

FORWARD PASS WILL COME IN FOR DISCUSSION—GRID MENTORS MAY REMEDY CHANCES OF TIE CONTEST

Already Suggested the Point After Touchdown Be Eliminated—May Rule That Three Points Is Enough to Collect When Team Scores on Forward Pass.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Scoring will be among the problems facing the American football coaches when they gather for their annual meeting here next week. It already has been suggested the point after touchdown be eliminated and the touchdown scored from reception of a forward pass count only three points, the same as a goal from the field, a scheme designed to eliminate the deluge of passes at the end of a game when a losing team makes a last effort to recover. The present scoring system, with slight changes, has stood many years.

Another proposal which has been made annually for several years past has had to do with eliminating tie games by providing an extra period of play or deciding the winner by giving an extra point for the team which made the greatest number of first downs or gained the most yards during the regular playing period.

In the early days of the present century weight counted more than speed, for the rules provided that an eleven might gain a first down by advancing only five yards in three attempts, where now the distance is 10 yards in four.

Hurdling and flying tackles had not been banned, so players went into a contest protected from head to foot with thick pads on shoulders and elbows. Injuries and deaths from football came too often.

Then came the forward pass and the longer distance to make, with more downs in which to accomplish the task. Pads and guards were hurried to the side lines as speed became one of the necessary elements.

The average line weight dropped about 10 pounds.

Football gained a tremendous following, with small universities placing light but clever passing teams in the field, and soon the squads mounted into the thirties and the "artists" took their place in the game. They were the experts at drop kicking, punting and passing who were rushed into the contest when an opportunity for field goal or touchdown loomed.

With the new open game the fields were crowded and football became financially profitable and able to care for the increasing number of participants.

In the old days a touchdown meant six points, the following goal one. And the goal after touchdown had to

be kicked from the angle of the field 15 yards from the point where the ball went over the line unless it was punted out safely to some more advantageous position.

Later it was decreed that the extra point must be made from a position 15 yards from and directly in front of the goal posts. This proved to be too easy, and there were too men who scored immense totals of consecutive goals. Now any kind of play is permissible with the ball put in scrimmage from any point on or outside the three-yard line in front of the goal posts. A touchdown has come to count six points in order that the combination of a field goal and a safety may not equal the fruits of a gruelling advance.

Says "Bugs" Baer:

MOVING picture theaters are grabbing an idea that is popular in California. That is mounting the orchestra on an elevator. They start in the cellar and come up tangling away on their banjos and harps like little cupids in full dress.

California is also responsible for the cafeteria or self-service form of starvation and hunger strikes. But this has scales for orchestra is a little more nutritious. The orchestra sounds very katish, as it wallops away at its violins while the distinguished visiting conductor directs with one hand and pulls away at more levers than the trusted employee who went to sleep in the signal tower.

WERE opening this keg of nails to let you know that the late lamented International Sportsmen's club had the same idea about a fight ring.

The International is now leader than old schemes, when it was alive and boasting. One was a \$1,000,000 arena where none but the best could fight bad.

The other was the California duanewriter for a ring. In other words, they were going to make an elevator starter out of the marquis of Queensbury.

The ring could be lowered and elevated by fancy mechanism and other business. The fighters would climb aboard in the cellar and come up fighting.

THERE would be no time lost in fiddling around, introductory flashlights and preliminary orations. The fight would start in the cellar just the same as it does in other respectable cabarets.

Bing! Bang! The first view the audience would get of the fighters would be a shindig that would look as if it had gone on for weeks. Wallop! Sap! Down goes the elevator with all on board. Wow!

Up it comes with another terrible fight on deck. Wham! And all the other prefixes and suffixes of hauled disaster and retribution. Bopp!

THAT was a splendid idea. But suppose they used it with Fred Fulton and Tony Fuente on board. That fight was over in 17 seconds. The best time for any elevator ring would be 13. We would have grabbed a fine view of Fred tearing off a cat nap to the music of a thousand cats' meows.

COAST BOXING BODY ORGANIZES

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 26.—The recently appointed members of the California state boxing commission organized today by electing Seth W. P. Strellinger of Los Angeles chairman, and selecting Walter A. Farwood of Santa Cruz, secretary. The secretary is the only paid position of the commission. Strellinger is a member of the American Legion and a portion of the proceeds from boxing and wrestling contests, under the law, will go to the aid of former service men. The commission has not yet granted any licenses for boxing matches.

WORLD

6-Act Holiday Bill With YVETTE and her N. Y. SYNCOPATORS On the Screen VIOLA DANA "Along Came Ruth"

SUN STARTS TODAY

Happy New Year Program of Fun DOUGLAS MACLEAN NEVER SAY DIE

Champion Marathon Bowler



JACK JOHNSON. 1917.

Jack Johnson of Milwaukee has laid claim to the title of world's champion marathon bowler. Recently he rolled fifty-two consecutive games, marking his own scores, and did not halt between games for rest periods. Johnson rolled steadily for six and one-half hours and averaged 192 for the fifty-two games. The previous record for continuous bowling was thirty-eight games.

Collins and Killifer Favor Golf for Ball Players in Training

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Golf for baseball players in training frowned on by some major league managers. The approval of Eddie Collins and Bill Killifer, pilots, respectively, of the Chicago Americans and Nationals.

They look upon the game merely as recreation, which might be an aid to batting finish. In this they agree with Chester Horton, Chicago professional, who says the only danger is that it might make the ball player so enthused in his recreation as to jeopardize his value in his chosen profession.

In golf and baseball the essentials of hitting the ball are the same—an easy stance and a good balance, according to Horton. He argues that the games are similar in that the player in each has the same objective—to hit a moving object on the diamond and a stationary object on the links.

Sports Merchant Dies. George R. Guenther, 33, sporting goods merchant at Grand Island, Neb., died Wednesday at a local hospital. He is survived by his parents and his widow.

BRANDEIS TODAY Mat. 2:30 Eve. 8:20 LAST TWO TIMES LEE & J. SHUBERT Present George Roy Margaret Price Cummings Breen And Company of 100, in the Best Showing in Years

BRANDEIS Four Days, Commencing Sunday, Dec. 28 Popular Wednesday Matinee FISKE O'HARA and MISS PAT CLARY in "THE BIG MOGUL"

Three Days Starting NEW YEAR'S NIGHT Matinee Saturday OTIS SKINNER AND COMPANY OF 40 PEOPLE in the Merry, Spectacular "SANCHO PANZA"

Gayety Omaha's Fun Center Mat. and Nite Today NIFTY JOE WILTON And the Smallest of All Musical Revues "BROADWAY BY NIGHT" Columbia

Burgess, Nash Sued by Doctor

Ward M. Burgess and Louis C. Nash, former officers of Burgess-Nash company, are made joint defendants in a suit for \$1,850 damages filed in district court Wednesday by M. L. Donovan, attorney on behalf of Dr. G. A. Cassidy, holder of a block of first preferred stock in the corporation.

The petition alleges that the defendants were aware that the company was insolvent when the stock was issued in 1921 and that they misrepresented the value of the stock to Burns, Brinker & Co., brokers, who sold the stock to the plaintiff.

The petition also alleges that the defendants obtained a state permit to sell the stock by willfully misrepresenting the company's financial condition in a statement to the secretary of state.

LINCOLN WOMAN DIES OF BURNS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25.—Christmas eve cheer turned to tragedy for a Lincoln family when Mrs. H. F. Ludwig, mother of three small children, died in a hospital from burns received when she poured kerosene on the kitchen floor. Death occurred at 11:30 a. m. today, seven hours after the accident. Mrs. Ludwig had returned from a shopping trip, buying gifts for the children when she poured oil on the fire to "hurry it along."

PIN SWEEPSTAKES AT OMAHA ALLEYS

The Omaha bowling alleys will hold a sweepstake pin competition at the alleys Saturday night, starting at 8 o'clock. Five games across 10 alleys will be bowled. The entry list will be held open until time to start the competition. The entry fee is \$2. Already 30 bowlers have entered. Twenty-five per cent of the entry fee will be awarded as prize money.

Mrs. Mary Strotman Dies. Mrs. Mary Strotman, 76, resident of Omaha for many years, died Thursday at her home, 2012 North Nineteenth street. She is survived by her husband, Bernard; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Marks of Omaha and Mrs. Lillian Kummerly of Dalton, Neb.; five sons, Joseph, Callier, Alexis, James and Edward, all of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 8:30 a. m. at the Healey & Healey chapel, and at Sacred Heart church at 9. Burial will be in the family lot at St. Mary cemetery.

Bee Want Ads are the best business boosters.

MAILER OF BOMB PACKAGE SOUGHT

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Into the intrigues and deadly jealousies of the Italian section here delved detectives, deputy sheriffs and postoffice inspectors today in search of a clue that might reveal the identity of the person who sent an infernal machine, disguised as a Christmas present, which exploded in the hands of Ernest M. Torchia, Italian attorney, at his home in Glendale, a suburb, and probably fatally injured him.

Astonishing surgeons at the Glendale sanitarium, the terribly injured man continued to hold fast to life today. His condition is unchanged and death is expected momentarily.

12 PERSONS DIE AS DAM BREAKS

Salvite, Va., Dec. 26.—Rescuers toiled today through thousands of tons of half frozen muck searching for victims in the Christmas eve tragedy that fell on this little community with the breaking of the dam at the Mathieson alkali works and snuffing out a dozen or more lives.

In the emergency hospital here are 12 bodies, and 22 persons are missing. Pneumonia is feared in many cases now in the hospital and doctors today said it was probable there would be more deaths. The work was carried on in the bitter cold. The exposure was great.

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Coming To Gladden Your Hearts

Starting Today Strands Starting Today

The Gorgeous Spectacle of Never, Never Land

The Beloved Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up Is Coming To Gladden the Heart of Everyone From Eight to Eighty.

"Peter Pan" Will Stir Golden Memories and Bring Back Your Youth

A Paramount Picture "PETER PAN"

With Betty Bronson the Perfect "Peter Pan" Picked By James M. Barrie Himself Out of Thousands of Aspirants.

Introducing the Picture The Prologue Beautiful, The spirit of Never, Never Land—Featuring NORMA MACK

On the Stage GRACE ABBOTTS "KIDNIGHT FOLLIES OF 1925" The Most Elaborate Juvenile Revue Ever Offered in Omaha

35—Cute Clever Kiddies—35 Starting Today Strands Starting Today

When "Peter Pan" Flies In the Window, Your Everyday Cares Will Fly Out.

Race Entries

JEFFERSON PARK
First race, purse \$700, 2-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 1/2 furlongs, 1:15
Charnat .115 Valentino .115
Headline .110 Wonder Light .114
W.C. T. White .110 Peter Deacy .110
Shantal .110 Riley .110

TIA JUANA
First race, 4 1/2 furlongs, all ages, purse \$100
Little Tokalon .97 Convent .105
Little Girl .110 Freshwell .110
Runkling .110 Marvel .102

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The Biggest Thing in Life Colleen Moore IN "So Big" HOW BIG? When you leave the theater tomorrow night it'll ring in your ears and you'll be asking yourself—"How Big?"—and you'll be thinking of Selma whom life couldn't down—and of how great she made the life that was hers to live. So many things you'll think about and, maybe, when all is quiet and you're all alone you'll think again and then maybe you'll be saying to yourself—"How Big Am I?" Edna Ferber's Greatest Novel.

EMPRESS STARTS TODAY The Brilliant Musical Play "VILLAGE VAMP" With Olive Wintner, in Addition to Photoplays

Orpheum 2:30—Now Playing—8:30 NANCE O'NEIL and BETTY MORGAN and Their Collegiate Quartet BABY HENDERSON CLAUDE & MARION HOYT & COLLINS LEONARD & HART DEMAREST & COLETTE Two Shows New Year's Eve.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRE LOTHROP . . . 24th and Lehigh Ramos Navarro and Alice Terry in "The Arab" GRAND . . . 16th and Binney Richard Dix and Lois Wilson in "The Call of the Canyon" HAMILTON . . . 40th and Hamilton "The Girl in the Limousine" BOULEVARD . . . 33d and Leavenworth Bebe Daniels and Richard Dix in "Sinners in Heaven"