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THE TEN YARD RULE

CHANGE IN DISTANCE TO BE GAINED IN FOOTBALL

Proposed by the Northwestern Athletic Conference—Agitated for Adoption By the Big Nine

The proposition of the Northwestern Athletic Conference that the number of yards to be gained in three downs be increased from five yards to ten is to be urged upon the "big nine," conference for adoption, it is reported.

The object of the proposed change, as set forth by its advocates, is to increase the open work of the game and to decrease the number of mass plays. By making the number of yards to be gained ten instead of five, it is argued that football elevens will be compelled to resort to the greater ground-gaining end runs and will resort less to the grinding line bucks. Thus will the tackle position, admittedly the weakest place in the line, be materially aided. The spectators, who demand long runs and much punting, will be better pleased and the players will be relieved from the liability of injury received in the mass plays.

The proposed change will hardly receive much consideration from the conference.

On the face of it, the new plan looks much as if it had been concocted by some theoretical members of boards of control, rather than by men who know a little of the game.

In the first place, the scheme supposes that football generals have a preference for mass plays as against end runs which will gain more ground. Experience will show that these generals choose the plays that will gain most ground, either mass or open they care not. The desire to gain the required distance is as great as it can be, and doubling the distance will not make quarterbacks want to make the distance any more.

So far as injury is concerned, the risk is much greater for the backs in open work. The only important injury received by an Iowa player in the past two years was that of Weiland, tripped by Flynnas he was about to tackle LaFans on his run for Minnesota's second touchdown in the Minnesota-Iowa game at Minneapolis. For the defensive line, a mass on tackle is undoubtedly harder than is an open attack.

For the offense, however, an open end run is probably harder than a line plunge. But when it comes to a choice between the two, a quarterback is not going to choose either on any other ground than ability to gain the most ground.

Legislation increasing the distance to be gained is not going to make it easier to run opposing ends than it has been in the past. It has been hard enough for each team in every championship contest to gain its five yards. The

proposed rule would change a football contest into a punting contest, with dependence upon one man's right leg instead of upon eleven men.

If it is desired to help out the tackles, why not forbid more than one assault in three upon them? Or lay down a maximum of force with which it may be permitted to butt into the tackle?

CHICAGO THIRD

Midway School Now Ranks Third in Enrollment

Every few weeks there are a new batch of figures out on the registration in American universities. Such statistics are of interest to college people, as showing the numerical strength of the various institutions of learning.

Here is the latest list. It is condensed by the Minnesota Daily from Science for December.

The statistics are compiled from figures handed in by the registrars of the various institutions. These figures are more accurate than in former years as greater care has been taken in counting double registration.

Among the larger schools, Chicago has shown the greatest increase over last year. It has passed Michigan and now ranks third. With this exception the ranking of the universities is the same, as last year. Harvard is first with a total registration of 5,468; Columbia second with 5,352; Chicago, third, 4,296; Michigan fourth 3,764; The other big schools rank as follows:

California 3,676; Minnesota 3,505; and Wisconsin, 2,804.

In the departments Harvard has the latest collegiate enrollment. In all the scientific schools with the exception of Missouri, there has been a large general increase.

There are fewer law students than in 1901 in spite of the fact the Chicago has had a law faculty since last year. The total number of medical students also shows a decrease which it accounted for largely by the facts that the admission requirements at Columbia have been strengthened, and that the last class admitted at Harvard, without the degree requirements, graduated in the spring.

The total of graduate students shows a slight increase over last year.

In the relative ranking of the teaching force Harvard still leads with Columbia second. Michigan has the largest faculty and Columbia heads the list in the faculty of medicine.

Buildings Progress

Work is being continued upon the new medical buildings, the outside construction being pushed as fast as the weather permits.

At the present time the first course of Ohio stone is being laid upon the laboratory building and brick layers are at work backing up the foundation courses of the anatomy building with brick.

DENTS FORTUNATE

LECTURES BY WELL KNOWN TEACHER

Dr. G. V. I. Brown Will Give Courses on Dental Pathology, Oral Surgery and Hygiene.

Prof. G. V. I. Brown has been secured by Dean Hosford to give special lectures in dental pathology, aural surgery, and hygiene, to the students of the college of dentistry. Prof. Brown will come from his home in Milwaukee, Wis., once every two weeks and devote two days to his work in the university, being here Friday and Saturday in every alternate week.

Dr. Brown arrived in the city Tuesday night to take up his work here and has been very busy since, in meeting his classes and starting his lecture courses. This morning Professor Brown performed a beautiful operation, from a scientific point of view, at the university hospital for cleft palate. The patient stood the operation well and it will probably be completely successful.

A NOTED SPECIALIST

Dr. G. V. I. Brown, A. B., D. D. S., M. D., C. M., is the greatest specialist in oral surgery. In fact he is the only man in the country who confines his work to this branch of dentistry alone. Professor Brown took his college course at Northern Illinois College obtaining the degree of A. B. His dental education was pursued at Pennsylvania. He did his first work in oral surgery in Philadelphia under Professor Meers. Returning west, Dr. Brown did special work in oral surgery at Rush Medical college. Work in medicine done while in Milwaukee gained him the degree of doctor of medicine and also the degree of C. M., master of surgery. This latter degree was gained by special work done upon the dog.

Dr. Brown was professor of oral surgery and dental pathology in Milwaukee Dental college and dean of the college until January 17, 1902, when he resigned to engage in the practice of his specialty. He went to Chicago and operated at the West Side hospital and was immediately appointed lecturer on oral surgery in the Illinois College of Dentistry.

Dr. Brown does none of the general practice of dentistry, but specializes in diseases of the mouth and nose, paralysis resulting from these affections and neuralgia in mouth and nose.

Personally Dr. Brown is a very pleasing gentleman to meet, easy of approach and very courteous. He is forty-two years old and has a family consisting of a wife and son, the latter fifteen years old. His home is in Milwaukee, Wis.

Postmaster H. D. Overholt has been re-appointed by President Roosevelt, and his appointment has been confirmed by the senate, insuring his retention of present office another four years.

BACONIAN.

Professor B. Shimek on An Iowan Desert

At the regular meeting of Baconian Prof. Shimek read a paper upon "An Iowan Desert." He spoke in part as follows:

"Rich soil does not assure abundant vegetation. On the other hand even the desert is not without moisture or even rain. The desert plant has structure for the retention of water; little evaporating surface above ground and immense roots. Measured by any standard, we have deserts in Iowa but they are not extensive. The shifting sands, moving and flowing with every fickle wind are not essential to the desert but can be found in Iowa. True there is not the limitless waste extending to the horizon but there are desert spots each having a flora of its own while within a few feet may be a flora of entirely different characteristics.

"On the western prairie the winds quickly remove and dissipate the moisture. There may be a rainfall of five inches in one day or a fall of one inch in five days. Evidently the latter would be more favorable for plant life. This shows that we cannot depend upon the rain-gauge or chart. It is not a question of how much rain falls but how much is retained. Desert areas are rare in Eastern Iowa but on the high prairies of the northwestern section they are prominent. Here dust storms are more frequent. Here are the hot dry winds which people in Nebraska say come from Kansas and those in Iowa are said to come from Nebraska. Iowa deserts are however of no alarming extent. We are so near the limit of the desert that conditions can easily be changed by judicious tree-planting.

"It is known that plants will gradually change their nature with a change of conditions. In this way a gradual succession of flora could be produced on the prairie. The prairie flora is now essentially a desert flora. In Muscatine county there is a species of cactus not imported but growing native. Another species of the same thorny variety can be found in the northwest. There the trees grow in hollows and protected places while the burr oak stands a little farther to the edge like a sentinel. On the ridges a few feet away an entirely different flora is found. It belongs to the desert. Only a few feet separates the two, but the line is sharply drawn.

In the neighborhood of Sibley and Rock Rapids there are now extensive groves where once there was only desert prairie. As a result the flora has been remarkably changed. It is only by judicious tree planting that regions can be retained and reclaimed."

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Local

R. F. Decker M. '06 has been on the sick list for a few days.

S. E. Skelley was elected third member of the Zet team on the sophomore debate.

Sigma Nu gave an informal dance at its chapter home on College Hill last night.

C. M. Kline M. '05 is just recovering from an attack of appendicitis which he had during the holidays.

Rev. G. D. Herrig of Muscatine will deliver the address at the men's meeting at Close Hall tomorrow at four o'clock.

Miss Parrish, Supt. of the University Hospital will hereafter conduct the training of the senior medics in invalid cookery.

Delta Tau Delta will initiate, this evening, the initiates being A. G. Weinick L. A. '06, of Burlington and F. R. Cooper, L. A. '06 of Ottumwa.

W. H. Lewis resigned from his position on the junior debate on account of not expecting to be in school next semester, and H. L. Bryson was elected to the place.

The personal of the medical male quartet, which was so much appreciated at convocation yesterday is, first tenor, W. H. Martindale; second tenor, W. F. Edmonds; first bass, E. Pfeiffer; second bass, F. W. Bailey.

Amusements

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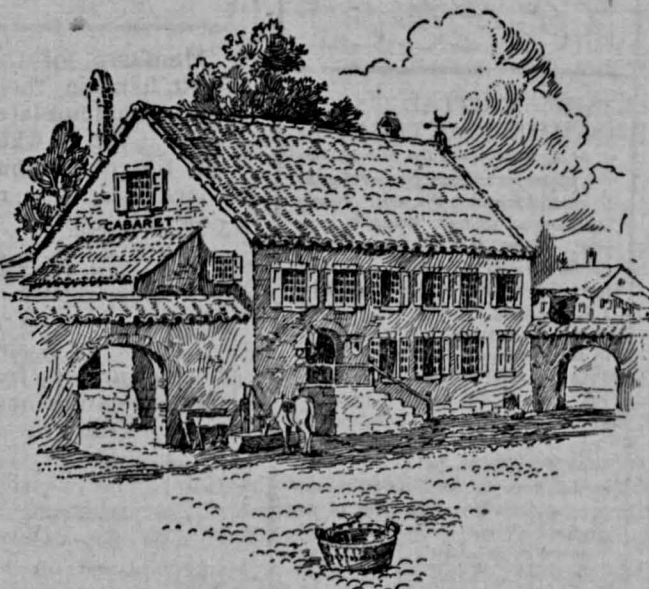
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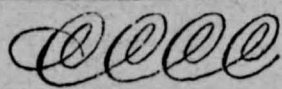
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Official Bulletin

Members of the junior class must hand in their pictures for the Annual not later than January 28th, at the Hawkeye office, room 109, liberal arts building. Office hours, 9:00 to 11:00 a. m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

G. O. No. 18. January 8, '03. Military duties will be resumed Monday, January 12.

Companies A and C will drill in Smith's armory from 4:30 to 5:30 Mondays and companies B and D at the same time and place on Tuesdays, regardless of the condition of the weather.

The cadet officers are requested to meet the commandant at the opera house on Friday morning January 9 at 9:45 a. m to act as ushers at the convocation.

By order of the commandant.

The regular meeting of the University senate will be held in room 3, old Capitol, on Wednesday, January 14, 1903 at 4:30 o'clock, p. m.

H. S. Richards,
 Secretary.

At Other Colleges

A Zulu is enrolled at Columbia.

Nebraska will hold contest debates with Missouri, Colorado and Kansas this year.

The university board of trustees (alias J. D. Rockefeller) are considering plans for a school of technology.

A professor once chalked on his notice board in class room:

"The professor is unable to meet his classes tomorrow."

A waggish student removed the "c" leaving "lasses."

When the professor returned, he noticed the new rendering. Equal to the occasion, he quietly removed the "l."

At the University of Nebraska, the fraternity men are waging a war on the hackmen in an attempt to have the cab rates cut down. The Greeks have entered into a mutual agreement not to be transported in carriages to the Junior Prom., but will use the street cars instead if the drivers do not meet their demands for lower fares.

All Souls Church

Morning meeting 10:45. Topic: "Brotherhood of Man through the Interblending of Races Phillipine and other illustrations" Y. P. R. U. at 6:30. "Thomas Paine" by Mr. Arthur D. Woods. 7:30 lecture on "The Travels and Work of St. Paul," with stereopticon views from paintings of Raphael, Dore, etc. Collections.

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