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COMBINATION FOR THE GENERAL GOOD

Association of Amateur Teams Brings About Healthy Competition with All lis Attendant Benefits and General Advantages

Competition is the life of trade, and combination appears to be the life of intercollegiate sport. That this should be true is not surprising to those best acquainted with the various forms of amateur sport which we find among the schools, the colleges and the universities of this country in the latter end to forego its rights as the champion crew of the nineteenth century. The formation of a foot ball league or of a base ball league among several institutions does not mean has that professional methods are to be adopted spoiled whatever chance it ever had of rein a race for supremacy, but it does indicate a healthy desire for rivalry in which there shall be only the survival of the fittest.

There is every good reason why combinations of the athletic teams of such institutions should exist. If they served no better purpose than to bring the athletes of similar institutions into fair competition with each other there would still be a sufficient reason for their existence. Sometimes such associations , re marred by petty quarrels, but this fact cannot offset the great good dethis fact cannot offset the great good de-rived from them. The Western Intercol-degiaate Foot Ball association, though mis-gards time, for the crews of Yale and Harmanaged in the past, has done much for the promotion of the sport for which it has stood champion in the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. Reorganized upon a sounder basis for the coming season, it promises to accomplish more for the advancement of the most prominent intercollegiate and interscholastic sports than ever it his done before.

The spirit of close organization is not only rife among western colleges, but among western high schools and academies as well. A very commendable effort is now on foot to establish a Western Interscholastic Foot Ball league, Frank B. Knight, precident and manager of the Omaha High School Athletic association, has during the last week writschools of the cities within the immediate vicinity of Omaha suggesting that steps looking toward the organization of such a existed, and furnished capital sport for the foot ball teams of this part of the country. this year's race repugnent to any set of men possessing an lota of cateem for true foot ball teams of this part of the country. men possessing an lota of cateem for true The organization at this time of an inter-Highs, Red Oak, Blair, Nebraska City and possibly Hastings, and one or two othe binsure a race with the intercollesiate championship, Yet points, would be most opportune. It would has une a race with the Yale crew and Yali saturatory schedule, and more than that would bring the high school floor ball team to make up a very astisticatory schedule, and more than that the line up against other teams competition with those and other teams competition players of our men. It would bring high techool players to the be wished. It is to be sincerely hoped that the line up against other high school players to that in like/f is a consummation devouity to be wished. It is to be sincerely hoped that possibly Hastings, and one or two other points, would be most opportune. It would

no just prior to the opening of the next foot tall season, when all will be hustle and bustle in the training of old players and the development of new ones.

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association, has during the last week writ-ten letters to the foot ball teams of the high Harvard, with Cornell a sure third, none of looking toward the organization of such a like attitude it has assumed. The Bee's loague be taken at once. One remembers that opinion is that Yale does not exactly hanker It was not many years ago cince a similar after another brush with the Cornellians. Association of High School foot ball clevens class it would not have made conditions for

scholastic league embracing the high school foot ball teams of Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Red Osk, Blair, Nebraska City and possibly Hastings, and one or two other

share of pepular stiention, the steps toward its organization must be taken this winter or spring. A meeting of the representatives of the high school teams favorable to the formation of such a league is desirable at an early date. The composition of the league the schedule of gemes prepared now as well as just prior to the opening of the next foot

crew waives all rights except a race in 1999, at such time and place as Cornell shall choose. Yale refuses to row. If Yale, after sending an unfair challenge, is unwilling to agree to another race with Cornell, if Cor-nell loses this year, then it is not for Cor-nell to feel uncomfortable. A large num-ber of Yale students see the awkwardness of Yale's position and will make the Yale The week just ended has developed noth-ing new in regard to the aquatic contro-versy among the castern universities save a wonderful increase in public sentiment against Yale and its peculiar ideas of what constitutes sportsmanship. Cornell agreed to forego its rights as the champion crew and row with Yale and Harvard at Now London this year, if it were allowed to name the course for next year. But Yale has declined this proposition and therefore spolled whatever chance it ever had of re-venging its defeat last season by the speedy Cornellians. At the present writing the prospects seem very good for the establishment of a grand intercollegiste regatta, including all the leading colleges crews save Yale. Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and the Naval Cadets of Wisconsin are openly in favor of such a move and it is the general belief that Harvard will acquiesce, for its challenge to Cornell very fairly contained no. fund. rights, has expressed a willingness to row Cornell without conditions, According to the

WEEK IN REALMS OF SPORT
(being high school in this direction may result in the dintervient in one, that against the Carlisle Indians, fall, but who will be head coach is causing in which the score was 20 to 10. the management plenty of worry just now

> W. H. Howell succeeds Sam Boyle as cap-"There is only one opinion to be had from He entered the medical department of the university in 1895, and is now in his junior year. Howell stroked the 'varsity crew in 1896, and rowed No. 4 in last university crew in 1896, and rowed No. 4 in last university crew in tain of the Pennsylvania 'varsity He entered the medical department FOOTSMAN from start to finish, while Yale has behaved as though it did not know the 1896, and rowed No. 4 in last year's boat.

> The report of the treasurer of the Cornell athletic council shows the net receipts from the last foot ball season to have been \$3,000. Of this amount \$1,000 has been \$3,000. Of this amount \$1,000 has been set aside to start the work of the 1898 foot ball eleven. onxiety to row Yale and conceded entirely too much to the New Havenites when they \$500 has been appropriated for improvements on Percy Field, \$300 will be used at the beat house and \$900 remains in the sinking more unfavorable light than if it had insisted

> on its rights and compelled the Blue to respect coid rights. Yale's course, which is The University of Wisconsin rowing mannot to be defended on any grounds what ever, is pretty generally attributed to stob agement has forwarded to the University of Pennsylvania aquatic authorities a challenge for a dual race between the 'varsity crews bishners, for which Cook, who has peculia ideas of his own regarding noartsmanship of the two institutions, to take place in June. The Wisconsin management requests cad the New York Fifth avenue crowd it that Pennsylvania send her eight west, precontrol of athletics at New Haven are alone sumably before the race with Cornell and Columbia, and row it a two-mile race. It to blame. The average Yale man is a true sportsman; hence it is that few of Yale's alumni ecorove of the Blue's athletic policy is a serious question whether a favorable reply can be sent to the Wisconsin college in force in reccut years and which, as stated before, is influenced by a crowd of New crew management, because the close proxmity of the race with Cornell and Columbia Yorkers who think they are better than other people and therefore look down upon will be the great objection. other colleges, and who will never be accused

Wallace Ross, the famous old oarsman of by anybody of being true sportsmen. Poston, is the latest rowing authority to de-clare himself against Yale's attempted dictatorial treatment of Cornell. When asked how he accounted for the present muddle in intercollegiate rowing matters he said: "Just this way: Cook against Harvard is a big University of Pennsylvania a week dgo a large number of men have reported to Coach met-a winner in a majority of races. Against Cornell and Courtney he is not so strong and defeat at the hauts of the ltha-Ward for crew practice. More candidates for the 'variatity are now daily rowing on the michines than since the roturn of Ward to cans puts an open measure on him, so far as his abilities as a cough go. If you could the university as coach. The candidates are composed of three of last year's 'varsity as his abilities as a coach go. If you could get at the inside of this affair, you would find that Cornell is an outsider, so far as any desire on the part of Harvard and Yale to race her is concerned. Men who mean business whether professionals or amateurs, should try to wipe out an honest defeat on liberal terms. If the racing is confined to Harvard and Yale to you are to be and you crew, Captain Howell, Stroke Rengenburg Hall, No. 4, and the entire freshmen eight Besides these, as a strong nucleus, there are a large number of new men who already show nights of 'versity material. Last year Ward was handice oed by a lack of caudi-dates and was obliged from the start to put

confined to Parvard and Yale next summer I doubt if there will be the old interest in the outcome. The match will not be con-sidered of championship standard. Yale men never have stood for defeat, and I lock for a strong soutiment to set in and place Yale where she should be." ation at the present time seems to p "What do you think Mr. Cook will do under the circumstances?" "I know him, and had a long talk with

him recently, and I give him credit for both in regards to material for an eight and wanting a match with Cornell, else why a race. hin a race. should he secure the services of such a man as John Kennedy? I look for Mr. Cock to should es John Kennedy? I look for Mr. Cook of straighten out matters at Yale. A man who has taken a Yale crew to England certainly who has done so much to advance athletic all not stand out against Cornell's fair re-interests at the University of Pennsylvania. oucst, especially as it is no sure thing that Yale will win, and defeat in 1898 means

forced upon our notice recently in connec-tion with the reports of the treatment re-ceived by our cricketers at the hands of our brethren in England. The canen is fre-quently violated in the college sporting however, only a question of a very short time before these people will be brou down to their proper level-athletically. brought

world. If this ideal is realized, if we hear in mind that sport is the gentleman at play, then sport will grow and our proficiency in the virious departments of sport will in-crease. When a game is conducted on gen-Since the general call for candidates at the rease. When a game is conducted on sen emanly principles genticemen actually pla, butter. On every side we see evidence at the community begins to estimate spor t its true value. The old saving that "Al ork and no play makes Jack a dull boy as true of the community as it is o dividuals. dividuals. Our national composition is such that here is no present danger of taking too

Our national composition is such that there is no present danger of taking too many holidays or of becoming an life race. The observance of the half holiday on Satur-day is a good thing. The blevele and golf have come into vogue just in time to chaim the half holiday for sport and to save it from dissipation. The blevele has appreci-ably diminished drinking and corner loading and it is daily reducing the numbers of the good-for-nothing class. I beleve that sport, properly understood will save us phy-sically and mentally and morally. practically the same men in the hoat at the beginning of the season that rowed in the race at Annapolis. The large number of men already out will obviate this and give each candidate an equal chance. The rowing situ-

race at Poughkeepsie with Cornell, Harvard Columbia and Wisconsin. The outlook for BASE BALL FICTION FLOURISHES. Pennaylvania is much brighter than last year Air Filled with Rumars and Papers

In the course of an admirable

Full of Fakes. The most striking feature of the base ball

situation of present is the extraordinary crop of fakes which seems to have almost entirely superseded legitimate news in a good many publications. These rumors usually receive more space than they deserve at th's

more spectrative. Increate a cozen of more prominent players who will have to play in about half 4 dozen cities each this year in order to preserve the veracity of some of the leading sporting writers and the more prominent players who will have that the play in about half 1 dozen eities each play in abo maining in which to exercise their imagina-

A good many sporting writers seem to have adopted a system which was worked with

adopted a system which was worked with much reading ought to behave like a gentleman, not a man whom from birth and beer south to behave like a gentleman.
There can be no aristocratic class of colleges. It is in this connection that we note the cvils incident to the talk about a "fog four." There is no harm in giving that is meant why not speak of a group at the head of the list, but if this is all that is meant why not speak of a group at the head of the list, but if this is all that is meant why not speak of a group at the head of the list, but if this is in the number four. If, however, the mane is harmful and misleading, and must be discarded. Topon the same principle there must be no at all between toms that do not play. Perhaps it would be better to say that there must be not show that the read for the stare proficient at a game one of championship at all. Between gentlemen either the terms of the question of championship at all. Between gentlemen either the terms of the question of the sleat had been murdered by his grandmother and that the read facts would never be known except for the vigilance and superburnan shrewiness of the sleat had been murdered by his grandmother and the would lixuriate in the exclusive discover the trans and the contest taken by remarks are degenerating into a list of a system which as bothes and the corpse had subsequently got up and waked out into the back yard to avoid sheed in the the read and perturber the tile and overworked imagination as a part the head man had been murdered in the the dead man had been murdered in the trans and the corpse had subsequently got up and waked out into the back yard to avoid sheed into the would into the back yard to avoid sheed in the the dead man spiration into the back yard to avoid sheed in the the dist the term is a sheed to the term is the the term is the the dead man had been murdered in a mane defined man accepts the result. If they do the deside the the dead mane that the read in the the dead mane to have the the

My remarks are degenerating into a list of "don'ts." (d) Don't be a cad. (2) Don't be a snob. (3) Don't talk in the newspapers, un-less you are driven to it. Here too, the canon of good taste applies. A consplexation had exhausted about every possible theory, example of the violation of this canon was one which came very near fitting the case. Then he would fill his pockets with copies of that particular edition and go around to receive the congratulations of his friends. And it is to be expected that by the time the season opens the fakirs will have so thor-

oughly covered the exigencies of the base ball situation that they will be able to say "I told you so," whatever happens.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the go sips have again settled the St. Louia muddle and now it is "efficially announced" that Tim Hurst will manage the club and that Von der Ahe will have nothing to do with its affairs except in his position as truster. According to the same veracious authority Tim will also be a National league umpire and one or two other things, and an one or the other will undoubtedly eventuate he will be right in any case.

During the week the Grand Rapida franchile has been successfully located in Des Molnes for the sixtmenth time since December 1. As the old fake has become somewhat wormeaten a rider has been added in this instance which conveys the equally probable information that Omaha will be given the Western association franchize now held by Des Moines. The story would not be complete unless a new dispensation of Anson was included and to make it strong it is added that Anson wil undoubtedly be the manager of the Des Moines team. Take altogether it is about as cheerful a piece of mendacity as has been contributed this

Another very commendable san f high class fabrication bears to Billy trade mark. It is that Parcon Davies, Chicago effect Brady, Martin Julian and Tom O'Rourke have formed a company to buy the St. Louis club and make up a team compared entirely of puglilats. As a field for the operation of President Brush's blacklisting resolution the proposed club would undoubtedly be a gifter-ing success, but from a base ball standpoint the scheme is so ridiculous that it is