

OPPOSE CHANGE IN THE RULES

FOOTBALL MEN THINK PRESENT SYSTEM IS SATISFACTORY.

Minnesota Players, Coaches and Alumni Are Almost Unanimous in Favor of Retaining the Rules in Their Present Form Another Year—Checkerboard Plan Approved.

Eastern papers have recently been agitating the question of a further change in the football rules. Last year, it will be remembered, radical changes were made by the rules committee. The most important were those affecting play between the twenty-five yard lines. In the sixty yards of the gridiron enclosed between these two lines, it was provided that seven men must be in the rush line when the ball was snapped. It was further provided that the man who first received the ball from the quarterback might run with it, provided he crossed the scrimmage line five yards outside the point from which the ball was snapped.

The effect of these rules was to eliminate mass plays in the greater part of every game, and to produce a more open style of play. Still the changes did not prove so radical as was expected. When the alterations were first made, the cry was raised that it would be impossible, in games between teams of equal or nearly equal strength to gain ground steadily for distances of forty yards or more. This objection was proved groundless, for time and again in such games as those between Minnesota and Michigan or Michigan and Wisconsin, in contests between teams of the first class, one of the other eleven was stopped inside its opponent's twenty-five yard line, or in other words, in the territory where mass plays were permitted, after advancing the ball steadily for forty or fifty yards thru the region where open plays alone were allowed.

The quarterback run was not employed with great success in the west in any of the more important games. Possibly this was due to the lack of star running quarterbacks, but more probably it was because the coaches had not the time to evolve quarter-back plays which would be effective against a good defense. Next fall it is quite likely that a number of the western coaches will devise plays to take advantage of this rule, and that the quarterback run will be a feature of championship games.

Minnesota Profits Most.

To the surprise of a great number, Minnesota profited more than any other western team by the new rules. If the results are taken as the basis for argument, it was predicted on almost all sides that Dr. Williams was first and last a mass play coach, and that he would be unable to drill a team in old-style-formation plays which could compete successfully with the best of the other western eleven. On the contrary, Dr. Williams devised a system of play at once more versatile and more effective than that of any other eleven in the west, and achieved a more notable success under the new rules than he had ever attained in the days of mass plays.

This job of running his secured expressions of opinion from the university coaches and players, as well as from a number of former gridiron stars, in regard to the proposed changes in the rules. Three propositions confront the rules committee.



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One is to leave the rules as they are; another to extend the rules now in force on the checkerboard to the whole field; the third to go back to the rules of 1902, restoring mass plays and cutting out the quarterback run. The first alternative is practically a compromise; the second, an unequalled indorsement of the movement toward more open play; and the third, confession that mass plays are the most desirable style of play.

Almost unanimously the men interviewed by the Journal did not favor retaining the rules in their present form for at least another season. Most of them hold that one year is not a fair test of the new system, and that a better opinion can be formed after the season of 1904, but there is no disposition to favor a return to the old rules. A change in the wording of the rule regarding the quarterback run is desired. At present the rule states that the runner must cross the scrimmage line at least five yards from the point where the ball was snapped. It is felt that less dispute would arise in games if the rule simply required the runner to cross the line outside the tackle position. The opinions of the football men follow:

Let Present Rules Stand.

Dr. H. L. Williams, Coach of Minnesota Team—The rules should be allowed to stand as they are for another year. One year's trial is not sufficient to develop play under new rules, and it would be better to try to improve the present season in order to fully discover their possibilities and defects before attempting a change. George K. Taylor, former quarterback, Minnesota—Should favor leaving the rules as they are for another season. The more open play on the checkerboard is a good thing, provided that there is no ground for the objection made last summer that teams could not gain ground consistently against eleven of the first class without playing to mass plays. After another year's play we can see better just what are the possibilities of the new rules, and what the coaches can do in the way of adjusting to mass play. If any change is desirable, I think the first move should be to eliminate field goals from the scoring. At least the number of points scored in this manner should be cut down. If field goals were eliminated, I should favor extending the checkerboard plan, including the prohibition of mass plays and the quarterback run, to the whole field. As it is, if mass plays inside the twenty-five-yard line were prohibited, it would be much harder to score in the territory where mass plays are permitted. Field goals never should count as high as a touchdown.

Present Rules the Best.

Charles Van Campen, former Quarterback, Minnesota—Think the rules are satisfactory as they are. The checkerboard plan is a good thing, but I should not favor extending it to all parts of the field. The checkerboard plan to my mind desirable, because they usually give victory to the team which is most versatile and most resourceful. The old rules permitting mass plays are a premium on weight, while to go back and eliminate mass plays altogether would make the game less varied and less enjoyable. The experience of last year proved that it is quite as easy to gain ground thru the line when the forwards open a hole for the runner, as to send half a dozen men against a certain point and try to push through by sheer weight. I can think of no changes which would have a reasonable certainty of improving the game.

James H. Harding, former Captain, Minnesota—The change in play effected by the rules adopted for last year was not so radical as we expected. That is, it did not produce a more open game in the center of the field. Still the change made some difference in the style of play, and I would favor trying the present rules a year longer in order to see how they work.

William C. Leary, assistant county attorney and former halfback, Minnesota—Although the new rules governing play on the checkerboard have not proved to be the innovation last season that some of their originators claimed for them still I believe they have merit and I am in favor of retaining them in their present form for at least another season, when their worth may be more fully tested and an opportunity afforded for the fuller development of quarter-back and other open plays. Personally, I must say that during the games last season the changes occasioned by the checkerboard plan were so slight that I hardly noticed them. The principle they involve, however, is good, and I think has been sufficiently demonstrated to warrant their retention for another season, at least until it is called for their extension over the entire field as has been suggested by some of the enthusiasts.

E. P. Harding, former Captain, Minnesota—Try the present rules another year. There is no chance of going back to the old gridiron and an advance would make the game less diversified. I believe that the present rules are very satisfactory. "Sunny" Thorpe, Halfback, Minnesota—The old rules are the best. The five-yard rule is hard to enforce, as it is difficult for the officials to see whether the man with the ball runs outside the limit. If we had the old rules there would be less wrangling during the game. Under the old rules the game was much cleaner.

"Bobby" Marshall, End, Minnesota, '02—I like the game as it is. The rules make the game fast in the center of the field and at the same time prevent quick touchdowns by quarter-back plays near the goal line. I don't know how it looks to the spectators, but the present field rules are a game easier on the player by giving him a change in the style of play and calling different men into action.

CHORAL SOCIETY'S WORK

"The Messiah" Given Effectively at Our Saviour's Church. A meritorious presentation of portions of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," was given at Our Saviour's church Monday evening by the choral society of the church. The principal solos and choruses of the second and third parts were given. The work of the choral society reflects much credit on the musical director, Jacob L. Hjort. The members have acquired precision and assurance and acquitted themselves with much credit. The selection, "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray," is one that will tax the capacities of the best musical organizations, but there was no faltering and it was disposed of in a splendid manner. Owing to the illness of Mrs. A. G. Anderson, the soprano parts were given to Mrs. J. L. Hjort, who despite the short time for preparation rose to the occasion. She has a sweet, clear voice and her work was highly appreciated. Mr. Hjort was in excellent voice and sang with much spirit. Miss Margaret Kvittum, contralto, and Ove Preus, bass, were acceptable.

JAP SHIP CO.'S EXHIBIT

To Be Seen at St. Louis—Officers on Their Way. H. Fugishima, assistant superintendent of the Japan Mail Steamship Company, and T. Takayangi of the freight department staff of the company, passed thru Minneapolis yesterday morning. The company represented by the two will make a fine exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in St. Louis. The company has a number of their vessels, charts and products of the countries between which they ply. The travelers left Yokohama March 18. The impressing of the boats of the company by the mikado for war purposes left the officers idle, so it was determined to do a bit of advertising at the exposition. The government has in use seventy of the boats of the company, whose business is practically suspended during the war.

ONE OF MANY. "What are you going to do with that patent medicine you bought from a neighbor who was carrying half a dozen bottles? 'Wife's going to take it,' he replied. 'Why?' said the other in surprise. 'I didn't know she was ill.' 'Oh,' she said, 'I answered the party of the second part, but she wants to get her picture in the paper.' See?"

Reorganization Sale Extraordinary Bargain Chances Thursday for all.

Wall Paper Some fine new patterns in our line of Gilt and Glimmer papers for close selling Thursday. Light and dark shades, either width border; none worth less than 10c per roll; reorganization sale. 5c

Suits, Jackets and Skirts The reorganization sale is causing no little excitement in our ready-to-wear department. Something different every day at prices away below what they should be. Read these trade winners for Thursday—

Women's new spring tailor-made Blouse or Eton Suits and silk lined Jackets, worth to \$16.50, Reorganiza- \$6.50

Women's tailor-made Dress and Walking Suits, made in the latest spring styles, worth \$22.50, Reorganiza- \$15

Women's tailor-made Street Dresses, in the finest materials, cloth or silk, worth \$50, Reorganiza- \$19.50

Notions A snap in Delong's Hooks and Eyes, nickel or black, regular 7c value, at per card 2c

A quantity of Corduroy Dress Binding, wears like iron, all colors, regular value 7c, 2c

Curling Irons—The regular 8c kind, Thursday, 2c

Leather Goods Carriage and shopping bags, medium and large sizes, in genuine seal, walrus and morocco, regular values to \$2.25, reorganization sale, 95c

Ladies' Purses—Double and single books in genuine seal, walrus and morocco, choice selection, values to \$2.50, choice reorganization 75c

Drapery Dept. Extension Brass Curtain Poles, 30 to 54 inches, 6c

White Curtain Swiss Muslin, for Ruffled Muslin Curtains, 10c yard value, 6c

Curtain Scrim, 40-inches wide, plain and fancy, worth 3c to 35c yard, 15c, 10c, 6c

Window Shades, 3 x 6 feet, opaque shades and colors, regular 25c, each, 19c

Lining Dept. Black Silk Moire Percaline, fast black and as handsome as silk, never sold for less than 25c a yard. Reorganization sale, (quantity limited) 12 1/2c

MANIAC BEATS HIS WIFE ANDREW OLEHA ARRESTED AFTER HE HAS BEATEN HIS WIFE SO THAT HER RECOVERY IS IN DOUBT.

Andrew Oleha, living at 53 Cooper street, on the "flats," became violently insane last night and attacked his wife, who will probably die from blows inflicted by him. Oleha has been confined in the asylum several times, but is always industrious when in his right mind.

STRIKE IS POSSIBLE Stone-Cutters May Quit—Several Men Already Out.

Stone-cutters of Minneapolis may strike. A difficulty between some of the contractors and members of the union has arisen and as a result several men are not at work at present. Two special meetings of the union were held Monday and another meeting was scheduled for this afternoon. The meeting may result in a strike of all of the stone-cutters in the city.

Port Arthur has but one docking basin, and when the Japanese meet their famous attack it had not been used or even cleaned out for years.

THE NEW STORE

Reorganization Sale Prices cut to the quick—the entire \$500,000.00 stock must be reduced without delay. The surest and quickest way to attain the result is to let the Prices Drop to the Bottom.

Rugs Rugs Made-up Rugs—During the past two weeks we have been unable to supply the demand for rugs made up from fine quality Royal Wiltons, Body Brussels, Wilton Velvets, Moquettes and Axminsters—

Our Reorganization prices are so low that they are snapped up on sight. Look everywhere, post yourself, then see how cheap we sell them—all sizes.

Dress Goods New all wool stylish suitings in neat mixtures—all wool cheviot serges, good line of staple colors, good values at 50c and 59c yard—Thursday Reorganization sale, 39c

Imported Suitings—Grenadine, Voiles, Etamines, Nub Panama Cloths, stylish mixtures, tufted fancies, Priestley's novelties (black), a good assortment of dark, medium and light colors, values to \$2 yard—Reorganization sale, Thursday, 88c

Spring Millinery Columns of talk will not convey to you the beauty, style and exclusive elegance of our spring millinery. The styles and the prices are matchless. Come Thursday and see the superb line of choice hats. Handsome designs, specially priced for this 88c day. Choice... \$5.00

Something entirely new in ready-to-wear hats placed on sale Thursday in three lots, to close them out quick, worth double, choice \$1.98 \$3.98, \$2.98 and \$1.98

Laces English Torchon Laces, 1 to 13 in. wide; all latest patterns; insertion to match; worth to 10c yard; reorganization 3c

Ribbons 1,000 pieces Fancy Ribbon, 6 to 8 in. wide, beautiful printings and colorings; some embroidered; always sold up to 98c; reorganization 39c

White Goods Waist lengths, beautiful assortment Silk Mercerized Patterns, your choice; Reorganization sale at One Half Off Regular Price.

Drugs The drug department is sharing in the special reduced prices, and deep cuts are in order for Thursday. "Buttermilk Soap, for the complexion, regular price 10c per cake, 3c

Fairmont Rose Cold Cream, 15c value, Thursday, 9c

Big assortment of hand and nail brushes, ivory finish—20c values always—11c

Embroideries 200 Swiss waist fronts, fancy embroidered, some slightly soiled, worth up to \$2.00 each; reorganization sale, 69c

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GRATEFUL PRAISE RELIEF FOR YOU. Can you read Miss Townsend's letter without appreciating the importance of keeping the natural functions in a healthy and natural state? Can you read what she writes and not be convinced that Wine of Cardui is a certain cure for all menstrual disorders and all the troubles they cause? Can you consistently tell yourself that Wine of Cardui is a medicine that will not cure you? Will you not go to your druggist today and buy a bottle of Wine of Cardui? Mildred Townsend, Las Vegas Hot Springs, New Mexico.

The Model Basement Drawers and Corset Covers, ruffled and lace trimmed, 100 doz. on sale Thursday, at 19c

Ladies' French Corset Covers, choice, 10c

Sewing Twist—A special lot, all shades of colors, 2 FOR 1c

Hose—Men's full seamless fast black hose, worth 15c pair, 5c

Undershirts—Men's Balbriggan Undershirts; worth 35c each reduced Thursday, each... 15c

Dimities, Lawns, Challis, odds and ends, prices and past prices of fabrics to 15c yard. To close, Thursday... 4c

Laos—100 pieces Valenciennes and Torchon Laces, white, butter and Arabian shades, worth to 19c. Reorganization sale, each 4c

Underwear Women's Swiss ribbed umbrellia pants, lace trimmed, worth 50c, 29c

Men's Furnishings Men's new spring dress and negligee shirts, worth 75c, 45c

Wash Goods Satin Oxforde—32-inch Lace Chambrays, in pink only, superior fabrics, should be sold at 15c and 19c yard. 7 1/2c

While they last... Roubaix Suitings—Bourette Check Voiles, choice new effects for shirt-waist suits, worth 25c yard. Reorganization sale, Thurs. 15c

Corsets—Undermuslins Corset Sale—The New French Models, G. D., R. & C., G. B., J. B., Nemo, Ferris and American Lady, straight front, dip hip with hose supporters, all colors and sizes, worth to \$2, choice Reorganization 98c

\$1.50 Straight Front, Dip Hip Corsets, with Hose Supporters, Thursday, Reorganization sale... 69c

Ladies' Gowns—75 doz. Skirts, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, worth to \$1. Reorganization sale, 49c

Children's Cloaks—Fine wool box coats, lace and gold braid trimmed, worth \$2.25; reorganization sale, \$1.48

Handkerchiefs Men's unlaundered pure linen initial handkerchiefs, 3-inch hemstitched, worth 15c each; specially priced Thursday in one-half dozen lots at... 65c

Embroideries—A lot of odds and ends in Edges and Insertions, up to 4 inches wide, values to 25c. Thursday, as long as they last, each... 9c

Handkerchiefs—A big lot of plain linen, barred, unions and hemstitched Handkerchiefs for ladies and men, worth up to 12c each. Reorganization sale, Thursday... 5c

Women's Vests—Swiss ribbed, low neck, no buttons, always 19c. Thursday, each... 7c

Pin Cubes—Containing 100 assorted Pins, reg. 10c value... 3c

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Window Shades... 19c

Hassocks, worth 75c... 29c

Jewelry Pearl Waist Sets—Four button pearl sets, always 25c, choice Thursday, per set... 15c

Belts—Silk and elastic belts, gilt or oxidized buckles and ornaments, values to \$1.00, Thursday choice 48c

Back Combs—Vassar styles, turnover top, 5-inch comb, regular 25c value, reduced Thursday, choice... 15c

Trimmings Fancy Silk Gimps in black, white and colors, tinsel edgings, always 19c, specially priced Thursday at... 12c

Gloves High grade Overseam Kid Glove, black and self stitching, assorted colors, always retailed at \$1.25; reorganization sale... 89c

Crockery and Housefurnishings 100 Piece Dinner Set, underglaze decoration, several patterns to select from, all new, regular price \$10.50, reorganization sale, \$7.48

100 piece dinner set, pretty decoration, gold lined, equal to any sold for \$17.50, reorganization sale, \$12.98

Fancy plain white ewers and basins, large size, reorganization sale... 89c

Glass tumblers, always sold at 35c per doz. reorganization sale, each... 2c

Table with financial data: INCOME IN 1903, Total income, Premiums, etc.

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Total admitted assets, \$1,180,180.19. Assets not admitted, (\$3,980.00). LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. Department of Insurance. Whereas, the Reliance Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, has duly complied with the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

It is therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above-named company to transact its appropriate business of fire insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of January, A. D. 1905, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul this 30th day of January, A. D. 1904. ELMER H. DEARTE, Insurance Commissioner.

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