

not allowed within the sacred portals, so were obliged to rely for information on what we heard about town, mostly in soft whispers.

One gentleman who had better have staid at home, or at any rate that's what he said, but whose sincerity we doubt, says that when he entered the hall he noticed the first thing that the President was in attendance, with the Marshal close by, and our whole police force scattered around, so was sure everything was safe, and yet he wondered why they had every doctor and druggist in town there, too; as far as he could see there was no good reason for it, except the same reason the man gave who said that he went to the circus simply to show the animals to the children.

After waiting a while the master of ceremonies announced that Pete and Bob would wrestle, two points to constitute a fall, whatever that may mean. At any rate two young men came out in full dress and struggled around on a large mat for about five minutes. When the referee called out fall one nobody seemed to know who won, but somebody asked the question and got a look that would have scared them all had they not known that the police force was behind them, and the remark "Pete, of course," caused a great clapping of hands and stamping of feet. After considerable fanning and other recuperative measures some one called time, and at it they went again. In about five minutes the referee called "fall two, Pete wins best two out of three." It was a beautiful sight to see the gentlemen shake hands, smile at each other and retire.

After that two gentlemen came out. Their appearance was rather odd, but with our worthy President in attendance there was really nothing to fear. A rather wise looking juryman was introduced, who stated that this mill was four rounds, three minutes each. They stood up, shook hands, or rather mitts, about the size of small pillows, and went for one another gently. All they seemed to do was to endeavor not to hurt each other, and they succeeded.

After each round, very tame ones, the services of the bottle holder were in great demand, though what is the function of this dignitary we have as yet been unable to discover. It was finally decided that this was a drawn battle, and so it was—long drawn. It was just about here that one of Winnetka's bright lights climbed into the ring and offered to box any one there of 138 pounds weight. It was indeed a noble sight to see our native talent throw down the glove, so to speak, to the 200 or more of Winnetka's very best people. He was accommodated later in the evening, and though victorious his natural beauty was somewhat marred by the event.

Another bout, anyway that's what one of our best citizens called it, was announced as between Jake Kilrain and John L. Sullivan, but as Jake was only 13 years old and John only 17, we think Mr. Murphy must have made a mistake. At any rate they did just as the others did, that is shook mitts, smiled, etc.

There were several more matches, but who won and who lost nobody seemed to know. It was a gala night for our town, and all we need now is to get Corbett and Fitzsim-

mons to fight in our hall, and all the gentlemen will be happy. Every one was out and all went home well satisfied with the exhibition of the noble art of self defense.

We should like to extend an invitation to these gentlemen to come again, and come soon, as it elevates the tone of the village and gives no excuse for our gentlemen to stay in town of an evening to see a sick friend.

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