

LEFT EARFUL. He stood upon the sidelines. Marking up the score. A fumbled ball rolled through him. Now he marks no more.

Mountaineers and Rooters Ready for Contest

He must be in a hurry to And bounded for a punt. And when he got through sinking. He'd hold out a wainut.

SOLID PULLMAN TRAIN TO CARRY SQUAD TONIGHT

Twenty-Five Players to Make Charleston Trip From Morgantown.

MORGANTOWN, Oct. 19.— Fifty loyal rooters, fifty members of the West Virginia University cadet band, and a football squad of players, coaches, managers and caretakers numbering in all about thirty-five men will leave here tonight on what is said to be the first solid Pullman train ever operated out of Morgantown for any event. The train will be bound for Charleston, the state capital, and after having detoured via Gratton, Philip, Buckhannon, Burnsville and Gasaway, over the Coal & Coke division of the B. & O. will arrive in Charleston about 7 a. m. tomorrow to await restfully the time for the kickoff of the annual football game between Washington & Lee and West Virginia.

PUNTS AND PASSES

By LARRY.



The Statistics. S a matter of starting a lot of foolish talk, the publication of statistics on a football game sure takes the first money without a struggle. As a matter of common knowledge all the figures on a football game won't change the result one bit, but I have heard fellows whose favorite team happened to lose a game argue until they were blue in the face that their team really won, by reason of the fact that they made more first downs or gained more yards from scrimmage or completed more forward passes. Two first downs are worth more than three dozen if the two first downs bring the winning touchdowns, and any number of completed forward passes that don't cut any figure in the score mean nothing. When two teams play a football game, the team that gets the most points wins, and that was the only argument in first place. You can't erase a touchdown with first downs that brought only exercise for the players. It's just the same as a baseball game where a team makes a flock of hits and no runs to speak of, while the opposition gets only a few hits, but plenty enough runs to win the game. So far as I am concerned when the game is over, all I am interested in is the final result, because that's what you come back to eventually, even if you run your brain ragged trying to find solace in the statistics. But then there are thousands and thousands who just love to draw pictures of what might have been, and so these little odds and ends have to be taken into account when giving the news to the fans. The boys simply must have something to keep the springs of ora-

day's work by unconcernedly picking the mud clods off his right shoe and kicking the goal from touch-down, winning the game by a margin of one point. Williamson is now coaching at Grove City. The series of articles on great plays written by Chester Smith will undoubtedly prove a big card with the readers of his newspaper, for there is nothing that the average fan likes better than to read about the prize performances by grid-iron warriors.

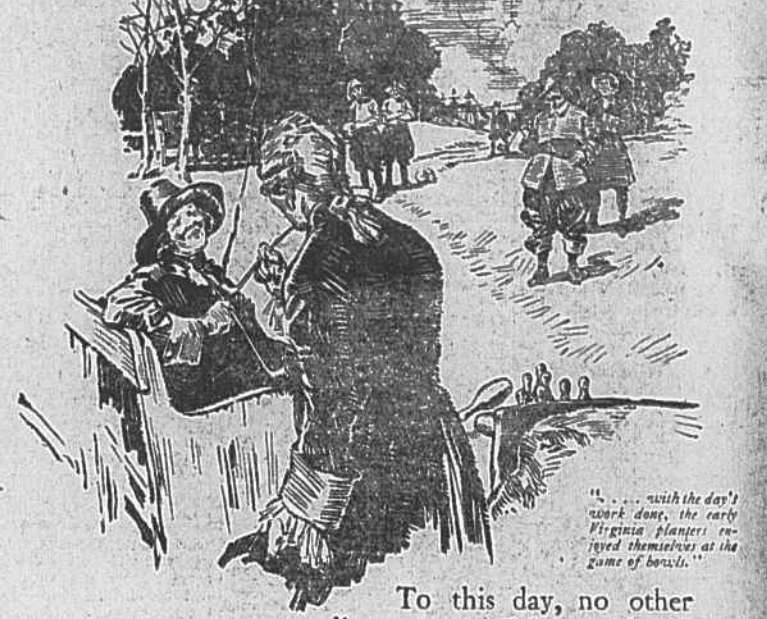
Come On, Judge. Judge Scott Lowe was debating yesterday whether or not to go to Charleston for the Wash-Lee game Saturday. Judge Lowe complained that he was really too busy to take the time off. I suggested to him that no royal rooster like himself should ever allow himself to get so entangled in business during the football season that he couldn't call Saturday his own, and Friday, too, when trips demand that one leave Friday for a Saturday game. He has promised to think the matter over carefully, and I trust I will see his smiling countenance on the Huntington sleeper when it pulls out of Clarksburg tomorrow afternoon. Judge Lowe said he never saw a better or more exciting combat than the one at Forbes Field last Saturday, and probably never will see one any better.

A Big Mystery. Ever since the opening of the present campaign Lexington, Va., the home of Washington and Lee University, football fans have had very little to say. Newspaper dispatches from that place have been scarce and as far as West Virginia fans know the situation there may be very encouraging or exactly the opposite. In recent years the Generals have laid all their cards on the table, but this fall they are keeping everything under cover.

Continued silence on the part of the Lexingtonians has aroused the interest and curiosity of local fans who have no idea what to expect when the W. & L. and West Virginia eleven clash on the Laidley Field gridiron at Charleston this Saturday afternoon. Several unofficial reports have reached here during the week but the faith has been placed in these and as time wears on it looks as though the Mountaineers will go into the game without knowing the "real" strength of the enemy.

W. & L. has not been defeated so far this year, but since two of the Generals' three contests were with minor opponents the record is inconsequential. Reports of the games reaching here have been so meagre that even the names of

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Sport Writers Wear High Collars and Carry Canes in Charleston--Five Prunes Cost 60 Cents--Could Start Prune Orchard for \$1.50.

By G. DOTELL. CHARLESTON, Oct. 19.—At last, a wonderful town. They call it the metropolis of West Virginia just because of the sporting editors wear high collars and carry canes. And not a blamed one of these here editors is as good looking as F. A. Parlington, who could carry a cane with more promiscuity than any of them. Arny Stansbury is going to "run a big bluff" Saturday. This won't be the first bluff he ever ran. The bluff is overlooking the playing field here, where Adam will sell standing room for twice the price of the general admission. I wish I could run a bluff for the W. & L. game on Thanksgiving, but I haven't had the experience at poker that Adam has enjoyed.

at the postoffice to get his mail. "Nice evening, governor," I said. "Wonderful!" said Morgan. And the interview was ended. I am stopping at the Canawah Hotel, which is centrally located with running water in every room and electric lights. The rates are very reasonable for millionaires and fellows with expense accounts. For breakfast this morning I had five prunes which cost me 60 cents. I think they charged me for a shot of prune juice instead of a prune orchard for \$1.50.

ECKBERG SHOWS CLASS IN GAME

Former Minnesota Man Expected to Go Good in Game at Charleston.

MORGANTOWN, Oct. 19.—One of the pleasing features of West Virginia's 9-6 triumph over the Pitt machine last Saturday was Gus Eckberg's line plunging and get-around playing. After the lanky Minnesota back had failed to show anything exceptional in the Wesleyan and Marietta games many fans thought he had been overrated and it was only a question of time before his place would be taken by Barnum, Olliker, Spiecker or some other ambitious youngster.

Now that he has come "through" Eckberg looks on him as a confirmed ground-gazer who will bring the Washington and Lee team forward no end of trouble when he crashes in their direction during the Mountaineer-General clash at Laidley Field, Charleston, this Saturday afternoon.

It was Eckberg's steady plugging through the line that gave the Varsity its opportunity to score in the fourth period last week and many think he would have carried the ball over had he been called on when the three-yard line was reached. Several times he came near breaking away from the Panther secondary defense and on nearly every attempt he turned in a substantial gain. Because of his speed and cleverness Nard and Mahrt received a large part of the enemy's attention, but Eckberg always managed to come in for his share and members of the Pitt machine declare that he is equally as dangerous as the two "end" blockers.

the General line as he did the Panthers' but if he is in shape he is going to keep someone busy during the afternoon and is sure to make his presence felt on more than one occasion.

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