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Batalis Winner Of Main Event

Local Wrestler Downs Utah's Pride.—Saunders and Callahan Go To Draw.—Jack Larry Challenges Batalis.

The American Legion last night put on two of the best wrestling matches seen in the local arena for several months. Both were busy bouts and the crowd was entertained to the full value of their money.

The first bout was between Clarence S. Saunders of this city and Pat Callahan of Kingman, Arizona. Callahan won the first fall in 25 minutes with a wrist lock, after a struggle which kept the crowd on edge for every moment.

The second fell went to Saunders with a wrist lock in 17 minutes, during which both gave their best efforts.

The final period of the struggle was without decisive results and Referee Jack Larry announced a draw.

Saunders, it appeared to the writer, was the more clever of the two wrestlers and several times extricated himself from what appeared to be fatal holds. However, the very superior weight of Callahan offset the others' skill. Anyhow, the go was a spirited and interesting one.

The main event was a finish bout between George Batalis the Las Vegas favorite, and George Costello, the pride of Provo, Utah. Batalis weighed in at 160 and Costello at 150 pounds. Jack Larry again proved a wise and acceptable referee.

Head Scissors
After a heated session of 22 minutes, Costello got an unbreakable head scissors on Batalis and took the fall.

In the second frame Batalis came back with a series of head locks. He fought in such an aggressive and determined manner, without allowing his opponent a second for recovery, that Costello was helpless to resist. Batalis won this fall in lightning style in one and one-half minutes. So far as the writer knows there was never before a more spectacular and exciting minute and one-half of wrestling in the local arena.

Batalis continued his aggressive tactics in the third period and won the fall in six minutes with a straight arm lock. This was a new one to the crowd, seemingly, but it did the work in quick order when applied.

Two challenges, both of them bearing promise of good sport, were hurled from the arena during the intermission between the two matches last night.

Larry Challenges
Jack Larry, of Council Bluffs, Ia., who refereed the American Legion card, challenged George Batalis the winner of the main event to a match in the local arena, two falls out of three to a positive finish.

Larry, moreover, to make his challenge more inviting, agreed to post \$100 to go to Batalis if he wins the match.

Batalis was prompt in accepting the challenge, and local sports are already agog with interest. The match probably will take place within the next two weeks.

"I intend to make my home in Las Vegas," said Larry to the Age last night. "I realize that Batalis has strength, courage and skill, but I am able to beat him. I know I have to beat him if I expect to remain in the game here, which I intend to do. Batalis will have the advantage in weight, I realize, but I expect superior skill, knowledge and experience to tell the story in the end."

"If anyone wants to look up my record of 17 years in the wrestling game, I refer them to Farmer Burns, the father of them all, at Omaha, Nebraska."

The second challenge was by Billy Ferguson, of Texas, who is seeking a match with Paul Jones, also of Texas. Ferguson claims to have been following Jones with challenges, but not as yet to have had the pleasure of meeting him. These two men are both heavyweights. Ferguson would prefer to wrestle in the Legion arena here.

Wildcats Go to Panaca Today

Las Vegas high school's Wildcats are scheduled to leave this morning for Panaca, Lincoln county, where they will play the Panaca grid team this afternoon.

The boys, with Coach Frank Butcher will return to Las Vegas tonight at 9 o'clock.

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On the left you have Jack Dempsey as he posed in 1919 just before knocking Jess Willard from the heavyweight pedestal. On the right is the Dempsey of today whose business is making it possible for others to fight.

CHICAGO, (AP)—What a difference ten years make.

In 1919 Jack Dempsey, then the new heavyweight champion of the world, was just one great big ferocious fighting man.

That old Dempsey scowl was at

its best. The Manassa Mauler had just chopped down Jess Willard, the "man mountain," to gain the topmost pinnacle of the pugilistic world.

Today at 34, Jack doesn't even muster a man's sized scowl. His paralyzing left hook, which racked

up opponents like Willard, Firpo and Sharkey, has been put in the vault for keeps. For it's Promotor Jack now.

After all that shrill, high-pitched voice of Dempsey's sounds better in a business office than in the prize ring.

Coast Prepares For Great Grid Battle Today

Stanford, U. S. C. Round In to Shape for Crucial Football Game of Season on Cardinals' Field.

STANFORD, Calif., Oct. 25, (U.P.)—The very quietness that lay on the stadium here today belies the roar that will arise tomorrow when Stanford and the University of Southern California meet on the white striped gridiron.

Generally admitted to be the strongest of Pacific Coast conference teams and to have reached the peak of midseason form, the Cards and the Trojans took things easy today.

While Coach Pop Warner's men were hidden away at one of the many country clubs high in the hills near here, Coach Howard Jones' charges went through a light workout to eliminate the "kinks" caused by overnight Pullman travel from the south.

In Good Shape
Both squads are in fair physical shape, with the Trojans apparently having an edge. The Cards are slightly inconvenienced by an attack of kneeitis, but not to such a serious extent that their play will be hampered.

Herb Fleishacker, the giant 200 pound fullback and battering ram of the card squad, is out of the hospital and reported to have recovered sufficiently from a knee injury to at least get in the game.

Bill Simkins, who has no rival in the nation when it comes to throwing passes if he is right, is scheduled to start instead of Fleishacker. Simkins has just recovered from a knee injury that has kept him on the sidelines for several weeks.

Trojans Line Heavy
Several other members of Warner's 49 first stringers are sporting knee bandages. Jones' 43 regulars and the 30 odd other ambitious young footballers he has brought with him exhibit little adhesive tape.

The Trojan line, which outweighs the card first line by 10 pounds to a man, will undoubtedly need its superior weight when the heavy backfield gets into action.

Fleishacker, who has developed rapidly since the last season, is said to be plenty mad because of a re-

Film Plant Fire Damage Is Set At \$1,500,000

Fire-Proof Vaults of Laboratory Are Opened; Valuable Original Negatives Are Found Unharmed.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 25—(U.P.)—Officials of the Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., motion picture film developing concern said today that damage of a fire which swept the plant Thursday night was estimated at \$1,500,000.

Fears that the fire loss might reach \$10,000,000 or more were ended last night when the "fire-proof" vaults of the laboratory were opened by insurance adjusters and several valuable original negatives were found to be safe.

Had the original negatives been scorched several companies would have been compelled to retake expensive pictures or count time and money already expended as a total loss.

R. K. O. announced that "rushes" or newly made film, or several pictures now being made had been destroyed and would be retaken at a cost of about \$500,000.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer also lost some film, but lost no original negatives. Officials at this studio made no attempt to estimate the damage.

Caddo productions reported that some of the rushes of "Hell's Angels" were burned and that the loss would be about \$60,000.

port from the South that he is too big to play in the backfield and a little slow in calling signals.

And another who shares the big fullback quarter's feelings is Young Reinecke, center for the red shirts. It is said that some aspersion was made in the South against his All-American caliber.

Discussion over the respective ball carrying merits of the two backfields has reached fever heat. The answer will not be known until after the game—or at least until it is nearly over.

Jones will match the Card battering power with four fast and quick-thinking men who so far this season have run away with everything they have met.

Increased Power From Dam to Bring Nevada Agricultural Growth, Thru Pumping Underground Water—Creel

Visualizing an extensive ultimate agricultural development in Nevada as a result of the construction of Boulder Dam, Cecil W. Creel, director of the Nevada Agricultural extension service, appeared before Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur in Washington last week in the application of the state for an allotment of power from the project.

Thousands of acres of lands in the great eastern and south central valleys of Nevada are available for cultivation if an adequate supply of reasonably priced power is made available to pump underground water necessary for irrigation, Creel told the interior secretary.

"The reclamation of large tracts of these lands will be economically justified, perhaps within the next 25 years, certainly within the next 50 or 75 years," he stated.

In presenting Nevada's claims for power to be used in agriculture, Creel reviewed the present state of farming in Nevada.

"Nevada farms increased 23 percent in number between the census years 1920 and 1925, which increase occurred in the face of a nationwide agricultural depression, which caused 76,000 eastern and middle-western farms to be abandoned, their owners seeking employment in the cities," he declared.

"Of the 71,000,000 acres of land in Nevada, but 400,000 acres are cultivated at the present time. By the construction of storage reservoirs to conserve flood waters, it is variously estimated that between 200,000 and 600,000 additional acres may be added to the cultivated area of the state."

Beyond that point, however, he said, further reclamation of land in Nevada will depend upon the utilization of ground water, in which it is expected that power from Boulder Dam may be utilized.

Economic justification for expansion of Nevada agriculture is found in part, the extension director stated, in Washington, in the growing demands of markets on the Pacific coast, particularly in California.

"If the entire areas now under cultivation in Nevada were devoted exclusively to the production of dairy products, this state would hardly be able to supply California's expected increase in market demand for the ensuing two years," he declared.

Net Teams Set For Tournament

Singles will be played first, beginning about 8:30 tomorrow morning, when Milford meets tennis teams of the local U. P. A. C. teams.

Seats will be arranged at 25 cents for the day, it has been announced. The court will be closed all day today for repainting of the lines, and placing of the new net.

Sport Chairman W. Bates has his bunch of track aspirants out fixing up the field where the late carnivals were held. The ground is to be put into shape for temporary practice, a permanent field to be put in later at the ball park.

"I want to see about six tug-of-war teams lined up at an early date," says President-elect Lightfoot. "This is a great sport. It would require about four nights to carry out properly. The gate receipts could be arranged for a cut to the winners. I would like to hear from about six teams."

"The contest would be quite an event and it should be easy to get up six teams. There are the U. P. shops, the B. and B. department, the Elks, the Eagles and the Legion to draw from. Let the U. P. A. C. have your cooperation. Don't forget the carnival dance Saturday night, November 2, at

MOVIE PARTY VISITS VEGAS

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boom friend of "The Virginian," in the play, is the actor who will accompany the party, and who will appear in person at El Portal tonight before the first showing of the feature picture, according to plans announced last evening by Cragin and Pike, of El Portal theater.

The last showing of "The Virginian" will be tonight. These are the first showings of the picture, inasmuch as it has not been released at any other place to date.

Cragin and Pike are receiving congratulations today for their good fortune in being permitted to present the grand premier showing of this talking picture.

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