

WILLARD'S STORY OF HIS LIFE—SCHUYLKILL OARSMEN PREPARE FOR SUMMER REGATTAS

OARSMEN MAKE READY FOR STRENUOUS WORK ON SCHUYLKILL RIVER

Some Clubs Already Have Opened for the 1915 Season, While Others Will Follow Shortly—Managers Open Saturday.

The call of the water already has claimed the attention of a number of Philadelphia oarsmen, while others are planning for the near future when they will again paddle on the Schuylkill River.

The American Henley, Middle States and National regattas, in addition to other events of a club nature, will tend to keep alive the interest in this fascinating sport.

Manayunk Boat Club members are planning a royal time next Saturday, as they will throw open the doors to the members for the summer season.

The Bridesburg Boat Club will open its doors for the summer pleasures of its members May 1.

College Boat Club is never closed, though there is a lull in the activities during the winter months.

Crecent Boat Club members will enjoy a share of the fun of the summer when the oarsmen and their friends are held.

Malta Boat Club members are making preparations for the coming season, and in a week's time some of the members will be on the river in light training.

Pennsylvania Barge Club has started an eight and a gig crew in training. The first rowing on the water was held yesterday.

Fairmount Rowing Club has a centipede boat, and this crew first caught the water Sunday.

Two junior nights of the Vesper Boat Club were out on the water for the first time yesterday afternoon.

Powerboats and canoes of the Philadelphia club are being put in condition for this season.

Delaware River Club of Philadelphia has set the date for the opening, but at the meeting April 30, a day will be named.

Quaker City Boat Club men will be out in a week's time for their strenuous work.

Columbia Yacht Club season will be on in another week. The members are very eager to be on the water again.

BINGLE AND BUNGLE IN DIAMOND DOPE

Schuyler Britton, president, and Miller Higgins, manager, of the St. Louis Nationals, are in Cincinnati with the avowed intention of annexing Miguel Gonzalez and "Rube" Benton from President Herrington's club.

The Jersey City International League team lined up yesterday afternoon in a game at West Side Park with the strong West Side A. C. semiprofessional champions of Jersey City.

For his row with Umpire Fyfe in the opening game of the season at Washington Park on Saturday afternoon, Lee Magee, the boy manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was suspended for two days.

BELMONT PREPARES RACERS FOR N. Y. MEET

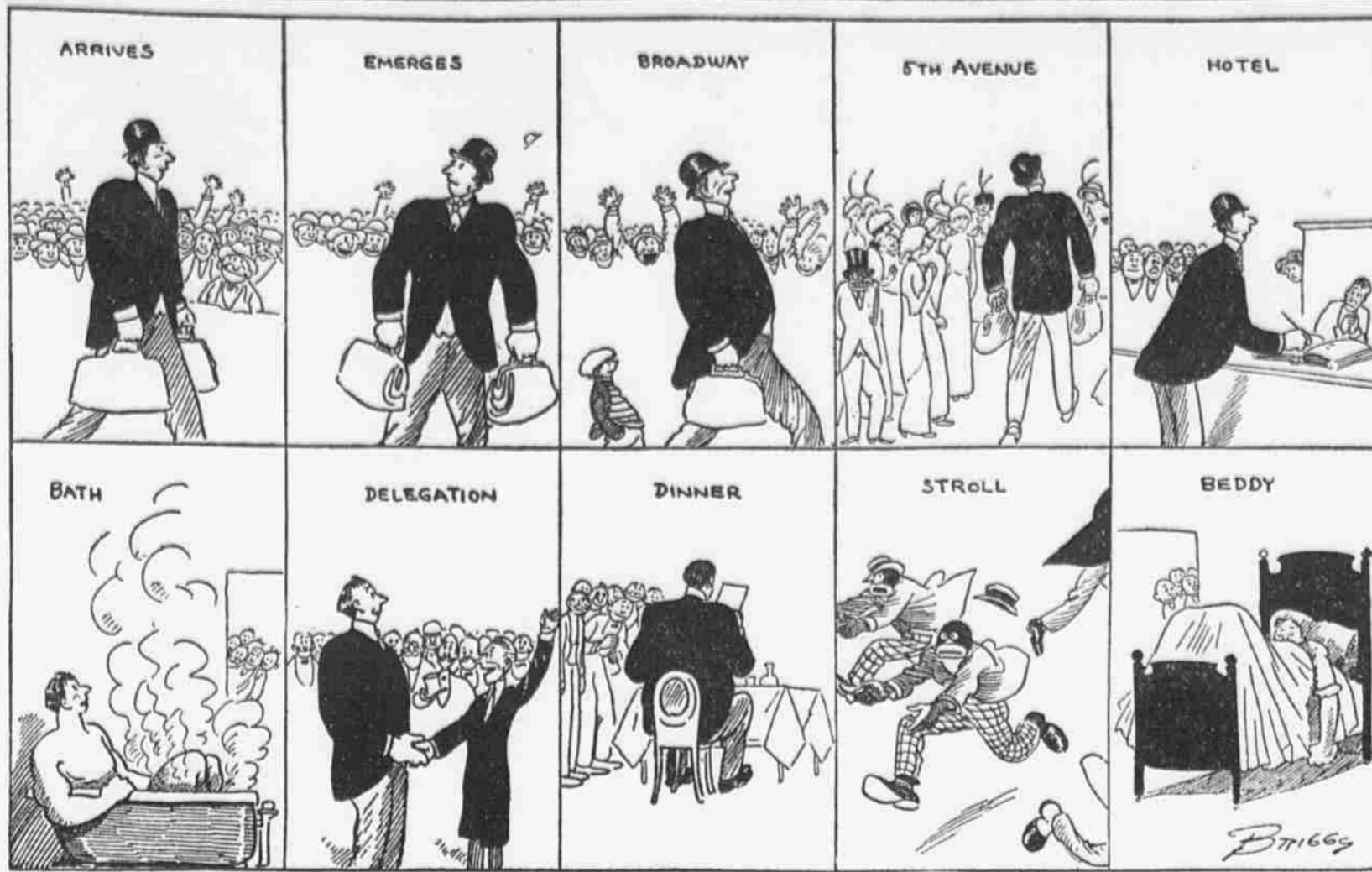
Hank Ramsey, the veteran minor league leader in New York yesterday to attend the International League meeting at the Imperial.

Manager Carrigan, of the Boston Americans, announces that he has released catcher Pratt, pitcher Cooper and outfielder Tutwiler to the Providence club.

C. Williams, the Notre Dame outfielder, who has been elected to fill Tommy Leahy's place in center field on the Cubs.

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MOVIE OF A KANSAS GIANT IN NEW YORK

KNOCKOUT PUNCHERS ON FAIRMOUNT BILL

Jack Farrell Fights Willie Lucas Tonight—Gus Christie and Ahearn Box Saturday.

Two knockout artists are billed as features on the six-bout program of the Fairmount A. C.'s weekly show tonight.

Jack Farrell, the 157 lb. heavyweight, will meet Willie Lucas, of Fairmount, in the main go.

Four bouts will also be featured on the program of the 18th Ward, which endeavor to hang a haymaker on the jaw of Seaweed Kelly.

First bout—Willie O'Neill, 17th Ward, vs. Joe Fulton, 16th Ward.

Second bout—Tommy Gibson, Germantown, vs. Tommy Blackburn, Fairmount.

Third bout—Jimmy Deane, 20th Ward, vs. Jack Kanrow, Southwark.

Fourth bout—Charlie Albers, Atlantic City, vs. Charlie Smith, 10th Ward.

Fifth bout—Sammy Cohan, 18th Ward, vs. Seaweed Kelly, Kensington.

Sixth bout—K. O. Jack Farrell, 17th Ward, vs. Willie Lucas, Fairmount.

Two heavyweight bouts scheduled in New York tonight.

Two little Italy battlers, Jimmy Corbett and Freddy Corbett, have been signed up by promoter Muggsy Taylor to appear in a star bout.

University Barge Club has been open since April 1, and while the crews are not definitely boated.

Harry Pollok and Dan McKetrick, New York night managers, have decided to promote championship bouts this season.

They have leased the Brighton Beach race track, which place has a seating capacity of 10,000.

Benny Leonard, New York's clever lightweight, who made a decided hit at the Olympia Club, is on the side.

A letter for Marcus Williams, of the Fairmount club, is awaiting claim in the Sports Department of the Evening Ledger.

OVERBROOK TENNIS MEETS Junior Team Organized and Games Scheduled.

Members of the Overbrook Tennis Club have organized a junior team for the coming season.

Billingsley, of the Philadelphia and District Tennis Association, will act as referee.

Contests have been arranged with several schools in the Philadelphia area.

A MATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

The American Century Club's baseball team has reorganized for the season.

The Sparrow B. C. is anxious to book Sunday games with teams having grounds.

The Borrelli A. C. will be newly uniformed this season.

The Penin B. C. is a fast 16-17 year-old traveling team.

The Wilkes-Barre Club, a fast 15-16 year-old uniformed team.

The Waltham A. C. would like to arrange games with all home teams.

The Wilson F. C. of South Philadelphia would like to arrange games.

The Southwark Men's Club is fast fitting its outfit.

The Keystone F. C., a fully uniformed 16-17 year-old team.

MOORE'S KAYO OVER O'BRIEN A SURPRISE

Southwarkite Stops Clever Opponent in Fifth—Tendler Adds Schneider's Scalp to Collection.

Willie Moore, Southwark's southpaw slugging scrapper, plucked the biggest plum of his career when he scored a technical knockout over Young Jack O'Brien.

After making a monkey—a fan in the two-bit section of the arena shouted at the beginning of the fourth round—out of Moore's features gave mute testimony of the damage done by O'Brien's straight left-hand punches.

O'Brien went tired in the fifth round, and he was unable to block, duck or sidestep Moore's underling terrific left. Followed by a right and another left.

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PENN UNFORTUNATE IN RELAY DRAWING

Quaker University Allotted Seventh Position in One-mile Championship Race.

The drawing for position at the pole in the Penn relay was held in order that this matter might be printed for the information of the various team managers.

Quaker University was very unlucky in its draw this season.

The relay management has sent out letters calling for final entries on Friday, April 15.

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"HOW I WON CHAMPIONSHIP," TOLD BY JESS WILLARD

Sneers of the Fight World Goaded Awkward Kansan to Realization of Ambition, Says Titleholder in Story of His Life.

Herewith is presented the opening instalment of Jess Willard's story of his own life. "How I Won the Championship" is the first authentic and authorized story of the new champion's career in and out of the ring and was obtained from him by Ed. W. Smith, famous fight specialist and referee. The day after the battle with Jack Johnson in Cuba.

Willard gave over the better part of an entire day in dictating the story and later embellished it with many notes.

By JESS WILLARD

Heavyweight boxing champion of the world. ARTICLE I.

Had it not been for the taunts and the sneering laughter that met me at almost every turn during the last three years it is doubtful if I ever would have persevered in my ambition to win the world's fighting title.

More than once I was tempted to quit in total disgust and go back to Kansas for the simple life of a breeder of horses.

More than once I told myself there was no use and I might as well acknowledge then and there that it was hopeless.

But the thought of quitting that way, the thought of an unrealized ambition that I knew would torture me the remainder of my life, the idea of leaving up a great purpose that I knew was possible of fulfillment spurred me on.

The sneer that I received when I met the champion of the world was not a bad thing. It made me champion.

was pretty much what they call a country jay, a big, green farmer, totally unused to city ways, along about the time that I was in the city.

Tommy Burns in Australia. That didn't excite people in this country very much, but when the defeat of Jim Jeffries came, on top of the feeling that Jeffries was only a white man, who had a chance with the negro, there was a lot of excitement.

It struck the little settlement where I lived and then it was that I first conceived my ambition some day to win the title.

That was in July, 1910, and mind it, at that time I had never even seen a boxing glove, let alone have a pair of them on my hands.

My father died before I was born, but left my mother in fairly comfortable circumstances, so that we got along well. I had two brothers, both of them big fellows—Robert and Marion—and both of them live in the southwest corner of Jackson County, Kansas.

After my mother died, my mother married a man, and they moved to Topeka, where my mother died about four years ago. We all loved our stepfather and he saw to it that we received as good a bringing-up as boys of his class.

He taught us correct principles and generally gave us an excellent start in life. While a farmer boy I married Miss Evans, whose father is still a farmer of excellent standing, a few miles east of Emmett, Kansas.

We have four children and you may be sure I am mighty proud of them. They are hardly old enough yet to be proud of their father.

My ambition was in Adrian township, which did not boast of a single town, but I generally call Emmett my home, though St. Mary's is the nearest town to the spot where I was born.

Next time I tell you something about the boyhood days in Kansas.

FEDERAL LEAGUE Yesterday's Results

Brooklyn 7, Buffalo 6. Newark 3, Baltimore 2. Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2.

Standing of the Clubs: Brooklyn ... 23 wins. Philadelphia ... 12 wins.

ATHLETICS PLAY BROOKLYN TODAY; DUE HOME TONIGHT

Dodgers Determined to Wipe Out Defeat of Yesterday.

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BEN TINCUP

Moran's Indian hurler promises to be one of the top-noppers for the Phillies this season.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS IN 11 GAMES TODAY

Southern Boys, After Slow Start, Rounding Into Shape. Brown Prep Shows Strength.

Catholic High School at Northeast High School.

Southern High School at West Philadelphia High School.

Friends' Central at St. Luke's School.

Brown Prep at Germantown Academy.

Cheltenham High School at Penn Charter.

Talbot Academy at Haddon Heights High School.

Frankford Fresh at Northeast Fresh.

Germantown Fresh at Central High Fresh.

Southern Fresh at West Philadelphia High School.

Strayer's Business College at Collinswood High.

Although the national pastime at Southern High School has received a rather slow start compared with previous years,

Coach Miller, of the Red and Black, is confident the downtowners will work well together after their diligent drilling in field and at bat for the last three weeks.

Miller believes he has a fast bunch of leather heads and that they will make a creditable showing in the Scholastic League race this year.

Manager Graham booked one of the biggest games on the Southern High team's schedule this year when he closed negotiations with Atlantic City High School for a game the third week in May.

Miller, doubling back in each round, after Jack got up unable to protect himself, O'Brien weighed 155 pounds and Moore tipped the beam at 142 1/2 pounds.

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CHAMPIONS LISTED BY A. A. U. SECRETARY

Indoor Titleholders Are Grouped in Their Respective Events.

Secretary Herman Meyer, of the Middle Atlantic Association of the American Amateur Union, has announced the list of indoor champions for the season just ended.

The association boasts of a powerful organization, and the records established during the season show conclusively the merit of the athletes.

The list follows: GYMNASTIC. Parello Bars—Henry M. O. Wandler, Philadelphia Turnverein.

Horas—William Kennington, Kensington Y. Club.

Club swinging—Mahon J. Nutt, University of Pennsylvania.

Swinging—Fred Fausner, Boys' Club of Church City.

Turning—George S. Barker, University of Pennsylvania.

INDOOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS. 20-yard championship—John Knight Shryock, Philadelphia Swimming Club.

100-yard championship—Edwin G. Schaal, Philadelphia Swimming Club.

220-yard championship—Robert Dippy, Philadelphia Swimming Club.

500-yard championship—Gilbert A. Tomlinson, Philadelphia Swimming Club.

1500-yard championship—Harold W. Buckland, Philadelphia Swimming Club.

2000-yard championship—E. J. Hervey, Reading Athletic Club.

5000-yard championship—Philadelphia Swimming Club.

10000-yard championship—Samuel Gerson, Central Y. M. C. A.

Punches for distance—Paul C. Romig, West Branch Y. M. C. A.

BOXING CHAMPIONS. 106-pound class—Willie Grover, Northside A. C.

115-pound class—Mittie Johnson, Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

INTERNATIONAL BALL LEAGUE OPENS APRIL 27

First Game Scheduled at Richmond Against Toronto Club.

New York, April 13.—The playing schedule for the coming season of the International League was adopted yesterday at the meeting of the club owners at the Hotel Imperial.

The schedule will only consist of 140 games. This is due to the poor season of the league in 1914.

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PHILADELPHIA BOWLERS SHOW IN NATIONAL MEET

Standing of All Contestants Changed in Yesterday's Play.

New York, April 13.—Changes in all events but the doubles were made yesterday in the standing of the first five leaders in the championship tournament of the National Bowling Association.

The scores follow: Singles—Howard E. Chickering, New York, 648; Leo C. Lucke, Brooklyn, 639; Theodore Smith, Philadelphia, 638; C. W. Mummert, Brooklyn, 637; Elmer E. Wood, 636.

Double—Walter and Smith, Rutherford, N. J., 1202; Dunbar and Wilson, New York, 1206; Siena and Fabian, New York, 1177; Christie and Lewis, Hackensack, 1170; Cattaragus and Le Harle, Montreal, 112.

Five men—Atlanta, Brooklyn, 2717; Manassas, Philadelphia, 2679; Melrose, New York, 2674; National Turnverein, No. 1, Newark, 2673; Roosevelt A. C., Newark, 2660.

GREAT TRACK AND FIELD MEET TO BE HELD BY CABLE

Chicagoans Enter Contests With Chinese and Porto Rican Teams.

LOCAL POLOISTS WIN IN WEST

Philadelphia's Defeat Boice Club in Exposition Match.

San Francisco, April 13.—The Philadelphia Club polo team yesterday defeated the Boice Club polo team in an exhibition match.

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TRAPSHOOTERS MEET AGAIN APRIL 19

After spending nearly four hours at the local trapshooters' meeting.

The trapshooters' meeting will be held on Monday night, April 19, at the same place.