

American Athletes Who Go to London Next Year Must Be in Training for the Olympic Games

TEAM FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Selections for Great Contest at London Soon to Be Made.

AMERICAN ATHLETES ON QUI VITE

President Pilkington sets the Task and the College Champions Are Busy Getting in Form for the Test.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Immediately after the New Year James Pilkington, president of the National Association of Amateur Golfers and one of the delegates appointed to pick prospective roving fruit for the Olympic championships abroad, will cast about in search of eligible men, particularly in the line of scullers. While it is a foregone conclusion that Bennett of Springfield, who last year won the championship, will be one of those selected to go to England, there is more or less speculation as to other scullers. Durando Miller of the New York Athletic club seems to be much favored as a suitable aspirant for foreign championships, and while there are many who believe him to be a shade or so behind Frank Greer, the Boston member, as to speed at least, the friends of Miller believe that the Travers Island man will be at his best next summer and that his showing abroad, providing he was taken on the team, would be worthy of emulation. At all events the idea of adding Miller's name to the list of possible representatives is receiving a great deal of favor.

Schools Getting Near. In every eastern college that makes the smallest bid for athletic honors active preparations are under way not only for the coming season, but for the Olympic trials next June. Barred by their respective facilities from competing in the 1906 games at Athens the track and field men of universities and other institutions of learning in all sections of the country will have nothing to chance, now that they have the opportunity that the date for the holding of the big meet gives them, and will take advantage of everything that will tend to earn them places on the 1908 team.

The chances are all in favor of college men making up a majority of the American contingent. These athletes have been showing the best form of the right season of the events that will make up the Olympic program. Pennsylvania, unless it takes the bit in its teeth and carries out its threat to go to England regardless of the Amateur Athletic union, should be particularly well represented. Reports have been spread that because, under the rules governing membership, all members of the union must go to representing any individual club or university, but merely as part of the national squad, the Quakers would pass up the Olympiad and enter the different English championship meets.

Pennsylvania's Ambition. It seems that Trainer Murphy promised his charges a visit to the other side if they won the intercollegiate championship last year. The Pennsylvanians imagined that they could enter the Olympic games as such. At any rate, so all individuals would be some away with, the Quakers decided that rather than compete under any colors than those of the University of Pennsylvania they would not play at all. The story, however, seems foolish on the face of it, and Pennsylvania authorities will hardly go to such extremes, no matter how they feel over the matter.

With a squad of over seventy men to pick from, Pennsylvania looks to be about the strongest in the east. Taylor, Hawkins, Cartmell, Bonasack and Jones, not to mention the two Whitmans, Paul, the Mercerville miler, and Hunter, who made a big reputation for himself as a two-miler while running for the Central High school, of Philadelphia, are in active training and are right up to the very best form. Cartmell and Hawkins gave a sample of what might be expected from them when they defeated Slets and Sheppard respectively at Philadelphia the other week. There are also several very promising new men for whom Murphy predicts great futures, particularly Hartman, a hurdler.

But even though Murphy has a team in charge with which he fully expects to again win the intercollegiate, the other colleges also loom up big. Yale has brighter prospects than in years. There are some very shifty youngsters for the sprints and the middle and long-distance events will be well looked after. W. R. Gray, the holder of the world's record at the pole vault, is doing close to eleven feet regularly in practice and J. C. Platt is good for twenty-three feet at any time in the broad jump. Ed Parsons, the great half-miler, will no longer represent Yale, but there are several good ones left for that.

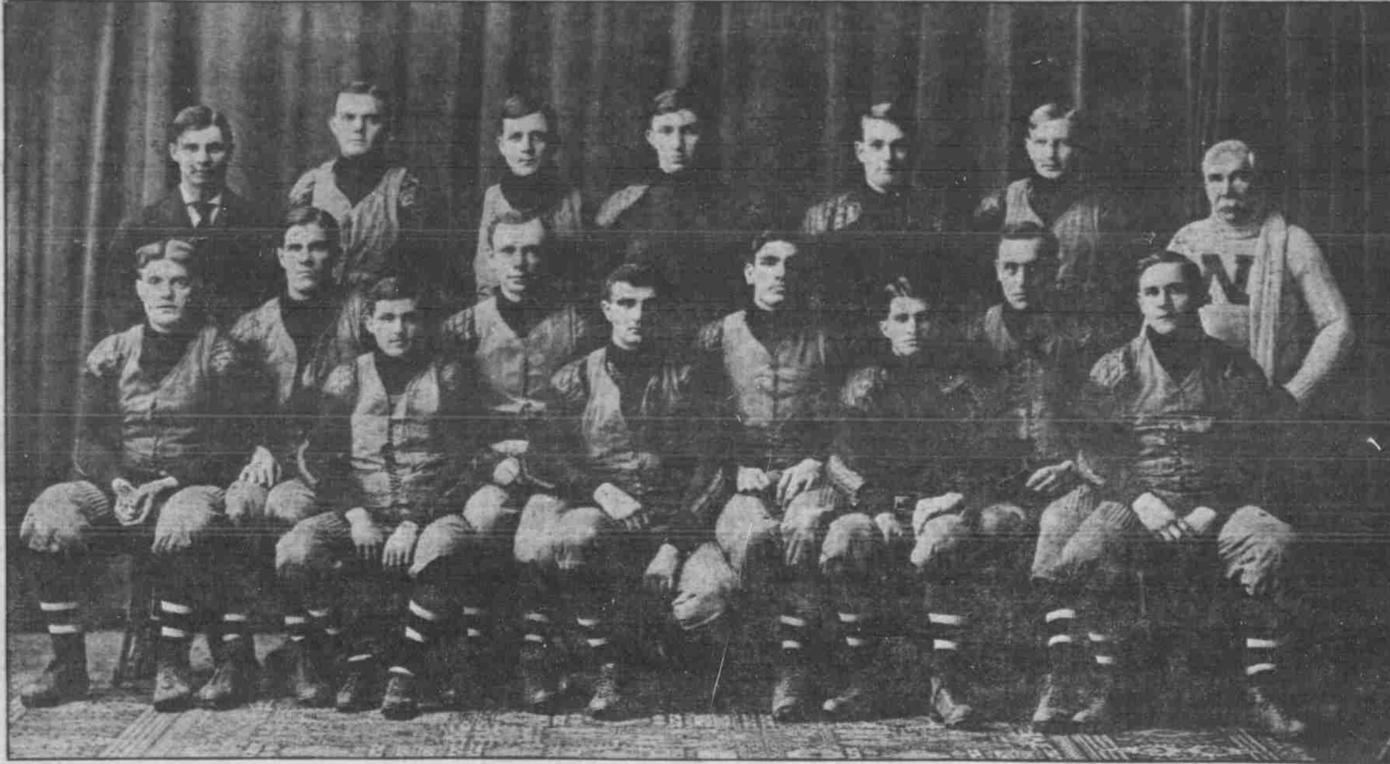
The Columbia team, while somewhat weak in the sprints, is also better than usual. George Haynes, the miler, has all his old speed. He is counted upon to win this event for the blue and white. The Merrimack team is also well in the middle, both Hall and Sanderson being good for five when in condition. The field events will also be well cared for, but the freshmen will probably have to furnish most of the sprinters.

Fair Harvard's Chance. Many of Harvard's best point winners are still in college. In the middle distances last year's freshmen have the call, the older men having graduated, but there is some good material on hand to be developed. The sprints are in good hands, and so are the hurdles. There are also a number of good men eligible for one and two miles. With A. G. Grant and Kernberg among the missing the pole vault and the hammer throw are the only field events that are causing any worry.

With the possibility of Ralph Rose, Matt McGrath, T. C. Moffet, Dan Kelly and Walter Gray added to the team, there is assurance of great strength. Three of these men made new world's records last year, while each of them is credited with the best performance of the year in their events. Rose broke all the shot putting records from the eight to the twenty-eight pound weights and established himself in a position that no shot-putter has occupied since the days of George Gray.

Gray made a new world's record for the pole vault. There are also several new men making phenomenally good time in the long distances, where America was weak at Athens. There is evidently no dearth of material in the Olympic team, and there is expected to be no scarcity of money to recruit it, so that it may safely be predicted that the Olympic team of 1908 will outclass any other athletic team ever gotten together in America.

Husky Heroes of the Cornhuskers' Strenuous Gridiron Campaign of the Fall of 1907



THE WEARERS OF THE "N." FOOT BALL PLAYERS WHOSE WORK ON THE NEBRASKA TEAM DURING THE RECENT SEASON ENTITLED THEM TO CLAIM THE EMBLEMATIC LETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY. READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, THE MEN ARE: TOP ROW—MANAGER EERL O. KESER OF LINCOLN, S. P. FRUM OF HOMER, O. A. BELTZER OF ARAPAHOE, L. H. HARTZ OF OMAHA, C. D. PERRIN OF LINCOLN, T. H. MATTERS OF OMAHA, TRAINER JACK BEST OF LINCOLN, BOTTOM ROW—HARRY EWING OF LINCOLN, SIDNEY COLLINS OF STAMFORD, HAROLD T. COOKE OF MISSOURI VALLEY, I. A. WILLIAMS CHALOUPEK OF WILBER, CAPTAIN JOHN WELLS OF SEWARD, F. W. JOHNSON OF FULLERTON. HIS THE PLAYERS INCLUDED IN THE PICTURE ARE MEN WHO HAD PLAYED AT LEAST ONE FULL HALF IN EITHER THE MINNESOTA, COLORADO OR KANSAS GAMES. MR. PERRIN, WHO WAS GRANTED AN "N" AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE ATHLETIC BOARD, WAS NOT IN ANY OF THESE THREE GAMES THE REQUIRED TIME, BUT GAINED THE LETTER THROUGH HIS CONSISTENT WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE SECOND TEAM AND AS SUBSTITUTE LINESMAN IN OTHER IMPORTANT GAMES DURING THE SEASON.

JIM BUTLER GETS NO TRACK

His Proposition to Buy Jamaica Course Has Fallen Through.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Jamaica race track is not for sale, and William H. Reynolds, by virtue of a voting trust, will remain its president for the next five years. Thus is dispated a very improbable romance to the effect that James Butler might buy the track at Jamaica and thus be in a position to club the Jockey club if he did not get good deals. Few who know the intricacy which exists between the owners of the Jamaica track and the leading lights in the Jockey club believed the report. It meant, if true, that Anthony N. Brady, Hugh J. Grant, P. H. McCarrren, the Sullivan, and others who have always been friendly to the many interests of August Belmont were to deliver over to his most persistent racing foe a formidable implement with which to fight.

The only thing necessary at the Jamaica track to put it on a par with the best of this country is a reconstructed oval upon which to race. Its grand stand, clubhouse, and field are far beyond the average convenience and comfort for the public. But its pear-shaped mile track is a source of much anxiety to owners of horses, especially when the fields are of good state. It is possible to enlarge the track, but it would cost a lot of money and just at present retrenchment is the order of the day, although both the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey clubs are spending considerable sums of money in improvements desired a year or more ago.

There is no question that the dates for 1908 are giving the Jockey club no little trouble just now. The whole thing could be simply arranged by cutting off one or two days from each of the seven associations under the immediate control of the Jockey club, and handing over to Mr. Butler about eighteen days, on only six of which need there be any opposition. But none of the wealthy associations feel like giving up any days, and it will require a good deal of argument on the part of the Saratoga people to be able to get eighteen days between the close at Saratoga and the beginning at Sheepshead Bay, and the profits of these five days ought to be as much as twice that many with opposition at Saratoga.

Of course they look forward to some opposition from the Butler track if he persists in his claim for August dates, but a rearrangement could be made whereby there need be only ten days or two weeks' conflict, and not seventeen days, as was the case this year. The new arrangement might mean that Sheepshead Bay's great fall stake, the Futurity, should be run in September, the month in which it was meant to be run when it was originated, but that need not be objected to seriously. This rearrangement would give to Westerners five days between the close at Saratoga and the beginning at Sheepshead Bay, and the profits of these five days ought to be as much as twice that many with opposition at Saratoga.

KEOGH WANTS THE TITLE AGAIN

Former Pool Champion Will Challenge Present Holder.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—James Keogh of this city, formerly pool champion of the world, has decided to go in quest of his lost laurels and has declared that if Tommy Huston, the present champion, will agree upon St. Louis as the playing ground he will meet him for the title for the third time. Keogh specifies St. Louis, as he is about to take a temporary position there, playing three-quarter billiards and pool in an academy in the mound city after the beginning of the first of the year. Huston won the title from Keogh last January.

Highway Statistics.

Statistics for all the states and territories show that there are over 122,579 miles of public roads in the United States, of which 38,322 are surfaced with gravel, 3,623 with stone and 6,989 with shells, sand, clay, oil or brick, making in all 128,666 miles of improved road. Only four states have more than 100,000 miles of roads. Texas stands first with 123,428; Missouri, second, with 106,122; Iowa, third, with 92,446; and Kansas, fourth, with 103,128.

TYPES AT THE HORSE SHOWS

Trotters Hold Their Own with English Hackneys.

BUT WON'T BREED TRUE TO TYPE

Horses for Heavy Harness—Fate of Thoroughbreds After Leaving the Turf—Points of Interest for Various Uses.

Good looks, manners and a bright proportionate to the vehicle in which it is to be used are the essentials in the choice of a heavy harness horse. A handsome bearing accentuated by high knee and hook action is also required. A light harness roadster, which includes the range of buggy and surrey or rockaway horses, should have good looks, docile manners and pace, which means the ability to "set up and get it," but high action is not essential. The light harness roadster usually has more shoulder than knee action and throws out its hoofs close to the ground, just as Sonoma Girl and other fast trotters do in race.

It is consequently easier to convert a track trotter to a buggy horse than to find one that will make a taking heavy harness horse. Factors, too, are valued by many as light harness roadsters, but they are not wanted for heavy harness purposes. "Horses have speed in all shapes" is an adage with those who have to do with racing thoroughbreds or light harness horses, and they do not seek good looks when they are buyers. Indeed through generations of breeding for speed alone the track trotter or pacer is often an excessively homely horse.

The thoroughbred when thrown out of training and sound often becomes a very handsome horse, for the rounded outlines of an easy line succeed in the greyhound slowness of racing days, so that many prefer this sort for the saddle or as hunters, while in England they are often used as carriage or gig horses. "A fast stepper and game looking mare," remarked an American to his English host as they rolled along in a dogcart. "Yes, I like a bit of blood in the shafts." Was the reply as he loomed up the nag with the whip. "I once thought I had a chance for the Oaks with that one."

This was the first linking that the American had that after he is through racing them an English gentleman will often drive or ride his thoroughbreds instead of selling them for manual use, as is often the disposition made in this country of horses that have won fortunes for their owners on the turf. Parole the gelding that won many races in this country and England for the late Pierre Louillard, ended his days as the park hack of a friend to whom Mr. Louillard presented the horse. Racecourse trainers usually have a thoroughbred as their driving horse, and more than once the buggy horse has been put back into training to confound the talent by winning a race.

The track trotter will make a useful a bugger of utility horse as any one may desire, in fact, 25 per cent of the country roadsters represent the disappointments of breeders who have been seeking record trotters or pacers. They improve in looks when out of training stables, although often seen necked and with props that suggest a deadly leucis spider. Yet in many trotting families speed and good looks have always gone hand in hand together. Mambrino King and Quarter-master, for instance, trotting stallions that were well known to the New York horse show in the '90s, were exceptionally handsome horses and transmitted their good looks as well as speed, the former having bred several blue ribbon winners in heavy harness.

In this country the trotters to gain distinction in heavy harness far outnumber, despite the proportion of chaff in the wheat, any of the thoroughbreds, and under saddle a deadly leucis spider.

PAPKE AND KELLY A GOOD MATCH

Milwaukee to See Fine Contest on Monday Night.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—One of the really great fighting men of the ring will meet one of the really clever men when Bill Papke attacks Hugo Kelly at the Badger Athletic club in Milwaukee on the evening of December 30. Then it will be known whether this "Illinois cyclone," who has mowed down second-raters as if they were amateurs, can be stopped by a man who knows every trick of the game. If Kelly, the ablest of the brilliant pupils of Tommy Ryan, goes down before the fighting marvel, then the road to the middleweight championship will be straight, and except for one black obstacle in the way will be clear. For Papke must not be hailed as the greatest of the middleweights until he shall have conquered Sam Langford, the Boston negro.

Papke has a mighty rush, great speed, tremendous power and the peculiar ability to stand up under blows that would fell men of constitutions which contained less iron. Since the young fellow began fighting last March he has knocked out almost every man who has faced him. Some, like Pat O'Keefe in Philadelphia, have stayed to the end, but at fearful cost. They have been pounded and battered so that they will never forget. Papke is not clever. He himself and his manager, Tom Jones, say he knows little about boxing. Moreover, they don't care much about it. Papke violates established rules of the game and yet he has not been beaten. Papke was 21 years old last September. He began fighting in March of 1906.

NEW YORK TEAMS NEXT YEAR

Both National and Americans to Show Changes in Line.

GRIF GETS RID OF DISTURBERS

McGraw Has Three of His Giants Branded for New Year and is Rounding Up the Rest Rapidly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In selling the release of Catcher Ira Thomas to the Detroit club Manager Griffith of the New York Americans indicates his confidence in Kleinow, Blair and Hickey to take good care of the work behind the bat next season. Thomas played good ball while a member of the local team, but Griffith came to the conclusion last season that the big lockstop was not fast enough. The fact that Young Blair, who was secured from the Tri-State league, showed up remarkably well further convinced the New York manager that he could get along in the future without Thomas' services. Hickey, who was received from St. Louis in exchange for Joe Yeager last winter, had a lance arm a greater part of the season, but he has since recovered completely and will be used regularly behind the bat in 1908. Kleinow, one of the best catchers in the profession when he buckles down to the job in dead earnest, has promised that he will show a big improvement in 1908.

Mrs. Gould Dietz's Persian Cat



Mrs. Gould Dietz has a beautiful white cat which she is justly proud and which will be exhibited at the poultry and pet animal show at the Auditorium this week. While attending the automobile show this fall with her husband she was particularly struck with a white Persian beauty, which Mrs. Dietz bought. The cat did not take well to the climate of Omaha and died, so while in Chicago a short time ago Mr. Dietz bought Parre Prince, whose picture is published this week. He is a beauty, nearly twice as large as an ordinary cat in spite of the fact that he is but 2 months old. Parre Prince was bought from Mrs. Baldwin, who will show her \$1,000 prize winner at the Omaha show this week.

PRINCETON IS AFTER HONORS

Tigers Will Try to Land First in the Foot Ball Struggle in 1908.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 28.—That Princeton is determined to win a share of the intercollegiate foot ball honors in the future became evident when a number of former Tiger stars gathered at the inn here recently. The whole affair, however, was somewhat veiled in mystery because the coaches did not want much of the confab to become public just yet; but a few points of vital interest became known. A lengthy discussion of the proposed new coaching system at Princeton took up a lot of time. Bill Church, who has been one of the prime movers in the scheme, expressed his views and they were received with enthusiasm.

While it is unlikely that any perceptible change will be made to take effect next fall, it is hoped to come gradually. One thing is certain, the old timers are all worked up over the prospects of turning out a winning team next year, and they will be here off and on all season. There will be no lack of instructions, and the spirit is likely to grow sharper. In all probability Bill Roper will be the head coach again next year, and rumors to that effect are rife. Princetonians in general and foot ball experts consider Roper the most competent instructor Old Nassau has ever had. The undergraduates want him. Official announcement will be made before long concerning this matter.

A topic of widespread interest in the foot ball world just at present, the forward pass, was thoroughly discussed. The individual coaches did not care to be quoted, but it was given out that the practically unanimous opinion is in favor of further restriction. The element of luck in the long passes is too great, it is contended, and ought to be eliminated as far as possible. Captain Eddie Dillon and Manager Carr spoke about next season's schedule. Several new opponents are likely, but nothing is known at present about the much talked about game with Harvard. There is absolutely no truth, however, in the reports that Princeton will play Pennsylvania next fall.

RIFLEMEN COMPETE AT BUFFALO

Twenty-Two Caliber Tournament Starts in January.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Arrangements are nearly completed for the holding of the 22-caliber tournament of the 22-Caliber Indoor Rifle league, which is to take place here under the auspices of the Columbia rifle club of that city in January. An ample list of attendance, prizes and interest in this meet is expected to outshine all others that have been held since the league was started in 1904. The tournament is to last six days, during which time any marksman so desiring may compete, whether he is a member of the league or an unattached shooter, for the league regulations are liberal. The league has the backing of the government in its work, for recently the War department has taken up the matter of 22-caliber indoor shooting in addition to the attention given to long-distance and outdoor target practice and is issuing the new army Springfield fitted with a 22-caliber barrel for work of this nature.

An effort to secure the best results from this small caliber practice a system has been worked out whereby allowances can be made for windage, elevation and distance, all on a fifty-yard range. The targets are reduced in exact proportion, so that it is possible to get ranges similar to the outdoor ranges, with distances anywhere from 200 to 1,000 yards, and by means of a windage clock and flag problems are given the marksman for their solution, so that they may become familiar with all conditions of outdoor shooting.

Model Reception for Automobileists. Allentown, Pa., is planning to show the country what a small city can do in the way of welcoming automobilists. When the contestants of the Quaker City Motor club's endurance run reach there New Year's day they will be greeted by the city officials, the streets will be decorated and topped off, a dinner and ball will be given in their honor and reservations will be made for the entire party at a theater.

FORWARD PASS LIVE ISSUE

Nebraska Opposes Any Move to Eliminate This Play.

DR. LEES ATTENDING MEETING

New Attitude on Professionalism of Vital Importance to College Base Ball—Women on Track.

LINCOLN, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Though temporarily at a standstill on account of the holidays, athletics at the university have by no means dropped out of the limelight. Although the athletes themselves have nearly all left the city till the mid-winter recess is over, the directing spirits, in whose hands sports for the remainder of the year rest, are making the best of their opportunity to arrange events for the spring, as well as to do what is to be done at present toward arranging the next foot ball schedule.

Dr. J. T. Lees, Nebraska's representative on the intercollegiate foot ball rules committee, is in New York today attending the meeting of the associated universities which were responsible, three years ago, for the radical changes in the rules which were put into effect in 1906. At the time he left Lincoln to attend the meeting Dr. Lees was not sure that the rules committee would meet till early next year. The makeup of the committee is a matter of largely in the hands of the intercollegiate associations, and until appointments could be made by the latter organization the provision of rules for foot ball would probably not be attempted.

Anxious About Base Ball.

A good deal of interest was occasioned in university circles last week by The Bee's New York dispatch forecasting the efforts which it was believed would be made by the association to correct the summer base ball "evil." So far as Nebraska is concerned, the "correction" would preferably take a different course from that apparently aimed at by the eastern institutions represented in the association. It has been for several years Nebraska's stand that participation in semi-professional base ball during the summer months should not be a disqualification for participation in college base ball. Chancellor Andrews, only two years ago, attracted considerable attention by his advocacy of a more liberal interpretation of amateur rules in this respect, holding that many young men who were able to make good money during the summer months as members of semi-professional teams, would be unable to carry on their studies during the remainder of the year were this source of revenue cut off.

The stand taken by Dr. Andrews in this regard is shared by the majority of the members of the athletic board, despite the fact that that body has insisted on a strict living up to the conference rules against summer base ball playing by college athletes. In fact, a wholesale letting down of bars would be welcomed at the Cornhusker school, not because the ethics of amateur sport are held in light regard by the Nebraska mentors, but for the reason that the present rules are considered senseless and biased. Whether or not the Nebraska representatives at the meeting will oppose any attempt to build up a more liberal higher walls will probably rest on what propositions are advanced at the meeting. There is no doubt as to his sentiments concerning the proposed "reforms."

Would Retain Forward Pass.

Walter Camp's objections to the forward pass have not occasioned much excitement in the Nebraska circles, but what comment they have elicited has not been complimentary to Walter. Experts on the game of football insist that the forward pass has done all that was expected of it in the way of opening up the game. They say, furthermore, that its possibilities have not been developed yet, and that to abandon it would be to do so without giving it a fair trial. It is probable that should an effort be made to do away with the play at the next meeting of the rules committee, it would meet strenuous opposition from the western representatives on the committee.

During his attendance at the New York convention Dr. Lees expected to meet Dr. Williams of Minnesota and Coach Stagg of Chicago, both of whom, as members of the rules committee, Nebraska's 1908 foot ball game with Minnesota has practically been arranged and Dr. Lees' confab with Williams would probably relate more to the place for playing the contest than to the details of scheduling it. Whether or not he will make an effort to secure a game with Chicago is uncertain, but in any event the meeting with Chicago's leader is apt to prove productive of important results.

The final cancellation of the basket ball game with Columbia after it had seemed assured was somewhat of a disappointment to followers of the game in Lincoln, but was probably a good thing for the sport so far as Nebraska is concerned. Although the team so far has shown promise of considerable strength before the year is over a meeting with the eastern champions next Wednesday would probably have proved a disastrous and disheartening affair, with a few weeks more in which to prepare for the hard schedule they would face during the second semester chances for a successful season are bright and few regrets are expressed that the Columbia game had to be called off.

Women to Get Busy.

The coming spring is liable to see a resumption of women's athletics on a scale not usually dreamed of by the masses. The extent to which physical training for girls has been carried at Nebraska is not understood even by many of the patrons of the institution. Young women enrolled in the university are not only required to make two years of the work, but are also given the privilege of carrying the course a good deal further, and it is possible in that length of time. Each year there are regularly instructed classes in which the women students are taught what fifteen years ago would have been considered well nigh unthinkable performances. They sprint, they jump, they run hurdles, they put the shot—they even do the pole vault.

Not all the girls who take physical training work are able to do these things, of course, but the most of them would like to do them if they could. For several years annual meets have been held, in which the various events are fought out just as they are in the tournaments held by the men. There are not so public, of course; there is an advertisement of the reports of them get into the papers only at second hand, and only the select few, mostly spectators of the same sex as the contestants, are admitted to watch them.