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## WHY GAMES EXIST

PROFESSOR BOLTON DISCUSSES  
PSYCHOLOGY OF SPORTS.

Asserts That Games Are Not Recent  
Inventions But Are Evolutions of  
Primitive Fights.

"The Psychology of Games and Sports" was the subject of Dr. T. L. Bolton's address at Convocation yesterday morning, which he gave as an appreciator and not as a critic. "All people," he said, "take some interest in sports. Spontaneity is a peculiar phenomenon which goes along with the mind.

"In considering what sports mean to human society, we may divide them under physical and mental endowments. Of physical properties there are five; strength, endurance, agility, skill and nerve. Strength consists of brute force or power; endurance, of the repetition of given sets of movements with strong resistance; agility of rapidity and variety of movements; skill, in the acquisition of experience and dexterity of muscular movements; nerve in the power to stick to a task with courage, to endure pain and, to take punishment. Some games demand but one of these endowments, as is the case with endurance in long distance runs or agility in tennis. Cooperative games, such as football, are least objectionable, whereas boxing or a hand to hand fight, is between individuals and shows less sportsmanship.

"The origin of games on a natural foundation shows the value and meaning of them, since they are not recent inventions but evolutions of the games of primitive peoples. All games and sports are modifications of individual encounters between man and man, or in other words they are fights.

"In the evolution of games death was the first feature to eliminate from the fight. Then came time limits, decisions, rules, referees, umpires and judges. Subjection to law is the main object of all sports and in England they are the national expression of the people. Games springing from the cooperative type are most favorably received because farthest from the fight."

### GRINNELL CLUB TO SING.

Iowa Organization to Appear in Lincoln This Evening.

The entertainment by the Grinnell (Iowa) Glee Club to be given at the First Congregational church this evening, is well worthy of very general patronage. Especially should University students attend, for our relations with the Iowa college have always been of the most friendly and intimate order.

Professor Kimball of our School of Music says: "I am personally acquainted with the Club. Most of the men are veterans, and the entertainment will undoubtedly be first-class."

### Preliminary Debate.

Will those candidates who have not filled out and returned the blank distributed on Friday please do so today?—M. M. Fogg, Secretary Debating Board.

## PRELIMINARY DEBATE

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
STREET - RAILWAY - QUESTION  
MEM. HALL. ADM. 15c; BOTH EVENINGS 25c.

### A STAG AFFAIR.

Freshmen Make Frantic Effort to Secure Girls for Informal.

A Freshman Informal was held in Memorial Hall last Saturday evening and it came very near to becoming a "mass meeting for men only". Evidently not understanding that it is a University custom for a student to invite a lady to chaperone him when he attends a dance, the Freshmen appeared in large numbers promptly at the appointed time, but alas, there were no Freshwomen.

Eight-fifteen o'clock came and departed; 8:30 went on its way rejoicing; 8:45 sneaked into sight and disappeared around the corner as if ashamed of itself; and still there were no fair maidens. And then the charm was broken, for at 8:56 precisely the door opened and revealed three brave Freshmen lassies who had dared to take their courage in their teeth and come—alone.

Then the reaction came, and the Freshmen broke in all directions for telephones, to make the dates they had neglected to secure in the week that had fled. Pluckily they fought discouragement after discouragement over the wire and when one man secured a partner the following conversation was sure to ensue: "Yes, I'll be right down. Oh say, Mame, there isn't some other girl in the house that can come too, is there? What? You think she would? Good, I'll bring Peter Green down with me. No, he's too bashful to talk over the phone. Yes, I'll be right down. Good bye."

In this fashion quite a number of Freshman girls were corralled and at the eleventh hour (literally as well as figuratively) the scheduled dance was pulled off. The men of the first year class report that they had a good time, but there is a rumor going the rounds that their cheeks are flushed to this day.

### THE HOLIDAYS.

Executive Office Makes Official Announcement of Limits.

The executive office has given out the following information concerning the limits of the Christmas holidays and the rates that will be granted by the railroads during that time:

Vacation begins Friday, Dec. 21, 6 p. m.

Vacation ends Monday, Jan. 7, 8 a. m.

No certificates are required by the railroads this year for students who wish to avail themselves of a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip to and from their homes. All of the railroads have granted this rate and tickets may be secured on and after December 21 at the railroad offices.

### A POSSIBLE GAME.

Chicago and Yale May Meet in Football Next Fall.

Advices from Chicago indicate that there is a considerable possibility of a football game between the teams representing Chicago and Yale Universities next fall. For several years the Yale undergraduates have favored a game with Chicago but the annual contest with Harvard and the restricted number of games allowed to both Yale and Chicago has prevented the clash.

Now Harvard is seriously considering the abolition of football and this will give the Eli's a chance to make a substitution on their schedule to the advantage of Chicago. As yet the Maroons have only one game definitely scheduled for next fall and would have no difficulty whatever in arranging to play Yale if the Eli's are willing. If the game is scheduled it will undoubtedly be played in the east and would furnish a good basis of comparison as to the relative merits of eastern and western football.

The prospects are very bright for a good team next year both at Chicago and at New Haven and a clash between the two universities would command the attention of the entire football world.

### HAS CLOSE CALL.

Local Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta Has Fire Scare.

There was considerable stir at the Phi Gamma Delta house at 11 a. m. Friday when one of the workmen from the Temple rushed across the street to inform the boys that their roof was ablaze. Some of the boys were asleep at the time, but the commotion that followed the alarm brought everyone out of the house.

A spark had escaped thru some defect of the chimney, and when the fire department arrived, the blaze had eaten its way thru the roof. The flames were extinguished by means of chemicals, however, and no water was turned on the building. With a little carpenter work the roof will be placed in repair.

There will be no 10 o'clock classes on Friday of this week. Inasmuch as the 11:30 classes are the only ones with which Convocation has interfered so far this year, "The Messiah" will be given at 10 o'clock on Friday instead of at the usual Convocation hour. 11:30 classes will meet as usual.

"The Deceitful Dean," a comic opera, will be presented by the students of the University of Chicago. The "peanut ballet" will be composed of young men dressed as girls. Each fraternity will have several men in the chorus.

## NOTHING DOING

ATHLETICS TEMPORARILY STAGNANT AT NEBRASKA.

No Basketball Dates Announced—  
Game With Iowa Expected—Charter  
Day Program Lining Up.

Everything seems to be at a standstill in athletics. The interclass championship fizzle is at last over and work in good earnest has not yet begun for the indoor meet on Charter Day. The basketball team is eager for a combat but can find no opponents, and football is a dream of the past.

Things will be doing in earnest, however, after Christmas. Manager Eager has scheduled a number of dates for the basket ball team and altho these can not be authoritatively announced, it is known that Iowa will play here either the first or second Monday night after the holiday vacation. Practice is coming along finely and the men are getting into excellent shape. There is every prospect for the fastest basket ball team we have had for years.

Efforts have been made to secure games with Wesleyan and the City Y. M. C. A. for this week but so far without success. It is hoped that a game can yet be arranged with one of these teams and that definite announcement concerning it can be made today.

After Christmas, work for Charter Day will be in full swing. In fact a number of men have already begun work on their events and it looks as if competition would be unusually keen. Charter Day comes on February 15 and the meet as usual will be held in the afternoon in Memorial Hall. The events are: Twenty-five yard dash, pole vault, shot put, high jump, rope climb, fence vault, high kick and interfraternity relay race. Silver and bronze medals will be given to the winners of first and second places respectively in each of these events.

There is an unusually strong bunch of sprinters this year. Burruss, Winters, Wallace and Coe may all be looked upon as likely men, while a new man, Dunlap, of Hastings, has the reputation of being remarkably fast. In the high jump, Knode may be depended upon to come well up to the University record. Other competition in this event is an uncertain quantity.

Weller and Chaloupka should do well in the shot put and there is a strong possibility of a record being broken here.

The stars of former years in the pole vault are gone, but McDonald, whose work last year on Charter Day was one of the features of the afternoon, will be on hands and half a dozen new men are working hard on this event.

The other events will doubtless have their usual large number of contestants and will be strongly fought out.

### Gandy Sale.

The Y. W. C. A. will hold a sale of home made Christmas candles at the Association rooms Wednesday from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The old members of Girls' Glee Club will meet in U 107 today at 11 a. m.