

CHAMPIONSHIP IS AT STAKE

Demetral and Olson Both Preparing for Bout of Next Friday Night

FIGHT FOR ENGLISH BELT.

IN CASE DEMETRAL LOSES, BELT WILL GO TO OLSON—EXPERT REFEREE MAY BE BROUGHT TO CITY FOR MATCH.

All arrangements have been completed for holding the Olson-Demetral championship belt match at the coliseum Friday night. Olson has deposited \$100 and before he steps in the ring the night of the match, he will put up \$400 more. In the event he wins he will get the belt and the title of light heavyweight champion of England as his share of the spoils. He will also get a percentage of the receipts. Should Demetral win he will get Olson's \$500 and the major share of the receipts.

This match will be officially recognized as a championship match as it has a championship belt at stake. Those who saw the match last Friday know that the two men are as evenly matched as they possibly could be, and they have an idea what kind of a battle each of them will put up with such stakes hung up for the winner.

Expert Referee Demanded. Local newspaper men have insisted that an expert referee be secured to officiate at the match, the winner to defray the referee's expenses. It is quite probable that Dick Fleming, the noted Chicago wrestling authority, will be secured to act as master of ceremonies. With him in the ring there will be no danger of a repetition of last Friday night's affair.

Other cities have been trying to secure the Olson and Demetral championship belt match, one city offering a bonus of \$500, but the two men insist that the match be pulled off in Richmond because the trouble which resulted in this match being arranged originated in Richmond. They are not moved by purely sentimental motives in having the match held in this city. It should be stated, because both men are certain that the mill will be a magnet for an immense crowd.

LEAGUE TO OPEN

City Polo Players Meet for First Contests Wednesday Night.

GOOD CONTESTS EXPECTED

The City Polo league season opens tomorrow night at the Coliseum with games between the Greeks and the Carmons, and Greys and Smiths. Both contests will be good ones as the teams composing the league this year are exceptionally fast. The four teams will lineup as follows:

First Game.	
Greeks	Carmons
Allison, Bayer	Bulla
First Rush.	
Henley	Sharp
Second Rush.	
Fetzer	Karns
Haas	Cepter
Goal.	
Snaveley	Newman
Half.	
Goal.	
Lancaster	
Second Game.	
Greys	Smiths
Nolan	Miller
First Rush.	
Clark	Sowers
Second Rush.	
Jones	Graham
Center.	
Oesting	Reese
Half.	
Cromer	Bayer
Goal.	
Inderstrob	Marine
Utility.	

PENNSY ENGINEER DIES AT FT. WAYNE

Wm. H. Windsor Former Richmond Man.

William H. Windsor, a former well known Richmond man, and an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, died at Ft. Wayne Sunday evening at the advanced age of 62 years. Mr. Windsor has been a resident of Ft. Wayne for the past fifteen or sixteen years, and has acted in the capacity of engineer of the Pennsylvania there. He is survived by wife, two daughters, four grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

NO SESSION OF COURT.

Owing to the sudden termination of the Keller case yesterday and the fact no other cases had been set for trial, there was no session of the Wayne circuit court today.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is
Laxative Bromo Quinine
Cures a Cold in One Day, Cough in 2 Days

Land Sale Discloses Romance

Tract Long Occupied By Wm. Massey, Who Was Long Lost to Friends Following Mexican War Is Sold By Heirs.

A story involving a Rip Van Winkle episode with a happy ending has just been revealed as the result of the sale of a tract of land in Texas by Oliver Davis of Williamsburg.

William Massey, who resided in North Carolina, became a soldier in the Mexican war. After his term of service was concluded Massey was given by the government, a tract of land located about fourteen miles from Houston, Texas. He went there and took up his abode, never notifying his family in North Carolina as to his whereabouts.

As time passed and nothing was heard from the husband and father, Mrs. Massey believed her husband dead. She and her six children removed from their native home to Wayne county. There was an emigration to Wayne county at that time and the Masseys settled about two miles north of Fountain City.

After about twenty years, the family learned there was a William Massey residing in Montgomery county, Texas. A son, Mayberry, became imbued with

the idea it might be his long missing father, and went to Texas. He went to the place designated and found his father fishing on the bank of the San Jacinto river. The father was overjoyed to find his son and the son was equally as anxious to recover his parent. The father agreed to give up his life as a hermit and returned with the son to Wayne county. The real estate which amounted to 3,500 acres, was placed in the hands of a real estate dealer, who kept the taxes paid and placed it on the market.

William Massey continued to reside with his family and died on the home place. The years passed rapidly and other members of the family died. Recently word was received that a Houston man would like to buy a 640 acre tract. Oliver Davis was commissioned to go to Texas in the interest of the heirs. He found an old prospector, who purchased the entire estate. The heirs to the estate are scattered all over the United States. Maberry Study, northeast of the city, Orville Price and James and R. M. Lacey of this city, are heirs also.

INTERIOR OF NEW BUILDING PRETTY

Y. M. C. A. Decorations Cannot Be Surpassed in The State.

MANY PLEASING FEATURES.

DECORATORS WILL HAVE FINISHED THEIR WORK BY THE END OF WEEK AND THEN ELECTRICIANS FINISH JOB.

Richmond people will have just cause of feeling proud of the Y. M. C. A. building, about completed, when it is thrown open to the public for inspection on Sunday, December 27. Without doubt, the building is one of the finest of its kind in the United States, its architecture being attractive, its construction substantial and its equipment thorough and modern. Nothing has been neglected to meet every requirement.

One of the most pleasing features of this magnificent building will be the interior decorations and frescoes. The color scheme throughout the building is in complete harmony and will attract the immediate attention of everyone who enters the building. This beautiful work will not be surpassed by any building in the state and will rival the interior decorations of the Reid Memorial church. The work is being done by A. Schachne Co., Dayton, O., which firm made the interior decorations of the beautiful new Dayton Y. M. C. A. building.

In the lobby the color scheme is of light tans and dull greens. The decorations underneath the beams are Greek fret. On the coives there is a classical design of the same colors. The walls will be finished in a leather effect to harmonize with the seats and the woodwork. The pillars or pilasters will be finished in a cream color. But the thing that will attract the most attention will be the "spa," or light lunch room. The ceiling in this room will be of a yellow color with a white moulding. The walls will be the feature. The yare to be finished in Dutch landscapes which will harmonize in a decidedly pleasing manner with the woodwork and the chairs and tables. All of these are of dark Flemish oak. The scenes will be a mill, a ship landing and the seashore, which will be arranged in a most artistic manner. This room will be entirely hand painted and will be the finest decorated room in the city.

The walls of the reading room will be olive green, with the ceiling also a green tint, and classic designs on the cove to harmonize. The secretary's room will be in burned orange with the ceiling to harmonize. This is the same effect that is worked out on the upper floors.

It is very probable that the decorators will finish their work by the latter part of this week, when the building will be turned over to the electricians for the hanging of the chandeliers, and putting in the switches.

ENTRE NOUS TEAM DEFEATS RICHMONDS

Unusual Spurt Lands Victory For Club Men.

The Entre Nous, by a wondrous burst of speed, succeeded in defeating the Richmond team in the City Bowling league last evening by taking two games out of three. The Richmonds won the first game by the score of 841 to 794, but the Entre Nous rallied and won the next two games by 837 to 820 and 900 to 810. This gives the E. N.'s a total pin 2,541 to the Richmond 2,511.

The game this evening will be between the A's and the C's in the Business Men's league.

ADVISES ROOSEVELT; NEVER IN AFRICA

S. A. Thompson of Richmond Calls on the President Monday.

TELLS OF AFRICAN DANGER

PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THOMPSON TO WRITE ALL HE KNOWS OF HAZARDS THAT WILL BE ENCOUNTERED ON TRIP.

When Mrs. S. A. Thompson, 312 North Eleventh street, was informed this morning that her husband, who is field secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, had an audience yesterday with President Roosevelt at the White House and had told him of the perils to be expected from African travel, she said: "Mr. Thompson has never been in Africa. He has traveled in South America and in British Northwest America, but those are the only foreign countries he has ever visited."

The Washington dispatch which refers to the audience given Mr. Thompson by the president, is as follows:

"S. A. Thompson of Richmond, Ind., who has spent much time in Africa, was introduced to the president today by Representative Bede of Minnesota. Mr. Thompson told the president that his greatest danger in Africa would not come from wild animals or reptiles, but from poisonous insects. He said that the bites of some of these had been known to produce blood-poison. He recommended that the president sleep at night in an insect-guarded place. The president asked Mr. Thompson to write him all the information he had at hand on this subject."

Mrs. Thompson states that it is very probable the Thompson referred to in the dispatch is her husband and as he is an intimate friend of Congressman Adam Bede of Minnesota.

Knows Bede Well.

Mr. Thompson met Mr. Bede when connected with a Minnesota syndicate which secured a big concession of land in Venezuela from President Castro. He, in company with a number of other members of the syndicate, visited Venezuela but were unable to operate on their concession because, it appears, President Castro had brought about complications by means of a typical South American piece of rascality. In other words Mr. Thompson and his associates discovered that the same concession had been made to an English syndicate which got on the ground first. While in South America Mr. Thompson traveled into almost unexplored regions. Darkest South America is similar in many respects to Darkest Africa so, Mr. Thompson's local friends insist, he was probably giving President Roosevelt advice obtained from experiences in South America, where conditions in many respects are similar to those of Africa.

BOTH FINED FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Elstros Enter Pleas of Not Guilty.

George and Henry Elstro were each fined \$5 and costs in city court yesterday afternoon upon conviction of the charge of assault and battery. Each entered a plea of not guilty. The faces of the men did not bear out their claims of innocence. Each was badly bruised.

SEEKS DIVORCE.

Mrs. Whiteman Files Action Against Husband.

Elizabeth Whiteman has filed suit in the Wayne circuit court for divorce from Clement Whiteman. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged. Whiteman was prosecuted a few weeks ago for assault and battery upon his wife with intent to kill. He was let off by the jury with a light fine.

LAWYERS CENSURE LOCAL MINISTER

Majority of Criminal Cases Not Due to Liquor, They Claim.

STRIKE AT W. N. NELSON.

MAJORITY OF ATTORNEYS DO NOT OPPOSE COUNTY OPTION BECAUSE THEY WILL LOSE CRIMINAL CASES.

For his statements in a sermon Sunday evening, the Rev. W. N. Nelson was censured severely by nine of the attorneys of the city this morning. It was an informal indignation meeting held in the court room. The Rev. Mr. Nelson, who is pastor of Grace M. E. church, was charged with not knowing what he was talking about. He was ridiculed severely and one attorney declared he intends to inform the minister wherein lies his mistake.

The Grace church pastor was taken to task for his statement that ninety per cent of the criminal cases are due directly or indirectly to liquor and if the latter were prohibited the lawyers would lose ninety per cent of their business. Dr. Nelson said today he had been given his information by a lawyer. He said he did not make any charges that the attorneys may be opposed to the county local option project, because of their business relations as counsel for saloon keepers, "but it looks as though it might be."

Attorneys Stand on Option.

Of the nine attorneys who took exceptions to the statements of the preacher, but two said they are opposed to the dry county idea. One said he would not sign the petition for a special election, owing to personal reasons, but he will vote dry. Three said they have signed the petition now in circulation. Two said no petition had been presented to them, but one of these declared he would sign and the other intimate member of the group did not care to commit himself.

There are 32 members of the Wayne county bar, who engage in active court practice. There is a number of other members of the bar, who never practice. There are still others who never plead cases at the bar and have not presented a case for the past four years. None of these men ever has appeared in court in connection with a criminal or liquor case, it is claimed.

Out of this thirty-two, who may be classed as the actual "practicing" attorneys, twenty-four may be placed on the side of the "drys" and eight allied with the "wets." These eight have not stated they are for the "wets," but their remarks a various times and their attitude upon the subject of liquor, makes it reasonable to believe they would vote for the traffic.

From these figures it can be seen that only one-third of the thirty-two may be classed as "wets," making the ratio 66 2-3 in favor of the "drys." Instead of supporting the liquor business, because ninety per cent of their practice depends upon it, as alleged by the preacher.

Misrepresentation Charged.

The attorneys charged the Rev. Mr. Nelson with misrepresentation in regard to the amount of criminal business in this county. This county is remarkably free from criminal trials, considering the population. The bulk of the business in criminal cases lies with two attorneys, Wilfred Jessup and Perry J. Freeman. The business falls to Mr. Jessup because he is the prosecutor. He is paid a stipulated salary by the state. It would make no difference if he prosecuted ten or 100 cases. He is not paid on the theory he is a criminal attorney alone, but to protect all the interests of the state. The large share of criminal practice falls to Mr. Freeman as pauper attorney. He is paid \$300 per year by the county. He might have but one or two pauper clients to defend or he might have every defendant against the state's charges, his pay would be the same.

Criminal Cases Due to Liquor.

It is asserted by local attorneys that if all the paying criminal practice were bestowed upon one attorney, the financial consideration would not be sufficient to support him. It is maintained that the principal practice of a Wayne county attorney is the least important in which he may be involved when a financial return is considered. It was denied further that ninety per cent of the criminal cases are due directly or indirectly to liquor. With the exception of the purely liquor cases—that is those involving violations of the liquor laws, there has been but one criminal case in the Wayne circuit court during the year just ending, in which the defendant has claimed his action was responsible to intoxication. In the case, which was the exception, the pauper attorney appeared for the client and no attorney's fee was paid as indirectly due to liquor.

After reviewing the facts of their business and its relation to criminals and saloons, the attorneys united in declaring the minister had been misinformed or made a misrepresentation in his sermon.

COLORED LODGE OFFICERS.

Quinn Lodge of Masons Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the Quinn lodge of Masons No. 23 (colored) the following officers were elected: George W. Conrad, W. M.; W. B. Arnold, E. W.; H. Bundy, J. W.; Charles Goin, secretary; William Coggins, treasurer; Clinton Brown, S. D.; F. McKinnie, J. D.; C. Benson, Tiler and the trustees were Thos. Doty, Clinton Brown, A. Guy, D. Wiley and H. Hayes.

POVERTY AND SUICIDE

Three Chicagoans Believed to Have Entered Into a Pact.

BODIES WERE FOUND TODAY

Chicago, Dec. 15.—What is believed to be the result of a tripple suicide pact was discovered early today at 45 Liberty street, where A. Bernstein, aged twenty-two, a painter was found dead, Eugene Feineberg, aged twenty, and a fortune teller, unconscious, and Mrs. Sarah Feineberg, his aged blind mother, dying from asphyxiation. Bernstein had been out of employment a long time, the fortune telling business was dull and neighbors believe that poverty drove the three to a suicide pact.

MORMONS COME TO RICHMOND

Elder and Companion Say They Spread Truth as to Their Church.

THE BOOK OF MORMON.

ELDER SORENSON SAYS RECENT DISCOVERIES HAVE TENDED MUCH TO STRENGTHEN THE BOOK'S AUTHENTICITY.

"There has been much said in this country of the Mormon church by people who are not acquainted with the subject of which they speak. Our church now has over 2,500 people scattered throughout the civilized world, correcting the false impressions of the church and giving to the people the truth concerning the church. My companion and myself are now doing this work and that is the object of our visit to Richmond. We are not here seeking converts. We are here to give the people of this city the correct understanding of the objects and the beliefs of the Mormon church."

This statement was made today by Elder Charles J. Sorenson, who with his companion, James G. Browning, Jr., have for the past fourteen months made a complete canvass of the state of Indiana. Both of these agents of the Mormon church are young men, tall, and of fine appearance. They are enthusiastic about their work and say their church has been greatly maligned.

The Book of Mormon.

"The book of Mormon, which corresponds with the bible, is now attracting wide attention as much for its historical facts as for its religious truths. It is a compilation of records of the extinct races which lived on this hemisphere hundreds of years before the birth of Christ," said Elder Sorenson.

"The book was compiled from records by a man called Mormon, who lived three hundred years before Christ. This book treats on the migrations of a people who left the tower of Babel to come to North America, and later the migrations of a people who came to this continent from Jerusalem. When the latter people arrived here the people who had come from Babel were extinct, but their records were found. In the book of Mormon it speaks of forty-seven cities founded on this continent and the authenticity of this has been established by the recent discoveries of the ruins of man of yore cities."

VISION OF GALLOWES

CAUSES KELLER TO PLEAD GUILTY

(By Special State Correspondent.)

afternoon when Keller told the court he wished to change his plea. Previous to that he had asked his attorney on the advisability of such a move. He was told the court might accept a change at that time, but if he permitted the trial to continue until the evidence was in, he would have to go on and accept a verdict by the jury. It was but a few minutes later that Keller was under sentence.

Keller's Story of Crime.

The story of the murder as related by Keller never has been published. It did not come out in the trial, but was told by the attorney today. Keller claimed he was walking on Fort Wayne Ave. a short distance north of Main street with Mrs. Thornton. They saw the figure of a man across the street and believing it to be Thornton, started across. Thornton left his place and advancing upon Keller struck him on the head, knocking him down. Keller says Thornton bent over him as if to renew the attack and while lying on the ground, he drew his revolver and fired three times. He says Thornton sank into the arms of his wife. He arose and ran, losing his hat and throwing away his revolver. He went to his boarding place, had his clothes brushed, secured a cap and left the city. He was arrested the following afternoon at Westville, O.

NOT IN EGGEMEYER BLDG.

The saloon operated by Emmett Hensley who is charged with selling liquor on Sunday, is not located in the Eggemeyer building as stated yesterday but at 405 Main street.

TRIP TO PANAMA IS ABANDONED

Press of Official Duties Will Prevent Taft From Going.

A FRIEND GIVES THE TIP.

CHANGE IN PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PLANS MADE WITHIN SHORT TIME AND TAFT REFUSES TO MAKE STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 15.—It is rumored that the plan of President-elect Taft for a personal inspection of the Panama canal in January had been changed suddenly and that he will not make the trip.

This information came from a person who enjoys the confidence of Mr. Taft. This man stated that despite reports to the contrary, Mr. Taft had declared that his decision to visit Panama was only tentative, and that circumstances had developed within the last 24 hours which had practically determined him to abandon the tour.

It was explained in this connection that Mr. Taft's time would be so occupied with affairs of importance preliminary to his taking the presidential chair that it was not expedient for him to make the trip at the time suggested, the latter part of January.

To do so would mean his absence until late in February, only a few days before his inauguration. It is believed, in his stead, General Wright, secretary of war, will go.

Mr. Taft, through his secretary, W. W. Wischler, stated that he had nothing to say beyond what was published. He refused to discuss further the canal question.

He was a late riser, and it was after 10 o'clock when he came down stairs to breakfast. His first visitor was Timothy L. Woodruff, who took him for an automobile ride, from which he returned shortly after noon.

PROMISES COURT TO TAKE KEELY CURE

Frame Released From Charge Preferred.

Upon his promise to reform and take the Keely cure, Oscar Frame, a young man who was charged with public intoxication, was released in city court yesterday afternoon. Frame has a family of five small children. He is only a young man and the court was willing to take the chance. Frame had been shown leniency before. He was found with two companions on a vacant lot on South Eighth street several weeks ago, beastly drunk. At that time he was permitted to go home to his family. His companions were arrested and fined.

MARY ELLER: Gold Medal Flour is the best for making everything.

IN SCORCHING MESSAGE ROOSEVELT DENIES THE ALLEGED PANAMA GRAFT

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first document appended being the letter of William Dudley Foulke of Richmond, Ind., dated Hot Springs, in which reference was made to newspaper clippings from the Indianapolis paper and the president's reply to Mr. Foulke.

THE THEATER

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.

Harrison Bros. Minstrels—Tonight, "A Knight for a Day"—Dec. 17.

NEW PHILLIPS.

Vaudeville all week.

"A Knight for a Day."

A fine exposition of feminine intoxication is said to be one of the big amusing situations of "A Knight for a Day," the musical galaxy of 70 members, headed by Miss May Vokes, which will be seen at the Gennett theater on Thursday, December 17, women manifesting inebriation is a chore-girl attached to a young ladies boarding school. Drinking from a well into which, without her knowledge, a case of champagne has been accidentally dropped, the maid, a stupid, awkward girl, at first surprised at the taste of the "water," grows to like it. Obviously, she has never known the taste of wine before. The sudden lifting of her spirits, expressed gradually with fine artistic instinct by Miss May Vokes, in the role of "the slavey" is said to be one of the neatest bits of droll acting seen on the stage in a long time.

The New Phillips.

Francis Hoyt and company in their roaring comedy playlet, "The Eventful Honeymoon" is believed to be the funniest playlet on the vaudeville stage today. Rarely does one find a play of this sort of fun that is not slap stick. Not so with this one. It is presented by a careful company and is high class.

Letton, the clown, is a feature of the week. The children of many cities have been happier for his existence, and many of those who have ceased to be children have felt a kindred feeling.

John Carl Robisch and Mayme Childress, in "The Finish of Mr. Fourflush" have a delightful satirical farce that is proving to be entertaining.

Shows Remains in City.

Harrison Brothers minstrels which is composed of colored people, played at the Gennett theater last night and although the show is not of the high standard of a \$1.50 attraction it pleased a large audience present. The show is good for the price.

As the company has an open date for tonight, Mrs. Swisher, resident manager of the Gennett has given the company permission to remain in the city tonight. It is probable a large crowd will witness the performance tonight.

Championship WRESTLING BELT
OLSON vs. DEMETRAL
COLISEUM, DEC. 18
FRIDAY NIGHT,
LADIES INVITED
Seats at Simmons' Cigar Store.

GENNETT THEATRE
Harry G. Sommers, Lessee and Manager. Phone 1683
COMING, THURSDAY, DEC. 17,
The great musical Ma, Ma.
"A KNIGHT FOR A DAY"
Company of 70 People, headed by
May Vokes
Sale opens at Box office Tuesday, 10 a. m.
PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

..PHILLIPS VAUDEVILLE..
WEEK DEC. 14.
Francis Hoyt & Co.
Herbert & Vance
John Carl Robisch and
Mayme Childress Letton
Pictures and Songs. Admission 10 Cents

POLO COLISEUM
Wednesday, Dec. 16. CITY LEAGUE
Smiths vs. Grays GAME CALLED
Carmons vs. Greeks 7:30
Skating---Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday,
Morning, Afternoon and Evening.