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Nebraska Division L. A. W.

# State Meet

Lincoln, Neb. July 3-4, 1896.

*Fastest Men in the West will be Present.*

REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS.

haber and Murphy are not likely to meet again.

The state meet of the Nebraska division of the L. A. W., which will be held in this city, at the M street bicycle park, July 3 and 4, will be one of the biggest wheel events ever held in this section of the country. There will be \$1,500 in prizes, and ten races each day. Local wheelmen say that some exceptionally fast time will be made. Hackett, the Kansas rider who is practicing in this city for the race, rode a mile in 2:30, paced, Saturday. There will be wheelmen present from all over the west.

That much talked of Corbett-Sharkey fight was pulled off successfully in San Francisco Wednesday night. While Corbett received upwards of \$5,000 for the exhibition it was not for any money consideration that he entered this fight. In a signed article in the San Francisco Chronicle which appeared before the fight, Corbett made this explanation: "I came to San Francisco for no purpose but to see my folks and my friends, and I have taken on this fight to show my friends and my admirers that I am not a physical wreck, but that I am just as quick and just as clever as I ever was. I consider Sharkey one of the coming heavyweights and I don't think anyone has a license to knock him out in four rounds. However, I will guarantee that the people will see a red-hot fight."

Corbett failed to knock his man out in the four rounds and the fight was declared a draw. This man Sharkey is possessed of everything that goes to make up a successful fighter except science. In strength he is superior to Corbett and he actually grows fat on hard punches. He fought an eight-round contest with Choynski recently, and it is said he endured more hard punches and suffered the least than anyone can imagine. Even Choynski with his Herculean strength couldn't make even an impression on him.

The fact that Billy Brady has had another unpleasant experience with the National club of London precludes any hope of Corbett and Fitzsimmons meeting in its ring. It is not known who was to blame in the matter, but it wasn't diplomatic in Brady to accept an invitation to witness any fight in the club until he had made his peace with its members and been assured of their forgiveness for his "words spoken in the heat of debate," as the parliamentarians put it. Everybody is sorry that the unpleasantness occurred, but even if it had not, there was only a remote possibility of the contest taking place under the club's auspices. It

does not follow, though, that Corbett and Fitz cannot meet within six hours' ride of London. There is a place across the channel, where they can battle to their heart's content, without fear of magisterial or police interference. The place is within easy reach of the roughs and toughs of London, and they might re-enact the scenes that were witnessed when Frank Slavin was prevented from winning with Jim Smith at Bruges. Corbett would receive fair play in the ring of the National Sporting club or before any assemblage of English gentlemen, but it would not be advisable for him to trust himself to the tender mercies of a mob of roughs.

Brady is likely to post Corbett fully on this matter, but the difficulty, I opine, will be this: The Bollingbroke or some other London club may offer a purse for Corbett and Fitz's contention. If they accept and go into training a hue and cry may be raised against the match by the "unco guild" which may induce magisterial interference. Then the suggestion might be made to pull the affair off "across the channel." In that suggestion there is danger to Corbett. Fitzsimmons has Jim gauged to a nicety. He knows that Jim is slow to anger, but that when he takes the bit in his teeth he cannot be controlled. All he would have to do would be to insinuate that Jim was "afraid," and that would settle it. All the friends and advisers he has couldn't prevent Corbett from tackling "Auld Cloutie" himself in his fiery pit if such a taunt was made by old Nicodemus. I look for a lively time this summer if Sharkey does not last four rounds before the Pompadour champion.

Fitz has given it out cold, however, that he will not meet Corbett. In a cablegram from London, he makes this statement: "I am over here to look for a match. This means that I will meet any man in the world, barring Corbett and color. I have constantly stated to my London friends that I will not meet Corbett under any circumstances until he has first met the men whom I have named and suggested to him." If he stands by this he will, no doubt, be accommodated, for Denver Ed Smith has challenged Corbett and if he cannot come to terms with him he will challenge Fitzsimmons, who may be called champion by indirect process. It is hardly possible that Corbett will waste any of his time on Smith, for he cannot add any fresh laurels to his pugilistic fame and the \$10,000 which he would probably gain is not a tremendous inducement to a man who has \$200,000 or \$300,000 in the bank, and that is supposed to be the size of Corbett's pile.

Dan Creedon, the Australian pugilist, will mix up in a fight with Joe Choynski, the Californian, in the near future. The men are to meet at 162 pounds, weigh in at the ringside, and fight for the biggest purse anybody will offer. The match was arranged by "Parson" Davies, for Choynski, and Colonel Hopkins, for the Australian.

Choynski and Peter Maher may come together sometime in July. The National Athletic club of Sacramento telegraphed Maher that it would match him against the Californian.

#### THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Lincoln has been full of politicians and candidates all of the week. Not in a great many years has so much interest been manifested so far in advance of the convention. Many of the candidates have opened their quarters in the hotels and have their placards on view. A great many county conventions have been held during the week, but the relations of the leading candidates are about the same as they were a week ago. The forecast in last week's Courier is just as applicable now as it was then.

Notwithstanding the conflicting candidacies of the something like eighty aspirants for a place on the state ticket, there is a deep seated sentiment, even among the politicians, in favor of making the greatest effort to nominate a strong ticket, regardless of deals.

A prominent republican from the middle western part of the state said yesterday, and what he said voices the opinion of a great many thinking republicans:

"I am down here to stay until the convention is over. I am not for any candidate or set of candidates. My only desire is to have the convention make the wisest selection possible. I think republican success depends in a great measure on the action of the convention. There are many particularly strong candidates, and it is possible to name a ticket that will elect itself, and help to roll up a big plurality for the electoral ticket. On the other hand it would be easy to make a mistake and place the whole republican cause in jeopardy. What we want is victory. The best way to get it to put up a strong ticket, with men on it who cannot be attacked. I care not whether the candidate comes from this part of the state or what his name is. I only ask that he shall be a good man, a strong man. And the same way with the other offices."

#### PAVILION THEATRE.

Burlington Beach.  
The Lee-Sherman Dramatic company, which is highly spoken of by our exchanges and which embraces Robert Sherman, Edwin A. Lee, Frank Howard, Chas. Lawrence, L. M. Wil-

kinson, John Martimer, Jack C. Galaway, Fred Thomas, musical director, Alice E. Lee, Maud Pfaff, Carrie Stone, people well known as dramatic and specialty artists will commence an engagement of eight nights at this popular resort on Sunday evening, June 28.

The initial performance will be Mabel Heath. The play will be interspersed with character specialties and Mr. Wilkinson will give evidence of his marvellous power. There will be an entire change of bill nightly. This applies to the dramas as well as the specialties and mind reading.

#### RUTTY-MULLON.

The processional, the vestments of the church, the organ accompaniment made Eleanor Mullon's wedding one of the most impressive of the season. Everyone knows Nellie Mullon. She was an infant when her family moved from England to Nebraska in the seventies. The groom is an Englishman also and on Monday afternoon a braming, joyous Englishman who took no pains to conceal his gratitude to fortune. The family present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Mullon and Miss Lydia, Mrs. White and son, and Mr. and Mrs. John Thayer, Jr., son and daughter. The ushers were John Randolph, F. W. Taylor, Fred Houts and Fritz Westermann.

Dugald White and Gladys Thayer walked before the bride, standing before the chancel rails during the ceremony. They are very pretty children and their solemnity and anxiety to do as they had been told was affecting. Their bearing could not have been better if they had been trained in Emperor William's school for pages. Rector Silver married them. The responses were scarcely audible for Miss Rice's accompaniment, but the rector's voice was plain. The Episcopal marriage service for irrevocableness and finality is unapproached. It takes bravery to turn around after the ceremony and face a lot of more or less critical and admiring acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Ratty walked down the aisle and smiled at each other and their friends as though it was easy.

The bride's dress was white brocaded satin and lace and she looked lovely. The reception at the house immediately afterward was very small. Mr. and Mrs. Ratty left on the 9 o'clock train for St. Louis, from where they will go to Buffalo.

Purple Pansy, Her Majesty's Perfume, has that delicate, yet refined and lasting odor, much desired by the consumer. Riggs, the Druggist, is headquarters for all the latest Toilet articles, corner Twelfth and O streets.