

whether the present code is a success. Let the coaches try the rules for two or three years more.

There are some rules, however, that could be made more workable. Doubtless would better the game in many ways. They are suggested here:

1. Abolish the quarters of the present game and have two thirty-five-minute halves. Spectators find the game too short now. The quarters gain nothing for the game or players.
2. Permit extra playing period after the second half in case of tie. This provision would give a stronger eleven a much fairer chance to prove its superiority. Basket ball and base ball now have this same rule. The ball could be played in play, after the lapse of a minute, at the spot where it was the second half ended. It would still remain with the eleven that held it when time was called.
3. Legalize the inside kick and the forward pass over the goal line, within a distance ten yards back of the goal. This would force the defense to open up back of the twenty-five-yard line.
4. Abolish the present rule which legalizes a field goal that touches the ground before passing over the cross-bar.
5. Permit any man back of the line to make the forward pass and inside kick, no matter the position of the backs. This rule would make the kick and pass more deceptive and permit them to be made right close to the line.
6. Abolish the twenty-yard zone on kicks, permitting the ends to block any place beyond the line of scrimmage. Everybody would be inside after the ball hit the ground beyond the line of scrimmage.
7. Permit a player taken out of the game to be returned but once. This rule would give the team in superior physical condition a deserved advantage. Players now do not suffer from physical exhaustion.

Any changes other than those outlined here should not increase the number of downs for making ten yards. There are several minor alterations that could be made, but to give, for instance, four downs for making ten yards, would give force more work upon the defense and lessen the task of the coaches in creating a virile attack. Under the present rules the game can be made a success, many coaches believe. The tutors must work harder with the rules they have and devise new plays.

The Carlisle Indians (his fall had an attack that was successful. Coach Warner labored diligently with the rules and advanced more rapidly than most of the coaches. He will gain a great deal next fall with the rules as they are, and should have just as successful an eleven as he created this season.

When the rules committee meets in New York during the holidays, many changes will be advocated, but it is probable that any radical revision will be accepted. Most of the changes will be made with the idea of simplifying the rules and making their interpretation easier. At present it is hard for many to understand the language in which the rules are couched.

### BOWLERS BRING HOME PRIZES

In Two-Men and Singles Omahans Score Heavy at Des Moines.

### FIVE-MEN TEAMS FALL DOWN

Next City Championship Starts in January and Association Has Arranged Program of Various Events.

**GAMES OF THE WEEK.**  
**METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.**  
 Monday—Drummers against Storz Bowling Department.  
 Tuesday—Rumohr Sports against Beech-Mixers.  
 Wednesday—Bunkist against Woodmen of the World.  
 Thursday—German Home against Derby Woodmen.  
 Friday—Dixie Athletic Club against Chris Locks.  
**COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.**  
 Monday—Pete Lochs against St. James.  
 Tuesday—Cudahy against company Against Luxus.  
 Wednesday—Gold Tops against Broadford Crown.  
 Thursday—Permits against La Valdoras.  
**CITY LEAGUE.**  
 Monday—Boyer Cracker Jacks against Polsteren Kids, South Omaha Ice and Coal company against Jetter Cold Tops.  
 Tuesday—Stellings against Gulkus.  
 Wednesday—Cuba, Garlow's Colts against Martin's Tigers.  
**PACKERS LEAGUE.**  
 Tuesday—Cudahy against Swifts, Omahans against Armours.  
 The Omaha entries in the Midwest tournament will be in the prize money at the tournament just closed.  
 The five-men teams did not do anything near what was expected of them in this event. Metz Bros. were picked to score big, also the Storz Triumphs and Jetter teams, but all rolled very small totals and did not get into the money.  
 The Pete Lochs and Wood Specials were the only teams to get in the prize list. Had the Omaha teams done better in this one event they would have been the leading team in prizes.  
 In the two-men and single events they scored heavily and with a bit of luck Pete Lochs and Wood Specials were the winners. They just missed the mark by the small margin of three pins.  
 Following are the prize winners:  
**FIVE MEN.**  
 Pete Lochs.....2,524 \$22.50  
 Wood Specials.....2,523 25.00  
**TWO MEN.**  
 Neale and Conrad.....1,307 15.00  
 Hartley and Huntington.....1,174 15.00  
 Clark and Lamb.....1,157 12.00  
 Hammond and Stuntz.....1,152 12.00  
 Dennis and Tinsley.....1,149 12.00  
**SINGLES.**  
 M. R. Huntington.....642 \$75.00  
 C. J. O'Brien.....566 50.00  
 Henry Pritchard.....566 50.00  
 Ted Neale.....569 50.00  
 E. Christian.....569 50.00  
 J. J. Fitzgerald.....575 50.00  
 T. Reynolds.....589 50.00

**A Paved Spar Shot.**  
 John Ohsneson is parading around with a new hat since he rolled that 33 at Keyts.

Pete Lochs is the proudest of the proud. He thinks his team was the top one of all that entered in the middle west.

Kansas City, where the next tournament will be held, has promised as good if not a better prize of the middle west.

Each picked up some very fine points while at Des Moines and just to show his good work shot a 647 series and with 10 errors.

A meeting of the association will be held this afternoon at Ortman's, 212 North Sixteenth street, and all bowlers are invited to attend.

Godenschwager is going to shoot a crooked ball unless the spits leave him alone. He manages to average about three.

Charley Ortman, Johnny Laird and Young Griffis are now shooting with the Sunksite. It is also their fourth year with the team.

Bowlers are enthusiastic over the treatment received at the hands of the Greater Des Moines entertaining committee and are proud in the prize of the middle west under which the tournament was held.

This is to be a liberal handicap tournament. The first ever bowled, and it is expected that the list will be the most previous affair of its kind. It is the intention of the handicap committee to place every bowler on an even starting point as can be done.

The La Valdoras are claiming, young in the all events. He shot that 1,396 in the final round, the most popular of the younger bowlers.

Bill Voss and his Brogaard Crews are claiming to be the best in the city. They have a second place clinched and a fair chance for the title.

The attention of the bowlers is once again directed to the city championship tournament start on January 8. Entries received up to and including January 15. The Greater Omaha Bowling association has completed arrangements for a varied program of entertainments to be held at the German Home on the night of January 4. The proceeds to revert to the prize money of the city championship tournament.

### Peoria Goes After Aquatic Carnival

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Secretary Fred R. Fortmeyer of the National Association of Amateur Swimmers has already received applications for holding the next championship races from Saratoga and Springfield, Mass. Word has been unofficially received that Peoria, Ill., can also be counted in the competition as the residents of that town are planning an aquatic carnival to take place next August and to last a week. It is said there is a fine course on a lake near the city.

The Peorians—and for that matter, prominent swimmers in the west, especially St. Louis—are very keen in view of the Mississippi valley and other provincial regattas to Peoria for four days, the affair to end in a blaze of glory on Friday and Saturday with the national regatta.

They are likely to be disappointed, however, so far as the national regatta is concerned, as there is a decided opinion among the majority of the national executive committee—the committee decides the question—to go so far from New York in 1912. The probability is, following the rotation principle, which has always been in force, that when the matter comes up for action by the committee Springfield will have the majority.

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## Fine Steel Wagon Bridge at Ashland



ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Just a year from the time the project was first broached, the handsome structure erected by the Ashland-Platte River Bridge company was thrown open today for traffic, with Karl V. Russell as bridge tender. This bridge affords the most direct line connecting Omaha and Lincoln, with a through highway for automobiles and all other vehicles. Because of the time of year and other conditions, the formal opening did not permit any elaborate ceremony such as the directors and officers had planned, but which they expect to execute with the arrival of warmer weather.

On December 23, 1910, at a mass meeting of Ashland citizens it was decided to appoint a committee to solicit popular subscriptions for the construction of a bridge. The committee comprised Hugo A. Wiggenhorn, president; Fred E. White, secretary; Morton L. Mead, treasurer, and Alexander Laverty and James Goodfellow. The first idea of the committee was to construct a cheaper bridge than was erected, a steel structure to cost \$12,000, but meeting with a more enthusiastic support than they anticipated the committee decided to build an all-steel bridge and the articles of incorporation were adopted on March 21. The incorporators being the original committee appointed at the mass meeting. The capital stock of the company is \$30,000, of which \$13,300 was subscribed in Ashland. \$1,500 in Omaha, \$900 in Lincoln and \$2,300 in Sarpy county adjacent to Mella and Gretna.

The meeting to let the contract was held May 3, and after spirited bidding, at which six companies were represented, the work was let to the Omaha Structural Steel works, the contract price being \$17,000. The first work of construction was begun August 1, being the first bridge contract executed by the company since the erection of their new plant in Omaha. The bridge is all steel, the only wagon structure of the kind on the Platte river in Nebraska. It is 367 feet long, with six spans of 60 feet each in length, with roadway six feet wide. The spans are set on 30-inch, steel tubes thirty and thirty-five feet apart, with six oak-piling driven in each tube, approximately twenty feet below the bottom of the tubes, which are filled with concrete. The bridge is ten feet above the water level, which gives a substructure of about forty feet in the bed of the stream. The bridge is provided with ice breaks designed by Ed. M. Flanagan of the Omaha Structural Steel works. The superstructure is of the cord pattern, the height of the cords being twenty-eight feet above the floor. The floor is




**HUGO A. WIGGENHORN, Pres., ASHLAND PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE CO.**  
**FRED E. WHITE, Sec.**

of oak plank, laid diagonally. Adna Dobson, city engineer of Lincoln, was the engineer in charge, and Leen White of Ashland was inspector. Jeff Boucher of Omaha was construction foreman. The bridge has been pronounced by bridge experts as well constructed throughout.

The county commissioners of Sarpy county, Messrs. Jacob Sams of Chalco, William Ely of Springfield and Joseph Pring of Papillion, and those of Saunders county, Messrs. Peter Campbell of Wahoo, George Heldt of Yutan and Soren Miller of Cedar Bluffs, have co-operated with the bridge company in the matter of building fine roads to connect with the bridge at each end. Over \$5,000 will have been spent before January 1, 1912, in grading and topping about two miles of road crossing the Platte river bottom. Sarpy county has been spending \$20,000 of inheritance tax in grading down the hills and making the most excellent roads in Nebraska. The entire road from Omaha to Lincoln, by way of Ashland bridge, will be kept in first class condition, with hills and high grades reduced to the minimum. The undertaking has involved a large amount of hard work on the part of the promoters.

The bridge had its inception in a visit made to Omaha a year ago by Messrs. H. A. Wiggenhorn, F. E. White, A. Laverty and W. N. Becker to consult the officers in charge at the headquarters of the United States army relative to permanently locating the rifle range for the annual target practice on the grounds northeast of Ashland for several years. The committee desired to have assurance

### CONSIDER COMFORT OF FANS

More Profitable to Have Grounds So Fielders Face the Sun.

### PLAYERS MUST BE ON ALERT

What is Admitted to Be Worst Field in the Major Leagues is that in Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The hardest position to play in the outfield is the "sun" field, and that is not always the same field, nor are all of them equally difficult.

"Sun" field, by the way, is the ball players' name for the field into which the afternoon sun shines on a direct, or almost direct line with the home plate, so that the majority of flies hit to that field come to him out of a blazing background.

At the Polo grounds the left field is the "sun" field, although comfortable on a bothered at certain seasons. At American league park the sun interferes with the right fielder.

What is admitted by all to be the worst in the major leagues is left field in Cleveland, although left field at the Polo grounds in New York is "pretty fierce."

The St. Louis American league grounds have everything else beaten, for both right and center fields are laid "sun" fields, whenever the weather is clear. Sometimes even the left field is handicapped, too.

The fans probably wonder why ball parks are not planned so that there will be no "sun" field. That can be done easily enough by making a considerable part of the spectators face the sun, and not only fans, but the players, too, in a hot afternoon. Detroit and Brooklyn have plants laid out that way and the first base side of the covered stands is no more comfortable than upon bleachers in July or August. Detroit's new plant, now being built, is arranged the other way, because the comfort of the fans is more important to the revenues of the game than the convenience of the players. It is better to have a fly misjudged occasionally, even at the cost of a game, than to have a large section of the grand stand shunned by persons unless the place is crowded.

Aside from this sun feature, one would think the outfield positions were alike and equally difficult to play. That is far from the truth. Each position has its peculiarities, and a man who has played one outfield position for a number of years will be at sea for a while in any other field. The greatest difference is between center field and either of the other two positions. As a rule long flies or drivers that go to center field are hit almost squarely by the baseman, and consequently have little "English" to make them curve.

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There is not as much difference between the outfield positions as there is in the infield, but there is enough to make a player left in his so-called "natural" position unless it is necessary to change him.

The physical requirements in the outfield are speed, accuracy in judging flies and surety of catch. The mental requirements are much the same in any other department. The outfielder must study the batsmen and learn in which direction certain men usually hit certain kinds of pitching. Knowing the catcher's signs so that he will know just what is being pitched each time is of great help to the "wide" outfielder in guessing the direction a ball will take the instant he hears the crack of the bat.

Anyone who has watched the outfield of a good team on the defense has seen great expanses of ground left unguarded at times and may have wondered at it.

"There's a reason," always and it is simply the fielder or their captain as figured out by the same law of averages which governs insurance premiums that the man at the bat is almost certain not to hit the ball into the territory left uncovered.

The knowledge of what to do with the ball when you get it is a prime requisite in the outfield. Many a game has been lost by an unwise throw to the plate or to the wrong base.

The outfielder must take into consideration the speed of the men on base, the state of the game, the way that would be wise under some conditions and not the height of folly under others. There is more in outfielding than there is in shoveling snow.

### Great Work Expected from Pitcher Wheatley

Jack Holland of the St. Joseph Western league club is hoping Wheatley as a sure enabler with the Jones in 1912. Last year Jack was coaching the 1911 and putting the finishing touches on what he claims is a phenom. Wheatley was seen in but very few games last year and was only used by Holland when he had no one else to put on the mound.

Wheatley will be remembered by most of the fans as the winner of the long-distance throw at the field meet held at Lincoln last fall.

Fa Hourker and a few of the Omaha fans had occasion to see Wheatley leave a ball once last year. It was just prior to the last game with the Jones in Omaha. Wheatley stood at the home plate and taking but two steps, threw the ball over centerfield fence.

### Swimming Meet is on the Aquatic Card

A swimming meet will be held New Year's afternoon in the pool at the Young Men's Christian association. In addition to the regular distance events, there will be several features of aquatic work, including diving exhibitions and under-water distance swims. If enough interest can be aroused in the meet, a water polo match will also be pulled off.

Paul Weraner is chairman of the association aquatic committee and has called a meeting for all local swimming enthusiasts, which will be held Tuesday evening at the association building. At this time further plans for the New Year's meet will be discussed. It is also the intention of the committee to arrange a series of monthly swimming contests for the different gymnasium classes. These will be held in January, February and March.

### FLORIDA MAN OFFERS PRIZE FOR A RECORD

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### FROMM THROWS SOLOMON

Wrestling Game Proves Drawing Card at Harlan.

**TWO MEN CLOSELY MATCHED**

Match Originally Made Between Mike Fromm and Solomon—Prominence Ezzette Large Amount of Interest.

HARLAN, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Natrah club last night put on one of the best bouts of wrestling matches ever held here before an audience of over 350 enthusiastic fans.

The main event, between Pete Fromm of Harlan, weight 165, and Jack A. Solomon of Omaha, weight 152, was exceedingly fast. Fromm getting the first fall in nine minutes and seven seconds by a double arm hold and scissor lock on the head, and the second fall in seven minutes with a scissor lock on left arm and straight arm hold on right arm. Fromm, however, was unable to break the powerful bridges of Solomon.

This bout was originally arranged between Mike Fromm and Solomon, but owing to illness and upon the advice of his physician Mike Fromm was unable to participate, so Solomon agreed to take on Pete Fromm rather than disappoint the audience, although outweighed twelve pounds.

The first preliminary went to John North by getting a fall from Peter Clausen in twenty-four minutes and six seconds.

The second preliminary, between Ramey and Norgard of Harlan, went to Ramey in straight falls of four minutes and fifty-five seconds and four minutes and twenty-seven seconds, respectively. They wrestled at 190 pounds.

Roy Croft of Kirkman was referee and H. H. Hackley of Harlan timekeeper. More matches will be arranged.

### Boxing Clubs Are On Every Corner of Old New Work City

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Pugilistic promoters are giving a continuous show to boxing enthusiasts these days. No matter what corner of a city street one stands, carriages only could shut out the pugilistic conversation that is carried on by pedestrians and standees.

From one end of the town to the other boxing clubs have sprung up so quickly that they could be termed conservatory raised. Unless there are a half dozen or more glove encounters every night the game wears. If the growth of the clubs continues to be so prolific, as it has been during the last three months, there will soon be as many clubs as dry goods stores.

But what matters it a champion may arise from the white ranks some day who will take the measure of "Jack" Johnson or "Sam" Langford, which would give the white folks a chance to "rah" rah!

The "white" hope business, however, seems to be on the wane. A dozen or more big fellows have been tried out, but not one of them proved even a good well-plated. "Jack" Johnson and "Sam" Langford have been left alone for some time. They have been conceded all honors that can come to them. It is a wonder some real high-class heavyweights has not shown up ere this. Carl Morris tried to make a reputation sufficient to tackle the big negro, but he failed. "Jim" Flynn put it all over him, and this fact only shows the superiority of Johnson and Langford, as the latter has plastered Flynn more than once, hence the slim chance Flynn would have against Johnson.

There are no boxers today that stand out as they did twenty-five years ago, when Sullivan was in his prime. There are no more "Jack" McLaughlin, "Jack" Dempsey or George Dixon, and it will be many years before there is another "Bob" Fitzsimmons. Compare those men with the present-day article. After Johnson and Langford are eliminated there is practically nothing. Where is the middleweight who could outbox "Jack" Dempsey, the lightweight who could hold a candle to "Jack" McLaughlin or the featherweight who would have a living chance with George Dixon when he was at his best?

Yet there should be as good men coming along, for there seems to be hundreds in the game. Only one appears to claim any decided recognition, "Mike" Gibbons. There is practically the newest man in the pugilistic world, who bids fair to be introduced as a real champion in the future. While only a waterweight, he is considering an aim at the middleweight target.

Frank Klaus will be the next man Gibbons will tackle. Klaus is some boxer. If Gibbons should defeat Klaus there will be little left for him to do. It will be interesting to watch the progress of this young man from St. Paul. At present there is no pugilistic idol. It may be Gibbons who would have the newest man in the world before the budding stars begin to bear their bloomish buds.

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### MAY MODIFY THE FOUL RULE

Chairman of National League Rules Committee Talks.

**FIRST FOUL TO BE STRIKE**

Present Regulation of Two Fouls to a Strike Too Great a Handicap for Batsmen to Overcome in Game.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—If John M. Ward, chairman of the National league rules committee, has his way the foul strike rule will be modified so that the first foul only will be called a strike, instead of the first two, as at present.

"The present foul strike rule," he explained, "is too great a handicap for the batsman to overcome and gives the pitcher an uncommon advantage. Perhaps it might be better to call strikes on fouls that drop within a certain radius of the home plate. It is possible that I shall advocate the leveling of the pitcher's box."

### CADILLAC FACTORY IS TO BREAK ALL RECORDS

"The Cadillac company has had some very successful years in the past," said Manager George Heim of the local agency, "but 1912 promises to eclipse all previous records."

This has been apparent to us from the very beginning of the new season's business. Incorporating the innovation of electric starting, lighting and ignition from the same source, and with past performances so creditable to the car, we felt as though the Cadillac presented new and even more powerful arguments to the buying public.

"How well we build is shown by the figures of November shipments. It is well known that some automobile manufacturers expect shipments to show a falling off at the first breath of winter. Last month was one of the severest Novembers we have experienced for some years. Yet its unfavorable weather made no impression on our shipments. The total number of cars that left the factory during the month was 1,175; while on November 29—the last working day of the month—we sent away 106 cars.

"Nineteen-twelve looked like a big year when the 1912 business began; and we are glad that November has confirmed our judgment so completely."

### NEW RULE TO GOVERN ENGLISH GOLF TOURNEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—When the open golf championship tournament of Great Britain is held next spring the qualifying round, at thirty-six holes, will not count in the aggregate for the championship proper. Those returning the sixty best scores and all who may tie for sixteenth place will qualify for the actual championship.

The tournament proper will consist of twenty-two holes. Only on four previous occasions, 1907-1910, have the players had to take part in a qualifying competition over thirty-six holes, when the scores did not count in the final aggregate.

### Two Games Booked at Florence Park

At Florence park today the South Omaha Ramblers and the Athletics and the Shamrocks and Defenders will meet. Manager Sawelle is of the opinion that his pique artists will walk over the Shamrocks and his team mates are willing to back his opinion with mazzam. Quigley of the Shamrocks will consult his team mates about the proposed side bet. The Shamrocks would like very much to play the winner of the Valley-Missouri Valley game. Although the Shamrocks are booked up to and including Christmas day they would gladly cancel any of the games to meet the aforementioned. Sunday, December 24, the Shamrocks play the Monmouth Parks. Sunday the first game will be called at 2 p. m. and the second at 3 p. m.

### Wichita May Get Into Game Next Year

There is a chance that Wichita will have a ball team in the Western league next year. A report from Wichita is out that the business men are all stirred up over the possibility of getting a team there and are said to have agreed to put up the necessary money to purchase a franchise.

At present the Wichitans are not saying what franchise they expect to purchase, but assert that they can get one if they will put up the cash. They say they are ready to do that. From all indications Wichita is going after a franchise just to spite the Topeka team.

Topeka, it is alleged, has been sending several hot shots over the wire against Wichita getting back into the league and using the hammer very effectively.

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