NEBRASKAN SILVER-TONGUED ORATOR ALSO WAS VICTIM OF RUBY ROBERT'S POPULARITY

FITZSIMMONS WAS GREAT CHAMPION, BUT GREATEST FEAT WAS STEALING AUDIENCE OF W. JENNINGS BRYAN

"Sorry He Crabbed Guy's Act," Which Was Staged in North Dakota, but Crowd Simply Had to See Australian Ring Sensation

THE death of Bob Fitzsimmons removes one of the picturesque figures in the pugilistic world. Bob managed to keep in the public eye after losing the heavyweight championship and retiring from the game by appearing on the stage, where he made enough money to pay his expenses. He appeared here soveral times, and on his last visit, almost a year ago, made a speech from the Olympia ring. He always was popular in Philadelphia and received an ovation every time he appeared.

Unlike the champions of the present day, Fitz managed to keep busy when he were the crown. He did not devote all of his time to fighting and firing his anagers while traveling with a circus, nor did he take a couple of years off to uplift the stage. He was a born fighter, fighting was his business and he barrred none. Although he weighed just a trifle above the middleweight limit, he took on 200 pounders and managed to finish them in the heyday of his career. Nothing like that is happening these days. It is probable that Willard would be willing to meet Ted Lewis or Mike Gibbons, but our present champion seems to be afraid to meet any one who is even near his avoirdupois.

Fitz was the originator of the "solar plexus" blow, which he used with positive results on Jim Corbett when he won the championship at Carson City, Nev. Bob had some experience with that wallop and knew its effect as well as any one. He explained it to us one day about a year ago in Chicago.

"When I was a boy I worked in a blacksmith shop," narrated Bob, "and was kept indoors most of the time. I didn't like it, so one day I played hookey and went over to the football grounds where a match was in progress. I walted outside the same as the boys nowadays at the ball parks, and when the football was kicked over the fence I grabbed it and brought it into the grounds. Instead of tossing it on the field, I hurled it with all of my strength at the captain and the ball bounced off his face. Before I could escape, the trate man caught me and gave me the first and worst beating I ever received.

647 NEVER forgot that whipping and it was my desire for revenge that caused me to take up boxing. I practiced with every one I could get, but instead of using gloves, I used heavy leather mitts, made out of the blacksmith's apron. There was no padding. I soon developed a punch and started out to meet all comers. I never met that football captain again, however, much to my sorrow.

Discovered the Solar Plexus Blow While Playing Cricket

667THE solar plexus blow which defeated Jim Corbett and gave me the heavyweight championship of the world was discovered by myself one day when I was playing cricket in Australia. I didn't know the scientific name or anything like that, but I was well aware of the effect. I tried to catch a batted ball driven straight at me, but didn't get my hands up in time. The ball struck me under the heart and for almost one-half hour I lost all interest in the game and everything else. I never forgot that vulnerable spot and always kept it in mind when in the ring. I used it many times, but never got any publicity about it until my fight with Corbett. It was a great punch and Jim will agree with me.

"I had many amusing experiences in the United States after I won the champlenship, but one stands out in my mind as the greatest thing that ever happened. I was traveling through North Dakota one day, and had to change cars at a small station. It was during the presidential campaign and politics was the principal topic. When the train pulled into the station, a huge crowd was gathered across the street listening to some orator. It soon became noised about, however, that Bob Fitzsimmens just had stepped off the train and the crowd grew restless. Several persons came over to see me, and soon there was a rush for the train. I was forced to climb upon a baggage truck, when I was cheered and asked to say a few words. I never was much of an elocutionist, but I managed to tell them how glad I was to see them and 'eccived some mor cheers. In the meantime, the political orator was addressing only three or four faithful friends

"I'm sorry I crabbed that guy's act,' I said, when I noticed how gamely the orator was sticking to his task. I had no idea who he was, and felt sorry for him. 'Who is he, anyway?' I asked.

"You can imagine my surprise when some one said: 'Why, that's William Jennings Bryan!

"I almost fell off the baggage truck, for it was an honor in those days to make a speech in opposition to the silver-tongued orator and steal his audience."

THERE is some doubt about Fitzsimmons's last appearance in the ring. Some say it was in Williamsport, Pa., on January 29, 1914, when he boxed K. O. Sweeney, but Nick Hayes says the dope is wrong. Bob's last fight was in South Bethlehem on February 22, 1915, when he beat Jersey Belleu, a big miner, . six rounds. Nick is positive of this, because he ran the show, was matchmaker, took Fitzsimmons up there and refereed the

Battle of Fullbacks Will Be Staged on Franklin Field Saturday

WHEN the University of Pittsburgh and Penn line up for the annual argument next Saturday afternoon, one of the most important gridiron battles of the year will be fought. It will be Penn's last chance to regain lost prestige and the chances are it will be SOME job. The Red and Blue has a good team, but as yet It is not working smoothly. The coach will have to work hard this week to get the eleven in shape, or there will be a cloud of gloom surrounding Franklin Pield before sunset. Last year Pitt beat Penn by the score of 20 to 0. There was soubt about the legality of the touchdowns, but nothing like that is likely to happen this year.

It will be interesting to compare the work of Berry, Penn's sensational fullback with that of George McLaren, Pitt's battering ram. These two athletes are stars of their respective teams, and it is possible that the attack will be centered around this pair. McLaren has done wonderful work this year and is a consistent performer, while Berry is more or less of a flash. He has his off days and at those times his work is sad. However, both players will be keyed up to the highest pitch on Saturday and some good football is looked for. Penn met with one reverse this season when Georgia Tech walloped them in a game at Atlanta. Pitt has not been defeated and ran up big scores against Lehigh and Syracuse. The opening game with West Virginia was hard fought, but Warner's men triumphed by the score of 14 to 9. This probably was the hardest game on the Pitt schedule.

Warner's men are not invincible, despite the glowing reports trickling in from the City of Smoke. Hastings, De Hart, Morrow and Esb Peck are missed and their positions are not yet filled. Siahl is playing a desultory game at center and the backfield lacks the suap and dash that characterized the work last year. There is no suitable quarterback on the team and the punting is poor. Penn should not be counted out as yet.

IF PITT triumphs Saturday the team probably will go through another season without a defeat. However, Penn is the big game and the Pittsburghers would rather win that contest than any other. They will have a hard battle with Washington and Jefferson on November 10, but are willling to take chances on that if the Red and Blue is vanquished. Penn also is desirous of taking this game and wiping out the sting of the defeats of the last two years.

BAN JOHNSON apparently is making good his threat to leave the American League flat and join the colors. The battling president of the junior circuit, who is responsible for the continued success of the organization, wants to do his bit and will try to get away with it despite his age. Ban has set an example for others to follow, principally his nervous ball players. The exar of baseball cannot be called a slacker.

**WHAT was the price paid for Eddie Collins by the Chicago White Sox?" writes a Reader. Eddie's reported purchase price was \$50,000, but this is not official. His salary is said to be \$12,000 a year for five years. The contract still has two years to run, so Eddie should worry.

BASEBALL BUG wants to know if a base runner has to touch base again if A he starts for second after overrunning first base on a single, when the throw is wild. The runner need not touch the bag again and can start as soon as he discovers the error.

THE poems of Grantland Rice, golfer, baseball specialist and sport critic de luxe, whose verse would be better than his prose were such a thing possible, will be nablished in book form shortly. D. Appleton & Co. announce that they will bring them out in a volume to be called "Songs of the Stalwart."

BILL RAFTEP, the Syracuse U iversity athletic star, is now acting as chauffedr for an American army officer 'somewhere in France." In a letter received by the father the collegian tells of a ball game played in the King's Garden, Paris, fow weeks ago. Young Rafter was batting against Jerry Creel, former Williams ege player, and made a three bagger that won the game. So delighted was the will Rafter's timely wallop and all-round play that they presented him with writt watch and eafety rasor set.

W REPORTING the second game of the world's series in Chicago, La Prensa of same isendined as follows: Horrible Explosion De Los Pitchers Del New upp Explota En El Segundo. And we might add without fear of sucn, in regard to the sixth session? "Horrible Explosion De Heinle re Fora. Zim Expicts une big bone en el quitto."

MOVIE OF A GUEST CRACKING A THREE-MINUTE EGG



FITZ JR. QUARRELS OVER 'RUBY'S' BODY

Young Bob Debates With of Late Fighter

NOT TO ATTEND FUNERAL

CHICAGO, Oct. 23. Without waiting to attend the funeral f his father, who died before his son could each his bedside, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jr., is e his way East today after a quarrel with is stepmother over funeral arrangements. It is understood that young Fitzsimmons anted his father's body cremated and the dow insisted upon burial and an elaborate uneral ceremony. The son and the widow dso are reported to have disagreed over he disposition of some of the personal etcts of the dead fighter.

I have a commussion as boxing instructor in the United States army, a lock of my dad's hair in my pocket, the return end of a round-trip railroad ticket in my pocket and deer walting for my gun," said young Fitz as he left Chicago. "I'm off. I don't care to have anything more to do with the harms of my farther or the results."

ourial of my father or the widow."

The body of the dead fighter will be uried here tomorrow after services at the Moody tabernacie. The Rev. Paul Rader, noted evangelist, will officiate.

YALE MAY ORGANIZE AN 'INFORMAL' SQUAD

Games Will Be Arranged With Teams From Outside Military Camps

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 28. Vale's first attempt to form a varsity athetic squad since the war began was aned today by Prof. Robert Corwin as head of the athletic committee has been given power to arrange sch athletic meets

as seem advisable this fall.

After conferring with Captain Winfield Overton, who is in charge of Yale's military instruction, he stated that an informal upper-class squad may be organized to meet teams outside Yale, although it will not be technically a varsity squad. The games arranged will largely be with teams from military camps.

ARTISAN LEAGUE STARTS SCHEDULE TOMORROW

Three Sections to Compose Bowling Circuit This Year-All Games to Be Played Wednesday Nights

Three sections will compose the Artisan Bowling League this season and competi-tion will get under way tomorrow night. Sections A and B will roll their games At the Keystone alleys and Section C will play at the Terminal. Because of several of the stars being in the service, all games will be

Following is the schedule: SECTION A

Fidelity vs. Bartram. Underdown vs. Southwestern. Northwestern vs. Adelphia.

SECTION B

St. Paul's vs. Union. Oak Lane vs. Progressivs. Underdown vs. Spartan. Lehigh vs. Northwestern. SECTION C

Harmony vs. Lehigh.
Gleard vs. William Patton.
Larchwood vs. Energetic.
Northwestern vs. Germantown.
All games will be played on Wednesd vs.
evening of each week. Teams failing to report will lose by forfeit.

TWO CHANGES ARE MADE IN PENN STATE ELEVEN

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Oct. 23 .- Two changes on Pennsylvania State's backfield have been made by the coaches as their first move to speed up the offense. Way, who made State's longest gains against the Washington and Jefferson eleven, will play quarterback. Bill Ullery, freshman quarterback last spring, who won Harlow's praise for his performance last Saturday. ent in at fullback.

STAR SHOW AT SOUTHERN

Charley Thomas and Young Lawrence Meet in Bout Thursday Night

Charley Thomas and Young Lawrence Charley Thomas and Young Lawrence will appear in the windup of a well-bal-anced show at the Scathern A. C. tonight. The club is under the management of Frank Donato, and Vito Collonna is the new matchmaker. Willie Spencer boxes Joe Bradley in the semt. Battling Mack vs. Harry Frank. Young Sharkey vs. Charley Patrone and Battling Edwards vs. Frankie Rich are the other pumbers.

PASSING OF FITZSIMMONS ROBS BOXING OF GREAT CONSTITUENT OF ANCIENT PROFESSION AND PASTIME

Stepmother About Burial Freckled Wonder, Like Epeius of 2000 Years Ago, Had Paralyzing Blow and Also Resembled Skillful Entellus of Long Ago

> With Robert Fitzsimmons passed away part of Entellus and Mr. James J. Corbett a protagonist of an ancient profession ored, says an editorial in the New York if Epelus and the subtle skill in attack of Entellus. Indeed, he resembled both. It will be remembered that when Epelus, builder of the wooden horse, knocked out Euryalus at the games that were held to do honor to the shade of Patroclus, and hattered Euryalus lay prone and witless of

Brave Epcius took him by the hand, and raised So in our day Mr. Fitzsimmons had pity on the state of Mr. John Dempsey in their no less classic encounter at New Orleans praying his seconds to lead the spent hero of many unsulfied triumphs from the ring. Mr. Fitzsimmons was the modern Entellus. Dares, the Trojan, defied all comers at the games in memory of Anchises. Mighty in stature and formidable in brawn was Dares, There was a fearful silence, and hearts sank low, until Entellus, the Sicilian, cast his blood-stained cesti into the ring. He comes down to us as an aged, ill-favored but But in the uproar old Entellus scrambled to his feet and, evading the rush of Dares, used both his equity-clad hands with such

and to an encounter so hopeless for Dares. A good deal more than 2000 years later Mr. Fitzsimmons, at Carson City, played the their honor, are of the same opinion. HOURLESS MAY RUN AGAIN MATTY MAKES \$50,000 AGAINST OMAR KHAYYAM

Match Race Expected to Be Arranged for Pimlico Track November 8

It appears now that the rivalry between Hourless and Omar Khayyam did not end for the season with the match race at Laurel last Thursday. There is likelihood of another special event, but both are en-gaged in two important stakes at the Pimileo meeting and the trainers of both horses are pointing them for these events which may enable Houriess to even up the score, or Conar Khayyan to sedem him which may enable Houriess to even up the score, or Omar Khayyam to redeem himself for his only defeat by flouriess.

The event in which they are most likely to come together again is the Pimlico Autumn Handicap, for three-year-olds, which will be run on November 8 at a mile and a quarter, the distance of the recent match.

BASKETBALL NOTES

match

The A. M. H. Baye Club baskethall team will be represented this year by three respective teams, the first, a fourth and fifth class team; the second, a sixth class team, and the third, a sewach class team. All teams wishing games with any of the above teams and having halfs please motify Nathan Faul Frank, care of the Swints and Laboua Spurts Department.

The Bandolph A. A. Junior, an eighty-five-pound baskethall leads and coacted by Israel Geventer, South Phiadelphia High School's star guard, would like theur from teams of that weight and having halfs, Israel Geventer, care of the Starr Gardon Recreation Center, Seventh and Lombard streets.

The Essex A. A., a first-class basketball sum, would like to hear from all teams having sails, preferring teams from the lirotherhood casque. Out-of-town games also wanted for saturday nights. William C. Bechler, Jr., 1413 South Third street.

The Berkeley basicthall team is open for en-agements at home or away with any team be-ween the ages of seventeen and eighteen. Wil-on L. Gamble, manager, 2030 Federal street.

East Park, 'a first-class haskethall tenfit, would like to arrange games at home for Saturdar evenings, Milton Weer, 2741 North Twenty-fourth sirect.

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heroes of antiquity to sleep, for they had no "straight left," and the forcarm blow, the "jolt," which Mr. Fitzsimmons brought to such perfection, was unknown to them. They swung and they hammered, and both domer and Virgil tell of the "falling blow Thus Epeius full on the cheek of Euryalus "let fall a staggering blow." The Greeks allowed no wrestling, no grappling; their rules for boxing resembled the conditions frawn up in 1867 by John C. Chambers, since known as the Marquis of Queensberry rules. As for the brutality inseparable from those old encounters with cesti (from our oint of view, it was scarcely worse than what was seen on the Farnsborough turf when Tom Sayers and John C. Heenan battled savagely for more than two hours with bure hands (pickled in the case of Sayers) for the championship of the world

Mr. Fitzsimmons never went to Congress, as did Mr. John Morrissey, pride of the Bowery, in New York's unregenerate days. They were different types, but even Tammany Hall would hesitate now to give its countenance to a champion pugilist. The sinewy man, apparently no match physically for champion Dares. It was a tremendous battle, and all seemed to be over for Enteisus, when, "trying for a kneckout," he missed his "lead" and fell heavily in the arens. empty to see a bout for the championship. Mr. Fitzsimmons was first and last a glad-lator, and in our day, while we admire manly courage and put the skillful boxe punishing effect on the Trojan that Aenas, to save that hero from a knock-out, waved the aggressive Entellus aside and put an end to an encounter so hopeless for Dares. A good deal more than 2000 years later Mr. In France, and some of the guild, to

SALE OF LIBERTY BONDS

Cincinnati Players Assist in Work of Subscriptions to National Loan

CINCINNATI, Oct. 23 .- Among the subscriptions to the Liberty Loan here has been one of \$50,000 through Christy Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Baseball Club.

Mathewson is devoting his entire time as a evolunteer worker in obtaining sub-scriptions to the Liberty Loan.

Helne Groh, another member of the Cinnnuti club, also is soliciting subscriptions. and Hal Chase has wired from Kansas City that he would arrive in Cincinnati today and assist in the work.



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MRS. G. H. STETSON MAY PROVE TO BE REAL GOLFING SURPRISE OF YEAR IN BUMM MEMORIAL CUP TOURNEY

Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Vanderbeck and Miss Caverly Have Long Been Supreme Among Women Golfers of Philadelphia

By PETER PUTTER

THREE or four years ago, and even fur-ther back than that, with reference to three Philadelphia goifers, most stories about women's golf matches in this city read this way:

read this way: "The golf tournament today was won by (Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Vanderbeck, Miss Caverly.) Fill in name to

For years the finalists in nearly every big local tournament were Mrs. Caleb Fox and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow. Between them they have won eleven of the twenty local championships, and they have been run-ners-up in eight tournaments for the title. hers-up in eight fournaments for the title. For a stretch of twelve years the title in every instance has gone to either the one or the other, with the exception of three times, when it was won by Miss E. Noblet, Miss Frances Griscom, the first Philadelphian to win a national championship, and Miss Mildred ("averly.

While Mrs. Chirence H. Vanderbeck has won both the national and eastern title, she has never won the local championship.

The Triumphant Four

But the time seems to be coming when ew faces will be found in the finals of our big matches. For years all the big tourna ments other than the local championships have been won by Mendames Fox, Barlow and Vanderbeck and Miss Caverly. One might as well have put these four women in the semifinals and let them light it out for the chief honors and cut out the qualifying round and the other match play rounds.
This has been due, of course, to the superior golf of these four women.
The same has been true of medal play

ontests. We could usually depend upon ne of the four to win the medal, for the ow score, and in cases where the event was a medal play affair throughout the same was true. The Geist Cup is an instance in point, for it is a medal play contest. It has been won outright by Mrs. Barlow, who has won the event either four or five times. At any rate, no other woman player has ever had a leg on it.

This has not been true of the men. A. H. mith first won the local title years ago, and since that time at least a dozen different men have won it. Where we have the women no one could say, except in the days of Harold B. McFarland or Howard W. Perrin, who would win the men's after the qualifying round was over.

Sensible Change Made

When it was originally announced that the Belle Steelman Bumm Memorial Cup was to be a medal play event a groan went up from the great majority of the women. How Mr. Fitzsimmons would have acquitted himself in the Greek and Trojan ports can only be conjecture. With bare hands he should have sent some of the for it was universally felt that not one of than had a look in against the four women who have been mentioned. The women wanted a chance for their white alley for there was a likelihood that one of then could win the final round even if the ances were more probable that one of he four would win it.

All of which brings us to Mrs. G. H. Stet-on, of Huntingdon Valley. We have not ward so much about her, for while she as for several years been in the first flight the has usually gone down to defeat before the day of the final round. She is a pupil a Dave Cuthbert and Dave has been boosting her for some time as a coming cham-tion. She has been the finalist at Shawnee ence and possibly twice. She has won the championship at Deland, Florida many times. But beyond that she has done noth-ing to bring her into local prominence. The ranks of the women golfers are

filled with temperamental golfers. They are maying a wonderful game one week and giving an entirely different brand of golf the text. But according to Mrs. Fox the best cature, or one of the best features, of Mrs. Section's game is her splendld goffing tem-perament, which, she says, is almost ideal. the local golf association last year she it is five, and this speaks volumes in itself.

Mrs. Stetson Surprises Field

The women, greatly to their surprise yesterday at Whitemarsh Valley when they turned in their scores, found that Mrs. Stetson was low by two strokes, and with the best players in very early there was not a chance in the world of any one beating her very excellent score of 94, and sure enough it was not besten.

Any woman who can play the difficult and long Whitemursh Valley course in that number of strokes ought to win most of her matches, and the women believe that alle will reach the final round if the draw is at all favorable. Of course, if she has to meet such players as Mrs. Fox, Mrs. C. Bar-low, Miss Caverly or Miss Chandler she will have a hard time of it. Otherwise

there is almost a certainty that she was be in the final round. And the women will be giad if she wins, not that they love Mrs. Fox or Mrs. Barlow or Miss Caverly less, but they think the time has come when some other woman ought to come to the

front.

There is every indication that Mrs. Statson and Miss Caverly will meet in one semifinal and Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Barlow in the
other. But golf is a game of upsets, and
the man or woman who tries to predict the
outcome of golf matches is hunting trouble.

CAGE OUTLOOK IS REALLY COMPLEX

Eastern Cage Moguls Hope to Straighten Bad Tangle Tomorrow Night

JERSEY CITY MAY ENTER

The Eastern Basketball League, according to the present outlook will get away to the poorest start in its history, and when the many adverse conditions which surmount the organization are considered it can be said the affairs are really middled.

At last night's meeting Greystock was forced to forfeit its franchise, and it has been offered to the Rev. Father McGinley, of Jersey City, who will give an answer as to whether he will accept tomorrow night.

In case he refuses it will possibly stay right here in Philly, as Dr. Charles Empey, former Camden magnate, is anxious to return to the game and is willing to take the open place provided he can make a deal of the Cana for their case and as well as the case and as well with the Greys for their cage and stands.

The names of the professionals retained by the various clubs have not as yet been all announced. Reading has Morris, Begg and Haggerty. Trenton has picked Tome. Newman and Franckle, and Manager Myers, of De Nerl, has signed Joe Dreyfuss, Tom Barlow and Johnny Backman. The latter played with Reading last season, but had previously been connected with De Neri. M inager Kennedy, of Jasper, is busy picting his squad. He has lost Fox and Sedran, who have gone to the State League; Days Kerr, who is now in France, and Friedman. Marty had hoped to play the home games. He is enlisted in the aviation corps, but has sent word he cannot play at all.

"Basketball doesn't owe me a nickel," said Joe Fogarty. "I got mine when the get-ting was good. But even at that I think I could fool 'em for a while longer." Joe is willing to take charge of the Greys and direct its affairs as a traveling team, if for any reason a sixth club is not secured. but the magnates will never agree to any such arrangement.

Rookwood opened the season on Saturday night by defeating the strong Keystone Club, of the Brotherhood League, by the score of 48-26. The work of Captula Irvie Thompson was the feature of the game. Rook-wood goes to Freeland next Saturday night

MEEHAN AT THE CAMBRIA

Fat Boy to Box Leo Houck Next Friday Night

Willie Mechan, the fat boy from San Francisco, who won from Jack meet Leo Houck, of Lancaster, in the final bout at the Cambria Club, Friday night. In the semifinal Danny Pavese, of Newark, will encounter Charley McKee. The preliminaries follow: Patsy McBride va. Frankie Riley; Jimmy Patton vs. Tommy Golden; Goodie Welsh vs. Young Tierney.

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