

Is Football Worth While?

Recently the editor of the athletic department of Collier's weekly addressed a note to the presidents of the leading colleges of the United States, east, west and south, asking for a brief statement of their opinion of the place of football in the student recreational life; whether the student would be more benefited by an abandonment of the game, or by its retention and the elimination to present features to which objections are taken; in a word, whether the game is worth trying to keep. Quite a number of answers were received, the large majority favoring retaining football. In our opinion the most practical and sensible of all the answers published was that of the president of the University of Colorado, which was as follows:

University of Colorado.

I believe in athletic sports. I think that the great problem is to create an interest in a variety of athletic exercises and induce all of the students to engage in them. There is nothing new on the subject of football. The views of those who favor and of those who oppose have been presented to the public too often. Personally, I shall be glad when a more rational interest in a variety of sports, that will reach the whole student body, is substituted for the present monomania which has many evils.

Reputation Jolted

The Herald's reputation for getting out job printing promptly has received a pretty severe jolt during the last two or three weeks. For a while we were short of sufficient help, which threw us back somewhat with our work; following that we began the mechanical work on two periodical publications besides The Herald, one a four page weekly and the other a twenty-eight page monthly. In addition to the foregoing we have had the usual holiday rush of orders for printing and for two weeks made The Herald sixteen pages instead of the customary eight. For these reasons some orders for printing have been unavoidably delayed; but we wish to inform our patrons that we are getting "caught up" on our work, and they may depend upon getting their orders for printing filled promptly as formerly.

Enthusiastic Over Silos

W. E. Spencer, manager of the Alliance Creamery, returned this morning from a week's trip to eastern Nebraska and Iowa. At the farmers institute held in Alliance last month Prof. Haacker gave a talk on silos, strongly recommending them for this country. Mr. Spencer who is constantly on the lookout for anything that will benefit farming and dairying in this country decided to investigate the merits of the proposition, and as a result he returns from his trip of inspection enthusiastic over silos and the possibility of them becoming a great help to northwestern Nebraska. He has kindly consented to furnish The Herald an article on the subject for publication in our next issue.

Holiday Vacation for Alliance Teachers

A majority of the teachers of the Alliance public schools are spending their holiday vacation abroad, a few remaining in the city. Among those who remain here are Misses McHugh, Alexander, Reed, White, Phelan and Frazier.

Prof. Hanna left Friday for his home in Auburn. Prof. Williams will be a guest of Chadron friends a portion of the two weeks. Miss Lichty goes to Denver, Miss Lulu Wirt to her father's ranch home at Seneca, Miss Ida Johnson to the home of her parents at York, Miss Bacon goes to Crab Orchard, Miss Snodgrass to Kearney, Miss Ruby Ashmore to Lexington, Miss Hanthorne to Superior, and Miss Carpenter to eastern Nebraska, a part of the time to be spent with friends in Omaha. Misses Peterson, Larson and Jones are also absent but we did not learn where they are spending the vacation. Misses Riddell and Nerud will lead Christmas cheer to the hearts of relatives and friends at Scottsbluff and Minatare.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Henry Mosher is home from school to spend the holidays.
 W. H. Thomas and wife arrived in the city the first of the week.
 Mrs. H. J. Ellis and children returned from Lincoln Monday morning.

Robert Hunter came home Thursday morning from the Lincoln Business College.
 George Douglas returned Thursday from a visit with relatives in eastern Nebraska.

Geo. Carrel of Hemingford has been transacting business in Alliance several days this week.
 M. O. Joder and family removed the first of the week to their new home on Big Horn avenue.

J. C. McCorkle returned yesterday morning from a trip to Kansas City, and the Corn Show at Omaha.

Miss Katherine Pletl of Omaha arrived recently for an extended visit with the Herald editor's family.

Ben Anderson returned home Sunday morning from Lincoln, where he has been attending Cotner University.

C. E. Ford, president of the First National bank, was in the city Friday on his way from Scotts Bluff to Chicago.

Miss Laura Miller leaves today on 44 to spend Christmas and New Year with her mother and brothers at Albion, Nebr.

On Friday evening the United Presbyterian Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment consisting of songs and speaking.

Homer Tash, a brother of Postmaster Tash, and family passed through Alliance this morning on their way to spend the holidays with relatives.

If you did not get your Christmas shopping done early, "do it now". Refer to the Herald's advertising columns for information that will be helpful.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fenner are planning a trip to the southland, to be gone till after the coldest of the winter is over. They will probably leave next week.

Snow from the Rocky Mountains to Ohio, and from Texas to the north pole, means little or no warm weather before next March, and probably not much then.

Mrs. E. J. Walmer met with another accident. While returning home the other evening she slipped and fell, spraining the ankle which she has been nursing the past several months.

Dr. Bellwood left Monday morning to spend the holidays with his family at Long Beach, Cal. He went via Billings and Seattle, and will return by the southern route.

"When the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen." But it has already strengthened so much we are wondering what it will be about the middle of the month.

Miss Agatha Gregg returned from Lincoln to spend the holiday vacation at home. She is attending school at Cotner university and, as her friends naturally expect, she is making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Feagins received the sad intelligence on Monday of the death of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Gamett, at her home at Woodbine, Iowa. They left on 44 that day to attend the funeral.

The usual Christmas supper for the children of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will be served at the church next Wednesday evening, following which the children will spend the evening in frolic and having a general good time.

Last week's Hay Springs Enterprise was published on Monday of this week, the delay being caused by a failure to secure "ready print" on time, which is one of the disadvantages to country papers that get their paper each week partly printed.

C. H. Britton and Judge Zurn, two of the first settlers of Box Butte county, favored The Herald with a pleasant call yesterday. Although still paid ahead, Mr. Britton left a dollar and a half on subscription, for which we mark him up to 1911.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey are enjoying a very pleasant two-days' visit from the latter's sister, Miss Elsie Bloomfield of Albia, Iowa, who is on her way to Denver and is making the trip via Alliance in order to make the above mentioned visit.

A fatal accident occurred near Hay Springs last Sunday. Chas. Clouser accidentally shot and killed himself while out hunting rabbits with his father and another man. The accident was caused by drawing the gun towards himself while under a bridge.

A. R. Wilson will spend Christmas at home in Thayer county. He leaves

on 44 today for Belvidere. His son, A. Wayne Wilson, left for the same place about two weeks ago, so that there will be a family reunion on or before Christmas. One or both of them will return to Alliance within a few weeks.

The feature of Christmas observance at St. Agnes' academy will consist of high mass celebrated immediately after midnight in the chapel of the convent. Father McNamara will be celebrant, and a choir of school children will sing the mass and appropriate hymns for the occasion.

Mrs. Cort Clark and children of Hemingford who have visited the past week with Rev. and Mrs. Vallow leave today for their new home in the Blackfoot country. Mr. Clark left with a car of goods about ten days ago. They will locate at the new town of Powell.

Geo. E. Younkin went to Kimball last Sunday, returning yesterday morning. While there he sold a large number of town lots that he owned in that town. He reports Kimball growing, a large number of houses having been built during the last year and a half, with prospects for more building next spring.

W. F. Rosenkranz, the blacksmith returned from Omaha about two weeks ago and bought Brandt's shop, in which he was formerly interested. He has been having a big run of work. On Monday of this week sixty-eight horse shoes were put on in the shop, supposed to be the largest number of shoes ever put on in one shop in one day in this city. Mr. Rosenkranz had a good position in a shop in Omaha, but prefers Alliance as a place of residence.

An Open Letter

Dear friend:
 The object of this letter is not to sell you anything. It contains no price quotations—therefore, won't you read all of it?

Two years ago we came into this town strangers and with a small stock of goods. In the beginning you received us as one of your townspeople, made friends with us and showed us plainly that you wanted us to feel "at home" among you.

In return we have tried to supply you with such merchandise as you needed at a fair price, and we know by the generous patronage already given us that we have in a measure succeeded in pleasing you.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking you personally for your past business and next year we hope to even serve you better.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

BEE HIVE STORE.

New Teacher Chosen

The election of Miss Della Reed to the office of county superintendent has made it necessary for her to resign her position in the Alliance city schools, and the school board has filled the position thus made vacant by choosing Miss Carrie Neidemeyer of Blair, Neb. The patrons of the Alliance schools will regret to lose Miss Reed from the corps of teachers, as she has given excellent satisfaction, but we are pleased to inform them that her successor is eminently qualified for the position, in fact so well qualified that work so well done by Miss Reed will proceed without interruption.

Announcement

The entertainment to be given by the M. E. Sunday School on Christmas eve will begin at near 7 o'clock as practicable. It is requested that the front seats be reserved for the children.

Married in Alliance

Saturday morning, Dec. 18, '09, at the home of Rev. Dr. H. P. V. Bogue, Mr. Bert M. Beem and Miss Mary E. Haney, both of Hyannis, were united in marriage by Dr. Bogue. They will make their home at Hyannis.

Ridgell-Baer

At the Alliance Hospital, Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, Mr. Wm. S. Ridgell and Miss Olive M. Baer were married, Rev. J. M. Huston performing the marriage ceremony. The groom, Judge Ridgell, is well known to most, if not all of The Herald's Box Butte county readers. The bride has been rendering efficient assistance at the Alliance Hospital, acting in the capacity of housekeeper. They left on the early train this morning for a trip to Kansas City and Oklahoma points, expecting to return soon after New Year's day, via Denver.

Train Wrecked at Seneca

Last Saturday's wreck at Seneca was one of the worst on this line in recent years. About 7:30 p. m. a local extra west, engine No. 2015, Conductor Ferrier and Engineer Grabbert, ran into an open switch at Seneca, colliding with switch engine No. 2947, Engineer A. P. Gordon and Fireman Phillips. The switch engine having the right of way over the freight had left the switch open. On the freight the fireman was acting as engineer while Brake-man Shumaker, who was instantly killed, was doing the work of the fireman. Fireman Phillips was so badly injured that he died soon after being brought to the Alliance hospital. A relief train was sent from Alliance in charge of Assistant Train Master C. D. Reed. The two men killed were both unmarried. The hom of Shumake was in Illinois and of Phillips in Omaha.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the hour of the morning service, 11 o'clock, the Sunday-school will render a Christmas exercise. In the evening the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, and there will be Christmas music.

ALLIANCE CIRCUIT, M. E. CHURCH.

The regular services for next Sunday will be as follows: Fairview at 11 A. M. The Unity Church is closed for repairs.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

In the morning there will be a New Year's sermon by the pastor. At the evening service the subject will be "The Three Crosses." There will be special music. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Subject for morning sermon next Sunday, "The Desire of Nations;" evening, "How should we end the year."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The morning sermon will be addressed to the young people, and all High School pupils, and those of similar age, may find something in it to their profit. It is sincerely hoped that all young people, unaffiliated elsewhere, will be present. The evening there will be "The 125th Anniversary of the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Special music for both services, all are cordially invited, and let us hope for a good day.

Baker-Ball

At the residence of Conductor Richey, 317 E. Dakota St., Alliance, at 4 o'clock p. m., Dec. 20, Mr. Albert Baker and Miss Nettie Ball, both of Denver, Rev. J. L. Vallow officiating. The groom is a brakeman on the Denver-Alliance line of the C. B. & Q.

HOMESTEADERS BURN CORN

Cold Weather Causes Shortage of Fuel Near Sutherland.

Sutherland, Neb., Dec. 19.—The cold weather of the last two weeks has been a great hardship for many people in the country, owing to a shortage of fuel. There has been a great demand for coal and the coal yards of the various smaller towns have had trouble in supplying the demand. In numerous cases residents of the sandhill country and homesteaders have been forced to burn corn in order to keep warmth in the house. Some shipments of coal have arrived here and hundreds of farmers are flocking to town in the hope of getting a supply.

SALOON MEN ASK REHEARING

Omaha Saloon Keepers File Motion in Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—A rehearing of the 8 o'clock closing case is asked in a motion filed in the supreme court by Weaver & Giller, attorneys for the four Omaha saloon keepers convicted of violating the law and whose licenses were revoked. The court sustained the law in a decision some time ago and the motion alleges error of law in the decision. Governor Shallenberger said after conferring with Chief Donahue of Omaha that he was satisfied there would be no further violations of the 8 o'clock closing law in Omaha and that he was much gratified.

DEATH NOT DUE TO BULLET

Nebraska Man Accused of Murdering Neighbor is Acquitted by Jury.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 17.—Andrew M. Treat, charged with the murder of Thomas Grafus at Shelton, has been accorded his freedom by a jury in the county court. The case grew out of a divorce, a marriage and a feud. Treat's wife secured the divorce last spring and married Thomas Grafus. The feeling between the two men grew more acute and at last terminated in the shooting of Grafus on July 5. Later Grafus died. The coroner's jury pronounced his death due to liver trouble and not to the gun wound.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Governor Burke of North Dakota Again Heads River Men.

KANSAS CITY GETS NEXT MEET

William A. Campbell Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer—Resolutions Favor Deep Water Channel Project and for This Are Opposed by Henry T. Clarke and White of South Dakota, but Are Adopted.

Omaha, Dec. 17.—Governor John Burke was re-elected president of the Missouri River Navigation congress, and William A. Campbell was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the congress. The report of the committee on nominations recommended this action, and there was no opposition.

Kansas City will entertain the next convention, but the time for holding it will not be set until the Commercial club of that city has corresponded with all other commercial organizations in the Missouri valley. The sec-



GOVERNOR BURKE.

retary will also get into correspondence with these organizations, and when their sentiment is learned the date will be fixed. It will be either in June or September next.

The constitution and bylaws were revised by a committee, and the revision provides for a vice president in each state represented in the organization, who shall be the governor of such state, ex-officio.

There is also provided a board of directors of twenty members from each state, ten of whom shall be elected by the delegates from the different states at any meeting, and the remaining ten shall be appointed from each state annually by the president.

The resolutions were presented by Justin Runyan of Kansas City, chairman of the committee, who moved their adoption. This motion was strenuously opposed by Henry T. Clarke, who objected to endorsing the deep water channel project. He based his opposition on the treatment accorded the Missouri river advocates at conventions of the deep water advocates. White of South Dakota also seemed to be opposed, and moved to

DISAPPEARS FROM TRAIN

Aged Man Lost From Car and Searchers Fail to Find Him.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 17.—The local Union Pacific officials and detective officials are completely baffled over the disappearance of a passenger from train No. 3, westbound, Tuesday night. An aged man, a stranger here, it is believed, bought a ticket for Sidney, Neb. From the description given of him by the passengers and Conductor Peterson, he appears to have been under the influence of liquor, a fact not noticeable when he boarded the train, he having been in the open air. But the warm air of the car seemed to affect him after the train started. After the conductor had passed him and got to the third car back, he was notified by the passengers that the old man had got up from his seat, wandered back, had gone out into the vestibule of the car, and had not returned, and that the vestibule door was open. Conductor Peterson instigated a search of the train, but no trace of the man could be found. At Gibbon he filed a message to the dispatchers here, relating the incident, and it was decided here to send a switch engine, caboose and crew up the track. No trace, even of blood, could be found along the track anywhere from three miles west of this city to Wood River.

Scandal Causes Teacher's Suicide.

Teumash, Neb., Dec. 18.—J. A. Dimick, principal of the high school of Teumash, this county, killed himself by shooting. Professor Dimick had been despondent since his name had been mentioned in connection with the case of Miss Lora Neff. The case was to be heard next week in court. Miss Neff had, however, made affidavit exonerating Professor Dimick.

Senator Dietrich is Better.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 18.—Former Senator C. H. Dietrich, who is at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, is slightly improved in health. His condition is, however, still serious.

ZELAYA RESIGNS

Nicaragua's Executive Sends Resignation to Congress.

ONLY COURSE OPEN TO HIM.

People Were Aroused and Guns of Revolutionists Threatened Managua—Spirit of Revolt Had Spread to Gates of Palace—Who Will Succeed to Reins of Government Subjects Neither Know Nor Care.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of congress. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports. Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace have marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old, proclaiming the new regime.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya and is now his choice for president, is on his way here. He will arrive tomorrow. Madriz has his following, strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him.

Zelaya's Message to Congress.

Accompanying his resignation Zelaya sent the following message to congress: "The painful circumstances in which the country is plunged call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of good citizens, who are the witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country has been staggering under a shameless revolution, which threatens the national sovereignty, and a foreign nation unjustly intervenes in our affairs, publicly provoking the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops. To avoid further bloodshed, and for the reason that the revolutionists have declared that they would put down their arms when I surrendered the executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the national assembly the abandonment of the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by a substitute of their choosing, with the hope that this will result in good to Nicaragua, the re-establishment of peace and particularly the suspension of the hostility of the United States, to which I do not wish to give a pretext for intervention."

A commission of five deputies was appointed to draft a bill looking to the acceptance of Zelaya's resignation, which is considered a mere formality.

TWO MANGLED BY DYNAMITE

Victims of Explosion in Oklahoma Believed to Have Been Robbers.

Tusla, Okla., Dec. 17.—Torn to shreds by some high explosive, probably dynamite, the bodies of two unidentified men were found on the bank of the Arkansas river near here.

The appearance of the men's clothing, together with the fact that the Tulsa banks have a large supply of money on hand, led the authorities to believe that the men were bank robbers. It is thought that the men may have been killed by the accidental explosion of dynamite they carried with them to blow bank safes.

SEVEN INDIANS DROWN

Medicine Man Failed to Quiet Winds on Alaskan Waters.

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 17.—Because She Shen Jim, an Indian medicine man, insisted that by his magic he could quiet the winds, he himself and six others were drowned while trying to reach Juneau from Gambler bay in a canoe. The victims of the accident, beside the medicine man, were his mother, his wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson. The sea was rough when the family started, but efforts to dissuade the medicine man from attempting the trip were futile.

MAY SEND BATTLESHIP

Nebraska Hurriedly Preparing for Sea at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

New York, Dec. 17.—Movements at the Brooklyn navy yard indicated that the battleship Nebraska was being rapidly prepared for sea, and a report was current that she had received orders to proceed to Nicaraguan waters.

LEWIS IS RE-ELECTED

Stays at Head of United Mine Workers of America.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—From returns received here from various parts of the country it is apparent that Thomas L. Lewis has been re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America.

SENATOR RAINES IS DEAD

Author of Famous Law Passes Away at Canandaigua.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Dec. 16.—State Senator John Raines, author of the Staines law, died this morning.