

GREAT CROWD IS EXPECTED TONIGHT

Delegations From Out of Town Will Swell Attendance at Wrestling Match.

DEMETRAL TALKS OF GAME

SAYS WRESTLING IS DIFFERENT FROM PRIZE FIGHTING—REFEREE FLEMING HAS ARRIVED IN THE CITY.

(By Tort.)

Indications point to a large crowd this evening at the coliseum to witness the battle between Olson and Demetral. Delegations of fans from nearly every town in the near vicinity of Richmond will be on hand to swell the attendance.

Demetral will go into the ring weighing about 182 pounds while Olson will tip the scales close to 175 pounds. Both are in excellent condition.

"Lots of work keeps me in good shape," says Demetral. "The match tonight will be my second one this week and I could wrestle again Saturday night."

"The prize fighter has a match and then he quits the game for a month or longer. It is different in wrestling. After a match you leave the ring completely exhausted, but after a good night's rest you are ready, if you are in good training, for another match that night."

Olson had a bout this week in Chicago against a man who got it into his head he was about the best light heavyweight in the business. It did not take the Swede long to rid him of this idea.

Referee Arrives.

Referee Dick Fleming of Chicago, arrived in the city this morning and will officiate at tonight's match. This will be the first opportunity local fans have had to see this celebrated wrestling expert, who the wrestling game holds the same position as did the late George Siler in the prize fighting game. He has the respect of all the mat artists and knows the game from A to Z.

PRACTICE IS SNAPPY

Earlham College Has Several Strong Basketball Players.

HARD TASK FOR THE COACH

By Tort.

Yesterday Coach Holmes, of the Earlham basketball team, gave the varsity candidates a hard workout and was greatly pleased with the snappy practice engaged in. He has not yet picked the team, but states "The best men will get the places." The opening game of the season will be in this city with State Normal on January 15, and by that time the team will be in fine shape.

Holmes had Rees and Hotchkiss playing forwards and both men put a snappy, aggressive game. They will very probably be selected for these positions. He has been working out Overman and Lindley at center and it will be hard work to choose between these two men as they have both been playing brilliantly and appear to be well fitted for the place.

For the two guard positions, Holmes will undoubtedly choose between H. Tibbets, Cornell and H. Furnas. Tibbets is the Whittier college (California) star and has been playing sensationally. He will quite probably be one of the two selected. It is going to be a difficult task for Holmes to pick from the other two candidates.

KNIGHTTOWN CANCELS BASKETBALL GAME

High School Lads Idle Tonight.

The Knighttown high school, lacking money, notified the Richmond high school basketball team that the game scheduled to be played this evening was canceled.

The next game the local high school team will play, will be with the Rushville high school, January 8.

Both Allison and Haas will be out of the game until the spring term opens. This will not effect the team to any great extent as there are only a few games to be played in the meantime.

Its Advantage.

"Have you a match?" asked the chronic bore who had dropped into the busy man's office for a chat. "My cigar has gone out."

"It seems to have the advantage of you," remarked the busy man.

"How's that?" queried the chronic bore.

"It knows what it ought to do," replied the busy man.

Hand-made chocolate and cream bonbons. Special Sale price, only 15c a lb., at the Greek Candy Store tomorrow (Saturday).

Affairs of the Sporting World

Billy Murray expects to have two first class southpaws next year in Covaleskie and Foxen. Both were prone to be erratic last year, but will develop in the big league company.

Connie Mack will not start his Athletics south til March 10, two weeks later than usual. The start was delayed so that nothing might dim the inauguration of the new president.

It has been reported that Johnny Evers, the crack second baseman of the Chicago champions, would not play next season, but when he was seen at the Garden bike races he declared that there wasn't a word of truth in the report, and that he hoped to be in the line-up of the Windy city bunch not only next year but for many years to come.

Frank Bowerman, who is handling the Boston team for George Dovey and his associates, has virtually offered McGraw the pick of the Boston

club for Charley Herzog. The players mentioned are "Ginger" Beaumont, Patsy Flaherty or Johnny Bates. Probably a piece of money would go with the Boston end of the trade.

Griffith will have a hard time in getting Mike Mowrey, the sorrel-topped infielder of the Reds, to play for his team next year. Mowrey has a grievance against Herrmann for the poor treatment he received from the club last year. Mike either wants to be let out or sold to another National league club. If Griff can't get Mowrey to play for him he will probably trade him to St. Louis for a pitcher.

Clark Griffith, the ex-Highlanders' manager, certainly has many friends and they were greatly pleased when they learned that he had at last signed a contract with the Reds. He has a lot of good material to mold into a championship team in Redland, and it would not be surprising if the Cincinnati team finished in the first division next season.

GIRLS ALLOWED TO PLAY BASKETBALL

Old High School Ruling Is Banished.

Prof. Knouff, principal at the Richmond high school, believes that girls should have exercise as well as the boys and as a result the old ruling against girls organizing basketball teams has been abolished and now the girls have two evenings each week on which they are allowed to go to the Garfield gymnasium and play basketball. During the last several years there have been no girls teams. The girls are chaperoned by one of the teachers and the referee and the umpire are very strict in prohibiting roughness. In this way they get the benefit of the good clean sport.

French Mixed Candy—All our own make—only 10c per pound. Special sale at the Greek Candy Store tomorrow (Saturday.)

RULES CHANGED TO SECURE CONTROL OF STATE SENATE

(Continued From Page One.)

radical of the democrats agree that the republicans have a perfect right to take this course.

Constitutional Convention.

There is a good deal of talk right now to the effect that the coming legislature will be asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the calling of a constitutional convention for the purpose of making amendments to the state constitution. A good many of the members of the legislature seem to believe that this plan will be better than one to have the amendments submitted to the people at a regular election, for the reason that the constitution needs amending in several places and a convention will enable the people to discuss and consider these matters more fully and with greater care than would be possible during the heat of a political campaign. From several parts of the state there has come a demand for such a revision of the constitution. One demand is for an amendment of the section fixing the qualification of citizens. In other words there is a demand for a revision of the naturalization laws of the state. This comes not only from one party, but from all parties, for they have all suffered at some time from the manipulation of the illiterate and incompetent foreign vote cast by men illegally and fraudulently naturalized. Just now the principal demand for this change comes from the democrats who suffered at the recent election in Lake county, but there have been other instances at other times in the state when the republicans felt the need of more strict naturalization laws.

Judicial Changes.

Then an effort will be made to change the judicial system of the state in some degree, by abolishing the Appellate court, and increasing the number of judges of the supreme court, thus making only one court of last resort instead of two. This is not a party matter, either, the demand having been voiced recently by Enoch Hoar, a republican, dean of the Indiana University law school, and seconded by many of the democratic members of the legislature, who were here this week for their love feast.

Specter Looms Up.

But there is one specter that looms up in the proposition to call a constitutional convention and that is the fear of some that an amendment might be put through for state wide and permanent prohibition of the liquor traffic. Of course, the prohibitionists and the Anti-Saloon people will make a desperate effort to have such a provision included in the new constitution, and the wild sweep of the temperance wave in this state in the last few years might enable them to bring about such a result. Naturally, the proposition would have the vigorous opposition of the liquor and liberal forces of the state, but whether they could meet the fight that would be made by the other side is a question. This one fact alone may defeat the plan to hold such a convention, but it is believed that except for this the convention will be called. There is no question but that the brewers will be strong in the com-

ing session of the legislature, and they may be strong enough to prevent the adoption of any resolution calling such a convention. But they will have to reckon with the general demand for it.

Assessors Hold Meeting.

The county assessors of the various counties met here yesterday afternoon in annual session. They discussed legislation and one thing and another and decided to give their united support to the merchants' platform for reform in the conduct of public offices. They favor a uniform system of plat books from which to make their assessments of real estate. They also decided to hereafter take the newspapers of the state into their confidence and seek to place before the public through newspaper publicity, the work of their offices. Committees will be appointed to confer with the promoters of the proposed reform legislation with reference to the kind of bills that shall be introduced.

INCORPORATION HELD ILLEGAL

(Continued From Page One.)

to the measure because his cow pasture was placed within the corporate limits. The boundary as outlined passed entirely around the school property and included the Harris pasture. It was claimed by Harris there was no necessity for incorporating his lot. It was alleged the school property was left out, so as to keep it in the township and thereby enable the patrons to draw upon the entire township for the maintenance of the school and not only upon the town, as would be the case if it were within the incorporation.

KING'S HEALTH NOT ALARMING

Members of Edward's Family Say Health Is Good.

London, Dec. 18.—Alarmist rumors have been in circulation in London recently with regard to the health of King Edward, but it has been learned that the condition of his majesty is not such as to cause uneasiness to the members of his household.

A member of the household said that in view of the condition of the king's throat it was considered advisable that he remain at Brighton. His throat has caused him inconvenience for some time past, and the present damp weather of London on other interior points of England, aggravates it.

EARLHAM TRUSTEES IN SESSION TODAY

Summer School Plans Given Consideration.

The manner of conducting the Earlham summer school and the question of how many copies of the Sargasso the college would purchase, were the two chief questions discussed at the regular meeting of the board of trustees which was in session at the college today. It is expected that the Board will vote to take a large number of copies of the annual publication in order to assist the students of the Junior class.

FEARED FOR MAN'S SAFETY

Street Car Conductor Ejects Him.

In the answer to the amended complaint of Fred Lyman, who has brought suit in the Wayne circuit court against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Railway company, the defense charges Lyman was ejected from a car of the defendant company, because of his physical condition. It is claimed the complaint is infirm from paralysis and that after boarding the crowded car he could find no seat. The conductor could not devote his attention to the plaintiff, owing to his duties about the car. He feared for Lyman's safety standing in the aisle or on the rear platform, so from this motive requested him to leave the car.

NO VIOLATION OF POSTAL REGULATION

Party Writing Whitecap Letter Cannot Be Reached by Government.

THREATS CAN BE SENT

AS LONG AS NO BLACKMAILING IS ATTEMPTED THERE IS NO VIOLATION, HOLD POSTAL OFFICERS.

The postal authorities will take no steps to investigate who were the parties responsible for the threatening letters recently sent to Nate Parker and William Skinner of Economy. One of these letters ordered Skinner to leave town within three days under penalty of receiving a visit from whitecaps. The letter to Parker ordered him to compel Skinner to leave his hotel within three days or the building would "be rocked."

The letter received by Parker was examined by Post Office Inspectors Fletcher and Parker and Deputy United States Attorney Nichol. All of them held that the contents of the letter were not in violation of the postal regulations. They stated that one person could write to another person and threaten bodily harm and not violate the law if the letter was sealed, but if the letter contained any threat of blackmail there would be a violation of the postal regulations.

It was at first thought that the stamp on the envelope containing the letter to Mr. Parker was a canceled stamp. This impression was obtained by the fact that the stamp had been cut from a white envelope and pasted upon the yellow envelope sent to Parker. The postal authorities made an examination of the stamp under a strong lens and found that it was not canceled when placed upon the envelope sent to Parker. Such being the case, no postal regulation was violated and the postal authorities were once more baffled in their efforts to obtain a case against the party or parties responsible for sending the threatening letters to Parker and Skinner.

SAMUEL PITTS DIES

Aged New Garden Township Resident Was Prominent In Friends' Church.

OLD RESIDENT OF COUNTY

Fountain City, Ind., Dec. 18.—The Rev. Samuel Pitts, aged 88 years and probably the best known man in New Garden township, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock of senility. He was a prominent member of the Friends church and well known throughout the county. He resided in this county nearly all his life. His funeral will be Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, burial being in the New Garden cemetery. The Rev. Pitts is survived by his son Asa Pitts and his daughters, Mrs. Andrew Gibbs and Mrs. Henry Love, all of this place. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

RED CROSS STAMP STAMP SALE IS LARGE

Thousands Expected to Be Distributed Here.

The scale of the Christmas Red Cross stamps goes merrily on in this city and the supplies of these little stickers are being disposed of as rapidly as they arrive. The 7,500 stamps placed on sale here the first of this week have all been sold and yesterday 15,000 more stamps arrived and were at once placed on sale. These will all probably be sold by the first of next week. It is quite probable that both for the sale of stamps will be opened at the postoffice and at the Pennsylvania station.

CIGARS

He will enjoy burning your money if you buy him a box of our RECREATION 5c Straight Cigars. These cigars are our own make, put up in 12s and 25s, especially for Christmas, and are sure to please the most particular smoker. We also have all the popular brands of 5 and 10c cigars, put up in all size Christmas packages and a full line of Meer-schaum and Briar Pipes, Smokers' articles, Christmas Candles, Etc., at

Meyer's Cigar Store, 713 Main St.



GROTHAUS' CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

An unusual chance to secure an ELEGANT BRASS BED at a price far below such prices as are usually asked. They are manufacturer's samples and we bought them at a far less price than the ordinary ones and we will sell them for less than any approaching their style and finish can be sold. Some of these are only one of a kind, others more.

A Beautiful Brass Bed at \$16

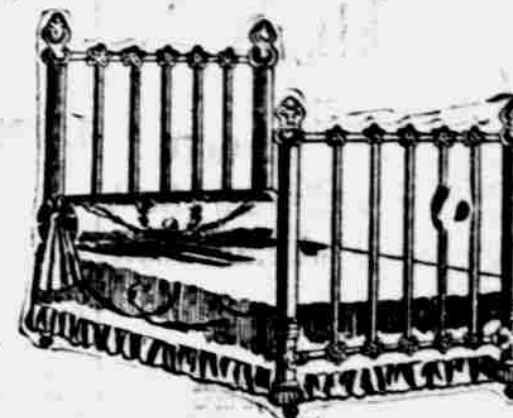
Style and Quality First Class.

Brass Beds, 2-inch Post, Only \$20 Others at \$21.00, \$25.00 and up

When these are gone they could not be duplicated for much more than the price we place on them.

Ferd. Grothaus

614-616 Main St.



"Simply Horrible" Are the Jails of Indiana

Secretary of the State Board of Charities Urges Changes from Present Old-Time System—Uncleanliness, Foul Air and Idleness Among Chief Objections.

"Simply horrible," is the phrase used by the Indiana Board of State Charities in its annual report of the condition of county jails throughout the state in a portion of the report released for publication yesterday by Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board. "With all the progress that has been made in other fields of charities and correction in Indiana the jail system remains the same. Our jails are our

greatest reproach. They are a continuing disgrace to our name. New jails in Lake and Laporte counties, Warren and Floyd and a remodeled jail in Vigo county are made an exception to this sweeping declaration.

The bad conditions reported from one county after another are of uncleanliness, foul air, idleness of prisoners, enforced association of hardened criminals and first offenders, inadequate provision for the separation of the sexes and very frequently the presence of unfortunate insane persons. In some places the bad conditions are due to defective construction, this, it is declared, being particularly noticeable in the older buildings.

A complete change of system is advocated, the present system being declared a relic of olden times. As at present conducted the jails are said to do more harm than good. Under improved conditions the jail should be simply a place of detention. In most of the jails the prisoners are not separated, and as a result it is said they lead idle and frequently immoral lives.

The workhouse is recommended for all convicted prisoners now sent to the county jails. "The prisoners could be more cheaply maintained in such institutions," says the report, "and in accordance with the best reformatory methods, better results should be secured."

Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co.

Eastern Division

(Time Table Effective Oct. 27, 1907.) Trains leave Richmond for Indianapolis and intermediate stations at 6:00 a. m., 7:25, 8:00, 9:25, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:25, 3:00, 4:00, 5:25, 6:00, 7:30, 8:40, 9:00, 10:00, 11:10. * Limited trains. Last car to Indianapolis, 8:40 p. m. Last car to New Castle, 10:00 p. m. Trains connect at Indianapolis for Lafayette, Frankfort, Crawfordsville, Terre Haute, Clinton, Sullivan, Paris, etc. Tickets sold through.

- GENNETT THEATER -

ONE WEEK COMMENCING

Monday, December 21.

Return engagement of the favorites.

PARTELLO STOCK CO.

Opening play greatest of comedy dramas, "A Daughter of the People." First time here. Daily matinees, 10 cents, (commencing Tuesday.) Ladies free Monday night under usual conditions. Seats on sale Friday morning. Prices—10, 20, 30c.

Piano Facts

Remember my guarantee to save you from \$50.00 to \$150. on about any kind of piano you may want, until January 1st, to close out, provides for your most thorough investigation, AND AT MY EXPENSE, EVERY SINGLE CUSTOMER WHO HAS AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, HAS FOUND WHAT I HAVE SAID TRUE, AND WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION I HAVE SOLD EVERY ONE OF THEM, this is an absolute closing out sale and to vacate present quarters January 1st, every single piano I have left must go at some price, AND ON JUST SUCH TERMS TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE, if you are good financially not a dollar will be asked of you, you can get a good piano of me until all are sold for from \$107.50 up. The \$107.50 cost me about the same price as does some pianos sold in Richmond for from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Don't think it could be, eh? If I don't satisfy you beyond a reasonable question in your mind that this is true, I'll make you a present of a piano. I'm good for what I say. HADN'T YOU BETTER EXERCISE JUST A LITTLE GOOD COMMON SENSE and get your money laid down where it will do you good; it's a duty you owe your family to save your money.

You can do it with me.

Alonzo Girton

1010 MAIN STREET.

Westcott Hotel Bldg.

The Palace

TWO SUBJECTS
The Hobo's Dream, a big laugh
The Lady Barbers, a bigger laugh
Song: Not So Long Ago.

Five Cents