

## INCREASE SHOWN IN XMAS BUSINESS

Local Merchants Predict That Trade Has Improved 15 to 30 Per Cent Over 1907.

### SHOPPERS TRADED EARLY.

FOR THIS REASON THE USUAL LAST FOUR DAYS' RUSH WAS NOT NOTICED THIS SEASON.

It is the general verdict of the Richmond merchants in the dry goods, clothing, grocery, meat, stationary, toy and other enterprises that the business this year equaled that done in 1906 and far surpassed that of 1907, the "panley" year.

This refers both to the amount of merchandise sold and the total receipts. It is probable that there were a larger number of articles purchased than in 1906, but their aggregate value was no more than that of two years ago. One of the most attractive features of the Christmas business was that the purchasers paid in cash.

#### Big Increase Shown.

The per cent of increase could not be estimated by the merchants in several instances because of lack of time yesterday to make a careful comparison. But from hasty examination the amount of increase in both the number of sales and receipts is estimated at all the way from 15 to 30 per cent.

The Christmas buying this year was remarkable in that it was done early. On Wednesday and Thursday the stores were little busier than on days of the previous week. Merchants credit this change to the educational campaign made in the local newspapers. It would not do the businesses credit to compare the four days previous to Christmas this year and the corresponding time of last year, according to a local merchant who depends on the Christmas trade for much of his income, because of the great amount of early buying this year. It is believed that the citizens generally were much more pleased with the treatment extended by reason of the fact that the clerks could devote more attention to their desires. A continuation of the "buy early spirit" is hoped for in the holiday seasons to come.

Yesterday, which is usually a big day among the merchants because of the many persons who exchange Christmas presents, was again different in this respect over a year ago. There was very little of this done yesterday.

## TO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS AT THE DEDICATION

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will have free use of the gymnasium and natatorium except when regular classes are engaged.

#### Boys' Department.

The boys' department will attract every youngster in the city. The fees have been made very reasonable and already many parents have taken out membership for their children, showing the interest and the faith these have in the work. The association offers to the boy the gymnasium, the shower baths, swimming pool, bowling alleys, the bible study clubs and many other clubs. The same social features are similar in this department as in the department for older members.

The woman's auxiliary will have an important work in the Y. M. C. A. Its purpose will be to assist wherever possible. But the most important assistance will be in making the association appeal to the young man. The directors believe that there is nothing like a woman in arranging for the comfort of the members. In this connection the association has secured the permanent services of Mrs. Harris and she will have charge of the dormitories.

## DARK HORSES IN SENATORIAL RACE NOW NUMBER SIX

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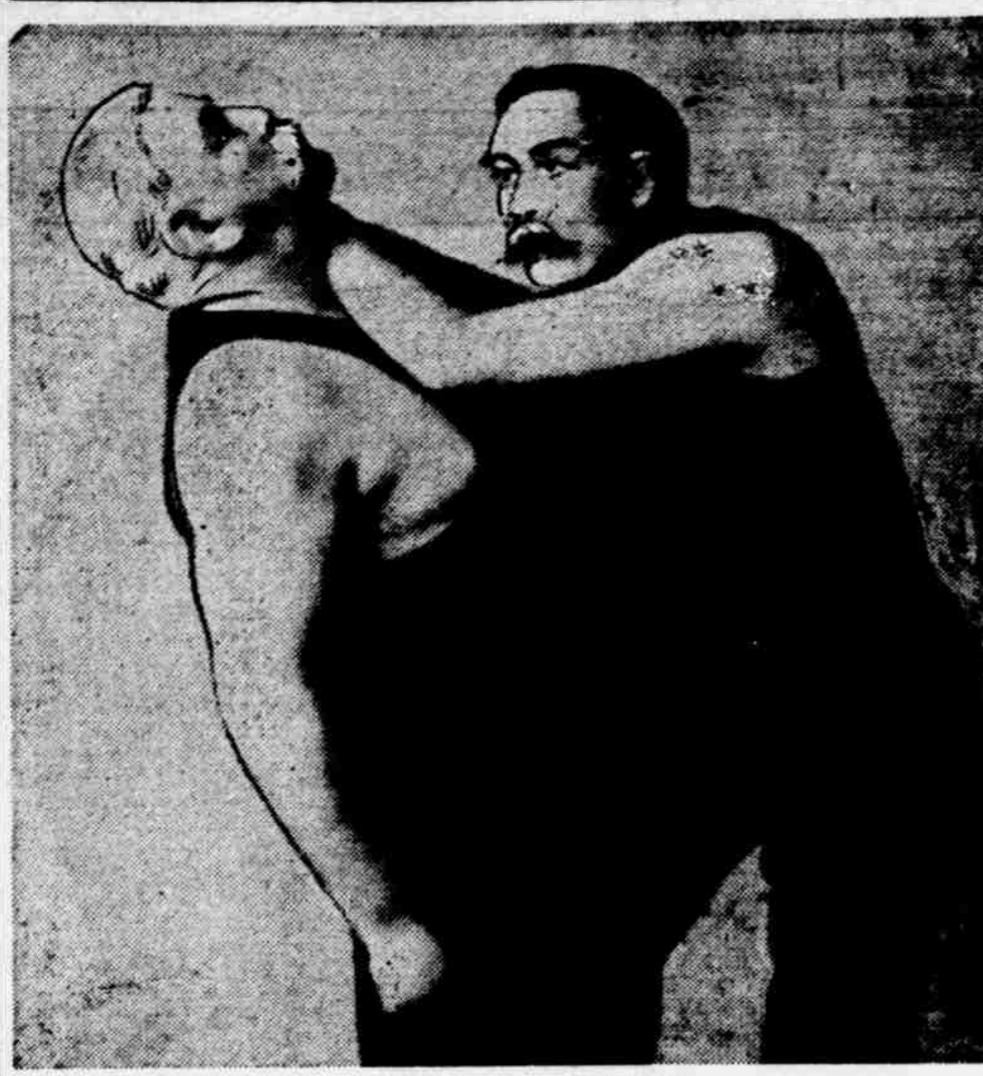
change in the senatorial situation between now and the time the caucus is held.

#### What Dark Horses Say.

Nearly every man who has been mentioned as a dark horse declares he is not a candidate and that he is not even hoping that the lightning will strike in his vicinity. Thomas H. Kuhn, of Richmond, for example, declares that he has not thought of the senatorship. But it is known, just the same, that Mr. Kuhn feels rather proud of his record in the Sixth district, where twice as a candidate for congress, he has greatly reduced Republican pluralities. Others whose names have been connected with the senatorship race, but who have not declared themselves as candidates believe, it is said, that the legislators would not have to use a microscope to find good reasons for throwing the votes their way.

It is not thought that there will be any great activity in the senatorship race, as the efforts of the candidates will not be concentrated in Indianapolis, it is said, until after the first of the year.

## John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain As They Appear in Boxing Contest.



SULLIVAN AND KILRAIN.

## GRAND WELCOME TO JACK JOHNSON

### Colored Population of Chicago Is Elated.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Chicago's colored population will give Champion Jack Johnson a royal welcome in this city on his return from Australia, where he wrestled the heavyweight laurels from Tommy Burns. Residents of the black belt were jubilant last night over the victory of Johnson, and as the news spread among the Afro-Americans, measures were taken by leading sporting men of the race towards the organization of a committee to arrange for a reception to be given the heavyweight champion upon his next visit to Chicago.

It was purely pride of race that made the colored sports joyful, for in the matter of betting not a single wager of any size, as far as could be ascertained, was made by them upon the fight. The betting men were not at all confident of Johnson's ability and kept away from the affair altogether.

#### FIRE LOSS \$150,000.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Flames from every window and through the roof of the storage warehouse of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Parkin street, between McHenry and Ramsey, caused a general alarm of fire early this morning. The building is a two-story structure, filled with baled hay. The loss will reach \$150,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloman of New Castle, former residents of Richmond, have returned to their home.

## His Hardest Training Was For an Unfought Battle

Sullivan, Who Is Here Tuesday, Relates an Interesting Chapter of His Career.

By John L. Sullivan.

One of the hardest turns at training I ever did was for a fight that never came off. I got ready to make a demonstration on the make up of Dominick McCaffrey, and I never made it. It is quite a story. To begin with, McCaffrey was matched to fight Jake Kilrain before the swell Cribb Club of Boston. Kilrain appeared to carry out his part of the contract, but for some reason McCaffrey didn't show up. The head man of the Cribb club, a Mr. Apollonio, I think it was—announced to the members of the club that never would McCaffrey be allowed inside the doors of the place because of his failure to come to the scratch.

To those who never heard of this Cribb club of Boston, I may say that it was made up of the blue-bloods and kid-glove element of Boston. Only members were allowed to attend its affairs, one black ball could bar any candidate for membership, and only men whose people came over in the first cabin of the Mayflower need apply. The fighters, of course, whose folks came over in the Cephalonia were hired for their occasions. There was another Cribb club in Boston later on, but that was a different kind of a club, and anybody could get into its affairs if he had the price at the door.

Well, after the failure to meet Kilrain, McCaffrey fought Pete McCoy in the old Windsor theater in Boston. The bout wasn't a decision and I was in McCoy's corner and told Dominick what I thought of him. He declared that he could not only wallop McCoy, but he could lick me. He added some things—words which, all the world over, mean fight.

How Police Spoiled a Good Thing. But just as we were about to start the ball going, in came a flock of police, and they declared the whole thing off. Say, you might have knocked me down with a feather. All my hard training had gone for nothing, and there was Dominick within an arm's reach, and they wouldn't let me show him. Of all the thousands who had looked forward to that battle, I was the most disappointed, and I don't know how much liquor I used in drowning my sorrow.

A match was made, and we were to

## SECRET NEWSPAPER PRINTED FOR CZAR

### Only One Copy, But It Gives Detailed News of the Whole Empire.

#### TAB KEPT ON TOLSTOI.

### MARGINAL NOTES SHOW THAT NICHOLAS READS WITH THE UTMOST CARE—PEEP INTO THE EMPEROR'S LIBRARY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—It has for a long time been thought, not only in Russia, but also abroad, that the life of Czar Nicholas II resembles that of a prisoner, and that all knowledge of what is going on in Russia at large is carefully kept from his ears. All the responsibility for the horrors that have made Russia a shambles has been placed upon those who surround him—the nobles and the bureaucracy—the czar himself being described as a good, harmless man, who, with a different environment, and better counsellors, would rule his empire to universal satisfaction.

Access, however, has lately been obtained to the czar's library, which has led to the discovery of the kind of literature which Nicholas II, is in the habit of reading, and to the discovery also of the "Czar's Journal," which, although it has been heard of for years, has hitherto never been seen by any one except his immediate advisers.

At the express wish of the czar only one manuscript copy of this journal is privately issued by the members of the Committee of Censors of Foreign Literature, under the immediate direction of the minister of the interior, and it can be imagined how difficult it must have been for any one else to obtain a sight of it.

#### Many Volumes of the Journal.

Ten to fifteen folio volumes of this work have appeared yearly of 500 to 900 pages apiece, and to these volumes have been added a number of reviews, letters, printed material, brochures, manifestoes, lottery tickets of the revolutionary Red Cross, etc. On every volume are notes by the minister of the interior or his assistant, stating the place and time at which czar read the journal and his remarks concerning it. Marginal notes have also been added by Lieut. Gen. von Hesse, the czar's court favorite. The additions of the minister of the interior, Gor'emykin, and his assistant in the reproduction of the journal, Baron Jukull, were compiled from these notes.

To judge by the table of contents of this publication, Nicholas II, would seem to be one of the best informed persons in Russia concerning the revolution and its history, for through the perusal of this journal he must have been aware of almost every detail of the revolutionary struggle since 1897. Not even the leaders of the revolutionary movement themselves were able to obtain such complete statistics and so full an account of the episodes of the movement as that possessed by the czar.

Accounts of the arrests of notable revolutionaries; the risings of the peasants; the strikes; the suppressed printing houses, clubs and unions; the relation of the home revolutionaries with those who had emigrated to England and Switzerland; the newly published revolutionary books, brochures and proclamations (even Klara Zetkin's pamphlet on the economic position of women is mentioned); the persecution of the Jews; the quarrels between nihilists, are all to be found in the journal. On all documents of interest, letters, etc., is written in the czar's hand, "Read with enjoyment." Kept Tab on Tolstoi.

Each volume contains an exact summary of all revolutionary events occurring during a certain period, as obtained by the political police.

In many of these journals the name of Count Leo Tolstoi appears, and to judge by the regularity of the information about him, and the speed with which the contents of his intercepted letters were imparted to the czar, the latter has taken a special interest in the author.

It must be pointed out that the philosopher of Assnaja Poljana, in spite of his knowledge of human nature, for a long time shared the general opinion concerning the character of the czar, whom he therefore frequently undertook to enlighten and convert, as, for instance, in an open letter in 1899, and in many of his works respecting students' demonstrations, religious persecutions, etc.

Nicholas had, however, interested himself in everything Tolstoi understood and, through the medium of his spies, observed his every step. The consequences of this curious relation was that while the poet himself was unmolested, his friends and followers were persecuted and his writings confiscated and destroyed.

## ENTRY CHANGE IS ANNOUNCED

### Farmers Benefited by Frankin Corn School Ruling.

In order to accommodate the large number of farmers who will submit samples in the Franklin township corn school, to be held at Whitewater Wednesday, they will be allowed to enter their grain Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, instead of Wednesday morning only, as announced. This has just been decided by the committee in charge.

## THE BOWLING AVERAGES

### Records of Eighteen Leaders In the City League.

#### ED. HUNT WAS LEADER.

During the first season of the City Bowling league, which closed recently, there were eighteen regular bowlers, who made very good scores in the eighteen games played by their respective teams. There were other numbers of teams in the league, but their averages are not given because they did not participate in an average number to qualify for league records. The spring season of the league will start soon and the great rivalry between the teams will result in an excellent contest. The averages for the fall season are as follows:

Ed Hunt, 174.  
Walter Runge, 171.  
Arthur King, 168.  
Bert Martin, 165.  
Dr. Markley, 162.  
Phillip Smith, 161.  
Frank Crump, 160.  
William Kenney, 160.  
Roy Roberts, 158.  
Roy Carman, 157.  
Fred Lahman, 156.  
Ray Lichtenfels, 155.  
James Martin, 155.  
Ed Lichtenfels, 154.  
Prof. W. D. Waldrup, 152.  
Horace Hadley, 151.  
E. Eletro, 148.  
Samuel Johnson, 145.

## MR. G. KROMA GETS HIS

### Handed Fine of \$25 and Costs With 60 Days' Jail Sentence.

#### RESISTED AN OFFICER.

Yesterday Gus Kroma, one of the members of an alleged "drinking club," which was operated in the John Russell upholstering shop at 14 South Seventh street Christmas day by Cleveland Russell, was fined \$25 and costs and given sixty days in jail for assault and battery upon Patrol Driver Roberts. Kroma committed the assault while resisting arrest in front of the Coliseum. Harry Winters, who was arrested with Kroma, and said to be another member of the alleged "club," and young Russell were each fined \$5 and costs for their part in the affair. Ford Curry, colored, arrested on North Eighth street, was given the same punishment.

## DISMISS HARGIS JURY

### Patricide Hopes for Eventual Release in the Famous Breathit County Affair.

#### WIDE ATTENTION IS SHOWN

Irvine, Kentucky, Dec. 26.—The Hargis jury was unable to agree and has been dismissed. The jurors declared there seemed to be no probability they could come to the same opinion. The defendant, young Beech Hargis, was on trial for the murder of his father, Judge Hargis, the famous feudist of Breathit county, this state. The young man shot his father in the latter's store following a protracted spree. The father remonstrated with the son and was killed for his pains. Great interest has been shown in the trial.

This is a question that has been asked by those who are acquainted with the fact that the number of people from these two places who traded here during the holidays was larger than usual.

Few of the Richmond merchants will hazard an opinion further than to state they had a larger line of goods than ordinarily. All admit that the number of such customers this year was larger than last, but also modify the statement by stating that there were an unusual number of shoppers from other points within a radius of 30 miles of the city. Among the "liberals" the above is a strong argument for existing conditions. They state that it shows a "wet" town brings business to the city. Their argument has been, all the time, that if Richmond stays "wet" and the other adjoining counties go "dry" as Darke and Preble counties in Ohio, and Randolph and Henry in Indiana already have, it will result in this city getting a large per cent of the business of the liberal element in these counties.

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Browne—I didn't know that.

Towne—Yes, she usually has a severe attack of it every night when he comes in late, and then the trouble begins.—London Express.

## LONG SERVICE IS NOW AT AN END

### Congressman Davy Died Yes- terday at His Hotel.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—Congressman Robert C. Davy, representing the second district of Louisiana, with one intermission, since the fifty-third congress, had been in the Hotel Dieu, in this city today, as the result of an attack of apoplexy about five weeks ago. He had been ill for two years.

In France there is a curious form of life insurance, the peculiarity being that the longer a man lives the less his heirs become entitled to. The idea is that if a man dies young his children will require help, but that by the time he is fifty they will be old enough to earn their own living.—Liverpool Post.

## SQUABBLE STILL CONTINUES ON

### Horticulture and Agriculture Society Adopts Resolu- tions of Protest.

#### CLAIM HAVE PRIOR RIGHT.

### ORGANIZATION INSISTS THAT FORMER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZED ITS USE OF CONTESTED ROOM.

That the fight of the Wayne County Agricultural and Horticultural society against the proposed abandonment of its rooms in the court house to the use of the G. A. R. and allied organizations will be to the bitter end, is made emphatic by the following resolution, adopted at a special meeting of the organization yesterday afternoon: "To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

"Whereas, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. are endeavoring through the honorable board to get possession of the rooms now occupied by the Wayne County Agricultural and Horticultural society, also the Historical Society, situated on the ground floor at the north end of the court house, and,

"Ed Griffin, the man who was arrested by Officer Vogelson yesterday on complaint of residents of South Tenth street, who objected to the man's vocal demonstrations, suffered an accident in the city jail last night. A window fell on his hand badly spraining it. The city physician attended to his injuries.

## NAUGHTY BOYS ARE REAL MEAN

### Throw Mud and Rocks on Porches.

Complaint has been registered in the past few days against a gang of boys who have been inhabiting the district about North Fifteenth and B streets. The younger ones' depredations have kept the neighborhood in a turmoil, they having repeatedly thrown mud and rocks onto porches and in other ways committing devilry. Complaint has been made to the police and the officers will attempt to stop the nuisance.

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### SELLING DATES FOR NEW YEARS— Dec. 31st and January 1st. Final Return Limit, January 4th.

Rate—One and One-Half Fare for the Round Trip.

### HOLIDAY