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## SEVEN GAMES PLAYED IN BIG CLASSIC

### A NEW RELIGION BY JIM JEFFRIES

The Heavyweight Who Will Take a Try at Knocking Out Satan, Interviewed.

IT'S NOT SUDDEN

The Old Champion Was Thinking About It Even When Running Saloon.

(By Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press staff correspondent) (Copyright, 1922, by United Press)

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"In his corner, Jim Jeffries, in the other corner Satan, the styx club K. O. Kid.

When Jeff becomes a preacher, and steps into the ring for Jehovah, he will have an entirely new brand of religion for America, he told the United Press today.

"My God is a reasonable God" ex-claimed the old champion, carefully.

"He don't care so much about what note a man takes to Heaven, just so long as he knows where he is going and is bending every effort to get there."

Jeff—Once known as the California grizzly, who in his time stood under the glare of the ring lights and saw mighty Bob Fitzsimmons and Crafty Jim Corbett fall, senseless from his hammer blows—expounded his gospel slowly and carefully, weighing his words.

"God isn't petty," said Jeff. "He's great and just. He'll take everything into consideration on judgment day.

"He doesn't condemn wines and liquors—it's the drunks he condemns.

"He doesn't put the ban on tobacco and he doesn't think profane language is a cardinal sin.

"Those are all trivial points of human nature. As long as they remain trivial they'll be relatively small on judgment day, although some people manage to get a gigantic perspective in some one individual point.

"It's the tobacco stained soul, the polluted heart, that God's not going to pass by when you come before the judgment seat on the last day.

Jeff pauses a moment before scorning his verbal points then smashes them over with a flash in his eye as if he were swinging rights and lefts to the jaw.

"God sees you as you are—not as you appear to be on the surface—and you're going to receive judgment accordingly."

There is no hope for gilded sinners Jeff made clear. Those who are black inside but put up a "religious front" might as well get ready to go to hell right away.

The old champion whose last fight was with Johnson in 1910, said he hadn't "had religion" suddenly. He had been interested in the Bible for many years, he said. His father was a preacher.

Even when he was running a saloon on Spring street, Los Angeles, standing up to the bar drinking his own beer, he was thinking about the hereafter. He got more and more interested as he watched his friend A. F. Puterer, Bible student, writing a book of Bible commentaries, he said. Now he's figuring on hitting the sawdust trail to the pulpit in about three months.

He's worth about \$1,250,000 but he's selling the bloodied stock of his Burbank ranch, apparently getting his business affairs in shape to "fight the devil from God's corner."

### MARKETS GOING UP

The local grain and butterfat markets took a boost this morning, wheat advancing five cents per bushel; yellow, white or mixed corn, eight cents per hundred bushel; new oats, one cent; rye, five cents per bushel; while also seed declined \$1.00 per bushel. The prices paid by the Burk Elevator company are, No. 2 wheat, \$1.30 per bushel; yellow corn, 73 cents; white or mixed corn, 68 cents; new oats, 29 lb. test, 34 cents; rye, 85 cents per bushel and also seed \$9.00 per bushel. The other quotations will be found in the market column. The price of butterfat advanced from 32 cents to 34 cents, delivered.

### SAFETY CRUSADE

"Be Safe; Not Sorry" Slogan to be Used by State Auto Association

### IN SPRING DRIVE

Drivers of Closed Cars Especially Warned—Danger Signs to be Erected.

(United Press Service).

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 3—"When are Indiana motorists going to begin to exercise gumption and common sense in driving—or is there such a thing?" is a pertinent inquiry in a bulletin just issued by the Hoosier State Auto Association, in announcing a continuation of its state-wide safety crusade.

"Be safe; not sorry," is the slogan of this crusade and aptly tells its purpose, as well, according to A. G. Lupton, president of the state association.

"All this winter everyone has been driving closed cars or cars with curtains tightly buttoned," said Mr. Lupton, "and no one, apparently, has thought it to be necessary to give signals to warn drivers in the rear or those approaching in the front concerning intention to turn corners.

"Just because a car's curtains are buttoned up is no reason to disregard the signalling rules. Neither does such a situation warrant a driver booming over a railroad crossing or through a blind intersection in city or country. On the contrary, closed curtains should entail a greater degree of caution than ever. But does the driver ever think it necessary to proceed slowly at blind intersections or really to stop, look and listen at railroad and interurban crossings? Not so you notice it, as the deadly toll of railroad crossings this winter and the many very serious accidents at street and country road corners attest.

"Lack of caution, reduced to its baldest terms, merely means a lack of common sense and many times, criminal carelessness on the part of drivers.

"But we want to inculcate caution in the minds of every driver in Indiana. Motor cars are too thick now for anyone to suppose he has any right to zip through an obstructed intersection. The peril of railway crossings is too well known, but all to frequently ignored on the off-chance that a train may not be coming. I hold that it is always train time at a railroad crossing.

The Hoosier Automobile Association stands for safety first, and protection and benefits to all. We want to erect hundreds and hundreds of signs to be erected.

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### AUXILIARY MEETS

Ladies' Auxiliary of American Legion Met Last Night to Nominate.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

And Entertainment to be Held Thursday Night—A Good Attendance.

At a meeting last evening of the members of the Women auxiliary of the American Legion, and those entitled to become members, a nomination of officers for the ensuing year was held and the following list prepared for the election to be held next Thursday evening:

President: Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. James Staley, Miss Virgine Smith. 1st Vice-President: Mrs. Glen Venis, Mrs. Reuben Lord.

2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Clarence Herber, Mrs. Charles Meibers, Chaplin: Mrs. Minnie Daniels. Secretary: Mrs. V. J. Bormann. Asst. Secretary: Miss Virginia Lurant.

Treasurer: Mrs. Charles Langston. Historian: Mrs. Fred Elzey, Mrs. Chalmers Porter.

Executive Committee: Mrs. Dan Falk, Mrs. Joe McConnell, Mrs. Edgar Gerber, Mrs. A. Tanas, Mrs. Fred Linn.

A meeting has been called for next Thursday evening at which time the election of officers will be held. Following the business session an entertainment will be given and refreshments served and it is urged that all who are eligible to become members of the auxiliary be present.

### PENDLETON WINS

Will Have State Reformatory Which is to be Moved from Jeffersonville.

### PURCHASE 1,000 ACRES

Preliminary Arrangements Going Forward—Carmel Site Second Choice.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 3—Preliminary arrangements toward removing the state reformatory from Jeffersonville to the newly selected site near Pendleton were going forward today. The first step will be to obtain possession of the land, which the state bought for \$168,623 an acre.

As soon as possible the Jeffersonville property will be turned over to Colgate and company, cosmetic manufacturers.

The site of 1,036 acres two miles south of Pendleton was selected on its merits by the reformatory commission after six other tracts had been rejected. A site near Carmel ranked highest in the way in which the commission scored the feasible points but it was eliminated because the proposal to locate the reformatory there brought forth a storm of protest. The Carmel site rated 79 and the one at Pendleton 79 but in general the Pendleton location is just as satisfactory to Governor McCray and the commission.

Charles Holthouse has returned from an eighteen month's stay in the west where he looked after business for the J. F. Arnold company at Osage, Wyoming and Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

### A POPULAR FAD

The barber shop in this city is doing a rushing business—not in giving shaves or hair cuts to the men—but are bobbing the hair of the young girls of the high school. Within the last two days after three-thirty o'clock a man had a hard time to get into a barber shop and have his whiskers cut, for the reason that a bevy of pretty girls were ahead of him waiting to have their locks, some curly and some straight, bobbed by the tonsorial artists. It's a fad right now and scores of girls have had them bobbed.

A human skeleton dug up in Ohio in 1899 measured eight feet.

### AMERICAN HISTORY DAY BY DAY

By T. P. Green

March 3

The first colony of Roman

catholics reached America on

March 3, 1644.

Defeat of Americans at Briar Creek gave Georgia to the British on March 3, 1779.

The District of Columbia was organized on March 3, 1791.

The territory of Alabama was organized on March 3, 1817.

Florida was admitted to the Union on March 3, 1845.

Enrollment of all able bodied men, 20-45 years old, was authorized by Congress on March 3, 1863.

### COMITS SUICIDE

Prominent Portland Jeweler Takes Life by Jumping Into Cistern at Noon.

### HAD BEEN SUFFERING

From Nervous Breakdown Since Christmas—Is Survived by Wife and Son.

Philip Stachler, prominent jeweler and highly respected resident of Portland, committed suicide shortly before noon today by jumping into a cistern and holding his head under water until life was extinct. A nervous breakdown suffered by the victim shortly before Christmas was attributed as the cause for the action. Mr. Stachler's condition was such that it had been necessary to keep him under constant surveillance for the past several weeks. Shortly before noon today, however, he escaped from the presence of the nurse. When finally discovered he was found to be standing in the cistern in which there was about three and a half feet of water. The nurse endeavored to persuade Mr. Stachler to come out, and failing to succeed, went into the house to telephone for assistance. During the nurse's absence Mr. Stachler emerged his head in the water by wrapping his arms about the pump pipe in such a manner as to hold him in that position until life was extinct. The deceased is survived by the wife and one son, DeWayne, a student in the Portland high school.

TO MAKE A CUT

Wells County Assessors Going to Make Forty Percent Real Estate Cut.

In every county in Indiana the assessing of property started March 1st and the placing of a valuation on real estate is one of great interest throughout the state. In Wells County the Assessors have agreed to cut the real estate valuation forty percent and the Bluffton Banner says:

Wells county land will be assessed

forty percent lower than its present assessment, according to a resolution adopted this morning by the land appraisers appointed by County Assessor Charles Marshall.

This will make the land 10 percent lower than it was assessed three years ago, but 40 percent lower than at present, as it will be remembered the state tax board put a 30 percent increase over the assessment of the local men.

According to the assessors, it must be understood that some good land will not be lowered much, but the poor land will be lowered and the 40 percent cut will be a general cut over the county.

Town and city property will be lowered in the same proportion as farm land.

Some personal property not contained in the schedule of property published yesterday, is as follows:

Ducks, 50; geese, \$1; turkeys, \$2.

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### HIGHLY HONORED

D. M. Hensley Elected Exalted Ruler of Elks Third Consecutive Year.

### THE OTHER OFFICERS

Local Lodge Has 84% Gain in Membership During Past Four Years.

At the annual election of officers held by the local order of Elks at their lodge rooms Wednesday evening, D. M. Hensley, for the past two years exalted ruler of the Decatur lodge, was for the third consecutive time elected to fulfill the duties of that office, Mr. Hensley's election being unanimous and without any opposition candidate. Other officers elected were:

Leading Knight—Fred Schuriger Lecturing Knight—Andy Foss Loyalty Knight—Wiley Austin Secretary—Charles Ernst Treasurer—Charles Niblick

President—Charles Niblick

The local lodge has the distinction and honor of having the greatest increase of membership of any of the 1,440 lodges in the United States and at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, were highly complimented on the good work they have accomplished. Two years ago Elkhorn inaugurated a campaign for a million members, and thus far have been successful in increasing their membership by 400,000. The local lodge have increased their membership in the past four years 84%, now having a total of 190 active members.

WON'T KNOW IT

Harvey Church Has Been Unconscious Two Weeks—Hanged Today.

### CARRIED TO GALLows

Has Not Eaten for Forty-three Days in Effort to Cheat Law of Penalty.

(United Press Service)

Chicago, March 3—Ebbs life of

the unconscious Harvey W. Church

will be snuffed out on the gallows at

4 p. m. today.

Efforts to arouse the youthful slayer

from his stupor failed and preparations

were made to carry him to the

noose strapped in a chair.

Church, unlike most condemned

murderers, did not have the choice of

his last meal. Physicians injected

liquid food into his body to keep him

alive until the trap is sprung at sun-

set.

This is the forty-third day of

Church's hunger strike," he has been

unconscious for two weeks, failing to

respond to any stimulus. Dr. Nor-

man Copeland, jail physician, said

Church is a "mental suicide" and that

he is for all practical purposes "dead".

Church will be shorn and shaved

and dressed in clean clothes this af-

ternoon ready for death.

Bridgadier W. G. Anderson, salvation army, was at Church's bedside all day

Anderson kept his vigil over the boy

intending to speak to him of the here-

after—if he awoke before death.

Church's last rites will probably be

a prayer for the repose of his soul by

Anderson.

Jailer Peter Lawrence will read the

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