GRAFT AS THE BEAM

Prof. Conway MacMillan Intimates That "Professionalism" Is Relatively a Mere Mote.

He Places the Honest Athlete Above the So-Called "Pure Amateur."

Professor Conway MacMillan of the state university is impelled by the charges of graft in twin city interscholastic athletics to take up the cudgels against the amateur code of American colleges. Professsor MacMillan has long maintained that the rules defining amateurs were wrong both in principle and in practice, and in this position he is supported by The Journal. Discussing the charges of graft in the high schools, Professor MacMillan said to-day:

"In connection with the annual report of Dr. E. V. Robinson of St. Paul, who has called attention to a great evil in scholastic athletics, I am impelled to say a few words. The evil is not always limited to the high schools. It has been well known that in some instances even college and university athletics have not been free from dishonesty and graft."

"All right-minded men will condemn this sort of thing.

"Yet it must be remembered that imperfect human nature is prone to err and honesty, among the young, is not necessarily more universal than among the middle-aged or old. If there is crooked financial management in municipalities, business and professions, so may there also be dishonesty and manipulation in the affairs of athletics in the schools.

"In my opinion the bad ethics of amateurism is partly responsible for the serious conditions which exist in American sport. In this view perhaps I shall have few to support and many to criticize me, but there are possibly not a large number of men in Minnesota who, by reason of long experience and careful study of the conditions, are better qualified to speak and perhaps it is a duty to emphasize what I believe to be right.

"It is wrong to steal, to lie, to defraud, to deceive. It is not wrong to take pay for one's services. The boy who robs the box office in an athletic association is laying the fomudation for a life of viciousness and crime. The boy who pitches good ball for a country nine at $5 or $10 a game is perhaps earning money for the support of himself or his family.

"There is a tremendous difference between the two. Most sensible men will agree with me.

"But what are the facts? The boys in the high schools are led to believe that severest condemnation awaits only the 'professional.' 'Is it true,' one is asked, 'have you ever used your athletic skill for gain? If you have, you can not play with us. We are gentlemen amateurs. There is no reform possible for you. You are without the pale. It is said that once you ran a race. There was a $5 prize. You won it. Never again can you compete in games in the schools or colleges. You are a professional. Go find your level with the pugilists and the jockeys. We cannot tolerate your presence now. We can never tolerate it in the future.'

"What sort of confusion does this necessarily produce in the mind of the young athlete?

"I can find nothing in the laws or in the scriptures that justifies this un-American attitude. Upon a former occasion I pointed out that it was an outgrowth of the English class system. It has no place in a democracy. An English university may be a place for English gentlemen of leisure. They may protect their class by whatever restrictions they will. That is their affair. But an American school or university has no right to deny any man his opportunity. If he has been a professional athlete but enters a school as a "bona fide" student, I hold that he has the same right to its social life and educational privileges that any other man has. I firmly believe that this is the true American position and I shall maintain it in the face of all the criticism of the 'genuine amateurs.'

"Athletics rightly administered are at the very foundation of right education. Athletics wrongly administered are as wrong as any other wrong thing.

"The days of expensive hired coaches, big gate receipts, excessive expenditure for training, must, in the nature of things, be transitory. A saner spirit must make itself felt and I believe it will. Meanwhile, why should not the men who are particularly interested in the management of interscholastic athletics forget their mad anxiety to toady to the opinion of the English "gentleman amateur" and focus their attention upon the development of simple, American, manly sport, upon a simple, American basis of common honesty and progressive excellence?

"One way towards reform is to wipe out the amateur code. Is not the honest man of more importance to America than the 'pure amateur?' Yet the boy who lies and steals and deceives and defrauds may hold his place upon the team. He may be forgiven all that. The boy who has 'used his athlitic skill for gain' can never be forgiven. What sort of a wretched and snobbish ideal is that to hold before the young?

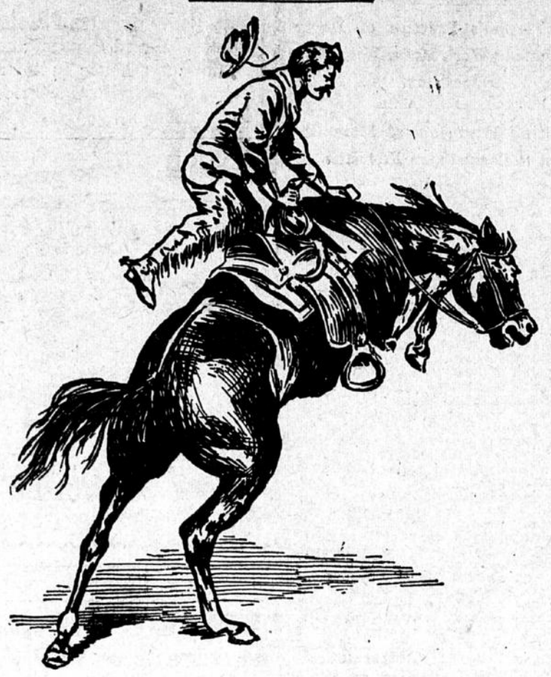
"Let us get down to first principles."

SMASHES AUTO RECORD

Barney Oldfield Makes Mile in 56 2-5 Seconds.

At the annual meeting of the Columbus Automobile club, held at Columbus Driving park Saturday afternoon, Barney Oldfield broke all the world's records on a circular track from one to ten miles. The time as announced for each mile follows: 56 2-5 seconds, 59, 59 3-5, 1:00, 59 3-5, 59 3-5, 1:01, 1:00, 59 3-5, 1:00, time for ten miles, 9:54 4-5.

WILD WEST RIDER AT THE HORSE SHOW



ROUGH RIDERS HERE

New Feature Is Added to the Minneapolis Riding and Driving Club's Horse Show.

Postponed Events Will Be Run Off This Week—Program for To-morrow.

A new feature has been added to the program of the Minneapolis Riding and Driving club's horse show which was resumed at Hamline this afternoon after several days' postponement on account of rain. The extra attraction is the bunch of rough riders and "bronco busters" managed by George B. Goulding of Denver. This combination is touring the west, giving exhibitions in the larger cities. The company includes the famous Harry Brennan, champion of the world, and holder of the $500 silver championship belt, given by the Denver Post; Curtis Jackson, winner of the $500 prize given by the Indianapolis horse show association; and Otis Jackson, winner of the $500 prize at the Kansas City horse show. Others are: Jack McGuire, Sheridan, Wyo.; William Connors, Belle Plaine, Tex.; Mart Mortison, Brush, Col.; Earl Crouch, North Park, Col.; Jim Nix, Greely, Col.; and C. D. Munroe, Sterling, Col.

This troup of expert horse tamers will give exhibitions at the horse show during every one of the four days this week. Wednesday afternoon there will be a special contest for a purse offered by the management of the horse show. The management will ask no extra money in consequence of this extra feature, the general admission being the same as heretofore.

To-morrow's program includes a number of attractive events. A pursuit race, five miles, for automobiles, will be one of the best numbers on the card. In the horse show department ten classes will be shown. The fox hunt, in which a number of packs of hounds will try for a $100 purse, is a novel feature.

EASY FOR BRYN MAWR MEN

The Minneapolis Golfers Defeat Eau Claire 63 Up—Big Scores by Schroyer and Stewart.

The Bryn Mawr golf team had an easy time defeating the Eau Claire club at Eau Claire Saturday. Bryn Mawr finished 63 up, only one Eau Claire man winning his match. The score:

EAU CLAIRE.		BRYN MAWR.	
Frawley	0	Lawhead	5
Joyce	0	Tuller	6
Graham	0	Rees	0
C. M. Buffington	0	Hertig	5
D. R. Moon	0	Legg	5
S. G. Moon	0	Cutts	4
B. A. Buffington	0	Schroyer	9
Wilcox	0	Stewart	9
Dulaney	0	Sanders	2
G. H. Chaoman	0	Murray	5
Chaoman	0	McCollom	5
Thompson	0	Shouten	8
Owen	0	Huntington	5
Parkinson	5	Gary	0
Total	5	Totals	63

SHAMROCK III. A GHOST

New Challenger Defeats Her Predecessor by Thirty-one Minutes in Thirty Miles.

New York July 6.—The Shamrock III. Saturday proved herself a veritable ghost in light winds by defeating Shamrock I. more than thirty-one minutes in a eleven-mile heat to windward.

It was a drifting match in a wind averaging not more than three or four miles an hour. If Shamrock I., as reported, is ten minutes faster than ever before on a thirty-mile course, the performance of the new cup challenger was little short of marvelous.

Saturday night the men on Sir Thomas' fleet were of the opinion that if the Reliance could have beaten Shamrock III. Saturday, the days of miracles were not past. Changes that vastly improved the new boat had evidently been made.

	Start.	Finish.	Elapsed Time.
Shamrock III	12:22:40	4:33:40	4:11:00
Shamrock I	12:20:20	5:02:20	4:42:10

The veteran yacht Argo, champion of the Inland Lake Yachting association in 1897, demonstrated Saturday that she was still a dangerous rival by defeating a fleet of five starters in the third Phelps cup race at Pewaukee, Wis. The start was close, Allimac II. being the only boat slow in responding to the 3 o'clock gun. The first leg was a hard beat to windward. The boats split immediately after crossing the line. Argo chose the south shore and the rest held to the north, hoping to get the shore breeze, but the wind shifted several points, which favored Argo, and at the turn she led Allimac II. and Calumet by three minutes before the wind spinnakers were used, and Argo, sailing free, easily took first honors.

An immediate success follows Journal want ads.

Harsh, purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action and mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them, they will certainly please you.

ROOT FIGHTS BADLY

Gardner Wins the Light Heavyweight Title in Battle at Fort Erie.

Victor Fails to Show Championship Form—Contest Was Quite One-Sided.

Fort Erie, July 6.—With his hands extended and his body poised for further battle, Jack Root was counted out Saturday afternoon in a battle which gave undisputed possession to George Gardner of Lowell of the title of champion light-heavyweight of America.

Four thousand excited men saw the game Chicago boy go down five times from the vicious and seemingly awkward swings of the fighting demon from Massachusetts, but there was no objection raised when, after having been knocked down three times in the twelfth round, he was technically counted out when on his feet. It would have been inhuman to have sent him further. He was weakened and his vim was gone. Gardner was ready and eager to administer the coup de grace.

If one was to base an opinion strictly on the composite opinion of the hundreds of experts gathered in the sunbaked arena, the fight was Gardner's from the start. He had the better of eight of the twelve rounds, Root showing to advantage but twice. He reached Gardner time and again, but without force, seemingly fearing to cut loose and extending himself. It is too late to say what might have happened; even to predict what may happen, but Root fought one of the worst fights of his career. He was slow. He was clumsy and missed again and again, hooking for Gardner's jaw, only to swing wildly around his head. He stabbed his left to Gardner's face a score of times, but without enough steam to send his head back. There was no snap, no jolt, no ginger. It is only fair to say that Gardner failed to show championship form. He won a championship in a bad fight, and to retain it he must do better than he did Saturday.

CRICKET

The Minneapolis Cricket club met the Minnesota team of St. Paul at the locals' grounds, Thirty-ninth street and Bryant avenue S, on Saturday and gained a most decisive victory, beating the St. Paulites by 105 runs, thru the agency of the Brothers. Godwin, whose bowling was brilliant. liant.

W. Swarbreck and A. E. Woolian started batting for Minneapolis to the bowling of Bartlett and Napier. Runs came slowly, Swarbreck being dismissed with the score at 18 for a well-played 15. Richards made 11 and the team was all out for 57.

Minnesota started batting after lunch and were completely at the mercy of W. H. Godwin and P. Godwin. Minnesota could gain only 10 runs against these crack bowlers. Minneapolis, in the second innings, made 67. Minnesota's second innings was but a walking match to and from the wicket. The Godwins mowed down their wickets for 9 runs.

FOREIGN FLASHES

Rome—Very Rev. Robert Seton was yesterday consecrated bishop of Heliopolis.

St. Petersburg—Grand Duke Vladimir will object to the czar against soldiers acting as prison guards.

Berlin—Emperor William and Prince Henry took lunch on Cornelius Vanderbilt's yatch, North Star, at Travemunde.

Yokohama—The report is current that the premier has resigned on account of the difficulties of adjusting the next budget.

London—The hotels are unable to accommodae the tide of visitors on account of the reception to President Loubet of France.

Johannesburg—James Beasley is arrested here charged with forging postal orders at Nome. Detectives pursued him 17,000 miles.

Nancy, France—A former French officer named Balligue has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment for spying in behalf of Germany.

Paris—Electricity will be the sole medicine of the future, according to D'Arsonval, a well-known savant of the Physiological Institute, of Paris.

City of Mexico—Consul General Gutierrez, of Santo Domingo, states that the only hope of that country lies in annexation to the United States.

Paris—Two women accompanied their husbands in the balloon race yesterday. Mrs. Savalle holds a record of 254 miles and will doubtless get the cup.

Rio de Janeiro—The cruiser Benjamin Constant will sail next month for the United States to return the visit made by American warships when General Alvos assumed the presidency.

Tokio—The emperor has directed the premier to take a brief rest, but he will retain office. It is generally expected that some arrangement will be effected without a ministerial disturbance.

The district commissioner and chief of police are investigating an alleged scandal regarding the payment of money to secure positions on the force.

ROUGH RIDER WANTS PAY

Alexis Georgian Secures Attachment Against Forepaugh-Fish Show.

Alexis Georgian, leader of the Cossacks and the Arab acrobats, has commenced an action against the Luella Forepaugh-Fish show to recover $1,133.33. The papers were file dto-day in the county clerk's office and writs of attachment issued. When these papers are served it will be a case of pay up or suspend operations.

Alexis alleges that last January he entered into a contract with the show people to furnish the Cossacks and Arabs for $325 per week. He alleges that he has received no payment since June 6.

Just where the aggregation of rough riders is now doing business is not known, but Alexis is hot on their trail.

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