

Value of Good Kickers — Clearly Shown This Year

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THE absolute necessity of having a consistently good punter imposed upon the modern football eleven by the revised code was never made more strikingly apparent than when in a recent game one eleven, hopelessly outclassed by a heavier, faster and better drilled opponent, escaped complete annihilation

kicked balls imperative, with the loss of it as the most probable alternative.

Good Kickers Numerous.

Every one of the eastern teams has two or more reliable toe artists. Pennsylvania has four handy men in Marshall, Minds, Thayer and Captain Mercer. Princeton has Pendleton, Andrews and Penfield. Harvard is well supplied with Potter, Felton and Wigglesworth. The latter was injured in the game with Holy Cross recently and will not be able to play until the real big game with Yale at New Haven. Yale has Anderson, the former Wisconsin halfback; Francis and Captain Howe. The latter has developed into one of the greatest kickers in the country this season.

The Army is well fixed with Arnold, Dean and Hyatt, while the Annapolis men have a dandy in Dalton. In Thorpe Coach Warner of the Carlisle Indians has a noted boot man.

Cornell seems to have the best of them all in "Little Eddie" Butler, the Red and White quarterback. Butler's educated toe has won several games for the Ithacans this season.

Nearly all the western conference teams have men of more or less ability in the kicking line this season. Captain Andy Gill of Indiana is probably the best in the west, his work being not only of the long distance variety, but extremely accurate. Minnesota has a man of great ability in Capron, who is said to be better than Johnny McGovern in the drop kicking line and far his superior in punts.

Illinois has Sellar, who won three games for his team last year merely through his ability to kick goals and who was hailed as one of the stars of



THREE KICKERS OF ABILITY. (Dalton of Navy, Butler of Cornell and Dean of Army.)

by kicking almost immediately whenever it was fortunate enough to secure the ball.

The Value of a Kicker.

In approximately forty minutes of play the team in question tried only three times to advance the ball rushing. The net gain was less than a yard. The opposition on the other hand found it comparatively easy to make first downs. On the attack it cut and tore through the weaker team's line or around its flanks almost as readily as it staved off the other's puny attempts at offensive play.

Under the old rules the score would probably have run up into the sixties or seventies, yet the game was not an uninteresting one to the spectators, simply because there was one department in which the two contesting teams were of almost, if not quite, equal strength. The loser's punts averaged almost as long as the winner's, and his ends, though not a star par by any manner of means, were yet fast enough and knew enough about tackling to prevent long runbacks.

Brilliant Plays to Come.

The really good teams, with the burden of having to play for a championship this month upon them, have not shown their best form yet. There are flashes, brilliant enough at times, of real form, but it will be in the big games that the real stuff will be shown. Then, unless everything, including the granddole, goes astray, there will be the prettiest duels between kickers and ends, on one side and backs on the other, that it has ever been the good fortune of the football roofer to witness.

The very rules make for such an unevenness. Perhaps the kicking side has an advantage, but it is of a sort that is bound to make the play all the more spectacular. There may be fewer of the sensational forty and fifty yard runs through broken fields, but the change will of itself create a faster, shiffter class of backs, which in turn will necessitate an increasingly open game.

Harder to Block Kicker.

Given two opposing lines of practically equal strength, it will be almost impossible to block kicks. Since the three inside men are now permitted to lock legs, one set of forwards must be immensely superior to the other to get through in time to "gum up" a kicking play. Add two good tackles and the chances of interfering with a punt are not one-tenth as good as they were in the old days.

Even after the ball is kicked the advantage is with the kicker. Unless the leather strikes the ground within the neutral zone a player on the kicking side may not be legitimately interfered with until he has gone twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage. This rule in itself makes clean handline of



MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN TEAM. (Howe of Yale, Sprackling of Brown and Moll of Wisconsin.)

the west on this account, although his work in other departments of the game was no better than ordinary.

In Keckle Moll Wisconsin has a noted kicker. During practice his work is accurate and his punts very long. Chicago has not a man of ability, and Coach Stang has been working night and day trying to find a player who will be able to cope with the stars of his four great western adversaries.

Michigan has three reliable men in Captain Conklin, Harrington and Thompson. Coach "Hurry Up" Yost thinks he has one of the finds of the season in Harrington.

Electricity In Agriculture. The British government is about to spend a considerable sum in investigating the use of electricity in agriculture. So far as wheat is concerned, the beneficial effect of electricity has already been amply demonstrated by experiments.

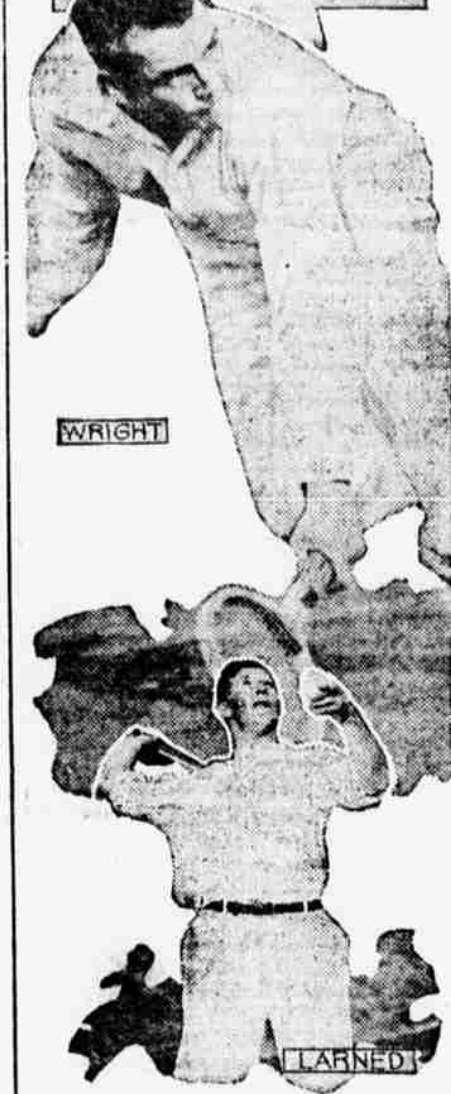
Lone Robber Gathers \$1,000. Great Falls, Mont., Nov. 4.—A lone

robber late yesterday relieved the bank of Hodges, Mont., 100 miles south of here, of nearly \$1,000 and escaped.

AMERICA'S DAVIS LAWN TENNIS CUP TEAM

At no time since the Davis cup team was picked to represent America in the international play were tennis enthusiasts throughout the country as happy as they are now. And it was all because that William A. Larned, the national champion, is going to Australia. Some weeks ago the national singles champion said that he would not go to Australia as a member of the challenging team. Larned changed his mind, however, and arranged his business affairs so that it was possible for him to go.

This was welcomed by every court player, for without Larned on the team America's chances to bring back



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the famous Dwight L. Davis international cup looked rather slim. With Larned, Beals C. Wright and Maurice McLaughlin as United States representatives the challengers appear to have the best chance in years to bring back the coveted trophy. The challengers' chances for victory are made twofold by the fact that the Australasians this year are not as formidable as in years past.

For several years American tennis players have tried to persuade Larned to make the trip to the antipodes, but each year he refused to go. The reason why he couldn't go was because of business pressure. The American team is scheduled to arrive in Australia Nov. 22. Larned will be the singles player and the other two doubles men. It is also supposed that McLaughlin will share the burden of the singles with Larned, also captain the team.

TO MAKE HOCKEY FASTER.

National Association of Canada Will Cut Out Position of Rover.

The National Hockey Association of Canada at a preliminary meeting held informally and secretly recently arranged for changes in the rules to be adopted at the annual meeting the second week in November. It was practically decided to cut down the number of players on each team and by doing away with the rover have teams of only six men.

It is considered that this will make the game much faster and will also tend to make it more open, but followers of the sport here are not of one mind on the radical change.

MORAN TO MEET DRISCOLL.

Two Clever Englishmen Will Battle In London Dec. 2.

Owen Moran and Jim Driscoll, the English featherweights, have signed articles for a twenty round bout at the Empire Skating palace, Birmingham, England, on Dec. 2. The purse is \$13,000, and a gold belt goes with it, while each man will get \$2,000. The weight is 126 pounds at 2 o'clock.

If both men are at their best critics in this country believe that Driscoll will be the winner on points, as he easily outclasses Moran as a boxer.

"BEAT QUAKERS," YOST'S CRY

Michigan Eleven Planning Trick Plays For Penn.

"Beat Pennsylvania!" is the battle cry of the Michigan football player. Since the season started Coach Yost and his Wolverines keep close tabs on reports of the Quaker eleven. Last year Michigan held Pennsylvania to a 0-0 score, and this year it hopes to do even better. "Hurry Up" Yost is teaching his men all kinds of tricks in order that the Red and Blue collegians may be conquered when they battle on Michigan's gridiron on Nov. 18.

Yost does not bury the fact that he has one of the best teams in years. He already has gone on record as saying that he expects this year's team to make as great a record as his great 1904 eleven did. The Wolverines look upon the Quaker game as the hardest of the season and the best one from which to judge Michigan's real gridiron strength. There is no method of obtaining the Wolverines' strength since Yost's squad does not play with the conference teams. Both Chicago and Michigan play Cornell, and these games will go a long way toward showing how strong the Maize and Blue team is compared to other western elevens.

The personnel of Michigan's present eleven is much the same as last year's. Not only is Yost lucky to have practically an intact team, but he has been fortunate in locating suitable substitutes for emergencies.

A slight glance at the players reveals at left end Garrels, who is a brother of the famous Jimmy Garrels of the '04-'06 team, who is thought to be one of the best wings Yost has developed in years. Stanfield Wells, an All American end of last year, is again holding down a wing position. Yost says he would not want a better man at tackle than Captain Conklin. Pontius, while a new man, has shown surprising

strength as his leader's partner. The worst holes "Hurry Up" found to fill were the guards.

Michigan felt a severe blow when she lost Benbrook. So far Almondinger, a likely looking lineman, has been used as a guard, while the other guard has been Boyle, a veteran of last year's team. Peterson, a new man, is playing center. He promises to be as good as if not better than Cornwall, who played the position last year. McMillan, the sensational quarterback find of last season, is again on the job. In the matter of backs Michigan is well fortified with Craig, Torbet, Huebel, Wetmer, Robinson and Harrington.

Yost is giving a lot of attention to Thompson, the fullback, whose kicking abilities give him a big advantage over the other men out for the middle back position. Thompson has developed into quite a kicker, and it is upon him that Yost depends to score a Pennsylvania victory.

George D. Smith has received information that his brother, Congressman Smith of California, who has been in a sanitarium for the past six months, has so far recovered that he is able to go to his home at Bakersfield, and he hopes to return to Washington after the holidays and remain during the remainder of the congressional session. The doctors said six months ago that he had quick recuperation.

The 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Rudd, who recently was scalded about the limbs, is now suffering from an abscess in both ears as the result of measles. The little child has suffered much pain from swollen glands, sore throat and is now cutting teeth. The physician reports that the child is strong and will recover. The child suffered from convulsions the day after it was scalded by the accidental drop of a boiler filled with hot water.

South Norfolk News. Charles Kriz is building an addition to his residence.

Walter House is on the sick list. Lewis Richmond of Sikes, Mont., visited at the Moolick home.

Mrs. R. T. Nichols arrived home from Bonesteel after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schenabauer.

Miss Dorothy Myers of Plainview was here.

L. Van Horn arrived home from

Winnerton where he visited with his sister, Mrs. Charles Pearce.

Mr. Holmes, roundhouse foreman at Oakland, was here to attend the funeral of the late C. R. Kauffman.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—The police admitted today that they had practically reached the end of their rope in their investigation into the death of Patrolman Arthur Bissonette and the deaths of eight others, all of whom had been close associates of Mrs. Louis Vermilya. Although coroner Hoffman had satisfied himself that Bissonette died by arsenic poisoning and a warrant charge has been issued for the arrest of the woman, the evidence against her thus far is purely circumstantial. The coroner, the state's attorney and the police department have had detectives looking up every possible connection of Mrs. Vermilya for the last week ever since it was suspected that the patrolman's death was not natural.

Arthur Bissonette, sr., father of the dead policeman, today described Mrs. Vermilya's efforts to obtain his son's body for burial after his death.

"An undertaker named C. C. Boyson was making ready to move the body five minutes after death," he said. "I protested at the hurry and he insisted that it would be better to move the body at once. I formally forbade them to touch it."

The contents of nine bottles of medicine taken from Mrs. Vermilya's home by the coroner are being analyzed.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

James Delaney goes to the C. C. ranch to spend Sunday.

H. B. Barnhart returned from a business trip at Vankton.

Miss Beattie Ritchie is home from the Kearney normal school for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Ritchie.

Miss Clara Witwer of Tilden spent the day here with friends.

Theodore Meyer of Wausau, Wis., is here visiting with Ernest Raasch, Deputy United States Marshal J. F. Sides of Dakota City was in the city.

Miss Sophia Dimmel, enroute from Winside to her home at Omaha, was in the city visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Heilmann, who have been here visiting with old friends, have returned to their home at Lincoln.

W. W. Wasson went to Chicago on business. Mrs. Wasson accompanied her husband as far as Freeport, Ill., where she will visit with her parents.

W. A. Barnes of Colorado, twenty years ago a partner in the law firm of Rathbott & Barnes, is here spending a few days' visit with N. A. Rainey.

Charles Ostendorf has moved from 611 South Tenth street to 1213 Pierce street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kline, five miles west of Hadar, a son.

C. F. Mitchell of Creighton has moved to Norfolk and is living at 1294 Norfolk avenue.

W. W. DeHart was called to Emerson, Ia., on account of the serious illness of his father.

H. C. Peckham has moved from the corner of Thirteenth street and Norfolk avenue to 896 Norfolk avenue.

Iron balls for the "chain gang" have been received. Chief Marquardt is now looking for a few members of the "gang."

The second car of poultry shipped to San Francisco by the Norfolk Poultry company left Norfolk today. A. G. Lindsay had charge of this car.

Many heating stoves are being set up and the regular rush of transferring these heaters to be set up for the winter's work, is now in full swing.

Duck hunting came to a halt this week when hunters found that all the ponds, lakes and even portions of the river were coated over with a thin layer of ice.

Capt. Keleher took his football squad to Columbus Saturday morning for a game with the Columbus high school team. Both teams were said to be about evenly matched.

Two cars of potatoes and a car of cabbage consigned to the Evans Fruit company arrived here quite badly frozen Friday. Five cars of apples are expected here by that company.

After an interesting meeting held by hose company No. 1 of the fire department last night, a social meeting was held. The fire and drum corps gave several selections. Refreshments were served.

Pastory Cook Nistle of the North-western eating house was arrested Saturday morning by Chief of Police Marquardt. The cook was found sleeping on the Northwestern railroad tracks on Madison avenue and Seventh street.

F. J. Yerke, a dispatcher in the employ of the Northwestern road and formerly chief dispatcher at Glasgow, Mont., has resigned his Norfolk position and will leave in a few weeks for Moberly, Mo., where he will take up a similar position with the Wabash road.

The Hoffman & Veile furniture store had an informal funeral Friday. The pet cat which has reigned supreme over the rats in the basement of that store for several years passed away peacefully during the night and after being discovered with the aid of a lantern, the funeral took place.

Mrs. Julia Beck and her daughters, Misses Jennie and Blanche of Atlanta, Ill., have come to Norfolk to spend the winter. They will make their home with Mrs. E. A. Waddell at 113 North Ninth street. The Illinois people have been advised to come to Norfolk for a change of climate.

When the city council meets Monday night a month's work, say some officials, will make almost an all-night session necessary. Sewer contracts are to be let; the mayor is determined to swing his municipal field ownership proposition and many bills are to be allowed, including the allowing of salary for city employees. Tuesday will be election day and city pay day as well.

To Elect Kansas Congressman. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 6.—Republicans from all parts of Kansas gathered in this city today for the closing features of the campaign in the Second Kansas congressional district, a special election to name a successor to the late A. C. Mitchell will be held tomorrow. The contest is expected to be a close one between U. S. Green, the republican nominee, and John H. Taggart, the democratic nominee. The republican campaign will close tonight with speeches in Kansas City by Gov. W. R. Stubbs of Kansas and a number of their prominent republicans. The democratic campaign closed Saturday with a speech by Champ Clark, speaker of the national house of congress.

HOW FAST THE BABIES DIE. Every Ten Seconds an Infant Expires from a Preventable Disease. Kansas City, Nov. 6.—"Watch the light flash. Every flash a baby dies from a preventable disease."

This was the grim wording of a placard which attracted wide attention at the Child's Welfare exhibit in this city today.

The exhibit opened last Thursday, and has attracted thousands of visitors from other cities. Infant mortality was the question to which special attention was given today. A small red electric light globe in a case,

flashing every ten seconds, bearing the placard caused hundreds of mothers to stop and look with startled expressions, meanwhile drawing their children closer to them. The figures and photographs showing the inroads of preventable disease among Kansas City children were shown. Of 19,866 children in the schools, examined last year by the health board, it was shown that 3,694 were recommended for treatment. The records also showed in that number 3,454 suffered from adenoids, in many cases entirely unknown to the parents.

Lee O'Neill Brown Again. Chicago, Nov. 6.—Lee O'Neill Brown, former minority leader of the Illinois house, was scheduled to again appear today before the senatorial investigating committee in the Lorimer hearing. It was expected he would complete his testimony at the morning session. Other witnesses, who it was expected would be called during the day, included Mrs. Charles S. Luke, widow of a former democratic member of the legislature, and Otis and Sydney Warborough, friends of Charles A. White. It was said the committee might take a recess at the end of the present week and continue its hearings in Washington in December.

Taft in Cincinnati. Cincinnati, O., Nov. 6.—President Taft arrived in Cincinnati from Hot Springs, Va., early today. He will remain here until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow night, when he will leave for a tour of Kentucky and Tennessee.

NEW EXPERTS ON HYDE.

State Will Introduce New Scientists in Kansas City Trial. Kansas City, Nov. 6.—With twenty-five talesmen in the jury room and forty new veniremen ready for examination, the third week of the Dr. B. Clarke Hyde murder trial began today. Attorneys believe the panel of forty-seven temporary jurors will be completed this week. Two days are allowed for exercising peremptory challenges, so it is possible that evidence will be heard next week. A possibility of George A. Smith, a salesman, having to be released, developed last night when he was taken severely ill with acute indigestion. He had been suffering for several days, but his case was not declared to be serious until last night. A physician was called to attend him.

It developed today that new scientists will enter the case in favor of the state. At the last trial the state seemed determined to attack experts, declaring they were frequently witnesses in big murder trials. The state has refused thus far to make known the name of more than one expert. He, Ralph W. Webster, of the University of Chicago, is a co-worker of Dr. Walter S. Haines, who testified for the state in the first trial.

Mexican Town Attacked. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 6.—The town of Pedrecano, Durango, Mex., was attacked by nineteen bandits. The inhabitants put up a sharp resistance, firing upon the marauders from the roofs of their houses. Three of the bandits were killed and two others were wounded and captured. All the bandits were well armed and mounted and were reputed after many shots shots had been fired on both sides. The residents of the town fear a further attack and have made an urgent appeal to the federal authorities for protection.

Former O'Neill Man Accused. Hot Springs, S. D., Nov. 6.—G. B. Flanagan, son of a millionaire banker of O'Neill, Neb., has been bound over to the circuit court in \$1,000 bonds at a preliminary hearing, charged with arson. Flanagan is owner of the Smithwick Lumber company, whose yard burned at Smithwick, near here, June 4. After a elaborate inquiry by Deputy State Fire Marshal Crans Flanagan was filed connecting Flanagan with the fire, the property being heavily insured. State Insurance Commissioner Basford attended the hearing. Principal counsel for defendant was M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, Neb. Flanagan's father now lives in Minneapolis.

Had Pneumonia Five Times. Neligh, Neb., Nov. 6.—Special to The News: John Gerald Payne, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Payne of this city died Friday morning of pneumonia, being the fifth time during his short life that this dread disease had fastened itself upon the little child. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 at the home in Neligh, after which the remains were taken to Elgin and buried in the family lot. Rev. Beach of the First Congregational church of this city, had charge of the services.

LOCK UP MRS. VERMILYA.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Louise E. Vermilya, the widow suspected of having poisoned Policeman Arthur Bissonette, was ready today to leave her home where she has been under guard, and become a real prisoner in the county hospital.

Her alleged attempt at suicide, calmly sprinkling her food with an arsenical preparation resembling pepper, convinced the police that she would be safer under their direct watch than in her home and after a consultation yesterday, they decided to remove her this morning.

Municipal Judge Walker, who issued the warrant for Mrs. Vermilya's arrest, consented to hold court in her room before her removal to a hospital and she will be arraigned while still in bed. It will require only the formal presentation to the widow of the accusation of Peter Bissonette, brother of the dead patrolman, that she murdered his brother. Then will come the commitment, without taking of testimony.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE. Elliot Ellerson of Elk Point died at the age of 89.

A bust of the late Senator Kittredge will be placed in the state capital.

The deer hunting season has opened in the Black Hills and game is plentiful.

Heirs of a claim holder must prove up on the claim after the death of the man who filed in order to get the land.

Grading work has already begun on the big irrigation project near Pierre. The workmen expect to get 400 acres in shape before the ground freezes.

The state board of pardons has recommended a pardon for By Perkins, sent to the penitentiary from Lawrence county on a charge of assault.

Hunters in the western part of the state report that duck hunting is unusually poor this year and that goose hunting is practically a thing of the past.

Word is received from the meeting of the Episcopal House of Bishops in session at New York to the effect that the state will not be divided into two dioceses.

Miss Eva Hutchinson of Mitchell who was severely burned last Sunday while attempting to start a fire with kerosene, has died as the result of her injuries.

The program for the South Dakota Educational association meeting at Pierre on Nov. 27, 28 and 29 has been completed. It contains many notable speakers.

The sportsmen of Ziebach county have arranged for a big roundup of wolves to be held on Nov. 30, Thanksgiving day. Hunters from all over the county will take part.

The store and postoffice at Barbara, a junction of the Great Northern and Soo railways, was burned to the ground. It is believed that the place was robbed and set on fire.

H. A. Lumley, who has a big horse ranch near Pierre, is shipping nearly a hundred head of light harness horses to Kentucky. He expects to put a lot of his land under cultivation by means of irrigation.

J. H. Conley of Presho claims the world's record for big spuds. It is asserted that he has sixteen specimens of the Murphy tribe which weigh thirty pounds. The largest weighs two pounds and six ounces.

Women Against Suffrage.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 6.—The Women's Initiative league of California, which plans to bring the question of women's suffrage again before the voters of the state, this time with women themselves empowered to express their will at the polls, will start canvassers out to get signatures to a petition asking repeal of the constitutional amendment recently adopted.

Miss K. I. Crony, president of the league, predicts that equal suffrage will be overwhelmingly defeated if presented again, now that women can vote on the question. It is the league's purpose to bring the question up at the presidential election next year.