

## SPARRING PROBABLE

Thought Matches Will Be Permitted When New Governor Takes Place.

## LOCAL FANS ARE HAPPY.

Will sparring matches be held in this city after the first of next year?

That is the question local sports are asking each other. It is the general opinion that the sport will be permitted, for the hunch has been circulating around the community that after the first of the year the lid is to be tilted. Incidentally, it can be stated that this gladsmome action will be assuredly perpetrated if the dreams of the sporting fraternity come true.

Already in a few Indiana cities the Hanly lid, which the so-called "liberals" rose against in successful revolt on a memorable date the first of last month, has been relegated to the discard, and as a result the boxing game is now flourishing, and, be it said, not to the detriment of the morals of the communities effected.

It is openly stated here that when the local police force is Harshallized next month, and Prosecutor Jessup's hand is removed from the helm of the state, the boxing game will not be frowned upon—so long as the mills are strictly confined to boxing exhibitions for a limited number of rounds.

By the patronage which has been extended to the numerous wrestling bouts held in this city this winter, it is an assured fact that boxing contests, if held here, would be most liberally patronized. Wrestling is a good, manly game, but boxing is more generally favored.

## AMERICAN JOCKEY WINS FIRST HURDLE RACE

London, Dec. 5.—The first hurdle race that he ever rode, Danny Maher, the American jockey, today won the St. Anis Handicap at Hampton Park, on Dania. Maher, who has heretofore been reputed as afraid of hurdle racing, excited unusual excitement by his appearance. He handled Dania in splendid style and showed himself as clever at hurdling as on the flat.

THE THEATER  
THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.  
"The Matchmaker"—Dec. 7.  
May Irwin—Dec. 15.

NEW PHILLIPS.  
Vaudeville all week.

Daniel Sully.

The attraction at the Gennett Theater Dec. 7, will be Mr. Daniel Sully in his latest and best play, "The Matchmaker," in which he plays a role similar to that he created and made famous in "The Parish Priest." He appears as the pastor of a little church in a western cattle town, where the rough and ready people have but little consideration for church affairs and little patience with anything of a religious nature. The good-natured priest, however, compels the respect and wins the admiration of even the roughest characters, and how he does it is told in a charming romantic comedy with a background of delicious comedy and thrilling melodrama. In "The Matchmaker" Sully has the best play he has ever produced and those who have enjoyed his splendid performance in "The Parish Priest" may be prepared for even a greater treat.

BIG LEAGUERS  
MEET TUESDAY

Pulliam and His Associates  
Meet in New York.

New York, Dec. 5.—President Pulliam of the National Baseball League has sent out announcements to club presidents that the annual meeting of the league will be held Tuesday, December 8, at 2 p. m. at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in this city. The board of directors will meet on the same day at noon.

At the meeting of the American Association and Eastern League rebels in Buffalo, N. Y., was appointed a joint committee to prepare the demands of the minors upon the National Commission and the National and American leagues.

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## PROGRAM PHILLIPS THEATER, Week DEC. 7

A.—Overture—Miss Eva Hazelton, and Drums.  
B.—Stanley & Aileen—Comedy Singing and Dancing.  
C.—Illustrated Song—Miss Thompson.  
D.—Pongo & Leo—Comedy

CAST: Shadrach Tibbets, clerk in the dew drop inn, Fred W. Force; Pokeberry Jones, the mail carrier, Geo. F. Blackie; Lillian Lively, the "Girl Ahead" of the Adamless Eden Burlesque Co.; Mildred Williams, Maine. TIME—The present. Songs and musical numbers will be introduced during the action of the playlet, including Miss Williams' remarkable offering, "The Human Ocarina." G.—The Cameraograph. Latest pictures.

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GENNETT THEATRE

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MONDAY,  
Dec.  
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MR. DANIEL SULLY  
In his successful comedy,  
The MATCHMAKER  
By Jerold Shepard.

A pretty story of Maho Romance with many laughs. Second season of success. Prices 25, 35, 50, 75, few \$1.00. Sale of seats box office, Friday, 10 a. m.

## The Work of the Y. M. C. A.

Boys' Secretary Interestingly Tells of the Great Good That Can Be Accomplished by the Institution.

By Orville Brunson.

Two Men Will Furnish Preliminary to Olson-Demetal Bout.

## BOTH ARE GOOD MEN.

## GREAT SPORT PROMISED AT DOUBLE HEADER CONTEST—DEMETRAL UNKNOWN HERE, BUT IS GREAT LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT.

Promoter Charlson was in the city yesterday for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the big wrestling mill he will pull off Friday evening of this week at the coliseum. Charlson states that he has decided to have another double-header bill, and the attraction he will offer this week will be even better than the two big matches he pulled off at the coliseum week before last.

Olson versus Demetal and Prindle versus LaSalle will be Charlson's two big offerings. Olson, Prindle and LaSalle are well known to the local lovers of the sport and need no introduction. Demetal has never appeared here, but his reputation as one of the greatest light heavyweights in the country has preceded him.

Prindle, it will be remembered, was one of the principals in the first wrestling bout ever held in this city. He met Busch in that match and was defeated by the German after a hard battle. Prindle's defeat at that time was undoubtedly due to the fact that he was not in the best of training. He has been working hard at the mat game since then, and is now in "the pink."

Joe LaSalle went against the Turk recently in this city and gave the big fellow a fight for the money. He and Prindle are very evenly matched and should furnish good sport.

The principal feature of the bill, however, will be the match between Olson and Demetal. These men are rivals and top notchers in the wrestling game. They have met twice before, each securing a victory. No love is lost between the two men and the contest is sure to be sly.

faces any association is that of the financing. Here is an institution with large running expenses whose work is for men and not money. Here is a plant that it takes thousands annually to maintain, whose avowed purpose is to serve the boys of the city with never a thought of declaring a dividend. If we figure on a membership of \$800 in Richmond, it will take \$15 per member annually to meet the running expenses. To ask every man and boy to pay this amount would mean that many would be prevented from becoming members and thus the very object of the association defeated. The fee must be made small enough so that it will not prevent any boy or man from joining. Accordingly the rates are reduced to \$4 to \$6 for boys and \$10 to \$15 for men. Under this policy, the amount collected from membership fees will be about half enough to meet the expenses. The remainder of the cost will be secured from the rent of the dormitory rooms and from the donations of men and women who are interested in the welfare of such a work. Only through the continued efforts and interest of a large number of big-hearted men and women can an effective and progressive association work be done.

## CONGRESS WILL CONVENE PROMPTLY AT NOON MONDAY

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sion by the member fathering it. As the rules of the senate forbid any business of this character until after the receipt of the president's message, the brain product of the senators will not be revealed to the public until Tuesday afternoon.

The first real business in either senate and house will be the presentation and reading of the president's message, Tuesday.

## Message Is Ready.

President Roosevelt has his message ready. He always has his messages ready. It has been intimated that the one to be ready next Tuesday will be a "characteristic" message.

He will reiterate the demand for those things which congress hasn't yet got around to giving on the strength of former demands, and will come out for some new features of progressive legislation. The president will not take up the tariff, it is thought, because that task has been relegated to the new congress and the new president.

Among the subjects, which, it is believed, Mr. Roosevelt will discuss, are: Amendment of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Extension of the powers of the interstate commission in the matter of controlling rates.

Liberal appropriation for the continued enforcement of the uniform railroad accounting provisions of the Hepburn act.

Passage of the government employees' liability act.

Increase of the naval establishment by the construction of two new battleships at least, and probably a renewal of the request for four.

## AUSTRIA ARMING SIX CORPS OF SOLDIERS

Action Not Considered Offensive However.

Rome, Dec. 5.—It is reported here that Austria is arming six corps of soldiers for service on the frontier. However, this measure is looked upon as defensive rather than offensive.

**BUSINESS SIDE OF WORK.**

And now a word about the business side of the Y. M. C. A. work. Perhaps the most difficult problem that

Hitherto the population of Japanese towns of the empire as a whole has been estimated from the official records of births and deaths and other documents, but it has now been arranged to make a municipal house-to-house investigation, commencing at

Kobe.

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