

Ivan said: "When the aggressor loses his wind he is often at the mercy of the other chap, and this seems to have been the case with Corbett. To knock a powerful young man out in four rounds requires a tremendous hitter. Corbett in the first two rounds hit Sharkey when and where he liked, and failed to knock him out. But Corbett evidently lost his wind. I am not surprised at that, for he was not in condition for such a tremendous task." At first even the Californians themselves lost all stock in Corbett, but his friends are gradually coming back to him. The San Francisco people are noted for their fairness in matters of this kind, and it is said that they invariably favor the outsider. It was these people that started the story that Corbett had been virtually whipped by a mere novice. Sharkey knows about as much about boxing as any ordinary tenth rater, and he did not display even that much in his last fight. If Sharkey is to win renown as a boxer from that fight then the whole science of self-defense is a fraud, and brute strength is its superior. There are twenty middle-weights in San Francisco alone that could outspar him, and at boxing he would not afford ordinary amusement for such men as Choynski. Corbett entered that fight with the idea that he could knock him out in two rounds and he fought accordingly. He had no trouble at all in hitting Sharkey and defending himself from Sharkey's blows. He had not trained for a wrestling match, while Sharkey was in his element at that. It is generally true that one gets nothing without some sort of payment and Corbett's lost prestige is the price he pays for taking on such men for a gate money show. In this connection it might be well to say that a match with Denver Ed Smith would be even more ridiculous. He would stand only a fair show of winning and even then he would make more enemies than friends. The backers of Smith would set up a howl about him whipping a man not in his class and all that sort of thing. There is fun ahead for Sharkey if he should succeed in putting Corbett out. Then Fitzsimmons, Maher, Choynski, Smith, Flavin and any number of other ambitious prize fighters would descend upon this unlucky tar like a ton of brick and Sharkey would be using two boot horns instead of one in putting on his hat. The site has not been decided upon for the coming fight. Nevada is mentioned and Mexico is being considered, but Nebraska has not even been thought of. The new republican governor is expected to take charge January 1 and that would be about the right time. He is rather sporty himself, but there are several reasons why he would be opposed to a fight in Nebraska. Should he consent to it he would insist on making a speech and this would take well with the visiting "dead games." He would make a very acceptable referee. He could tickle the necks of the principles with his whiskers when clinching, don't you know, and that would serve the purpose very well.

They had a high old time up in Minneapolis last Monday night. The trouble arose during a female bicycle race. The management, without previous announcement, raised the price of admission from 25 cents to \$1.25, and when the time for starting arrived the star attraction, Dottie Farnsworth, the champion woman rider of the world, was not visible, but was detained at her home as a result of illness. The crowd refused to let the race proceed and demanded their money back. The treasurer had, however, departed with the receipts and when this fact was ascertained, the riders were pulled bodily from their wheels, the track was covered with glass and tacks and the office was broken into by a couple of thousand enraged and defrauded people. When they discovered that there was no money in sight they took their revenge out by taring up the track, raising the grand stand, ripping fences down, smashing several buildings into kindling wood and doing all the damage possible. During the clearing of the grounds several people were badly injured including three policemen, who were struck on their heads with bricks.

Here is the way the Sporting News sizes up Fitzsimmons: "If Bob really thinks he is a match for Corbett, he need worry no longer about the discredit that would attach to him for whipping a physical wreck. He had no fear of the kind when he met Jack Dempsey, who was, in reality, a 'physical wreck' when Bob won the middle-weight championship from him. Corbett is still a lusty young fellow and is just hunting for a go with Fitz. Bob isn't coining money in England. Our English cousins would like it mightily to see Corbett defeated. They don't take much stock in Bob's talk, however. They believe that a bird that can sing and won't sing should be made to vocalise, and they say in effect: 'If the bleeder Corbett is such easy game for yer, why the blooming 'ell don't you lick 'im?' He may attempt to prove by Sharkey's staying four rounds with Jim that the latter is 'not in my class, yeh know,' but Johnny Bull is no fool.

His answer will be: "Anyone is in your class, gor blaine yer, who'll put up his hide against yer, and'll back it up with 'is money.'" Despite the talk of the difference between Billy Brady and the National Sporting club, Billy says that if Fitzsimmons will agree to fight Corbett, the club will put up a purse for their contention. William has an excellent reputation for veracity, and would hardly make this statement in print in London unless it was absolutely true.

Woes of an Undertaker

A few weeks ago The Courier reported the statement of an Eleventh street undertaker that has a dozen or so people on his books, who had not hesitated to marry a second time while owing for the funeral expenses of the first partner.

The other day a Courier representative saw him with the morning paper in his hand and a look of unutterable disgust on his face.

"There's another one," he said. "Here is the account of a fancy wedding of a man who has owed me for years for burying his first wife. There ought to be a law against such practices. The undertaker's lot is a grave one, I can tell you." The reporter agreed with him.

The Campaign in Nebraska

The republican state central committee will meet in this city with the nominees on the state ticket, July 15 for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. John T. Mallalieu and C. H. Morrill are mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the committee. Charley Riggs is a candidate for secretary. Republicans expect this to be the greatest campaign ever waged in Nebraska. The republican party will have to face fusion and free silver. It is expected that the east will render material assistance in the work of placing Nebraska in the republican column. Heretofore this state has not been able to get much consideration from the national committee; but it is confidently expected that Mr. Thurston will be able to secure a good sized slice of the national fund for use in Nebraska this year.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

The announcement of Mayor Graham's withdrawal from the race for the nomination for county treasurer caused little surprise. It has been pretty clear since the meeting of the county central committee that Mr. Graham would have to face fearful odds if he persisted in his candidacy. His withdrawal does not simplify matters any. In fact it complicates the situation. Although he will not be a candidate the mayor will take an active part in the nomination. His course will be watched with interest.

At present the avowed candidates for treasurer are: A. L. Sullivan, Charley Branson, Major Pierce, W. J. Crandall, Aaron Buckstaff and George Kimmel. It is among the possibilities that Branson may surprise the politicians when the time for the convention comes around. At present he has a good deal more strength than he is given credit for having.

There is a rumor that John McClay will be a candidate for treasurer. There is another report to the effect that Ed Sizer will be a candidate.

"The man who will be nominated for treasurer has not yet been named." This is what some wise politician is occasionally heard saying.

It is expected that Mayor Graham will be a candidate for renomination.

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