HINTS OF A FLYNN FRAME

HARDY DOWNING, PROMOTER, TELLS OF DEMPSEY'S EARLY CAREER.

At the Start Jack Fell in With a Fast Set, but All Admit the Boy Always Was "Good to His Folks."

By Eye-Witness.

A reporter for the Chicago Tribune, assigned to "get the inside on Dempsey," once threw his hat in the ring for the championship of a new sport. Hardy Downing, Salt Lake fight promoter, who knew Jack Dempsey in the early days, tells his story of the eighth of a series of articles on the life and adventures of the world's heavy weight fight champion.

BY EYE WITNESS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—It would be between five and six years ago now that Andy Malloy, a middle weight boxer of some fame a decade and a half ago, said to H. S. Dowding, the Salt Lake fight promoter: "Hardy, I've got a fellow here, a big, punk kid, but I think he can fight. I wish you'd give him a chance. I've boxed with the boy and he looks like a fighter."

The boy was Jack Dempsey.

Malloy had picked him up somewhere in Colorado or Utah while he (Malloy) was fussing around among the mines. He still fusses around among them, leasing one claim or another, now and then cleaning up a few hundred and coming into Salt Lake City once a year to enjoy himself.

HIS FIRST FIGHT AT VS.

According to Dowding's remembrance of those days Dempsey was scarcer 19 than 18, and the champion himself told me offhand the other day that his first fight under Downing was six years ago. Upon examining his memory Hardy was inclined to set the date in October, 1914, and if that is right Dempsey would have been past 19.

Anyway, Downing gave Malloy's pick-up—he hadn't reached the status of protege then—the chance, and Dempsey's first fight was staged in the back of the old Grand theater, now the Hippodrome, in Salt Lake City. Indeed, it was Dempsey's first fight anywhere except three or four kid matches in Provo, the town fifty miles south of Salt Lake City where Senator Smoot lives and where the Dempseys had lived until Jack was about 17.

FAMILY HEAR THEIR NAMES.

After Jack proved a winner the family went back to the old home folks in Logan County, West Virginia, to stay a year (I suppose all middle aged folk are fond of another run of hard luck) and then flitted West again, settling down to three or four years in Salt Lake City, Utah, about 1914. Dempsey says the fight in question was "right after we came back from West Virginia."

I go into all this detail because that first Salt Lake City fight of Dempsey's, though it made only a ripple at the time, is now in a fair way to become one of the comedy classics of fistiana.

There were two fighting boys, both huskies, and sons of the biggest produce dealer in town, and both of them were amateur boxers and both anxious to take themselves seriously. Hardy Downing says it was with "the oldest" of these boys that he matched Dempsey, while Dempsey says as he remembers it they were twins. If they were, the other twin never carried the argument any further.

BRIEF STORY OF FIGHT.

"Tell me the story of that fight," I said to Hardy.

"Story," echoed Hardy, "there wasn't any story. It was a go of six or eight and $2.50. Dempsey just walked out and feinted with his left once, then drove in his right and the other fellow's went boom. It was over in twenty seconds.

"That was his beginning with me—and his real beginning in the fight game. Then he kept on fighting for me in 1915 and 1916, 1917, 1918, and then headed—what do you call a real ticket fighter. From $2.50 he went up to $5, and then $7.50, and then $10, and then $15, and then $25—four round goes. Five hundred dollars for the fight with Dick Gilbert at the old Salt Lake theater where Maude Adams made her debut as a baby in arms was the first time I ever gave him any real money.

DEMPSEY'S STYLE FOR JACK.

"It was along during the first fights he had under me that I—nice enough old fellow who used to pet a job some times helping clear off the lanes—left the street, and told to the old man, 'If this kid behaves himself there's no reason he shouldn't be the heavyweight champion.' That's how good he looked to me even at the start."

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CARPENTIER IN ANOTHER K. O.

Grandhoven, Belgian Champion, Took Count of Nine in Second Round.

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 21.—Georges Carpentier, champion heavyweight pugilist of Europe, knocked out Grandhoven, the Belgian champion, in the second round of their 15-round match here today. Grandhoven was completely outclassed and took a count five times.

GETTING READY FOR BIG MEET.

Several Special Events Will Feature the K. C. A. C. Carnival.

Dr. Joseph Reilly is daily waxing more and more enthusiastic over the interest evinced by schools and colleges in the Kansas City Athletic Club's annual indoor meet, which will be staged in Convention hall, March 6. With practically all the valley stars entered, several feature races are on the card.

One of the events which will cause special interest will be between Jackson, Scholz and "Bill" Sylvester of Missouri, and Gallagher of Kansas Aggies. In the recent indoor season Gallagher defeated Loomis and Sylvester in the 50-yard dash. The Tiger star is recognized as probably the fastest in the country, having recently beaten Loren Murchison in an Eastern meet.

Another event, together with Talbot, Barnes and possibly some unknown for the third man, will be a relay race for a silver cup trophy, offered to the athlete winning the most number of points in the open events. The last two years the weight events and considerable rivalry exists there. Talbot always has putted far ahead of all contestants in these events, but Barnes won from his hefty rival last year. Marshall, a former Manual star, also will wear the Kansas Aggie colors, and is the heaviest great form in practice. These three men all put farther than 44 feet.

Several college stars are expected to compete for the Douglas cup in the 600-yard race, which is open only to Missouri Valley conference men.

Carl Rice, who holds the high mark of 6-2 in the high jump, will compete for the honors again, but other good entries are not in yet, but several well known athletes probably will compete.

Dr. Reilly received word from Des Moines College that a star half miler who has made the distance in 1:57 3-5 will be entered.

For the first time in the fifteen years' history of the meet St. Marys will enter a squad. Dr. Reilly intends to put on the 1,600-yard relay team against Friends.

As was stated, the ward schools will not be entered unless possibly in one unlimited relay. The little fellows were barred last season for the first time.

MARTIN'S HAND IN PLASTER CAST.

The A. E. F. Champion Still Suffering From Injury Received in Smith Bout.

AKRON, O., Feb. 21.—Martin Muehlbach is still forced to respond to treatment in the last two weeks forced physicians to place it in a plaster cast today. The cast will remain about two weeks in order that the A. E. F. heavyweight's hand may have perfect rest in an effort to keep the buckled bone back of the second finger.

Grech Outpointed Bob Roper.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 21.—Harry Grech outpointed Bob Roper in a 10-round bout at Exposition hall here tonight. Grech had a wide margin.

COULDN'T STOP K. C. A. C.

THE BLUE DIAMONDS ROMPED OVER DRURY IN AN 87 TO 20 GAME.

Singer Led the Scoring With Twenty-Two Goals, While Moberly Caged Eleven Baskets From the Field.

Another one of those one-sided, uninteresting snaps fell to the lot of the K. C. A. C. basketeers last night, at Drury's expense. As has been the habit this season, the Blue Diamonds had no trouble at all in running up enough in a single quarter to clinch matters.

The final count, according to a myriad of figures, shows the Panthers annexed another an 87 to 20 score.

Milt Singer, with twenty-two goals, Cecil Moberly with eleven and Virgil Fox with seven, secured in the last half, led the offense. Moberly at times made his guards eyes shine when several clever indirectors, while Milt, his station under the basket, tapped in one after the other.

In the first half Captain Peabody celebrated his return at center, with Moberly and Singer at forward, but the combination didn't bring the results that the one used in the last half, whereby "Pea" went to guard and Moberly was placed at center.

Husky "Bill" Miller of the Panthers was the main support of that organization on the defense, caging four goals from the field and counted six free throws. The score:

K. C. A. C.			Drury.		
	G.	F.		G.	F.
Singer, f	12	6	Miller, f	4	6
Neal, f	2	0	Tittlemeier, f (c)	3	0
Moberly, f-c	11	0	Bell, c	0	0
Peabody, g (c)	0	3	Woody, g	0	0
Fox, g	7	0	Summers, g	0	0
Lysaught, g	0	0	Hammers, g	0	0
	32	9		7	6
				32	20

Referee—H. H. Schroeder, Kansas.
Umpire—Mahan, Kansas.

NEW SPINNER FOR A. L. HITTERS.

Walter Johnson Says His Pitching Arm is in Great Shape.

COFFEYVILLE, Kas., Feb. 21.—The recent ban placed on the "shine" and spit ball will be a big help to the pitching record of Walter Johnson, pitcher for the Washington American Leaguers, who make his home in Coffeyville the winter months on a farm near here.

"I believe all the fans and most of the pitchers will be glad to see trick pitching discarded," the big hurler said today.

Johnson says his pay arm is in great shape and he is looking for a big season. He will leave in a few days for Tampa, Fla., the Senators' spring training camp.

Kansas Indoor Basket Ball Results.

Peabody 25, Yale 10.
Navy 21, Army 18.
Kansas 31, Iowa 15.
Chillicothe H. C. 20, Missouri Military College 23.
Oklahoma 28, Kansas Aggies 26.
Grinnell 32, Drake 31.
Omaha 32, Creighton 19.
Missouri 30, Washington 17.
Ames 31, Nebraska 30.
K. C. A. C. 87, Drury 19.
Kansas City, Kas., 39, Drexel 35.
National Bank of Commerce 33, Wellsville 23.
Haskell 39, Oklahoma Aggies 20.
Argentine High 41, Topeka High 31.
Kansas City, Northwestern 20.
Wisconsin 21, Illinois 20.
Southwest Missouri State 40, 34 Division Camp Pike 22.
Notre Dame 35, Kansas State high 16.
Nebraska 31, Notre Dame 15.

Soccers Teams to Start on New Series.

The Kansas City soccer football league will start a new series of games today for the St. George's cup. In the first game the Polgers will meet the Shamrocks and in the second game the Shamrocks will play the Tigers. The Karlings will play the Spalding trophy last Sunday when the Schmelzers forfeited the points.

McGOWAN LANDS ANOTHER BOUT.

Tyler Thomas Will Meet Brewer's Lightweight in Junction City, Kas.

Harry Brewer, manager of Joe McGowan and a stable of other boxers, announced yesterday that he had closed another match for his lightweight. An American Legion show will be held in Junction City, Kas., March 17 and Joe Gowan will meet Tyler Thomas in the main attraction of ten rounds. Thomas is well known to boxing followers here, having appeared in several bouts when the game was promoted on a big scale. McGowan began training Friday for his next bout, which will be with Willie Doyle in Springfield, Mo., Wednesday night, February 25. Doyle, who is under the management of Billy McCarney, has fought several of the best men in the lightweight class, including Johnny Dundee, the Italian "Kangaroo."

Three Kansas City boxers, accompanied by Harry Brewer, will leave here Thursday night for Hutchinson, Kas., where they will appear on the program of an American Legion show Friday night. "Rube" Waddell, a pupil of Mike Gibbons, will box Young Burke of Wichita. Frankie Dean will take on Kid Penny, also of Wichita; while Frank Hughes, the lightweight who will meet Kid Atwood of Hutchinson. Each bout will be for six rounds. Sailor Dick Hoffman will appear in the program of an American Legion show Friday night. "Rube" Waddell, a pupil of Mike Gibbons, will box Young Burke of Wichita. Frankie Dean will take on Kid Penny, also of Wichita; while Frank Hughes, the lightweight who will meet Kid Atwood of Hutchinson. Each bout will be for six rounds. Sailor Dick Hoffman will appear in the program of the 10-round main go.

A LEGION SHOW ON KANSAS SIDE.

Bobby Dibbons and Mike Obrien to Box Ten Rounds in Main Event.

The Wyandotte Post of the American Legion will stage an all-soldier card at the Hoking rink for the benefit at Porter's garage between Sixth and Seventh streets on State avenue Friday night. Bobby Dibbons will box ten rounds in the main go of the program as the star of the service. The main bout of ten rounds will be between Bobby Dibbons and Mike Orrison. Dibbons was with the Kansas City signal corps in France while Orrison was with a boxing instructor at southwest army camps for more than a year.

Young Kramer of the 35th division and Billy Rice of the 89th will furnish the 6-round semi-windup. Two 4-round bouts will be staged between Young Adair will meet Young Sterdens in one of the "sprints," while Pete Orr and Bobby Hughes will be signed to serve in the other contest. In addition to the boxing bouts there will also be a wrestling exhibition.

OFF TO JOIN BROWNS TUESDAY.

Opal Collins Hopes to Land a Regular Job With Rickey's Team.

Opal Collins, Kansas City catcher, who graduated from the Western League into the ranks of the major leaguers, left yesterday to hold down a position as first string catcher in the big show this year. Collins finished his training season with the St. Louis Americans and will rejoin the club this year. He will leave here Tuesday for Taylor, Texas, where the team will do its spring training.

Jimmy Burke, the St. Louis manager, recently purchased Collins' contract and recently announced the release of two. This leaves only two besides Collins, and that is confident he can battle his way to the first string catching job. His two mates will be Josh Billings and Ralph Perkins, both of whom have been a few games last year, but got away well both at bat and on the fielding end.

Rain Halted Motor Race.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—The 250-mile motor car race, scheduled for today at the new Los Angeles speedway, was postponed until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock on account of rain.

"SANDY" RILEY SET THE PACE.

The Scores of Kansas City Bowlers May Win International Prizes.

Kansas City bowlers who represented the Overland five in the international tournament, which closed last night on St. Paul alleys, stand a chance of getting a share of the prize money. The team's score of 2,728 in the 5-man event will land the local tumblers fifth or sixth place, while the marks made in the singles and doubles, shown below, should bring checks in the mail.

Andrew Riley's attack against the pins featured the Overlands' tournament play. The scrapper started consistently all the way, his lowest 10-frame count in the three events being 170. A 4-6 split in the last game of his singles prevented "Irish" from winning second place in the all-events. That bit of hard luck pushed him down to ninth place, his total for the "all-honors" registering 1,717.

Meyer, a Minneapolis bowler, teamed with Frank Makepeace in the doubles and the pair shot 1,089, which also will be in the money. Other doubles scores were: Everett and Riley, 1,063; Blum and Makepeace, 1,036. The scores made in the singles are as follows:

Individual Events.			
Riley, Kansas City	179	217	—590
Cone, Shepherd	170	177	211—562
Meyer, Minneapolis	179	203	180—562
Ist. H. L. Everett	171	179	170—560
Blum, "	179	201	161—560
The Two-Men Events.			
Meyer	178	190	223
Makepeace	187	209	176— 800
Totals	365	399	399—1,063
Everett	181	182	176
Riley	191	191	181— 1,063
Totals	372	373	357—1,126
Blum	186	165	191—602
Makepeace	185	187	162— 534
Totals	311	352	303 1,036

LEGION POST TO STAGE BOUTS.

Negro Lightweights Will Headline Show at Labor Temple March 2.

Leo Patterson, the Joplin negro boy, lightweight champion of the A. E. F., will be the star of the show at Kansas City ring Tuesday night, March 2, at the Labor Temple. Patterson is scheduled to meet George Smith, Kansas City's "fighting butcher," in a 10-round bout in the main event.

Arch Peterie will meet Rus Golgazio in a finish wrestling match in the same show, while there will be a 6-round preliminary boxing bout between Battling Harold and "Kid" Love.

The event will be staged as a benefit for the Wayne Miner post of the American Legion.

OKLAHOMA WON AGAIN.

Wallie Lal Scoring in 24 to 20 Victory Over Aggies.

NORMAN, Okla., Feb. 21.—In a fiercely contested contest, Oklahoma won the second basket ball game from the Kansas Aggies, 36 to 26, here today. The first period ended during the game. Ed Wallie, lengthy Oklahoma center, was best individual scorer. Wallie made 11 field goals in spite of a dislocated shoulder that was jerked into place just as the second half began. Bill Bowyer, Aggie guard, played well. The Sooners led at the end of first half, 14 to 10.

DEMMITT JOINS OUTLAW LEAGUE.

The St. Louis Outfielder Will Play in Industrial Circuit Next Season.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The management of the Staley ball club of the new Industrial League, recently organized in Chicago, today announced it has signed Ray Demmitt, outfielder of the St. Louis Browns for the 1920 season.

Conclude Evidence in Dempsey Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The federal grand jury had concluded the examination of witnesses in the investigation of the case of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, on the charge of violating the Mann white slave act, and the Blue management declared today that no other players would be involved in the deal.

Two Jayhawkers to Illinois for Indoor Meet.

Bonner Springs, Kas., Feb. 21.—Coach A. Schlademan announced today that he would send Orval Bradley and Lindsay Wilson to the Illinois athletic carnival March 6. They will compete in the field events, while the other members of the team will be selected Tuesday.

A Defeat for Kansas Side Hitters.

BONNER SPRINGS, Kas., Feb. 21.—Bonner Springs five defeated Argentine City, Kas., high here tonight, 39 to 35. Dempsey led the locals with 15 to 6. Green of Bonner Springs and Loren Brown of K. U. refereed.

A Pack Gun Club Shoot.

The Pack Gun club will hold a shoot and target shoot of the season at the Blue River grounds tomorrow afternoon. A social event will make up the program.

Cleveland Releases Two Pitchers.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—President Ban C. Dunn of the Cleveland baseball club announced today the release of two pitchers conditional release of pitchers Jasper and George Dickerson.

Johnson Has Left Mexico City.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Manager Charles F. Clyne received a telegram today that Jack Johnson had left Mexico City for Laredo, on the border, where he will surrender to federal authorities.

SPORTING COMMENT

THE sale of Jess Haines, the Tulsa baseball pitcher of association last year, has brought considerable criticism on the head of George Muehlebach, owner of the Blues.

"Just like Tebeau," the irate fans have said, "as soon as he gets a good ball player he sells him for cash. With the draft law abolished the way was open for minor league clubs to keep their said stuff, thereby doing. The call of the cash is all alluring."

Is the indictment a true bill?

A cursory examination of the facts in the Haines case brings the positive conclusion that the criticism of the president he sells him for cash. Mr. Muehlebach is paying part of the penalty for owning a minor league franchise. What is true of Muehlebach and Haines case is true of every minor league owner whenever he sells a star player. It is a condition that is bound to arise as long as there are major and minor leagues.

An analysis of the Haines case will fit the case of every star who is sold to the big show from a minor league club, but more especially if the club that makes the sale happens to belong to one of the big minor circuits.

Jess Haines made a great record in the Association last summer. Local fans figured Jess good for a victory each time John Gooch worked and not more than five times in the half a season he was a Blue, did the former Tulsa hurler disappoint the believers.

In the closing weeks of the season numerous stories were printed of offers the Senior league made for Haines. Scouts followed the Blues for the purpose of forming an opinion of the pitcher's ability to make good in the big league.

But the season closed and Jess Haines had not been sold. The major leagues did not draft players from the big minors last year and Haines remained a member of the Blues.

"Fine business," said the fans, "we'll have Jess with us next summer and the Blues will be hard to beat."

Everything looked lovely—on the outside.

Now let's see how things were from the inside.

Haines, being young and flushed with his success in the Association, was ambitious.

He had designs for pushing on to his car. The lure of the big time circuit beckoned to him. The big cities, the big crowds, the big salaries, thoughts of the world's series and a big share of the money that goes with the ultimate goal in the ambition of every ball player small wonder Jess Haines was anxious to report at the winter months came on, bringing no report of his sale to a major league club.

Haines knew the big league scouts had "looked him over." He had received numerous stories of offers to the Kansas City owners, fabulous offers, running into the thousands, for his services. So through the winter days he fumed and fretted. An offer came to him to play ball in an industrial league this summer. The offer carried with it a good paying job, an all year round job—something that every ball player is looking for.

Haines waited for the contract he knew the Kansas City club would send. And his manner of waiting boded no good for the Kansas City owners.

The story now drifts back to a mid-June day of last summer. The Blues had bought the release of Jess Haines from the Tulsa club of the Western League. Haines hadn't been particularly successful in the Western.

"What were you making in Tulsa?" George Muehlebach asked him.

"Three hundred dollars," said Haines.

"What will you play in Kansas City for?" Muehlebach asked.

"The same money, $300, and tickled to make the change," replied Haines.

So Haines's contract with the Blues last year read that way.

Now we'll jump to a late January day, some seven months later. The Kansas City club was ready its 1920 contracts out.

The document mailed to Jess Haines called for a salary of $350 per month, a raise of $50 per month. The Blue owners considered that a pretty fair salary hike.

But Jess Haines didn't think so.

The newspaper stories of big league offers for his services had gone to Jess's head. He sent the contract back unsigned. The letter he wrote to President Muehlebach contained numerous statements tersely put, summed up in the statement that he was about as follows:

He would play ball in Kansas City in the summer of 1920 if the club paid him $450 per month or offered. Nay, nay, Pauline. If Mr. Muehlebach cared to raise the monthly stipend to $600 per month and took over a bonus of $500 to pay for the ink Jess expected to use in writing his contract. Mr. Haines knew what he was worth as a pitcher of the baseball and he didn't intend to let Mr. Muehlebach or any other club get the best of the deal. Jess said as much. He had heard that several clubs had offered as much as $10,000 for his release and he knew that several major league clubs were after his services. He was entitled to a chance in the big league. Mr. Muehlebach had stood in the way of his advancement so now if the Blue president wanted the presence of Jess's company in the summer of 1920 all he need do was come through with $600 a month and $500 for signing.

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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—D[illegible] ate attempt made by the [illegible] versity quintet in a [illegible] on Washington U. [illegible] Jayhawkers tonight, 39 to [illegible] ers were out in the last [illegible] five minutes of play, [illegible] last five minutes Kansas [illegible] points, while the Pikers [illegible] one. The score at the [illegible] half was 19 to 15 in W[illegible]

In the second half [illegible] into a big lead, but, a[illegible] the Jayhawkers showed [illegible] ing distance, only to [illegible] final whistle, ending the [illegible]

Lasslett and Russell pu[illegible] exhibition for the [illegible] Lasslett starred especial[illegible] sive, his four long bas[illegible]ding the Jayhawker [illegible] did his best work on the [illegible]

Hurd added eight [illegible] to his team total, fo[illegible] high mark of the even[illegible] tallied fourteen points, [illegible] made 13 for Kansas [illegible] score:

WASHINGTON	G.	F.	P.
Maynard f	0	0	0
Hall, f	6	2	14
Lippert, c	0	0	0
Lasslett, g	4	1	9
Kreeling	0	0	0
Totals	10	3	23

COULDN'T MAKE IT TWO.

Rockhurst Was Defeated by Junior College Team.

Junior college turned [illegible] the Rockhurst five [illegible] testing team on the [illegible] 24. In an earlier game [illegible] returned the winner.

Jimmy Morrow starred [illegible] legiate with six goals [illegible] throws, while Walters [illegible] and Jimmy Morrow [illegible] for the Blue and White.

JUNIOR COLLEGE	G.	F.	P.
Rosenthal, f	0	0	0
Morrow, f	6	1	13
Blair, c	1	4	6
Walters, g	3	0	6
Bernstein, g	0	0	0
Mahaffey, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	5	25

THE HUSKERS WON AGAIN.

Notre Dame Was Defeated in Long Lincoln, 20 to 15

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. [illegible] Huskers basketeers again [illegible] Notre Dame in the [illegible] of the series, trouncing [illegible] tossers 20 to 15. The [illegible] at the intermission. Nore[illegible] scored 12 two points [illegible] Hoking and Wallace [illegible] for Nebraska, while [illegible] the main point maker [illegible]

McQUILLAN SOLD TO COLUMBUS

The Veteran Hurler Will Finish Clyde[illegible] Team Next Season

George McQuillan, veteran hurler [illegible] was carried on the [illegible] the Kansas City club last [illegible] be a member of the Columbus [illegible] team. The announcement [illegible] here yesterday that McQuillan [illegible] a outfielder of the St. Louis Browns for the 1920 season.

Conclude Evidence in Dempsey Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The federal grand jury had concluded the examination of witnesses in the investigation of the case of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, on the charge of violating the Mann white slave act, and the Blue management declared today that no other players would be involved in the deal.

Two Jayhawkers to Illinois for Indoor Meet.

Bonner Springs, Kas., Feb. [illegible] A. Schlademan announced today that he would send Orval Bradley and Lindsay Wilson to the Illinois athletic carnival March [illegible] compete in the field events, while the other members of the team will be selected Tuesday, when the jury again meets, it was said today.

A Defeat for Kansas Side Hitters.

BONNER SPRINGS, Kas., Feb. [illegible] Bonner Springs five defeated Argentine City, Kas., high here tonight, 39 to 35. Dempsey led the locals with 15 to 6. Green of Bonner Springs and Loren Brown of K. U. refereed.

A Pack Gun Club Shoot.

The Pack Gun club will hold a shoot and target shoot of the season at the Blue River grounds tomorrow afternoon. A social event will make up the program.

Cleveland Releases Two Pitchers.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—President Ban C. Dunn of the Cleveland baseball club announced today the release of two pitchers conditional release of pitchers Jasper and George Dickerson.

Johnson Has Left Mexico City.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Manager Charles F. Clyne received a telegram today that Jack Johnson had left Mexico City for Laredo, on the border, where he will surrender to federal authorities.

in larger cities, hence [illegible] pay larger salaries.

The ball player is [illegible] tion. No one can deny [illegible] the game is a money [illegible] when he knows he is [illegible] a team and believes he can [illegible] big show.

It would be unf