

OLD JUDGE RUMHAUSER



Drawn for The Bee by Tad

Judgments

ONE of the best little laughs that has waltzed west over the Alleghenies in many a moon drifted into Nebraska last week. It was to the effect that Alex Aberg is suing Strangler Lewis because Lewis claims he is the world's champion wrestler, while, in fact, that honor is owned, possessed and occupied by the first mentioned Mr. Aberg. The name of Joseph Stecher of Dodge, Neb., is conspicuous by its absence. While the wisest of seers could not foretell what a court of law—not justice—might judge about anything, we imagine the decision is going to be as funny as the suit. The judge, if he gets any reliable testimony at all, is going to learn that claiming a championship is a wrestler's best little pastime. It is food, drink and sleep to him. But in case the judge cannot find any reliable witnesses in the east, who would give unbiased or truthful testimony on the subject, it might be advisable for him to cast a glance or two out in the west and see what Mr. Stecher does to Mr. Lewis in the city of Omaha on the day and date of July 4. It might be interesting. And also, if he would make an inquiry or two out here he might learn that either Mr. Aberg or Mr. Lewis might be able to claim a world's championship were it not that Mr. Stecher and Mr. Caddock and Mr. Peters and one or two others are still able-bodied and bona fide citizens of the commonwealth of the middle west.

Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, it is said, have come to an agreement to box a ten-round, no-decision bout. The bout has been offered to the highest bidder and already sums of \$50,000 and upward are being talked about. Fulton has been carefully groomed as a contender by the syndicate and they are now getting ready to put over the big fight. Bids will be boosted sky-high by fake bidders who are in the ring and the promoter who is awarded the match will have to top what would be a reasonable bid by many thousands of dollars. And the public will be expected to pay the cost. And the public will probably do that very thing. Fulton may be a contender, but nobody believes it and a bout between the Minnesota giant and Willard—especially a ten-round fight to no decision—should not excite any hemorrhages, but, as Barnum once said, the public likes to be fooled and the boxing syndicate is happy to oblige.

Fletcher Fiehart of the Wichita club was suspended for a few days by the league president for an alleged assault on Empire Pontius. It was charged Fiehart expected in the general direction of Pontius' physiognomy with more or less accuracy. Thus Fiehart duplicates the celebrated feat which got Firebrand George Steal into such serious trouble. While the blood-thirsty and bellicose fan may find amusement and entertainment when a player swings a left hook to an umpire's jaw, he doesn't countenance the unsanitary method of Fiehart. Short suspension is not enough for a player who will deliberately spit in an umpire's face and if the charges against Fiehart are true the hurler should be permanently suspended from the Western League.

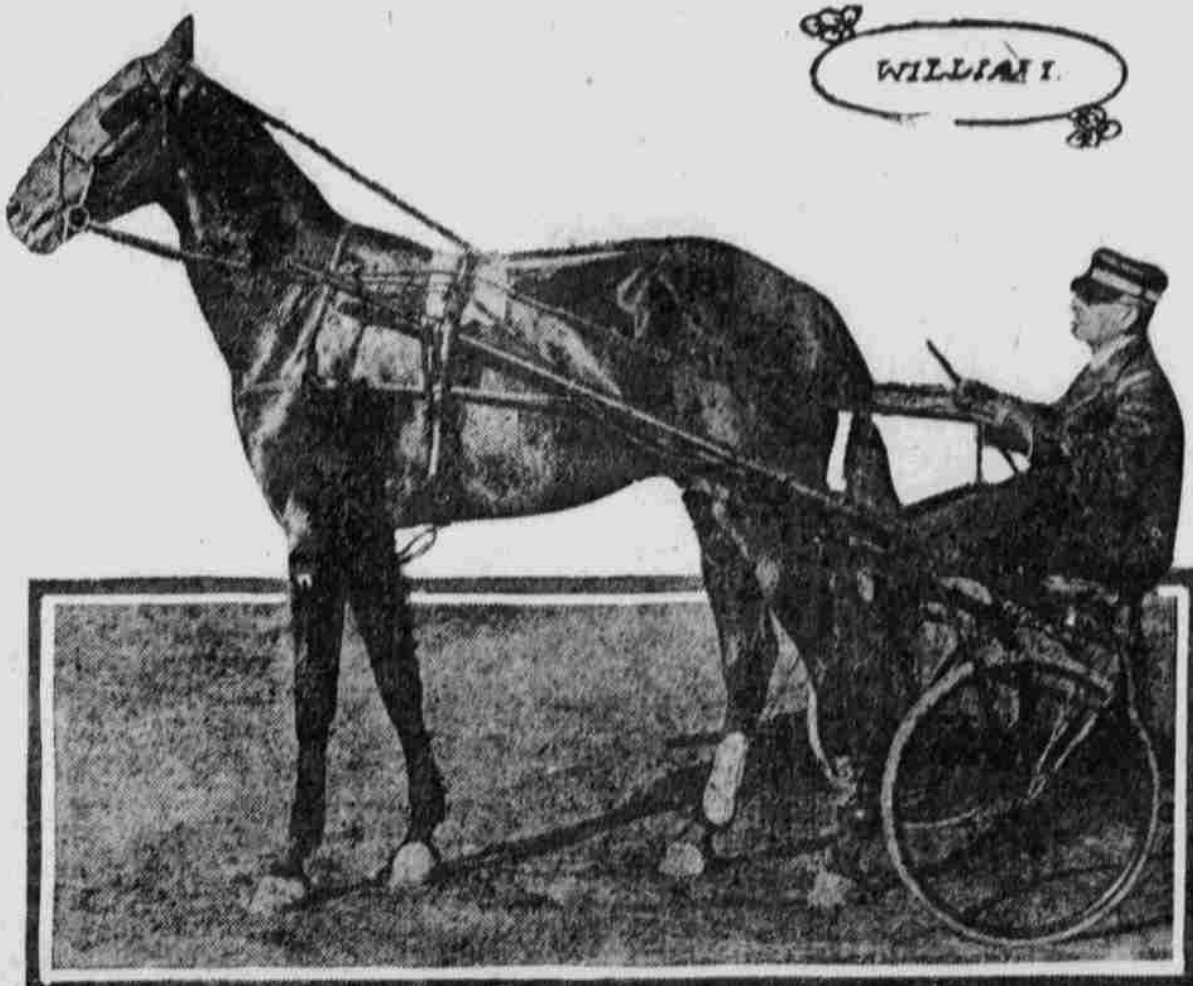
How the world do move. In the good old days of yore it was almost a daily occurrence for Johnny Evers to get himself hoisted out of the game by the umpire. And when Hank O'Day was the officiating arbiter it was a daily occurrence. Now Hank is back in the league and as yet Johnny has failed to get the gate a single time. O'Day used to tell a story about Evers that is worth repeating. "Every time Evers goes to Atlantic City," reads the O'Day yarn, "all the crabs would swim up to the beach to hear their master's voice." If Johnny doesn't pick up soon he'll lose his hard-earned and expensive title of "The Human Crab."

Larney Liechtenstein is overhauling the old typewriter again. Larney, who handles the business affairs of Al Wolgas, declares that he will claim the lightweight championship for the Cadillac without it. Walsh does not agree to battle the former champion by May 30. Technically, Walsh still wears the lightweight crown, in reality the lightweight title dropped out of existence two years ago when the little fellow quit fighting decision bouts and started to get rich quick on the no-decision tangos. So Mr. Liechtenstein can claim the title for Al if he is a choosier, nobody cares particularly.

Connie Mack apparently has uncovered another infield star. He is Lawson Witt, a diminutive youth who is playing the short field for the Athletics. Eastern critics are prone with boasts of the little shortstop's ability and assert he is destined to make the fans forget the great Jack Barry. Connie Mack developed one great infield: "Jones, Collins, Barry and Baker and now he seems to have made a start on a second.

Good eyesight should be a necessary adjunct for an umpire, but you never would know it sometimes.

William Out to Lower Pacing Records This Year



William, the handsome pacer for whom C. K. G. Billings, the noted horseman, paid \$35,000 last year, will probably be sent out after the world's pacing records this year. Dan Patch holds the pacing to a sulky record of 1:55 and pacing to a wagon at 1:57 1/4. Last year William went the mile to a wagon with an amateur driver in 1:59 1/4 and the mile to a sulky in 2:00 the year before as a 4-year-old. Experts think that William will be able to equal Dan Patch's record this year.

UPPERCUT IS A GOOD BLOW

Fighters Who Possess Short and Fast Uppercut Are the Ones Who Win Battles.

LEONARD HAS LEFT AND RIGHT

New York, May 20.—The quickest and surest way to get a line on a fighter is to watch how he uses an uppercut. If a man is proficient in the use of that blow he is sure to be a good all-around hitter. Only those who have full control of the shoulder muscles can deliver the blow properly and control of the shoulder muscles is the secret of good hitting. There are some fairly good boxers who make little use of the uppercut, but there never was a great fighter without it. When an aspiring novice is weak, inaccurate and shows poor form in delivering the blow put him down as a flivver. It is a never-failing test. On the other hand, there is hope for the novice who shows signs of being able to use an uppercut properly no matter what his failings may be. He is sure to be a natural hitter.

Has Left and Right.

The main reason for thinking that Benny Leonard may become as great a fighter as Joe Gans was that he uses the uppercut so well. Leonard is not only good with the right, but he is one of those extremely rare boxers who can use the left in uppercutting. In fact, he is the only boxer in the ring today who has the knack of using that blow effectively.

Uppercuts are peculiarly effective because of the angle at which the fist strikes the chin. Blows that strike upward require much less force to jar the nerve centers. The ability to use the left in this manner is a great asset because the blow is so rarely employed the average boxer has no defense for it. It always comes as a complete surprise. Since Leonard suddenly found a wallop last fall he has started most of his victims on the road to defeat with a short snappy left that split through his opponent's guard when the latter appears to be well covered. He does not use the blow as often as he might. He probably does not realize what an effective weapon it is or he would try it more frequently.

Leonard can develop that blow into a great finisher if he puts his mind on it. At present he merely uses it to start his man going and then tries to put on the finishing touches with the right.

Fitz Had K. O. Left.

Bob Fitzsimmons probably was the only man who ever made a practice of scoring the knockout with a left uppercut. When Fitz thought the time had come to finish his man he planned to do the trick with one nearly planted blow, and the left uppercut was his favorite method.

Aside from Leonard, none of the present day stars uses a left uppercut. Paddy McFarland relies upon uppercuts to a great extent, but he only uses his right in that way. Mike Gibbons lands most of his knockouts with a right uppercut. In local bouts he stopped Willie Lewis, Sid Burns, Young Mike, Ben McAllister and Young Mike Donovan, using a left uppercut to the jaw in each case.

MAY LIFT COLOR LINE BAN

Black Belt Politicians of Gotham Make Issue Out of Law Prohibiting Mixed Bouts.

MANY GOOD DINGE PUGS IN GAME

New York, May 20.—Rumors are again current in well-informed boxing circles that the State commission is seriously considering lifting the ban on "mixed bouts." If report be true, Chairman Fred Wenck is in favor of permitting negro boxers to compete within the "magic circle" against white men, and that if his two up-state fellow commissioners support his view the bars will be lowered.

Nap Rucker Loses His Slow Ball and Is Ready to Quit

New York, May 20.—Nap Rucker, one of the very best left-handed twirlers in the history of base ball, is practically "all in." This is indicated by President Ebbert's announcement that he has placed him on the disability list. Rucker's contract with the Dodgers winds up this season, and as Manager Robinson has Jack Coombs besides himself to coach the young twirlers there'll be no need for the famous southpaw on the club. Rucker declares he'll never consent to pitch minor league ball, and as he has a lot of property in Georgia he'll undoubtedly sever all connection with the game. Rucker had a good deal of trouble with his left shoulder last year, and thought it had disappeared, but when he faced the Giants he was batted out of the box. He can no longer control his slow ball, his most effective weapon, and the delivery that won him fame.

Rucker was drafted from Augusta by the Dodgers in 1907. In that year Nap enjoyed a fine season, winning fifteen and losing thirteen with a club that finished fifth. In 1908 Rucker won seventeen and lost nineteen and the Dodgers, in the third and last season of Pat Donnan's regime, finished seventh. In 1909 Nap won thirteen and lost sixteen, a percentage of .456, with a team placed sixth with .359. It was seventeen and eighteen, twenty-two and eighteen, eighteen and twenty-one, fourteen and fifteen, seven and six and nine and four in the following years.

ALLEN CAR RUNS AFTER BEING IN 8 FEET OF WATER

The following account of an Allen car that went overboard on the coast of California, local distributor, that the Allen could swim if it wanted to swim, just as easily as it proved its lighting efficiency. "A few several friends an early start was made. In fact, it was so early when they reached the ferry that the lights on the car were still burning. When the other side of the stream was reached Mr. Levin started his car. Someone had forgotten to be the ferry boat to the bank. The power of the wheels on the ferry back and the machine went down into the water. When Mr. Levin saw what was happening he secured his engine, but it did not good.

OMAHA GOLFERS ON LIST

Chambers, Peters, Reynolds and Redick Are Placed on National Association Eligibility List.

PROGRAM FOR WESTERN IS OUT

The names of four Omaha golfers are found on the eligibility list of the United States Golf association this year. They are W. N. Chambers, Ralph Peters, S. W. Reynolds and George Redick. The national association did not issue its usual handicap list this year. Heretofore a handicap list of golfers from scratch to five strokes has always been made up.

But this year it was decided to do away with the handicap list and prepare an eligibility list. No handicaps are given. Robert Gardner, national amateur champion, and Jerome D. Travers, national open champion, are accorded the distinction of having their names head the list, but all of the rest of the names are placed according to alphabetical order.

Chambers, Peters, Reynolds and Redick are among Omaha's best known golfers. Redick is the state champion and Reynolds was runner-up last year.

Program for Western.

The program of the eighteen annual amateur championship tournament of the Western Golf association, which will be held at Del Monte, Cal., and for which the Omaha Country club was an unsuccessful bidder, has just been issued. The tourney will be held July 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Entries for the tournament will be in the hands of the secretary by 5 o'clock that day.

On the first day an elimination round of eighteen holes will be played. The sixty-four lowest scores will continue on Tuesday morning in the qualifying round, which will also be eighteen holes. Thirty-two out of the sixty-four will qualify for the championship and the qualifying scores will be made by adding the eighteen holes of elimination round and the eighteen holes of qualifying round for a total of thirty-six holes. The second thirty-two will qualify for the President's cup.

First Round Eighteen.

Tuesday afternoon the first round of match play will be staged. The first round will be eighteen holes.

CANADIAN PILOT ENTERS THE Indianapolis Race.



Pete Henderson steps across the boundary line of Canada to the States and crawls in behind the wheel of a "Made in U. S. A." car with his head full of determination to win the Sixth International Sweepstakes Race on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 30.

Henderson is one of the youngest drivers in the game both in age and in experience, but neither has youth nor his limited experience deterred him from the ironical vow to make veterans do or die. That he has pluck was shown last summer when one of his team mates gave up a race at Burlington because of axle trouble. Pete looked the car over, yep, the axle was in a weakened condition, but Pete realized that motor racing is a chance from start to finish, so he took the car and finished the race with a broken axle. With such indomitable courage as this Henderson's friends believe he is destined to be a star and expect great things from him at the wheel of a Maxwell at Indianapolis, May 30. Originally he was scheduled to drive a Duesenberg, but has since joined the Frost-O-Lite racing team that owns four Maxwell cars. The Maxwell cars are being finished at Indianapolis and Pete is hanging around impatient to get going in practice.

Leading the Clevelanders on to Victory



LEE FOHL © INTL. FILM SERVICE

Taking hold of a losing team and bringing them up to the leaders is no small feat, yet Lee Fohl, the minor leaguer who was put in as manager of the Clevelanders, has been able to accomplish this climb. The Clevelanders were not figured in as championship caliber at the beginning of the season, but with Fohl's clever leadership and the ability of Tris Speaker, they are proving to be dangerous to the other leaders.

MEREDITH'S LAST CHANCE

Ted Will Have Opportunity to Beat Maxey Long's Quarter Record at New York Meet.

RACE ON BOARD STRAIGHTAWAY

New York, May 20.—If Ted Meredith is going record-seeking this summer he will have no finer chance to trip up that mark of Maxey Long's for the straightaway quarter mile than will present itself on June 4 at the Sheephead Bay Speedway. On that day the United German-American and Austro-American societies will hold a great carnival of sport in connection with American Liberty day at the speedway, and in the list of events will be a scratch quarter-mile run, to which the best double-furlongers in America will be invited. Meredith, of course, will be asked to start, and as the race will come just eight days after the intercollegiate championships in the Harvard stadium the doughty Quaker should be in the finest form of his career about that time.

The speedway track is a board one, but that will not prevent the acceptance of any record made thereon, if it is proven that the distance is correct in each case. The track has already been tried out by several crack runners, and to a man they have pronounced it to be the fastest going they have ever tackled. Herman Oberstussing, the official handicapper, was among the visitors to "the bay," and he, too, expressed the opinion that the present-day middle-distance runners, fit to do their best, can create a new set of records over the board surface of the two-mile oval.

Baker Favors Boards.

Homer Baker, the holder of the British half-mile championship, is one who believes that some records will tumble when the runners have their crack at records on the speedway. Baker is positive that both Meredith and himself can run the half-mile under 1:32 down the wonderful straight at Sheephead. Baker intends to see just what he can do in the way of running a fast 800 in the military championship at that distance, which will be contested at the Military A. S. sports May 27, not so much with the idea of going after the record as to get a line on the track.

King Eight Makes Great Run on Coast

An eight-cylinder King holds what is said to be the most grueling high gear test to which a motor car has ever been subjected by negotiating a most impossible highway from Los Angeles to San Francisco and return using an absolutely stock car with a stock gear ratio. This information comes to the King Motor company from I. B. Mears, assistant sales manager, who is on the west coast.

Leaving Los Angeles, despite the protests of motorists, A. G. Woodill at the wheel of the King with F. C. Jordan, Jr., of the Automobile club of South California, as official observer, this King started northward over the coast road, negotiating detours, muddy roads, the Gaviotta Pass and Cuesta grades, and ploughed its way into San Francisco with the shifting lever removed and the high gear sealed. Then to show that the car could be driven back to Los Angeles on the high gear, Woodill and Jordan returned to southern California over the inland route.

On the arrival of the King in San Francisco, F. C. Jordan, secretary of the state of California, inspected the transmission and differential seals. This is the first time, it is claimed, that a motor car had its differentials sealed so there would be no opportunity of changing the gear ratio. The gear ratio in the King that made this wonderful trip was standard in every respect. The English Motor Car company under whose auspices the trip was made has posted \$5,000 for anyone who can prove that this eight-cylinder King was not stock in every respect.

MARINE AND FIELD CLUB TO HOLD TENNIS TOURNEY

New York, May 20.—The Marine and Field club will hold its seventh annual open lawn tennis tournament, in singles and doubles, under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, beginning May 27, at Bath Beach. In addition to first and second prizes in both singles and doubles, the club offers in singles a challenge cup to become the permanent property of the player winning its annual tournament for three years.