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THE FOOT-BALL FIELD.

WONDERFUL POPULARITY OF THE GREAT INTERCOLLEGIATE GAME.

THE NOTABLE GAMES OF THE YEAR.

Comparison of the Big Teams of the Country and of the South and Their Prospects for the Championship-Coming Games.

The season of foot-ball, the most popular, the hardest, and perhaps the roughest of collegiate sports, is now in full swing, and is overshadowing all else in interest at the colleges and universities for the time being. Every man with pride in his Alma Mater feels an interest in the success of the foot-ball team, not only because it represents the school, but because it is a sport with the elements of combat in it that never fail to stir men's blood and arouse them to enthusiasm. Whatever the objections to the game on the score of roughness, there is no denying the fact that the game has a great hold upon the interest of the student body.

The season of foot-ball, beginning with the preliminary physical training at the opening of the season and in many cases reaching its climax on Thanksgiving Day, when annually many of the most important games of the year are played. It usually ends with the first week in September, after which date there are no important games. It is necessarily a cold weather game, and usually a temperature of some twenty to thirty degrees is preferred by the participants. It has been played in snow-storms, or when snow covered the ground to considerable depth, or in raw winds, or in rain, but it penetrates to the marrow of the bones of the spectators. The players themselves seldom complain of cold, though they do prefer clear, cold weather, without wind.

The heavy, close-fitting canvas uniforms, designed to afford little by which the opposing tacklers can grasp the sprinting player as he eludes their efforts and speeds on, and at the same time to protect the players from injury by bumps and falls and crushes in a scrimmage, together with the knee and shoulder pads, the shin-guards, the nose protectors, the ear muffs, and head-bands, give a player somewhat the appearance shown by pictures of knights in armor.

Despite these artificial protectors, however, many a player has to retire because of injuries, or because he is exhausted by the strain of long continued physical exertion. Occasionally ribs or two or collar-bone or a nose is broken, a knee wrenched, or an ankle sprained or twisted, but if the injured man be an important factor in the strength of the team he is patched up in a jiffy, and in many cases pluckily resumes play. It is a game that particularly appeals to the players. Many a time in great championship games a battered player, ordered from the game on account of injuries, has to be forcibly dragged from the field, refusing to be reconciled to the decree of the physician that he is unfit for play. Strong men weep frequently when the tide of battle has turned against them, and they see victory snatched away at the moment when it seemed assured.

To the student body these armor-clad physical giants are objects of admiration, reverence, adoration, and many a time at the end of a great contest the heroes of the stubborn struggle over the platoon oval on the white-lined field are borne in triumph from the grounds on the shoulders of insanely happy fellow-students.

Even to the casual spectator, ignorant of the technicalities of the sport, or of the object of the fierce concerted onslaught on the one hand and the stubborn resistance to the moving phalanx of brawn and adroit dodges, on the other, is a strange and stirring by the scene of combat and the enthusiasm of those who do know something of the game itself.

If this fall to stir him the display of color in the grandstand and of the cheerleaders, who are so profusely decked with, or so frantically waving banners and ribbons of the college colors, where beautiful women with gowns made of the colors of their favorite knight-armor or beribboned bewitchingly, and their cheeks glow from the combined effects of the temperature, the exercise, and the excitement, or where the entire crowd is alternately uniting in a hoarse and shrill shout of acclaim or ringing in mightily chorus across the white-lined battle-field songs of encouragement, of defiance or of triumph—all this cannot fail to quicken the most sluggish pulse. All this enthusiasm is a relic of the primitive adoration of physical prowess, and it is now as prevalent as many realize in these days when brain and character rather than mere bodily strength are supposed to be the most admired characteristics of humanity.

There is something contagious, infectious even, in the enthusiasm of a crowd at a great championship collegiate foot-ball game. It is a scene and an experience never to be forgotten by any one who witnesses it for the first time.

For many years Harvard, Yale, and Princeton were the great trio of foot-ball teams, and still stand at the top of the list, though not so isolated in their glory. The top runner of the ladder of glory, once deemed exclusively reserved for these three great university teams, has been clutched more than once by the ambitious elevens of smaller schools. Indeed, the University of Pennsylvania has for some years proved her worthiness to rank with the great three, and the "big teams," as they are called, have now, by common consent, come to include the Pennsylvanians. It is now a quartette. But the strength of the various teams varies so every year that it is impossible to make any invariable classification of them as to their relative strength. Almost every year Cornell, Columbia, Brown University, Lafayette, the Central Indiana school team, West Point, the Naval Academy, Chicago University Wisconsin, and other great northern or western schools cross the goal line of one or more of the four big teams, and sometimes defeat them. This year, for instance, the Middies, as the naval cadets are popularly known, have lowered the banner of Pennsylvania and humiliated the Red and Blue adherents by defeating the team. Some of these teams in the second classification has, on one or more occasions, defeated one or the other of the Big Four.

Generally speaking, however, the great

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This year's scores are particularly deceiving. From what can be gleaned, however, the season has been the weakest of the Big Four, Harvard apparently next, and Yale last year's champion team, and Princeton, apparently, the real rivals for the honors of the season. For instance, Pennsylvania's goal line has been twice crossed—once by the naval cadets, the latter team winning the game, 6 to 5; and once by the Quakers, who stand a good chance of winning the annual game with the big university.

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Comparing the season's record, Princeton, against whom no team has scored, has rolled up a total of 138 points in six games, while Yale, the next best showing, has a total of 173 points, to five for her opponents in seven games. Pennsylvania, in eight games played, has but 142 points to her credit, sixteen against her, while Harvard, with seven games played, has but ninety-five points, to six for her opponents.

A few more comparisons may be interesting, if only in showing the unreliability of the statistics as a criterion of strength. Yale beat Amherst 90 to 0; Harvard beat the same college 11 to 0; Yale beat Columbia 10 to 5; the Crimson warriors of Harvard defeated the same college 12 to 0; Princeton beat Harvard only beat Wesleyan 16 to 0; Yale defeated the same team 24 to 0. Again: Yale defeated the navy lads 24 to 0; the navy beat Pennsylvania 6 to 5; and Georgetown played the navy to a standstill, 0 to 0. Princeton beat Lehigh 35 to 0; Pennsylvania beat her only 23 to 0.

Yet again as showing the comparative strength of Yale and Harvard, old rivals: Yale beat Bowdoin 45 to 0; Harvard could only score 12 to 0 against Princeton. Princeton's closest call was with Lafayette, supposed to be a second-rater, but the mighty Tigers barely won out, 6 to 0.

Altogether, it looks as if Princeton and Yale might outdo Harvard and Pennsylvania; but that is by no means certain. Harvard may beat them both. Another of the great games of the year, second to none in interest is the annual struggle between West Point and Annapolis, representing the army and the navy, the two great government schools. This is usually played on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day and is the largest game of the year usually. They are bitter rivals, but their rivalry, and they are evenly matched; so evenly in fact that judged by their performances up to this time it is difficult to choose between them and pick the winner.

In the South the teams of the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina have long been regarded as the two great rivals for championship honors, and they are teamed together, which the strongest rivalry always exists, and against each the other always plays its fiercest, most desperate game. There are other teams, however, which of late years have shown themselves formidable rivals of the Orange and Blue teams of Virginia and the Blue and White of Carolina. Swanson, or the University of the South, and Vanderbilt University have risen almost if not quite into the same class with the Virginia-Carolina teams.

Some of the teams of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and of the Virginia Military Institute, themselves old and bitter rivals, have attained almost to the standard of the University of Virginia. The University last week defeated the Virginia Polytechnic Institute boys in a hard game, 15 to 0. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute beat Georgetown, which in turn played the naval cadets to a tie; the naval cadets defeated the University of Pennsylvania 6 to 0, and Pennsylvania downed the University of Virginia 29 to 5. It would, therefore, seem that the Virginia Polytechnic Institute is stronger than the University of Virginia, but the game between them proved the reverse to be true.

Again: The Virginia Military Institute played the Georgetown lads the week after the Virginia Polytechnic Institute had decisively beaten them, but the Georgetown boys, the Virginia Military Institute 5 to 0. It is true the team of Georgetown that played the Virginia Military Institute was not the same that was beaten by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. It had been greatly strengthened, but it is small wonder that some certainly not until the two Virginia military schools meet.

It is difficult this year to compare the strength of the Virginia and North Carolina teams, for they have not played each other since 1892, but it is reasonably sure that when the two meet a battle royal will result. Virginia, judging by her strong showing against Virginia Polytechnic, is probably the stronger, but the strength of the Carolina team is yet an unknown quantity in the problem.

The game of next greatest interest is that between the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the Virginia Military Institute on Thanksgiving Day. Virginia Polytechnic Institute seems a trifle stronger, but it may be mere seeming. Certain it is that when the two teams get together a fierce and stubbornly fought contest will be witnessed, with the victory hanging in the balance until the referee's whistle announces that the annual struggle for gridiron honors is ended. Both are very strong teams and they are very evenly matched. That is sure.

Denise University, which will play the University of Virginia in this city on Thanksgiving Day, judging by its previous performances, is going to give the Orange and Blue a hard game, and it may carry off the palm—capture the substance and leave Virginia and Carolina only a battle for the shadow. That is improbable, however. It is doubtful if the South can produce another team in one season equal to what the University of Virginia seems to be. They may go lads before the game, or suffer losses that will materially cripple the eleven, but that is a contingency as liable in the case of their opponents as in their own.

EL ALBA LAUNCHED YESTERDAY.

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va., November 2.—(Special.)—The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company yesterday launched its twelfth 5,000-ton steamer for the Southern Pacific Company's Morgan line between New York and New Orleans.

At 1:30 o'clock official time, the steamer El Alba went overboard, being the "last of her race." She was christened by Miss Stella Brooks Miles, of New York city, daughter of George E. Miles, formerly private secretary to the late Col. F. H. Miles. In addition to the shipyard's immense force, saw El Alba launched.

The event was as successful as any launching ever accomplished here, the ship, after Miss Miles had broken the traditional bottle of champagne against

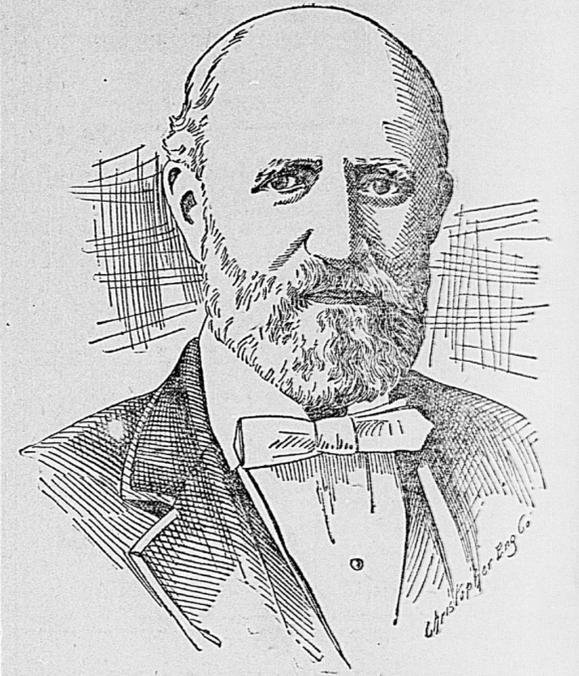
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JUDGE BEVERLY R. WELLFORD.

Judge Beverly Randolph Wellford, Jr., after an honorable period of service as judge of the Circuit Court of Richmond city and Henrico county will retire on January 1st, 1902. He has announced his purpose not to stand for re-election before the coming session of the Legislature.

For thirty-two years, of four terms of eight years each, he will have served the Commonwealth in a position of great importance and responsibility. He retired after having worthily earned a period of rest in his last years.

Judge Wellford was born in Fredericksburg, Va., May 10, 1828. He is the son of Dr. Beverly Randolph Wellford, for many years a well-known physician of Fredericksburg, and late of Richmond. His grandfather was a British surgeon in the Revolutionary war, who was led to settle after the battle of Brandywine at Fredericksburg, by reason of an acquaintance and friendship for Captain Spotswood. A token of this friendship to this day is the fact that Spotswood is a family name in the Wellford family.

Judge Wellford received his earlier education in Fredericksburg. He attended Princeton College, of which he is a graduate, and read law in the office of Mr. Arthur A. Morson, of Fredericksburg, a name well-known among lawyers in Virginia sixty years ago.

After practicing law in Fredericksburg for a time, he removed to Richmond, where he was admitted to the bar in 1854. Since that date the family has been of Richmond rather than Fredericksburg, and there is now no one bearing the name that is a resident of the

town in which the Wellfords were for more than half a century among the leading citizens.

"I have known Richmond and nearly everybody in it for forty years, but I never knew a black sheep named Wellford," is the unique testimony of a prominent member of the Richmond bar to the moral fibre and material of the family which migrated from Fredericksburg to Richmond in the early days.

During the years before the war, Judge Wellford practiced law in partnership with Mr. James R. Creshaw. During the war he was confidential secretary to his cousin, Mr. James A. Seddon, the Confederate Secretary of War.

For the information of youths under fifty, it may not be out of place to add, in parenthesis, that the offices of the Confederate War Department were in a building, burned at the time of the evacuation, which stood on the west side of Ninth street, opposite the end of Bank street. The Navy and Attorney-General Departments were in the same building, while the State and Treasury Departments were located in the present Commerce house, and the Postoffice Department in the building at the southwest corner of Eleventh and Bank streets.

After the war Judge Wellford resumed the practice of his profession, and was elected judge in 1870. He is a past grand master of the Masons of Virginia. Among his notable addresses have been those at the laying of the corner-stone of the present City Hall, and upon the life of General Hugh Mercer, of Revolutionary fame, delivered at Princeton.

firm this report.

A large quantity of black and blue eyes have been packed in the Northern Neck this fall, and despite this fact the merchants are offering from \$2.5 to \$3.25 per bushel for them.

The farmers are not selling in large quantities at these figures, as they evidently expect to get a better price for \$2 per bushel for their next crop.

Mr. Daniel G. Balderson, of Chester's Westmoreland county, if he lives to see January 14, 1862, will celebrate his 40th birthday.

Mr. Balderson, despite his old age, is a good appetite, and seems nearly as strong. He is a staunch Democrat.

A few weeks ago Mr. H. W. Coates bought the North Bend farm, in Westmoreland county. He paid \$25,000 for it. Since that time Mr. Coates has succeeded in disposing of the farm at the handsome advance of \$2,500 in cash.

Anthony Harecum (colored), of Westmoreland county, died suddenly and under very peculiar circumstances a few days ago. It is likely that an investigation will be made.

Mr. James Thomas, of Leno, Northumberland county, was before Justice Dickberger, at Heatville on Wednesday last upon the charge of selling whiskey in a local-option district. Thomas was fined \$50 and costs.

Mr. Clarence Thomas, who some months ago was seriously injured at Leno, with a horse while engaged in hauling logs, by having a tree fall upon him, died at his home, near Baynesville, on Sunday last.

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