

The Boxing Carnival.

LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS.

Mr. R. T. Summergreene's enterprise in arranging the local boxing contests was rewarded on Monday night by a large and exceedingly enthusiastic crowd at the Theatre Austral. Every part of the house was comfortably full, and the good humor of the crowd which was manifest throughout the evening and the frequent demonstrations of appreciation evidenced that the spectators were well satisfied with the evening's sport. If there were any who did not think they got their money's worth, they are indeed hard to please, for the program was highly diverting from start to finish.

Mr. Summergreene is making a commendable effort to revive the sport of boxing in Port Pirie, and he is taking particular care that it shall be run on straight and proper lines. In this he is assured of the support of the fairminded sporting public. It may be assumed that Monday evening's proceedings can be taken as a criterion of the manner in which Mr. Summergreene proposes to conduct these boxing contests in the future—we understand they are to be continued—in which case prospects of a successful revival of the pastime appear bright. Mr. Summergreene proposes to spend a good deal of money in erecting a ring and seat-

money in erecting a ring and seating accommodation on the piece of land which he has leased at the rear of his shop in Ellen Street and where he intends to hold several bouts on Boxing Day.

The Wrestling.

Proceedings were opened with a wrestling match between Whitmore, amateur champion of South Australia, and Zumpf. Whitmore undertook to throw Zumpf twice in 30 minutes under Lancashire rules, but this proved to be more than he could manage. Verne Farei acted as referee. The hammerlock and throttle lock were barred. The mat consisted of a tarpaulin spread over a thick layer of sawdust, but some inconvenience was experienced by the wrestlers on account of the canvas continually slipping. It was announced that both men weighed under 12st. Whitmore stood much taller than his opponent, who was short and thick set and possessed wonderful strength. He was the popular man with the crowd, and was frequently applauded. The men opened with the usual neck hold and some fast work was seen during the first half. In the seventh minute Whitmore heaved Zumpf right across the mat with an inside click and head lock. A rolling fall resulted, but owing to a pin fall having been agreed upon, Whitmore was unsuccessful in his appeal to the referee for the throw. Both men were perspiring freely and it was difficult to

piring freely and it was difficult to apply a hold with success. In the tenth round Whitmore earned applause by unlocking a good half-Nelson. Zumpf appeared to do most of the work, but both men finished tired. At the end of the period Zumpf had not been thrown and there was loud clapping. Zumpf was twice cautioned for using the throttle-hold. As both men were amateurs there was no money consideration, but Mr. Summergreene handed £3 to the secretary of the Young Men's Association (Mr. Mitchell), to be applied as Zumpf directs. At the conclusion of the match Whitmore walked to the ropes and remarked, "Gentlemen, he's too strong."

Slather-and-Whack.

The boxing commenced immediately after the wrestling, the bouts being refereed by Pat Hogan. Each contest was of six three-minute rounds, and they proved highly interesting. Berkis (12st. 8lb.) and P. J. Duffy (12st. 9lb.) were matched in the heavy division. The fight was a scream from beginning to end. Duffy, who was very tall, and had a beautiful long reach, was the more scientific of the two. But if Berkis, short, chunky and hard as nails, did not have science, he made up for it in willingness and gameness. He simply flew into his man every time, taking any amount of punishment smiling, and making the fight of the slather-and-whack order. The audience re-

and-whack order. The audience revelled in the fun, and everybody lay back in their seats and roared with laughter. Many of Berkis's blows hit the air. Had some of them reached home they would probably have ended the fight. Berkis did nearly all the leading. He did not keep a good guard, however, and several times ran up against the straight left of the taller man. The fifth round saw both men tired, Duffy more than his opponent, and if either had landed a lucky hit it would probably have ended matters. The fight was stopped for a couple of seconds once when Duffy declared he received a blow below the belt. He did not appeal for a decision on a foul, otherwise he would have been declared the winner. The last round was very willing and was characterised by hard hitting by both parties. At the conclusion the referee, amidst enthusiastic applause, announced Berkis the winner on points.

Middle-Weights.

Clayton (10st. 12lb.) and Brennan (11st.), in the middle-weight division, put up a splendid fight which pleased everybody. They opened willingly. Brennan seemed rather nervous, but he quite lost this by the time the first round was over. Clayton had a good smother, and by his general bearing in the ring appears to have had some experience at the game. The fight went the full six rounds, both men receiving a good deal of punishment. Brennan, who

deal of punishment. ~~...~~ had the worst of matters, in the opening, made a splendid recovery and used the left to advantage. When he was declared the winner at the end the decision received the general endorsement of the audience. Simpson (10st. 7lb.) and Zubernick (10st. 6lb.) went through a couple of decidedly lively rounds when the towel came in from the former's corner, Simpson having hurt his hand. Zubernick did some clever footwork and dodging and showed a good deal of science. Simpson was a terrific hard hitter and kept his head splendidly. Everyone was sorry to see the towel go in for the bout was interesting.

Bantams.

Two youths, Brown (8st. 6lb.) and Zubernick (8st. 6lb.) stripped for the bantam division. Both fought well and very gamely for three rounds when Brown threw in the towel and Zubernick got the decision.

As it was then just on 11 o'clock and there were several more contests, in addition to the finals, Mr. Summergreene announced that the carnival would be continued on Tuesday evening.

:o: Last Night's Bouts.

The contests were concluded last night in the presence of a big house. In the lightweights Koster knocked Erricks out in the second round with a punch in the solar after a fairly even bout. MacInness quite out-classed Duffy, and put him to sleep.

classed Duffy, and put him to sleep with a heavy left to the jaw in the fifth round. After six well-contested rounds Brennan, who did most of the leading, gained the verdict by a narrow margin over Zubernick. Clayton gained the verdict over Thompson after six rounds of hard punching. Koster then faced MacInnes. It was recognised that he had no chance against his opponent, who is a every clean hard hitter, using either hand as opportunity offers, and Koster went down and out in the second round.