

WISE BROTHERS KNOW IT ALL

Await Opportunity to Get in
Knock at All Sports
Played Here.

WRESTLING THE LATEST.

ACTIONS OF "KNOCKERS" HAVE
DONE MUCH TO MAKE RICH-
MOND CITY ONE THAT IS SHUN-
NED BY ALL ATHLETES.

By Tort.

And now the wrestling game is
"crooked" and "fixed."

At least we are so assured by a
number of Johnny Wises who have
made Richmond, naturally a good
sporting town, a place dreaded by
athletes of all kinds and descriptions.

When the managers of the old West-
ern Polo league were giving the peo-
ple of Indiana the classiest variety of
this great winter sport and Richmond
was represented by the best team in
the league, the Wise Brothers patrol-
led the streets of this community, hold-
ing you up on street corners and but-
ton-holing you in public places, al-
ways telling you the same tale, ac-
companied crafty looks and knowing
winks, "I tell you this polo game is
crooked and the games are fixed so
that all the teams will be in the run-
ning."

No doubt you distinctly remember
this tale the Wises wore to a thread-
bare.

Base Ball Suffered.

Then you will remember Rich-
mond's league base ball experiment.
Good base ball, for the class, was
served up to the fans in this city and
in other towns in the I. O. league and
every effort was made to run the
league in an honest, sportsmanlike
manner. That made no difference to
the Wise Brothers. Once more they
got out their little trip hammers and
the echo of their resounding raps were
heard all over the community. "The
game is like a hunchback—crooked,"
they said. "The smaller towns are
given the best teams so they will draw
well. This player and that player on
our team would sell out for a nickel,
etc., etc." Then base ball went the
way of polo.

This winter wrestling was intro-
duced here. It is a game that can be
easily fixed and operated crooked, but
a person with ordinary horse sense
could see that the promoters were
making an effort to treat the public
squarely. Good sport has been offered
and the patrons of the matches
have gotten their moneys worth, but
the Wise Brothers at all times had
their field glasses out looking for an
opening. They thought they perceiv-
ed it Friday evening when LaSalle
made an unfortunate decision and de-
clared Demetral the winner on a fall
which he, apparently, did not deserve.
"The game is crooked," Charlson is a
graffer," yelled the Wise Brothers.

"Why then, if the game was fixed,
did Olson kick up such a rumpus that
the police had to take a hand in the
game. Why in the privacy of their
dressing room did Olson, in his rage
over the decision, threaten to assault
Demetral and why did Demetral turn
loose on Olson a torrent of language
more heated than eloquent?" was
asked the Wise Brothers.

"That scene was all for effect. It
was part of the plan. Olson and De-
metral played their parts well—but we
saw through it all," they responded
with one of those comprehensive
winks.

And there you are.

CRACK ATHLETES TO COMPETE

Big Indoor Meet to Be Held in New
York Dec. 19.

Plans for the big meet to be run un-
der the auspices of the College of the
City of New York in New York Dec.
19 are well under way, and it is now
certain the best of the country's ath-
letes will be in competition. The fea-
ture of the games will be a 600 yard
scratch event, in which Harry Hill-
man of the New York Athletic club
will measure strides with Harry Gis-
sing, the great middle distance runner;
Charlie Bacon, the hero of the 400
meter hurdle event at the London
Olympiad; Jim McEntee, the Mercury
footer who recently surprised the ex-
perts with his wonderful speed, and
W. C. Robbins of Boston, who will
wear the winged foot and the colors
of the Twenty-third New York reg-
iment. Although Sheppard has not yet
sent in his entry, it is expected he will
do so. John Taylor, the great colored
runner of the University of Pennsyl-
vania and the Irish-American Athletic
club, has signified his intention of re-
turning to the game.

With these men on the mark the
race should be one of the greatest ever
held in America, and it would not be
surprising to see Burke's long stand-
ing 600 yard record of 1 minute 11 sec-
onds go by the board. E. H. Mon-
tagne of the London Athletic club re-
cently equaled the record, and it now
is up to the Yankees to put the figures
where no Briton can reach them. Other
competitions will not be lacking in
interest. It is planned to have Robert-
son, Keating, Ekman, Clanchen and
other sprinters meet in a special sev-
enty yard dash. A special four mile
limited handicap has been added for
the distance men.

POLO LEAGUE OPENS SEASON

First Games Will Be Played
Wednesday Night at
Coliseum.

THREE TEAMS ORGANIZED

FOURTH TEAM WILL BE MADE UP
BEFORE FIRST CONTESTS—
MANY SEMI-PROFESSIONALS
ARE IN THE LINEUP

By Tort.

On Wednesday evening the City Po-
lo league will open its season—that is
providing a fourth team is organized
in time. Several days ago the league
was organized with four teams, the
Carmans, the Greeks, the Empires and
the Smiths. Last week the Smiths
disbanded for some unknown cause
and for a time the life of the league
was threatened. However, expert polo
expert doctors rushed to the assist-
ance of the dying organization and
hopes for its recovery are entertain-
ed. Bob Graham has undertaken the
job of collecting a fast team and have
it ready for the opening of the sea-
son. Until this team is secured the
schedule cannot be given out. The
following are the lineups of the three
teams now composing the organiza-
tion:

Greeks—Marine, rush; Allison,
rush; Potzer, center; Haas, half back;
Snaveley, goal.

Carmans—Sharp, rush; Bulla, rush;
Newman, center; Karns, half back;
Lancaster, goal.

Empires—Nolan, rush; Clark, rush;
Jones, center; Oesting, half back;
Cromer, goal.

These teams are composed of the
majority of the best semi-professional
players in the city and the lovers of

AT RICHMOND'S THEATERS



GIRLS IN "A KNIGHT FOR A DAY."

MANY FIGHTERS AFRAID OF OMENS

Johnson Has a Rabbit's Foot
And Gans Carried a
Pocketpiece.

QUEER SUPERSTITIONS.

MANY FIGHTERS REFUSED TO
SIGN ARTICLES OR FIGHT ON
FRIDAY, WHILE THERE ARE
"JONAH" SECONDS.

It is often said that pugilists, like
gamblers and sailors, are superstitious.
The colored fighters are particularly
so, for some of them have been known
to back out of a contest at the last mo-
ment because they ran up against some
bad omen.

Big Jack Johnson, who is matched
to fight Tommy Burns, never enters
the ring before hiding a rabbit's foot
in the colors he wears around his
waist. Joe Gans always puts a lucky
pocket silver piece, which he won in
his first mill, in his belt just as he
climbs through the ropes. Joe Walcott
once a giant-killer, never failed to
have a miniature horseshoe tucked
away in his breechcloth.

John L. Sullivan in all of his battles,
wore a pair of green trunks, in the belt
of which was a talisman, which his
mother gave him when he first entered
the professional arena. Game Jack
Dempsey, the Nonpareil, would not
agree to tackle the easiest kind of a
mark unless he had on his famous
black tights in which he won some six-
ty battles. But the tights lost their
magic charm the night that Fitzsim-
mons knocked Dempsey out and also
broke his heart.

Charley Mitchell, the former En-
glish champion, had a mortal fear of
meeting a cross-eyed woman on the
day or night of a fight encounter in
which he engaged. He always insist-
ed that such a woman meant sure de-
feat.

The night he was to meet Sullivan
for the second time in Madison Square
Garden, Mitchell met a cross-eyed, red
haired woman in Fifth avenue and al-
most collapsed. He dashed back
around the corner at top speed, cross-

ed and assured good sport through-
out the season. Games will be played
twice a week, double-headers every
Wednesday and Friday evenings. The
Carmans will play several out of town
teams throughout the season. This
outfit has already arranged to play at
Elwood Christmas afternoon and ev-
ening.

ing his fingers several times.
"She nailed me with her bad eye,"
he wailed, "and I'm under a bloomin'
spell, I'm sure!"
Sullivan, as it turned out, was in no
condition to go to the Garden and
there was no fight.

"It was that infernal cross-eyed wo-
man that queered the whole show," ex-
claimed Mitchell as he left the Garden
in disgust, for he believed that he had
John L. out of shape and was ready to
beat the big fellow down and out.

Bob Fitzsimmons is a believer in
dreams. Long before he won the
championship from Corbett at Carson
City, he predicted the victory. He
said that he had a dream in which he
won decisively. Fitz has since de-
clared that he never won a fight in his
life without having first a lucky
dream. Fitz also had what he said
was a charm that protected him from
harm. It was the tip of a kangaroo's
ear, and the Cornishman wore it be-
neath his belt in all of his ring bat-
tles.

There are a great many pugilists
who refuse to sign articles of agree-
ment or to fight on a Friday, "hang-
man's day," they call it. Among them
are Tommy Burns, Jimmy Britt, Abe
Attell, Billy Melody, Dick Hyland,
Kid Goodman, Sailor Burke, Packey
McFarland, Owen Moran, Bill Papke,
Hugo Kelly, and Battling Nelson.
Deep-sea sailors always have a fear of
Friday and often refuse to leave port
on that day.

Some fighters are superstitious in
regard to "Jonah" seconds. They
dodge the handlers who have been be-
hind losers. Some seconds seem to
have a streak of bad luck, and as a re-
sult they find it a difficult matter to
get a job behind a good man.

In some cases unexpected seconds
are preferred to "Jonahs." John L.
Sullivan seldom acted as an adviser or
a second that his man did not lose.
He was behind Dempsey when Fitz
beat him; behind Mike Cleary when
Mitchell bested him; with Joel Skelly
when he lost to George Dixon; with
Joe Lannon when he was defeated by
George Godfrey; with the late Spider
Weir when he was knocked out by
Australian Billy Murphy, and behind
Peter Maher when Fitz put him away
the first time at New Orleans. Sulli-
van, like many other fighters, is a
poor picker of winners.

Tommy Burns likes nothing better
than to find a horseshoe when train-
ing for a battle. The horseshoe has
made a hit with other pugists too, who
usually nail one over the door of their
training quarters.

Meeting a funeral is always regarded
as a direful thing by pugilists. Sulli-
van met a funeral the day he was beat-
en by Corbett at New Orleans, and he
said then and there that he would meet
his Waterloo. Other boxers are su-
perstitious about lucky and unlucky
corners in the ring. Some of them
always try to enter the ring first so
that they can secure what they believe
is the "lucky chair." It has often been
the case that in a dispute over the fa-
vorite corner the matter has been set-
tled by the turn of a coin.

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.

Harrison Bros. Minstrels—Dec. 14.

"A Knight for a Day"—Dec. 17.

NEW PHILLIPS.

Vaudeville all week.

"A Knight for a Day."

"A Knight for a Day" one of the
musical comedy successes of recent
seasons, is the attraction at the Gen-
nett for Thursday, Dec. 17. The cast
of seventy, including Miss May Vokes,
remains the same as the one that pre-
sented it at Wallack's theater, New
York, for practically an entire season.
The production in late May opened in
Boston where it has been playing to
the same steadily crowded audiences,
that have marked its career from its
beginning two years ago in Chicago,
where at the Whitney theater, it con-
summated a run of 607 nights. Up-
stairous fun in irresistible comic sit-
uations and rare charm in its girly en-
sembles and its stage pictures are
accredited elements making for its
sensational success. A score, too, said
to be among the most musical of re-
cent years, is another noticeable fea-
ture. Miss Vokes appears in one of
her characteristic slave roles, the
part, however according to broad con-
cession surpassing the laugh qualities
of each of her other "servant lady"
types. Girly ensembles includes The
Sweet Girl Graduates, The Merry Mad-
caps, The See-Saw Flirts, The Corsi-
can Belles, The Stage Door Coquettes,
The Candle Light Girls and The
Grand Opera coryphees. Song hits in-
clude "The Little Girl in Blue," "Life
is a See-Saw," "The Garden of
Dreams," "Hurrah, Hurrah and Hur-
rah for That," "Whistle as you Walk
On," "What Fools We Mortals Be"
and "I'd Like Another Situation Just
Like That." Robert B. Smith wrote
the score of the piece and Raymond
Hubbell composed the score. The
staging is Augustus Sohler's.

Vaudeville.

"The Eventful Honeymoon" by
Francis Hoyt and company at the New
Phillips this week is said to be one
of the funniest of the uproarious class
of one act plays. Despite the uproar-
ious part of the recommendation, it is
said to be devoid of any slap stick
brands of humor. The Hoyt company
is capable of putting on a vaudeville
sketch. It is well equipped in drama-
tic and musical lore.

"The Finish of Mr. Fourflush" a sa-
tirical farce by Robisch and Childress
is another skit that will be seen this
week. It lends itself particularly to
the abilities of the pair which present
it.

Letton, the clown, who has warmed
up many a crabbed heart, will appear
in a monologue role. He should prove
to be one of the greatest of personal
attractions of the season.

The curtain raiser, Herbert and
Vance, in a musical act, is a turn of
cleverness. These people do the im-
possible by getting music from a con-
certina and from a guitar.

Moving pictures, of the high grade
that always make this house popular,
and illustrated songs, complete the
bill.

EARLHAM GETS MEET

Next I. C. A. L. Track Contest
To Be Held on Reid
Field.

BUTLER MAY JOIN LEAGUE.

Earlham will entertain the next
field and track meet of the I. C. A. L.
on Reid field. This was the welcome
announcement made last night by
Manager Hancock who has just re-
turned from a meeting at Indianapolis.
Not only was it decided that the field
meet should be held in Richmond but
that the state tennis meet will also be
held at Earlham preceding the track
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The colleges that are represented in
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cape punishment, but if you abuse
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"THE KING OF DIAMONDS HAS LICENSE TAKEN AWAY."
Alleged Bogus Gem Man Ralls at Newspapers.

BURLINGTON, IA., Nov. 14.—For some time past newspapers in Iowa cities have been reporting the operations of a man whom they called "The King of Diamonds." It appears that there was nothing in his operations, which consisted in selling "phony" diamonds, but his methods of procedure were not exactly according to the rules. He usually drops into a jobbing house and tells of meeting such and such a representative of the house on the road and selling him a diamond, to be delivered at the store. He explains that the diamond is only an imitation, and offers to sell anybody else around the place the same thing. Thus he works up an interest and usually succeeds in selling some of his glassware. Mr. Jack of Diamonds dropped into City Auditor Norton's office one morning and secured a license to sell his wares. He had only been out a short time, however, until Chief of Police Hitz learned of him. Calling in the peddler, he relieved him of his license and gave him back the money he had paid for it. As the man had committed no crime he was released. He was bitter against the newspapers for injuring his business.

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