A POST-MORTEM OF THAT "BIG RASSLE"

Melady Suggests Grapplers Be Compelled to Finish Bout Before They Collect.

DECIDE ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

BY FRED S. HUNTER.

That Joe Stecher and Edwin (Strangler) Lewis continue their match until one or the other was declared a winner, two falls out of three, as per the articles of agreement, was a suggestion made yesterday by Gene Melady, who promoted the event which proved so unsatisfactory to the large assembly of fans who paid out their hard-earned coin to see the grapplers engage in a slow

and tedious five-hour draw.

Melady made his suggestion yesterday noon at a two-hour conternce between Melady, Referee Ed Smith, Joe Hetmanek, Billy Sandow, Stran-gler Lewis and the three Omaha newspaper men who covered the

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In making his suggestion, Melady explained he wanted to do that which would please the public.

"I live in Omaha," said Melady, "The match was a disappointment. And while it was no fault of mine, I may be made the goat. I have earned a reputation as a promoter of clean sports. It is up to me to protect my name; it's the only thing I possess. And in order to protect my name I must protect the public, and that's what I intend to do, no matter what the cost.

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"If it is the consensus of opinion here," continued Melady, "that this match should be continued, it shall be continued, or I will not give the

of the match."

For two hours Melady's proposition was discussed pro and con by those attending the conference. Joe Hetmanek declared he and Stecher were willing to do whatever Melady thought was right, and that they would grant the proposed continuation. While he disapproved of the suggestion, Lewis also said he would continue.

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But Referee Smith took the other tack. He declared Melady's proposition was too fair. "If a ball game goes eighteen innings to a tie, nobody wants to see the continuation next day, and if the game is played over they pay again," said Smith. Also the match was ended Tuesday night. Every added minute jeopardized the health of the wrestlers. And neither one could wrestle further. I do not believe a resumption of the match advisable."

Public Had Enough.

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The three newspaper men had other ideas on the subject. "The world has had enough and couldn't digest any more," was the verdict of

"Regarding the present controversy over my decision of a draw in the wrestling match yesterday afternoon between Joe Stecher and Ed Lewis at the Melady stadium at the Douglas county fair grounds, I wish to make a brief statement. brief statement.

Violation of Articles.

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"My decision of a draw at the end of nearly five hours of wrestling by the contestants was in direct violation of the articles of agreement drawn up by Promoter Gene Melady and signed by both contestants, inasmuch as there is a clause in those articles which stipulates distinctly that "this contest shall not terminate in a foul or draw, but must be wrestled to a finish."

"That clause, generally speaking and under ordinary circumstances, would be all right, but an unusual condition developed at the close of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of thinking this match was to all intents and purposes finished when both contestants became so exhausted that further wrestling would have developed nothing and might possibly have terminated in permanent and possibly fatal injury to one or the other.

"In the name of all humanity the match was over and in this view that I took I was upheld by several prominent physicians who noted carefully the condition of the men. They were for having it discontinued some time before I disregarded the articles of later thing the contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition called for unusual action. To my way of this contest and that condition are provided to the first send of the trick provided to third days rac-ing of the Midwest Racing the the did the did the gr

nent physicians who noted carefully the condition of the men. They were for having it discontinued some time before I disregarded the articles of agreement and took arbitrary action. They completely approved and upheld my action.

Melady's Fair Offer.

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"Mr. Melady has made to me and the contestants one of the best and fairest sporting propositions I ever saw or heard of. He is willing to stage a continuation of the match at the same place and under as nearly similar conditions as possible and admit the public free to see it. Nothing fairer could possibly be suggested, but personally I can see little in a continuation of the match. It would be the same thing over again.

"As I have said, as far as I am concerned, the match was a finished affair when it became all too apparent that neither had an ounce of atrength left after three hours of wrestling. The stipulation in the articles regarding fouls is peculiar and certainly I as referee of the match, never would have given it a thought had there been any fouling of a serious nature by either of the contestants. The entire situation was changed by the peculiar manner in which the match was wrestled.

"Mr. Melady's proposition is what one might expect of a sportsman of his character and standing, but personally I fail to see that a resumption of the match would serve the purpose

JUST BEFORE THE FIVE-HOUR DRAW—Principals, managers and camp followers lined up in the ring a moment before Stecher and Lewis started on their disappointing wrestling grind. Reading left to right: Bill Hokuff, Carl Marfisi, Henry Murphy, Gene Melady, Anton Stecher, Joe Hetmanek, Joe Stecher, Ed Smith, Strangler Lewis and Billy Sandow.



at which he aims. The judge of play in this case, as in the cases of umpires in ball games and referees in glove contests, exceeds his authority when contests, exceeds his authority when he dictates to contestants the style or method of their play, unless in his opinion he sees some dishonesty. In this case there was no dishonesty charged or hinted at.

"All things considered, I carnestly advise an abandonment of all plans looking to a resumption of the contest at this time."

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Everybody Dissatisfied.

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"If it is the consensus of opinion here," continued Melady, "that this match should be continued, it shall be continued, or I will not give the wrestlers a penny.

Charge No Admission.

"I will stage the continuation at the fair grounds tomorrow or the next day and I'll make them wrestle until one or the other wins. And I won't charge a cent of admission. All I want to do is give the public a fair shake. It's the public I'm thinking of, not the wrestlers, nor the merita of the match."

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taking an unbiased view of the whole affair, both wrestlers had their share in the disappointing results. Of course, frm the standpoint of the public Lewis is due for the panning. But from the Lewis standpoint it was a Lewis match. The Strangler was perfectly within his rights when he played his defensive game. He went into the ring with the view of keeping away from Stecher until the end. He accomplished his purpose. To Lewis himself it was a Lewis victory. And it will mean thousands of dollars to the Strangler. He can flood the east and the south where he is a favorite, with publicity from Tuesday's match. And it will mean money in the Lewis Coffers. Lewis killed himself as far as Nebraska is concerned. He beat the public to win for himself. And although any man in the world probably would shave adopted similarly distasteful tactics to meather his own nest, very few paid out their money to see the match will have much besides abuse for Lewis affair, both wrestlers had their share

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digest any more," was the verdict of the scribes.

Therefore, the belief being the resumption would be of similar character to what had gone before, it was decided to write thirty and ring down the curtain on the whole doings.

Referee Smith, explaining his action in calling the bout a draw, made the following statement for the press:

"Regarding the present controversy over my decision of a draw in the wrestling match yesterday afternoon between Joe Stecher and Ed Lewis such that he other hand Stecher found himself completely baffled by the Strangler. Try as he did, he could not penetrate that defense. After the match Joe admitted Lewis was too strong for him, that he couldn't get behind him.

But there was one thing noticeable in the conversation of the fairs yesterday. Not a man disputed the integrity of the match. Not a voice was heard to suggest a fake. Everybody granted that both Stecher and Lewis wrestled absolutely on the square. And that is something at

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Club Editor Sees Endurance Contest; Now She Wonders What Is a Draw

Hurls Challenge

Big Bill Hokuff has hurled a chal-lenge to Strangler Lewis, who stayed almost five hours with Joe Stecher

almost five hours with Joe Stecher Tuesday.

Carl Marfisi, Hokuff's manager, yesterday offered to wrestle his charge against Lewis for \$500, and said the receipts might be distributed any way Lewis suggested.

"Hokuff can throw Lewis," said Marfisi. "Omaha never has taken Bill seriously, but he's a real wrestler and we're anxious to prove it. He can throw the Strangler and we'll risk \$500 on it. We'll split the receipts any way, or we'll give them to charity. We don't care about the money, we merely want to show that Nebraska has another real wrestler in Hokuff."

Joe Stecher Taken

Into Athletic Club

Joe Stecher became a member of the Omaha Athletic club yesterday

The entire membership committee swooped down on Joe yesterday after-noon and big doings were held at the Fontenelle hotel when Joe affixed his signature to one of the club's blanks.

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At the Strangler

Big Bill Hokuff

BY ELLA FLEISHMAN.

"Stecher's got to pin both of Lewis' shoulders to the mat. He'll do it in no time. That's a wrestling match."

With no other introduction to wrestling lore than this laconic explanation of a scoffing sporting editor, I picked out a blouse to match Gene Melady's and Joe Hetmanek's checked suits and went out to the scene of the wreal——, no it wasn't, either. The real wrestling match the sporting ed. had promised developed into an endurance contest which rivaled the European war in duration, at least, so the hungry, thirsty, faithful-to-the-last-moment crowd made up their minds.

"Pool1 There's nothing much to know about this wrestling game. It's a game of what'll he do next' so far as I can see. Our Joe and Strangler Ed are acting up like a couple of playful kittens," thought I to myself as I caught the dreamy look in Joe's eye and the insouciant smile of the Kentucky Strangler when they started out in their four-hour sparring bout.

"I wonder what the sport ed. meant by daring me to cover this story! If he thinks this is work, I'll dare him to write up the next big society wedding that comes off."

But many minutes the "playful kittens" played, and Stecher didn't "put on the scissors," as I expected. Neither did Lewis do any "stranging," as I was led to believe he would, indgring by his sobriquet. Only his head seemed to have found a comfortable resting place just in the hollow of the Dodge county prides shoulder, and that's the way he posed most of the ime.

Pretty soon I began to wonder why one of them didn't do something. Evidently the crowd got the same brilliant thought, too, for they began to flow and express their desire to have something liappen, too. A band master with a sense of humor began to flow and the serie of the two gladiators in the ring of the two plauditors in the ring long enough for them to really starts on the really starts of the two plauditors. The component of the world in the real with the crowd got of the same of the world in the real way to the serie of the world

In the hottest regions in Mexico the night breezes bring componention for the heat of the day, and the rains, which begin usually in June and lest until November, are so abundant and fall so regularly that they refresh the atmosphere in a great degree.

The "MILK WHITE" Dairy

AT OMAHA STATION

is Misunderstanding As to the Time Clause.

each for companies B, C and D, have been sent to Lincoln from the local recruiting station for United States volunteers. The recruiting station is located in the basement of the court house.

Brown, call the recruiting "slow work."

"There is a misunderstanding among most men regarding the time for which they are required to enlist," said Corporal Brown. "They seem to think it is three years. It is not. It is for such a time as the present unsettled conditions may continue, whether it be three months or three years or six years. The president may muster the volunteers out again at any time he sees fit. time he sees fit.

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RECRUITING SLOW

Officers in Charge Say There

SEVERAL SENT TO LINCOLN

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"It is important, however, to get men in now so that they may become hardened to soldier life and be of the greatest service if war does come." Among the recruits was John R. Alexander, 2603 Dodge street, a man with fiften years previous service in with fifteen years previous service in the regular army. He has many hon-orable discharges and expert rifleman

Semi-tropical productions have their homes in Mexico's temperate sone, min-gled with the products of hoth the tropical and cold regions. Extremse of heat and cold are unknown. There are farms here where wheat and surer can grow on the same parcel of ground.

recruiting officers, Sergeant Julius Festner and Corporal E. J. Brown, call the recruiting "slow

medals.
The Fourth regiment's new equip-

ment has arrived and, unless the ord-ers are changed, the regiment will leave for the south today.

The Wonderful Endurance of Ed (Strangler) Lewis Joe Stecher July Fourth was partially due to the fact that in his training he drank many quarts of FER-MIL-LAC every day. Lewis found PER-MIL-LAC to be the best regulator and strength builder will always use it. FER-MIL-LAC is whole, sweet milk, to which has been added the healthful Bulgarian Bacteria. It is good for healthy persons and for those ALAMITO

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SCORE IS NINE TO ONE

Boston, July 5.—Philadelphia defeated Boston, 2 to 1, today and went into s. Jond place. Rixey was a puzzle to the locals, allowing sbut three hits, one of which was a double, in the last inning, by fitzpatrick, who scored on two infield putouts. The visitors carned a run in the first invisitors carned a run invisitors carned a run in the first invisitors carned a run in the fir

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Cards Whip Reds.

St. Louis, July 8.—St. Louis won the last game of the series with Cincinnatt herrically, to 1. The game was a pitcher's duel between Williams and Toney, the latter being found for only two hits until the lighth, when the locals got two more. Sorie:

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Geakell Beleased.

Sloux City, Ia. July 5.—Prince Gakell, pitcher for the Sloux City Western learns have bell cutb wince the beginning of the enanch, was unconditionally released by President Ed Hanlen today. Gaskell was purchased from the Denver citb in the spring by Ed Hanlen. For the last two years he has been one of the leading huriers of the league.

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