

Foot Ball at Nebraska State University



TEAM IN LINE, WITH TUKEY OF OMAHA AT QUARTER.



HALFBACK BEN MAKING DROP KICK FOR GOAL.



AN END RUN BY THE HALFBACK.

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Each successive year adds to the development of the great college game of foot ball, and this improvement is no more noticeable in the east than in the west. Under the guidance of experienced men from the big eastern teams the standard of excellence has been raised in the western states to a degree limited only by the ability of the players themselves. Nebraska university has been especially fortunate during the last four years in securing as coaches men of unusual ability, and while their methods differed greatly they were successful in obtaining the desired results.

This year the 'varsity team will depend entirely upon straight, hard foot ball. In

representing the State university was severely handicapped this year. Most of the material was green at the beginning of the season. All of the candidates lacked beef and they were slow in coming out for practice.

The coach of the Nebraska team has had extensive experience in foot ball. After playing a year with the Phillips Andover college he entered Williams college and at once secured a position on the foot ball team, playing left halfback for three successive seasons, the last one as captain. He was also at Harvard one year, but was prevented from playing by his college work. Coach Branch has won the confidence of his men and so far has had excellent success with the team.

Nebraska will depend largely upon good team work and will not rely upon unusual strength in one direction to make amends for real weakness in another. The last season of foot ball has furnished evidence to prove that a strong line is not all that is sufficient to success. Nebraska's line is a little weak, but efforts are being made to strengthen it and the prospects for a good all 'round team are considered good.

American Farming in the Topics

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freights to the Philippines and will allow our goods to go to Asia at a much less cost."

"What I would like to know, Mr. Secretary," said I, "is how this is going to help the American farmer?"

"It will help him all around. It will help him in his home market. It will give business to the factories and the men who work in the factories will have to live. They live off the farming. Our market is the best market in the world and our farmers are now in good condition because times are good. They are getting high prices for what they sell and they are happy. Why, today beef is bringing 8 cents a pound on foot; pork and mutton are proportionately high and horses are double what they were a year ago and everything that is offered for sale has a purchaser. I have been all over

the United States during the present year and I don't think the farmers were ever in a better condition. The increased trade which we are having abroad means an increased demand for all farmer supplies. It means money for all of us and especially for the tiller of the soil. We want to continue this condition and that is what the Agriculture department is trying to do. It is our business to show the farmer how he can get the most for his work and the most out of his land. He is the man we are trying to help. I mean the fellow who works in the field with his coat off."

Cattle in Cuba.

"Is the department doing anything as to sending cattle to Cuba and Porto Rico, Mr. Secretary?"

"Not much now," was the reply. "We can't do anything until we get money from congress. The government has authorized the importation of 50,000 cattle of our best breeds into Cuba without paying tariff. These, I suppose, will be shipped. Porto Rico might get the same if it wanted it. I venture. There is danger in sending cattle to the West Indies. The animals there have the fever tick and cattle that have not been accustomed to this disease are liable to get sick and die. We have had the disease in Texas and I suppose improved cattle will be sent from there. It seems rather strange to some of our people to think of fine cattle being raised in such hot lands as the West Indies. The fact is that Porto Rico has magnificent stock. I have seen pictures of the animals and they are as fine as any raised in this country. It is said that they were originally imported from Spain. The animals are large, big-boned and as clean-cut as a Jersey."

"I suppose you will establish experiment stations on the various islands, Mr. Secretary?"

"We are going to ask an appropriation from congress for the purpose," was the reply. "I have no doubt we can do a great deal of good. We should have experiment stations in Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines. So far, we haven't even a station in Hawaii. We should begin work in Porto Rico at once. We want to study the coffee plants. We have them, of course, in our green houses here, but our work should be done on the ground. Java, you know, is one of the greatest coffee countries of the world. Its people live off of coffee and its exports of coffee amount to millions of dollars a year. A few years ago the coffee trees in Java were afflicted with a bacterial disease, which destroyed every tree, and the people had to plant anew. Our scientists in such a case would be able to report at once as to what the trouble was and how it should be cured.

"We want to experiment on fruit raising in Porto Rico and also make investigations of the sugar industry there."

"Speaking of sugar, Mr. Secretary, I should think our new possessions would destroy the beet sugar industry of the United States. Cannot cane sugar be raised more cheaply than beet sugar?"

"I sent one of our experts to Porto Rico to investigate the cost of raising cane sugar there in order that I might consider that problem," replied Secretary Wilson. "He reported that the cost of producing a pound of cane sugar was 2 cents. The cost of producing a pound of beet sugar here is 3 1/4 cents, but our beet sugarmakers find that by feeding the refuse of the beets to cows they can make enough out of the by-product to reduce the cost as low as that of the cane sugar."

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Tommy Atkins' Tobacco

We hear a lot about the pipe of peace, but old soldiers tell many a true tale about the pipe in war time, for tobacco is one of the greatest comforts that most soldiers have in the course of heavy campaign duty, said an old sergeant major, whose broad chest bears many medals, to a London Mail reporter.

The matter of Tommy Atkins' tobacco supply is very well looked after nowadays, for the authorities know what a terrible deprivation the loss of tobacco, even for a day or two, is to the soldier, but many a time during the Crimean campaign the writer has seen a plug of tobacco exchanged for a good ring or other actually valuable trinket, and once during an awful winter's night he heard a refusal to take a gold watch in exchange for a lump of chewing tobacco twist.

The craving of wounded men for tobacco is very pathetic. At Inkerman a corporal who had been frightfully mangled implored a mate to give him a bit of tobacco, and when the cake was put between his lips he bit at it as eagerly as a child does at toffee. Scores of cases of the same kind have occurred, including a great many where men in the trenches were shot down and fell dead with the pipe still held firmly between their teeth. The writer has seen men go into action with a catty between their lips, never to speak of the men who, while waiting to go into action, chewed at their quills as though they were tearing at an enemy.

A well known cheerful Irish lad at the storming of the Redan had a clay pipe bow shot away from the stem, which still remained in his mouth, and he convulsed his comrades who were near him by pretending to look for the unsmoked tobacco which had been in the broken bowl.



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