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College Football

The big universities are beginning to rebel against the brutalities of football, and the result is likely to be, if not the end of the game, such a reformation of it as will greatly improve it. Played as a more open game, with more attention to rules which call more for scientific playing than for the exercise of mere strength, football might revive as a popular game, but it is doubtful if it will ever maintain the popularity it has had, if the elements of danger and brutality are removed. At heart humanity has a love for brutal sports. The football men are made heroes of because they go recklessly into contests in which they risk life itself and play ahead with brutal courage in spite of crippling injuries,—the grandstands never howl louder than when some crippled hero stragglers agonizingly back into the "play."

Football is more nearly exclusively a game of brute strength than even prize-fighting. There have been many small prize-fighters at the very top of their "profession." They won by "science," as it is called. But a small football hero is an anomaly, though not unknown. The training of a season is devoted to showing the biggest men in each university how to knock over the biggest rivals. It is notorious that in many games where a star player is "on the line" plays are so arranged that he will be attacked time after time by three or four other men, until he is "laid out" and retired. The grand stand does not know this. It cannot see much of what is going on, and this is a proof that it is the danger element that makes the game popular. As a contest of science football is not worth watching for five minutes from a grand stand, for the closest watchers can hardly see the plays even from the field or sidelines. They see a lot of quick leaps, then possibly a pile of struggling humanity and find that the ball has advanced one way or the other, and that is all. There is no open showing of skill and alertness as in baseball, no chance to see just what the real playing has been. Hence if the brutality is reformed out of the present American football game it would be likely to die. Perhaps a change to the more open games, in which kicking is the rule instead of attempting to carry the ball or drive it by strength through an opposing line, might give a new popular football.

The Coming Congress

Congress meets next Monday. The beginning of a session of Congress is always important. From a sentimental point of view it appeals to every American. In Congress is reposed the supreme legislative power of the nation. All the legislative powers of the American people, not specifically reserved to themselves, or to the several states, is given to Congress. This makes it one of the greatest law making bodies in the world, perhaps the greatest. To every American, therefore, the opening of a session of Congress represents the beginning of the active exercise of the highest and most important delegation of power which can be bestowed by a free people upon its representatives. It is no wonder therefore, that the Protestant Episcopal church, revising its forms of worship at a time when the American Congress, as now constituted, was still young, when the importance of the delegation of power was still fresh in mind, should have provided a form of prayer for Congress to be used in all churches while Congress is in session.

Every session of Congress is potentially an important one. The coming session is likely to be an important one in the weight of matters coming before it, whatever it shall prove to be in the weight of matters accomplished.

Perhaps most important among the matters to come before it is the matter of the regulation of traffic rates on railroads, and by common carriers generally, for the revelations of traffic methods which the investigations of the trusts has made, show that the evils complained of cannot be reached without counting refrigerator car service, and steamship connections of railroads as part of the problem to be grappled with. The form in which the matter of traffic regulations is likely to come before Congress is the proposal to give the Inter-State Commerce Commission, not only the right to declare rates unjust or discriminating, but to establish rates which it shall deem just and proper, and to enforce them. This is the proposal which President Roosevelt favors. Whatever opinion is held of it, it must be admitted that it goes farther in the direction of governmental regulation of business than anything heretofore attempted in American legislation. It is radical. It is a material advance in a direction that many believe to be socialistic, though the epithet socialistic has lost many of the terrors it used to have.

Another matter of very great importance that will come before this session of Congress is the Panama Canal. Whatever conclusion the engineers may arrive at, the final determination of whether the canal to be built shall be a sea level canal or a lock canal rests with Congress. It is Congress that will vote the money to build it, and Congress is likely to have its say as to how the canal shall be built.

Insular possessions are likely to come before Congress in a good many forms. Hawaii has a few things it wants Congress to do, though anything we may want or bring forward is likely to be entirely overshadowed by the Philippine question, and any disposition that is made of us and of our requests is likely to be very much affected, indirectly and obliquely, probably, but none the less decisively, by the outcome of the discussions on the various phases of the Philippine problem.

Porto Rico and Cuba will each probably absorb a good deal of attention, and the disclosures relating to the management of life insurance companies are certain to have their echoes in Congress.

In many of these problems, there are strong contending interests—interests strongly materially and having much at stake. It is to be sincerely hoped that in the struggle of these interests, the real merits of the problems will not be overlooked or forgotten.

These are only a few of the problems to come before this session of Congress but they are sufficient to give more than ordinary importance to the session.

The Price Of Silver

The silver question, which everybody supposed was disposed of by the results of the elections of 1896 and 1900, still hobs up every once in a while. Lately a cablegram announced that the value of the new Peso, the silver coinage provided by the United States for the Philippines had begun to fluctuate by reason of the demand for the coins as bullion in Hong Kong. Eradstreet's, in its issue for November 18, says:

"Prices for silver bullion have been strengthening of late in a quiet way without attracting much attention, although the movement has naturally been attended by more or less speculation in the London market. The present week, however, brought with it increased activ-

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All of which indicates that elections may not always settle economic questions.

The Advertiser should not be so sure that it is a gentleman who is sending it anonymous letters about the affairs of the Central Union Church. Perhaps it's a lady.

The Turk seems to be forcing the hand of the Powers.

If gold really has been found in any quantities near the Straits of Magellan, that region may look for a development within a few years which it would not have under ordinary circumstances in several hundred years.

Perhaps one way of securing reform in the administration of life insurance companies would be the education of the public up to a point that would make it unnecessary to employ high priced agents to persuade men to do what an ordinary sense of duty to those dependent on them ought to prompt them to do.

Bishop Libert and Father Valentine certainly received an enthusiastic welcome from their people.

With everybody jumping on football, it will begin to look dubious for the manufacturers of football paraphernalia. But then the barbers may come into their own.

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It looks to us as though the life-insurance agent were the innocent bystander in this investigation. Soliciting business at this time must be about as pleasant a job as carrying an elephant up sixteen flights of stairs.—The Chicago News.

Now that the Mutual Life has decided to investigate itself, we may soon have an impartial and disinterested showing as to what the facts really are instead of the one-sided and prejudiced findings of the State.—The Kansas City Journal.

Cunliff, the express robber, says it is difficult for a man to be honest on a salary of \$65 a month. The life-insurance investigations indicate that it is difficult for some men to be honest on a salary of \$65 an hour.—The Washington Post.

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BILL HUIHUI LOCKED UP ON SUSPICION BY POLICE—WIGWAM SALOON ROBBED LAST NIGHT.

Bill Huihui, the ex-prizefighter, is locked up in the police station for "Investigation." A saloon, some bottles of whiskey, some money, a dog and Bill are mixed up in rather a peculiar way and the police are going to make a careful inquiry into the circumstances.

The Wigwam Saloon in Kakaako was entered by some one about midnight last night and robbed of four bottles of whiskey and \$4 in cash. Bill Huihui was seen by some boys in Kakaako coming from the direction of the saloon. He had apparently some packages under his arms. Sometime later Bill reappeared and told the boys he had about 50 cents about his clothes and he would treat them. They said he could not for the saloon was closed. Bill went to W. Reuter, the mounted officer on the beat and informed Reuter that he, Bill, had gone to the Wigwam Saloon to get a dog that had been tied there and had discovered that the saloon had been robbed. Reuter took Huihui into custody.

BECOMES SUGAR FACTOR.
Frank C. Atherton has left the Bank of Hawaii to become assistant manager of the Sugar Factors' Company, E. E. Paxton being manager.

MARSHAL SHINE BRINGS THREE MEN WHO WERE INDICTED IN HONOLULU.

United States Marshal Shine, of the district of Northern California, arrived here this morning on the S. S. China, bringing with him three prisoners who are wanted here on indictments charging them with attempting to pass counterfeit money. They are men who were on the transport Sherman when she passed through here at the time when District Attorney Breckons and Marshal Hendry took half a dozen men off on suspicion that they were concerned in making or passing counterfeit money.

The three men brought from San Francisco are J. Duffy, J. Rooney and J. Shea. Investigations here after they had left for the coast indicated that they were concerned in the use of the bad money, and a cable was sent to have them arrested. The Grand Jury here indicted them for attempting to pass counterfeit money.

Deputy Marshal Winter went out to meet the steamer this morning and had the men placed in Oahu jail. They had preliminary hearings in San Francisco, and are here now for trial.

Captain Berger and the Hawaiian Band gave a concert on the U. S. S. Supply this morning and then went to the Russian cruiser Lena and played.