

PUG WANTS TO BE LAWYER

Eddie Wallace, Who Fights at Any Old Weight, Has Ambition to Be an Attorney.

OFFERS TO BATTLE WELSH

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The millennium in the boxing game has arrived. It has been precipitated by Eddie Wallace, one of the greatest pugilists of the latter...

Wallace is a ring oddity in many ways. He is the first of the boxing class to choose the law as a means of livelihood when his fighting days are over.

Last February—February 2, to be precise—Wallace fought Kid Williams, world's featherweight champion, a hard ten-round draw.

Two weeks after the Kilbane affair, Wallace offered to fight Freddy Welsh, the world's lightweight champion.

Wallace confesses to several slight reverses in the ring. He admits being beaten by Kilbane, and one or two others. But he has never been floored; and this is a record few boxers can boast of these days.

A favorite expression of Wallace's is: "If I can't beat them to the punch, maybe I can argue them out of the decision."

Wallace is bidding his time for the Welsh match; meanwhile he is eager for a return battle with Kilbane.

Kilbane and Welsh—these are the two Wallace is after. He feels he has graduated from the bantamweight class, and will make no effort to fight in that division again.

Johnny "Kid" Williams and Johnny "Kewpie" Ertle are soon to come together in a match to settle the bantamweight championship.

"Kewpie" Ertle has a younger brother in the ring, who weighs even less than "Kewpie's" 111 pounds.

Stiehm Will Have Big Advantage at The Hoosier Uni

Indiana's new foot ball coach, Ewald O. Stiehm, a former Wisconsin star, will receive the highest salary ever paid a coach at the Hoosier school.

Dreyfuss Knows All About Gay New York

Louis Heilbronner was telling Barney Dreyfuss about a series which the St. Louis Cardinals played at the Polo grounds in the city days.

HOW IS THIS, FANS, FOR WHIFFING ATMOSPHERE?

The National League had a 500 hitter this season. He's Karl Adams of the Chicago Cubs and he didn't get one single, though he took part in twenty-six games.

Champ Ice Skater Rides Bicycle in Summer to Keep in Condition

Bobby McLean on Skates and on His Bicycle—Robert McLean, better known as "Bobby," the American champion ice skater, who will defend his title this winter in New York, at Saranac Lake, Boston and Cleveland, and will meet Anderson, the Norwegian champion, of the world's title, kept in condition this last summer by riding a bicycle.



PECK SHOWS MEDICOS UP

Grid Star Breaks Leg in 1913 and Doesn't Find it Out Until Late This Fall.

PLAYS DESPITE BAD INJURY

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—What a vast difference there is in the gameness, the fighting spirit and the capacity for suffering between the professional base ball player and the college foot ball player.

Whenever a base ball player contracts a slight headache, or a bruised nose, or a skinned shin, he rushes off to the doctor's office, summons a flock of medical gents and nurses, and then decides to take about four weeks' layoff until the ache or abrasion has disappeared.

But whenever the foot ball player is injured, he reads the case of Bob Peck, the brilliant All-American center of the University of Pittsburgh eleven.

Refuses to Have Doctor. During the Pittsburgh-Washington and Jefferson game in 1913 Peck, who then was playing in the halfback position, was injured. He was in terrible pain for many hours after the accident, but he refused to let the doctor examine the leg, fearing that the injury really was serious and that the doctor would order him to the hospital.

When the Pittsburgh gridiron warriors assembled for training in 1914 Coach Joe Duff decided that Peck wouldn't do as a halfback. His leg continued to pain him and he had to hump it. He tried to walk without a limp so that the coaches would give him a job on the eleven—but Duff noticed the limp.

Peck is a fiery, fearless player and one whose aggressiveness helped greatly in keeping up the spirits of his fellows. Duff didn't want to lose him so he tried him out at center where speed is not so essential as it is in the backfield.

Broken Leg No Handicap. When the 1915 season began Peck was back at center for Pittsburgh, and it was his brilliant playing that aided the Pitt eleven in winning its eight straight victories. The limp still remained with Peck; the pain in his leg oftentimes was agonizing. But he ignored the advice of the coaches and his teammates to go to a doctor and have it examined.

Position is Called. He was carried off the field and despite Peck's protests a doctor was called to examine the leg. The medical gent monkeyed with the leg, his face took on a pained expression, and then with some comment about "extraordinary cases" he called in another physician. And this was what they found: The Pitt eleven had broken his leg in that 1913 game, between the shinbone and the ankle, and nature in time welded together the broken parts. The bone, however, had knitted in a ragged way and for two years the points of the broken parts had been jabbing themselves into the flesh of

NEW RIVAL FOR J. WILLARD

Australian Promoter Begins to Boom Bob Devere of Missouri for Heavyweight Crown.

HAS KNOCKED OUT FIFTEEN

George Lawrence, the Australian promoter, is working up quite a boom for Bob Devere, a young heavyweight, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, twenty years ago.

Devere stands six feet high, and weighs 185 pounds. He was brought up on a farm in the state of Missouri, and has been boxing a little more than a year, during which time he has made a wonderful record for a youngster who never saw a boxing glove until he was put in the ring at Kansas City with Sailor Grande, who only a few weeks ago at Philadelphia gave Jack Dillon the fight of his life.

Knocked Out Grande. In this, his first fight, Devere knocked out the hard hitting sailor, who at that time in the middle west was considered about the best young heavyweight in the country. After knocking out Grande, the club's matchmaker rematched the pair, and this time the big boy was again returned the winner, on points. He then started to train with Jim Flynn, who the first few days at training quarters, beat him up pretty badly, but before the week had passed the Pueblo fireman gave him the gate from training quarters, for knocking him out in one of their workouts.

Want Melrose Man. The Portland Coast league club has a deal on to purchase Third Baseman White from the Melrose club.

Angelo Signs Rookie. The Los Angeles Coast league club has signed a young pitcher named Smith from Centennial, Okl.

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HERE'S THE CASE OF LAST GENT TO JUMP TO THE FEDS

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Largest Pair of Scissors in the World Given to Joe Stecher by West Point Man

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Who, but Colonel James C. Elliott would have thought of such a thing as presenting giant scissors to a wrestler when others had gouged deep into their pockets to make a fund for a diamond belt?

But Colonel Elliott always was original. He knew everybody was going over to hear the diamond belt speech. He himself was invited to be one of the speakers.

What did Colonel Jim do? Did he get an encyclopaedia and study up on diamonds, learn their geological uses, mythological significance, magnitude of brilliance, chemical composition, and possible origin, in order to make a learned speech?

No. He had read the records of the Spartan athletes in Pliatarch's Lives, or better yet in Homer's songs, that his oratory might fairly pop with allusions of how the Dodge giant, like the warriors of old, fairly slashed his way through all opposition?

EXPECT BIG YEAR IN STATE

Secondary Colleges of Nebraska Lining Up for Most Successful Season in History.

The greatest basket ball season in history is what the Nebraska colleges are confidently anticipating. In practically every secondary school in the state an abundance of material to make up fast quintets is reported. Where the crack veterans of last year have graduated from school it seems a fact that in practically every instance the school will have several fast high school players with which to fill the breach. Thus it is almost all of the secondary colleges are predicting a most successful year.

Nebraska Wesleyan will attract the most interest from the fans this season. This school has had wonderful teams during the last few years and expects to another great five this year.

Coach Kline will have his hands full this season, however. For Kline is up against a schedule which will probably prove to be the hardest any school the size of Wesleyan ever undertook.

Play in Wisconsin. The Coyotes will play two games with Nebraska university. Last year Kline tackled the Huskers in a pair of conflicts and split fifty-fifty with the university boys. In addition Wesleyan will take a trip north and east. On this trip the Burgess-Nash five of Omaha will meet, as also will the University of Wisconsin and a number of schools about Wesleyan's size.

Johnson at Wesleyan. Raymond Johnson is captain of the Wesleyan five this year. It is his fourth year on the team. Johnson is a star of first magnitude and his mates are equally as good.

Doane is another state school which expects to have a big year in basket ball. This team is coached by F. J. Schiesler, a Nebraska man, and is captained by Lloyd Whitehouse, who played under Schiesler at Hastings and followed his coach to Doane.

Has Four Veterans. Grand Island has four of last year's veterans out for the team this year and has a number of new men who are promising. Robert Taft is captain of the team. Earl Hawkins, former Nebraska captain, is coaching York college and expects to make a good showing. He has five letter men and Charles Cox of York and Jacob Gbur of Columbus, two high school wonders of last year, after job. Hawkins should make them all hustle for honors this year. Gilford Sanders is captain of the York five.

Kearney Normal, of which Leslie Rich is captain, also entertains championship hopes, while Omaha university, Bellevue, Peru, Hastings and Cotner expect to have good teams.

According to the official fielding averages of more than twenty of the leading major and minor leagues Fred Smith, of the International league, was the most consistent outfielder of the last season. Smith, who played left field for the Rochester and Montreal clubs during 1915, figures in 108 games with a perfect average, having 217 putouts, twelve assists and no errors.

His nearest competitor for first place honors was Eddington of the Central league, who fielded .900 in 123 games. The leading outfielders in the associations which have published their averages to date are as follows: League, Player, Club, Games, Pct. National, Wilson, St. Louis, 191, .948; American, High, New York, 117, .931; American Ass'n, Rondon, Mpls., 125, .926; International, Smith, Roch., Montreal, 1,000, 1,000; New York State, Wagner, Ut. Co., 117, .981; Southern, Northern, Mobile, 114, .926; Central, Eddington, Grand Rapids, 123, .940; Texas, James, Waco, 141, .982; Western, Smith, Omaha, 138, .975; Virginia, Gray, Roanoke, 119, .924; Canadian, Shaugnessy, Ottawa, 191, .974; South Atlantic, Ewell, Augusta, 90, .962; Ohio State, Nutter, Charleston, 194, .922; Interstate, Brooks, Hornell, 82, .984; Three-I, O'Brien, Davonport, 125, .974; Northern, Kinkadee, Lincoln, 126, .983; Pacific Coast, Kane, Vernon, 121, .981.

The Hypodermic Needle

Our Travelogue No. 8. Cincinnati, O., is in one of the Europe and Oscar II, of base ball. Cincinnati is the Europe of base ball, because there is always a fight on between the board of directors and the manager of the team, whoever he happens to be.

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Didn't Make Good At Creighton, but He's Bear at Depauw

The return of Alexander Jamieson, erstwhile foot ball scrub at Creighton, to spend the Christmas holidays at home, has disclosed the fact that Alex has developed into a regular varsity player. Like a some would-be stars at Creighton, Jamieson found it impossible to convince the blue and white coaches of his ability on the gridiron.

Alex started the season at end, was then shifted to tackle, and on account of terrific tackling and smashing up of interference was placed in the backfield, where he starred as fullback the rest of the season. "Jamie" is regarded as one of the best players who ever hit the line for the Chicago school.

Kitty Loop to Return? Dr. Frank C. Bassett, a former president and always booster of the Kitty league, comes to bat with a statement that the league will be reorganized for next year.

Biggest Sport Event of the Year International Tug-of-War

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