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STOOD OFF COOPER WITH ONE HAND.

Nedmons and Cooper Fight a Twenty-Round Draw.

Nedmons Breaks His Hand in the First Onslaught, and Fights with His Left—Cooper Punishes but Could Not Knock Him Out.

Five hundred people witnessed the twenty-round glove contest between Jack Nedmons and Billy Cooper, at the Monte Carlo, on Wednesday night, and as a result of the bout young Nedmons is today enshrined in the hero-loving hearts of the sporting element; for, handicapped with a broken right hand that was useless to him except as a source of defense, he went into the ring cheerfully and confidently against a man whose superior strength and his expert in the tricks of the ring, though, as appeared from the result, not his peer under equal conditions; for it appeared morally certain that it was only the uselessness of his right hand that prevented Nedmons from gaining an early victory. The condition of his hand was not generally known among the audience at the outset, and Cooper was a strong favorite; the first and second rounds developed some of Nedmons' strong points, and he rose in the estimation of all; later on, when it was seen that he was fighting with but one hand sympathy went to him instinctively, for while he battled with dogged determination and possibly confidence, there never was a doubt in the minds of nearly all the onlookers that he would eventually be knocked out. The ending of the battle in a draw after twenty rounds, therefore, naturally pleased young Nedmons on the pinnacle of popularity. It should be said to Cooper's credit, also, that he did not suffer in the estimation of his admirers, and the category of local fighters will probably not show a gamier one than he.

THE PRELIMINARIES.

Cooper was the first to appear on the stage, and was given an ovation by his friends. Nedmons was a couple of minutes late showing up, and his appearance gave rise to another demonstration. Cooper appeared, except in height, a typical specimen of the gladiator, and was evidently in the pink of condition, notwithstanding his late battle with the mumps. Nedmons looked spare and weak beside him, though possessing greater height and reach. Moore, Burns and Agnew acted as seconds for Cooper. Frank Allen, Moran and Peskies attended Nedmons in a like capacity. Ben Timmeban acted as timekeeper, and officers of approval resounded in the hall when it was announced that James Donaldson had been chosen for referee. The last named assured the operators that only boisterous conduct on their part would prevent a fight to a finish, and requested them to observe strict decorum. He also stated that Rod McKenzie requested him to announce that he stood ready to stop the winner of the fight in ten rounds for \$500, and that Mr. Maloy also desired a go at the gentleman. A clean break-away, with no hitting in clinches, was announced as having been decided upon by the principals, and then the trouble began.

1. Vary sparring by the principals inaugurated the fight. Nedmons took the first chance and landed on Cooper's face. Cooper retaliated, a mix followed, and both fell to the floor. Cooper put out his right but missed, and followed with a right on Nedmons' wind. Nedmons landed his left swiftly on the jaw three times in succession and missed two more. Cooper was evidently biding his time as he took the punishment, for he suddenly sent out his right and Nedmons went to the floor. Nedmons struck high and ducked a return blow; got in a blow on the face, and the two went down together as time was called. The round was Cooper's decidedly.

2. An exchange of light blows was followed by a mix-up. Nedmons reached the face twice in rapid order, and avoided a serious body blow by back-stepping. A clinch followed. Nedmons reached the face again and dodged a return compliment. Cooper landed a heavy right on the face and ducked under a return. He landed again on the jaw and on the body and missed a third on the head. An exchange of light blows followed, and Nedmons avoided a heavy swing by clever dodging. This was Nedmons' round, and it was at this time he was observed to be fighting with only his left hand, it having been broken afresh in the first round, and later appeared.

3. Cooper landed on the face twice at the opening, missed a swift one at the face, and took two hard ones on the throat and face. Nedmons landed again and again on the face. Cooper put on steam for a rush, and Nedmons went down in the ropes. As he came up Cooper gave him a stinger on the jaw, and Nedmons went down again. Nine seconds were counted by the timekeeper, and then Nedmons bounded up like a rubber ball and the fun was renewed. Nedmons dodged a face blow which Cooper had in waiting for him, received a second on the jaw, dodged a third, and was saved from defeat by the call of time. Blood was seen to be flowing from Cooper's nose.

4. Both men sparred cautiously, Cooper snally landing his right on Nedmons' face. He then missed a left swing, but landed his right on the back of Nedmons' neck, and put his left in the wind. A rapid exchange of body and face blows followed, but the men were evidently tired and

the blows were ineffective. Nedmons landed a good one in on the face, and was forcing his adversary at the call of time.

5. Cooper put a heavy one on the jaw, and followed it up with two more; ducked a reply, but took a light one on the face. He missed a right swing, but landed a nasty shoulder blow on the chin. Again he landed on the wind. Nedmons replied with a light one on the neck and wind, and upper-cut on the jaw. Both missed head blows, and a clinch followed. Cooper missed a swing, and Nedmons got in two lefts on the jaw. The round was the liveliest of the bunch, and called out cheers for Nedmons.

6. Cooper led with a body blow, and each took one on the jaw. Cooper missed two punches, but finally reached the wind and got two on the jaw. Cooper reached the wind and jaw twice, and Nedmons retaliated with one on the wind. Both showed signs of exhaustion and the blows were weak. Cooper got a swing to the wind and followed with his right on the jaw. He missed a third blow, but got in another light one on the jaw.

7. Cooper came up with a confident smile, rushed his opponent and landed his right on the wind. He led again with his right but missed, and Nedmons put in three vicious jabs on the nose and jaw. Cooper replied with right and left on body and face, Nedmons reached the face and a mix followed. After the break-away Cooper landed clear times in quick order on Nedmons' face and gave him a swing from behind as Nedmons ducked. This blow called out cries of "foul" which the referee said was entirely unjustified. Nedmons was in bad shape

blood, while Nedmons left jaw and cheek were swollen from the blows they had received.

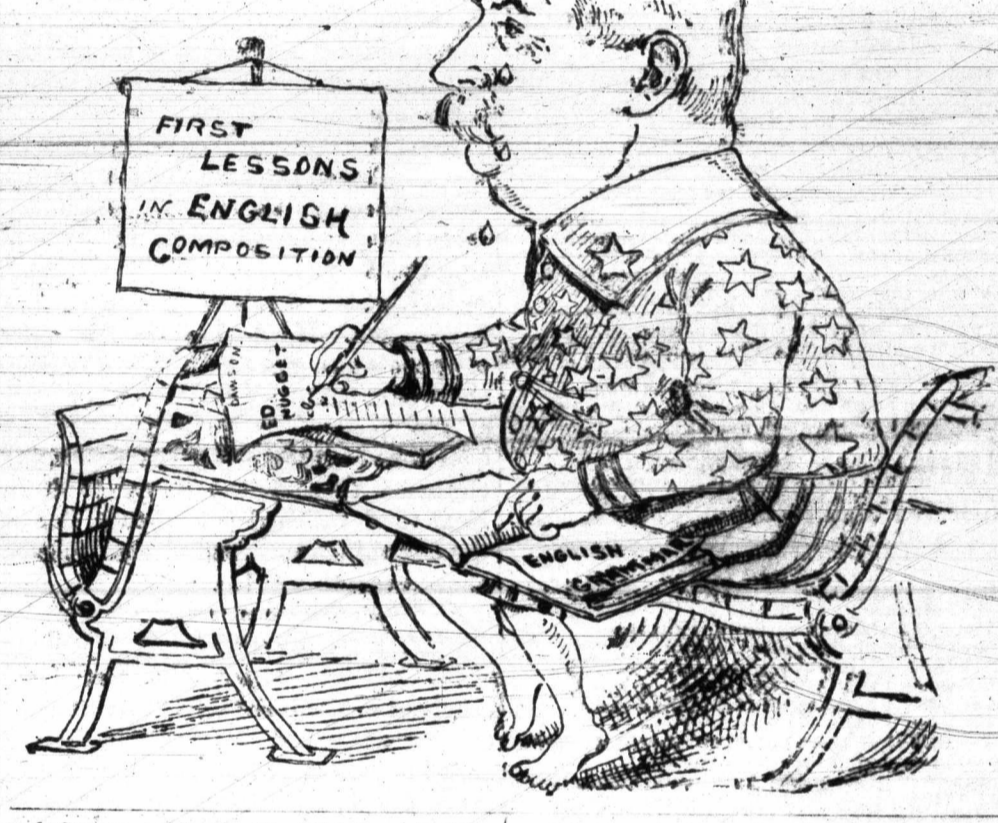
14. A clinch started the ball, Nedmons then leading twice with his left on the face and missing a third. Cooper reached the wind, Nedmons retaliated on the face and a clinch followed. Both men exchanged blows on the face, those of Nedmons being on the nose and of such an irritating kind that their effect on Cooper's temper was evident.

15. Nedmons went at it in a confident way, missing a vicious jab at the nose, but landing a blow on the jaw that made Cooper stagger. The latter clinched and reached the wind after the breakaway. A rapid exchange followed during which Nedmons landed five times on the face and took an upper cut on the jaw.

16. The men sparred for wind and Nedmons light reaches for the face were twice blocked, Cooper landed his left on the jaw, but fanned the air with his right. He had a splendid opening here, but failed to avail of it. An exchange of love taps ensued.

17. Both men showed up fairly well and determined. Cooper rushed, landing on the face and heart twice. Nedmons paid him back in like way. There was a mix-up at the call of time but the round was a rather spiritless one, as a whole. It was evident both men were tired and weak.

18. Nedmons reached the body at the start and followed with a jolt on the jaw that shook Cooper's frame. Following it up, he landed twice more on the face and once on the wind. Cooper replied on the body and face but missed right and left by Nedmons' clever ducking.



and Cooper evidently "had him coming" as time was called.

8. Both men landed light blows after sparring for wind and being urged by the referee to "go at it." A clinch followed, Cooper missed with his left and gave Nedmons a back swing as the other ducked. Cooper then landed twice on the wind and once on the jaw and Nedmons replied lightly on the jaw.

9. Cooper was smiling and confident, Nedmons quiet and determined. Nedmons rushed but missed the head; Cooper landed on the face and Nedmons returned a resounding blow on the chin that made the frame of the other shake. A clinch and exchange of light blows followed.

10. After sparring to recover wind, both men went at it in hammer and tongs style, Nedmons leading on the face; Cooper swung a left but missed. Nedmons also struck over and Cooper, finding an opening, planted his right and left over the heart. Nedmons retaliated on the nose, Cooper reached the face, and rushing vigorously, forced Nedmons to the floor. Nedmons sprang up in time to get a stinger on the neck, but avoided an upper cut. Cooper again reached with right and left and landed each on the jaw and ducked a return blow.

11. Nedmons took the initiative and landed lightly during a rush. Cooper uppercut with his left and landed on the jaw with the right; ducking a swing, Cooper again reached the heart and jaw and repeated the dose, Nedmons responding with two light ones on the jaw.

12. Nedmons led off with a hot tomale on Cooper's jaw and followed with an uppercut in the same place. Cooper landed on the face and another on the wind. An exchange of light blows followed, Cooper let drive a knockout blow that was cleverly dodged and a clinch ended the round.

13. Nedmons made a fine impression by his bearing and both men showed good staying qualities. Nedmons led with a left on the face and missed a second. A third was successful and a clinch followed. Cooper landed on the jaw twice and put an upper cut in the same place. Nedmons put in two on the jaw and a third, after receiving one on the heart and jaw. Cooper's nose and chest were red with

SKOOKUM CHARLEY ON THE WARPATH.

His Wife Said to Have Eloped With a Well Known Klondiker.

The Latter Turns Up in Town Alone, and the Erring One Is Taken Back to the Tepee of His Forgiving Lord.

The San Francisco Examiner of a late date contained a sensational article about a trio of Klondike celebrities that will be read with interest, and it is therefore appended in full. All tales, of course, have a sequel, and in this instance it may be said that present indications point to a happy reunion of the parted ones, for the Lochinvar of the story arrived in Dawson on April 2 alone, and it is reported that the "erring one" has been forgiven by her ducky spouse, who found her at Seattle. The latter's story is as follows:

In these piping days of civilization it is quite astonishing to hear from an authentic source, that a copper colored native of the north was on the warpath in the wilds of North Beach. "Skookum" Charley resorted to his little ax, polished up his bone spear-heads, adjusted his bow and was looking for one Ronier, late of San Francisco, who has skipped with Mrs. Skookum for parts unknown. "Bad Frenchman," said Skookum fiercely, "he kill 'im quick!" Every Klondiker, from Bonanza creek to the town of Skaguay, knows Skookum. The newspaper men know him, too, and have written much about him and pictured him frequently in crude, northern attire and the more civilized dress of the warm south. Skookum has money-like owns claims on various northern creeks, where large nuggets can be raised with a shovel at any good season when water flows well. He can draw his check for thousands, and when in this city he spends money generously and lives at the Commercial hotel. Mrs. Skookum accompanied her husband on his last trip to the warm belt. She is a stout maiden of about 22 cold seasons, with a beautiful, fat nose, fine round face and voice like the gurgle of an overturned bottle of liquor. Her manner and delivery in handling her baked salmon at meal-times attracted the attention of Ronier, a famous sport of the trail, who speaks french with a Chinook accent and has a small fortune of his own. Ronier beamed and Mrs. Skookum smiled approvingly. They met, and in the twinkling of an eye Skookum was forgotten.

There followed a secret love-making. Charlie was not "up to snuff," and could not see that there was matrimonial trouble staring him in the face. He awoke one day to find that his wife had deserted him and fled, during the shades of evening with Ronier. Skookum jumped out of bed with a whoop. Nuggets were forgotten. Bellboys were overlooked. He threw civilization aside and danced an Alaskan war dance about the center table, calling loudly for pain and a new spear. When he had recovered from the first stroke of anger he slung into his dressings and coat and started out to find Ronier's trail. He learned that the eloping couple had started for the north. So he purchased a ticket and started after them.

That was the last seen of Skookum around the Commercial hotel for some days. He is said to be in Seattle now and has learned that Ronier has gone on to Dawson. The battle between the deserted husband and the elopers will be fought out on the banks of the Klondike, far away.

Yukon Council.

The Yukon Council met on March 3, with all the members present. An informal discussion of the local revenues resulted in the appointment of the commissioner and his advisor as a committee to inquire into the feasibility of establishing a "shop license" for Dawson. An amendment was adopted to the fire ordinance forbidding the erection of canvas structures within the fire limits, and authorizing the destruction of any that might be found. Ferguson and Cushing applied for a permit to erect a water flume to supply Grands Forks. No action was taken.

E. A. Manchester applied for a permit to manufacture and sell distilled water to the inhabitants of Dawson. Referred to the health officer for a report upon the project. A draft of an ordinance was read in conformity with the wishes of Mr. Van Meter, who desires to sink an artesian well into the interior of the earth's crust. Several proposed amendments were discussed and no decisive action taken.

A communication was read from Mr. Bartlett regarding two indigent sick persons who have been left on his hands. No action was taken. A communication was read from Adjutant McGill, of the Salvation Army, asking for an appropriation of \$250 to help defray the cost of the care of the indigent sick. After discussion the commissioner was directed to confer with Mr. McGill as to terms, etc., for caring for the government poor.

Nixon and Fletcher applied for a ditch permit to carry water into Grand Forks. No action was taken. A proposed amendment to the partnership ordinance, by J. A. Alaman, was tabled. Wm. Wacoster asked for damages to his property by the police on October 14. No action taken.

Shot and Stabbed.

Word just reaches here from Circle City of an affray between two men named Thompson and Sullivan over a dress maker named Anna Blank. Thompson sought entrance to the house and Sullivan opened the door and stabbed him through the lung. Thompson pulled his gun and shot Sullivan in the same place; both men are in the doctor's hands, their injuries being considered fatal. There is much excitement.

The Cafe Royal lunch is fully appreciated by the business men of Dawson, and is patronized in a popular manner.

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