

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Foot Ball Squads Lining Up All Over the Country Just Now.

PROSPECTS AT BIG COLLEGES FOR TEAMS

Much New Material Needed to Bring the Famous Eleven Up to the Standard of Last Year.

A glance over the foot ball situation at this time, the middle of September, discloses the interesting fact that as a general rule the western colleges are beginning to line up their teams for the season of the only strictly amateur sport known.

This information is of interesting, however, in showing that both as regards money and time the west can now do just as much for its gridiron sport as the east, and that the years will not be many more before the exclusive universities of the Big Four can no longer hold themselves aloof as the aristocrats, the patricians, in this game.

But this time has not yet come. Not even western arrogance has yet made bold to deny that Harvard and Yale and their rivals have the greatest teams in the world and that the real throne of the game is still with those schools.

Although the major part of members of the Big Four has yet to begin practice, Monday of this week marks the time for most of the rest of them, so from coaches and scouts and managers good outlines of the teams and their probable strength can already be had.

Of all the four big teams Yale's loss is much the lightest. Only three old men drop out, the two ends and O'Leary at guard. Meanwhile there is now a well-defined rumor that "Dick" Sheldon, the famous guard of three years ago, will return to school this fall, and he would then play in O'Leary's place, thus settling immediately the question of the right guard.

Princeton certainly has a big kick coming. Of last year's team Peil, left tackle; Mills, left guard; Fischer, center; Poe, center; McCord, half back, and Sheffield, full back, were all graduated last June. That makes a big hole. The backs are fairly rickety and a big gash is cut in the line.

Meanwhile the Tigers have three things for which they may be decidedly thankful. First, they have secured "Garry" Cochran, the famous captain and end of the '97 eleven. It is said that no other Princeton captain ever wielded so powerful an influence over his men, and great things are expected from his coaching.

Harvard also gets bit in the line, and bit hard. Cutts, the famous tackle of the whole season and member of the All-American team, will be probably get the place. His mate on the left side of the line, Blagden, Greene at center, Lee at left guard and Captain Campbell at left end complete the hole in the line.

Will sour the sweetest disposition and transform the most even tempered, lovable nature into a cross-grained and irritable individual.

AN OLD SORE

months of diligent and faithful use of external remedies that the place remains as defiant, angry and offensive as ever. Every chronic sore, no matter on what part of the body it comes, is an evidence of some previous constitutional or organic trouble, and that the drugs of these diseases remain in the system; or, it may be that some long hidden poison—perhaps Cancer—has come to the surface and begun its destructive work.

Several years ago, my wife had a severe sore leg and was treated by the best physicians but received no benefit. Our friend advised her to try S. S. S. which she did. Fourteen bottles cured her and she has been well ever since.

again and in the other half and full the same. Harvard will doubtless reproduce this season its wonderful back field of 1901. But think of a line with only two men left in it. The entire left side is gone, and, besides this, the center and the right tackle. There are many men wanting every vacant job, but no world beaters as yet. Suggestions seem to be the only available material for center, and Lawrence and Jones are showing strongest for the tackle. The coaches have not yet dared to think of the empty guard and end, though out of Bowditch, Clark, and Matthews it should be easy to fill the latter.

Captain Kernan, the star halfback in the game with Yale last year, has taken a few of the old men to his summer home at Kennebunk Port, Me., for this coming week, and give them advice for helping his brush with the green men. Mike Farley, end on the '99 squad, will help Kernan in the duties of chief coach.

Coming week attention turns first to the two teams which so conclusively demonstrated themselves the strongest last fall, Wisconsin and Michigan. It seems now that each is to receive body blows on personnel, with the Wolverines getting a little the worst. Coach Yost will find himself with the task of replacing Shortis and White at tackle, Wilson at guard, Snow at end and Snow also at fullback, which position he played on offense. Thus for those four men he needs five. From manager respect to the coaches, it seems that the material of the promising sort is somewhat of a rarity. However, Yost is said to be great in an emergency.

Neither Badgers nor Wolverines have much to feel badly about when they take a look at the Gophers. At Minnesota there will be a number of veterans back, signs of last year's first squad leading the game. This is almost the same as saying that Minnesota must not take a year or so to build up again. Teams are strong by spurts, and the one at Minnesota is no exception. The Gophers had the same men last year after four years, and now they are leaving in a body. The team work developed by such men as Knowlton, Pee, Page and Rogers is a power that when lost takes time to regain, as it cannot be transmitted to new players. In fact, so many have left at once, Coach Williams apparently realized the critical situation with the Gophers, and gathered his men together for practice two weeks earlier than any other school, getting them out in August, in fact.

Of the other conference colleges there is not much to be said. Nothing phenomenal is expected from Northwestern, Beloit or Chicago this year, though the latter school will probably succeed in turning the game of last season. Meanwhile Illinois, so strong in '01, will again have a light team, but a fast one. Iowa starts this year to try and recover from its slump, but anxiously, Sheldon has not yet returned. The loss of Clyde Williams at quarterback, the blow which demoralized the Hawkeyes early in the season of '01, and their succeeding play did them very little good in the way of development.

Cross-country runs have been the feature of the first week's practice of the University of Nebraska foot ball squad. Training began last Monday and every day during the week the men were led over hill and dale by energetic Captain Westover. At first the runs were made short, of necessity, for most of the candidates were short-winded and carried superfluous weight. Each day the distance was lengthened, however, so that Saturday afternoon the boys ran from 9 o'clock in the afternoon till five o'clock in the morning, covering twelve miles. Coach Booth is said to have been Tuesday and at once assumed active charge of the squad. Aside from the running, which is purely for condition and endurance, training has consisted of passing the ball, and kicking. A few minutes are devoted to this each night before the run is taken. This week there will be a larger proportion of actual foot ball work on the campus and less running over the country, although that feature will not be abandoned until the spring game becomes fierce and constant. So far the men have not even lined up, but they will do so this week. Not before next week will scrimmages be commenced, the line being held to meet signal practice and practice formations for a time.

Coach Booth is especially proud of the cross-country running. This is entirely a new feature at Nebraska, having never been done before with a foot ball squad. Booth says, however, that the exercise is one of the greatest things for preliminary training that could be devised. It brings every man needs most of all at the beginning of a season—wind. A man who can run two hours and stand it well can endure the fiercest strains and struggling of at least one force half of forty-five minutes.

It is astonishing to see the immense improvement that a week's practice has brought in the foot ball squad upon the Creighton university field. It's almost as good as witnessing a miracle. The boys kneel every night at her mother's knee and, after reciting the Lord's prayer, silently adds a little prayer of her own. One night her mother, rather curious, asked her daughter what she had told the Lord. "Mamma," said the youngster, "I asked the Lord to please remember that mole on your face, but," added the little one, "I also told the Lord that I thought the mole had come to stay."

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, special ambassador to Spain, tells the following anecdote, says Harper's Magazine: In the discharge of his duties, in promoting the cause of education, he has been frequently called upon to address the pupils of schools he had been visiting. On one occasion he was at a rural school and the usual address was expected at the close of the exercises. The children went through a number of calisthenic exercises, which were, probably, somewhat elaborate in honor of the distinguished visitor, and then came the doctor's speech. Thinking that it was a favorable occasion to impress upon his youthful auditors the importance of drill and practice the doctor, after expressing the pleasure that the exercises had given him, told the children that they had done far better than he could have done, and then asked: "Can some one of you tell me why it is that I cannot do these calisthenic exercises as well as you have done them?"

After an instant's pause a small hand went up, and on receiving an encouraging word from the doctor, the little boy stood up and said: "Cause you are old and stiff in the joints," which was not exactly the answer either expected or desired.

Though the university is yet to open its classes, a host of great arguments are set out for practice already. They have responded better than ever before. The general experience at the university has been that men will not come to Lincoln till school begins, but this year it is different. A good bunch was out for the first day and they have been coming in regularly ever since. By the end of the present week Westover expects to have three full eleven out.

For more than two weeks the warriors of Bellevue colleges have been under Captain Cooper's direction, although college does not open till next Tuesday. Some promising new material is being developed, and with all but one of last year's team back, Bellevue promises to put up an All game this fall. There will be no seniors or prizefighters on the team. The players are all bona fide students, who are in college for work and incidentally will play a clean, hard game of foot ball. All of the old line men will be back: Plato Schiefel, center; Fred Katz, right tackle; Fave McWhorter, right tackle; Hansford Pope, right end; Frank Throw, left end; Alex Cooper, left tackle; Heary Stroud, left guard. These men are veterans, and with this summer's added brain, they will undoubtedly form a "stone wall." With the exception of Carl Horn at fullback, the back will be in the game as last year: Theodore Cooper (captain), quarter; R. E. Cornwall, right half, and Tom Moore, left half. Cooper is kept as quick at his post and plays as a "stone wall." Cornwall is a fast runner, and Moore promises to be the best kicker in the state. Among the new men in college are several players of experience, and last year's second eleven will no doubt furnish some strong material.

The college authorities have greatly encouraged the team by their efforts to secure a first-class physical director, and by improving the athletic field. The field has been enlarged and made level as a floor, and is now being ordered by the West. The use of a seven-ton roller. The boys say the field is "peachy." The schedule is as follows: October 4, Omaha Young Men's Christian association at Bellevue; October 12, Taborsville at Bellevue; October 25, Hartley at Bellevue; November 1, Doane college at Crete; November 8, Second University of Nebraska at Bellevue; November 15, Hastings college at Bellevue; November 22, Creighton university at Bellevue; November 29, Grand Island college at Grand Island.

Foot ball prospects at the Omaha High school may be said to be not only bright but flattering and are far beyond what was expected. Coach Pearce and Captain Fairbrother had the men out last Tuesday afternoon for the first time and the showing is one of which to be proud. Besides a sturdy nucleus of seven men of last season's star team there is another veteran from the West, Des Moines High School team of '01, and in addition to that a grand bunch of new material and old second team and substitute men.

First, there is Captain Al Fairbrother, who will again play right end, where he has been for four years. Omaha, in fact, has the star intercollegiate center of Nebraska and Iowa last year, will go to right tackle this season. His ability is too great to be hidden longer at center, so the most responsible and difficult position in the rush line goes to him. For left tackle there is Earl Strickler, for guard or fullback, Red Thompson; for quarter, Rolly Shields and for halves, Harry Loftus and Will Corryell, last year's star, who was injured in the game here against the Lincoln high school late in the season. This completes the Omaha team. Billy Callahan, whom Notre Dame desired to secure for the eleven this year, will be in his old place at quarter. George Lee, ex-captain of the last year's second team, will be his competitor for the position. Adding to this number special players as O'Neill, O'Malley, Burke, Dermody, Small and O'Connell, a good supply of material is on hand, and the second team promises to be a strong one.

In addition to daily practice between 'varsity and reserve on exhibition practice games will occur on September 27 with the alumni team, composed of all the old stars in the city. After that the regular schedule of the season will commence, and Manager Fitzgerald has secured a good one.

FRATTEL OF THE YOUNGSTERS. Teacher—When is the proper time to gather apples? Tommy—When the dog is chained.

"That boy next door said he'd bet he could lick me with one hand tied behind his back." "Of course you took him up?" "Naw, I didn't. He said he'd have to do the tying."

"And what," asks the teacher, "comes after the letter 'y' in the word 'youth'?" It was thus that she sought to teach the young idea the value of the character 'y.' "I know," volunteered the little wise boy. "You may tell us, Johnny."

"Mm! my! my!" said the little girl's grandmother, "you mustn't make so much fuss when you have your hair combed. When I was a little girl I had my hair combed three or four times every day."

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Slump of the Home Team Gives the Roasters Their Chance.

MILWAUKEE LIKELY TO WIN THE PENNANT

First Four Places in the Western League Race Depend on the Last Three Games of the Season's Schedule.

Knockers are busy. Never since Hector was a pup has the whirlwind of fortune given the home roster the opportunity he has had during the last two weeks. And how he has improved his chances! Men who boast they haven't seen a game this summer have shaken hands with others of the same kidney and have chortled in glee over the disaster that has overtaken the Omaha team. Now that the last vestige of hope for the pennant has apparently vanished, these birds who never go to a game are in the seventh heaven of indolent bliss, telling what might have been done. If Rourke had only signed Jake Beckley and Gene Demontreville, and Ed Deleahy and Tommy Leach and Larry Lapine and Sam Crawford and Charley Deitz and Christie Mathewson and a few more stars—but he didn't and even if he had the home knocker would only have found it out by reading the paper at the cigar store or the barber shop, for he never buys a paper any more unless he buys a ticket to the game. All the stores up and down the city are now being turned loose on the team, and every man from Rourke down is getting it. And the worst of the whole situation is that the season is now at its end, and there is no hope for anything to the contrary, till next spring. So we might as well make up our minds to bear it as meekly as we can, for the anvils will ring for seven months at least.

It is impossible to beat it into the heads of some folks that no team was ever organized that could win all the games. And that is all the home knocker wants. Every player has his days when he can not do his best, no matter how good his intentions, and every team has the same experience. Omaha has as honest and capable a lot of ball players as ever wore uniforms, and if they do not win the championship of the Western league, it will not be because they have not tried. All who have attended the games with any regularity during the season are with an eye to the fact that this season has witnessed the fastest base ball ever seen in Omaha, considered as a whole, and that the Omaha team has been in it all the time. Four star pitchers and the admitted premier of catchers have done the battery work, with a corps of fielders that have been again and again pronounced the best in the league, have guarded the city's name in what has proven the hardest fought championship schedule ever played in the west. From the drop of the hat Omaha, Kansas City and Denver have fought, earnestly, even bitterly, for supremacy. Milwaukee, starting at the very bottom, has fought his way up, displacing St. Joseph from the first division, and is now making a strong bid for first place at the finish. Hugh Duffy has not only played a great game of ball himself, but has shown wonderful skill in handling his team, and deserves to win the pennant for the gallant fight he has made. One of the remarkable things about the race is that on the last three games depends the final standing of the first four teams. Milwaukee finishes with Omaha and Denver with Kansas City, and it will be impossible to tell the order of the first four places until the end of this closing series. Such a situation never before existed in base ball.

Omaha is to be favored with a post-season series. Ace Stewart will have control of the team after the regular schedule has been played out, and has arranged for games with the Kansas City Western, the Indianapolis American and other strong teams for exhibition games extending over the carnival week. All the Omaha players have agreed to stay over and take

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Carlos Wilson of Boston is a collector of Napoleons. He has 9,000 portraits and prints, 500 medals and 2,000 volumes all relating to the famous Corsican soldier.

When Mrs. Luke Fish was buried at Anderson, Ind., the other day there stood before the grave five lots of her first-born. Another of her children lay at home with a broken leg and the husband was away. Mrs. Marsh Vance, a colored woman of Danville, Ill., is leaving to read at the advent of the great jubilee at the home of Abraham Lincoln's family and packed up the family belongings when they went to the White House in 1893.

An enterprising liquor dealer in Cairo, Egypt, started a free lunch counter and has made an immense hit with the troops. With every drink, even a 3-cent glass of beer, he serves a bit of liver with bread, olives, salad, lemons and mussels.

Prof. Wheeler of Cornell university museum is collecting human brains. On the shelves of the museum are many brains of criminals, while in his private laboratory are the brains of many college professors and eminent scientists who have willed their brains to his collection.

Civil war veterans from Iowa who will parade at the national encampment in Washington next October are expected to carry unique emblems of their military property. Each will have with him the largest card of honor he can find, and the display can hardly fail to open the eyes of eastern observers.

John D. Rockwell has just purchased another estate in the Adirondacks, where his holdings now amount to 80,000 acres, the whole of which he has bought for \$1,000,000. He owns all of Meacham lake, a mountain region of great popularity. His latest purchase was 6,000 acres of the residence which have been notified to leave at once.

The official exonerator of Tokio died recently. His death was curious in itself and, considering his profession, was little short of a miracle. He was a member of a railway track near Tokio when he was run down by a fast express. The body was found by the track with the head as near as possible to the end of the track. He was decapitated as any which had been cut off by the official exonerator himself. Otherwise there was not a mark on the body.

Probably for the first time in history typewriters were used in the coronation of King's yacht during his majesty's recent sojourn on the water. Throughout the latter part of the coronation it was always matter for surprise that every reply, no matter how brief or how formal, received from the queen's secretary, was typed and written by hand. The advent of the typewriter in the palace is the advent of the typewriter in the palace.

FIELDING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Players, O, A, E, Tot, Av, Last Week. Rows include Wright, Alloway, Graham, Dolan, Carter, Thomas, Stewart, Gentry, Owen, Graham, Dolan, Hickey.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Players, A, B, R, H, Av, Last Week. Rows include Wright, Graham, Dolan, Carter, Thomas, Stewart, Gentry, Owen, Graham, Dolan, Hickey.

The Principle Applied.

Chicago Tribune: "The reason why I quit shaving," said Rivers, "was that I figured up one day the amount of time it took. I used to spend a little over fifteen minutes every day of my life shaving myself. I found that this used up ten or twelve work-days every year, and I decided I simply couldn't afford the time."

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