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NICK BURLEY THE UNDEFEATED YUKON CHAMPION

One round and two minutes and twenty-nine seconds of another was all the time required by Nick Burley to put Joe Choynski out of business before the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association last night.

Chicago must send in a better man than Choynski to wrest the Yukon championship from Burley. The New York Journal which said when Choynski left to come to Dawson and meet Burley that he was coming in to get a roll of easy money from the miners, has another guess coming. The easy bunch went to Burley honestly and fairly, he having clearly shown himself the better man.

Although the time of actual battle was less than five and a half minutes every man of the fully 2500 present was satisfied that he had value received for his money. The go was fast and furious while it lasted, there being no fiddling or sparring for wind. Each man went in for a knockout at the very first opportunity,—the opportunity came to Burley and he improved it. No one, not even the principals, appear to know for a certainty what blow started Joe going. At the beginning of the second round Nick landed a crushing right on the heart and a second later sent a right to the jaw. Joe went down but only for a second but it was off with him from that time, and until the knockout long right swing on the jaw was delivered he was wholly at Nick's mercy. Choynski was clearly and unmistakably going before 30 seconds of the second round had elapsed.

Although the preliminary bout was not to take place until 8:30 fully 1500 people were in the big pavilion by 8:15 and when another 15 minutes had passed the number had swelled to fully 2500. The association had provided a force of competent ushers and there was no confusion about seats. At 8:45 President Cameron of the D A A A stepped on the stage and announced that the association welcomed the large crowd and was grateful for such confidence manifest in the management's ability to present good entertainment. He announced that all the principals were in their dressing rooms and that everything was ready for the beginning of the carnival of sport. He announced that Joseph Boyle and W H B Lyon had been chosen by the club as referee and official time keeper respectively.

One minute later the principals of the preliminary bout, Vincent White, Quartz creek miner, and Ben Howard, colored, of Montana, entered the ring with their seconds, Billie Baird and Jack Merritt for White, and Jim Ritchie and Bob Hunter for Howard. Referee Boyle announced that the contest would be according to Queensbury rules, no striking in clinches and clean breakaway. But as Queensbury rules permit of striking so long as one arm is free or when one man persists in hanging around the other's neck, both the latter's arms being free, the colored man evidently misunderstood the rules and the result was that the preliminary was a fake, Howard declining to go on after the first round claiming that White was persistently fouling him. Many in the audience appeared to understand the rules as Howard did and loudly hissed White. Those conversant with the rules, however, upheld White but thought the referee had not been sufficiently explicit in defining the rules. White left the stage after Howard declined to continue the go, but the latter insisted on making a speech and telling how it happened, insisting that he could best White in a fair go. Cries of "shut up" and "get out" cut his remarks short and the heavy weight champion of Montana withdrew leaving the audience thoroughly disgusted with the preliminary.

A wait of 45 minutes ensued before the principals of the main event entered the ring when Choynski followed by his seconds, Carlton Sinclair and R. J. Zeno, entered and took the northwest corner. Ten seconds later Burley and his seconds, S Baggerley and Tom Krelling, entered and took the southwest corner. Burley objected to going on with Boyle as referee owing to the strong friendship existing between Choynski and Boyle's brother Charley. J A Chute however held a whispered conversation with Burley who at once withdrew his objection and announced himself in readiness. The principals talked a moment in the center of the stage. Referee Boyle announced the rules of the contest, Queensbury with no hitting in clinches, clean break away, he expects to be obeyed to seconds and no prevarication to be held responsible for his decisions, entering the ring the bell rounded and the big thing was on.

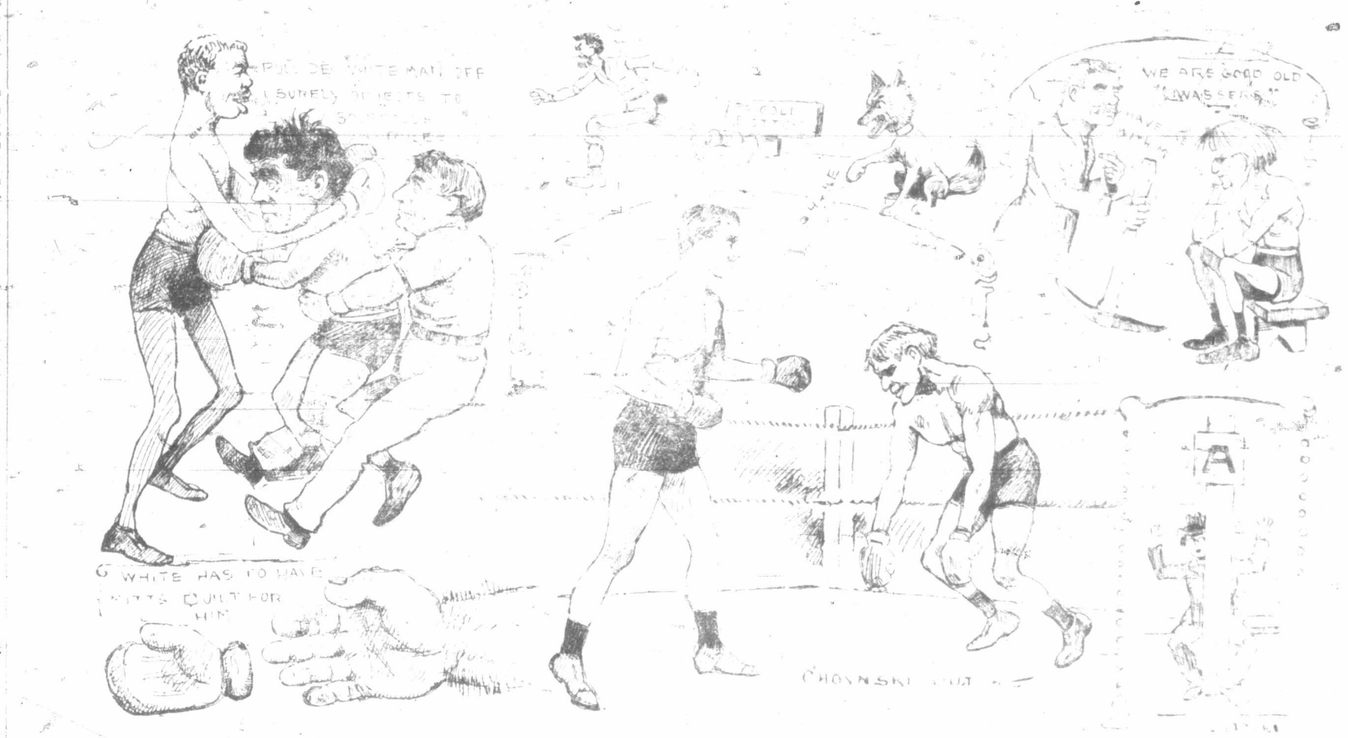
The following is the account of the go by rounds:

Round 1.—They spar for an opening, near the center of the ring. Choynski leads hard left, which teaches Nick's right eye and causes it to swell. A rapid exchange of blows at close quarters follows. Joe lands light on ribs and left on face and head. Burley swings wildly but the blow is blocked. There is but one opening. Burley throws hard left to Choynski's chest. They "clinch" and break at command of referee. Joe leads wicked left, which is stopped by Burley's nose. Nick coming back with a hard left swing to his opponent's breast. More sparring. Both exhibit rapid footwork and the fight by both men so far both is to bring forth cheers at almost every exchange. Choynski sends straight left to Burley's nose and tries to follow with right but is blocked. Burley gives way and is followed closely by Choynski. Hot fight follows, neat tapes. Burley crosses a blow for the head which he cleverly dodges and forces Choynski's head back. There seems to be plenty of strength in his blows. They clinch in Choynski's corner but break clean at command. Again they clinch. Choynski jolts Burley in the body with an uppercut and Nick gives ground. Joe shoves a wicked left hook to Burley's jaw but it is a trifle too high to do much damage. Burley throws a hard right just over the heart as they clinch. Burley takes offensive and smashes Choynski over the kidney with a long, right swing, causing his opponent to do some lively footwork. They clinch and break clean. Choynski rushes Burley almost to the ropes. Nick sidesteps out of danger but right afterward is jabbed with left in body. Choynski follows up what appears to be a slight advantage and swings left on Burley's face and right on head. Nick tries a swinging left, but the blow is cleverly blocked. Burley essays a left, which falls short. Both men are breathing heavily on account of the fast pace, with Choynski slowly following Burley up. Joe staggers Nick with a vicious straight left to the face. Burley attempts a counter but is blocked. Burley swings a right on Choynski's ear, which causes his opponent to fight charily for a few seconds. Choynski's left is shooting out as gong sounds, but he controls the motion of his arm. The men walk to their corners rather wearily. Burley's right cheek is bleeding and his right eye bruised and swollen. The round was a shade in favor of Choynski.

Round 2.—Both advance briskly to the center. Burley takes the offensive and leads a straight left. He is crossed on the jaw. Choynski bores in and lands several swift blows on body, but Burley comes back as quick as a cat, rebounding from the ropes, and throws a left to the point of Choynski's jaw. In the [illegible] goes down. [illegible] chin with [illegible] down. [illegible] fourth round [illegible] out blow [illegible] weak and [illegible] Nick is [illegible] Burley [illegible] half and both [illegible] the point of the [illegible] the count of [illegible] having [illegible] close and [illegible] Choyn[illegible] only his hands and [illegible] to regain his [illegible] Nick [illegible] and with [illegible] point of his [illegible] down for the [illegible] roll over [illegible] six and [illegible] He leads [illegible] ward on his [illegible] the count of [illegible] at the finish. The fight lasted 1 minutes and 29 seconds [illegible]

Amidst the [illegible] that went up Referee Boyle placed his hands on Burley's shoulders indicating him the winner. By this time Joe's seconds had reached him in his corner where weak and sleepy his head hung upon his breast. Burley advanced and shook the vanquished man's hand and left the stage upright and light of foot. Choynski was assisted to his room by his seconds.

Shortly after the bout a regular reception was held in Burley's dressing room, so many of his friends flocking thither for the purpose of extending their congratulations. While Nick was doffing his fighting togs Mrs. Burley received the visitors with many smiles thanking them for the interest shown in her husband's behalf. A reporter was admitted to the dressing room and while the victor was donning his street clothes a little chat was had with him over the mill and its result. The only thing that appeared to nettle the big fellow was the fact that a paper had referred to him as being unable to stand and inflict punishment and he asked the scribe if he didn't think he had made good in the bout. The only mark he showed was his swollen eye. His mouth was also slightly cut on the inside, but it was not noticeable. He was in the best of humor and as one after another of his friends filed in they all extended the glad hand. As soon as dressed Burley entered the reading room where the gate receipts were being counted up. Choynski had preceded him and as the two approached they shook hands cordially and there was not the slightest [illegible]



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DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Eagle Will Scream on the 4th of July

While a number of citizens of the United States together with several Canadians met yesterday afternoon in the reading room of the D A A A for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of having a celebration of America's birthday in Dawson this year, Michael MacGregor was made temporary chairman and J. J. Crawford was asked to act as secretary. But little discussion was necessary in order to gather the feelings of those present as to whether or not there should be a celebration, all favoring the idea, and it was unanimously decided that the day should be properly observed. It was pointed out that excursions were being run on the 4th which would tend to take people away from the city and it was an admitted fact that Dawson could entertain better and more handsomely than any other place within the shadow of the Arctic circle.

It was decided to celebrate, offers of assistance from the various societies were solicited and the following committees were appointed. The patrons of the day were Commissioner Congdon, Colonel T. H. Mason, Major A. Mickel. Mr. Mickel was made president, H. A. Houghton vice president, Crawford secretary and Louis Drouin treasurer. An executive committee of which the president is the chairman will have charge of the preliminary arrangements and as such committee named Ben Davis, Leroy Tom, A. Clarke, George Butler, T. Sargent, T. Krelling, H. A. Stewart, W. H. Fairbanks, C. L. McKee, Steve Taylor, W. H. Tarsons and E. Lund.

A finance committee will consist of Street Chairman, H. A. Stewart, Krelling, W. H. B. Lyon, Charles Stey. The finance committee will put the street committees with Ben Davis chairman, Joe Butler, Wm. Baird, E. Lund.

In celebration this year will be different from those of previous years. All the Chinamen are anxious, putting up stands, have been cut out and will be entirely wholly of which will take place [illegible] there will be a [illegible] horse races, foot races, also a public exhibition of swimming and boxing. Never [illegible] contemplation [illegible] be made to make [illegible] and successful [illegible] quite [illegible] is a big game be[illegible] the league teams in the [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] be held at the same place [illegible] evening at 8 o'clock. The committee will be [illegible] additional suggestions [illegible] received.

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[illegible] left last night for White [illegible] following passengers: [illegible] Forest, Jo. Hagmont, [illegible] Mrs. Krause, Mrs. Frick, [illegible] Hopstead, C. H. Collier, [illegible] McLean, Mrs. [illegible] Lagie, George Withrow, William [illegible] Shaffer, S. McCoy, [illegible] Macaulay, John Shaw, P. [illegible] Marion.

The Empire will endeavor hereafter to [illegible] competitors in the [illegible] beverages and cigars.

[illegible] Floyd is master of ceremonies at the Empire bar.

[illegible] Yesterday afternoon [illegible] Dawson [illegible] the ring. In fact I do not think I will ever again don the gloves.

"Oh, yes you will," chirped in his vivacious little wife. "If your hand gets well before we leave Dawson we will have another go."

Mrs. Choynski feels much worse over the defeat of her husband than does the veteran himself, the latter referring to it merely as one of the fortunes of war.

The records of Burley and Choynski are published on page 3 of this paper.

The receipts for tickets to last night's contest amounted to $4715. Of this amount 35 per cent, $1651, went to the D A A A, 50 per cent of the remainder, $1406 went to Burley, the victor, and the remaining 40 per cent., $1571, to Choynski, the vanquished.

The D A A A is to be congratulated on the success which crowned the efforts of its first pugilistic venture.

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