

## PERILOUS ATHLETICS.

### Sport That Wrecks the Heart an Evil to Be Avoided.

"No one will gainsay the value and pleasure of outdoor exercise graduated to suit the needs of every individual throughout life," says the Journal of the American Medical Association, "but the species of overdoing called for in the intense competition of the great contests of our schools and colleges can no longer be defended by platitudes regarding the alleged psychologic value of its competitive features. The time has come when statistics regarding latent athletic injuries must be reckoned with and the lives of our youths safeguarded by making a distinction between sane sport and insane participation in the intolerable strain of competitive games of the extreme type."

The same paper says the authorities of colleges need to be reminded in an emphatic way, in the words of Dr. R. N. Wilson of Philadelphia, that "no form of athletic event is sane that demands of the participants the semiconscious state of heart exhaustion at its conclusion."

And it denounces the daredevil forms of "sport" that depend for their thrill on nearest possible approach to death by the actors in them, such, for example, as "looping the loop" in an aeroplane or driving a motorcar a hundred miles an hour. Such, it says, are not sport, but degeneracy.

### A Strange Situation.

"Humor is a very funny thing," said Binks.

"It ought to be," said the philosopher.

"Oh, I don't mean that way," said Binks. "I mean that it is a strange thing. Now, I can't speak French, but I can always understand a French joke, and I can speak English, but I'm blessed if I can see an English joke."

"Most people are," said the philosopher.

"Are what?" said Binks.

"Blessed if they can see an English joke," said the philosopher. "It is a sign of an unusually keen vision."

### After the Wedding.

"Your pa promised to give a dowry of 20,000 marks. When is he going to pay?"

"Well, if he promised 20,000 marks he meant 2,000, and you ought not to insist on such a trifling sum!"—Megendorfer Blaetter

### McSwine's Gun.

McSwine's gun is a prodigious cavity in the cliffs on the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, into which the tide rushes with such force as to produce a sound, like the booming of a cannon, which can be heard twenty or thirty miles away.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The democratic caucus was held Wednesday night in the city hall, after the ward caucuses.

Ed. D. Engemann was elected chairman and A. V. Fleck, secretary. I. L. Hubbell and A. M. Hall were appointed tellers. Harmony prevailed throughout the proceedings and with very little discussion over the question of who should be placed on the ticket. The nominations were quickly made. It was decided not to name a candidate for city clerk and that office was left vacant on the ticket. I. L. Hubbell was elected chairman of the city committee. The following nominations were made:

Mayor—Adelbert M. Hall.  
Treasurer—C. A. Rowley.  
School Inspector—Geo. E. Wagner.

### Ward Nominations

First Ward—Supervisor, Fred L. Spencer.

Alderman—W. H. Price.  
Inspectors of Election—Homer Eckert and Eli Kendall.

Constable—Wm. J. Barton.  
Ward Committeemen—I. L. Hubbell, W. H. Price and Geo. Barton.

Second Ward—Supervisor, Charles Moore.

Alderman—Will J. Clarke.  
Inspectors of Election—Patrick Costello and James Caverley.  
Constable—Jason Platt.  
Ward Committee—No election.

Third Ward—Supervisor, Spencer Cowles.

Alderman—Henry Friedly.  
Inspectors of Election—W. L. Covert and George Engemann.  
Constable—Matt Laffler.  
Ward Committeemen—George E. Wagner, C. A. Rowley and A. V. Fleck.

## REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The republican city and ward caucuses were held Thursday night and in contrast with those of past years they were exceedingly quiet, no contests for places on the ticket developing, and the nominations were all made by acclamation.

The city caucus was called to order by E. E. Fales, chairman of the city committee, who read the call and on motion Mr. Fales was elected chairman. Wm. A. Wilder and Byron F. Brown were appointed tellers and W. B. Reed was elected clerk. The following ticket was placed in the field, the nominations were all made by acclamation. On motion of Brinton F. Hall it was decided by a vote of the meeting to make no nomination for the office of treasurer and that place on the ticket was left blank:

Mayor—Willard R. Olds.  
Clerk—Frank E. Conant.  
School Inspector—Lloyd Underwood.

On motion Elmer E. Fales was elected chairman of the city committee.

### Ward Nominations

First Ward—Supervisor, John W.

Moore.

Alderman—Frank H. Totten.  
Inspectors of Election—Joseph Tupper and Art Brown.  
Constable—Thomas Dawes.  
Ward Committee—O. J. Barker.

Second Ward—Supervisor, William B. Travis.

Alderman—Vern Brown.  
Inspectors of Election—J. B. Essex, Art McCoy.  
Constable—Jason Platt.  
Ward Committee—Vern Brown.

Third Ward—Supervisor, Barney C. Curtis.

Alderman—George G. Crawford.  
Inspectors of Election—Ernest Chase, W. R. Menkee.  
Constable—Harry B. Curtis.  
Ward Committee—George Cota.

## ISTHMIAN CANAL SITUATION

Gen Goethals has asked the House Appropriations Committee for \$19,300,000 for work necessary to put the Panama Canal in running order, and, additionally, \$8,250,000 for its fortification. He also recommends the erection of a projectile factory in the zone to insure the supply at all times of munitions. In regard to the resumption of traffic through the canal he said that this is a matter depending on the slipping of earth into the waterway, the quantity to be removed amounting to about 9,000,000 cubic yards. The mass is in motion, and the dredges are able to clear the channel at a rate of 1,000,000 yards per month. There is nothing sensational in this state of affairs, unless the present inability of our warships to move quickly between the two oceans can be so regarded. The possibilities of danger in this respect are a timely object of national study. They were much in the public mind when the canal was only a project, and seemed a long way off, so far distant, indeed, that few Americans dreamed it could be an accomplished fact by the year 1916. In energy of construction the canal is a great engineering monument. In its financial management by this country it is one of the historical wonders of the world. No other nation could have built it without at least double the existing interest charge.

## BRYAN WILL BE THERE

A Washington news telegram says that former Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan is for President Wilson's re-nomination, and that probably he will be one of a solid Wilson delegation from Nebraska to the St. Louis convention.

It may be well, however, for the party to keep a vigilant watch lest he spring some other planks that will cause consternation and discomfort.

## Money in Poultry

In making up an egg ration do not forget a liberal allowance of sunshine. But remember also that it takes more than sunshine to produce eggs. It needs pure solid grains, and lots of them. The poultryman who can make his hens lay eggs in the winter, when they bring the highest price, is the one that shows his ability.