

## A Promising Monmouthshire Wrestler.

Albert W. Coles, the Welsh miner, of Abertillery, has challenged Councillor Peter Wright, of Newport and undertaken to



A. W. Coles, Abertillery.

absolutely defeat him in 15 minutes. In the event of his failure he will give the whole of the proceeds of the contest to the Nursing Institute, Newport.

Councillor Wright, it will be remembered, has repeatedly stayed the time limit of 15 minutes with Bob Berry, the latest arrival in Wales.

Albert Coles has won over £100 in prizes at cycling, having defeated T. S. Lake, of Pontypridd, and Hanley, Pontypridd, both Welsh champions. He also defeated Jack Cook, Abertillery, for the Western Valleys championship in 1907.

Tiring of the cycle track, he took up weight-lifting and wrestling. With the greatest ease he claims that he can carry off a nine-gallon barrel and raise it twelve times from the chest up. Alfred Barge was the first man to present him with the sack of flour, also nine gallons of ale. His measurements are as follows:—Weight, 12st.; height, 5ft. 7½in.; age, 25; chest (normal), 42in.; expanded, 47in.; neck, 18in.; biceps, 16½in.; calf, 16½in.; thigh, 24½in.; waist, 35in. He has challenged Pedley, one of Sandow's instructors, also Eugen Sandow, and has wrestled with most of the champions, including Zbysco, Padoubny, Myaki, Carroll. He does not profess to be an adept at catch-as-catch-can, but is anxious to meet Apollo, John Lemm, or any of the Græco-Roman wrestlers in England at the present time. He, however, draws the colour line. At present he is under the management of Mr. Jack Neill.

Coles has been called "The Welsh Ideal Athlete." He is still working in one of the pits as a collier, and no one in Wales will take him on at weight-lifting or wrestling.