FAVORITES AND SECOND CHOICES.

Last of the Century Results at New Orleans; Also at San Francisco.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Strangest and Gracious were the only winning favorites to-day, and in the latter's race the bulk of the money was wagered upon Educate, Clorita and Galloping. Edgartland, in the fifth race, was backed from tens to fours. Fleeting was sold to J. J. McCafferty on private terms. Summary:

First race, mile, selling—Plantain, 101 (Miles), 9 to 2 and 2 to 1, 1; Alvin W., 104 (Dale), 11 to 5 and even, 2; Randy, 96 (Wonderly), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.51¼. Matchless, Denny Duffy, Blue Dan, Onoto, Pinar Del Rio, Divertisement, Musket also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs, selling—Shut Up, 104 (Cochrane), 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, 1; Roomerack, 102 (Weber), 8 to 5 and 3 to 5, 2; Waterplant, 99 (Miles), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.12¼. Senator Joe, Amoriso, Bramble Bush, Curtsey, Captain Jessamine and Bonavera also ran.

Third race, mile, selling—Dan Cupid, 102 (Walsh), 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, 1; Judge Magee, 101 (O'Brien), 7 to 1 and 5 to 2, 2; W. B. Gates, 110 (Dupee), 6 to 5, 3. Time 1.49¾. Domadge, Sunlocks, Castine, Beveridge and Olekma also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles, handicap—Strangest, 107 (Cochran), 9 to 20 and out, 1; Albert Vale, 107 (Winkfield), 8 to 1 and 3 to 2, 2; Monk Wayman, 116 (McJoynt), 13 to 10, 3. Time 1.50.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs, selling—Edgartland II., 105 (Weber), 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, 1; Horseshoe Tobacco, 106 (Dale), 3 to 1 and out, 2; Scrivener, 104 (Winkfield), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.19¼. Miss Hanover, Lady Contrary, Orion, Avatar Agua also ran.

Sixth race, 5½ furlongs, selling—Gracious, 104 (Walsh), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, 1; Quite Right, 93 (Cochrane), 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, 2; Educate, 110 (Weber), 11 to 2, 3. Time 1.12. Salina, Zack Phelps, Gallopin, Clorita and Syncopated Sandy also ran.

New Orleans entries: First race, 1 mile, selling—Loveable 96, West Baden, Barrica, Monnett 98, Sarilla 100, Nearest 101, Four 102, Uhlers 103, Jack Martin 103, Bloodbound 110.

Second race, ¾ mile, handicap—Tom Smith 92, Glen Lake 95, Ida Leiford 94, W. J. Deboe, Senator Beveridge 96, Applejack 100.

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course—Jack Hayes 131, Violet Parsons 135, Harve B. 135, Don Clarencio 137, Zofalia 145, Isen 159.

Fourth race, New Year's Handicap, 1 mile and 70 yards—Glenbow 96, Varro 97, Graydally 102, Menace 104, Matin 105, Henry Clay, Rye 110, Fleetwing 108, Choice 108, Donna Sol 110, Henry Clay Rye and Fleetwing coupled.

Fifth race, selling—Dick T. Furber 101, Soon Locks, Helen Paxton, Philias 102, Orion, Old Fox 105, Belle of Orleans, Bright Night 106, Dramburg, Trebor 107.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Pirate 103, Woodick 99, Sorrel Rose, Toledo 102, Brightie B., Newton, Anger, Sallie J. 104, Spurs Palarm 106, Bequeath 112.

Scots to Banquet Their Heroes.

The Toronto Scots' Football Club are tendering a complimentary banquet at the Merchants' Restaurant on the evening of Jan. 18 in honor of their members, W. H. Grant, A. McGregor, J. Mitchell and S. Brown, who have returned from South Africa. The sturdy Association football men are making great preparations for the event, and all the members and their numerous friends are bound to give their soldier brothers a royal time.

Boxing to Be Resumed in Philly.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Boxing bouts may be resumed in Philadelphia before the new century is many weeks old. It is said the shutdown was simply for the purpose of killing off the mushroom clubs. In probably a month the clubs in good standing will beallowed to again open their doors. This time, however, the much-abused sport of boxing and the general public will be protected from the grafting element. The city, it is said, will also receive a revenue from the clubs. A license fee of a certain amount per year or per show will be charged, and a city physician will pass on all boxers engaged to appear. Every club must have a well-padded and stakeless ring, and all boxers be evenly matched in regard to weight and ability. Rules will also be framed to govern future contests.

St. Louis Starts Racing May 11.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Racing will be resumed at the St. Louis Fair Grounds on May 11, to continue for 90 days, the limit fixed by the Missouri breeders' law for any single track. Altho the Turf Congress permits the St. Louis course to open on April 1, the State law does not. It fixes the opening of the season as April 15, and the close as Nov. 1. This gives St. Louis 171 days of actual racing. Between April 15 and May 11, when the Fair Grounds open, it is considered likely that Kinloch Park will have a season of 23 days.

Sporting Notes.

George McFadden of New York city offers to take Joe Gans' place and meet Kid Parker at Denver next month.

Tim Callahan of Philadelphia has accepted an offer to meet Oscar Gardner at wheeling. They will go 20 rounds at 124 pounds during the first week in February.

In Dietrich, Deeton, McQueen and Fraser, Galt claims to have one of the fastest forward lines in the hockey business, being speedy, active and plucky.

Kid Broad, accompanied by his manager, Joe Machna, left New York for Louisville on Saturday night. Broad is matched to meet Dave Sullivan at the Southern A.C. at that city in a 25-round bout next month.

A date for the contest between George Beyers, the colored middleweight, and Jack Root, the western crack, after months of haggling has been agreed upon. They will meet at San Francisco on Jan. 11.

George Gardiner, the Lowell middleweight, who is in South Africa, writes that he has been matched to meet Tom Dugan of Australia within four weeks. The battle will be for a side bet of $500 and a purse of $3000. Gardiner also says that Jack Everhardt of New Orleans, who accompanied him, has signed to fight a boxer named Lalor on the same night.—New York Sun.

Peter Oesland, the famous skater of Norway, will shortly visit America. Oesland is the champion of Europe and holds many world's records. He is coming to skate the best men of this country. At the world's championship on the Devon Plain track, Germany, last year, Oesland skated 1000 metres in 1 minute and 38 seconds, and his time for the half mile was 1 minute and 17 seconds, both world's records.

The following officers were elected for the Dominion Bank hockey team at a recent meeting: Honorary president, T. C. Brough; honorary vice-president, H. J. Berhune; president, E. A. Begg; vice-president, C. Walker; secretary-treasurer, G. S. G. Baldwin; manager, A. K. MacDougall.

The Wellingtons and St.George's go outside the city to-day to play hockey, the former to Barrie and the latter to Collingwood.

BANK LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Old Rivals, Dominion and Commerce, Begin the Season Jan. 12—Revised Schedule.

The following is the correct schedule for the season, as handed out by the Toronto Bank Hockey Association. The season opens on Jan. 12 with the old-time rivals, Dominion and Commerce. The schedule:

Jan. 12 (Saturday)—Dominion v. Commerce.
Jan. 15 (Tuesday)—Imperial v. Toronto.
Jan. 19 (Saturday)—Dominion v. Imperial.
Jan. 26 (Saturday)—Commerce v. Toronto.
Jan. 29 (Tuesday)—Imperial v. Commerce.
Feb. 2 (Saturday)—Dominion v. Toronto.
Feb. 5 (Tuesday)—Toronto v. Dominion.
Feb. 9 (Saturday)—Commerce v. Imperial.
Feb. 12 (Tuesday)—Toronto v. Commerce.
Feb. 16 (Saturday)—Imperial v. Dominion.
Feb. 19 (Tuesday)—Commerce v. Dominion.
Feb. 23 (Saturday)—Toronto v. Imperial.

Saturday games commence at 3 o'clock and Tuesday games at 8 p.m.

Group 5 Schedule.

A meeting of Group 5 of the Intermediate O.H.A. was held at the Rossin House yesterday, when the following schedule was drawn up:

Jan. 16—Orangeville v. Excelsiors. Jan. 23—Excelsiors v. Orangeville. (A).

Jan. 17—Varsity II. v. Wellington II. Jan. 24—Wellington II. v. Varsity II. (B).

Jan. 28—Finals, winners A and B.

All matches to be played on ice of the first-named club, and the greatest number of goals in both matches to count.

The following Board of Referees were appointed: Percy Brown, Varsity II.; A. B. Wright, Varsity II.; Walter Trivett, Excelsiors; E. H. Telfer, Excelsiors; Harry Morrison, Wellington II.; Walter Rowland, Wellington II. Orangeville referees to be appointed later.

First Card for New Century.

Oakland Entries: First race, mile, selling—Ring Master 106, Astor 106, Rey Del Bandidos 106, Melkarth 106, Evenoch 106, Non Such 106, Alaria 104, Alcia 104, Monrovia 104.

Second race, 11-16 mile, selling—Cora Goetz 99, Miss Rowena 115, Aurora G. 115, Ralston 117, St. Cuthbert 117, Merida 9, Brier Hill 92, Gibraltar 120, Ada N. 99, The Pride 117, Vantinen 111, Dr. Boyle 113.

Third race, first event, 3 furlongs, 2-year-olds—Carlo 111, Pedigree 111, Golden Cottage 111, Dr. Scharff 111; Unnamed ch.f., by Crescendo—Amide, 108; Dorine 108; Unnamed ch.g., by imp. Preston Pans—Katie Fletcher, 108; Unnamed b.g., by The Greek—Peril, 108; Eva G. 108, Sol Lichtenstein 111.

Fourth race, 1¼ miles, New Year Handicap—Andrissa 114, Mortgage 95, Wax 105, The Fretter 111, Bathos 100, Vesuvian 122, Advance Guard 118, Malay 106, Haviland 102, Lothlar 100. (Couple Andrissa and Vesuvian, Jennings' entry.)

Fifth race, ¾ mile, free handicap—Theory 117, Lennep 115, Fidel Youlin 90, Pat Morrissey 100, Head Water 119, True Blue 117, Meehanus 117, Frank Bell 112, Jerid 103, Good Hope 95.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Morinel 104, Grand Sachem 95, Opponent 98, Trevathan 96, Dr. Bernays 106, Owensview 107, St. Wood 103. Weather clear; track fast.

Joe Boyle's Program.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 31.—Joe Boyle of Dawson, who recently returned from England, leaves here to-night for New York, and thence to England on the Teutonic. Joe goes over on a second trip in connection with his hydraulic mining interests in Dawson. He will be accompanied by his father, Charles Boyle, sr., who is going to look over the Old Country racing stables. Joe Boyle has been in Ottawa for some time past in connection with his Yukon interests.

FAREWELL TO LIEUT. WAYLING.

Newmarket and Sharon People Presented Him With a Purse of Gold on Leaving for Africa.

Newmarket, Ont., Dec. 31.—A farewell banquet was tendered to Lieut. James Wayling at the Jackson House here to-night previous to his departure for England. Lieut. Wayling will join the Imperial army, in which he has secured a commission. From England he goes to South Africa, West Africa. His South Africa and Sharon friends made him a presentation of a purse of one hundred dollars in gold. He has ben a favorite, and his many friends regret his departure.

At the Princess.

After the long run of dramas, this week's bill at the Princess will prove a most delightful one. It isn't what you'd be, in more laugh-provoking or highly hilarious farce than "Ma'm'zelle" Valentines have not attempted. And as this week sees the close of the old and the dawn of a new year, and incidentally of a century, resolutions concerning things one must and mustn't do henceforth occupy the mind, so that the freedom from worrying over much of a plot should make it even more enjoyable.

"Ma'm'zelle" is built on the orthodox plan of farces, an improbable, but ludicrous, idea of a plot for the foundation on which to hang a number of very funny situations. It's all in this way: A certain Mr. Tupper (old, tho he doesn't admit it) loves his wife so fondly that even she is annoyed. To make things better for both, as he thinks, Mr. T.'s brother-in-law seizes an opportunity to get him entangled with the affairs of one Colinette, or "Ma'm'zelle," who makes out to him thru an agreement of the good Samaritan to get her on the stage. She gets there all right, but everyone else in the swim gets a great deal more than she, and gained or looked for. The farce is billed as full of surprises, and it is—as much so as a general election. The second act especially will keep one guessing, and it wouldn't be fair to the reader who intends to see and hear for himself, or to the company, to give them away, beyond that it includes a supposed novelte show and is one of the most novel ever seen here. The cast thruout is thoroly good in every respect. Miss Meta Maynard as "Ma'm'zelle," has a pretty French accent and an air of sweet, unsophisticated simplicity; Jack Webster is her lover, gets jealous and has troubles; George Robinson still has some of last week's cold, but as Tupper has to get into innumerable scrapes; Miss Desmonde as his too-beloved wife gets her eyes wide opened; Louis Bresen as the brother-in-law is to blame for it all and deserves to be shot; Mark Kent made a big hit as the show manager; Robert Evans is mysterious and suffers; and Miss Anne Blancke is a very bright loveless domestic. The staging thruout is very good, and, summed up, the farce is perhaps best described as a laugh from start to finish. There will be a matinee to-day.

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Mr. G. W. Nixon and Mr. T. D. Wilson and family are spending the New Year with friends at Maple.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Nominations Held All Along the Line —York Township Matters Discussed.

REEVE WALTERS OF EAST TORONTO

Given the Position by Acclamation —Some Good Men, Old and New, in the Field.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 31.—The nominations for Mayor, councillors and school trustees for Toronto Junction were as follows:

For Mayor—Peter Laughton, Jesse C Smith, Reuben Armstrong.

For Councillors—A J Anderson, Alex Barclay, Thomas Powell, W A Baird, M H Beatty, William Ford, James Bond, S Ryding, W E Raney, John R Chisholm, J C Willard.

School Trustees.—Ward 1—W J Dalton, acclamation.
Ward 2—J F Goodike, acclamation.
Ward 3—A B Rice, A McKinnon.
Ward 4—W L Joy, J B Spurr.
Ward 5—W J Wadsworth, C M Hall.

Etobicoke Township.

Islington, Dec. 31.—Nominations here today left J. H. Taylor of Weston and J. T. Carr in the field for the reeveship, and the following gentlemen for councillors: Messrs. Hendry, Stephens, McCallum, Cunham, Grubbe, Jobson, Horner, Ritford, Gilman and Reeves.

Weston.

Weston, Dec. 31.—Dr. Charlton accepted the invitation of 87 ratepayers to again stand for the reeveship, and at the nomination to-day his election was made by acclamation. Councillors are Andrew Kaake, Jas Conron, J T Franks and T Simpson. For school trustees L Mercer, Dr. Irwin, F J Holly and A Mallaby are in the field.

Scarboro.

Scarboro nominations—Reeve, Kennedy, A. Forfar; council, D. Brown, R. Cowan, T. Jackson, A. Young, A. McCowan, J. Lowrie.

East Toronto.

Reeve—Dr. Walters (by acclamation); council, F. C. Brown, G. L. Davidson, J. M. Faircloth, J. McElroy, T. Dudley, A. McMillan, H. C. Moore, G. Oakley, J. Berry, R. Tomlinson; school trustees, W. H. Clay, G. W. Ormerod, J. M. Faircloth.

Nominations—Township of York.

Mr. W. A. Clarke received the following nominations at the Town Hall, Eglinton, yesterday afternoon: For Reeve—Henry Duncan and Lawrence H. Baldwin. Councillors—John Goulding, George Syme, F. C. Miller, William Sylvester, John Wanless, Jr., Wallace Maclean, Andrew Grant and Andrew McMillan.

The proceedings were adjourned from 1 till 2 o'clock, when a public meeting was held, ex-Deputy Reeve Dollery presiding. The hall was about half-filled when the orations commenced, and the candidates were allowed 15 minutes in which to place their views before the ratepayers.

Reeve Duncan opened the proceedings, and was given a pleasing reception. His first appearance for municipal honors had been made 31 years ago. The disorganization experienced by the township owing to the land boom had now been overcome, and today, for the first time in years, on the 31st day of December, a credit balance was shown in the municipality's account at the bank. He did not contend that the retiring Council was without faults, but, in his estimation, it compared very favorably with any other Council in Canada.

In the persons of Messrs. Joseph Palmer and Mr. John Wanless, Mr. Baldwin had an able mover and seconder. Mr. Baldwin was glad to hear that the balance at the bank was on the right side, but that was not the whole thing. A matter of greater importance was the careful expenditure of the annual levy, and the accounts should show the amount expended in each well-defined district. If elected as Reeve, he should endeavor to have a fair and equal distribution of the levy collected thruout the whole township. [Applause.] He thought well of Reeve Duncan's past record, and hoped that his suggestions would be taken up by him (Mr. Duncan) and embodied in his next year's program. Mr. Baldwin then retired, leaving Reeve Duncan re-elected.

Mr. John Goulding gave a clear statement of his seven years passed as a member of the Council. He had helped to get the municipality out of the mire; in fact, at the time he entered the Council many had declared that the township was bankrupt. The township roads were to-day in better condition than when he entered Council, notwithstanding the fact that the rate had not been increased, but the addition of the county roads had much increased the mileage in that branch of the public expenditure. He liked progression, but a certain amount of caution should accompany it, and this he was prepared to give in the future, as in the past.

Mr. George Syme was well received on taking the platform. He was proud, he said, of the past record of the Council during his connection with it. He had endeavored to cut away from all local influences and to deal fairly with every part of the township. References as to his action in the Glen-avenue steel bridge and the laying of the city railway track on Woodbine-avenue were made, and he contended that he had acted in these matters in the interest of the township.

Mr. F. C. Miller made one of the most lucid addresses of the afternoon, and was listened to with excellent attention. He contended that it was impossible for public bodies more than private individuals not to be progressive in the present age. Progress, however, in the municipality should not consist of encumbrances of local improvements, which usually ended up by the whole municipality having to foot a large portion of the cost. He conscientiously believed that the past year's Council had served the interests of the suburbs. He was willing to deal fairly by the suburbs, but would not consent to one cent due the north being spent in the south. Sectional feeling in the township had been spoken of, but the advantages sought could be gained without much measuring.

Mr. W. Sylvester had served for seven years, and was willing to give his services as in the past. Equitable treatment of all ratepayers was his stand in Council, and would be continued if accorded the support of the ratepayers for another year.

Mr. John Wanless, one of the new aspirants for municipal honors, explained his position as a candidate was due to strong pressure from all portions of the township. He charged that cheap gravel had been used on the Davenport-road, and money thrown away thereby, and he had been informed that only half loads had been drawn for full ones. The latter statement made a slight disturbance, which was quieted by Mr. Wanless consenting to supply the name of his informant later. He rated the past Councils for side-tracking the wants of the ratepayers, and placed the blame for the non-fulfilment of resolutions on the officials. Opening up new roads and careful attention to deals with corporations were promises made by the speaker during his address.

Mr. Wallace Maclean was in touch with a large portion of the audience, and received a careful hearing. He deprecated any attempt to decry the old Council's acts by holding a post-mortem examination. What was wanted was definite actions in future, and, if elected, the various improvements advocated by him would be, as far as he was able, carried out to a finish. He was glad that the discussion during the afternoon had centred on the best methods of distributing the township's yearly levy among the various divisions on a just and equitable basis. He advocated a plebiscite to secure a location for a new township hall, and would secure adequate concessions from street railways wanting rights-of-way thru the municipality. He thought the eastern portion of the township was entitled to a representative.

Mr. Andrew Grant spoke briefly, withdrawing from the contest, and Mr. McMillan also handed in his paper retiring from the fight. The four seats as councillors will now be between Messrs. Goulding, Syme, Miller, Sylvester, Maclean and Wanless.

Weston.

Weston, Dec. 31.—Whilst Mr. M. Redmond and Arthur Larose, employes of Mrs. Fraser, were returning from Toronto to-day, their team took fright at a passing street car near the old mill and ran away. Both hung on to the lines until the bolt in the whiffletrees gave way, then both were pulled out, and Redmond was dragged a considerable distance on his back, which was seriously injured. His head and hip were also badly hurt. Larose escaped with an injured knee, and the team was stopped by F. Rowntree, who was driving in the opposite direction to which they were going, and had the presence of mind to stop his team and run several yards ahead to catch them. Dr. Charlton attended to the injuries of both men.

At the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches to-night the people passed from the nineteenth to the twentieth century in prayer.

Big Tom of Weston, the new school bell, rang out the old and rang in the new year.

North Toronto.

A supper and ball among the employes of the People's Coal Company was held last night at the Ontcott Hotel, Eglinton. The Town Hall was used for dancing by nearly 100 couples.

The nominations for Council and school trustees for the town was held at the Town Hall last night. For Mayor, J. S. Davis and John Fisher were named; for councillors, J. W. Brownlow, E. Armstrong, J. A. Dignum, H. Spittall, J. M. Anderson, A. J. Brown, S. B. Lawrence, J. S. Stibbard, J. J. Hofland and S. A. Perrin; for trustees, William Aull, Davisville Ward (accl.); Eglinton, East Ward, F. Grundy and W. J. Dunnett; Eglinton West Ward, G. McCormack, J. J. Hofland for two-year term, and S. J. Douglas, 1 year (accl.). The school trustees were first given an opportunity to address the meeting. Mr. Aull and Mr. Hofland being the only two to avail themselves of the opportunity, Mr. Hofland spoke at some length, and gained the sympathy of the audience by declaring against vertical writing. Mr. J. S. Davis, as the past year's Mayor, gave a resume of the 12 months' work. During the coming year matters of some importance would come before the Council, especially in reference to the water supply. The bylaw to raise $10,000 for increased water supply should be carried, in the interests of the municipality. The tax rate in the town compared most favorably with other towns and villages in the country, and in most cases was considerably lower. Mr. John Fisher stated that he did not want to be a candidate for the mayoralty this year, but as there was likely to be a contest he should consider the matter and decide later. The extension of the waterworks system, he thought, could be accomplished for a considerably less sum than the amount proposed to be expended. Messrs. Armstrong, Spittall, Anderson and others addressed the meeting on the several candidatures.

Aurora.

On Friday evening the following brethren were elected officers of L.O.L. 643, for the ensuing year: W.M., George Hargrave; D.M., G. Travelle; chaplain, D. E. Rogers; recording-secretary, W. Johnston; financial-secretary, J. S. Hill; treasurer, George Clarke; D. of C., W. H. Taylor; lecturer, G. Cutting; committee, Messrs. Miller, Heath, H. Bodfish, J. Davis and F. Bodfish; I.G., W. Taylor; O.G., O. Hutt; auditors, J. J. Davis and W. H. Taylor.

A watch-night service was held last night at the Methodist Church, commencing at 10.30.

The reception to Mr. Harold Martin, who was to have been held on Friday last, has been postponed until the arrival of Mr. Fred. Hartman, another local volunteer from South Africa, when both will be greeted by their friends.

A specimen lamp of the Kitson Carbon Company has been installed, and the Council will consider a tender for this method of street lighting at an early date.

"Arizona" at the Grand.

"Arizona" opened what promises to be a very successful week's engagement at the Grand Opera House last night. The piece was presented in Toronto twice last season, and as "Arizona" is one of the few plays that one can see twice and three times with renewed pleasure, those who saw and enjoyed it last season will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that the present company give an entirely satisfactory presentation of the piece. "Arizona" bristles with dramatic situations and offers splendid opportunities for the actors' best efforts. Now that it has received the approval of Gotham's theatregoers and critics, it will surely win the success that it has always deserved. The company that presented the play last season was an exceptionally strong, well-balanced one, the present cast does not suffer to any extent in comparison, and gives a creditable and certainly an enjoyable rendition. Miss Carlotta, as Col. Markham's daughter, proved herself a capable actress, and Miss Esmond, as Bonita Canby, won and held the admiration of the large audience by her breezy and clever style. Mr. Sydney Ainsworth plays the leading part as Lieut. Denton quite satisfactorily, and Mr. Charles Stokes was always good and sometimes great as Henry Canby, the big-hearted ranch owner. Mr. William Clifton and Mr. Dustin Farnum, as Col. Markham and Capt. Hodgman respectively, were acceptable, while Mr. Frank Kemble, as Sergeant Kellar, and Mr. John Drury, as the "greaser," were all that could be desired. In short, it may be said that the company, as a whole, proved themselves capable of giving an exceptionally strong play a satisfactory presentation, and those who have seen "Arizona" know that this is saying a good deal. If worthy attractions are to be supported, the Grand should be well filled at every performance this week.

"A Free Lance."

Robert Mantell, the popular romantic actor, presented his new play, "A Free Lance," to a crowded house at the Toronto Opera House last night. The play, written by W. A. Tremayne, a Canadian, gained interest with the audience by reason of that fact. The plot is laid in Germany about the year 1450, and hence gives ample scope for a portrayal of the romantic scenes made so fascinating by the works of the elder Dumas. The many opportunities afforded for rich stage mounting were taken advantage of, and some unusually fine pictures were presented. Mr. Mantell, as Sir Rudolf, the leader of the revolt against the Chancellor, has a part that fits him like a glove. The vim and the verve that won him friends in Toronto years ago still are shown, while his lordly stride and nonchalant assumption of chivalrous manners fill up an ideal characterization of mediaeval times. He was frequently recalled. Many chances are given for the display of his powers as a lover, while not a few scenes are reminiscent of the "Three Musketeers." Mr. Mantell's support is competent. Even if it would be invidious to specify, one cannot help remarking that the Princess Hilda of Miss Russell was a most finished piece of acting. She is a beautiful woman, possesses a charming voice, and acted with unusual intelligence. In short, he has added laurels to his already verdant reputation among Toronto theatre-goers. "A Free Lance" will be repeated this afternoon, to-night, Wednesday and Thursday nights and Saturday matinee.

At Thursday's matinee will be played "Romeo and Juliet"; Friday night, "Hamlet"; and Saturday night, "Othello."

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Benny Yanger, the Tipton Slasher, of Chicago, thru his manager, has deposited a forfeit of $1000 with George Siber and issued a challenge to fight Terry McGovern at 122 pounds, ring side, before the club offering the best inducements. As these are the terms asked by McGovern's manager, it is almost a certainty the match will be made. If the men meet it will be for the featherweight championship of the world.

Found Dead in His Shanty.

Dauphin, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—James Davies, a former resident of Dauphin, was discovered dead in his shanty at Bowsman, in the Swan River District, on Monday, from the effects of bullets. It looks like a case of suicide.

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FIVE SKATERS GET ON THE ICE FOR THE MAYORALTY STAKES.

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suggested the instituting of an endowment policy instead of the superannuation scheme.

Mr. Louis Brown was opposed to the superannuation scheme, and so the increasing of the teachers' and inspectors' salaries.

Mr. T. S. Lobb had some difficulty in being heard, owing to the general disorder which commenced when he made his appearance. He had only started, when he was confronted with the question, "Did you move a resolution that two teachers who were marked incompetent by the inspectors, be retained by the board?" Mr. Lobb attempted an explanation that the two teachers in question had good records and then asked if his action was not for British fair play. This was answered with cries of "No; no!" At this juncture Mr. Joseph Fox put the question to the candidate, "Did you say that if Mr. Jones was elected you would not sit on the board with him?" This question was followed with hoots and cries. Mr. Lobb declared that he did not say that he would not sit on the board with Mr. Jones, but had stated that would not like to sit with Mr. Jones. Again there was disorder, and many of those epresent left the hall. Mr. J. C. Clarke was the last speaker.

WARD TWO.

Daniel Lamb, 156 Winchester-street, gentleman, by James Lumbers and Patrick Hynes.

Edward Strachan Cox, 8 Wellesley-place, broker, by R. A. Pyne and William Caldwell.

Thomas Foster, 45 Seaton-street, gentleman, by A. J. Russell Snow and John H. Lennox.

Joseph Oliver, 510 Ontario-street, lumber merchant, by James Lumbers and Henry Swan.

Thomas William Barber, 339 Ontario-street, coal merchant, by A. R. Pyne and S. R. Wickett.

Alex John Russell Snow, 286 Sherbourne-street, barrister, by William McFarren and R. Robinson.

John Sykers, 447 Jarvis-street, barrister, by Andrew Smith and J. R. Lee.

Messrs. W. A. Douglas, 220 Wellesley-street, J. H. Lennox, 86 Metcalfe-street, W. F. Ardagh, 319 Sherbourne-street, Ald. Spence, 315 Ontario-street, Thomas Gain, 51 Metcalfe-street, E. S. Piper, 201 Bernard-avenue, James O'Hara, 321 Ontario-street, and A. R. Hassard, 48 Seaton-street, were also nominated, but retired.

School Trustees.

John Noble, 314 East Queen-street, physician, by R. A. Pyne and J. R. Lee.

Samuel George Thompson, 308 Jarvis-street, physician, by James Lumbers and William Lamb.

Miss Clara Brett Martin, Homewood-avenue, barrister, by Malcolm Gibbs and E. P. Roden.

William Lewis Edmonds, 376 Parliament-street, journalist, by T. R. Whiteside and Henry Swan.

Jeffrey Ellery Hansford, 267 Sherbourne-street, barrister, by Hon. George A. Cox and W. J. Hambly.

William Caldwell, 42 St. James-avenue, stationer, by John Hewitt and Joseph Oliver.

Frederick Hogg, 614 Ontario-street, nurseryman, by Alex E. Wheeler and Thomas May.

Mr. John Hewitt, 234 Seaton-street, was also nominated, but retired.

Speeches Made.

At the Pavilion, where the nomination of candidates for aldermanic and school trustee honors in Ward 2 took place, the proceedings passed off quietly. When Mr. John Mills, returning officer, called for nominations, Ald. Lamb asked if the proposer and seconder of each candidate are required to be present at the meeting. Mr. Caswell, the Alderman declared, had given it as his opinion that they must be present. Mr. Snow, one of the aldermanic candidates, who said he believed he was just as competent to interpret municipal law as the City Solicitor, claimed there was nothing of the kind in the statute. Nomination papers should be signed by two ratepayers, and that is all that is required. Then Mr. Snow said he would take the responsibility if his name did not appear on the ballot paper, the matter was allowed to drop. Seventeen candidates for aldermanic and seven for school trustee honors were nominated, but several retired. Mr. Hogg, candidate for school trustee, handed in his paper after the returning officer had repeatedly signified his intention of closing the nomination proceedings. At first, Mr. Mills declined to accept the paper, but when Mr. Hogg appealed to the meeting for fair play, received it under protest. Mr. S. R. Wickett occupied the chair at the public meeting, held afterwards, at which the candidates stated their views on the various public questions. The candidates for aldermanic and school trustee honors were heard alternately.

Ald. Lamb, who was the first speaker, was given a good hearing. He started out by declaring that two men who did not live in Ward 2 were on the platform, and had been nominated simply to slander him because of his stand on the Bernard-avenue telephone pole question. He pointed out how much of the Board of Works had been carried out expeditiously, and referred at length to the improvements which had taken place on the eastern end of the city, and in return a capital staff of Aldermen and a better Mayor than they had ever had before.

Ald. Foster referred to his attitude on the reversed vestibule question, and said he had tried to fulfil all the promises he had made the past year. He promised last year, if elected, to assist in getting the scrap-iron law revised to suit the citizens.

Ald. Cox was received with applause. He said he had not, during the past year, indulged in any impossible schemes, and had not made any lengthy speeches. If returned, he promised to do all in his power to further the interests of the citizens. An elector, who attempted to ask Ald. Cox some questions regarding an account in connection with the Fire Brigade Committee, was howled down. Brief speeches were also made by the other candidates, both for aldermanic and school trustee honors, including John Scott Martin, who was given a patient hearing.

WARD 3.

John Francis Loudon, accountant, 17 Yorkville-avenue, by George Boxall, merchant, and W. B. Rogers.

George McMurrich, 105 Madison-avenue, insurance agent, by Frederick Wyld and George Fair.

Robert L. Fraser, barrister, 50 Church-street, by Wm. McClain and George Hillam.

Samuel George Curry, architect, 90 Yonge-street, by John I. Davidson and A. F. Rutter.

Newman Leopold Steiner, 116 Pembroke-street, gentleman, by R. L. Stanley and E. M. Crocker. (Retired).

Oliver B. Sheppard, 104 Pembroke-street, manager, by N. L. Steiner and E. W. Wyatt.

Thomas Hunter, 68 Maitland-street, builder, by George S. McConkey and James Alison.

Thomas W. Curtis, merchant, 6 West Queen-street, by Horace B. Haight and G. M. Croker.

Bernard Saunders, Spadina-road, by H. A. E. Kent and George Vair.

Harry L. Piper, manager, 33 East Richmond-street, by Joseph Alison and Thos. Downey. (Retired).

John Morison, 604 Jarvis-street, banker, by John Sloan and John Flett.

Joseph G. Ramsden, merchant, 45 Yorkville-avenue, by R. Barron and R. J. Score.

Thomas Vance, 23 Church-street, fruit merchant, by Albert E. Hacker and David Hunter. (Retired).

Henry Sheard, 28 Balmuto-street, gentleman by Dr. E. J. Barrick and W. B. Rogers.

James B. Tremaine, 32 Davenport-road, builder, by James Ryan and John Kennedy.

Henry Griffith Hargrave, physician, 25 Yorkville-avenue, by R. L. Thomson and D. W. Kennedy.

Robert Barton, 12 Louisa-street, traveler, by James Munro and Chas. J. Elliott.

School Trustees.

Thomas Langton Church, 465 Church-street, barrister, by Ald. Loudon and Geo. Boxall. (Retired).

George Boxall, 73 Grenville-street, merchant, by R. J. Stanley and George Hillam.

R. S. Baird, 94 Charles-street, insurance agent, by Ald. O. B. Sheppard and George Vair.

Charles Elliott, 18 East Wellington-street, barrister, by Ald. Loudon and Thos. L. Church.

Thomas R. Holg, Yonge-street coal merchant, by Dr. Fotheringham and J. Curry.

Wm. A. Sherwood, 81 Shuter-street, artist, by Ald. Sheppard and John Flett. (Retired).

Dr. E. H. Adams, Queen and Bond-streets, by F. McGuire and James Alison.

George H. Gooderham, 504 Jarvis-street, gentleman, by James Alison and Spencer Love.

Albert E. Hacker, 82 Bond-street, printer, by Dr. Adams and Thomas Vance.

Nominees Galore.

The nomination meeting in Ward 3 was more funny than businesslike, and the list of candidates was almost as numerous as a village voters' list. It was a large and active audience.

Mr. E. A. Scadding was returning officer, and he received seventeen nominations for aldermanic honors and seven for school trustee in side the hour.

Dr. E. J. Barrick was unanimously elected as chairman for the meeting which followed.

Ald. Loudon scored the Waterworks bylaw, which goes to the taxpayers in March, and said it was his wish to have it submitted at this election. He dwelt on the enormous cost and thought the five engines now in operation in the city were enough to meet requirements, and favored municipal ownership of more franchises.

Ald. McMurrich objected to the city taking over the telephone system, and got a fair hearing, considering the kind of attention some other speakers got.

R. L. Fraser declared the City Council needed reforming, and thought he could do a little toward that himself. He had a lot of trouble with the audience.

S. D. Curry, the architect candidate, found fault with everything in the City Council and censured "amateur" politicians having control of the Board of Control.

Ald. O. B. Sheppard blamed the Legislature for faults attributed to the Council, and said he wanted to save $60 a day by having lunatics removed from the jails to the proper asylums.

Mr. Sheppard took credit for reducing expenditures, and pointed with pride to the fact that since he entered the Council in 1894 the expenditure had been decreased $600,000. He declared he was willing to stand or fall by his record. "Elect me on that," he said.

Voices: We will.

"If you do not think I have done my duty elect someone else," shouted Mr. Sheppard.

Ex-Ald. Thomas Hunter tried to speak, but was howled down.

Dr. Barrick, chairman, asked the audience to give the candidates five minutes each to speak and then explode afterwards, but they couldn't wait that long.

Candidate Curtis seemed to be popular for a little while. He spoke less than one minute. He said: "I ain't goin' to make no promises. I think I can do a little for the workingman. If you don't think so, put me where you are going to do a good day's work more of the candidates next Monday."

Had a Hard Time.

Ald. Saunders had a lot of good things to say, but it was wasted. To one inquiry he said: "