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SMALL CHANCE OF INJURY IN FOOTBALL

RATIO ONE TO TWO HUNDRED

Prof. Dexter Shows that Injuries do not Come to Well Trained College Teams—Casualties Exaggerated

Prof. Edwin G. Dexter of the University of Illinois, noted as a statistician, has compiled an interesting set of figures on college football covering the ten years from 1893 to 1902.

If the results obtained had been given by one of less established reputation than Professor Dexter, their very startling character might have led some to doubt them, but coming from such a well known authority they carry with them conviction based on the knowledge that the utmost of skill, care and learning has been used in obtaining and tabulating them.

It is shown by this most interesting paper that but three men playing on college teams, have died from the effects of the game in the last ten years. One of these cases, as is well known, occurring here at Iowa is mentioned in a particular. If each man on the average plays in three games the chances are less than one in one hundred that he will lose time from the effects of the game, while accepting the more probable hypothesis that each man plays in six games, the probability of such injury as will cause him to lose time is reduced to one in two hundred. Speaking of the popular idea of the number of football casualties and its source, the press the statistician says, "In computing the figures which form the basis of the present study I was struck, as the reader must also have been at the discrepancy between them and the reports of football fatalities and serious injuries as they appear in our daily papers. During the football season one can hardly pick up a metropolitan sheet without being stared at by one or more such reports under heavy headlines. That the exact condition of affairs might be ascertained I wrote early in January, to the co. oners in the eight towns in which deaths from the game was reported during the past season in several important dailies of the country, and also to the eighty-six persons who were similarly reported as having been seriously injured asking full particulars. In the cases of reported deaths from the game four answers have been received, three stating that the report was entirely correct and that the fatality was wholly attributed to the game but in no case was the player a member of a well organized team in good training. The fourth stated that no such death had occurred, but that some years ago a man had been killed in a football game in his city. Serious as all this seems we cannot but deprecate the tendency of the public press to cater to a timorous public by over-

inflating their football news. Twice in two years, one of the foremost daily papers of our country has appeared with the scare lines "Football Player Killed" in the heaviest of black type, for no more valid reason in one case than the killing of an ex-football player by the cars at a grade crossing and the other, the electrocution of a player on a scrub team who had climbed an electric light pole to remove the ball which had by accident lodged in the lamp."

In summing up the results of his compilations Professor Dexter states them briefly as follows:

1. About one college man in ten the country over, plays football.
2. About twice as large a proportion of the men in the small colleges play the game as in the large.
3. The proportion of men playing seems to be slightly decreasing.
4. About one player in thirty five is sufficiently injured each season as to necessitate loss of time from college duties.
5. The number of college football players who are permanently injured or die from the effects of the game is so small as to be practically a negligible quantity.
6. College football is adequately supervised in nearly all the institutions.
7. The opinions of college officers regarding the value of the game are, roughly, 17 to 1 in favor (weighed in terms of enrollment).
8. The newspaper reports of injuries to college football players seem to be grossly exaggerated. Not so much so in the case of players upon other teams.
9. Accident insurance statistics would lead us to believe that many other forms of sport are more dangerous than football.

Debate Postponed

The debating team which was to meet Minnesota's debaters Friday night received a telegram from the Gophers yesterday that unless the third judge was obtained by last night they would not come. The whole list of six judges submitted by Minnesota from which Iowa was to pick one, had been exhausted in the fruitless attempt to get one to accept the position of judge and consequently Minnesota's ultimatum could not be complied with. The debate will therefore not be held Friday night but can in all probability be satisfactorily arranged for some future date.

University of Iowa chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will hold a banquet and reunion of its members Tuesday evening, May 5, at the Burkley Imperial. A number of university, alumni members of the society are expected to be in attendance.

ROCK ISLAND WON GAME

MANY ERRORS BY IOWA MEN

Rock Island Batted Miles out of the Box in the First Two Innings—Rock Island 25, Iowa 3

The desirability of having a series of games with the Rock Island team so as to allow the varsity candidates to work off their wildness and unreliability before the college games begin, was demonstrated on Iowa field yesterday. The varsity candidates lost the game by a large score through faults which will wear off with the advance of the season.

The veterans on the team were quite as much at fault yesterday as the new candidates. Miles lost the game in the first two innings, his pitching arm being not yet in shape for his usual good work. Van de Steeg at second played a wild game and Switzer at third persisted in throwing wild to first. All of these traits will disappear as the men become better practiced. Adams, the new catcher played an excellent game. He showed a fine reach and threw to second cleanly. He also carried off the batting honors for Iowa, securing a three-bagger, one two-bagger and a single.

The score by innings:

Rock	R	H	E
6	9	0	3
0	0	0	5
2	25	27	1
Iowa	0	0	0
0	0	3	0
0	3	10	13

Batteries: Iowa—Miles, Cretz-meyer, Vos and Adams; Rock Island,—Green and Schmidt.

PROF. GEORGE TO LEAVE

Professor of Geology has Resigned to Accept Position in Colorado

The following concerning an Iowa professor appears in the Silver and Gold of the State University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado

"Mr. R. D. George, professor of geology at the University of Iowa, will take charge of our department of geology at the beginning of the next school year."

This statement has been confirmed on inquiry at the executive office. The university already has in view a most excellent man to occupy the place to be left vacant by the resignation of Professor George.

Professor George graduated from McMasters university of Toronto, Canada in the class of 1897 and took his M. A. degree there in 1898. He came to Iowa in the fall of 1899 from the University of Chicago where he occupied the position of instructor. Since then his rise has been rapid and his call to the University of Colorado comes as a just recognition of ability manifested along geological lines.

Prof. George T. Flom's name appears on the title page as editor of a new edition of Wichert's "Als Verlobte Empfehlen Sich," especially adapted for university use.

ANENT THE ALUMNI

The Old Students—Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Miss Louise Brockett, L. A. ex-'04, of Des Moines, is the guest of friends in the city.

B. J. Collins, D. ex-'04, was an over Sunday visitor in the city.

John Borland, D. ex-'03, of St. Paul, is visiting at the home of his parents in this city.

J. F. Webber, L. '99, and wife, of Ottumwa, spent a few days of this week visiting with his brother, C. A. Webber, L. A. '00.

J. B. Baumer, D. '99, of Newton, visited over Sunday and then left for Chicago, where he will pursue a course of study in Haskell's post-graduate school.

Wesley Holt, L. A. '99, L. '01, was elected city attorney of Galesbury, Ill., at the recent election. He ran on a citizen's ticket and obtained a plurality of one hundred nineteen.

Miss Abbie Pearson, L. A. '01, is now lecturing in the normal school at Manila, P. I.

Miss Myra Bloom, L. A. '00, returned to her home Saturday after spending the winter in California.

J. F. Hurst, L. A. '01, of Leon, Iowa, is visiting friends in the city.

M. E. Clapp, was a guest at the Delta Tau house the early part of the week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss May Houghton, and Roy T. Will, D. '00, at Red Oak, Iowa, this evening.

At the recent Jefferson banquet at Des Moines, O. P. Meyers, L. A. '80, added new laurels to his already brilliant name as an orator.

Class Meet Saturday

It has been decided to hold the Freshman-Sophomore meet on next Saturday afternoon, A. F. Weinrich is captain of the '06 team and E. J. Barker of the sophomores. Entries should be handed to these men. The meet promises a close hard contest with chances now favoring the soph.

New President

Prof. Charles R. Van Hise has been elected president of the University of Wisconsin to succeed the late Charles Kendall Adams. Prof. Van Hise has held the chair of geology at Wisconsin since 1892.

Kemp Claims Damages

Malcolm E. Kemp, a senior homeop, has filed a petition in the district court asking \$2000 damages from the city of Iowa City for injuries resulting from a defective sidewalk.

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Calendar for the Week.

April 24—Junior Promenade.
April 25—1:30 p. m. Freshman
Sophomore Field Meet.
April 25—Meeting IOWAN Board
1:00 p. m.

The Way to Kill a Track Team

The crowd at the baseball games is again forgetting itself and exhibiting a total lack of college spirit. It is even going farther and injuring that which a crowd of students should encourage and help. It is unthinkable that an Iowa crowd on Iowa field should laugh and jeer and derisively clap their hands at track candidates taking their work-out, yet this very thing has occurred daily for three days, doing the greatest of harm to the track team and filling those who hope to see Iowa rise in athletics with regret and despair. Track work is the hardest kind of athletics and a man needs all of his physical and nervous strength to succeed in it without being robbed of his enthusiasm and sapped of his college spirit by his fellow students. If the spirit was what it should be, any one who showed himself such an enemy of Iowa as to roast the track team taking its work-out would be hissed down and kicked out of the grand stand!

But such actions, though ringing the knell of Iowa's track prospects, are passed by with a smile or in silence by the majority of the crowd. Let the lazy loafers who see humor in the efforts of the track candidates, come down off their seats and try themselves; and if they will not, let them respect those who have sufficient energy and varsity loyalty to do so.

Corroborating Football Evidence

The results of Prof. Dexter's compilations and investigations of football statistics only confirm the views already entertained by many that when played by properly trained teams under proper supervision there is no special danger to this form of sport. It is the unexperienced player and the "picked-up" team that suffers injury and casualties. The carefully conditioned athlete on the college team takes one chance in two hundred of suffering injury when he goes into a game, "certainly not a risk which should bring many sleepless hours, even to the most timorous parent"

The scores at the last two baseball games have been large but the season is early and the team not yet organized. Any one who thinks the quality of ball played by the candidates for the varsity is not a high one will be given a fair chance to make the team if he will come out on the field and ask a try-out.

The sophs and freshies will settle that little matter of who's the best man Saturday.

Track meet dates are like market quotations this spring, "Subject to change."

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(signed)

THEOBALDI."

The Baconian club will meet on Friday evening at 7:30. This meeting will be the last meeting of the school year. It will be devoted to voluntary reports.

The Junior Prom following the example set at the Athletic ball will begin the grand march promptly at 9.30.

Those attending the Minnesota-Iowa contest, Friday night should see the Prom from the gallery after the debate.

Invitations have been issued by the State University of Iowa cadet battalion to the annual ball in honor of Governor Cummins and staff on May fifteenth.

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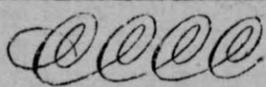
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The regular meeting of the IOWAN Board will be held in the usual room at 1 p. m. Saturday.

TENNIS NOTICE

All persons intending to play tennis this spring upon the university courts should get tickets at once. Tickets may be had from E. Bailey D. 4. or A. G. Smith at room 12, L. A. The ground fee is \$1.25.

Dr. Frank E. Horack will give a lecture on "The Organization and Control of Industrial Corporations" under the auspices of the school of political and social science, April 27, at 7:00 p. m. in room 213.

University warrants will be issued by the Secretary on Thursday, April 30.

Tickets for the Junior Prom Friday, April 24 will be \$3.00 the gallery will be 25c.

THE LOWDEN PRIZE

An examination for the Lowden Mathematical prize will be held on Saturday, May 30th, 1903, from 9:00 to 12:00 a. m., in room 116, hall of Liberal arts.

Competition is open to all students who are finishing with the current year, the sophomore work in pure mathematics. The prize of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be divided equally between not more than two candidates, or may be withheld if it shall appear that the work of no candidate is of a superior order of merit. The subjects to be covered by the examination are Algebra, Geometry, Plane Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry of two dimensions, Differential and Integral Calculus.

The members of the committee charged with the award are Professors Weld, Veblen and Sims, ex officio, Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Mitchell. The questions submitted in previous examinations will be found upon the bulletin board in the mathematical library.

Those intending to compete are requested to submit their names to Professor Weld at an early date.
 George E. MacLean, President.

Local

Miss Alice H. Howard, of Marshalltown, is a junior prom guest in the city.

Hammond law senate and Forum will hold a joint mock trial on Saturday May 2.

Hammond held a meeting this noon to consider the inter-society baseball schedule.

Prof. C. C. Nutting delivered the last of his courses of Wednesday evening lectures last night, the subject of the evening's discourse being, "The Out-liers of the Hawaiian group, Laysan, Kauai, etc."

The freshman medical class have adopted a class button. It is patterned after the button of the American Medical Association. It is gold plated with black enamel face having skull and cross bones and Iowa '06 in gold letters upon it.

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In the botanic department plans are to make more stress will be placed than formerly on advanced classes. Opportunity for regular work in the laboratory in the direction of the department is planned for the coming year.

Three new courses in the political economy. Prof. McBride will give, for the first time, a course in plant-pathology. This will take up both the economic standpoint and a new course. The hour course in

The beginner in pathology and anatomy. This year has the introductory course in hours, involving laboratory work. Courses run through and are mutually beneficial. The work is provided in microscopical bryology. A course offered in comparative embryology. A more advanced course will be provided by the perianth morphology. The work of the embryology seminary.

In English, again next year in Browning. This year He first time a Marris and also of Criticism. courses in Eighteenth Century literature take up the work during the year and the Nineteenth century. The work will give a Shakespeare and Bowman. In the department changes will be made of the change of the work.

A chair of Archaeology under the chair of Fairbanks, and are grouped in and Roman antiquities, Myt