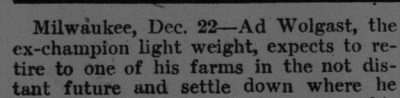


The Farm for Wolgast

(FROM T. S. ANDREWS)



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"It seems to me," said Ad, "that a lot of these fighters buy a great deal of property, but never make anything out of it. They tell me that Bat Nelson became property poor. Of course, he may get it back some time. While out in California, they told me that several of the fighters bought up some good property, but let it go before they had a chance to make anything from it, while others took hold of it and cleared thousands of dollars. Tommy Burns was an exception and cleaned up a lot of money around Los Angeles.

"I bought four acres near the ocean and then sold it for a few hundred more than I paid for it, which was around \$4,000. To show how values increase there, I bought the same property back again within the last year for \$17,000, and I expect to make a lot of money on it before I am through. I bought a ranch in Oregon, but I think they did me. However, I have plenty of property and I am going to select one of the ranches or farms to settle down on, if I have to do no more than raise chickens.

"You know farmers nowadays are not like those of the past. They ride in their automobiles, while the poor suckers do the work. I intend to have an automobile and become a real gentleman farmer. Then it will be good-bye to the footlights forever."

Wolgast, like many other fighters, cannot be convinced that he has gone back to any extent, although he admitted that the operation he underwent for appendicitis, which caused his match with Freddie Welch to be called off, cost him more than \$50,000. When you stop to think that only a few years ago Wolgast was willing to fight in preliminary

leg for a few cent wheels, it seems like a fairly good deal to class him now with the big guns of finance. Of course, he is not a John D. Rockefeller yet, but he expects to be some day.

The passage of laws regulating boxing in several of the states, has had a very good effect on the game in localities where such laws have been passed. For instance, in Cincinnati the city authorities there have turned the whole matter over to the jurisdiction of a commission. The same plan is being considered in New Orleans.

Now the officials of Columbus, O., have taken the matter up and have turned the boxing end over to a commission in that city, of which Willard Stuart is chairman. Columbus has always been a fairly good town for boxing, but as in many other cities, the promoters were never sure of their ground. Mr. Stuart has had a wide experience in the boxing game and seems to be on the right road to Columbus. Mr. Stuart, together with other officials there, has drawn up a new set of rules, profiting by those already in existence in Wisconsin, New York and Montana. Speaking of the matter the other day, Mr. Stuart said:

"We have endeavored to protect the public at every angle, if such a thing is possible, and you may rest assured that the clubs and boxers hereafter will not find Columbus a spot in which to pick cherries. The good old days where they could do as they pleased are a thing of the past. Can you imagine the hitter does this will be a few individuals? The public has been faithful for years in supporting the game, and it is our intention that it will not be a case of sending the lamb to slaughter any more. The boxers will have to live up to all the rules and they will have to deliver the goods. I hope that the commissions in some of the other cities will do the same thing. If they do, you may rest assured that the boxing game will be placed on a higher plane than ever before."

The suggestion of Mr. Stuart to protect the public is a good one and it is to be hoped that clubs throughout the country will join in this movement. It is about time that some of the boxers were called to account and you understand that they can not impose upon the public any longer.

SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

THE RIFLE Boys' Clean Sweep In contests with men of long experience as trap shooters, Ralph K. Spotts, thirteen-years-old son of Ralph L. Spotts, eastern amateur champion, made a remarkable record on Sunday at the weekly contests of the Larchmont club, New York.

There were ten contestants for the prizes offered and young Spotts made practically a clean sweep, winning five of the eight matches and in those five shoot-offs were required to determine the winner.

In the struggle for the accumulation cup young Spotts did his best work. It was a match at 50 targets. He tied three others with full scores of 50. The boy won the leg shooting off at "miss and out." He also won the 125 clay bird handicap contest, in which he tied with the same men, winning finally in the shoot off.

CURLING Curling Tomorrow If the ice on the Thistle Rink is in condition tomorrow, the president vs. vice-president matches will be played. Teams under the following skips will take part: President, W. J. S. Myles, J. C. Chesley, Dr. L. A. Langford, J. S. Malcolm, James Mitchell, F. McAndrews, McLellan, H. C. Olive and Rev. W. O. Raymond, vice-president—Geo. Warwick, G. S. Bishop, A. D. Malcolm, A. J. Machum, J. W. Cameron, W. A. Shaw, W. J. Shaw, D. R. Willis, S. W. Palmer.

RING Is Langford Champion? Some writers hold that Sam Langford, a Nova Scotia colored heavyweight, won the heavyweight championship of the world by whipping Joe Jeannette of New York, also colored, in a twenty-round battle fought at Luna Park, Paris. It was a stirring contest from start to finish, Langford fighting better than he ever has before on that side of the water. It was evident from his showing that in some of his recent battles in the states, particularly with Jeannette, he had not half tried. More than 8,000 fight followers saw the battle.

The combat was Langford's from the first bell, though Jeannette won the crowd several times by his gameness and stubborn defence. Three times in the 12th round it seemed that Langford would be proclaimed the winner on a knockout, his terrific right jolts to the jaw piling Jeannette in a heap on the canvas. Each time the New York mulatto took the count of nine before staggering to his feet.

Joe was wobbly in the 14th, but by clever stalling managed to last through. His head had cleared when he went out for the 15th and from that round to the end of the battle he never was again in serious danger.

The bell announcing the end of the mill, however, was a welcomed sound to the New Yorker, for he was very tired from his own exertions and the severe pounding he had received. Langford finished strong, though short of wind. It is probable that Langford will next meet either Jim Johnson or Georges Carpentier, the French champion.

BASEBALL Pitcher in Pulpit "Well, boys, I'm not used to pitching out of a box like this," Eugene Packard, left-handed pitcher for the Cincinnati National league baseball club, said when he substituted for the pastor at the Methodist church in Kansas City on Sunday night. Packard, who lives in Kansas City, occupied the pulpit at a gathering to interest young men in an anti-saloon campaign.

"You boys may have some ideas about baseball," Packard said. "I know I did. You boys may never be major leaguers,

FREE OF ALL THREE DISEASES

"Fruit-a-lives" Brought Him Perfect Health. Avon, Ont., May 14th, 1913. "I am younger since I have been taking 'Fruit-a-lives.' I was troubled very badly with Piles, Constipation and Stomach Disorder, but I found 'Fruit-a-lives' was the panacea for the whole three.

Now I am free of all these diseases and enjoying perfect health, and able to work whenever I like. Five years ago I started taking 'Fruit-a-lives.' I took two every night and they worked wonders for me. No other medicine I could get was so good, and I took lots of different remedies before I found out how good 'Fruit-a-lives' were.

I keep 'Fruit-a-lives' on hand all the time, and am never without them. I even take them with me when I go motoring, so I can have them handy. 'Fruit-a-lives' are worthy of every good word I can say about them. The fact that they cured me of Piles was something to be exceedingly thankful for."

NOTE: A box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

NOTED NOVELIST GOES BACK TO AFRICAN WILDS

Lady Clifford, After Miraculous Recovery From Yellow Fever, Sails to Rejoin Her Husband, Governor of the Gold Coast (Times Special Correspondence) London, Dec. 18.—Lady Clifford, who is better known to novel readers by her former name, Mrs. Henry de la Pasture, has just set sail for the African Gold Coast to rejoin her husband, Sir Hugh Clifford, governor of that difficult region.

A little after her arrival, however, the untiring Sir Hugh will be setting forth on trek for a long and perilous journey in Ashanti, and Lady Clifford will be left for several weeks without companionship of her own kind—a contrast indeed to the gaities of the autumn season in London in which for the last few weeks she has been well enough to take part after an escape from death little short of miraculous.

Last summer the startling news came from the Gold Coast that the governor's wife had taken yellow fever. The Gold Coast variety of yellow fever slays nine out of every ten of its victims, and it was hardly to be expected that the slender high-strung novelist would be the tenth, but she managed to reach England barely alive, and once in her beloved country home at Llandogo, Chepstow, she began miraculously to mend. It was a terrible illness, though, and it accounts for the fact that there has been no book from the pen of "Mrs. de la Pasture" since the publication of "Michael" and probably will not be till next spring at the latest. She has not set pen to paper this year.

The House of Commons library in London contains 100,000 volumes of parliamentary records. Among the valuable documents is the death warrant of Charles I. and the Journal from which Cromwell tore a page of proceedings. It requires six weeks merely to dust all the volumes.

McAvity's Daily Christmas Suggestions

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Grand Opening Christmas Day

ALL SEATS RESERVED FOR THE MATINEE Secure Them Now

Opera House --- Thompson - Woods Stock Company Presents

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PRICES: Nights and Christmas Matinee 10c-25c-35c-50c. Boxes 75c. Saturday Matinee 15c and 25c.

NEXT WEEK - - - "THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN"

Star Tonight and Tomorrow

Christmas Eve Will be Just as Merry as Christmas Day! A Nice New And Attractive Little Theatre For The People of North End.—A House With a Good Show ALWAYS!

Big Matinee Christmas at 1.30 - Evening 6.30! COMING! VITAPHONE'S DISKES FEATURE "A TALE OF TWO CITIES" MON. 29th.

PRINCE BECOMES VERY POPULAR

(Continued from page 5) have arrived to spend some time with friends at Wimbledon. Rev. T. R. Dixon, of Wolfville, will spend Christmas in this country, returning to Canada in January. The Marchioness of Donegal, who has been staying in Paris for some time, will return to her home on Kingston Hill for Christmas.

Sir Alexandre Lesoste made a special trip from Paris to attend the Canada Club dinner given in honor of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor this week. Captain and Mrs. Basil White of Toronto are expected to arrive from Paris in a week or so. They have been motoring in the south of France. Dr. R. Rawlins and Mr. and Mrs.

THE GEM WISHES ALL ITS PATRONS A VERY MERRY XMAS!

Fine Holiday Bill! Opening Tomorrow at 1 & 6 p. m. Charming Biograph Xmas Story of Love and Yuletide in "War-Times."

"The Blue or The Grey" With Chryse Miller and Irene Howley

"The Stroke of The Phoebeus Eight" Marc McDermott and Miriam Nesbitt in Pleasing College Story by Banister Merwin

"A Pair of Prodigs" Two Hoboes, Sandy and Shorty and a Freak Auto in Many Laughs

EDYTH WOODS "On The Old Fall River Line" Special Christmas Music! Delightful Novelties by Gem Orchestra

"POET AND PEASANT" - Von Tiller's Great Medley - Bell Solo by Director Burnham

Vitaphone Scenic Picture "The Coliseum of Rome" This Will Please You Today or Tomorrow! DON'T MISS IT!

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May This Be Your Merriest Christmas—Our Wish

IMPERIAL TODAY AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FEATURES GALORE—A RICH BILL

A Film Comedy That Has Set the Continent Roaring TWO "WHY GIRLS LEAVE HOME" TWO REELS A Continuous Howl of Laughter

The villain holds the mortgage over the old homestead and loves the honest farmer's daughter. Why harrow you with this fearful story misery and hate? The hero is poor, but honest. The snow is falling softly on the street; most of it is falling on the heroine. The heroine is weeping because she is alone in the great city and because the snow is falling on her. She throws herself into the river. (We know it is a river because a little while after she has thrown herself in we see a splash.) The hero saves her. (If he didn't it would spoil the show.) After that the villain and the sister hand enter the old homestead and steal the child. "Not so fast Reginald Ravastone!" and with a graceful gesture, Reckless Pete threw aside his false beard, disclosing the well-known features of Hero. TWO THOUSAND FEET OF LUDICROUS FILM.

PATHE WEEKLY OUR NEW SINGER Mexican "Mr. Pete in Russia, Harold's Flying in France and 10 Other Pictures" In the Best Selection of Illustrated songs for a Change

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Wednesday's Programme! "THE LIFE WE LEAD" ESSANAY WESTERN A heart gripping western story of great interest, proving that honesty is the best policy.

"THE SIGNAL" EDISON DRAMA A story of the French revolution is another thrilling dramatic tale—A battle of wits for a life.

"THE BANK ROLL" LUBIN COMEDY A regular side-splitting blue-bug killing comedy that will put you right for tomorrow.

"WHEN MARY MARRIED" LUBIN FARCE If you see the picture you will know what happened to Mary. If you miss it, you'll regret it.

Our Grand Xmas Programme — Matinee at 2 p. m. "THE STOLEN MOCCASINS" SELIG WESTERN A sensational western story depicting the trailing of a thief, and his desperate fight for life against a band of Indians.

"THE SMUGGLER" PATHE DRAMA A gripping, exciting and thrilling drama with an intense and powerful story that will hold you enthralled to the end.

HICKS DEFIES THE WORLD! BIOGRAPH COMEDY See O'Shea, the village fighter, knock the champion out with the aid of an horse shoe. It's as funny as "One Round O'Brien."

"JENKS BECOMES DESPERATE" BIOGRAPH FARCE This is a scream from start to finish. See the city police force; they are terors, "I don't think,"

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THE FUNNY PAIR PALMER and DICKMAN 15 Minutes of Rare Enjoyment SINGING! DANCING!

LIFE'S PATHWAY "Showing the Different Roads Leading to Success or Failure"

THE WEEKLY NEWS A Score of Interesting Subjects

THE BEST OF CHRISTMAS CHEER TO PA RONS' ALL UNIQUE Season's Greetings Dispersed in 3 M 777 Yule Tide Dramas and Comedy Joy Reigns—Comedy and the Spirit of the Season predominate XMAS DAY! MATINEE BEGINS 1.30 EVENING 6.30

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A MAN OF THE WILDERNESS A Theme as Wild as the Time of "Kiss in Its Appeal" A DEEP SEA LIAR A Set You Guess, Transducer comedy and a Good One