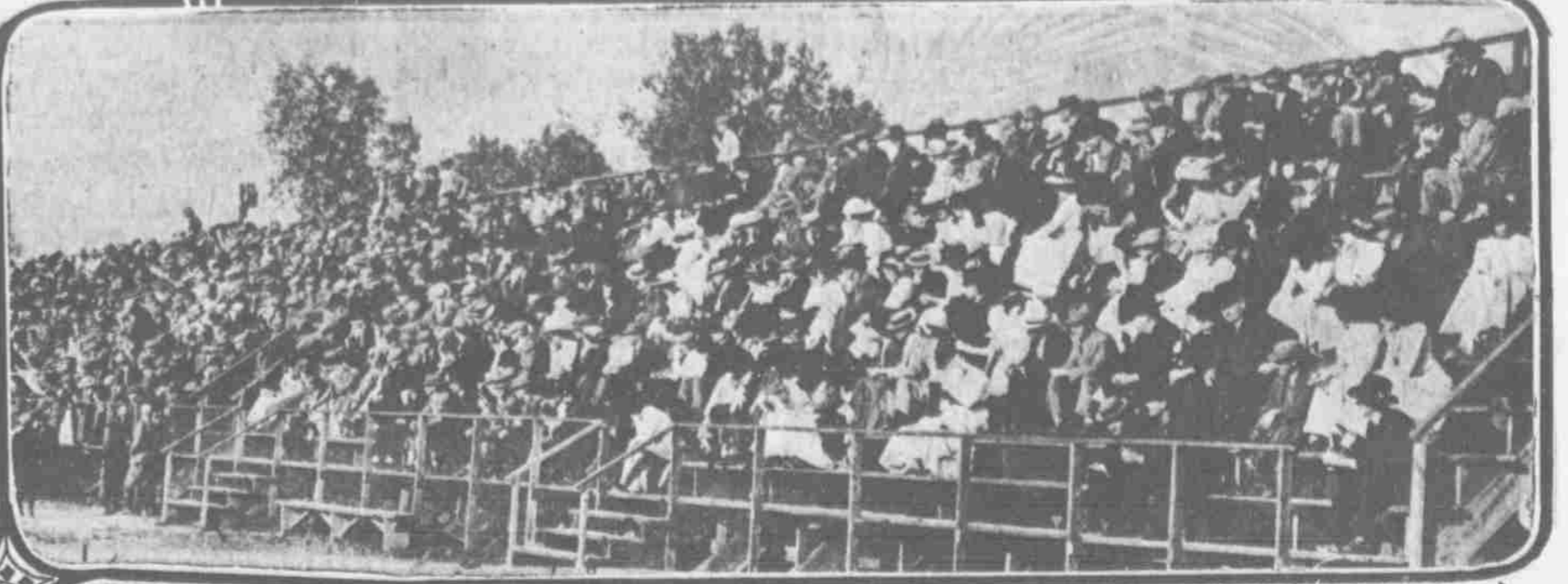


# Foot Ball Under New Rules Proves a Spectacular Game



OMPIRE OF DANGER

Foot ball is well under way in Omaha for the fall season and the new rules have been given a test here by Creighton, Bellevue and the Omaha High school teams. Opinions vary among the fans as to what the game will really be like under the new rules, but it seems to be the general opinion that the game has been made much more spectacular and the spectators will be able to see more of the plays and can therefore have more enjoyment in watching the sport.

Others are of the opinion that the game has not been benefited, but has been changed only enough to try to satisfy the demands of public opinion, which has been aroused each fall for several years because of the many injuries, which have been received by the players on the gridirons all over the country.

Watching the game Saturday between Creighton and Yanpton, one was able to see little difference in the play because of the changes in the rules. That there will be quite a difference is admitted by all, who have studied the rules, but the change is not yet apparent from any of the playing done in Omaha so far. The men are not sufficiently versed in the rules to make much of a change and as a consequence kept to their old style of play, principally bucking the line and off the tackles as long as they could gain and when driven to a pinch, to try to get the ball up the field with a long punt.

Creighton tried the forward pass very few times, and those few were almost a fizzle, because of evident lack of practice in execution. Yanpton tried it several more times and did better, showing that considerable time had been spent in perfecting that style of play.

Officials of the game have a much more difficult task under the new rules, because of their more complex nature. While the rule is changed, which makes it imperative to throw the ball forward at a certain distance from the center of the line of scrimmage, the new twenty-yard zone for kicks and passes keeps the officials on the lookout to see that these rules are complied with. The field judge is a much more important personage under the new rules as the other officials have to rely more upon him to determine some of these points.

Continued efforts are made to make the game less dangerous, but some of these seem to apply to any great extent. Foot ball in itself from its very nature a rough game and slight changes in the rules cannot eliminate these rough features. One of the main causes of injury was removed,



DOWN TO STAY



CREIGHTON LUNGES OFF TACKLE



YANPTON'S GOAL THREATENED



PHILBIN MAKES QUARTERBACK RUN

when the committee decided to do away with the flying tackle—a most spectacular incident of the game, but still one which led to many accidents.

The rule which divides the game into four quarters instead of two halves is a splendid rule, as it gives the players a breathing spell. It is well known that football men, as well as those engaged in any kind of sport, are much more liable to injury when they are all tired out than when they are fresh. This extra rest, although it be but for three minutes twice during the game, gives the players a chance to refresh themselves and to re-enter the fray much stronger. The intermission does not in any way detract from the interest in the game because it gives the spectators time to talk over the various plays.

Another change in the rules which seems to meet with approval is that which gives the referee permission to return a player to the game who has once been taken out for any reason except under penalty by

the umpire. Saturday's game demonstrated that when Captain Baldwin was able to materially strengthen his team by returning his fullback to the game. He had been taken out at the close of the first quarter to try out some other men. The ball had been worked desperately close to the Creighton goal in the last quarter and the Creighton men did not seem to be able to work the ball away from the danger point, either by rushing or by kicking. The good kicker was called back into the game and the ball was soon worked by a couple of well placed punts into the center of the field, where it was safe for the remainder of the game.

Last year the penalty for a fizzle on a forward pass was quite severe, it being

decreed that such a failure should cost the team which tried it fifteen yards. This year it is different. If the forward pass now fails on the first or second down it is simply returned to the point from which the pass was started and the same team keeps the ball. If it fails on the third down the ball goes to the other side. The penalty last year was so severe that it deterred many teams from trying the forward pass as often as they otherwise might have done.

Considerable comment has been indulged in because of the several accidents which were reported from the opening games all over the country. These might in a way be charged to the new rules or rather to a lack of sufficient change in the rules,

but it is far more probable that the accidents were due to a lack of condition on the part of the players. Under the new rules and also under conference agreements teams are not permitted to meet for organized practice before registration day and consequently, as the games are called early, many of the players are not in fit condition to enter the contests.

Rules cannot make foot ball gentle. It is not intended as a gentle game. It is a game in which eleven strong, finely trained

athletes are striving to carry the ball down the field and are opposed by eleven equally strong and healthy athletes on the other side who are just as determined that the ball must stop. It is natural, therefore, that when these differences of opinion exist and when these two eleven come together there will be quite a concussion and unless all are of sound body is hurt while playing the game, but it is quite frequent that reports come of men injured who should never have been permitted upon the field.

It is not to be expected that no one should be allowed upon a gridiron who has not put himself into the most perfect condition possible.

Football is a strenuous game, a game for athletes and not a game to be played but once a week by some clerk in a store, or some office man who gets little exercise. It is seldom that a trained athlete is hurt while playing the game, but it is quite frequent that reports come of men injured who should never have been permitted upon the field.

# Nebraska Degree of Honor Holds Important Annual Convention in Omaha



GROUP OF DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE DEGREE OF HONOR CONVENTION AT OMAHA LAST WEEK.

**H**ONOR to whom honor is due." Thus reasoned the founders of the Degree of Honor, which is really the woman's auxiliary of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, although of independent jurisdiction. And is that spirit the women of the homes made by Workmen took up the task assigned them: that of uniting in a beneficial and social organization the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of members of the parent organization. It has existed since 1882.

The eleventh session of the grand lodge of Nebraska, Degree of Honor, has just concluded its meetings in Omaha. Delegates were present from 27 lodges, a larger attendance than at any other convention of the society. With the visiting members of the grand lodge, the attendance ran close to 800, and the capacity of the Lyric theater was taxed to accommodate the sessions.

The Nebraska Degree of Honor, under the presidency of Mrs. Mayne Hedrick Cleaver, has made a greater gain in the last two years than during any similar time in its history. The net gain during the biennium, as shown by the reports, was in the neighborhood of \$300 in the beneficiary branch. At the present time the prospects are considered good for a continuation of this growth, as Mrs. Cleaver has been re-elected grand chief of honor by a unanimous vote of the delegates in spite of her expressed desire to retire. Before taking up the work in the Degree of Honor, Mrs. Cleaver had served

with marked success as state president of the Nebraska Women's Relief Corps of the Grand Army. She wears a handsome past president's medal, given to her by that organization at the conclusion of her term. Her present residence is in Lincoln.

In Miss Teresa Hemmel, grand recorder, and Mrs. Katie Schmitt, grand receiver, the grand chief of honor has two alert and efficient assistants. Miss Hemmel is in charge of headquarters at Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Schmitt lives in Omaha. Both were re-elected at the convention just closed.

The women selected as delegates to the Omaha convention were of a high character of mentality and went about their business in a fashion that left nothing to be desired. Nothing went by default, and throughout the sessions there was apparent a spirit of inquiry and of earnestness which indicated they knew perfectly well the importance of the duties confronting them. They represented 10,000 members all told in the state, two-thirds of the number being in the beneficiary list. Reports of officers were scanned with keen intelligence and their recommendations were given critical and conscientious study.

Of the surplus funds of the Degree of Honor over \$300,000 is safely invested in Nebraska farm mortgages, while a pretty substantial bank balance is always carried in the general and emergency funds. The latter was established four years ago, and at the present time amounts to \$125,000. The Degree of Honor has the step-rate plan of assessment, and the emergency

fund was created as a measure of safety that will cover any and all extraordinary expenses the organization may be called on to meet in the future. That the women of the Degree of Honor and their advisers on the finance committee are entirely competent to handle wisely and profitably the funds of the membership has been proven by the signal success attending their efforts since the time when a surplus began to accumulate.

The Degree of Honor not only insures the lives of its beneficiary members, but it also pays attention to the social side of life; and attends the sick, buries the dead and gives kindly care to the orphans who may need attention. Its activities are continual throughout the year, and its work has proven mightily effective. Nothing proves this better than the flattering gain in active membership achieved during the last two years. Its business sessions are held biennially, Lincoln having secured the convention for 1911. Besides the executive officers proper, the two standing committees on laws and finance are made up with care to get the ablest people available.

During the Omaha meeting a motion was made to withdraw from the national organization, but after a warm debate in secret session this motion was defeated. After the election of officers Mrs. Frances Buell Olson of Minnesota, the national grand chief of honor, administered the oath of office and installed the new grand officers. By action heretofore taken the Nebraska Grand Lodge, Ancient Order of

United Workmen, became an independent body, and thus came about the effort to have the Degree of Honor take a like action. Mrs. Olson was present during the sessions and her influence probably counted materially to defeat this proposition.

Following is the list of the newly elected officers of the Nebraska Grand Lodge Degree of Honor:

Mrs. Emma Smith, St. Edwards, past grand chief of honor.  
Mrs. Mayne H. Cleaver, Neligh, grand chief of honor.  
Mrs. Augusta Anton, McCook, grand lady of honor.  
Mrs. Emma Sever, Ord, grand chief of ceremonies.  
Mrs. Katie Schmitt, Omaha, grand recorder.  
Miss Tressa Hempel, Plattsmouth, grand collector.  
Mrs. Minnie Shanahan, Lincoln, grand usher.  
Mrs. Maggie Steele, South Omaha, inner watch.  
Mrs. Anna Grassman, Holdrege, outer watch.  
Mrs. Ada Ralston, South Omaha, grand medical examiner.

Committees were elected as follows:

Finance—F. C. Morgan, Plattsmouth, chairman, six year term; Mrs. Adelia Harding, Hebron, four year term; Mrs. Ella Hall, South Omaha, two year term.  
Law—W. T. Wattles, Neligh, chairman, six year term; Mrs. Anna Owen, Grand Island, four year term; Mrs. Polly Schlosser, Beatrice, two year term.

The grand officers extended their thanks to the committee for the excellent entertainment afforded and for the courtesies shown the visiting delegates. The Omaha committee acquitted itself with decided credit.

# Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

**Old Sweethearts Wed.**  
Charles Erd, blind attorney of St. Louis, and Mrs. Lillie Steele Goddard, the sweetheart of his young manhood, were married September 7 last and kept their wedding a close secret for three weeks. Mr. Erd began his law practice in St. Louis with the hopefulness of youth and without any physical handicap to his rapid advancement in the law. He met and wooed Miss Lillie Steele, but she married a Mr. Goddard, since dead.

Several years ago Mr. Erd went to Canada to visit a sister who is mother superior of a convent. On his return trip he stopped a few days in New York. One night the indicator in the office of the hotel registered a series of rapid calls from the room occupied by Erd. The bellboy found Erd bleeding and unable to see. He said he had shot himself accidentally and with difficulty had groped his way to the call bell. He was removed to a hospital, where after several weeks he recovered from his wounds, but never regained his eyesight. Erd is past 40 years of age.

**Money as a Marriage Lure.**  
Forty-seven Chicago men of different ages, nationalities, religions, complexions and dispositions all arrived at the same conclusion, namely, that if a policeman's wife is able without any ironed finance

to build up the comfortable fortune of \$250,000 with her husband's salary, this same policeman's daughters ought to be quite well qualified in the same game.

The forty-seven read of Policeman Anton Klinger, 3221 North Sacramento avenue, Chicago, in the papers and of his fame as the richest copper traveling a boat. They read of his wife's financial skill and of the two pretty daughters. Then the race began.

By telephone, telegraph, special delivery and ordinary mail, in person and even by proxy, came the declarations of undying love and affection for the two pretty daughters, Martha and Clarice.

A fresh outburst of proposals came the night following the news that Papa Klinger not only favored his daughter's marriage, but promised a quarter of his good sized fortune to each of the lucky suitors.

**Married in a Motor Car.**  
"Baffled, or Married in a Motor Car," was the thrilling drama staged on the road between Charlotte, Mich., and Lansing October 1. The three principal characters were Miss Marie Edgett, Harrison Blakeslee and a minister, all of Charlotte. The affair went so rapidly that it might almost be called a moving picture.

For some time the friends of the young couple had planned to give a roasting re-

ception when they were married. Grocery stores were robbed of rice and carrots and cellars ransacked for old shoes to be buried with best wishes at the heads of the loving pair.

Blakeslee and his bride heard of the reception their well meaning friends had planned and having some regard for his own life as well as that of his prospective wife he decided to sidestep the contemplated wedding ceremony.

He and his bride secured an automobile and descended upon the home of a local minister. At first the preacher would not listen to the idea of being a star feature in a marriage by motor melodrama, but finally the fair bride, as the heroine, prevailed upon him to tie the knot in the car.

With the chauffeur, a mutual friend and a strong odor of gasoline as witness the two loving hearts were united as firmly as possible considering the fact that the machine was going at a speed of thirty miles an hour in the dark over rough roads.

In the meantime the friends were left, figuratively speaking, "waiting at the church." They had backed up several wagonloads of rice and had piled tons of discarded footwear in heaps awaiting the clamor of the wedding bells. They waited and waited, until it finally dawned upon them there would be no ceremony.