Opinions Differ Boxing

Trotting Christmas Program

... Bowling All the Scores

Of the ten men interviewed, four felt sure that Burns would win, while two expect him to get the decision. Three Johnson men are certain of their selec-

Owing to the loose change going for Christmas shopping these days there has not been much local betting, but what speculation done here was held at about 3 to 5 against Burns. Some Johnson men ask as good as 2 to 1,

Several well-posted local followers of boxing were interviewed yesterday as to the result of the battle between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson for the champlonship of the world, that takes place saturday morning in Sydney, or at 8 yelock Christmas night, Toronto time. Burns Will Win or Johnson, According to What Acco **According to Whose Opinion**

Toronto Lovers of Boxing Are Divided on Result of Champion-

fense. The interviews with Messrs. George Graham, Ed Barrow and John

match with Shrubb, the Indian runner holds the same opinion as his manager, wiz., that he is the champion Marathon runner, and willing to defend the title against all comers. There is every confidence in the camp that he can defeat the Englishman.

B. Ferris, North Bay, writes: One-legged cace: I challenge any one-legged man in Canada to run me a race five to seven miles on crutches for \$100 to \$600; face to take place in any Canada to run the canada to run the canada to run the cace for \$100 to \$600; face to take place in any Canada to run the c

THEIR OPINIONS.

Divided on Result of Championship Battle in Sydney—A Letter
Frem the Canadian.

The World to-day presents the opintons of some of Toronto's best-posted followers of the manly art of self-de-

a knock-out, but a bare possibility to secure the decision.

GEO. A. GRAHAM of the Iroquois Hotel, formerly of Galt: "Burns, K.O. before ten rounds. He will win to a moral certainty. He is a much better man than many of the smart Alecs, who are detracting him, think, Johnson had it all over Marvin Hart till the latter sent in a telling wallop, and then the colored man practically quit. Burns has always made good. He has the speed and hitting powers with both hands, also is game to the core. Burns beat J. O'Brien, one of the fastest big men who ever wore a glove—a battle the dopesters generally forget. Burns will win easily on points if he falls to score an early knockout."

Burns played lacrosse in Mr. Graham's home town.

nome town. ED. G. BARROW: "Burns in twenty ED. G. BARROW: "Burns in twenty wounds. Johnson is not set up right to get to the champion who can wallop and is wise. If Johnson forces the battle he'll get knocked out sure. Burns is too skilful and careful to get knocked out. Johnson has just a possible chance to win on points, but I pick the Hanover boy, sure."

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J. F. SCHOLES: "Burns will win decision in twenty rounds. He convinced me when here last winter that he could beat Jeffries. He is a fast little fellow. Burns has worked himself honestly to the front and has always been on the level. Burns could make victory sure by going at the body. Johnson has a big advantage in reach and size, He has no chance to knock out Burns, who is sure to score the points in twenty rounds. Burns is shifty and hard to get at."

J. MELROSE MACDONALD, secretary of the Granite Club: "Burns, decision in twenty rounds. He has good habits, is steady and rugged, with the vitality to withstand the rushes of the bigger man."

TIM O'ROURKE: "Burns may win in short order. Just put up a small bet that Burns would not knock out Johnson. Hope Burns will win. If battle goes over ten rounds, Johnson is likely to win."

J. F. STAIR of the Star Theatre: "Looks to me like Johnson, but if Burns can reach Johnson's stomach the Canadian should win."

PRESIDENT J. J. McCAFFERY of the Toronto Basehall Club: "Johnson will beat Burns. Nothing else to it."

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A. J. SMALL of the Grand and Majestic Theatres: "Tommy Burns. will win because he is a better man." Mr. Small received a letter from Australia Tuesday, relative to the pictures of the fight being shown at one of his theatres. The writer says that the only advantage Johnson has is in his reach, and Burns is no better condition than he ever was.

L. SOLMAN of the Royal Alexandra, Theatre: "Johnson will win, sure."

The following by the turf editor of The Sydney Referee tells something of the popularity of the champlon in Australia:

At a range of only six inches, Burns can hit with those short-arm joits as hard as a mule can kick with the full swing of his leg. Make no mistake about Tommy Burns. He has worked a revolution in fighting, as any good man who uses his brain-box to guide him is sure to do. and he is she only read him now. And Tommy deserves all his good fortune, for he is a decent, square-dealing, respectable chap, and he has proved that a boxer can still remain a gentleman worthy of admission into the very best society. Truly Cichoro on a man, but a good man can bring honor to any office." Tommy has a record far cleaner than that of most politicians, and if he decides to settle down in Australia, the country will be enriched by the addition of an honest, straight-going citizen. Bully for Burns!

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KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 23.—The members of the reorganized Michigan Short-ship Circuit will be made up of Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Benton Harbor, Ionia, Flint Pontiac, Port Huron, Bay City, Cadillac, Alpena, Kalamazoo, and possibly two others.

Over twelve weeks of steady racing will be furnished, while the purses offered will aggregate about \$150,000, and horsemen will have the added advantage of laying a bet on their favorites when they so desire.

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Kalamazoo has been accorded dates in the great western circuit, and Secretary Engelman will attend the meeting of the Grand Circuit stewards in New York in January and ask for the same week—Aug. 2 to 6—in that organization.

He is planning to give a big meeting, similar to the one in 1908, and, while pledged to give \$38,000 in stakes and purses at this time, will probably increase that amount considerably.

The local driving park is being greatly improved. The mile ring has been resurfaced with a fine loam, and next season the track will be faster than ever.

WALKER OF SOUTH AFRICA COMING TO CANADA.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Walker, South Africa, who won the 100-metre championship at the Olympic games, has written Bobby Kerr to say that he will compete again next summer in the English championship games, and will visit Canada and the United States afterwards.

Hockey Gossip. The following are the practice hours at Mutual-street Rink to-night: Torontos 6.30, Parkdale 7.30, T.R.C. 8.30, Osgoode

Andy Kyle is playing hide and seek with the various clubs, he turning out last night with his first love, Eurekas. Allen of Belleville, was also out.

Eurekas and St. Miques play an exhibition game at Mutual-street Saturday

At Oakland, Cal., John T. Fay, husband of Anna Eva Fay, the mental telepathy specialist, committed suicide by shooting himself thru the head.
At Baltimore, Md., Harlem Park, M.
E. Church was burned; loss \$50,000.



Opinions Differ in N. Y.

with the same glove artist.

John J. McGraw, the manager of the Giants, declares that he will back Johnson. The little baseball Napoleon added that he was once told by Jeffries that Burns would be foolish to ever take on the negro, and as a consequence McGraw looks for Johnson to score a clean knockout.

When Mike Donlin and Christy Mathewson were asked for their opinions, they were intent on a "championship" game of billiards. Donlin summed up the question by stating: "I like Burns; he is the better man and I look for him to defeat Johnson." Mathewson claimed complete ignorance of the subject.

George Considine said: "Johnson by a wide margin—that is, if the fight is on the level. But there is no trusting the negro."

Alex. Smith, the former Giant catcher, looks for Burns to win, as he is always in fair condition, while he does not best of this production. While he does not best himself.

Johnson takes the best of care of himself.

Bill Brown gave his opinion as follows:

"Burns, who is a better fighter than the public has been led to believe, is by far the gamer and will win in the long contest. The negro is fast and very elever, but will show the white feather when pressed hard by a game boxer."

In the Business Men's League last night White & Co. Win Three.

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pares Burns' fight and Johnson's match with the same glove artist. John J. McGraw, the manager of the Glants, declares that he will back John-

How Shrubb and Longboat Compare

New York papers are getting busy on Shrubb and Longboat, who race at Madison Square Jan. 26. Their records, according to the press agent: TOM LONGBOAT. Nationality—English. Age—36 years. Weight—136 pounds. Height—5 feet 7 inches. Stride—5 feet 2 inches. Nationality-Canadian Indian.

Shrubb's Best Performances—Five miles, 24m. 33 2-5s.; ten miles, 50m. 40c. Jan. 16, 1908, defeated five men in relay in Boston, ten miles; time, 51m. 33 2-5s. November, 1907, beat relay of Tom Meyers, Sam Winiams and Frank Kanaly, ten miles; time, 52m. Shrubb has never attempted to race the Marathon discussed. Longboat's Best Performances—Won the Boston Marathon last year, establishing a record of 2h. 24m. 24s. for the distance, 25 miles. On Feb. 13, 1908, beat relay of five men in Boston, ten miles, 50m. 52 3-5s. (Track was afterward said to be short). Defeated Dorando in regular Marathon distance in Madison Square Garden.

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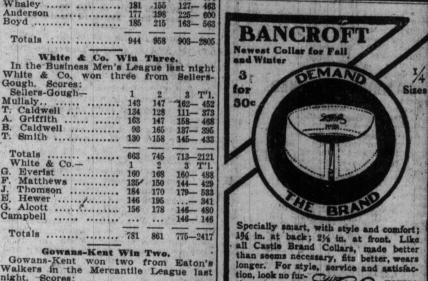
Wishing all the bowlers a Merry Xmas, Sidelights hits the trail for home, sweet home, this morning on a week's vacation. Junction Colts Win Three.

In Class B, City League, last night, on Cutts' alleys, Junction Colts won three from Ontarios. Scores:

The Printers' League.

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Winners at Cutts' Tournament.

The prize list of winners at Cutts' tournament show Cutts' team winning first prize in the five-men event. Bert Neil and Andy Sutherland annexed the two-men event, while E. Sutherland captured the individual. Prize list:

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