

GOOD MUSIC EVERY NIGHT



WATCH FOR NEWSPAPER OUTINGS NEXT WEEK

"This Corbett-Sharkey affair took me by surprise."

"Are you figuring on taking hold of the Corbett-Sharkey fight?"

"Yes," he replied, "though I haven't done anything definite yet. My business in New York is to look into this matter. If I take hold of this fight I will bring it off just as I did the Fitzsimmons-Maher mill."

"I intend in a few days, especially if I go into the Corbett-Sharkey fight, to cable Fitzsimmons about in these words: 'In case Corbett wins fight with Sharkey when are you ready to sign for turn with winner?'"

"I don't think there is any disposition on the part of Fitzsimmons to avoid Corbett, and if he showed a disposition to worry Corbett with delays it was because he wanted to enjoy the honor of being champion awhile before risking his loss. But by the first of January he will have been champion for about a year, and the sporting world could not stand it for him to claim the honor of championship without defending it when challenged. I think he is bound to show himself against Corbett or Sharkey or some other equally good man."

"While I intend sending that telegram to Fitzsimmons, I have not a bit of doubt but he will meet Corbett in case he knocks out Sharkey, and all that will be necessary for him to do to start preliminaries in earnest will be to put up for forfeit money. Mine and Corbett's is up now in the hands of the Police Gazette, \$4,000 of mine and \$2,000 of Corbett's. I will say this much, that after this match is made I will name the place forty or sixty days before the battle, and my money will be up in the hands of responsible people for the fighters whether they fight or not—that is, I propose to guarantee them a place to fight, and will let them have the purse between them in case any human power interferes and prevents the fight."

Jim Keever, who has charge of the arrangements for the testimonial to be presented to Lavigne in Madison Square Garden July 20, has matched

Charley McKeever, the clever light-weight champion of Philadelphia, to meet him in a six-round contest on that occasion. Speaking of Lavigne, there was an interesting scene at Wakley's in New York last Saturday, in which the "Kid" played the most important part. In the presence of an immense crowd of sports Wakley waved the colors worn by John L. Sullivan when he fought Charley Mitchell in France over Lavigne's head, while the crowd cheered repeatedly. At this moment Jack McAuliffe and his manager, Dick Roche, entered Wakley's and both McAuliffe and Lavigne shook hands warmly. It is said that McAuliffe and Roche went there for the purpose of trying to get on a match with Lavigne at 135 to 140 pounds, for the light-weight championship of the world.

The trap-shooting world is pulsating with excitement and enthusiasm over the mammoth live-bird tournament to be given by the Dupont company in Chicago during the week of August 2-8. The wonderful interest displayed is due to two very salient features that have been introduced—a world's individual championship and a team shoot of extraordinary magnitude. Until the Dupont company instituted a world's championship by calling the crack shots of the country together at Baltimore last fall, there has been no real championship in existence. Of course, there have been local and other champions by the score, but there has been no real champion. The real benefits have not yet been felt, nor will they be perhaps for a year or so more, but the time is not distant when the annual competition for the prize will be looked forward to with as much interest and pleasure as the grand event at Monte Carlo, only it will be on a much larger and grander scale, and the winner can be honestly hailed as the world's champion. Nebraska will be ably represented by Frank Parmalee and Charles Lottin. Parmalee is the undoubted champion of Nebraska, and is well known as an expert all over the west. Lottin is an employe in Parmalee's office, considering the fact that he is the first year before the public, and by his showing this year, it is ad-

mitted that he will be a strong rival of Parmalee. Signor Guidicini, winner of the Grand Prix, '93, will be in attendance.

The Clevelands haven't lost a game in two weeks and Thursday they commenced the series with their nearest rival, the Baltimores, the team that has won the pennant for three consecutive years. They shut the Baltimores out, 5 to nothing. It was a remarkably well played game and it showed that Cincinnati is as strong as Baltimore and stronger, but nevertheless you cannot judge a team's strength by one game and judge it correctly every time. After considering the splendid showing made by the team, ever since the first of the year, on their last trip especially, and since they have been on their home grounds, almost everyone admits that Cincinnati is a stronger and better team than Baltimore. In the game Thursday, the reds made twice as many hits as Baltimore, they made no errors against three by Baltimore, but what is most important Baltimore failed even to score.

About a half-dozen people waited around Germania hall Tuesday night in hopes of seeing what had promised to be a lively exhibition of the science of boxing. Owing to the excessive heat the exhibition was postponed. Boxing usually takes well in this city and it is singular that so few people attended. Probably the reason was that the bouts were simply for points and not finish fights, but more probably on account of the heat. Preparations are being made, however, for a knock-out go between Michael Rowan, better known as "Dummy" Rowan, and Billy King, a local celebrity, to take place sometime next week in the vicinity of Lincoln. Rowan is only twenty-one years old, but he has had enough experience for a man of thirty. Considering the numberless knock-outs and draws and round contests he has to his credit he is certainly a lusty young light-weight. Everyone knows King. He has been known as a boxer here for some time, but opinion seems to be divided as to his fighting abilities. He is regarded by some as even

superior to McIntyre and some claim that in their fight here last year that Mac won on a foul and that King's showing was the best, but their claims are evidently not well grounded, for he has not demonstrated to any great extent that he is even in McIntyre's class, at least this is shown by a comparison of the two men's records. It is the opinion of all, however, that Rowan and King are unusually well matched.

The state tennis tournament in doubles was held at Hastings on Tuesday and Wednesday last. While the list of entries was smaller and less representative than usual, the standard of play among the first few teams was clearly higher than before. The tournament was also notable because for the first time the championship was won by a Hastings team, who defeated the Omaha crack team, composed of the state champion in singles, C. S. Cullingham, and C. H. Young. Only once before has the championship gone outside of Omaha and then it went to Frank Burr and S. L. Geishardt of Lincoln, who, however, did not have to meet the strongest players from Omaha. The finals were played Wednesday evening, when P. L. Johnson and James Brown of Hastings met Cullingham and Young of Omaha and defeated them, winning three sets out of four by a score of 10-8, 1-6, 7-5, and 6-2. The match abounded in prolonged volleys and hard drives, and nearly every point was stubbornly contested. Cullingham and Young showed the effects of the hard match which they had played in the morning under a burning sun against Bernhart and Bailey, also of Hastings, whom they had defeated after an exciting, five set match. The youngsters evidently surprised the Omaha team by the strength of their game, and it was only by their superior steadiness and staying powers that the Omaha team finally pulled out the victory. The tournament was interesting in showing that the best Nebraska players are approaching the form shown by the eastern experts in combining steady play and sure returns with swiftness of stroke and good placing. This promises well for the state tournament in singles which is scheduled for Omaha, August 15, to be followed immediately by the interstate tournament for the Missouri valley in both singles and doubles.