

ENTER THE RING IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WORLD'S CHAMPION

WELSH, WORLD'S CHAMPION LIGHTWEIGHT, IS SAID TO BE AT LEAST A WEEK LATE IN STARTING HIS TRAINING.

Vancouver, Sept. 8.—Again the saying that a match well made will come to the fore in negotiations between Freddie Welsh, British champion lightweight, and Willie Ritchie, world's round world's champion, in this city on the afternoon of September 20, 1913. In this case the generalship of Pollock, Welsh's manager, is out strongly throughout the entire history of the match. Pollock appears to have carried out every point, despite the fact that he was handling a challenger and not a champion. Pollock put Welsh at a low weight and then allowed him to go up to 142 before starting the work. On the basis of the weight actually made by Ritchie, Pollock insisted upon the fight being staged at 133 pounds, and forced Ritchie, light champion, to ask for a poundage. Ritchie came here with Eddie Graney in mind as the third man in the ring. Pollock refused to let Graney, but did not make a decision known until Ritchie in Vancouver and the men agreed to draw up articles.

Then Pollock forced the Ritchie interests to name Jim Griffin, who, with Biddy Bishop of Tacoma, formed the two Pollock stood ready to accept. Finally came the moving pictures. Pollock had made up his mind several weeks ago regarding the exploitation of the pictures, in which Welsh owns 30 per cent. However, he stalled along keeping Ritchie on the anxious seat for the last week, only signing the picture contracts and posting his final forfeits of \$3,750 last night. During the entire week Ritchie has been haunting the offices of the club, keeping engagements with Pollock as late as 10 o'clock at night, while Welsh has been quietly training and getting his regular sleep. As a result, Ritchie is at least a week late in starting his training, and Welsh, instead of being looked upon as the under dog, appears to have a first class chance of entering the ring in better shape than the world's champion.

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LATEST NEWS FROM MASSET

Foreman J. Thorne, who is in charge of the construction of the telegraph and telephone line, came in Tuesday to secure a quantity of line material which arrived on the last boat. The line is now constructed to Meyer Lake. Mr. Thorne expects to have the line completed to Masset by the latter part of the month and will then extend it to Tow Hill. The line will follow the inlet from Queenstown to here to Tow Hill it will follow the north beach.

Some weeks ago Wm. Hudson of the Woden received notification of the cancellation of 80 acres of his 160 acres pre-emption on the ground of prior location by a coal license. Last week Mr. Hudson was again notified that the coal license had been cancelled, and Mr. Hudson's 80 acres had been restored to him.

E. Panvini spent two weeks at Tiahn Point and the neighborhood staking oil claims. He left on the last steamer and will go to San Francisco where he has interested capitalists in the future possibilities of the oil territory. He expects to return with a drilling plant before the end of the year.

The house of the late Robert Green and a residence at Tlel river were looted recently by unknown parties who obtained a number of articles of value.

Henry Edenshaw shot an eagle last week which was perched on top of one of the totem poles on the reserve. The bird was viewing one of the carved representations of the crest of a tribe which is still one of the specialties in the carvings of the Indians. The wooden figure of an eagle graces many of the totem poles of the Haidas.

Mr. McQuaker, captain of the power boat "Queen," has temporary quarters here in connection with the Green survey. Incidentally he learnt something about the fickleness of Woden river at low tide and decided it would be bad bottom for a whirling propeller. But Mac is sprinter built and a river has to be some deep in which he cannot wade and low his beloved Queen to safety.

Messrs. Whitall and Calanth are two new pre-emptors who have who have lately moved into the Woden district. They are both industrious gentlemen, who have had considerable experience with the frost and snows of the prairies and are much taken up with the new locations. They know a good thing when they see it. If settlers keep coming in the future as rapidly as in the past, in a few years homestead seekers will see written on the wall, "Late, Late, so Late, Thou Can't Not Enter Now."

Post Office Inspector E. H. Fletcher made a visit to Masset last week and while here made an important concession. Heretofore all first class mail from Masset for the south had to be re-sorted at Prince Rupert. In some cases this resulted in several days delay to the mail, owing to missing connections with southbound mail carrying steamers. In the future first class mail for Vancouver, Eastern Canada and foreign points, will be placed in a special bag to be made up here and sent direct to Vancouver. This arrangement will facilitate the transmission of first-class mail to southern points and will prove of great benefit to the people of Masset and vicinity.

Capt. J. G. Johnson of Victoria and David Woolsey of Alberni, who are representing a large syndicate, arrived in Masset on the Albert on the Albert last week and left the next day in company with Arthur Robinson, to explore the west coast in search of coal and oil lands.

"Dad" Weeks and two other men who arrived at Skidegate about ten days ago reported having passed a large quantity of wreckage on the east coast. There were a number of casks and boxes and as gulls were following the wreckage it is thought there were some human bodies in it.

Mr. Green's survey camp is pitched in our midst for a couple of weeks. The boys are hard working, gentlemanly outfit and do not leave the unsavory impression so frequently associated with logging and survey camps.

Surveyor C. deB. Green has completed his work at Woden and today will leave with his crew for Skidegate where there is considerable work to be done. Mr. Green and five of his crew recently took up pre-emptions near Tow Hill.

Fritz Rampmaer expects this week to feed the fish in Hecate Strait and see the sights of Rupert. Fritz has the long distance record for homestaying, having in four years, been no farther away from Masset Inlet than Tow Hill.—Masset Leader.

Crops in Peace River.
Edmonton, Sept. 4.—Since the heavy rain of Sunday night there has been very little moisture in the Edmonton district, and harvesting operations are swinging along merrily. Oats and barley are practically all cut. Very little threshing has yet taken place. Reports state that crops in the Grand Prairie and Peace River districts are much heavier than last year.

Welland Canal Contract Let.
Ottawa, Sept. 5.—Contract for section three of the new Welland Canal was let yesterday to O'Brien & Doherty of Montreal, the price being \$9,540,050. This section is the most difficult, much of the work involving rock excavation.

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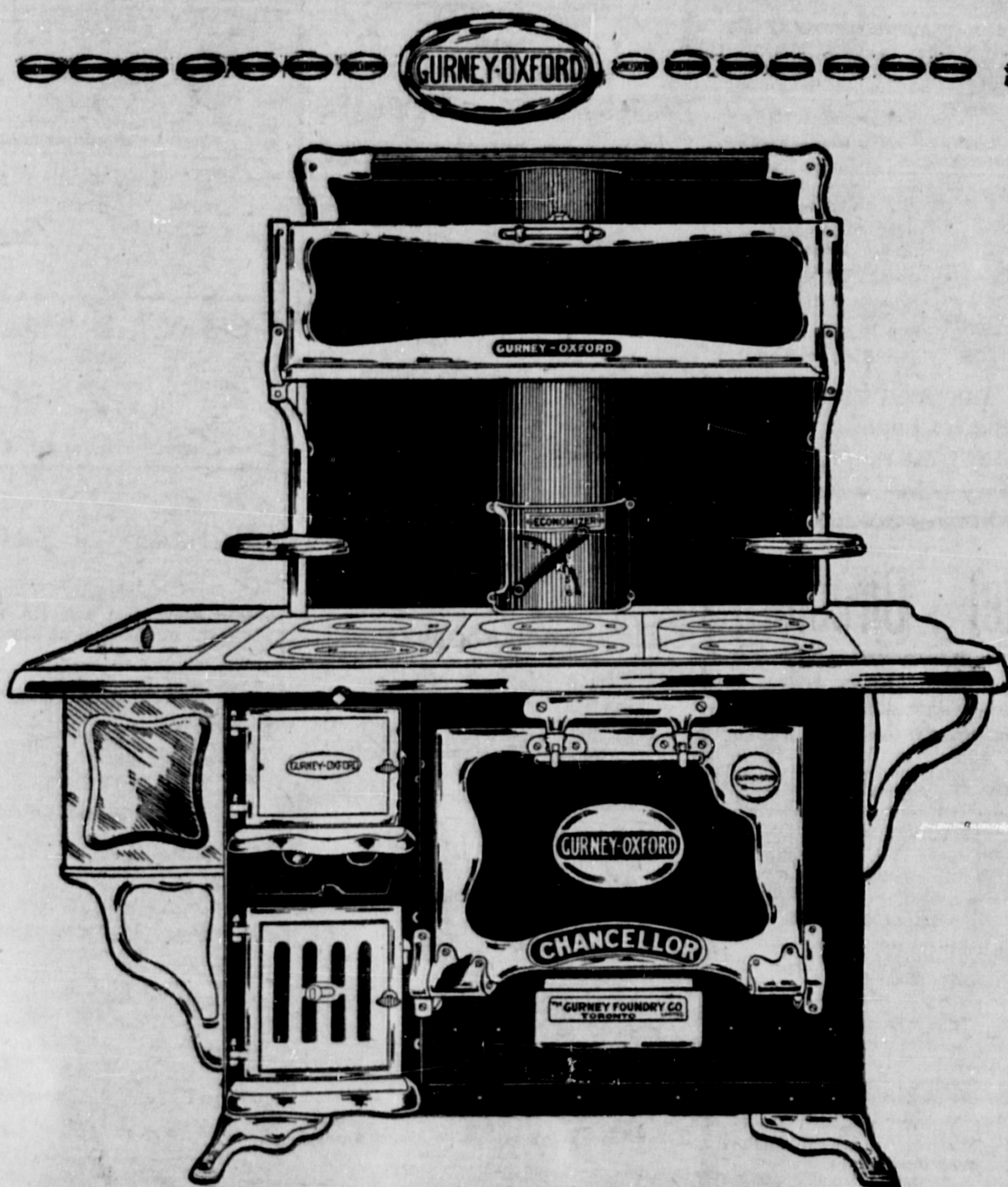
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