

NEARING CLOSE IS REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FIGHT

The Election Will Be Held Just One Week From Today and The Contest Is Now on in Earnest.

ED HARRIS SHOWING INCREASED STRENGTH

He Is Feared by the Zimmerman and Gordon Forces And His Friends Are Flocking to His Banners.

The last week of the republican primary campaign, began in earnest today. All the various cross currents of the last few weeks are clearing up and in many places the sentiment today, with the election only one week off is that Harris is in the lead and is the strongest candidate to lead the republicans to victory in November. Harris is making great headway. His friends are flocking to him and the anti Zimmerman and anti Gordon forces are uniting on him.

There are other offices than mayor for which the republicans will select their nominees but the mayor's race is attracting all the interest. The candidate for city clerk has no opposition and the treasurer's office has been abolished. Several warm heats will be paged in the council event. In some wards minor topics have entered as the basis for contest. If a candidate favors a certain improvement, he is approved by a faction of the ward residents, and those against the improvement oppose him.

Councilman-at-Large.

In the councilman-at-large contest there are four men to choose and this leaves plenty of room for speculation as to the outcome. At this time it looks as if it wouldn't be very hard to pick three of them at least. The candidates for this office have to canvass the entire city and the most of their work is being done at night. House to house visits have been productive of results. The best known men seem to be standing the best chance to win, as a voter on South Twenty-third street has as much to say about the final selection as one, who resides on School street.

is Classic Event.

But the mayor's race is the only real for sure classic event on the card. Zimmerman is believed to be handicapped by his past performances and this prevents him being backed very heavily. Gordon is a good goer on a muddy track, but has no condition that makes the wise ones believe he has a chance when running without boots. Morgan is known to be carrying a big load and Deuker lacks anything that creates confidence. This leaves Harris the favorite and the odds are in his favor.

Within the last few days, there has come a turn in the tide that makes the friends of the young secretary believe nothing can beat him. Many older voters in the party have become convinced that Harris is the only man who can manage to pull the party through another conflict with the democrats. They say Zimmerman and Gordon are both doomed to defeat at the election, because of the countless influences that are arrayed against them. Those mass meetings of four years ago at which protest against Zimmerman's election was made have not been forgotten. The sore spots inflicted on the party by Gordon's inviolable editorial comment in his newspaper have not been healed by the oratorical saine recited at the opera house and on the street corners. The antagonism that he has presented against the city committee has not helped strengthen his declarations he is the only unsullied dove of peace in the party.

Harris Looks Strong.

Friends of Harris confidently believe he will win out. He has no personal enemies to knife him and this will prove an important asset. The sober thinking voter is coming to realize it must be Harris to save the party and it is to Harris alone the office can be given with credit to the party. He is not the candidate of any clan or clique. He is not ambitious to be a boss and does not expect to use his position to organize a political machine. Zimmerman and Gordon both have been connected with the game of politics as it has been played in Richmond for several years and Harris comes before the voters with clean hands, unprejudiced judgment, and an honest appeal for honest support from men who have the best interest of the party at stake.

CONFINEMENT MAY PROVE TO BE FATAL

Insane Man at Jail Is in Bad Condition.

There is a possibility that the enforced confinement of Joseph Halsley, insane, at the county jail, may prove fatal. He is in poor physical as well as mental condition. He raves almost constantly. His age enfeebles him, but at times he displays remarkable strength.



Lured By the Great White Way



JOHNSON READY MEET JEFFRIES

States That James Only Has
To Set the Time and
The Place.

HE ISSUES A STATEMENT

BIG BLACK SCRAPER STATES HE
WILL NOT CANCEL OTHER EN-
GAGEMENTS UNTIL CALIFOR-
NIAN SPEAKS.

Chicago, April 26.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, is in Chicago, after his theatrical tour of the East, breathing defiance to Jeffries, Ketchel, et al. The big fellow is here for a week's engagement at a local theater and will do some light training while in the city to prepare himself for his match with Jack O'Brien, which is to be decided at Philadelphia, May 19.

"You can say for me," said the big black fellow, "that none of the matches I have made will be called off unless Jim Jeffries should name the time and place where he will box me."

"I am not making matches for fun. I want to fight and will fight anyone, but I should prefer to meet Jeffries, and would be foolish, indeed, were I not to drop any other match that would keep me from being in the best possible shape for a good fight with the retired champion."

"There have been a lot of stories about my passing up my \$5,000 Ketchel go, because I did not want Stanley. That is not true. What I did say is that I will cheerfully give it up if Jeff will fight me within a reasonable time. As soon as James J. says the word I will start to work for him and discard everything else in order that I may be in the best possible shape for him."

"However, unless I get an actual match with Jeffries—that is, unless he signs articles to meet me, I'll box Ketchel before the Colma Club, October 12, and will give the middleweight champion a fine trimming into the bagain."

SPANNING GIVEN THE NEW OUTFIT

Richmond Independent Team
Was Shut Out in Its
First Appearance.

GOLD MEDALS ARE VICTORS

MANY OLD FACES SEEN IN THE
LOCAL LINEUP—LACK OF PRACTICE
MAKES THE QUAKERS
QUITE WABBLY.

Gold Medals 5; Richmond 0. Defeated in the first game of its season by the Gold Medals of Indianapolis, the Richmond ball team still has hope left and promises to do better before long. It was the first workout for the locals and they showed lack of practice principally. The ball would not stick in the gloves and hands were somewhat wobbly. It was a shutout victory for the visitors, a number of whom showed the earmarks of pretty fair ball players.

The locals were not very strong with the willow. Driscoll had on his weather clothes and pounded out three safe ones. The only other member of the team to connect was Kelley, who secured a single. The visitors appeared to have handled the big stick before this season and gave the Richmondites plenty of opportunities to pick 'em up.

Postpone the Hammer. The management of the home team does not feel discouraged. There is some things that have to be expected in base ball and a bum start often is one of these. But the players have the spirit and are confident they can improve and deliver the goods when a little practice has put them in condition. It is not a high salaried team and the players do not pose as stars, so there is no occasion for the sledge on first appearance. One trial is not enough to condemn on and if the game had been an easy victory, the expectations of the fans might become too great.

Bulla pitched good ball, but his support in the field was off color. Walford worked hard but took on too much territory. Kelley moved smoothly and looks good. "Pop" Weaver was on the initial corner and took all chances, but couldn't hit any better than the others. Score:

R. H. E.

G. Medals 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 1—5 8 3

Richmond 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 5

Struck out—Bulla 6; Wilcoxen 1;

Osborn 2. Bases on balls—Wilcoxen 2.

Osborn 2. Double play—Long to

Mahey. Stolen bases—Long, Mahey.

Wild pitches—Wilcoxen. Umpire—

Shaffer. Time—1:40.

SCARE ABOUT OVER.

The authorities of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightsbridge have the smallpox scare well in hand. Since the first outbreak, there have been no new cases, due to the general vaccination of the inmates of the home.

Just made some splendid biscuits—Gold Medal Flour.

CONNER AND CLARK DEFEAT OWN TEAM

Were the Battery for the Little
Giants.

With Conner and Clark as the batteries, the Little Giants of Cambridge City, defeated the Grays of that place, yesterday afternoon, by the score of 9 to 1. The Grays used three pitchers, but they were unable to stop the batting of the younger team. Conner and Clark, who are regular battery for the Grays, had their team mates hooded.

CONGREGATION TO ENJOY A SUPPER

Grace M. E. Church Event To-
morrow Night.

The congregational supper of the members of Grace M. E. church, will be held at the church tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock. This is an annual event and one which gives the members of the church a pleasant social meeting. After supper important matters concerning the welfare of the church, will be considered. Members are urged to bring their baskets well filled with provisions. This will prove the most attractive feature to the men.

ARNST COMING TO AMERICA.

World's Champion Sculler to Row
Durnan, Canadian, Next Summer.

Richard Arnst of Australia, the world's champion professional sculler, is coming to this country early next summer to row Eddie Durnan, the Canadian champion, as well as any scullers in the United States who may care to make a match.

Writing from Auckland, New Zealand, to a friend in Philadelphia, Arnst states that he has practically completed arrangements for a world tour and that he will start April 14.

The \$2,500 professional handicap in England next July is really responsible for Arnst's decision to make the trip. He was the world's champion by defeating Webb in Australian waters and planned that all challengers for the title should meet him there. He realizes, however, that it would be practically impossible to get on many races there and that he can clean up nicely on a trip to this country and to England in case he wins, while in any event his expenses are assured.

In addition to the professional handicap, in which first money is \$1,250, the assurance of a race with Durnan in Toronto for \$2,500 a side, Arnst being allowed \$1,000 for training expenses, as well as the excellent prospects for another match race in England with Barry, the English professional champion, were considerations that also entered into his decision.

Arnst is regarded by those familiar with his rowing as an exceptionally clever sculler and one whose win was no mere chance victory. Until a year or so ago, when he took up sculling, Arnst was best known in his native country as a bicyclist, in which he met with success. He then announced that he intended taking up professional rowing. Unusually, awkward and inexperienced at first, Arnst stuck to sculling despite humiliations such as falling out of his shell in the middle of races. He repaid his reward by winning the world's championship title when he defeated Webb. He is a big fellow and weighs over 180 pounds in racing trim.

Keeping Susie in Spirits.

He was so busy waving his hands at window that as he backed around the corner he backed against a friend, who happened to be coming the other way, and nearly knocked him down.

"I beg your pardon," he said quickly. "You see, we haven't been married but a little while, Susie and I, and she said if I didn't wave at her until I was out of sight maybe she'd cry."

New York Press.

SISTER OF KIDNAPED BOY

MAN FALLS FROM BIG SKYSCRAPER

While Helping Fix a Clock,
Workman Plunges Down
34 Stories.

SEVERAL WOMEN FAINTED

TRAGEDY CAUSED SUCH CONFUS-
ION THAT IT WAS NECESSARY
TO CALL OUT THE RESERVE
POLICE FORCE.

New York, April 26.—While helping to place a big clock on the Metropolitan Life Insurance building this morning, Thomas Mortimer lost his balance and fell from the thirty-fourth floor, turning several somersaults. He struck a projecting balcony at the tenth floor, glanced across Madison avenue and alighted on his head, just in front of a group of women pedestrians. Mortimer was instantly killed and mangled almost beyond recognition. Several women fainted. Others became hysterical. It required the police reserves to restore order.

BRAVE SOLDIERS.

Sacrificed Their Lives in an Attempt
to Save the Colors.

In days gone by the Zulus were the boldest fighters among all the natives of South Africa, and it was not until they had been defeated in several battles that they would live in peace with white people.

In 1878 15,000 of the Zulus attacked and killed a regiment of British soldiers, and a most heroic deed was the attempt made by three British soldiers to save the two flags, or colors, belonging to the regiment.

When it was seen that the Zulus were so many that there was no hope of keeping them at bay the colonel of the British regiment called to a young officer whose name was Lieutenant Melville and said, "You will take charge of the colors, Melville, and try to get away from here."

The Lieutenant saluted and took into his hands the two colors of his regiment. Then, with another officer and a soldier, all mounted on horses, he suddenly dashed away with his precious burden.

They were at once seen by the keen sighted Zulus, however, and after a long chase the three gallant Englishmen, fighting to the last, were killed by the enemy.

Some time afterward one of the flags was found near a rocky stream, where the heroes had fought and died, and it was taken to England and presented to Queen Victoria.

And in memory of the three brave soldiers who had died while defending the queen placed a wreath of immortelles on the staff which held the flag.—London Mail.

Paganini's Cab.

On awakening one morning at his hotel in Vienna, Paganini, the celebrated violinist, was informed that the cabman whom the previous evening he had employed to drive him to the concert hall where he was playing was waiting to see him. On being admitted to his presence the man, after having advanced poverty and a large family as an excuse for the request that he was about to make, prayed the great musician to make his fortune.

"What do you mean?" demanded Paganini. "Authorize me to write in large letters on the back of my vehicle these two words, 'Paganini's Cab,' was the answer. Consent was given, with altogether satisfactory results.

"Those Joneses are a bad lot. Two of them at least ought to be in jail," said a suburbanite, referring to a family in his district.

"Some redeeming quality about the third one, eh?" remarked a visitor.

"Yes; he's already there."—London Telegraph.

YALE TO TRAIN AT PENN.

Will Have Use of Penn's House and
Launch on Schuylkill.

While the Yale varsity crew are in Philadelphia during the Easter recess for a week of preparation on the Schuylkill prior to rowing Penn varsity in a mile race on April 30 they will be given the use of the Penn launch, the Ben Franklin, and as many other conveniences as possible will be extended by the Quaker rowing authorities. Conches Ward and Kennedy are old friends, and the Penn coach will see to it personally that the Yale men are well quartered along boathouse row.

The last race between Yale and Penn was in 1880, when George Woodward was the captain of the Yale. That was one of the famous eight turned out at New Haven, and they won by a length from the Quakers. The Penn freshman crew was from the Eli youngsters. The race was held at New London, and the varsity crews were sent over a four mile course.

FUTURE SPORT EVENTS

An English invasion team will play in Canada next summer.

Several American association football eleven plan visits to England.

An Irish cricket team has been invited to visit Philadelphia next fall.

Springfield (Mass.) Boys' club members over fourteen years of age will take part in a five mile race on May 1.

The trap shoot to be given at Ancon, Mont., Aug. 17 to 19 by the Western Shooters' Trap Shooters' association will be the biggest ever attempted in the west.

Boating and motor boat races will be features of the athletic program which will be run off in connection with the Alaska-Taiwan-Pacific exposition, which opens in Seattle on June 1.

Bobby Kerr will go to England for the British championships in July. Kerr won the 220 yard Olympic dash and also holds the British and Commonwealth titles. He expects to run against Walker, the South African star, there.



SELMA WHITLA.

NATIONALS TAKE WALDORF BUNCH

Catcher Froman Has His Finger Broken.

The Nationals were out for blood yesterday afternoon and got it when catcher Froman of the Waldorfs sustained a broken finger in the sixth inning. After the nine rounds were completed the Nationals had piled up the magnificent total of fifteen runs and the score book showed the Waldorfs had secured but five. It was a big victory for the patriotic citizens after their defeat of a week before. The game was played at the Beaufort park and witnessed by a good sized crowd. One score keeper marked 7 errors against the Waldorfs and credited them with 20 hits. The Nationals were given 30 safe runs and four errors.

Dadisman and Bricker formed the battery for the Nationals and Harris and Froman were in the points for the Waldorfs.