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will make the session one of the strongest ever held.

Roll of Speakers.
The roll of speakers who have been secured includes such men as Earl Barnes, the teacher, author and lecturer, who assisted in the establishing of Leland Stanford university; Henry Turner Bailey of Massachusetts, editor, art critic and platform speaker; Luther Halsey Gulick, M. D., author, student, and medical authority; W. N. Clifford, specialist in geography and forestry; James C. Monaghan, authority on industrial education and its possibilities; Gilbert B. Morrison, with a remarkable record as a successful school executive; Henry G. Williams, editor, student, teacher; Margaret J. Blair, a student of home education, and Booker T. Washington, author and founder of the Tuskegee institute for the education of the negro and leader of his race.

BIG GAME OF SEASON COMING NEXT SATURDAY

CRUCIAL CONTESTS SET MUCH EARLIER THAN USUAL.

MAROONS AND GOPHERS WILL CLASH

Championship of the West May Be Settled by Contest at Minneapolis Between Men from Minnesota and Chicago.

BY WALTER H. ECKERSALL.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Probably never in the history of western football have games been played on the last Saturday in October that will rank in importance with the contests scheduled for next Saturday.

Heretofore the big teams have arranged their schedules in such a way that the more important and crucial struggles occurred later in the season, when the elevens were in better condition and more fit to stand hard battles. The playing of Saturday's games necessitates the contending elevens being in the best of shape and at the pinnacle of football perfection.

The Chicago-Minnesota, Wisconsin-Northwestern, Illinois-Purdue, Michigan-Syracuse and Notre Dame-Pittsburg battles are the ones up for decision and the results of these contests will be awaited with interest. In view of the fact that the results of the first named two games will have a direct bearing on the western championship, and Michigan and Notre Dame will be engaged in interscholastic contests, the contests are of more than usual importance.

Maroons' Game Most Important.

Although Michigan will meet Syracuse at Ann Arbor and Purdue will journey to Urbana to give battle to Illinois, the Chicago-Minnesota contest at Minneapolis will occupy the center of the western football stage. Even in the east there is not a game scheduled which will take on the importance of this game. Both coaches have prepared their elevens carefully for this battle and those who witness it will see more advanced football at this time of the year than ever before in the history of the game in this section.

Because of the intense football rivalry which always has existed between Purdue and Illinois this contest means a great deal to those vitally concerned, but outside of this it carries little importance. Both teams have been defeated by conference elevens. Consequently they are out of the running for the title and the result only will furnish a basis for rating the western conference teams at the end of the season.

Case Not Helpless.

With Stagg continuing to send out bear stories about his team, while little is heard of the practice at Minneapolis one not conversant with the situation would be led to believe that Chicago already is beaten, and the defeat only a matter of the score. Ever since Stagg has been coach at Chicago he has pursued this policy and those who have followed the Maroon

football fortunes for any length of time know just how much faith to place in the stories.

One thing is certain. Stagg will place a team on Northrup field on Saturday which will be a worthy opponent for Minnesota, despite statements to the contrary. The wizard of the western football world knows what he is doing by handing out these bearish statements and he knows just what effect they have on the players.

As the day of the great battle approaches, followers of the Maroon team may rest assured that out on the Midway Stagg is sawing wood and will spring plays on Minnesota which are sure to baffle the Gophers. The Maroon coach is aware of the fact that only the fiercest kind of charging and smashing will stop Minnesota's attacks, and unless the Gopher offense shows more speed on Saturday than it has in its earlier contests, Chicago will stop Minnesota, most of the time, without much gain.

Stagg is known to be a wizard in devising a defense to meet an opponent's attack. Steffen has seen Minnesota in its three games, and the former star being a good scout, has given Stagg a good idea of Minnesota's plays. Most of the week will be devoted to perfecting this defense and by Saturday it is almost assured it will teach a point where it successfully will stop the Gophers' attacks.

Gophers in Four Hour Drill.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 27.—Coach Williams ordered his squad to report at 2:30 o'clock, and it was long after sundown when the players filed into the armory.

Much time was spent in strengthening the defense. "Sig" Harris, who has witnessed all the Chicago games this season, has coached the scrubs in the style of play used by Coach Stagg up to date. The scrubs failed to make consistent gains by these plays. On several occasions the second team pulled off forward passes for good gains.

The regulars were drilled in several new plays which Dr. Williams expects to uncork Saturday, and they now are being pulled off in fairly good shape. Smith's work at full back is improving rapidly and the coaches have given up hope of Pickering's recovering in time for the Chicago game. This means that McGovern will be the only experienced man in the back field.

The new men are showing lots of spirit, but have never played in a big game, and it is hard to tell what will happen when they buck up against the veteran Chicago line. Ostrand is giving Powers a pretty hard fight for right guard and it looks as if the former would beat out the new man for the honors.

Minnesota will face Chicago with only five or possibly six of the regulars who played in the Maroon game last year. Rademacher and Mohlstad have played against Chicago for the last two years, while McGovern, Rarnham, and Pettijohn were in last year's contest. If Ostrand gets in the game he will be the sixth experienced man. This is what makes the task of beating Stagg's championship team with eight veterans look like a big one.

The coaches and players are working overtime in an effort to get the team in the best possible shape for the game. Dr. Williams is being ably assisted by eight or ten alumni coaches. A big mass meeting was held today and much enthusiasm was aroused. The student body is ready to stand by the team in victory or defeat. A feeling prevails that the winner of the game will be in the lead for the western championship. The seat sale was large and a crowd of 30,000 is predicted.

Illini Team is in Bad Shape.

Champaign, Ill., Oct. 27.—Head Coach Hall is nursing his half backs and several of the best substitutes are crippled. Watson and Gumm are laid up and Hall is seeking about for good men. Mayer, a new luminary, may get a chance as a reserve, and Richie, who is regaining his strength, will be sub for Mountjoy at full back if Percy Gumm is still crippled. Tonight Lindgren game his linemen a lot of defensive work, while Hall worked the back field for formations with Sellar and half acks. Great interest is taken in the Purdue game, as it is the first of the season on Illinois field. Despite

the adverse season, the Hottelmakers rooters have sent word that they will accompany the team.

Iowa Team in Signal Drill.

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 27.—Iowa's football eleven resumed practice in anticipation of the Missouri game, although the men, bruised and battered by the Cornhuskers, were not compelled to engage in scrimmaging. Hard signal practice was ordered, and every man who played Saturday was able to take part. Hazard is in the back field again, with an improved heart; Wright has gone from full back to end; Thomas from half to quarter; and Kresensky from end to half. The work of Fee, the quarter back, in the Nebraska game, is the hourly talk of the rooters, and it is believed that Iowa has secured a quarter who is destined to be the equal of Clyde Williams, Ames' coach, long the Hawkeye star.

Missouri Prepares for Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Oct. 27.—Strenuous work is in store for Missouri university's football squad during their stay here this week preparatory to the Iowa game at Iowa City Saturday. Practice games have been scheduled with Coe college for tomorrow and Thursday, and hard signal and kicking practice is being indulged in behind closed gates in the Three Eye league park every afternoon. Hackney, the star kicker, had an ankle twisted and will not be in a suit for a couple of days, though he expects to play against the Hawkeyes. Gove, right end, is also suffering from a bad ankle, while Clare, full back, and Johnson, right tackle, are also nursing sore spots. Special attention is given to perfecting the plays, improving speed and interference, and handling punts in the back field, as these were the chief weaknesses in the Ames game.

Joy and Grief at Madison.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 27.—Hearts of Wisconsin rooters were gladdened today by the announcement that Tackle Osthoff, who has been ill for the last two weeks with ptomaine poisoning, would get into the game before the end of the season. Osthoff is recovering rapidly and will be taken to Evanston with the squad on Saturday, although it is not expected he will play there.

To offset the good news of Osthoff's possible return it was said at the gymnasium that Capt. Wilce had shown signs of staleness. Wilce did not get into the signal drill today.

In case of Bunker's failure to recover before Saturday, Fulk probably will play at end. He was used there in today's drill, Blitch taking his place at right half back.

Coaches Will Play Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 27.—The Cornell football coaches today challenged the varsity to a game on Thursday, telling the regulars they would have a chance to settle all scores at that time. There are nearly a dozen grads on hand, some of them old stars.

The practice today consisted of several new stunts, including a basketball game for the ends and "bull in the ring" for the line. Later two lines had a scrimmage, with the varsity backs alternating from one team to the other.

Baker and Owen played quarter back, the half backs were Tydeman and Krutsch; Hoffman and Robb and Simon at full back. Seagrave was at center, with a new antagonist on the scrubs—Bodine. O'Connor and Donnan were guards, with Jefferson and South against them. O'Rourke, Stude, Farrington, Monk, and Weeks played tackles. Coach Larkin sent in a number of ends, including MacArthur and Hurburt, Leventry and Teagle. Kulchar and Stevenson, Seelye and Frankie. Crossby was not on the field and Wood laid off again.

FACULTY WOMEN MEET TONIGHT

Organization Similar to that of Men to Hold First Dinner in Honor of Miss Ensign.

The women of the faculty of the university have organized a dinner club similar to the organization of the men of the faculty for the same purpose. The first dinner of the society will

be held this evening at 8:30. The members of the society are requested to meet at Dalrymple's for an informal dinner. This dinner will be in honor of Miss Alice Ensign, the acting dean of women. The present plans of the organization are to hold regular meetings of the club and pursue the same policy followed by the men, which is to increase the acquaintanceship and friendship of the women of the university faculty.

The forming of this society was supposed to have been a secret and plans were laid for this dinner with that idea in view. In some unaccountable manner the secret leaked out, and now the whole plan of a secret organization has had to be abolished.

UNION LIT FESTIVAL FRIDAY.

Annual Autumn Stunt of the Literary Organization Promises Well.

The Union Literary Society will hold its Halloween festival Friday evening at Epworth Park. This is an annual affair of the lites and is usually productive of much fun and considerable enjoyment.

The program for Friday calls for a bonfire and typical Halloween feed with ghosts and other stunts appropriate to the occasion. Miss Ethel Chambers is in charge of a committee which is working to make the event a striking one in the annals of the society.

Special cars will leave Tenth and O streets at 7 p. m. It is expected that about sixty university men and girls will make the trip. The return will be late in the evening.

MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS.

Semi-Annual Occurrence of the University School Year Will Come Early in November.

The mid-semester examinations of the various classes of the university will be held this year from November 8 to 13. These examinations will be held from Monday to Saturday inclusive, at the discretion of the instructor. These examinations are as a rule held later in the semester, but the Thanksgiving vacation this year comes during the regular time for the mid-semester exams, and therefore they must be held earlier than usual.

The students who are below the standard in their studies are reported to the registrar's office and only those whose averages are F (failure), C (condition), or I (incomplete).

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