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DISCUSS THE FOOTBALL BILL

Recommended to the Committee for Amendments.

WHAT THE LAW MAKERS SAID

The House of Representatives Gives an Afternoon to the Consideration of the Measure—It is Ridiculed to Some Extent.

The football bill came up for discussion before the house yesterday afternoon. The following complete report of its consideration is taken from this morning's Journal: The house of representatives took up Speaker Gaffin's anti-football bill yesterday afternoon and after a long discussion in which the game of football was presented in a number of aspects, to some of which the sport has never really laid claim, the bill was recommended to the committee on miscellaneous subjects for amendments. A motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by a good majority, which shows that the house is in the humor to pass the bill when a few objectionable features are elided.

The bill, house roll No. 235, came up in its regular order before the committee of the whole at 4 o'clock. Clark of Lancaster moved that the committee rise before discussion was begun on the bill, but the members appeared to be in a mood to tackle the momentous question and voted Mr. Clark's motion down.

The clerk read the bill which makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to engage as principal in a game of football or to attend a game, either as backer, umpire, assistant, reporter or looker-on, and providing severe penalties for such acts.

Jenkins of Jefferson started the opposition by moving that after the word football the word baseball be inserted. Mr. Jenkins spoke seriously in favor of his amendment. He contended that it would be just as absurd to include football in the law as it would be to include the sport of baseball.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

Clark of Lancaster moved as an amendment to the amendment that the pastimes of swimming and skating be added to the bill. He contended that it would be as sensible to make it a misdemeanor to skate or swim as to play football.

Mr. Clark related a pathetic incident which had come to his knowledge. A young lady and gentleman had gone skating three days before the day set for their marriage. Had there been a law against skating, they would not have ventured on thin ice and been drowned. Mr. Clark thought a law in the case of football would have as much standing in the light of common sense as in the case of the pastime of skating.

FOOTBALL DEGRADING.

Speaker Gaffin spoke in favor of his measure. He believed the various amendments had been introduced to make his bill ridiculous and he believed everybody was aware of that fact. The question, however, had a serious side. He said:

"The game of football is degrading and demoralizing and is in this respect no better than a prize fight. If the members who oppose the bill are consistent, they will repeal the prize fighter law. The only difference in the two games is that prize fighting is one man against one, while football is one against eleven.

"I have stood by and heard professors of institutions who were coaching their teams, instruct their men to 'knock out' the fellows on the other side. 'Put your elbows through' them is a common expression of the coaches. This practice makes professional sluggers of the players.

"Statistics furnished by physicians show that the lowest per cent of injuries received by participants in the game is 25 to 30 per cent of all who are engaged. Some physicians put the per cent of hurts and ruptures of all kinds at 45 per cent of those playing. The public does not know about all the injuries which are received. In these games, the flower of our youth of our land receive injuries which if they do not kill them outright, do seriously impair their health in after life. These facts are worth more than a passing notice and should not be combatted with mere ridicule.

CLASSES WHO OPPOSE.

"Those who oppose the bill are of various classes. Some are the young men of our universities and others the sporting classes. The better element of our people are not arrayed in opposition. Unless the rules of the game receive some modification, it will be only a short time till other states will take a hand to regulate it and Nebraska will not be alone in prohibiting it.

"The common expressions used by the players in their games are such as 'break his back,' 'knock him out,' 'put your elbow through him,' and kindred phrases. The only reason that allows a game of this kind to be countenanced at all is that it is played in our leading universities. If anyone should pursue such tactics outside in any other line, he would be pulled in very quickly. A man may maim another in a football game and it is no crime, simply because it is football. Give the bill sober thought and you will pass it."

Wimberly of Lancaster said he knew the game was rough. "It is the most repulsive game I ever saw," said Mr. Wimberly. "I witnessed one game and it repelled me so that I have never gone to see another, but I have constituents who seem to find something good in it and who take pleasure in it. The bill as it now stands, absolutely forbids the playing of the game. Can it not be modified to correct the abuses which exist in it at present?"

Mr. Wimberly moved to postpone it indefinitely.

HIDEOUS GAME.

Horner of Dawson gained the floor and said: "The trend of the discussion by some who have favored the bill seems to be that its passage will shut off the opportunities of the players to gain health. I will tell you one opportunity its passage will shut off—the opportunity for young men to make fools of themselves. It is the most hideous game I know of. If our young men cannot get their education without playing it they had better do without. I hope we have risen to a higher plane of civilization than to longer permit this hideous game."

IN DEFENSE OF THE SPORT.

Jenkins defended the sport. "Are the drosses of the universities on the football teams?" he asked. "On the contrary I think the brightest men play the game. I understand that if there is anything against the record of any player, or if he is conditioned in his studies, he is removed from his place on the team. The legislature has not the right to fine one of these men \$100 if he wishes to play or to fine a spectator \$25 if he wishes to watch the game. Nebraska would be ridiculous to place such a law on her statutes. The only reason why such a sentiment has arisen among some is because one member of the Doane college team was so unfortunate as to get killed in a game some months ago.

"That was an unfortunate occurrence, but it is a most un-frequent one, considering the nature of the game. There is an element of patriotism which should actuate us to allow the youth of the nation to develop themselves physically as well as mentally."

Mr. Gaffin interposed by saying that he failed to discern where the element of patriotism entered into a prize fight.

Roberts of Douglas admitted that the game was rough. He recalled the terrible acts of hazing in the universities nineteen years ago. College students must find some vent for their surplus enthusiasm and he had noticed that since football had become the fashion, hazing had diminished. The bill classes our sons on the level with the common pugilist.

HEAD OR FEET?

Horner asked across the floor, "Where do our sons need their strength, in their feet or in their head?"

"I say they need their strength in both places," replied Mr. Roberts. "The owners of the largest heads are not here fighting the game, either."

Roddy of Otoe believed the game should be modified, even though Americans were the most vigorous race in the world. We do not want to go back to the old blue laws and have our sons come out of college physical wrecks.

Young of Cass had a son who played football. He thought it a dangerous game. He thought that more persons received permanent injuries from the game than were benefited by it.

A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE.

Pollard of Cass, a graduate from the state university in 1893, favored the bill. "If the brightest men in school are on the football teams," said he, "things have changed since I was in the university. At that time I remember that the best player on the team could not go into a classroom and have any standing. Football does not advance the intellectuality of the players. The members on the team when I was in school were not the intellectual movers in the university."

Pollard thought the most serious effect in the bill was the fact that it would prevent the young children from using a football. He moved to recommend that the bill be recommitted to the committee for amendment in this direction.

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THE ELECTRICAL EXHIBIT

Every Recent Advance in the Science to be Shown.

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS

The Society of Electrical Engineers Will Eulogize Their Former Efforts in Making The Fourth Annual Exhibit a Wonderland.

The third annual electrical exhibit will take place Monday evening, February 15, from 7 to 10 o'clock.

An elaborate program has been prepared showing the latest and most important advances in electric science, as well as the equipment of the university department. It will also be apparent that the students this year as never before, are working at a disadvantage, and in this exhibit, as in their daily work, feel the need of more room and facilities.

For the outdoor part there will be on the tower of university hall a powerful search light similar to that at the World's fair, while on the front of the building an immense electric sign will flash forth various inscriptions.

Proceeding to the armory where most of the attractions will be located, the visitor will be shown first the electric furnace, in which almost any known substance will melt, then the water-pull forge in which iron is heated red-hot by plunging it into water. Here the electric welder will be in operation, and acetylene gas will be made, and its use as an illuminant shown.

An electric flag will present a novel idea in decoration, and a powerful magnet lifting two and a half tons, will demonstrate a very practical and useful apparatus.

Besides numerous designs of dynamos and motors, a working model of a steam engine running a dynamo will be shown. The alternating current experiments will produce startling effects that seem impossible, and make one wonder what can electricity not do.

The cyanide process of extracting gold. From here the visitor will go to the electrical laboratory where the numerous engines and dynamos are, which produce the power for the exhibit.

Here also will be conducted some experiments originated by Tesla including those with his induction motor and rotary transformer, something entirely new and very interesting.

The exhibit will be free, and the public is cordially invited.

ORDER OF EXHIBITS.

(Armory.)
Electrical furnace, D. W. Hawksworth, Chas. True.

Acetylene gas, Edward A. Bessey.
Cyanide process for extracting gold, C. C. Griggs, E. B. Sawyer, A. L. Hoagland.
Alternating current experiments, H. W. Dourava, J. A. Saville.

Electric welding, H. B. Noyes, A. A. Miller.

Electro magnet, (weight 23 pounds, lifting capacity two and one half tons.) A. W. Ferville, P. A. Morse.

Water forge, Chas. Anderson, Roy Stone.

Dynamo and motor designs.
Model of electric transmission plant, Z. E. Crook, D. C. Hall.

Model of electric lighting plant, H. S. Evans, W. G. Kinton.

Vacuum tube lighting, Wm. Green, S. Corby.

Electric flag, E. B. Sawyer, Edward A. Bessey, D. C. Hall.

ELECTRICAL BUILDING.

(Enter at south door.)
Forge shop, wood shop.

Tesla experiments, L. J. Belpas, induction motor, M. A. Hyde, three-phase rotary transformer.

Engine No. 1, Giddings, 100 h. p. Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Engine No. 2, Atlas, 25-h. p. drives dynamo No. 2.

Engine No. 3, New York safety, experimental engine.

Dynamo No. 1, Edison, 15 k. w., furnishes current for sign and water-pull forge.

Dynamo No. 2, Edison, 15 k. w., furnishes current for lighting buildings.

Dynamo No. 3, Westinghouse, 30, k. w., furnishes current for flag, welder, search-light and induction experiments.

Dynamo No. 4, Thompson-Houston, 12½ k. w., furnishes current for arc lights.

Dynamo No. 6, Donaldson McRae, experimental machine.

Dynamo No. 7, Wood, 12½ k. w., experimental arc machine.

Dynamo No. 9, General electric, 17½ k. w., furnishes power for ventilating library building and chemical laboratory, and short railway motors.

Short railway motors mounted on testing frame.

Search light, C. E. Fritts, Wm. Melford. Electric sign, H. E. Reagan, C. W. Weeks.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.
C. C. Griggs, president; H. E. Reagan, vice-president; F. L. Meyer, recording secretary; C. A. True, corresponding secretary; M. A. Hyde, treasurer; K. C. Randall, director of the exhibit.

The purpose of the annual exhibit of the

society of electrical engineers, on the eve of Charter-day, is to show to the public the later advances of electrical science, especially those related to the use of power and which are likely to be of value in the upbuilding of the industries of this state.

MR. QUEREAU'S LECTURE.

Mr. Quereau, general foreman of motive power of the B. and M. railway service, gave an interesting and instructive talk before the society of electrical engineers, Tuesday evening of this week, in Dr. Bessey's lecture room.

Specifications and quality of steel used in locomotive construction were given; as well as a general outline for the equipment and workings of a railroad laboratory.

To many people the existence of a railroad laboratory is a new thing. Nevertheless, all progressive railroads have fully equipped laboratories, where complete chemical as well as physical analyses are made. When a break occurs owing to faulty construction of steel in an engine, the broken pieces are taken to this laboratory, and the cause discovered. In this way, the railroad constantly improves its machinery.

The testing apparatus as well as certain examples of faulty material were shown, and explained by means of lantern slides. This is the first of a series of lectures to be delivered before the society of electrical engineers this spring. All people interested in these subjects are invited to attend these lectures.

MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

The new departure made by the faculty in opening beginning classes, the first of the second semester is meeting with much greater success than was anticipated. In the beginning German class the registration already has reached fifty-two. Professor Fossler says he was much surprised as he thought that the majority of those who would register for such a study, would be those who failed during the first semester, but a trial has proved that but few of first semester flunkers, have registered for the work. The other departments are meeting with like success. The beginning English literature class numbers over forty. The Greek class has also quite a large enrollment. As a whole, the professors are much gratified with the success met with.

CHANCELLOR IN CHICAGO.

Chancellor MacLean left for Chicago Thursday, where he will attend the meeting of presidents of the North Central association, of colleges and secondary schools. The university of Nebraska was elected to membership in this association last year. The chancellor is on the program for the discussion of the question as to the advisability of having a number of short complete courses in a college curriculum. The meeting is to be held, February, 12 and 13.

ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION ELECT.

The oratorical association members met last Friday afternoon in room 27, for consideration of unfinished business, and election of officers.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to prepare plans for paying the financial deficiency of the association reported progress. The officers that were elected a few weeks ago were elected to the same positions again, for the permanent officers of the association.

THE PROM TONIGHT.

The greatest social event which occurs during the college life of university classes is the promenade given during the junior year. The promenade of the class of '98, will occur this Friday night at the Lincoln hotel. A committee consisting of twelve members of the class have completed all the arrangements. E. A. Wiggenhorn is chairman. The committee on general arrangements has been divided up into others, the committee on decorations, of which Miss Ropsey is chairman, the program committee, of which George Burget is chairman, the committee in music of which E. R. Davenport is chairman, and the committee on patrons and patronesses, of which Miss Schwartz is chairman.

The patrons and patronesses are to be: Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean, Professor and Mrs. Richards, Professor and Mrs. Kimball, Captain and Mrs. Guilfoyle, Professor and Mrs. Barbour, Doctor and Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Morrill, and Mr. and Mrs. Gere. The decorations will consist chiefly of university and class colors, interwoven with smilax.

Mr. George Burget has been chosen master of ceremonies. Miss Willoughby's orchestra, consisting of ten pieces will furnish the music.

CHARTER DAY PROGRAM

Every Department Preparing for an Exhibit.

WILL ENTERTAIN LEGISLATORS

The Preparations for Entertaining the Crowds are Completed—The Buildings Will Be Thrown Open for General Inspection.

Preparations for the Charter-day exhibit are now complete and practically all that remains to do is to throw open the doors of the university to the crowds which will throng through the buildings.

This year's exhibit promises to be a notable one, and will be fully up to the high standard of previous years.

The electrical exhibit will take place Monday evening, and this fact has given rise to the erroneous impression that Monday as well as Tuesday will be set aside as a holiday. The first event in the order of exercises for Tuesday will be the reception given by Phi Beta Kappa to President Carter of Williams college, at the residence of the chancellor, at 10 o'clock. A welcome at this time will also be extended to the new members of the chapter.

The physical training department will be represented by the young ladies' gymnasium exhibit, which will be given early in the afternoon, in the gymnasium.

Following this if the weather permits, the cadet battalion will be inspected by Governor and staff, and elaborate exercises have also been planned by Captain Guilfoyle. The Pershing Rifles will give an exhibition drill. If the weather is favorable, a drill will be given consisting of the marching movements, and ending with the battle exercises. Should the weather be unfavorable, the Rifles are prepared to give a novel indoor drill.

The dairy school and state farm will be open for inspection in the afternoon, and cars will leave at 3:30 o'clock for the state farm.

The chemical department will have an interesting display in the laboratory where all kinds of chemical apparatus may be seen set up in full operation.

Nebraska hall will also contain many things of interest and in fact every department of the university will have a display of some sort and will keep open house from 2 o'clock until 6, p. m.

The university was very fortunate in securing President Carter who will address the students on Tuesday evening at the Lansing theatre. The theme of his address will be "Thoughts on University Training." Tickets for Tuesday evening's entertainment have been given out to the members of the different classes, but if any are left un-called for at the office, those who are yet unsupplied may obtain them by applying at the office on Saturday morning. Beside the students, tickets will also be given to the state officers and members of the legislature.

Following is the program for the Charter-day exercises.

Monday morning, February 15, meeting of the board of regents at 10 o'clock.

Evening—Exhibit of the Society of Electrical engineers, in the armory and electrical building, 7 to 10 o'clock. Reception by the regents, chancellor, and faculty to the state officers and members of the legislature, in library building, 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock. Addresses in the chapel at 9 o'clock. Illumination of the grounds and buildings throughout the evening.

Charter-day—Tuesday morning, February 16. Reception by Phi Beta Kappa to President Carter of Williams college. Welcome to new members of the society, and to visitors present from other chapters. At the chancellor's house, 1037 H street at 10 o'clock.

Afternoon—Gymnasium exhibition, admission by ticket, at the armory, 1:15 o'clock. Ceremonies by corps of cadets, inspection by the governor and staff on the campus, at 2 o'clock, departments open to visitors from 2 to 6 o'clock. Special cars will leave O and Twelfth streets at 3:30 o'clock for the university farm and school of agriculture.

Evening—The following program will be given at the Lansing theatre at 8 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer.
Song by the university Glee club.
Address—"Thoughts on University training," by Franklin Carter, PH. D., LL. D. president of Williams college.
America.

The committee of arrangements is composed of the following members of the faculty: L. A. Sherman, chairman, E. W. Davis, H. K. Wolfe, R. B. Owens. John White, secretary.