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WESLEYAN WAS NOT EASY

Crrippled Team Puts up a Stiff Exhibition of Football.

COWGILL'S GOAL FROM FIELD

Only Redeeming Feature of Nebraska's Play- ing—The Line Up and Details of the Game.

The game between Wesleyan and the University of Nebraska which was to decide the state championship, was played on the University campus, as advertised, except that it did not decide the state championship, although Nebraska scored eleven points without allowing her opponents to score. The night before the game, Coach Thomas, in looking over the Wesleyan team, found that about one-half of his men were laid up and would be unable to play. Baitey and Gilbert, two of the strongest men on the Wesleyan side, had boils on their hands which prevented them from playing. Seeing this sad state of affairs, Wesleyan endeavored to have the game postponed. This, Manager Oury refuses to do as all arrangements for the game had been made at considerable expense. However it was agreed that the game to decide the state championship should be played November 20.

So by playing several "scrubs" and by borrowing two players from the Lincoln High school, Wesleyan sent down a team which everybody expected would be fairly eaten alive by the strong University eleven.

But the result was surprisingly different. The Nebraska boys went out on the field with the idea that their very presence would scare the Methodists. They stepped to rest while they were making end-runs and seemed surprised that the Wesleyan youths did not rest at the same time instead of downing them behind the line and in other ways rendering themselves disagreeable. In fact, the University boys were about as active as so many Indian cigar signs. It would hardly be correct to say that Wesleyan broke through their interference because there was no interference. The boys seemed to have thought that wouldn't be necessary against the opposing aggregation of cripples.

Only fifteen-minute halves were played as Wesleyan insisted on that point. This may particularly account for Nebraska's small score but it cannot wholly explain the fact that in the first half Wesleyan walked all over Nebraska and at the end of the first half Nebraska had not placed a single score to her credit.

Nebraska rooters were so surprised and chagrined that they forgot to root. Wesleyan followers were wild with joy and frequent expressions were heard as to what they would do to Nebraska if they only had their regular team. Thirty to nothing would have been none too large a score to roll up against Wesleyan even with the short halves that were played.

At the end of the first half Nebraska improved her spare time practicing signals in which they seemed to be woefully deficient. Nebraska's fumbles in the first part of the game were also glaring, for during that short fifteen minutes our boys failed to improve only one chance out of seven to fumble the ball.

In the second half, Nebraska did a little better and only allowed Wesleyan to get possession of the ball twice. By straight lign bucking they forced the ball across the field for a touch-down and Shedd kicked goal. They were on their way for another touch-down but time was nearly up. Then occurred the only redeeming feature of the game. The ball was on Nebraska's twenty-five-yard line and Cowgill dropped back five yards further for a drop kick. Before anybody knew what had happened the ball was seen sailing straight between the goal posts. It was the only play of its kind ever seen in Lincoln and has only

been equalled in western football two or three times during its history. Nebraska has Cowgill to thank that the score was not 6-0 as there was not enough time to make another touch-down.

The game was considerably delayed owing to the injuries which the Wesleyan men were constantly receiving. The bleachers were fairly well filled and about 500 people saw the game.

The line-up:
U. of N. Wesleyan
Benedict l. e. Fitchie
Pearse l. t. Dunn
Hansen l. g. Brew
Herbert r. g. Stull
Turner r. t. Kingsbury
Stringer q. Lemon
Cowgill q. Stevenson
Schwartz r. h. Carver
Williams l. h. Bull
Shedd full. Ervin

The game was called at 3:30. Wesleyan chose the south goal. Cowgill kicked off but the ball rolled out of bounds so he tried it again. This time the pigskin went forty yards and Wesleyan brought it back fifteen. Carver made five-yards and Nebraska got the ball on a fumble. Williams was tackled behind the line by Mason who was off-side and Nebraska was given five yards. Wesleyan immediately got possession of the ball again. Bull went around the right end for three yards and Carver around the other end for four more. Wesleyan went right through Nebraska's line which seemed very weak. Dunn bucked the center for two yards to which Kingsbury added another one. Pearce bent his neck back and was replaced by Hayward. Ervin went through the center for two yards when Wesleyan fumbled and lost the ball.

Shedd hit the center for one yard. On the next play Nebraska fumbled and the ball rolled back ten yards. Shedd tackled the ball down behind the line so as to gain first down again as Nebraska had lost so much ground on the previous fumble. Nebraska failed to gain on the next play and Cowgill kicked for thirty yards. Stevenson brought it back ten. Wesleyan now went through Nebraska's line at will. Ervin made one yard through the center and Carver added eight more around the left end. Ervin hit the center for four yards and Carver went through tackle for one more. Bull was finely tackled by Shedd and lost a yard. Carver failed to gain around the end but Lemon went through guard for four yards. Kingsbury was hurt but resumed playing shortly. Carver made one yard and Ervin failed to gain so Nebraska took the ball. Cowgill kicked twenty-five yards. Stevenson brought it back ten. Time was called for the first half with the ball in the center of the field. Score, Nebraska 0, Wesleyan 0.

In the second half Ervin kicked for thirty-five yards and Benedict brought it back fifteen yards. Nebraska now began to take an interest in the game and played considerably better. Shedd bucked the center for three yards and Williams went through tackle for one yard. Turner made one more. Williams made four, two, and five yards respectively on the next three downs. Shedd went through the center again for four yards and Williams followed in the same place with a gain of two. Schwartz attempted to go around the left end but Carver broke through and he was downed with some loss. Schwartz tried it again and made twenty yards. Shedd bucked the center for two yards and Williams made three more through right tackle. Shedd made two yards in the same place and Schwartz gained four through the other tackle. Shedd went at the center again for eight yards. Kingsbury was knocked senseless and Shoaf took his place. Benedict carried the ball around the right end to within eight yards of the goal. Shedd was pushed seven yards through the line. Bull was injured and gave way to Funk. Shedd carried the ball over and kicked goal in just eight minutes and a half. Score, Nebraska 6, Wesleyan 0.

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THE FIRST LEAGUE GAME

Missouri Tigers will Meet Us on the Gridiron Tomorrow.

TEAMS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

Condition of Nebraska Players—Personal and Line Up of Missouri—Rooting Arranged for.

"Are you going to the game Saturday?" This is the question which is heard everywhere around the University. Judging from the affirmative replies which are always forthcoming in answer to the above interrogation, one of the largest crowds of the season will be present at the game Saturday afternoon between the Nebraska Indians and the Missouri Tigers. This is the first time that the students of this university have had the privilege of attending a game between Nebraska and Missouri on the home grounds. Heretofore this game has been played at Omaha or in Missouri and most of the students have wisely determined to take advantage of this opportunity.

It is unnecessary to say that there will be a good game. The very announcement that the Tigers will play will insure an exciting time. For the past two years Nebraska has downed Missouri but only by the hardest kind of playing, so no snap is anticipated Saturday. The Tigers will do their best to win this first game of the season, but if the students will turn out and support this game and encourage the home team, Nebraska may be able to make this the third successive defeat which Missouri has sustained at our hands.

The line which Nebraska will present against Missouri will be practically the same line which so successfully resisted the rushes of the Tigers last year. The only changes will be at left end and right tackle which positions were filled last year by Dungan and Benedict. This year Stringer will play left end and Hayward will be found at right tackle, this making the line even stronger than last year. The men behind the line are not yet definitely settled upon. There are four men trying for half backs, Schwartz, Williams, Montgomery, and Benedict, and it is very probable that all four will be given a trial in the game tomorrow.

The Missouri team seems to be getting into good shape. Con Young, a former Missouri captain, is doing the main part of the coaching. Missouri's first game was played with Iowa Wesleyan which was won by the score of 6 to 4. Since then a number of changes have been made in the make-up of the team. Hill, the big captain, is now playing at right tackle. The comparatively poor showing of Fast in that position in the Iowa game warranted the change. Fast was slow and weak on the defense, the Iowans making several big gains through his position. Woodson, a mere boy, with good weight, has taken Hill's place at guard. Woodson has played on the scrub team and knows the game fairly well.

Bass has displaced Kirk at full back. Bass is a good line buckler and has the advantage of Kirk in weight.

The ends are now played by Gentry and Perry. Both men showed up well in the Iowa game and will likely retain the places unless a new man by the name of Harris from Rich Hill, Mo., succeeds in getting one of the end rushes. The work of Harris on the scrub team lately has been exciting the favorable comments of the rooters. He is a well built youngster and has been getting into the play like a veteran, notwithstanding the fact that he is a green man.

Cramer, who was moved from end to tackle, continues to play the place. His work is better than any other candidate for the place and if he continues to improve he will be a factor in the big game to come. He weighs 160 pounds and plays fast football. Cox, a man weighing only 150 pounds,

has displaced Phillips, a 200-pounder, at center. Although Cox is a remarkable light man for the place, he has gotten it on merit, showing a decidedly better game than the heavier candidates. Cox is probably the lightest center that ever played the position in the west. Parker, the boy of eighteen years of age, will be the other guard from present indications. He has had some little high school experience and weighs 180 pounds.

Bongarth, a Colorado man, is playing at quarter back for the present. He is a fast man with fair weight. As yet his passing is slow and inaccurate.

Out of the numerous candidates for the half backs it is hard to tell who will be the successful contestants for the places. Shepherd is once more on the field, and is putting up a good game. He is a speed and hard runner, and if he can keep up his present standard of play he is likely to get one of the half backs. Troy, a new man, was tried at half back in the Iowa game. He made the touchdown that won the game on a brilliant end run. He is a fast runner and a good man on offensive play. He does not know much about the game, but seems to be a comer. At the present he is out of the game on account of injuries. Liggett, a stockily built man, is doing some good work behind the line, and it may be that he will get one of the half backs.

Hal Conley, the crack tackle of several years back, has been retained to coach the tackles. Gibson of the famous team of '95 will likely be back to take the ends in charge, while an effort will be made to get Thompson back to coach the center men.

The line-up will be:
Nebraska Missouri
Stringer l. e. Perry
Pearse l. t. Cramer
Hansen l. g. Woodson
Melford r. g. Cox
Turner r. t. Parker
Hayward q. Hill (capt.)
Wiggins r. e. Liggett or Gentry
Cowgill quarter. Bungardi
Benedict l. h. Shepherd
Williams, Mont- h. Troy or Jones
gomery r. h. Schwartz
Shedd (capt.) full. Holman or Bass

ROOTING ARRANGEMENTS.

The rooting at the game tomorrow promises to be one of the features of that contest. After the Pershing Rifles' drill last night that company, together with about forty more enthusiasts, spent a half hour in practicing yells, with the result that the patrons of the game tomorrow will have the privilege of listening to some artistic yelling. The plan is to divide the men up into five squads and to take turns in yelling so as not to wear out the voices of all early in the game. These squads will be stationed along the lines, each under the direction of a leader. The four captains in the cadet battalion and Roscoe Pound will constitute the chiefs of the squads and will lead the plan of attack on the atmosphere. Each cadet is to fall in with his company captain and the large number who do not drill will do well to fall in under the leadership of Mr. Pound. This will insure order and also uniformity in the size of the squads. A meeting was held today at Mr. Pound's office for the purpose of arranging a program of yells and this program will be in the hands of the squad leaders. Everything possible will be done to cheer our boys on to victory. At a given signal the first squad will lead off with one yell. Before the echo of this yell has died away, the second squad will begin its work and following it in rapid succession, the third, fourth, fifth, and then the first squad again and so on. In this way a continual yelling can be kept up with little exertion and Bedlam can break loose or Pandemonium reign whenever they are so inclined by simply giving the signal and the boys will do the rest.

Lehigh university must close its doors if legislative aid is not given soon.

MAKES RECORD FOR ITSELF

Minstrel Show a Typical Collegiate Exhibition.

GOOD PERFORMANCE ALL ROUND

Solo and Chorus Singing the Special Success—Encored for Every Number—The Program.

The minstrel show has passed into history. Its jokes and gags will live after it to haunt the balance of the college lives of those who were popular enough to get "touched up" a bit, or so indiscretionate as to attract the notice of the college public by their doings.

There was a great improvement noticeable over the exhibition given last spring by the same troupe. The jokes and gags were of a better order. They were neatly put, humorous, and with no evidence that the authors strained a point in bringing out their significance. They did not approach at all to coarseness. While some of them were rather personal, the victims had no reason to feel sore, and on the whole they were taken in good part.

The honor—or dishonor—for the majority of the folks, local songs and hits belongs to R. H. Manley. In fact the whole presentation was due to his efforts and ability. It must be admitted that it takes brains and experience to work up, from practically raw material, such a finished production. There was nothing about the whole performance but what was done strictly in accordance with the playwright's art. True minstrel style was followed throughout.

The chorus singing and solos were every bit the equal of what was done by Primrose and West. Of course such rich costumes, stage settings, etc., were lacking, and no attempt was made to introduce specialties. The minstrel part was pre-eminently successful. It might be said that the last part, the farce, did not prove so popular and so well presented. This was largely due to lack of stage settings and apparatus, especially as the male characters made no attempt at impersonation but appeared in their ordinary wearing apparel.

Will Hayward, in a brilliant George Washington costume made an imposing interlocutor. All the boys were gotten up in true style and were liberally applauded for every joke made or song sung. Every soloist received a hearty encore.

The opening chorus from the Wizard of the Nile, and Chimes of Normandy was given with the dash and spirit that characterizes college singing. After which, a diminutive dorky, recognized by some as the youngest son of Professor Kimball, presented the interlocutor. W. H. Hayward, a note ostensibly from some one in the audience requesting that "A Hot Time" be sung. It was a neat ruse to get an excuse to present this highly popular and worn-out production, but it gave a chance for the entry of the end men. These were figured out to be Jack Sumner, Bob Manley, Ralph Mueller, and Jess Rowe, the two latter carrying the tambos—the former the bones. They were gorgeously attired and made a good first impression. Hunk Mueller was distinguished with a revolving shirt bosom which he forgot to revolve most of the time.

The first number on the program, a solo by I. W. Kenagy was the only departure from the printed program. As his absence was absolutely necessary, he will be forgiven.

Burt Whedon then sung "Kentucky Babe." This was followed by Bob Manley with "Every Nigger Had a Lady but Me." It would be difficult to tell which of the two was the more appreciated. Burt has an excellent tenor voice. Its chief quality is its sweetness, and "Kentucky Babe" was just the song needed to bring this

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