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CLAPP RETURNS FROM ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NEBRASKA MAN REPRESENTATIVE AT EASTERN MEETING.

CHANGE IN RULES IS FAVORED

Unfortunate Accidents of 1909 Season Causes Sentiment in Favor of a Still More Open Game.

The fourth annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States was held at New York on December 28. Dr. Clapp, who represented Nebraska at the meeting, reports that this was the best attended meeting ever held by the association. About 100 of the largest colleges and universities were represented, and there were about 125 college men present. The association has grown to the extent that there are now only four large colleges outside of the fold. These are Yale, Annapolis, Cornell and Princeton, Harvard and Pennsylvania having joined this year. Of these four Cornell has signified its intention of joining and it is thought that before long the other three shall signify their intention of becoming members.

Discuss Football Rules.

One of the most interesting and important features of the meeting was the discussion of the football rules. The past season has been a particularly unfortunate one in regard to injuries, there having been more casualties last fall than for many seasons past.

Several of the large schools last fall suffered unusual injuries and the West Point team cancelled all dates after an injury resulting in the death of one of their players. The opinion of those present was that, unless some radical change is made in the rules, the game cannot long survive. Dr. Clapp said that even the most conservative football coaches were in favor of some revision that would eliminate the dangerous features. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was passed instructing the members of the committee on football rules to use every effort to secure the desired revision. The general belief is that the committee will make some radical changes, as they feel that the whole game is at stake.

Among the changes suggested were many that have been advocated heretofore by prominent football men. The idea seemed to be to make the game more open, and avoid the mass plays. To do this it was suggested to remove restrictions on the forward pass such as the fifteen yard penalty, or the requirement that the pass must be made five yards outside of center. Another suggestion was to protect the man receiving the pass in the same way as the punter is now protected. Other suggestions were to eliminate the neutral zone between the two lines of scrimmage and to bring the secondary line of defense forward or make them play further back. To do the latter it would be necessary to increase the distance to be made in three downs or cut out mass plays altogether. Both of these suggestions were made. Another suggestion that met with some favor was to make the line more open by making the men play five yards apart.

Composition of Committee.

The committee on football rules is composed of fourteen men. Seven of these are chosen by the association and seven by the following colleges: Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Pennsylvania, Chicago, West Point and Annapolis.

During the forenoon of the day's session a number of addresses were made. Among these were "The Work of the Association," by President P. E. Pierce of Leavenworth, Kas.; "The Function of Athletics in College Life," by Chancellor Day of Syracuse university; "Competition in College Athletics," by Dr. Sargent of Harvard; and "Inter Relations of all Forms of Amateur Athletics," by Dr. McCurdy of the Y. M. C. A. training school at Springfield, Ill.

Among the westerners that were re-elected to office or given committee appointments were: Captain P. E.

Pierce of Leavenworth, Kas., re-elected president of the association; Dr. H. L. Williams, Minnesota, re-elected on the football rules committee; Prof. A. A. Stagg, Chicago, re-elected on the football rules committee; Prof. F. W. Byer, Ames, district representative for the district composed of Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota; Dr. R. G. Clapp, university of Nebraska, chosen a member of the nominating committee; and C. W. Hertherington, Missouri university, selected as representative of the southwestern district.

ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY.

Census Director Durand Sets February 5th as the Date.

Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, February 5, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the census bureau. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families; and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the census bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 80 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications properly filled in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25, as any received after that date cannot be considered.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS FOR 1910.

Most of the Teams Have Chosen Backfield Men as Leaders.

Many of the big elevens have elected their captains for the gridiron season of 1910. Most of the teams have chosen backfield men. Daly won the honor of leading Yale. Kilpatrick, the defeated candidate, will probably get the track captaincy.

Following is a list of teams, the captains and their positions:

Missouri, Bluck, tackle.
Michigan, Miller, quarterback.
Kansas, Johnson, quarter.
Yale, Daly, halfback.
Dartmouth, Marys, fullback.
Oberlin, Bird, halfback.
Colgate, Keegan, tackle.
Hamilton, Sidle, fullback.
Carlisle, Houser, fullback.
Chicago, Crawley, halfback.
Dickinson, Felton, tackle.
Maine, Parker, halfback.
Wesleyan, Mitchell, halfback.
Vanderbilt, Neeley, quarterback.
Brown, Winslow, guard.
Illinois, Butzer, guard.
Hobart, Neagle, halfback.
Rochester, Mellen, tackle.
Williams, Peterson, fullback.
Fordham, Barrett, center.
Amherst, Campbell, halfback.
Iowa, Hyland, end.
Princeton, Hart, fullback.
Trinity, Ramsdell, halfback.
Virginia, Bowen, end.

AYRES EXPLAINS WHAT HE MEANS BY "PLAN"

NEBRASKA STUDENT ANSWERS REQUEST OF SIOUX CITY MAYOR.

IOWA TOWN IS STILL IN DOUBT

Lack of Any Semblance of a Plan in Sioux City Causing Great Unrest in Municipal Circles.

James Ayres, the Nebraska student who stirred up Sioux City municipal officials by requesting details of Sioux City's "plan," is still having difficulty in "showing" the Iowa residents. He answered the mayor's inquiry as to what a "plan" was, but still the mayor claims to be in doubt. The following from a recent issue of the Sioux City Journal tells the story:

The mystery has been solved. Mayor W. G. Sears now knows what a "plan" is, at least he should, because James A. Ayres, a young collegian of Lincoln, Neb., who is writing a thesis on "City Planning," has written the mayor in answer to an inquiry, a six-page letter explaining the term "plan."

A plan, he says, is not "billboards or pavement." A plan is "not government." His plan deals with the "structure of the city." The mayor feels sure the city has "some structure," hence a plan. But the burgomaster's theory is disputed by the newspaper men who discovered that Ayres' plan has to do with the future development of a city. Besides structure the city also must have a future to get into the thesis. The mayor is confident Sioux City has a future.

Locate Buildings.

In order to have a plan Ayres says the city must have "a plan for the location of public buildings." The mayor is sure that all Sioux City's public buildings are located. "Civic centers and neighbor centers" are also included in the plan. The mayor before assuring the young man that Sioux City has centers for "neighbors" and "civics," declared he might be forced to put the matter up to the city council.

The plan Ayres further defines as "a plan for the development of the city along social, economic, hygienic and aesthetic lines." The mayor gasped when he read this.

There was a rumor at the city hall that as a result of Ayres' communication Sioux City would get busy on a "plan." It is suggested that to be different the city should set out several aeroplane parks. This, it is conceded, would be "aesthetic." It also is felt that the draft on the streets is too strong and some propose for "hygienic" reasons that walls be built at the ends of the streets to stop the course of the winds. To bring out the "social" requirements of the "plan" grand balls might be held every twenty minutes in the Auditorium, and the city could be "economic" by paying the highway men \$20 a month to cease pulling off street car holdups.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE.

Eight Games Will Be Played by the Tigers at Columbia.

The following basketball schedule has been announced by H. J. Monilaw, manager of athletics at the University of Missouri:

January 10, William Jewell College, at Columbia.
January 11, William Jewell College, at Columbia.
January 13, Washington University, at Columbia.
January 14, Washington University, at Columbia.
January 21, open, at Columbia.
January 22, open, at Columbia.
February 10, Warrensburg, at Warrensburg.
February 11, Kansas, at Lawrence.
February 12, Kansas, at Lawrence.
February 14, Drake, at Des Moines.
February 15, Ames, at Ames, Ia.
February 16, Iowa, at Iowa City.
February 21, Kansas, at Columbia.
February 22, Kansas, at Columbia.
February 28, Washington University, at St. Louis.
March 1, Washington University, at St. Louis.
Nebraska was to be played, but the game was finally given up for financial reasons.

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