MC2289

POOR DOCUMENT

ALL THE LATEST NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENT ON SPORTS OF TRACK, FIELD AND ARENA AT HOME AND ABROAD

GREAT INTEREST IN COMING SPORTS

At Least One City Factory Will Close on Saturday to Permit Employes to See Sports and Road Races.

One factory in the city has decided to close on Saturday afternoon, in order that the employes may see the Every Day Club road races and sports and some others, it is said, will follow suit. The greatest interest is felt in these races.

B. L. Sheppard, who has charge of the general arrangements, arranged for the competitors in the ten-mile race to don their running suits in Gilchrist's hall in Rothesay, whence the buckboard will take them to the starting point. Newcombe's hall will be similarly used for the five-mile runners. Both Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Newcombe expressed their desire to do all in their power to make the sports a success.

Moncton is sending a fine representation from two clubs, who will be keen rivals of each other as well of the other competitors. St. John will have a fine list of entries.

It is expected that G. R. Lithgow, of Halifax, will attend these sports. He has expressed his intention of doing so. Mayor Bullock will be asked to present the prizes.

ALGONQUINS HOLD A LARGE MEETING

The Algonquin Amateur Athletic Association held a large and enthusiastic meeting in their hall, Metcalf street, last evening, when plans were made for the coming winter season. Last year the Indians had a very successful basket ball season, the senior team tying for the league championship and the intermediate team winning out in their league. This year the association teams will be stronger than ever. The following committees were elected:—Senior team—R. F. Finley, Charles Seely, F. L. Grearson; intermediate—Leslie Holder, Walter Jones, Arthur Eagles. Football matters were also under discussion. The management reported that arrangements had been complete with the Marathons to play a series of three games for the Bullock cup. It had been intended to play the first game on Saturday last, but, owing to the suspension of some Marathon players, this was found impossible. On account of the Every Day Club sports and road race on Saturday, it will be impossible to play then, but a week from that date it is hoped to begin the series. The Algonquins have a strong fifteen this year, and feel confident of being able to lift the handsome trophy donated by his worship the mayor.

C. W. Clark who represented the association at the meeting at Moncton last year to consider the advisability of forming a New Brunswick football league, reported that the proposed league was not likely to materialize, however, the Indians will play a number of games with good teams. U. N. B., Fredericton city and Moncton teams will be played on their own grounds, return matches being played here. Efforts will be made to play Acadia and Mount Allison when these teams are passing through for their intercollegiate games with U. N. B. Moncton has asked for a game on the 16th and the matter was left with the management of the team. The question of going to Fredericton to play U. N. B. on Saturday was also under consideration and was also left to the management. The following new members were elected: W. F. Sampson, Chas. Crocker, Dr. F. C. Bonnell, Alex. Corbet, P. F. Floyd, Roy Cartez.

KETCHELL TO RETIRE

Middleweight Champion Wants Only One More Fight—Tired of the Game.

Almost as startling as the defeat of Stanley Ketchell by Papke was the announcement made by Ketchell that he would retire after the return match.

"I only want to win this one fight and to get my title back," said Ketchell. "Then I will drop this fight game. I am tired of it already. It's true that I have not been in it long, but I've had enough of it already. I have a little money—more than I expected to have at this time—and I think I will settle down to farming."

In spite of this declaration Ketchell will find it hard to keep his word. Very few fighters are as consistent as Jim Jeffries on the retirement question. But figuring on what Ketchell will do if he wins is certainly counting the poultry before the incubator is in working order.

The former middleweight champion will leave San Francisco for Mendocino county in a few days to shoot deer. Stanley has been after the antlered monarch before and is enthusiastic about the prospects. He will be gone five weeks and figures that the trip will make a new man out of him.

SIMASSIE IN MONTREAL

At Montreal Tuesday, Rex, the Brattleboro horse, won the unfinished 2.17 pace. Jones, who drove Rex in the fifth heat of the race, when the favorite finished third, was set down by the judges and a local driver brought him home easy first in final heat. Buchanan, the Halifax horse, made a splendid showing, winning fourth money, being close up in each heat in heats ranging from 2.16¼ to 2.17¼.

The Cleveland mare, Miss Peeler, won the 2.30 pace, after Coin took the first heat. Simmassie won fourth money and was second to Miss Peeler in the second heat, which the latter won in 2.14.

The 2.20 trot was left unfinished, with King Bryson and Baron Wedgewood each with two firsts. Lizzie Muscovite and Orphan Girl were drawn after the third heat.

THE KENTUCKY FUTURITY

Lexington, Ky., Tuesday.—The Kentucky Futurity, the classic of the trotting turf, for three year-olds was won today in straight heats by The Harvester, breaking the record for the race in the third heat. The best previous record was 2.09¼, by Grace Bond, in 1903, while The Harvester trotted the third heat to-day in 2.08 3-4.

He was driven by "Ed" Geers. It was the first time in the career of this noted driver that he ever held the reins over the winner of the futurity, and the reception accorded to him at the finish of the race both by horsemen and the general public was greater than ever was witnessed on the Lexington track.

Mrs. H. F. Magee will receive her friends on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Thursday evening at 125 Leinster street.

NEW YORK TEAM BEATS BOSTON

The National League Pennant Ownership Will be Decided by Today's Game.

New York, Oct. 7—A tie with New York and Chicago each having a percentage of .641 in the race for the National League pennant resulted from New York's third successive defeat of Boston today. This means that the winner of the New York-Chicago game in this city tomorrow will take the pennant. Pittsburg's is .636.

National League.

At New York—New York, 7; Boston, 2.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 4; Brooklyn, 2.

American League.

At Washington—Washington, 1; New York, 0 (11 innings.) Second game—Washington, 9; New York, 4.
At Boston—Boston, 10; Philadelphia, 1. Second game—Philadelphia, 5, Boston, 3.

GOTCH AS AN ACTOR

The World's Champion Wrestler Makes Hit in Vaudeville at New York.

Frank Gotch, champion wrestler, has finally gone into vaudeville, and has really made good. Variety, the New York authority on vaudeville, in reviewing Gotch's first appearance, gives him the following rather flattering notice:

"No one expected to find in the champion wrestler of the world an actor, nor did any one probably imagine that important athletic personage, Frank A. Gotch, would invade New York city with a real, genuine comedy sketch, to present his prowess on the mat. Mr. Gotch sprang the surprises, however.

"In his New York vaudeville debut, Mr. Gotch is the centre of a very well and brilliantly written comedy sketch, containing several laughable situations and employing a competent cast."

Gotch himself plays an amateur wrestler and the centre of the Yale 'varsity football team, who is suddenly impressed to substitute in a professional bout to be given at the Madison Square Garden, he being pitted against "Atlas" Stetzel. Frank Conroy (Gotch) accepts the mission, but his aunt strenuously objects in a funny scene and his sister warns Conroy he will lose his "Y." The "straight" man says "Never mind the 'Y,' just keep your peepers glued on the 'S' with two lines down in the centre; that's the letter that counts."

The second scene is the entrance to Madison Square Garden, and the third and last scene in the garden with the ring for the wrestling match. In it is the bout, where for three minutes Gotch wrestles "Atlas" Stetzel, finally throwing him with a "toe hold."

The act, which is called "All About a Bout," and will probably play the Orpheum circuit this season, runs twenty-seven minutes.

John J. Hayes, the Marathon runner, has also made his vaudeville debut and "made good," although twelve minutes of the act are devoted to motion pictures of the race and the other six to a monologue by Hayes, with some illustration of his stride.

THE NEW Y.M.C.A.

$4,728.46 is Still Needed to Complete the Building and Equipment.

The following statement of the building fund of the Y.M.C.A. was given out yesterday. It shows that the sum of $4,728.46 is yet needed to provide for the furnishings. The committee having that work in charge are moving as rapidly as possible. They have recommended that a special effort be made to raise the sum mentioned during the next three weeks so that when the building is opened early in November it will be free from debt.

Contracts, etc., as follows:

R. Maxwell	40,382.00	
G. & E. Blake	7,000.00	
Hiram Webb	400.00	
Architect	1,500.00	
Extras (estimated)	500.00	
	$49,782.00	
Cost of land	7,211.55	
Estimate for Furnishings	6,619.00	
Sundry Expenses	1,517.92	
		$65,130.47
Total receipts to date:		
Cash subscriptions, equity in old building, Fair of Nations, etc	45,899.86	
Special subscriptions	65.00	
Interest, rents, etc	2,910.15	
	48,875.01	
Good pledges	7,877.00	
Notes unpaid	1,650.00	
Ladies' Auxiliary	2,000.00	
		$60,402.01
Amount needed to complete furnishings		$4,728.46

JOHN CAMPBELL'S SUICIDE

John Campbell, an employe of C. H. Peters' Sons, committed suicide yesterday at his home, 212 Brittain street. He was 61 years of age and had been employed with the firm for many years.

Edwin Peters, a member of the firm, said last night that Mr. Campbell had been acting peculiarly on several occasions during the past year or two, that yesterday morning on going to work he informed some of the other employes that he intended to commit suicide, but they did not take the statement seriously. Mr. Peters told the man to start a fire in the stove in the office as it seemed chilly, and while Campbell was attending to this, Shirley Peters told him not to put too much coal on. Campbell then attacked Shirley with the coal shovel, hitting him over the head and kicking him. Fred Peters, of the firm, came into the office and ordered Campbell home, at the same time remarking that such actions left him liable to a charge for assault.

Mr. Campbell then demanded the money due him and started for home. On the way he purchased carbolic acid and on reaching home told his wife about the trouble and walked into another room and swallowed the contents of the bottle, and returning to where his wife was held out the bottle saying, "I've done it."

Dr. Bently was summoned but before he arrived the man was past help. Coroner Berryman is making inquiries. Mr. Campbell was three times married. Much sympathy is expressed for the wife and one son who survive.

CHAMPIONSHIP BILLIARDS.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 8.—Thomas Hueston, challenger for the three cushion billiard championship of the world, defeated John Daly, title holder in the third and final block of the series last night and captured the title. Heuston's score was 50 and Daly's 32. Heuston's total score was 159 and Daly's 118.

A pain prescription is printed upon each 25c. box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your Doctor or Druggist if this formula is not complete. Head pains, womanly pains, pains anywhere get instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. Sold by all Druggists.

ST. PETER'S CLUB GET THEIR TROPHIES

Annual Reunion of St. Peters Y.M.A. Last Evening was a Pleasant Function.

The annual reunion of St. Peter's Y.M.A. took place last night in their rooms, Douglas avenue. The prizes won by the organization during the past season were presented and a fine programme of addresses, solos, readings and selections by the St. Peter's Y. M. A. orchestra was given.

The prizes consisted of two cups, that for the championship of the Inter-Society

THE SOCIETY LEAGUE CUP.

Baseball League and the other for the city championship. Hon. R. J. Ritchie made the presentations in a felicitous speech and the president, E. J. Mahoney, accepted the cups in behalf of the members.

The chair was occupied by President Mahoney, and after the presentation of the cups the following programme was given: Selection, St. Peter's Y.M.A. orchestra; solo, Harry McQuade; reading, Arthur McCluskey; step dance, Leo McGuiggan; selection, orchestra; reading, James McHugh; solo, Frank Connors; reading, John McIntyre; and another selection by the orchestra. An enjoyable evening was spent.

CARD MACHINE MUST COME OUT

Obscene Picture Case Taken Up by Judge Ritchie Yesterday.

In the police court yesterday afternoon the case against the proprietors of Fairyland for exposing for sale obscene pictures came up. Harry Kitz, the proprietor, told how he came to be in possession of the objectionable pictures. After hearing him Judge Ritchie decided to let the case stand on the condition that the slot machine was taken out a once.

Kitz said that he operated the machine at the exhibition here. His own stock of post cards ran out, he said, and another man who had post cards there offered him a lot containing 1,000. He looked through them and, picking out the very ones now in the possession of the police, said he would not have these at any price. The other man replied that he could pick out what he wished to keep and hold on to the others till they were called for.

He said these cards were set on one side in the office but did not know how they came to be in the machine.

Judge Ritchie explained the law to him and on his promising to get rid of the machine he allowed to go.

Frank McIsaac was brought in and pleaded guilty to stealing $51 and some clothes from the Clifton House. He elected to be tried by his honor. He admitted being in possession of the clothes but the circumstances did not show that theft had been committed. He was remanded for sentence as was Frank Niles who was charged with the theft of a pair of pants, and pleaded guilty some time ago.

THIN BLOOD MADE STRONG

Tiredness and Weakness Overcome--A Joyous Letter

"I admit because I neglected early treatment I am entirely to blame for the condition of weakness that for nearly two years made my life a real misery," writes Mrs. Hazen, of Beauport. "At first I felt sort of flat in the morning and could do no more than pick at my breakfast. Later I remember my sleep was disturbed, that dreamy, restless sleep, from which you finally awaken, feeling as if you could never get up. Then I became thin, lost my color, got nervous and fearful about nothing, and kept thinking about myself all the time, and was irritable, cross and easily made cry. What would have become of me if I had not taken Ferrozone I can't imagine. Ferrozone put new life into me from the start. It strengthened my nerves and brought back my color, and in a little while, less than three months, no healthier and brighter woman could be found anywhere. I highly praise Ferrozone and advise sick people to take advantage of its health-conferring properties."

Ferrozone quickens the powers of both body and mind, simply because it forms lots of blood that's full of life and vitality. Ferrozone creates appetite, gives strength, vim and endurance, it's good for old people, good for everybody that needs better health. Thousands of men, women and children use Ferrozone every day and all say it's the best nourishing, strengthening tonic made; try Ferrozone yourself, 50c per box or six boxes for $2.50. Sold by all dealers.

Kentville, N.S., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Fraser opened the fruit exhibition this afternoon. Visitors from Ontario and other portions of Canada say the apple exhibit is the finest they have ever seen.

An interesting exhibit is that of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co. of St. John. They show apples of 1907 in a good state of preservation.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE

It Has Made Itself Severely Felt in Germany.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—A special London cable says:—

"A semi-official German union of chambers of commerce in Berlin is considering remarkable proposals by the Weisbaden chamber of commerce, to combat the Canadian and Australian preference and the expected early adoption of imperial reciprocity when Mr. Balfour returns to power. The chamber declares that preference between the motherland and the colonies is a new keynote in the world of commerce in France and the United States, as well as the British Empire, and imperils Germany's promising future markets and can no longer be met by the most favored nation formula or any other similarly amicable methods.

"Europe cannot form a zollverein, but they urge the German government to forthwith approach Austria, Switzerland, Italy and other countries hit by the preference in order to set up a counter preference union.

"The general comment here is that any such German movement is certain to precipitate a British reciprocal tariff forming the empire into a compact trade family.

"The Bulgarian crisis came at a most unfortunate moment for borrowers, though happily calmer views are taken today of the prospects for a European war. The lists of the Canadian government loan of £5,000,000 closed for cash applications today, but are still open for conversion applications."

CANADIANS AND SUFFRAGE

The Attempt to Cut Out the Word "Suffrage" Failed at Geneva'

Mrs. Ida H. Harper writes of the recent executive meeting of the International Council of Women at Geneva:

The Canadian delegates had given notice that they would endeavor at this meeting to have the title of the Standing Committe on Suffrage and the Rights of Citizenship changed to Committe on Citizenship. The sequel to this attempt is both amusing and significant.

There was a strong belief among many of the delegates that the Countess of Aberdeen herself was behind it, and that back of her was the Liberal party of Great Britain.

After careful investigation, however, the delegates from the United States became convinced that the responsibility rested entirely on Canada. The reason given for wishing to change the name was funny.

"A committee on citizenship," they said, "would be much broader and more inclusive than one on suffrage and the rights of citizenship. This is not intended in any way to hinder the work for suffrage, but rather to help it, as it would enable women in conservative countries to join hands, etc."

As twenty-three countries are already working under the suffrage banner, they were asked to name the "conservative" ones that "might join hands," and the answer was that the women of Portugal objected to the suffrage feature.

The Canadians said that the women in Australia neglected to use the suffrage they already possessed, and therefore they wanted the work of the committee "enlarged" by leaving out the words "suffrage" and "rights," and made to include the instruction of women in their responsibilities.

The present standing committee was convened at the beginning of this congress, with national chairmen present from thirteen countries, and the matter was laid before them. All the delegates from Australia arose and testified that women there voted in quite as large proportion as men, and that the number was constantly increasing as they realized the power for good which they possessed in the ballot.

Ther was much indignation and protest at the proposal to change the name of the committee, and a resolution was unanimously adopted that "as the great Quinquennial Council at Berlin in 1904 had declared, without a dissenting voice, that henceforth strenuous efforts should be made to obtain for women the power of voting, therefore to attempt to exclude 'suffrage' from the name of the committee then formed would not only impede the woman suffrage movement, but would be a retrograde act on the part of the International Council of Women and prove a serious and irreparable blow to the progress of the Council itself."

This resolution was incorporated in the report made to the large body of delegates by the chairman of the international committee, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, of the United States, and it called forth more applause and enthusiasm than any other feature of the entire meeting.

Then it having been said that the Canadian women in charge of the quinquennial council at Toronto next June did not intend to permit a discussion of the question, a petition was circulated that one entire evening should be devoted to a public discussion of woman suffrage.

This petition was signed by the delegations of every one of the twenty-three—countries and presented to the executive committee, whose authority is supreme, and that body gave the assurance that the request would be granted. Thus ended what will probably be the last attempt to eliminate woman suffrage from the International Council. The Canadian delegates in speaking of it afterward, said:

"Why, we never dreamed that this perfectly innocent action on our part would raise such a fuss!"

It is a striking commentary on the self-control and breadth of mind developed in women by organization and experience in conventions that this spirited contest did not produce any ill feeling between the Canadian and other delegates, not even those of the United States, who led the opposition.

LADY ABERDEEN FOR PRESIDENT.

A question which has disturbed the International Council for years was settled at this meeting by repealing the clause in the constitution which forbids two consecutive terms for the president, and leaving the tenure unlimited. Lady Aberdeen has already filled the office twice, at different times, and it is probable that she will be elcted for another five years at the Canada meeting. No other candidate has yet been presented who has the essential qualifications. It is necessary to understand and speak three languages—English, French and German—to have sufficient prestige to compel the respect of all the affiliated countries; to possess a full knowledge of the wide and varied work of the Council; to be able to serve without salary and pay most of the expenses of the office. Lady Aberdeen has all of these requirements; she has made an excellent president, and is personally very much admired and liked. It looks now as if she would have no opposition for the presidency.

A facsimile of the badge presented to Miss Anthony by the delegates to the first International Council of Women in 1888 was adopted as the permanent international badge. It bears the letters I. C. W.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY

The St. John Medical Society held the opening meeting of the season last evening. The president, Dr. C. M. Pratt, read a paper on the Objects of a Medical Society, pointing out methods by which the sphere of usefulness might be extended. At the close of the meeting, on invitation of Dr. Pratt, the members went to White's where a very tempting menu was served.

A number of toasts were then honored. The King was received with musical honors and the toast to the president and officers brought responses from those gentlemen. Drs. McLaren, Anglin and Bishop replied for the "medical militia"; Dr. Inches for the Board of Examiners, and Dr. Grey for the Council of Physicians and Surgeons; Drs. Ryan and Jenkins for the Hospital house surgeons.

A very interesting programme of subjects has been prepared for the season's meetings.

Misses Cora, Irene and Florence M. Wesley, of Toronto, arrived in the city Tuesday on a visit to their brother, F. C. Wesley.

ACCIDENTS ON LAND AND SEA AND MANY LIVES LOST

Thirteen Killed by Explosion of C.P.R. Elevator in Richford, Vt.—Three Masted Schooner Sinks Off Grand Banks and 25 Lost—Campbellton Schooner Lost at Sea.

Richford, Vt., Oct. 7.—An explosion of dust and gases in a large grain elevator, owned by the Canadian Pacific and the Boston & Maine Railroad in this village, caused the death of at least thirteen persons this afternoon, while it is possible that the death roll may be still further increased. Of the victims, eleven were men employed in the elevator while the other two were women who were walking nearby.

The fire destroyed the elevator, a flour shed and seventy-five freight cars. The loss is roughly $400,000.

The explosion, it is supposed, was due to spontaneous combustion of the dry grain dust, ignited possibly by the sun's rays through a window. With a concussion which could be heard for miles and which shook every building in the town, the roof was blown skyward, while flames burst from every window and door of the structure. The roof, or the greater part of it, was carried a long distance and fell in a field. Several freight cars, which were standing on the track beside the building were thrown over and broken into a mass of wreckage and every person within a radius of a quarter of a mile of the structure was knocked off his feet and wholly or partially stunned.

Twenty-one men, all employes, are known to have been in the building at the time. Of these, all but eleven had been located as living late tonight. One body was carried 500 yards and was found in a field.

The list of the dead is as follows:—

Herman Lahue, 40 years old, married; leaves a family.
Lucius Wright, 25 years old, married.
Robert Mandigo, 22, married.
W. C. Barney, 50 years; married and has several children.
Ralph Haire, 20, single.
Herman Niles, aged 25.
Charles Narrows, 24, single.
Louis Papineau, 40, married.
Doma La Porte, 21, single.
—— Tuttle.

A workman, name unknown, who is known to have been in the building and who is reported missing.

Mrs. Jelifore.
Mrs. Guard, aged 40.

The only body recovered is that of Robert Mandigo. He was at work near the top of the elevator. A short time before the explosion occurred he was seen looking from a window near the roof. He was carried aloft when the explosion took place and his body, lifeless and terribly mangled, was found late tonight near the wreckage of the roof, far from the site of the building.

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—A despatch from North Sydney says: "The French three-masted schooner Juanita has foundered on the Grand Banks with her crew of twenty-five. The captain only was saved. He spent thirty-six hours on floating debris and had lost his reason when picked up.

The Juanita was owned in Granville, France, by Yvon Freres and fitted out for the banks fishing at St. Pierre early last spring, and several times during the season came into Nova Scotia ports for bait. The vessel had a successful season's fishing, and was on her last trip out from St. Pierre when the disaster occurred.

The schooner was riding at anchor when a gale came on and so strained her that she opened at the bow and before the crew could make any effort to save themselves the vessel had plunged bow first, carrying to death twenty-five of her crew.

"As by a miracle, in the confusion and darkness, the captain got on a piece of floating debris and remained for thirty-six hours, when he was rescued by the fishing schooner General Archimare, in an exhausted and almost unconscious condition. The terrible ordeal through which he had passed bereft him of his reason.

"Several days after his rescue, during his conscious moments, the captain incoherently told of his sufferings and fight for life while holding on to the frail plank. To add to the misery and danger, two dogs which had been on the ship, swam around after the ship went down, and when daylight broke they swam to where the sole survivor was clinging on his frail life preserver, and attempted to share it with him by climbing on the plank.

"Endeavoring to keep the dogs away, which meant his death if they succeeded, the captain grasping with one hand one of the dogs he choked it into insensibility; the other he succeeded in holding long enough under water to drown and once more the survivor had the plank to himself."

Sydney, Oct. 7.—Captain William F. Spurr, master of the American tern schooner George Sturges, reports the loss of his vessel on October 4. The Sturges, 417 tons, left Campbellton for New York on September 25 with laths. On October 2 and 3, in lat. 47.52 North, long. 63.10 West, she encountered heavy weather, losing her masts and sails, becoming waterlogged and unmanageable and having her pumps put out of commission.

On the 4th the Danish steamer General Consul Pallisen hove in sight but, owing to the storm, could not get alongside. A life line, attached to the hatch of the schooner, was set adrift and after this was seized by the steamer's lifeboat crew the rescue of the men on the schooner was effected by means of life buoys.

The crew of the Sturges were landed at Cape Ray (Nfld.) and arrived here on the steamer Bruce. Three of the crew are Englishmen and the captain is a native of Annapolis.

BLESS THE END

"Well, next month is to settle this," he said to the man on the rear platform of the car with him.

"You mean the campaign?" was queried.

"Yes, of course."

"And I shall thank heaven for it. I'd have it settled tomorrow if I could have my own way about it. Yes, sir, I shall be a thankful man when it's over with."

"Have you suffered much?"

"Suffered much? Why, sir, I have suffered day and night for months past. In my house there is a wife, three children, a sister, a cook and two other servants. We began to take sides early in the game and you can guess what the feeling is about this time. My wife and I haven't spoken a decent word to each other for the last two weeks because she is for Taft and I am for Bryan. One of the children is an independent, another is a Socialist and the third is for Prohibition. The servants have their candidates and their fights, and the wonder is that the police have not pulled us all in for disturbing the peace. If my wife can find anything in the papers derogatory to my candidate she's ready with it when I come home, and I have spent a good share of my time hunting up published reasons why her candidate ought to be in jail. The sister, the children and the servants have done the same thing, and instead of the dove of peace hovering over our domestic hearth we are ready to scrap at the slightest word. I've driven away the three or four good fellows that used to come over and sit on the veranda and smoke, my wife has no callers left and the children of the neighbors avoid mine. By the time I get home tonight I expect the servants will all have gone, the sister packing up and my wife walking up and down offering to bet two to one that her candidate will be elected with a million votes to spare. Suffered! Why, man the madhouse looms before me as I walk about, and every time I sit down to make my will there is such a buzzing of wheels in my head that I think I'm in a machine shop working for a dollar a day!"

JOE KERR.

Don't worry when your neighbor's leaves
Come dancing o'er your lawn
And strew your porch and clog your eaves
And scatter pro and con.

Just smile and gladly bide your time;
There'll surely come a day
When the wind that gave his leaves to you
Will blow the other way.

HARD.

Oh, bitter indeed is the sporting man's lot
As he notes when the racing in done,
That he lost all his cash on an 8-to-5 shot
While the winner is 20 to 1.

YOU TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Next to the question of the next presidency, the people at large are most concerned about the weather for the coming winter. From a large number of circulars sent out two weeks ago we have received the following answers:

"I am only a United States senator, and have paid no attention to the weather for the last 20 years, but if you want my opinion on the coming winter I will predict that it's going to be a cold one for five or six presidential candidates."

"Speaking for the plumbing business in general, let me say that I believe it's going to be the coldest winter in 50 years. Even water pipes running through red-hot ovens are going to freeze solid, and hundreds of householders will be running about the streets crying for the plumber. We shall make all repairs at the usual low figures, at which there is no profit to us. We are in the business for the fun of it."

"As mayor of the town of Podnuk, which is growing faster than any other town in the United States, I reply to the question in your circular by saying that this is going to be a very mild winter. None of the chickens in this vicinity are growing fur, and there seems to be no disposition on the part of the frogs to crawl into feather beds. I shouldn't be a bit surprised to see dandelions blooming in January."

"Your circular received. When a professional tramp can't hit the weather for six months ahead he ought to go out of the business. I have ordered a fur overcoat, ear-laps, buffalo overshoes, sleeping-bags and the heaviest kind of underwear for the coming winter, and in addition I shall carry a red-hot gas stove strapped to my back. I don't propose to be found dead on the highway. I look to see every cow in America have her tail frozen off before January 1."

JOE KERR.

Deacon Dubbs—Here, little boy, throw away that vile cigar.
Mugsy—Nix! An' have you freeze to it? Tell you wot I'll do; just foller me up and I'll give youse de butt.

WHAT STOPPED HIM

"While I am aware of the fact," said the Philadelphia drummer, "that no president has ever been given three terms, I am not sure that Mr. Roosevelt would not have been made an exception but for an uncle of mine in Vermont. He lives in a village, and in the summer he has a strawberry patch from which he picks and sells about fifty quarts of strawberries at six cents a quart. I was up there last March, and among the things we talked of was the Panama canal. At least, I tried to get him to talk of it as a great international thing, but he had no interest in the matter until I said:

"'Uncle John, this matter concerns you personally. It may make a great change in your future income.'

"'I can't see how,' was his reply.

"'I'll tell you. When they get the canal in operation they can bring strawberries through from Aspinwall for two cents a quart and sell 'em right in this town for three. Where will be your market then?'

"He thought the matter over for a time, asked a few questions, and then set his jaw and left the house. He went straight to the telegraph office in the village and sent the following dispatch to President Roosevelt:

"'If you don't stop the Panama Canal I will stop you!'

"Well," concluded the drummer, "of course the President couldn't stop the canal and the only thing he had to do was to announce that he didn't want and wouldn't accept of another term.

"I am telling you boys this in the strictest confidence, and I hope not a lisp of it will get out. Mr. Roosevelt is a man I admire very much, and I don't want to humiliate him by letting the public know that he was bulldozed by my uncle."

JOE KERR.

A CLOSE CALL.

Rabbit—I had a narrow escape from being killed by an amateur sportsmanteday.
'Possum—Didn't know they were such such good shots.
Rabbit—No, it wasn't that. When the gun kicked it knocked him over andhe almost fell on me.