie and Harvard in a product in regatta on the Charles river on May 22. Incidentally this is a broadening of the athletic relations between Old Nassau and Cambridge, so auspiciously started on the gridine last fail. No doubt in time Tiger crews will be seen at both Poughensable.

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on May 25. Rowing progress is certainly being made at Princeton, whose crews have never raced away from home since 1884 when the varsity entered the Saratoga regatta. The race with Harvard and Cornell will The race with Harvard and Cornell will be over a course of one and three-quarter miles. In entering this the Tiger eight has pitted its strength against two of the fastest crews in the country, and considering the short time in which rowing has been among the number of Princeton sports, it would be a remarkable feat if it succeeded in defeating either crew. Harvard was very successful last very Harvard was very successful last year, defeating Yale casity at New London. In their race with Curnell, however, they last by about three lengths, which is about the same showing that Princaton

made.

Cornell is recognised as having as a rule the best developed crew in the country, having won the intercollegistic regatts at Poughkeepsie a majority of times. In the race last year on Carnegie lake Princeton's varsity eight was defeated by the Ithacans in a surprisingly close race, considering the fact that it was Princeton's first attempt in many years.

Three games for the Dane ball squad of the Omaha High school by C. E. Reed, director, of athletics, two of which will be played at Crelghton field and the other at Harian. Following is the complete schedule of games for the base bull squad of the Omaha High school by C. E. Reed, director, of athletics, two of which will be played at Crelghton field and the other at Harian. Following is the complete schedule of games for the base bull squad of the Omaha High school by C. E. Reed, director, of athletics, two of which will be played at Crelghton field and the other at Harian. Following is the complete schedule of games for the base bull squad of the Omaha High school by C. E. Reed, director, of athletics, two of which will be played at Crelghton field and the other at Harian. Following is the complete schedule of games for this squad of the Omaha High school by C. E. Reed, director, of athletics, two of which will be played at Crelghton field and the other at Harian. Following is the complete schedule of games for this mounts:

Saturday, April 15—Creighton Arts at Creighton field.

All the members of last year's Cornell crew are still eligible to row, but Coach at Harlan.

Courtney recently surprised every one by dismissing all the veterans and starting afresh with new material.

The entry of the second varsity crew

the American Henley is a step in line with Dr. Speth's idea of maintaining in-terest in rowing in general. It gives the members of the second crew a chance to show their strength instead of remaining simply as substitutes for the varsity.

Cornhusker Team

LINCOLN, Neb., April 11.-(Special.) After a two years' fight to secure a bar ball team it seems like the efforts wit go to waste through the lnability of the Nebraska management to secure game with outside schools. The Nebraska board took action on the recommendations of the Missouri valley conference eligibility committee late in the season or after the schools had already made on

their schedules.
Consequently replies to Nebraska's queries for games are beginning to com-in with the information that the adjoin-ing schools have complete schedules and will be unable to accommodate the Corn-huskers this season. After nearly two weeks the Cornhuskers are still without a game outside of the two always played with the Lincoln league team.

HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD FIXES BASE BALL DATES

Three games have now been arranged for the base ball squad of the Omaha

Saturday, April 27-Harlan High school

BASE BALL FANS ARE FICKLE LOWER-PRICED GOLF BALLS

They Have No Mercy, Says Umpire Tim Hurst.

IT BREAKS A MAN'S HEART Says that Some Nights He Could Not Sleep Because of the Treat-

ment He Had Received

from the Fans.

sportling promoter, as he took part in a famuing bee the other day, "They have who used to ridicule and abuse Umpire ber boom afforded the opportunity. O'Day are now praising manager O'Day without limit. But if the Reds do not keep up with the leaders, just see if these same rooters don't make Hank's life miserable! That's the way it has been going on for years in the big and little cities where base ball is played. "I speak from experience, by the way, because after I had ran the gauntlet for several years as an umpire, Chris Von der Ahe engaged me to manage the St. Louis team. This was a funny stunt, because the year previous I had been mobbed in the Mound City because I did not give all the close ones to the home team. But as the manager of the under way. All of the nice things said about me were forgotten and I couldn't pick up a newspaper without burning my fingers. If I had been the least bit ser sitive I would have been sent to som

games if all the decisions had been our favor. Target for Abuse.

retreat, but I made up my mind to where through it all until my contract

was up. Did I kick at the umpires

Elless you, no! My team was so weak

that we couldn't have won three straight

The merciless attitude of the fans has broken more than one man's heart. I'll never forget the case of Tim O'Keefs. He was one of the greatest pitchers that ever curved a ball. It was his great work that helped the Giants to win the world's championship in 1888 and 1889 O'Keefe was like Matty-a public idol. If he had run for public office he would have been elected. Crowds followed him home from the Polo grounds and wherhe played he was a here. O'Keefe could not pitch any more he was mpire in the National league. He came to the Polo grounds in this capacity and received a rousing welcome. In a grilling battle between the Giants and the Bostons, however, O'Keefe, absolutely honest, made several close decisions against the New Yorkers. Before the game ended O'Keefe was the target for a volley of abuse. He was hooted and blused and finally a mob tried to handle him roughly as he made his way to the dress

broke down and wept. The admirers of former days had turned against him in less than two hours. His old spirit was gone and he soon resigned from the umpire staff. The same treatment would be accorded to any of the star ball play-ers of today if they turned to umpiring Their achievements on the diamond would be forgotten in the wild rooting for the on thirty pounds since I quit the busi-

DEMANDED IN ENGLAND

NEW YORK, April 11.-An agitation has been started, or rather is in the embryo, in England to try to force the manufacturers of golf balls to lower their prices. It appears, judging by re cent advices from the other side, that the movement has strock a popular chord and that it will not be long before a more concerted and general action in this direction will be entered into by

the golfers of Great Britain. NEW YORK, April 18.-"Base ball fans | It has been pointed out that since the are fickle, but that isn't all," said Time-thy Hurst, veteran umpire, referee and is generally regarded as normal only a of the manufacturers have accordingly lowered their rates. The majority of them still maintain the price to which no mercy. The bugs out in Cincinnati the change was advanced when the rub-



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