

NEWS AFTER MATHS OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

MICHIGAN AND YALE

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Notable Gathering of Athletic Authorities at Football Dinner of Chicago Press Club.

New York Sun Special Service. Chicago, Nov. 28.—Probably the most important gathering of athletic authorities that ever assembled in the west was that which the Press club dined at its rooms last night.

Athletic authorities from the conference colleges, together with the foremost in the east, voiced their opinions as to how football and other sports may be benefited, and each speaker was listened to with marked attention.

The first speaker of the evening was Professor O. J. Thatcher of Chicago, of Chicago, who humorously referred to the defeat of the maroons Thursday afternoon which he hoped for yesterday season.

Walter Camp of Yale, who is considered the authority in the east on football and other sports, but how would you be satisfied if I put Heston of Michigan on the team this year?

This remark was greeted with much applause, for it was practically an admission from Camp that Heston had made the team. Continuing, the speaker said:

"I was very much impressed with what I saw at the games played Thursday. The play indeed proved rapidly, and I am very much pleased. Practically the thing that impressed me Thursday was the absolute confidence the players had in their officials. There was no attempt at stealing distance or disputing the decisions of the officials, which demonstrated the fact that they would receive every inch that they earned, and would be deprived of none. This gives both teams a chance to play good football and makes the work of the officials very easy. Indeed, the east can learn a lesson from the west in this respect.

"Often times I have been asked what chance Michigan would have with Yale or Princeton. What I saw Thursday was good, fast football on the part of Michigan. Eleven men were with the ball all week, and they played with the ball. From the manner that Michigan played Thursday, I would say that a game between Michigan and Yale would be a very close one, and the teams of the west with those of the east is very difficult now to what it was a few years ago. I came out here this year, knowing that the methods of defense used by the western teams had been changed and eastern methods had been instituted. The coaches nearly all know the methods of defense as played in the east.

"Another feature that is to be commended is the press accounts of the game. Out here football is a study among newspaper men, more so than in the east. The press is full of favorites; the criticism is fair and no wrong comparisons seem to be used.

"Professor Pattangill of Michigan another member of the conference board, dwelt upon the thorough canvass that is made among high and preparatory schools for the purpose of securing athletes and players. He stated that this evil was not so bad among members of the alumni of colleges as has been supposed, for it is really no worse than the practice of training after the game Thursday in the dinner at quarters where all the delicacies particularly forbidden football men were served. He stated that yesterday many players left for home. Their condition after the game was worse than after any other game this season and they were unable to return to the field for the valor.

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Long Discussion Over Plan to Check Evil of Recruiting High School Athletes.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The first day's session of the annual conference of the faculty representatives of the "big nine" colleges was held up chiefly with the consideration of Superintendent Cooley's communication regarding high school athletes and with discussion of the application of Nebraska and Notre Dame for admission into the conference.

The application of both colleges was refused. Nebraska's for the second time on the grounds previously stated in 1899 and last spring, that admission of other colleges would make the conference unwieldy and that this delay is generally fatal, and the incoming college to form similar groups. The conferees stated explicitly that the matter was not decided on the basis of the merit of their application, but that question not being brought up at all.

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Quarterbacks Not Successful in Attempting to Carry Ball From the Scrimmage.

Football Man Suggests That Quarter Be Allowed to Buck Line on Direct Pass.

"Do you notice how little the quarterback rule affects the game?" said a football man recently. "When the rule was announced permitting a quarter to run on a direct pass from center and advance the ball five yards either side of center as far as he could, there was a general holler and protest, and the best of teams feared a runaway game of it. Instead, so sharp was the work put on the ends and backs in breaking up interference that the quarterback run in big games has been kept absolutely under cover. One reason for this is that a quarter is slowed up to let the interference get ahead of him. This delay is generally fatal, and the incoming college to form similar groups. The conferees stated explicitly that the matter was not decided on the basis of the merit of their application, but that question not being brought up at all.

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De Witt of Princeton One of the Most Remarkable Athletes in Country.

"We are all more or less hero-worshippers nowadays, and during the brief but highly exciting two months which comprise the football season, those who follow any intercollegiate matches usually hear the praises of certain remarkable players and enjoy a look at the individuals."

Of the men who stand out prominently as captains of the big eastern teams this season, each has some particular specialty which makes him noteworthy, says Walter Camp, College Weekly. One reason for this is that a quarter is slowed up to let the interference get ahead of him. This delay is generally fatal, and the incoming college to form similar groups. The conferees stated explicitly that the matter was not decided on the basis of the merit of their application, but that question not being brought up at all.

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All Star Team Selected From Among the Best Players of the City.

"The all-star high school team this year is, it must be confessed, not entirely up to the standard of some previous seasons. There are no backs the class with such an O'Brien, Biddle, Liggett, Harris or Norton. The material generally is lighter than in most years, especially at the ends and behind the line.

McCarthy of Central high is clearly entitled to the place at center. He has been the backbone of his team during the whole season, and is by far the headiest and trickiest man in the business. Bowman of South high has been the best back of his team during the season, but not so much experience or knowledge of the game.

Berg of South high outclasses the other guards. He plays a good defensive game, and is the best line plunger of the year in any position. He is remarkably heavy for a high school guard and promises to make a good second team player in the future. He has two more years in high school. H. Oswald of North high is given the other position. He has played a steady and consistent game as a center. Morrill of the same team has not lived up to his reputation.

Ostrand of South high has plenty of weight and consistency as a strong ground gainer, but has been very successful in breaking thru on the defensive. J. Oswald of North high is a fine player, but has not played well.

Chestnut of South high has done remarkable defensive work, and opposite him has fought his way practically invulnerable. This may be partly due to the good assistance rendered him by his teammates, Berg and Ostrand, but the quality of Chestnut's work cannot be gainsaid. Wingard of North high is light, but has played a nifty, heady game. Solem and Gaylor also done good work.

Yerxa outclasses the other quarters in brilliancy of play, as well as in experience. Barrett of North high has done the best work as a halfback of South high. Wyman of East high is shifted to halfback, altho he has played fullback all season. He is a strong ground gainer, and a fair defensive man. Hawley of Central is a remarkably shifty man, and has lots of nerve. The same may be said of Ludwig of East high, who has the right physical makeup, but neither is inclined to fight hard for distance when carrying the ball.

Marks has done the best work at fullback, in line plunging, and in interference. Morse is another good player, but not so aggressive a player as Marks.

No attempt has been made to select men from either of the two St. Paul teams as the material there is of poor quality, and the elevens have not played enough Minneapolis teams to show the real ability of their men.

EQUAL OF ANCIENT GREEK Prof. J. C. Elson Says Modern Athlete Is in No Way His Inferior.

Professor J. C. Elson of the University of Wisconsin delivered a lecture, illustrated with stereoscopic pictures, on "Physical Training in the Schools and Colleges of the United States," at the west side high school, in Milwaukee, recently. Professor Elson, by way of introduction, exhibited a number of pictures of famous athletes of the past, and then threw upon the canvas pictures of some of the more notable athletes of the present.

A series of pictures showed the physical development of the modern athlete, and the commonest of these showed one shoulder "higher than the other."

"It is due to the manner in which the small child has been in the habit of sitting. It is not an easy task to correct these defects, but with a few years of study to the university course, but we do the best we can, and it is a much better job than the tailor can accomplish with his pads."

BOWLING Commercial League. DONALDSON'S. First. Second. Third. Average. Hansen 290 175 237 164. Nichols 282 216 198 198. Nichols 212 169 137 170 1/2. Random 183 919 901.

ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM Low Rates to Chicago. On account of the International Live Stock Show, the Rock Island System will sell round-trip tickets to Chicago at one fare plus \$2.

NEEDED PROTECTION. Chicago News. A man who has been offered to get \$10,000 that the Pullman right offered to give him a couple of policemen.

ALL-WESTERN TEAM

Minnesota Is Entitled to Four Places on the Star Eleven This Year.

Michigan Gets Three Men, Wisconsin Two, Chicago One and Notre Dame One.

"It is practically impossible to select an all-western eleven upon which adherents of all teams will agree. There would be hard, however, to pick a team much stronger than that given above. There are some positions in regard to which there is no controversy. Eckersall of Chicago is clearly entitled to the quarterback position. He runs a team with great speed, and is perhaps the most dangerous man in the west in a broken field. In addition to these qualities his kicking removes all doubt in regard to his position for the future. He is a place no one will dispute is Heston of Michigan for one halfback position. He is undoubtedly the greatest ground gainer in the west, and has won for three years has towered head and shoulders above the other members of a remarkably strong team.

Maddock of Michigan, at halfback of Minnesota are clearly the best tackles in the west. Their remarkable feats in advancing the ball are well known. In the west, the last, because of the rule prohibiting taking linemen back to aid in the interference, Maddock excels in plunges and is the only player in the west carrying the ball, and none excels there greatly in other departments of the game.

Vanderboom of Wisconsin is entitled to the other halfback position. His line plunges in the Minnesota National league are well known. How his team was outclassed as a whole, and he had nearly as great success against Michigan. Colton of North high is a player who is a good man, but the weakness of their teams prevented them from displaying their ability to the best advantage. Irad and Dwyer of Minnesota, Graver of Michigan, and Besdek of Chicago are good men also. Irad is given the place on the second team because of his ability in defensive work and interference, as well as his strength as a line plunger. Diener of Illinois, who played a remarkably strong game against the Rock Island system, is given the other place on the second team.

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New York and Chicago Will Have Strong Teams in Field Next Season.

"I notice," said Manager Selee of the Chicago Nationals the other day, while indulging in a fanning breeze, "that they are laughing at me. Pittsburgh, for instance, that the club of that city has won the National league pennant for the last time, but I mean to show them what and I shall be surprised if they finish a better than third. Not to mention my own team at the start, I am decidedly of the opinion that New York will make a very strong bid for the National league pennant next season. I know of no team just now—I am speaking of the National league only—that has a better pitching department. The team virtually got along with two pitchers last season. McGinnity and Matthewson pitched in over eighty games and gained sixty-two out of one hundred and four victories. The club did not have a single reliable pitcher to help out the other two. Taylor came the nearest to the others I have mentioned, and he landed twelve games. New York has a splendid adjunct to its pitching department in Ames, and he will do some very effective work for the club in 1904 unless I am very much mistaken."

"We had the most successful season in Chicago we have had for a long time. It is a peculiar thing about the National league baseball is the go only on Saturdays and Sundays. The people do not turn out there during the other days of the week, as they do in New York, where there is more strength in the pitching department than there was last season. There is a place open for McGinnity in New York, and the Nats have last season, if he tends to business. I think he has the ability to make good, and he is a good batsman. He is a fine backstop. "Who did his best to get a ball by him in one of the games he pitched to him and couldn't do it. I expect to have a talk with McLean while I am in New York."

"It is my opinion that the season of 1904 will be even more successful than the past one. Every club will be out to beat Pittsburgh next season. New York has a great season last year, but I venture to predict that that of 1904 will be still more successful. There is no question, the National league will be a very interesting one to my mind it will hold it, notwithstanding all the efforts of the American leaguers."

HIGHEST OF PITCHERS McGraw of New York Gives High Praise to McGinnity.

"If McGinnity is not out of his throat to desert the National league and cast his fortunes with one of the California teams the highest pitcher in the business would have to be McGinnity. He is a fine pitcher. Such is the opinion of Manager McGraw, expressed in discussing the merits of the most famous pitcher in the business."

"Few who have watched the 'Man Man' work are able to see all he does to win games in addition to the mere throwing of curves and sliders. Without doubt he puts up more trapezoidal work than any pitcher in the field, than any pitcher I have ever seen," continued McGraw.

"Bassman takes few privileges when McGinnity is on the slab than they do at any other time. He has so arranged that it is not necessary for him to watch the bases, getting his signals from Landy and McCann, or whoever is catching, as the case may be."

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK To the Editor of The Journal.

For some time past I have been expecting that some one would come forward and take up the subject of consolidating our city and county government. An attempt was made by St. Paul during the last legislature, but to no effect. Why it failed I do not know, but I suppose the people were not thoroughly informed on the matter.

We hear so much in our own city about the very large sums of money being expended for the enormous expenditures that are made. This is a constant complaint, and one which is being made by the people. There are at present six judges, whereas four would amply suffice, as any unbiased and independent attorney will tell you. It is not this expenditure worth looking into? Then in our city government, I would say that one alderman from each ward should be chosen, instead of two, at least. The present system is a very faulty one, and it would be better to make this department responsible in charge of the engineering department, where the work belongs, and it would be better to make this department responsible for the condition of our streets. At present no one is responsible. There is plenty of room for reform and change in our city government, and if it were accomplished we would see more streets paved and in better condition, also better justice to our citizens, and would realize something for the large amount of money that is collected annually in taxes.

I have since had many questions, with the hope that some competent person or persons, would take them up and make a thorough investigation as to what might be done to relieve us of this constant expenditure, without anything to show for it. In making these suggestions I do not mean to reflect upon any officer, but I do mean to say that your costs to the government is very faulty and expensive. It is also an opportune time to take this up for consideration, as a new system of accounting is about to be established, and might we not go a little further and devise a new form of government for our city and county, and adopt the system of accounting for it at the same time?

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