

LOCAL FANS ARE BILKED BY EDDIE KETCHELL'S K. O.

New York Featherweight Falls in Fear of Callahan's Right and Stays Down.

Upward of 2,000 Omaha fight fans were handed a raw one by "Fighting" Eddie Ketchell at Fort Omaha Monday night.

Skating Champion Accepts \$5,000 for Contests Overseas



Bobby McLean of Chicago, for a long time amateur skating champion of America, will shortly leave for Sweden to contest for a \$50,000 match with Oscar Mathiesen, the champion skater of Sweden.

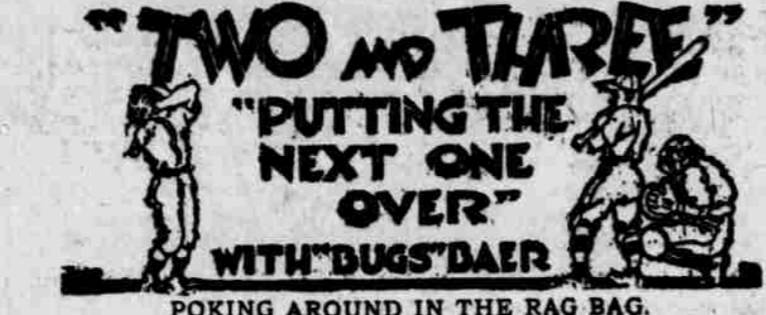
The remainder of the card was a good one, the four preliminaries and the semi-windup furnishing great entertainment for the fans.

Commerce High Coach Has Nine Games on Tap For Business Flippers

Coach Drummond of the High School of Commerce gave out his 1919-20 basketball schedule yesterday afternoon. Nine games have been booked for the season.

Tearney Confers With Dickerson; New Loop To Be Organized Soon

Grand Rapids, Dec. 22.—President A. R. Tearney of the Western and Three-Eye leagues, and E. W. Dickerson, formerly head of the Western league, held a conference Monday regarding the claim of Dickerson for \$6,000 back salary as president of the Western league.



STILL on the flatfooted trail of the saddest fighter who ever pulled off a glove. There are plenty. It takes more than one dumbbell to make a gymnasium.

Leaches Cross' brother, thought he would take a whirl on the ring and grab a few brass rings. Started as a semi-amateur in a knuckles tournament at the Irish-American club.

Sam only made two mistakes. One was thinking he was a fighter. The second was trying to prove it. He is a lawyer now and grabs all his rough stuff out of a book.

There is a kid busting around up around Buffalo and Syracuse who holds the record for parring 'em with the chin. He calls himself Battling Hurley.

Joe Grim's mosh was a keyboard on which all the Queensbury Paderewskies ran the scale and stretched double knuckle octaves.

But Joe's career is a chirp that should be saved for a spring day, when all the earth is gay and the cuckoos are nesting again in last year's Swiss clock.

CHURCH LEAGUE START SEASON'S GAMES TONIGHT

Four Fast, Snappy Games Promised, With All Players in the Pink of Condition.

Tonight's Games. M. E. Wines against Hanson Parks, 7:30 p. m. Peace Memorial against Presbyterians, 8:10 p. m.

The opening and final games of the evening no doubt will be the feature contests, as considerable rivalry exists between them.

Officials for tonight's contests are: Verne Moore, referee; Noble, umpire; William O. Blozies, timekeeper, and David Kubby, scorer.

Lightweight Champion Wins Press Verdict From Jake Abel

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, gained a newspaper decision over Jake Abel, local welterweight in 10 rounds of fast boxing.

Omaha Boy, Reported Missing Since War, Plans Xmas Surprise

Concordia, Kan., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram).—There will be an unexpected Christmas gift in the Lanark home in Omaha this week.

French Champion Ill and Moore to Meet Eugene Criqui

London, Dec. 22.—Charles Ledoux, bantamweight champion pugilist of Europe, is suffering from an attack of bronchitis and will be unable to meet Pal Moore, the American boxer, Friday night.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Baseball—Winter meeting of Cuban-American and Jockey club, at Havana. Winter meeting at Jefferson Parish Fair association, at New Orleans.

HARVARD SQUAD STOPS IN OMAHA ENROUTE WEST

Eastern Foot Ball Team Will Play On Pacific Coast—Coach Fisher Not Optimistic.

The Harvard university foot ball squad of 22 men passed through Omaha yesterday afternoon on their way to Los Angeles, Cal., where they will go into training to battle the crack Oregon university team at Pasadena, Cal., on January 2.

Among the stars who strolled about the depot platform during the 20-minute layover here were Eddie Casey, famous half back, who punted the Harvard team to many victories and is given a position on several All American teams; Billy Murray, diminutive quarter back and captain of the team, and "Desperate" Desjard, 200-pound right end.

Desmond, who is one of the roughest men in eastern foot ball, is a genuine Beau Brummel out of the game, his comrades say, and is quite at home at afternoon teas and ball-room floors.

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Actors' Benefit Show

The Time: Friday 2:30 P. M. The Place: BOYD THEATRE

It's to Be Some Big Show

with talent from the Orpheum, the Boyd, the Brandeis, the Empress and Doc Wagner's Saxophones from Ak-Sar-Ben.

Empress

TWO SHOWS IN ONE Three Mirrors—Edmonds and Rogers—Orren and Draw—Billy Scott—Photoplay, Geo. Walsh in "THE BEAST" Outline. Chester feature: Pathé Weekly & Mack Bennett comedy.

Dancing! PRAIRIE PARK

Twenty-sixth and Ames Aves. TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS By the Ben Hur Dancing Club Colfax 4923.

Carpentier Declares Walking Is Best Form Of Moderate Exercise

Paris, Dec. 22.—Walking is the best form of exercise for the man who wants to keep fit, according to Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, who is expected to fight Jack Dempsey some time during the summer of 1920.

"I attach the utmost importance to 'how to walk,'" said Carpentier. "Perfect carriage—the knowledge that you possess a full share of that poetry of movement which we call deportment—has a wonderful effect upon the mind, and as I hold that to be absolutely necessary in the striving after physical fitness I would put deportment down as the beginning of the alphabet of physical culture."

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Graduates Visit Team

Syracuse was one of the strongest teams in the east, he said, and its defeat by Nebraska was a great surprise. Although admitting that Nebraska has a "remarkable" team, Coach Fisher attributed Syracuse's decisive defeat to the difference between eastern and western foot ball.

Orpheum

ALBERTINA RASCH & CO., WILLIAM ERS. HARRY BREEN, JAMES J. MORTON, Sidney & Towley, Lee & Cranston, Kansasa Boys, Miss Robbie Gordon, Topics of the Day, Klugegrams.

Brandeis

OMAHA'S FUN CENTER! Daily Mat. 12-25-30c. Even. 25-30-75c. \$1. GALA HOLIDAY BOOKING—DAVE (Snuffy) MARION (HIM-SELF) AND HIS Own Company Musical Burlesque BABE LA TOUR, SID GOLD, WILL H. WARD, "Snuffy's" Famous Horse; Stun-ningly Covered Chorus. Xmas Mat. at 3:00. LADIES' DIME MATINEE WEEK DAYS Sat. Mat. & Wk: Jack Conway & Liberty Girls

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Coterie of Merchants In France Victimize Soldiers' Relatives

Paris, Dec. 22.—Relatives of soldiers who fell at the battle front are being victimized by cab drivers, hotel men, dealers in coffins and grave diggers, according to L'Information. The newspaper says this "odious exploitation of grief is such that it cannot be passed over in silence."

It is charged the worst cases of imposition occur in the Champagne and Somme regions, where unhappy pilgrims are charged from 60 to 65 francs for a six-mile drive. It is said the carriage drivers, in agreement with the innkeepers, invariably manage to miss the last train out of these regions so that the mourners are compelled to stay all night. Coffins of the cheapest grade, it is said, are sold from 300 to 400 francs.

BOYD

Tonight & Week. Mats. Xmas 3 P. M. and Saturday The Selwyn's Serve TEA for 3

Next Sunday, One Week

Mats. New Year's and Sat. AVERY HOPWOOD'S GALE OF LAUGHTER FAIR AND WARMER

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SEE Weavers of Speech Dec. 23rd & 24th at the Comfort Theater 24th and Vinton Sts. DON'T MISS IT Two Omaha Telephone Operators Playing the Leading Parts—A Local Production by the Nebraska Telephone Company

RIALTO offers William S. Hart in "John Petticoats"

Last Day DOROTHY DALTON IN "HIS WIFE'S FRIEND" Tomorrow—WALLACE REID

GEORGE WALSH, in "HIS WINNING STROKE" The Great Boat-Racing Romance in Pictures Episode No. 4—"The Black Secret" Comedy—"Just Neighbors"

MOON The Eminent Star J. WARREN KERRIGAN As an Irish policeman in the great, tense romantic drama 'THE LORD LOVES THEIRISH' "The Moon Beams for You"

WHY DID SHE MARRY HIM? FIVE OTHER MEN LOVED HER WITH AMAZING DEVOTION REX BEACH'S STORY THAT HOLDS THE HEART. 'THE GIRL FROM OUTSIDE' 'THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE SUN' SUN

Slippers and the Old Arm Chair Comfortable, shapeless old slippers, deep cushioned arm-chair, and a smooth-smoking Meditation—what luxury. Evening is the perfect time to enjoy the skillful blend of fine, mild Havana—the delicate taste and aroma that make Meditations lead in popularity wherever they are introduced. They are reasonable cigars but the quality can't be excelled at any price. After dinner tonight, try a Meditation. At all dealers' HARLE-HAAS CO., Council Bluffs, Ia. 8 shapes at 10c 2 for 25c and 10c straight