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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)

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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," explained the old champion, carefully. "He don't care so much about what 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—its the drunkards 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 on some one individual point."

"Is the tobacco stained soul, the profane 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 scoring 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 guided 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 "got religion" suddenly. He has 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. Puterbaugh, 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 blooded stock of his Burbank ranch, apparently getting his business affairs in shape to "fight the devil from God's corner."

How the New Bonus Plan Will Work

Washington, March 3.—Here's how the new bonus plan will work:

All ex-service men will be entitled to pay of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service under the combined cash and certificate plan provided the total compensation exceeds the \$60 previously allowed by congress. This amount is to be deducted from all gratuities under the plan.

Then if the amount the veteran is entitled to does not exceed \$50, he may take it in cash. If it does exceed \$50, he must take a certificate on

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; new oats, one cent; rye, five cents per bushel; while alsike 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 \$5 cents per bushel and alsike 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. Lapton, president of the state association.

"All this winter everyone has been driving closed cars or cars with curtains tightly buttoned," said Mr. Lapton, "and no one, apparently, has thought it to be necessary to give signals to warn drivers in the rear of 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 lights. 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 can notice it, as the deadly toll of railway 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 too 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

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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 Virgene Smith.

1st Vice-President: Mrs. Glen Venis, Mrs. Reuben Lord.

2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Clarence Herber, Mrs. Charles Meibers.

Chaplain: Mrs. Minnie Daniels. Secretary: Mrs. V. J. Bornmann. Asst. Secretary: Miss Virginia Lannan.

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

Executive Committee: Mrs. Dan Falk, Mrs. Joe McConnell, Mrs. Edgar Gorber, Mrs. A. Tanvas, 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 \$168.63 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.

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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.

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 Schurger. Lecturing Knight—Andy Foos. Loyal Knight—Wiley Austin. Secretary—Charles Ernst. Tyler—Charles Weber. Treasurer—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 Elksdom 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.

COMMITTS 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 from 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.

WON'T KNOW IT

Harvey Church Has Been Unconscious Two Weeks—Hanged Today.

CARRIED TO GALLOW

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

(United Press Service) Chicago, March 3.—Ebbing 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 sunset.

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. Norman 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 afternoon ready for death.

Bridadier 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 hereafter if he awakened 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 death warrant to the condemned boy, who will not hear it. Then the trap will be sprung.

Miss Isabel Church, sister, broke down in his death cell and tried to awaken her brother from his state of coma.

"Don't you hear me, brother, dear?" she cried. "It's your sister."

Church lay unmoved, as the sister kissed his shaggy beard and wept.

All chance of saving Church from death today seemed to have lost. Governor Small was "inaccessible" to in his home at Kankakee courts. State and Federal, refused to interfere.

Church was convicted of the murder of Carl Ausmus and Bernard Daugherty, salesmen for the Packard Motor Car Co. Church called the men

DECATUR, BLUFFTON AND MONROE STILL IN RACE

GAMES ARE CLEAN AND FAST--ATHLETIC HALL IS THE MECCA FOR HUNDREDS OF BASKETBALL FANS--TWO BIG GAMES TO BE PLAYED TONIGHT.

FOR CLEAN FAIRS

Agreement to Eliminate all Games of Chance and Immoral Shows.

AT THE MEETING

Of Representatives of Eastern Indiana Fair Circuit at Muncie Wednesday.

The operation of wheels of fortune, games of chance and immoral shows in the midways of county fairs in the counties comprising the Eastern Indiana Fair Circuit, are past. Elimination of such attractions from the fairs was the outstanding step agreed to Wednesday at the meeting of the representatives of the eight fair associations held at Muncie in the office of F. J. Claypool and C. L. Retherford, former and present secretaries of the Delaware county association.

This action is the result of the determination of the officers of the Northern Indiana Fair two years ago to put across a county fair and an agricultural chautauqua combined that would be entirely free from the demoralizing influences of gambling devices and immoral shows. This decision was accepted with much skepticism among the managers and officials of various other fairs and the followers of such institutions in whose minds for years, had been inculcated the idea that such attractions were an absolute necessity for the successful conducting of a county fair. Needless to say, the outcome of this decision on the part of the local officials was watch with the greatest of interest by fair officials throughout the entire country, and the fact that it has proven most successful is conclusively evidenced by the above action.

Other matters coming before the meeting included the plans for racing events to be held in connection with all fairs connected with the circuit.

More attention is to be paid educational features and industrial exhibits and efforts are to be centered on making the annual fair better in every particular.

The visiting delegates at the meeting were guests at a dinner served at the New Kirby Hotel at Muncie at the noon hour Wednesday.

Each association in the circuit agreed yesterday to give, as the feature racing event, a \$500 stake race for three-year-old and under racers.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warmer Friday and Saturday.

Arrange Display for the Milk Campaign

Mr. Business Man:

One of the most interesting and instructive features of the coming Adams County Milk Campaign, will be the show-window displays made by the wide-awake, up-to-the-minute business men of the various towns of the county.

Novel window displays of the numerous and various articles used in the dairy industry, in the distribution of milk, displays containing valuable hints as to the use of milk for food,

educational features, etc., may be thought out with little effort on your part and will greatly assist in making the campaign a success.

Your co-operation along these lines will be very greatly appreciated and any suggestions we may be able to give you will be gladly and freely offered.

Display Committee:

DR. FRED PATTERSON. OSCAR LANKENAU. C. C. PUMPHREY.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

7:30—Petroleum vs. Pennville. 8:30—Bluffton vs. Bryant.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MORNING GAMES Petroleum, 15; Dunkirk, 7. Pennville, 28; Gray, 21. Bluffton, 29; Portland, 20. Bryant, 34; Craigville, 15.

AFTERNOON GAMES

Liberty Center, 20; Union Center, 9. Decatur, 29; Berne, 16.

PRESS TIME

Monroe, 34; Poling, 6.

OTHER AFTERNOON GAMES

Kirkland vs. Hartford. Redkey vs. Geneva.

Decatur Wins First Game

The Decatur high school basketball team played their first game of the tournament at 2 o'clock this afternoon when they clashed with the Berne high school five, defeating them by a score of 29 to 16 and earned the right to meet Liberty Center in the first game tomorrow morning to be called at 9 o'clock.

The game was fast and clean and undoubtedly the best contest of the afternoon. The locals jumped into the lead at the start of the game and had no trouble to hold it at any time, they coming through the first half with a lead of 14 to 7.

The same game was played by both teams the second half, the locals slowly climbing to a higher lead as the game progressed, holding the Berne five to practically the same number of points as the first half, the final score resulting 29 to 16 in favor of the locals.

The locals used every man on their line-up and all showed up in fine style. "Bobby" Meyer proved to be the big factor in the victory coming across with seven field baskets closely followed by Linn with four markers. Teeple landed two field goals, Dorwin two fouls, and Schultz one foul. The Berne lads played a fine game and are the first Adams county team to be eliminated. The locals will play their next game tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when they meet Liberty Center.

The Monroe high school basketball team winner of last years district and considered as one of the strongest contenders this year played their first game of the meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, meeting the Poling team and defeating them in a one-sided affair by a score of 34 to 6.

The Monroe five took the lead at the opening of the game which they had no trouble in holding, leading their opponents at the close of the first half by a score of 13 to 0.

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