

GOSSIP OF THE GRIDIRON

Some Upsets that Set the Wise Ones to Thinking Real Seriously.

PENNSYLVANIA NO LONGER A "BIG" TEAM

Quakers Beaten Twice Within a Week by Eleven from Minor Colleges and Cornell Set Back by the Indians.

It had been predicted that the present season would be one of many surprises and thus early in the play this prediction has been verified. There has been apparently a surprising reversal of form at Cornell to judge by the defeat of their eleven last Saturday by the Carlisle Indians. Both teams are much as in 1901 and the Ithaca team is considered fully as good as formerly; therefore, unless the Indians have been very much underrated, Cornell has taken a decided slump. Poor old Pennsylvania can hardly longer be classed as one of the "Big Four." After the had seasons of last year and their defeat by Brown last Saturday and by Annapolis Wednesday they seem thoroughly demoralized and only a miracle can bring them back into the running this season.

In the arena of western foot ball the most important games played up to yesterday were, of course, the contest between Minnesota and the Corn Huskers, which resulted in the unexpected defeat of the former, and the fierce battle between Chicago university and Northwestern. In the latter game both sides displayed good form and, while Northwestern's chance for championship honors was killed, it was apparent that they will make a good showing in some of the later contests. Nebraska's victory came as a surprise to the foot ball wisecracks of the association, of which the Corn Huskers are not members. It is now admitted by those in the know that the university team is better than several of the nine opponents. They have not yet played any particularly strong teams. In the game with Swarthmore, when their goal was endangered, they displayed an excellent coolness and spirit. Their attack was good, but lacked determination and they failed to assist the runner, as could have been done.

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THE BACK FIELD IS, HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG. SECRET WORK WAS BEGUN WEDNESDAY.

Pennsylvania was played off its feet Wednesday by the Annapolis cadets, the score being 19 to 4. The savvy men outclassed the red and blue throughout the game and scored their first touchdown after only three minutes of play. The Brown game on Saturday was not so much a decisive victory, for the score was largely due to the efforts of Captain Barry, one of Brown's halfbacks, who romped alone the field about as he chose, making one run of sixty-five yards and another of thirty. Pennsylvania started in the season with the discouraging precedent of last year and has been unable to regain the form of old. In fact it has gone to pieces apparently. It was expected that plenty of good material would turn up this year when the practice began, but this was not the case. The team took a brace in the game with Gettysburg and some confidence was restored, but there was no ability to follow the ascendancy. The Quakers have been most unfortunate in injuries received by their men, both quarterbacks and others being in the hospital.

In Ithaca they are saying that the surprising victory of the Carlisle Indians was a matter of luck. But luck is not the name for repeated fumbles and blocked punts, and luck, anyway, is on the side of the stronger team. Unless the Indians have been surprisingly underrated, Cornell will look sheepish indeed after the game with Princeton. Since the arrival, however, of "Joe" Beacham, the old end and halfback, the Ithacans are showing a much increased dash in practice and their backers hope to retrieve the lost prestige.

Princeton has been showing up well this season and there are many to be found who think the team superior to Harvard. The game against Washington and Jefferson college was the first real test the Tigers have been put to, and they displayed a fine aggression. They employed smashing tackle back formations and a hurdlng play in which the halfs assisted the fullback, Kaffer, to make repeated gains. The Princeton positions have been nearly settled. A comparatively light man, Baker, has been shifted to center, and now attention is being given to team development. The Tigers have not yet had their line crossed, but on the other hand, have not played any team to severely test their mettle.

Columbia's big score against Hamilton, 35 to 0, is only one of the number of big scores piled up so far, the total being: Columbia, 151; opponents, 6. They have not yet played any particularly strong teams. In the game with Swarthmore, when their goal was endangered, they displayed an excellent coolness and spirit. Their attack was good, but lacked determination and they failed to assist the runner, as could have been done.

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LAST WEEK WITH THE BOWLERS

Good Team Work, but No Wonderful Individual Displaying is Shown.

Table with columns: Played, Won, Lost, P. C. Lists bowlers: National, Clarkson, Gate City, Western, German, Krug Park, St. Charles.

Among the bowlers the last week has been one of activity and while the scores throughout have not been such as to indicate bowling of a very high class, the results in general have not been by any means discouraging for so early in the season. Of the teams, the National was the only one that showed really good form in its team work and most of the others are still pretty far from it. The individual work of the week it cannot be said that any of it was particularly creditable. The Clarkson team, having won all three of its games of the week, has pulled its percentage up from 333 to 467 and is now tied with the Gate City, which, after having won three straight the first week, lost two and won one last week, and the National, which kept up its average by winning two and losing one. By winning two games of the last week the St. Charles team has pulled its standing up from 300 to 323 and is now on equal terms with the German and Krug Park teams. The Western team bettered itself by the last week's play and is now even up on games won and lost, while the Omaha, which closed last week with a percentage of 467, has fallen back to 300. Great interest has been shown by the players generally and among the new men there has been manifested an earnest desire for improvement which gives promise of a successful season.

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CONJUGALITIES

One divorce to seven marriages was the record in Illinois for the year ending June 30, 1902.

A number of the female members of the Clerks' union in St. Paul, Minn., have organized a league, all the members of which pledge themselves to marry none but union men.

When a woman of the mature age of 15 years decides to get married she should not neglect to at least inform her school teacher. If Miss Mabel E. Allan of Middletown, N. Y., had observed this wise precaution she would not have been exposed to the mortification of a visit from the town officer and the threat of a fine for violating the law.

A young widower of Sallinger, near Wisconsin, was about to enter upon a second wedding, and the arrangements were all complete for the nuptial ceremony. Suddenly, the day before the wedding, a messenger came from the reverend gentleman to the bridegroom to say that the ceremony must be postponed for three weeks, as in publishing the banns he had given out the name of the mother-in-law instead of the intended bride. Permission was of no avail. The only alternative for the bridegroom was to marry the mother-in-law if he insisted on the original plan, and as neither he nor his fiancée was disposed to accept this solution the pair had to wait the prescribed time of another three weeks.

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CANAL TREATY IS DELAYED

Columbian Congress Which Must Ratify it Not Yet Elected.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Non-action on the part of the government of Colombia on the pending canal treaty is postponing the appointment of the commission which is to take charge of the construction of the canal.

It was at first supposed that as soon as the attorney general had satisfied himself of the sufficiency of the title to the canal property that could be conveyed by the French company the way will be clear for the appointment of the commission and upon which the work is to be done.

This was upon the assumption that the agreement upon the outlines of the treaty with the canal company, reached in Washington by the department of state and the Colombian minister, amounted to a pledge by the latter in behalf of his own government to promptly ratify such a treaty.

Now it has developed that the ratification of the treaty is a long way off, owing to the fact that the Colombian congress, before which the convention must come, has not even been elected up to this time. The delay is attributed to the existence of a state of war in Colombia, but it is now expected that the country will soon be so far pacified that a general election can be held and that the congress can be assembled during the winter months.

Composition of Commission. In this state of backwardness as to ratification little attention has been given here to the composition of the United States canal commission, notwithstanding the fact that owing to the dignity and desirability of the places therein, there have been many tentative applications for appointment.

The one fact relative to the commission that has developed is that Rear Admiral Walker, who has headed the two preceding commissions, will be the president of the new commission. It was at one time suggested that General Leonard Wood was to have this place, having in view his peculiar abilities as an executive officer and as a sanitary director, but it is now said that he prefers to remain in his military surroundings and assume command of one of the important military departments.

The sanitary work outlined for him, therefore, will be undertaken by one of the regular army surgeons who has had experience in tropical countries and Admiral Walker will retain his connection with the important work which he initiated several years ago.

Knox Makes Report. Attorney General Knox made his report on the validity of the title to the Panama Canal to President Roosevelt today. It was announced that the report was very exhaustive and covered about 300 pages. A synopsis of the report is to be made public this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Attorney General Knox, who took the report in person to the White House, declined to give any intimation of its character in advance of the issuance of the synopsis this afternoon.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Mrs. Eliza J. Eycland, a public school principal of Jersey City, has been teaching in that city for fifty-four years.

Whitlaw Held of New York and George E. Crothers of San Francisco have been added to the board of trustees of the Stanford university.

Prof. Jerome K. Schneider, the oldest member of the Tufts college faculty, has just celebrated his seventy-eighth anniversary and is still in active service at the head of the Greek department.

Fifty-six of the 141 freshmen of the principal western university at Chicago passed the examination in spelling on twenty common words, and have been relegated to the "spelling" class for a "spell" of another three weeks.

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