MATCH IS CLOSED

John Voss, of This City, to Wrestle Doc Fillmore, of Des Moines, Dec. 22.

GO HELD AT BURLINGTON

Farmer Burns Gives His Opinion of the Relative Ability of the Two Men.

According to a Des Moines press dispatch, John Voss, of this city and Doc Fillmore of Des Moines have each deposited $250 with the sporting editor of the Register and Leader, as forfeit money and a side bet for the wrestling match that is to be held in Burlington Friday evening, Dec. 22. Voss has sent a draft for his share of the side bet and a letter saying that he will be in good condition and expects to win from the Des Moines man.

Fillmore has been on the mat regularly with the wrestlers, training at Des Moines for various matches, and appeared a week ago in the preliminaries of the Burns-Hackenschmidt match. He displayed exceptional speed and surprised his most ardent admirers. Des Moines sports cannot see how it is possible for the big fellow to lose, and several are planning a trip to Burlington to see the go.

Burns Gives Opinion.

Farmer Burns, who was in town for his big match with Hackenschmidt said: "I have not seen Voss wrestle for some time, but I know he is good. He will have to be very good, however, if he expects to beat Fillmore. Doc has wanted another match with me, but I have beaten him and I am now too busy with Carlson and Hackenschmidt and the other Swedes that they are bringing against me. After I have finished with Hackenschmidt and if Fillmore wins from Voss at Burlington, I may take him on.

"I have not been in Burlington for several years, but I like the town very much and I may go down to see Fillmore and Voss meet there. The last time I was in Burlington was when Frank Gotch was a youngster and I had him with me. Oscar Wassem was doing some great work on the mat in those days and beat Gotch once. I beat Wassem, and then Gotch came back and beat him. I remember we drew some good houses, and the people down there like the game."

Thirty-five hundred people saw "Farmer" Burns defeat Charles Hackenschmidt in a mixed style match at Des Moines Wednesday night. Burns won the toss, took catch-as-catch-can, and with this advantage won the first and last falls. He was on the defensive most of the time. The match was rough and gruelling. The time was 21, 24 and 15 minutes.

IN HANDS OF THE COURT

Mackin Will Contest Arguments Closed Before Judge Parmenter.

Judge E. E. Parmenter, in the county court, yesterday afternoon took under advisement the petition of Owen Crummie and Mary Eleanor Tyson to set aside the probate of the will of the late Dean Thomas Mackin. The arguments in the case were concluded yesterday afternoon. The claim is set up by the petitioners that they were not notified as heirs, of the petition for the probate of the will.

Hanlon Manager of Reds.

New York, Dec. 15.—Ned Hanlon has signed a contract to manage the Cincinnati National league baseball club during the coming season. Mr. Hanlon retires as manager of the Brooklyn National league team.

EVENING CLASSES

To be Planned for at Y. M. C. A. Committee Meeting Tonight.

IS NEW DEPARTURE IN CITY

Course in Mechanical Drawing Most Important—New Year's Program Approved.

At the meeting of the educational committee of the Y. M. C. A. this evening, plans will be discussed for educational classes at the association. The organizaton of classes in arithmetic, mechanical drawing and penmanship has been discussed informally, and it is expected that at the committee meeting this evening final plans will be made for instruction in these branches. The classes will be held in the evenings and will continue throughout the winter season. C. D. McLane, the Davenport architect, has consented to conduct the class in mechanical drawing, which will probably be the most important and most popular course.

For years the association has not attempted educational work, but the demand for something of this kind has decided the committee to endeavor to organize the classes.

Program Approved.

The social committee of the Y. M. C. A., met last evening to take action on the program to be given at the open house on New Year's day. The entertainment features advised to be held were much as desired previously by the authorities and which were given in yesterday's Argus. An informal program of music will be continued through the afternoon and evening by a mechanical piano player. Hamilton Wiley will also give piano solos in the afternoon. It is also desired to have a basket ball contest but the contestants have not been learned by the committee. Probably there will be a picked team to represent the association and the Davenport Turners team will be secured, if possible, for the opponents. In the evening the mock trial as announced will be held. A free luncheon will be served between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock, and all will be welcomed.

ELECTRICAL MEN NOMINATE

Election to Occur at First Meeting in January in Rock Island.

The Tri-City Electrical Workers' union has nominated the following officers for the annual election, which is to take place Dec. 27:

President—M. M. Nealy, Rock Island; Newton Tyrell, of Davenport, Arthur Coe, Rock Island.

Vice President — Grant Bitterman, Davenport; J. A. Wilson, Rock Island.

Recording Secretary—George Berry, Davenport; John Holcomb, Davenport.

Treasurer — Ed Love, Davenport.

Foreman — William McNealy, Rock Island; William Mitchell, Davenport.

First and Second Inspector—William Heaton, Davenport; James Doty, Moline.

Press Secretary—Ernest Height, Davenport; John Holcomb, Davenport; William McNealy, Rock Island.

The choice will be made at the first meeting in January in this city.

WIN HONORS AT CHAMPAIGN

Oscar Frazer Carries Off Palm in Debate—Walter Hart Recognized.

It is pleasant to observe that Rock Island representatives at the state university at Champaign are loyally upholding at that institution the honor of their home town. Walter Hart, a member of the sophomore class, has been elected president of that class, while Oscar Frazer, a freshman, was one of three selected from the entire freshman class to represent his class in the annual inter-class debate between the sophomores and freshmen. The subject of the discussion was the Monroe doctrine, the sophomores attacking and the freshmen defending that doctrine.

The friends of the Rock Island debater will be gratified to learn that the freshman champions won the victory.

TWO SMALL FIRES IN TOWN

Gasoline Explosion and Shower of Sparks Call Out Department.

A small gasoline explosion occurred this morning near the oil shed in the rear of the Hodges & Bladel grocery store. Only a small quantity of the oil exploded, and no damage resulted. The department was called, but the flames were extinguished by the store employes.

Burning refuse, thrown against the screen top of the chimney by the draft at the Rock Island mattress factory on First avenue near Twentieth street, caused a shower of sparks over all adjoining buildings. In fear that the sparks would set fire to the old frame structures adjoining the property on the alley, an alarm was sent in to the department. No damage was caused.

MULHERN VISITS THE CITY

New Superintendent of Galesburg Division of "Q." Visits Rock Island.

J. W. Mulhern, the new superintendent of the Galesburg division of the Burlington road, came to this city last evening in his private car and expects to leave this afternoon for his home at Galesburg.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOOKINGS AT ILLINOIS.

Dec. 15.—"What Women Will Do".
Dec. 16—Mildred Holland as "Catherine, the Great."
Dec. 17—"The County Chairman."
Dec. 18—Illinois University Glee Club.

"The Girl from Kay's."—For an evenly balanced play with something in every line, "The Girl from Kay's" as produced at the Illinois last evening, had few equals here this season. Leading parts were all well filled with no one in particular standing out as against the others. In the line of comedy there was constantly something new to be heard. Features were new songs well sung, and a girl who could dance. The production should have had a crowded house.

MILDRED HOLLAND
In "The Triumph of an Empress."

We Shall See.—Tonight we shall have an opportunity to see at the Illinois "What Women Will Do."

Full of Wholesome Romance.—Mirth and wholesome romance are the keynote to the success of that quaint comedy, "The County Chairman," which will be presented at the Illinois theater on Sunday evening. George Ade, the writer of this comedy is credited with exceeding his previous efforts in humorous writings and "The County Chairman" reflects life in the middle west in the early '80's in a graphic way. The types drawn by the humorist are said to be the most laughable on the contemporary stage. The plot deals in a very natural manner with a political campaign in Jefferson county, Indiana, and the stirring scenes in the county seat, a small village, where the hero, Tilford Wheeler, is nominated for prosecuting attorney, against Elias Rigby, Wheeler's prospective father-in-law, are pictured in all naturalness. Theodore Babcock who plays the role of the Hon. Jim Hackler, the county chairman, is said to give a rugged and remarkably true to life portrayal. He is aided by a score or more village characters drawn in the inimitable Ade style and without that touch of exaggeration so often found in rural plays.

Mildred Holland.—Mildred Holland has often been referred to as one of the best American emotional actresses, but since she has made her phenomenal success as Catherine the Great in "The Triumph of an Empress" she is also styled the queen of comedy. When Miss Holland appears at the Illinois theatre tomorrow, theatregoers will see her in the best part she has ever portrayed. In reviewing her performance, the Worcester, Mass., Telegram said in part: "Mildred Holland, who is well known to Worcester audiences, was the star of the play. Her work gave it body, soul and flavor. She has the rare faculty of comedy. She has vivacity and stage presence. She is one of the great lights, the big women of the theater."