SERGEANT CAUGHT CRIBBING?

JAKE BROWN DISMISSED FROM POLICE EXAMINATION ROOM.

Other Sergeants Hiss Him—Surprised With a Paper on Which Were Memoranda of Department Rules—First in Last Competition and Demanded This.

Sergt. Jacob Brown considered one of the shining lights in the Police Department, was accused of "cribbing" yesterday in the examination of sergeants which the Municipal Civil Service Commission is holding preparatory to making up an eligible list for promotions to captaincies. The examiners say that Sergt. Brown was caught in the act of taking from his pocket a paper containing memoranda that would prove valuable in the examination. He was taken before Chief Examiner Ireland, who excluded him from the examination and ordered him out of the room. Some of those at the examination say that as he went out Sergt. Brown was hissed by the seventy other sergeants who were taking the examination with him.

Sergt. Brown admitted last night that he had a paper with memoranda in the examination room, but he asserted that nothing that would be useful to him was written on it. He says he accidentally drew it from his pocket with a handkerchief and had no intention of cheating.

Police Commissioner Murphy called about four months ago for an eligible list for promotion to captaincies, the State Civil Service Commission having abolished the list on which the old Police Board made seventeen captains last December. Sergt. Brown was at the top of the old list, so far as examination results went, but he was not promoted. He protested to the State Civil Service Commission that he did not get a fair rating, and he was instrumental in having the old list abolished, the promotions thrown out and this new examination ordered. In the last examination his rating was 24.5 out of a possible 25 per cent. He received 99¼ per cent. in the mental examination.

The new examination has been going on since Monday in the rooms of the Civil Service Commission in the New York Life Building. Yesterday was the last day. The sergeants are being examined on their knowledge of the rules of the department. Seventy of them were taking the examination.

Nothing unusual happened until about 3 o'clock. Then one of the assistant examiners, ex-Senator Frank Gallagher of Brooklyn, ran over to where Sergt. Brown was sitting and grabbed him by the arm. Mr. Gallagher had been standing behind a door, and (so he says) had seen Sergt. Brown draw a piece of paper from his pocket. Gallagher demanded the paper and Sergt. Brown handed it to him. Mr. Gallagher then took all of Sergt. Brown's examination papers from him and sent for Chief Examiner Ireland who was in another room.

As Mr. Ireland came into the room Sergt. Brown ran up to him. Mr. Ireland looked over the papers, listened to what Mr. Gallagher had to say and then dismissed Sergt. Brown from the examination, after telling him that he had been warned with the other competitors against carrying any memorandum papers into the examination room. The commotion had attracted the attention of the other sergeants and word was passed that Sergt. Brown had been caught cheating. One of them said last night that all the rest stood up and hissed Sergt. Brown as he walked out.

Chief Examiner Ireland said last night in reference to Brown's case that one of the examiners caught Sergt. Brown with a piece of paper in his possession on which were written memoranda calculated to aid him. The examiner immediately took all of Sergt. Brown's papers away and Mr. Ireland was summoned.

"Up to that time," said the Chief Examiner, "everything had been done so quietly that only two or three men in the room were aware that anything out of the ordinary was going on, but when I entered Sergt. Brown came up to me and began to protest warmly against the taking away of his papers. I told him that all of the sergeants had been warned not to take any paper of any sort into the room, that he knew this as well as anybody else and that I didn't care to discuss the matter with him at all. I then told him that he was dismissed from the examination, and he was ordered from the room.

"As to what the paper which was taken from him contained I do not know exactly yet. I merely glanced over it, but on it were written things bearing on the examination. I kept the paper myself.

"So far as I remember incidents of this sort have happened only a few times before. On one occasion some firemen and policemen were dismissed for taking notes into examinations. Sergt. Brown was one of the men who worked hardest to get this examination, and he was at the very top of the eligible list."

When seen at his home, 116 St. Marks place, last night Sergt. Brown made this statement to a SUN reporter:

It is true that I was dismissed from the examining room to-day. These are the facts:

Having finished my papers on the Rules and Regulations and on Crimes, I had one more set of questions to answer. During the last few weeks, in preparing for the examination, I have carried around with me a small slip of paper on which were written the names of the various ordinances. For instance, on the paper that was second were such words as barks, Rots, Building laws, doorman, roundsman, &c., so that on looking at this paper the rules and duties connected with the words referred to would immediately recur to me. While sitting at the desk and looking at those I could see by this slip and at that way I was able to seize the knowledge fresh in my mind. It can be seen, though, that even were I disposed to use this paper for dishonest purposes it would convey no information. But such was not my intention. Of course, I was not aware of the fact that no memorandum paper would be allowed in the room, but it never occurred to me that this slip was in any possession.

While waiting to receive my questions for the last studies, I drew my handkerchief from my pocket and in so doing the small slip fell on the floor. Immediately one of the examiners approached me and picked up the slip. I handed it to him, telling him to examine it well. He made some questions over it and repeated, as I suppose, to Mr. Ireland. In a few minutes later I was requested by Mr. Ireland to leave the room.

I told Mr. Ireland to give me a fair show and to examine the slip carefully and then would be generous enough to apologize. With that I left the room. I do not purpose to let the matter drop. Next Monday morning I shall see Mr. Ireland and talk it over, and I am sure he will regard the incident in the fair light.

The news that Jake Brown had been dismissed from the sergeants' examination was eagerly discussed at the police station last night. Commissioner Murphy said that the Civil Service Commission had made no complaint to him and with what was made no could tell what he would do. Civil Service Commissioner Ireland refused over the trouble into which Sergt. Brown has got himself. Many the promotions were being made but fall in line acting captains of the Second Grand Jurors for more than a year prior to [illegible] was acting captain in Madison street. He was made a sergeant about five years ago. Prior to he was in the Fifth street station.

Young John Smith Married.

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A Conglomerated Hunting Accident.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT.

Interesting Contests Expected on the Gridiron.

The interscholastic football season is in full swing, and from now until Thanksgiving Day games will be played without any let-up. Both the New York and Brooklyn schools have their teams fully organized and, barring accidents, the elevens as made up to-day will remain for the balance of the season. The past week has seen some interesting battles, and the predictions made early in the season have fallen flat, owing to the showing of the teams that were counted out of the race.

The season among the schools, members of the Long Island Interscholastic Athletic League, is already well advanced, and from the showing the schools have made in championship games it looks like a fight between Erasmus Hall High School, Pratt Institute and Brooklyn High School. These three schools have the strongest teams this year, and it will be a battle royal for the honors.

The Erasmus Hall High School of Flatbush has an athletic association filled with spirit. Aside from football every line of sport will be indulged in this season. The school has only been a member of the Long Island League a short while, but in that time it has proved a worthy opponent. That the football team is a good one was shown in the game against Pratt Institute at Washington Park on Saturday, Oct. 26. The final score was 2 to 0 in favor of Erasmus Hall High School boys, but had they not fumbled badly at critical stages a much larger score would have been made. In the seven games played by the team up to last Friday six have been victories. Capt. McNulty is practising hard with the eleven and is confident that the team will carry off the honors.

Active preparations are being made for track athletics at the school. Although no captain has been chosen, indoor work is going on. A relay team will be entered in the games of the Twenty-third Regiment, to be held in Brooklyn on Nov. 29. All the old players for the hockey team have returned, and as soon as the Claremont Avenue Rink opens practice work will begin. Prof. Lasher, the coach, expects a much better showing than last year. The basketball team of last year also remains intact, and with the abundance of new material Fred Kiendl expects to have a strong team. The Thirteenth Regiment Armory has been engaged for practice, and two days each week will be devoted to the fine points of the game. The candidates for the team are: McNulty, Foote, Schneider, J. O'Donoghue, Beavers, Meyer, Archer, W. O'Donoghue, Donaldson, Sullivan, Kiendl, Robb, Nichols, Tafel, Lenz and Lechwinsky. The schedule for the league games, which will all be played at the Pratt Institute Gymnasium, is as follows: Dec. 7, "Poly Prep." school; 14, Pratt Institute; 24, Brooklyn High School; Jan. 11, Adelphi Academy. Meyer, who is Secretary of the athletic association, will practically have charge of all athletic affairs at the school this season.

The football championship of the Long Island Interscholastic Athletic League is held by Pratt Institute, and Capt. White entertains a strong hope of doing the trick again. The team in every respect is well balanced, averaging about 150 pounds, but lack of the proper practice is a great drawback. In the game with Erasmus Hall High School on Oct. 29 Pratt Institute showed a weakness in interference. A leading feature of the gymnasium this winter will be handball, while basketball and hockey will receive the attention as in former years. For the training of the athletes indoor games will be held weekly. A cross-country team will be developed this year and will make its first appearance in the open run to be promoted by the Cutler School Athletic Association over the Morris Park course.

A first-class showing has been made by the team representing Brooklyn High School. Five games had been played against the strongest school elevens in this vicinity and in each a victory was scored. The team has not been scored on and has made a total of 91 points. The team with a few exceptions is the same as represented the school last year. The hardest tussle of the season thus far was with Morristown School. Two of the best players were injured, W. Dykeman, the right tackle, broke his right collarbone, while Reid, the clever quarter back, was laid out in a scrimmage and had to be carried from the field. The former is out of the game for the rest of the season, while Reid is likely to come around in a few days. McLaughlin, the old Cornell player, is not discouraged over this and says that the team will be just as strong as ever. Handball, hockey, skating and basketball will flourish at the school this winter. The basketball team has already had reinforcing. Frank Thompson, one of the best players in the school, broke his left arm while at practice in the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory last week. He was the mainstay of the team. The fracture is near the wrist and will occupy months in healing.

That Dr. George Ray Hare, head coach of the St. Paul School team of Garden City, had to content himself with raw material in moulding together a team is clearly demonstrated. The two games already played in the Long Island Interscholastic series have resulted in defeats. Coach Hare, is, however, not a man to give up and with hard and earnest work he expects the team to follow the footsteps of other St. Paul School teams in short while. Capt. Reed is doing good work, while Reed is playing a star game at left tackle and is taking care of the kicking department in fine style. The team which fully organized will line up as follows:

Windash, left end; Reed, left tackle; Venable, left guard; Rose, centre; Stace, right guard; Argersinger, right end; Church, quarter back; Pratt, quarter back; Mitchell, left half back; Reed, captain and right half back; Evans full back.

The "Poly" Prep. School also has a team in the race for the championship series, but failed to closed with the four schools named above. The office of the star players last June left the school in a bad way for material. Brooklyn Latin School and Adelphi Academy have more strong teams in the field this year. They, however, have strong teams in the junior championships.

The third annual football championship of the Metropolitan High School Athletic League was played on Saturday, Oct. 26. Three games were played. De Witt Clinton High School 6 Evening Post Cooper High School 0 (2 to 0); Morris Training High School 0 Commercial High School 35 (6 to 0); and Manning High School beating Jersey City High School 28 (6 to 0). Each year since the league has been formed a trophy has been awarded for best showing in the work of the league. De Witt Clinton High School is the fourth time. De Witt Clinton High School brings into the championship in 1900 which it lost four strong competitors in the league, and the defeat of Morris Training High School was just the first one and two days. The game with Evening Post Cooper High School and Flushing High School had not with an [illegible] in the league [illegible] The Commercial championship of the New York Interscholastic Athletic Association [illegible] Commercial High School and Columbia Grammar School [illegible] Commercial High School [illegible] Columbia Grammar School [illegible] Commercial High School [illegible] Columbia Grammar School [illegible] Commercial High School [illegible]