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JUDGMENTS

While the magnates of the big leagues left unshaken one thing they might have done, they did do something to help the game along. To require waivers before a drafted player can be returned is going to stop "covering up." This will work some hardship on crafty minor league managers...

Whether McGraw or Joe Kelley got the better of that omnibus trade of players the other day is not the question. It is the fact that McGraw, by the focus of his policy, has been able to bring back to a standard of work from which they have descended in the last few seasons...

Monarchism triumphed to some extent in the National League meeting in New York the other day. The amendment to the constitution vesting in the president of the league final power in the case of disputes...

St. Louis has discovered the champion base ball fan and rooster. The discovery was a simple matter. The method employed was simply to have all the base ball fans and roosters in the United States assemble at a post-season game in St. Louis and root. Judges has been appointed to pick the best rooster and the lot fell upon the St. Louis man who is now proclaimed to the world as its champion rooster.

Murphy's recommendation for nine games instead of seven for world's championship honors is coming toward the point. Old Pop Anson has many fans with him in his advocacy of fourteen games on the theory that fewer than that is not enough to decide supremacy between any two high grade, well matched teams...

Another week goes into history and England has got yet unearthened another prize fighter. There is serious apprehension of the necessity of returning to sprinting, in which case some descendant of Charlie Mitchell will be found.

Winter racing hasn't as yet produced any of its customary sensations. The sending of a long shot across has been unnecessarily delayed, maybe in transmission.

SENDING OUT FOOT BALL SEATS

Yale Has the Big Job Down to a Science.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE HANDLED

Of Forty Thousand Tickets Distributed for Princeton and Harvard Games This Fall Only Three Went Astray.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—There is more work connected with the distribution of tickets for a big foot ball game, say the Yale-Princeton ticket, than there is in drilling the players on the field, and not half as much fun. There isn't any fun at all about the former; it is a big and serious business. It does not begin as early in the fall as the campaign in the gridiron...

"If all the work of distributing tickets for our two big games were placed end to end and done by one man," says Edward Thompson, who has charge of this department at Yale, "it would take him two years, six months and seventeen days to do it."

The first move is made on October 1. On that day at New Haven the special forms of envelopes were sent to Yale graduate clubs informing them that application blanks for tickets were ready. These were for Yale graduates, Princeton and Harvard attend to their own people.

The graduates are reached by means of mailed announcements to the clubs and by letter writing the source by which the undergraduates are informed that application blanks are ready. There is the work of blanking the tickets printed, but that is a detail of small moment in the multitude of others which bear more directly on the undertaking.

The system at New Haven provides that each applicant may ask for three tickets, and the athletic bureau of distribution virtually binds itself to furnish the three tickets. One idea of three tickets per man is that the grad or student thus may take himself, his girl and her chaperon. When it was suggested the other day that next season only two tickets each might be the procedure one student remarked that if that were done he couldn't take his girl because her mother wouldn't allow her to go to the game without a chaperon.

It often happens that more than three tickets are wanted by an applicant, and as it also happens that some do not want any tickets, it is possible to adjust the two conditions and accommodate those who have more than the regulation share. The plan in such cases is to see that the man not using his privilege gives proper authorization to the others.

Timely Tips for Automobile Owners and Drivers

An automobile motor plowing contest is to be held in Paris soon and is attracting considerable attention.

Bridgeport, Conn., is one of the latest cities to buy a motor-driven chemical engine for its fire department.

The Quaker City Motor club will hold its second endurance run from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa., and return, January 10.

A recent aid to motoring comfort is a water and dustproof circular hat box, made of rubber and in the space inside the emergency tire.

The government experts who recently finished a piece of motor roadway at Huntington, W. Va., are now at work on one at Huntington, W. Va.

A skirt of soft black leather, trimmed with black Persian lamb, is one of the most striking motoring costumes shown this winter for women's wear.

With Russian cavalcades concealed in the hollow rims of the wheels of his motor car, a smuggler recently was caught crossing the Russo-Austrian frontier.

Twelve automobiles and a full-sized eight-seater car are used in a production at the New York Hippodrome, which has the largest stage in the world.

So many New York motorists plan to attend the Boston show in March that a special street car from the Hub to the Hub is under consideration.

Because several horses have been frightened by the young motor cyclist in the world's greatest motorcycle race, the authorities of Paterson, N. J., have forbidden the use of automobile searchlights in that city.

Probably the youngest motor cyclist in the world is Ernest Marchand, the year-old, of Paris, who already has raced and won several times in the last few hours.

Plans are nearing completion for a 300-mile race from Jacksonville to Miami, Fla. Much of the distance is over roads over which an automobile never has been driven.

An unusual feature of the decorations on the motor cars were a number of automobile cartoons by leading artists. The general color scheme was green, gold and white.

ity to the one to whom he turns over his application. The two applications are then placed together, and separated on to books, but the allotment made together.

For the last Princeton game at New Haven there were printed 18,000 blanks. The financial situation this fall made some untoward complications when the money began coming in for tickets. Most of the money comes in checks and during the panicky times about \$2,000 worth of checks would not go through the banks were received. The senders of course thought the checks were good, but it meant no little extra trouble to get this matter straightened out.

Roughly speaking 33,000 tickets were printed for the Yale-Princeton game. The tickets were elaborate and expensive, to avoid as far as possible counterfeiting. With this in mind, too, were the tickets of a different design on the tickets. This plan of different colors for pasteborders for different parts of the stands was disregarded this fall. It was found that there was a sufficiently large proportion of color blind ticket holders to cause confusion at the gates. The big danger was that the wrong entrance. So this year Thompson hit upon the idea of having "Gate 1," "Gate 2" or "Gate 3," as the case might be, printed on the tickets in large letters. This and megaphones men all about the place did away with any confusion at the entrances.

As the applications come in they are put away in a big safe, first acknowledgment being made, until a week before the closing time of applications, when the work of opening and entering them begins. The work of distributing new on in card, though a force of ten men is enough to begin with. As the applications come in they must be assorted into their various classes, seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, professional schools, graduates and odds and ends. When enough applications have been received to start with the working force gets busy.

Entering Applicants. What is known as the loose leaf system is used for entering the applications—easy to handle and easy to bind. The number of the application, the name of the applicant and other data necessary to seeing that his wishes in the matter of getting his tickets are recorded. One man calls out and another puts down. As each application is entered the end of the envelope is slit open and the money taken out. The amount of the money is written on each envelope and whether the applicant will call or have the tickets mailed. On the sheet are recorded the names of the two workers who handled that sheet, and these two are responsible for everything on that particular sheet. The filled sheet goes to the treasurer's desk and a resume of it goes to Thompson.

A record also is kept of where applicants want to be seated, and they are accommodated so far as is possible with a view to pleasing them and getting congenial spirits together. If the graduate from Missouri wants to sit with the graduate from Maine his wish is carried out. It takes patient maneuvering and planning and shifting to get all the various groups seated and have the different groups and parties—the cheering sections and the other sections—so arranged that there will be no friction and no waste of seats, but it has to be done and is done.

A book of applications is completed before any allotment is made and in one application book there are nearly 40,000 figures. When the application envelopes are emptied they are put in boxes made especially for the purpose, each containing fifty application envelopes, and so marked as to correspond with the sheet. The names of all applications are indexed, the index being the means of keeping track of where the application is filed and its entry on the sheet.

The work of addressing envelopes to those who are to get the tickets is another detail of the system. This work is done by the Yale force itself, because envelopes of uniform size to hold the tickets are used. The Yale folks have found this plan handy, thus having applicants send in stamped envelopes. The envelopes containing the tickets are stamped in the Yale office, registered, this being carried on under the supervision of the postal authorities.

All receipts for registered letters are filed away in order. So complete is the system that in case complaints come in about tickets not received every one of them sent out may be traced.

The itemized bank deposits of checks received was eighteen feet long one day, but the biggest day was November 1, the day on which applications for the Princeton game closed. They came in so fast that an extra day was required to enter them. The force of employees meanwhile had been enlarged as the work increased and by November there were forty of them at work.

The working force outside of the two or three at the head of the department, consists entirely of students of the university. They were mostly poor students, who by this means had a chance to earn some much needed money. They received with this in mind, too, were the tickets of a different design on the tickets. This plan of different colors for pasteborders for different parts of the stands was disregarded this fall. It was found that there was a sufficiently large proportion of color blind ticket holders to cause confusion at the gates. The big danger was that the wrong entrance. So this year Thompson hit upon the idea of having "Gate 1," "Gate 2" or "Gate 3," as the case might be, printed on the tickets in large letters. This and megaphones men all about the place did away with any confusion at the entrances.

When all the applications had been recorded in sheet book there began the preparing of what is colloquially known as the gate list. This is a book where the tickets had been sent out and consisted of re-arranging the applications so as to bring the spectators together in the proper groups. Here was where the task of adjusting and fitting together all the various ends and divisions was most diplomatically that there should be no dissatisfaction and no waste come in. It required clear judgment and a thorough knowledge of the plan of the stands and their capacity. For instance if there weren't enough applications to fill a certain section set aside for the necessary to make the occupants of an adjoining section fit over into its neighbor and occupy the unused space.

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Allotment of Numbers. To begin the allotment numbers corresponding with the numbers on the sheets are placed in a box. A number is then drawn out. If it is, say, No. 6, that number is turned to on the sheet. It says John Jones, so and so—what is he an undergraduate or what. His tickets are set aside in the section in which he belongs, at the same time it being noted and borne in mind where he wants to go, if he has expressed a preference in that regard. The number of his seats are then recorded and his name written across the face of his tickets. If he is a graduate his tickets are mailed to him, unless he has said that he will call for them; if he is an undergraduate he calls for them in person. The undergraduates form in line in classes for their tickets.

A force of forty is needed for the heaviest part of the work, and it is kept going day and night in shifts during the final week. As some of the working students are graduated each year, new men have to be broken in each season. The work at Yale is rendered more extensive than elsewhere because of the fact that the Princeton Harvard games come on consecutive Saturdays and practically a whole day of distributing tickets for two big games comes all at once.

Of the 40,000 tickets sent out to Yale applicants for the Princeton and Harvard games this fall just three went astray, one because of an error in the mail, one because the man who wrote the wrong address, one because of an error in the distributing department.

By a wild dash of 150 miles in his automobile from New York to New Britain, Conn., George W. Roberts, a surgeon from the city, reached Mrs. Phillip Corbin, wife of the head of the Hardware store in time to save her life by an operation. Incidentally he received \$300 for his trouble.

On land in New Jersey at present but in the value and may be a real Philadelphia and New York a twenty-five-mile automobile track will be built by the American Automobile Association. The matter in charge selected October 1907, the month and increased the maximum weight limit for cars from 2,000 lbs. to 2,500 lbs. and the limit fixed by the European Automobile Congress.

Under the terms of the various boards of the new American Automobile Association for the year: Legislative, Charles T. Hooper, Philadelphia; touring, Frank H. Hooper, Buffalo; racing, Jefferson DeMont, New York; and technical, N. H. Van Sicken, Chicago; publications, A. G. Batcher, New York.

Interesting experiments by the technical committee of the Automobile Club of France to determine the changes caused by various atmospheric pressures on the power of explosion motors showed recently that at an altitude of 900 meters, or 2,935 ft., a motor loses 10 per cent of its power, at 1,700 meters 20 per cent, at 2,500 meters 30 per cent, at 3,300 meters 40 per cent and at 4,100 meters 50 per cent.

Delaware's new motoring law, which became effective January 1, makes the driving of a car by an intoxicated person a punishable by a fine of \$100 or thirty days' imprisonment or both; prohibits the use of cash ball and allows a non-resident driver to drive in another state to drive in Delaware ten days, without taking out a license.

Within two hours after his Matin de Paris, a motor race from Paris to Paris via Alaska, the Bering straits, Siberia, Russia and Germany it received the attention of the world's motorists, whose life had been full of stirring adventures in many parts of the world, and who had been driven to drive a tri-continental race from Paris to Paris. The first definite entry came from an American, C. H. Taylor, of New York.

Sonora, Cal., has "hopes" of some day becoming an automobile center. A query as to the prospects brought the following original reply from the editor of the town's leading daily: "Most of the transport is done by pack-train, and the same would not leave a cent of a cent on a government bank. We are very sorry to hear that you are so different and that when our gold deposits are opened up more extensively everyone will have his own smoke wagon."

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CORNELL COMES TO FRONT

Makes Greatest Strides in Athletics in Last Two Years.

EACH STUDENT MUST TAKE PART

He May Select His Own Sport, but Cannot Escape Engaging in Some Sort of Physical Exercise.

Cornell university has forged the front in the matter of athletic sports at any college during the last two years, and this has been due in a large measure to the interest which President Schurman and the faculty have taken in all forms of athletics. While in Omaha this summer President Schurman said he was proud of the way athletics were forging to the front at Cornell and he attributed it largely to a new system they were trying of having all the students participate in some sort of sport, making it compulsory that each student should take a certain amount of exercise each day—the kind of sport to be chosen by the student.

Cornell is especially proud of its rowing. Lake Cayuga and Charles E. Courtney have contributed largely to this. Within the last few years Cornell has added the field and track athletic championship to its list of achievements. In 1905 Yale was beaten for the championship. Cornell has been victorious in cross country running nearly as often as in rowing. Since that sport was made intercollegiate in 1899 Cornell has won eight times in charge, but once Yale has been beaten, which has ever beaten Cornell in cross country running, that being in 1902.

No Settled Coach System. In foot ball Cornell has never been fortunate enough to reach the top of the ladder. This has been due in part to the fact that until the present year Cornell has had no settled policy regarding her coaching system. She has tried the experiment of securing coaches from other colleges and the one-man system also, with one of her own graduates in charge. Glenn Warner, an alumnus of Cornell, has had more to do with Cornell's rise in foot ball than any other individual, and his team of 1906 carried Yale to the top. Warner left Cornell last year to go to the Carlisle Indians, and with his departure Cornell instituted a system of graduate coaches with Halliday and Schoelkopf, two famous Cornell fullbacks of other days, in charge.

But the athletic achievements of which Cornell men are proudest are the continuous victories of her crews. And the crowning glory of these victories was that of 1907, when Cornell won that never-to-be-forgotten race atoughkeissie by less than two yards. In this case Cornell did not win by superior watersmanship, although the form of her crew was faultless, but by sheer courage and grit that could not be conquered. If the Cornell boat had not possessed these characteristics Columbia would have been the winner in 1907.

In base ball Cornell has been coming to the front with a rush. In 1906 the Ithacans, coached by Warner, were entitled to second place. This year, in spite of the loss of several veterans, the team was as good as the best in the intercollegiate world. The championship honors are claimed jointly by Princeton and Cornell, but the record of the Ithacans seems to have been the more consistent. It was unfortunate that Princeton's athletic club is corresponding with the Pueblo fireman, while Al Neil has been in communication with the Australian. Manager O'Brien will guarantee the fighters 75 per cent of a \$2500 house. Neil will make his home permanently in Pueblo. Both Lansford and Young Peter Jackson have expressed a willingness to fight Neil in this city, but the latter has drawn the color line.

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