

GREAT REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN RING SPORT NOW

Various States Legalizing Game, Others Contemplating the Move and California to Try to Lengthen Bouts.

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—With the recent enactment of law permitting 25-round boxing matches in Nevada and 20-round bouts in Idaho, followers of pugilism look for a revival of ring contests in the west which will, in a measure, approximate the days when the sport flourished here a half a dozen years ago.

It was in Reno that the Jeffries-Johnson championship bout was fought in 1910 for a purse which, up to that time, was the largest ever offered for a ring contest. Being on the direct line of transcontinental railroad travel, and within hailing distance of San Francisco, Reno suffered but little handicap in the matter of getting a crowd to witness the battle.

California is limited by law to four-round bouts. An effort is being made in the present session of the legislature to permit of 10-round contests. In the event that this is approved it still must be voted on by the people and sanctioned by them before it can become a law. According to the original plans of Tex Rickard, who is promoting the Willard-Dempsey championship bout, the fight was to have been staged on July 4, at a place not yet determined. Recent developments indicate this date may not be adhered to. According to reports, Rickard is said to have expressed the opinion that the celebration of independence day this year might take on a new solemnity, owing to the great war, which would make a boxing match out of keeping with the tone and spirit of the holiday, and arouse antagonism.

Both Reno and several Idaho towns are angling for the proposed contest. The former city has an advantage over its rivals in the matter of being selected by reason of the fact that 25 rounds may be fought in Nevada whereas the law of Idaho permits only 20 rounds. Other conditions which must be worked out by the promoter are accessibility, in order to get his crowd, and the financial inducements made.

Boxing Bill Before Iowa Legislature Goes Down to Defeat

Des Moines, Ia., March 20.—(Special Telegram)—The house defeated the boxing bill by Lake of Woodbury county, to license boxing matches, he vote was 49 for to 59 against.

All day sessions of Rathbun pardon probe committee in the house will probably be held Friday and Saturday. Friends of the public utilities bill in the Iowa senate today withdrew the measure from further consideration after it had been demonstrated by two test votes that it had no chance of passage. The principal objection to the bill was that it would take the rate-making power from local communities and lodge it with the State Railroad commission.

Athletic Carnival Will Be Held at Auditorium

The annual athletic carnival of the Omaha community centers will be held at the Auditorium April 10. The community centers are making preparations to celebrate "Welcome Home" week the first week in April. During this week the community centers will hold programs welcoming back the Omaha boys who entered their country's service during the war.

Joe Rivers Matched.

Chicago, March 20.—Joe Rivers, the Los Angeles lightweight, was matched tonight to box Richie Mitchell 10 rounds in Milwaukee, April 12.

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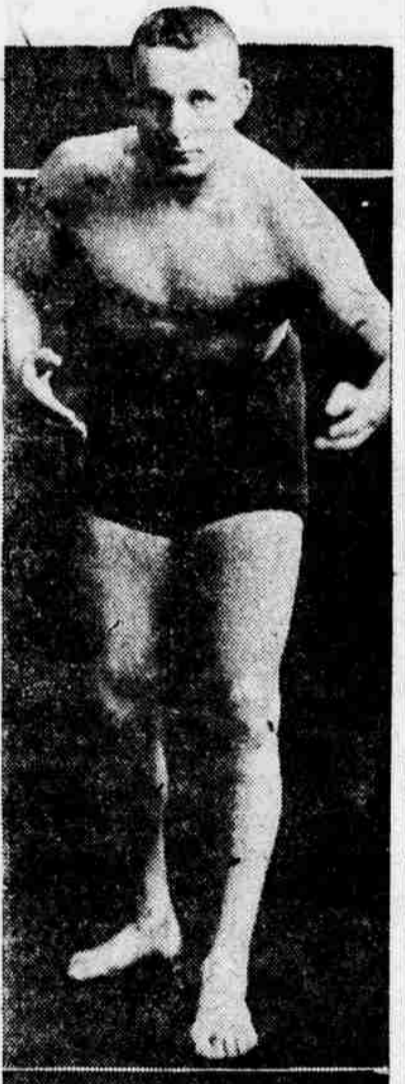
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Principals for All-Star Show At Auditorium On Hand

Card of Heavyweight Wrestlers Report in Good Condition and Each Confident of Winning; Main Event Contestants Biggest of the Lot.

Tonight's night we've been waiting for. This evening, John Pesek will get a chance to show us whether he is a real honest to goodness wrestling champion or just a small flash in the pan of powder. Everyone who has seen John wrestle against Charlie Peters, Steve Savage and the other mammoth man heavers has a little wager with some one else, or maybe just with himself, on tonight's match with John Freberg, the Swede champ.



JOHN FREBERG.

Western Union Employees' Bowling Party on Tonight

The Western Union employees, both women and men, will hold a bowling party on the Omaha alleys this evening. The employees have reserved the alleys for a couple of hours for the evening's fun. Refreshments will be served between games.

Western League Notes

All the Western League towns are getting up the usual amount of pre-season enthusiasm, if anything, a little more than usual, with a boom in athletics in general, after the war. The exception is St. Joseph. The Missouri town is in the air, as Jack Hanlon hasn't made any announcements lately, regarding what he intends to do with the club. It looks as if he will have to keep it in St. Joe, even if he has threatened to place it somewhere else. He can't put it in Lincoln, for there is no backing for it there and no ball park and he can't go east of Des Moines for there is no town that could support the club, close enough to the main circuit to keep the traveling expenses within reason.

Tulsa and Oklahoma City have taken hold of the base ball matters with enthusiasm. Jack Holland and Spencer Abbott are considered great fellows in the southern end of the loop. The fans of each of the Oklahoma towns are predicting a flag raising after the season closes.

Mayor Tom Fairweather of Des Moines has the fans all with him and everybody thinks the bunting will be a Des Moines possession. Funny thing about that old rag, every town in the league claims it is their property before the season starts. As a matter of fact, though, Des Moines should be right up there in the fight for it.

Even though Frank Isbell wasn't able to induce Harry Williams to play Western league ball again this year, he has a string of fan backstoppers and the rest of the team balances up pretty well, enough so that the Wichita "bugs" are in line with the rest of the western fans, claiming to have the real 1919 pennant winners.

Joplin has come back with a new lease of life since the business men of the town have taken over the team. Base ball matters look pretty lively in this burg. The Joplin Boosters' club has already reserved its section for the season in the grandstand.

Things looked rather dark in Sioux City for a while, but the situation has cleared up and the base ball sun is shining brightly, warming the followers of the club into predicting a first division club. This bunch is the only one in the Western loop that has not come out with a claim for the first place. All they claim is a first division club,

Sport Shorts

By KID GRAVES.

The bowlers at Toledo are falling away short of the high marks. In the great A. B. C. tournament, the two teams from Omaha pulled into the Ohio city yesterday afternoon and the local enthusiasts have an idea that some of the high marks will be shattered when the Gate City crews get the alleys. Between them the Beau Brummels and Read's Winners have a few of the best bowlers in the country. It is to be hoped that one of the other of the two Omaha teams will "smash 'em" enough to bring home the high mark of the entire tourney.

After he made such a brilliant start on the "comeback" trail, Willie Ritchie may be deprived of the chance of gathering further fame in the squared circle. His wife, it appears, objects to the ring game and has persuaded the former champion to forsake the gloves. Ritchie, however, has all over the country will be sorry to hear that Willie will box no more, for it was thought that he might get another crack at Leonard in a longer bout, or at least get a chance at some of the leading welterweights. It would be better for Ritchie to meet the welters than to go after another crack at Leonard, for the lightweight champion is the greatest student of boxing the ring game has ever known and the coast boxer would undoubtedly fall a victim to Benny's prowess in another encounter.

Much has been said of the wonderful ability of various boxers of the present age and the past decade and how some of them studied the game and the work of opponents. Kid McCoy, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Choynski, Johnny Kilbane, Jack Britton, Packer McFarland and Mike Gibbons were all great students of boxing, but in the past or present there has never been one who studies his man like Benny Leonard, present lightweight champion. A scrapper may make a mistake in the early stage of a bout with Leonard and perhaps it will result in his favor, but he will never get away with it a second time. They may shade Leonard in a bout, but if a second one is arranged, the champion will be a winner, for he will know pretty nearly every move his opponent will make. If Leonard and Willie Ritchie ever meet again, you can bet your bottom dollar that Benny Leonard will win. He knows all about Ritchie after that coast bout.

They have some women representatives in the Idaho legislature and it is reported that the women voted for the bill legalizing 20-round boxing matches. Yet we hear that women in politics will ruin all chances for a real man's pastime. These women who voted for the bill in Idaho seemed to refute these statements. What sport is more for men than boxing? Women seldom crowd into a boxing arena as the men do, yet these women voted for a measure that legalizes a sport for the men. It looks as if some women are even more broad-minded than some men. If all the women politicians are going to be like that, me for the suffragettes. By the way, bet \$1.13 the hole in a musty doughnut that these same women are re-elected at the next legislative election in Idaho and their majority will be overwhelming.

On the night of March 24, Jack Reynolds, welterweight wrestling champion will defend his title against Jack Finn of Belmont, Ia., in a finish match, best two out of three falls. Three years ago, before Reynolds won the welter title, these fellows met and Finn was the winner. Reynolds has grown some

since that meeting and will have an advantage in the weights, for Finn is a real lightweight. Two nights after the match, which will be held in Cedar Rapids, Ia., Finn will come to Council Bluffs for a bout with the featherweight champion, Vernon Breedlove. He will weigh in under 130 pounds for the Breedlove match. In order to be under that figure on the 26th, it is unlikely that he will be much over it at Cedar Rapids on the 24th. Reynolds will weigh close to 145 pounds.

The Boxing Board of Control, which body intended to have the late Colonel Roosevelt as president, has introduced a boxing measure in the New York legislature through Senator James J. Walker of New York City, legalizing ten-round bouts with a decision given by the referee and two judges. Maj. Anthony J. DiFelice heads the body and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood heads the committee on army boxing. Several army officials, governors and admirals are included among the patrons of the organization. With the backing of these officials, New York boxing fans have every hope the bill will be passed.

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