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BOARD OF CONTROL MEETS

A Foot Ball Banquet De-
cided Upon.

Chicago Wanted to Play
in Minneapolis Next
Saturday.

The Board of Athletic Control held a meeting Monday night and transacted a considerable amount of routine business. It was decided to give a banquet to the members of the first and second elevens sometime during the first week of the new term. Besides the players the association will have as honored guests President Northrop and Gov. Pillsbury. All those who have been actively engaged in the management of the affairs this fall will be invited, but not as guests of the association. President Northrop will deliver the address of the evening. He will be at his best and the students know what that means. Other speeches will be arranged for and the affair will be one that will long be remembered by the men. This banquet is intended as a testimonial to the men in appreciation of the work they have done on the gridiron this fall, and to show the men on the scrub that their loyalty has not been overlooked.

A communication was received from Stagg, of Chicago, suggesting that the Chicago game be transferred to Minneapolis. But owing to the uncertainty of the weather it was thought inadvisable to make the attempt. For the board still has visions of the snow banks of last year when the Illinois game was played on the 24th.

Manager Wickersham was instructed to arrange a game for next Saturday for the benefit of Foot Ball. Besides the game the reports of the Chicago game will be given and it is hoped that a large crowd will turn out and make the affair a success.

See the team take the train.

GLOVER IN THE GAME.

Will Be Able to Play Next
Saturday.

The crowd of rooters will all be made glad by the good news that Glover will be sufficiently recovered to take his old place at full back next Saturday. His presence will greatly strengthen the team, and if he is needed he will be put in. Probably Knowlton will be given a chance to show how much he has improved in a week, owing to the fact that Glover will be unable to practice this week, and it now looks as though both would have a chance to prove their worth.

ECHOES OF THE GAME.

The Wisconsin bleacher was lost in a gloomy silence during the first half, but woke up to lusty cheers when O'Dea began to work his leg successfully towards the close of the game. However, when their yelling was at its height the whole crowd was disconcerted and broken up by a Minnesota wit who shouted to them through a megaphone:

U Rah, Rah, Pat O'Dea!
U Rah, Rah, Pat O'Dea!
U Rah, Rah, Pat O'Dea!

We have learned without possibility of mistake a little matter connected with the sale of tickets, which really seems incredible. It is so emphatically disgraceful that Foot Ball feels called upon to make it public. We do not believe in vindictive feelings or acts, but such conduct deserves the stigma of publicity. The gentleman who owns the house nearest the athletic field, and whose windows and porch overlook the football arena, put himself to the great effort of selling seats on his roof, porch and in the windows. He even sent a boy over to stand on the walk in front of the book store, offering students and all going to purchase tickets, seats on his house for 25 cents each. This is certainly noble conduct and merits our highest admiration. The same man threatened to bring action for damages against the athletic association for cutting off his view of the campus by erect-

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PRACTICE LAST EVENING

The men were out a little earlier, but several were still slow. Let every man make a big effort to be on the field in his suit at four o'clock—not a minute later.

The Varsity was somewhat weakened by the absence of two or three of its men whose bruises are still troubling them. However, all the men were out and in full armor—a fact we are glad to note. The college was also out in force and did some pretty good work. Scandrett and Cole are still unable to get into serious practice, but will probably be all right tonight. Knowlton did not get into the scrimmages, merely doing the kicking at times. Cameron was out and put up good football, as he always does. If he can get into condition by Saturday, our backs will be the strongest of any we have had this year. One distressing feature was very noticeable—frequent fumbles. A game can easily be lost on such work and it should be eliminated if possible. The Varsity's score would have been larger had no fumbles occurred.

Two touchdowns were made by the Varsity by hard line bucking and end runs. Toward the close the College braced up and nearly scored, bringing the ball up to the three yard line where the practice stopped. The Varsity had been weakened by the loss of the two tackles. Otte and Grey.

It was a bad night for injuries. Otte was laid out by a vicious kick in his left knee; Kienholz had his nose very badly broken and he is in hard shape, being unable to breathe; Grey hurt his knee and left the game towards the close. It is to be fervently hoped this the last of the injuries for this week at least.

The line did not show up as the spectators had expected. It played high and slow. Cannot these two fundamentals ever be acquired? Play low and fast. You can't play too fast. Leap into the plays with the quickness and strength of a tiger. This is the only way to stop Chicago.

Quite a little excitement was caused by the report that the Chicago team desired to come up here for the game. It seems that Chicago has lost on most of her games this fall, and the big guaranty she has given us is a trifle appalling to her. It seems that Chicago people do not think this game will amount to much and take very little interest in it. They look upon it as a very mild, easy practice game. O for the power to give them the bitterness of defeat! But our men are certainly not working this week. Why don't they strive as no men ever did before.—In no other way will they make even a respectable showing against Chicago. They loaf, are lazy or indifferent. Players, "right about face." The uncertainty of the weather practically settled the matter and the trip will be made, unless some new phase arises which is hardly probable at this late hour.

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SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Season of 1899

Oct 7, Minnesota 40 vs. Shattuck, 0
Oct. 14, Minnesota 35 vs. Carleton, 5
Oct. 21, Minnesota 6 vs. Ames, 0
Oct. 28, Minnesota 5 vs. Grinnell, 5.
Nov. 4, Minnesota 5 vs. Northwestern, 11.
Nov. 11, Minnesota 5, vs. Beloit, 5.
Nov. 18, Minnesota 0, vs. Wisconsin 19.
Nov. 25, Minnesota vs. Chicago, at Chi.

"The Chicago-Minnesota game will be of special interest to followers of the Purple for it will enable the critics to determine whether or not Northwestern's defeat was due entirely to Chicago's superiority or the Methodists having an off day."—Northwestern.

Well now this is rich. Northwestern seems looking for an easy place to drop into. She forgets completely that Minnesota was the one to have an "off day," and that day came at the time of the Northwestern game. The team that held Wisconsin down last Saturday can beat Northwestern 30 to 0 any old day. We are willing to give full credit to victors at any time, and praise strength

wherever found, but the puerile way Northwestern has been conducting herself over this good luck victory, gives one a feeling that can be cured only by Paine's Celery Compound.

The most humiliating spectacle Foot Ball noticed last Saturday was the sight of University uniforms on the surrounding housetops. It is barely possible that a few students could not afford to buy a ticket to the game, and such may by some be excused if they "dead head" their way, yet no living mortal can forgive them for wearing their uniform amongst the "dead heads." This reflects serious discredit upon student loyalty, and student patriotism. It is a disgrace to the whole institution. If among those offending students there was one who could have paid his admission, and yet who wore his uniform in so conspicuous a manner, such a student is not only the smallest being on record, but also one of the most disreputable. It would seem that he gloried in his university humiliation and disgrace. It may do no good to ask these students to refrain in the future from such conduct, for such depravity is seldom sensitive to appeals however noble, yet Foot Ball will seize at the faintest hope, and earnestly requests that henceforth this foul blot may not appear on our university honor.

MINNESOTA'S DEFEAT

Northwestern came down like a wolf on the fold.

And her cohorts were gleaming in purple that told

What the fame of her name was, is, and shall be,

Where the blue wave rolls nightly on her inland sea.

Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green,

The Gophers with banners at noontime were seen;

Like the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown,

Those banners at sunset were drooping and flown.

For the magic of skill with a line that was fast,

Had breathed in the face of the end as they passed,

And the nerves of the tackles waxed fearful and chill,

For that twisting tandem would gain or 'twould kill.

And there lay the guard with nose-guard aside,

But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride,

And the quarter all gasping, lay white on the turf,

And cold as the spray on Michigan's surf.

And there lay the center distorted and pale,

With the mud on his brow and the blood on his mail,

And the rooters were silent, the banners alone,

There voices unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the calamity howlers are loud in their wail
And their idols are broke by the team they thought frail,
And our Joe Hunter, long may he reign,
Has laid out the Gophers as he helped lay out Spain.

—C. S. R.

Northwestern has had another fit and the above is the result. One would think that institution never before had a victory, so continuously do they howl about this one. We feel inexpressible relief over Northwestern's defeat of Indiana last Saturday—she will now have another outlet for her doggerel poetry and infantile boastings. Come, Northwesterns, take this victory as a matter of course. It will look as though you are used to it.

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ECHOES OF THE GAME

(Continued from first page).

ing the athletic fence. Several university students were on this house top and in the windows wearing their uniforms—uniforms that should be marks of distinction and honor rather than the most revolting disgrace.

During a lull in the conflict a soldier comrade of Evans, getting his attention through a megaphone, shouted a long bunch of Tagalos to him. Evans smiled a ghastly smile and fought more fiercely than ever.

Grey certainly played the best he has so far in his football career. He must be a little quicker and keep down low, charging fiercely. He kept up his good work to the end Saturday, and though Otte proved a little stronger, perhaps, still Grey comes in for a full share of credit. Grey hasn't yet played as well as it is possible for him to play.

The city papers gave the game a beautiful write-up, and were unstinted in their praise of Minnesota. No doubt our work took them completely by surprise. We appreciate their speedy recognition of our worth and trust that we can call them friends forever more.

The urgent need of our team this week is quick action. From every source come accounts of Chicago's tremendously swift backs and resistless interference when once it gets started. Our one plan must be to break up the plays before they get started, and this can only be done by getting off like a lightning's dart. The line must spring to action with an impetuous charge the very instant the ball is in play. Chicago's line is said not to be very strong, and a trifle slow. Here is your chance to win, and work it to the utmost.

YALE TEAM STATISTICS.

Malcolm Lee McBride, '00, captain and fullback, prepared at the University School of Cleveland. He is 21 years old, weighs 190 pounds, and is 6 feet 2 inches tall.

Howard Richards, '00, S., right half-back, prepared at Lawrenceville. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, and is 22 years old.

H. H. Sharpe, '02, M. S., left half-back, prepared at the Hillhouse High School, New Haven. He is 6 feet 1/2 inch tall, weighs 180 pounds, and is 22 years old.

W. M. Fincke, '01, S., quarterback, prepared at the Hill School. He is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 162 pounds, and is 21 years old.

R. J. Schweppe, '00, right end, prepared at Phillips Andover. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 158 pounds, and is 23 years old.

G. W. Hubbell, '00, left end, prepared at St. Paul's School. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and is 21 years old.

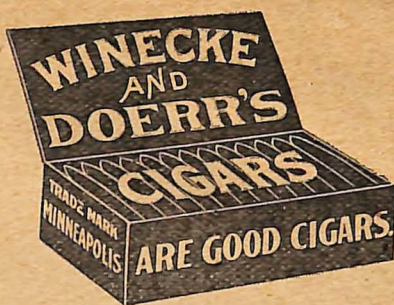
D. R. Francis, '00, left tackle, prepared at St. Paul's School. He is 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 184 pounds, and is 20 years old.

F. G. Brown, '01, left guard, prepared at Groton School. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 196 pounds, and is 20 years old.

H. R. Olcott, '01, right guard, prepared at Bett's Academy. He is 5 feet 11 1/2 inches tall, weighs 195 pounds, and is 20 years old.

A. R. Cunha, '01, centre, prepared at Oahu College, Hawaiian Islands. He is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 240 pounds, and is 20 years old.

C. P. Cook, '01, right tackle, prepared at the Hotchkiss School. He is 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 183 pounds, and is 21 years old.



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HOW ATHLETICS ARE MANAGED.

A good many of the under classmen probably have little conception of the plan upon which athletics are managed at the "U." and this article is written with the intention of throwing light on the subject. The present constitution was adopted at the annual meeting of the association in December, '97. Under the old constitution it required the payment of an annual fee of one dollar in order to become a member, and this had worked to limit the members to about one hundred students, and so the entire management had fallen into the hands of a few politicians. Consequently things were in a condition that was anything but desirable.

Some of those among the alumni and faculty thought that conditions might be remedied by an entire change in the constitution which would alter entirely the working of the association, and at the meeting spoken of above the present constitution was presented. This provides that any student of the university or any faculty member may become a member of the association by simply signing the constitution. The officers of the association consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The first three are elected at the annual meeting of the association, while the treasurer is elected by the Board of Control, and is the only one to receive any remuneration. Besides the officers there are elected at the annual meeting four other members of the Board of Control. So that the composition of this board consists of the three officers of the association, the four members, two faculty members, and two alumni members who are chosen by the alumni association. This board has entire supervision of all athletics, and are only limited in their powers by the constitution. The board appoints all managers and assistants and these men have only such powers as are given them by the board.

So far the new plan has worked very well and has been a very decided improvement on the old plan. How long the present scheme will be a success depends upon the quality of the board elected. So it behooves every student who is interested in the welfare of athletics to see that none but capable men are elected at the coming annual meeting. Every student should turn out and vote for the men he thinks best suited for the places, and vote for the man and not because he happens to be a member of some society or a member of none. That is the only way a good board can be secured, and judging from the past two years the warning is unnecessary.

One change in the constitution suggests itself, and that is that the medical faculty be given a representation on the board. This would require an additional member, but it would serve to bring the medical college in closer touch with athletics, and secure their co-operation. The medics are showing all kinds of enthusiastic support and deserve official recognition, as well as any other department.

He played football for half a year;
And of him it is said
He lost three teeth, an eye, an ear,
But never lost his head.

—Judge.

How to Play Football

(Continued.)

One of the most difficult things to understand and to keep in mind is when a team or player is "offside." At every game most of the penalties are levied for offside playing. Now a team is necessarily offside much of the time, in the regular course of the play. It is not always the fact that one is offside that subjects his team to a penalty, but the acts which he performs when offside, though there are cases where merely being offside results in a penalty to the offending team as will later appear. One fundamental rule must be remembered. In a scrimmage, i. e., when the men are lined up opposite each other, the ball to be passed back and put in play, no part of any player shall be ahead of the ball when it is put in play. The ball lies upon the ground and let us imagine a line passing through its center and parallel to the white lines which cross the field. The rule means that no part of any player except the center, his head, hands, feet, or body—can be over this imaginary line on his opponent's side. When lined up this always keeps the two teams a short distance apart. In this eagerness to get into the play quickly, on the one side to advance the ball, on the other to break up plays, men frequently get off side. The line which charges first always gets a very distinct advantage, hence the constant desire to be the first to move. But the exact wording of the rule must be noted, "when the ball is put in play." This requires that the player be offside at the instant of the putting the ball in play. If he is offside before the ball is snapped back, no offense is committed. Or if he does not cross the line until after the ball is snapped back, no harm has been done. He is supposed to change and cross the line as quickly after the ball is in play, as possible, for the reason mentioned above.

Now to the more difficult and elusive phases of offside playing. When the ball is snapped back by the center to the quarter and passed to one of the backs, all of his men ahead of the one with the ball are offside. This comes from the rule that a player is offside when the ball has been last touched by one of his own side behind him. It can readily be seen that when a team is advancing the ball most of its men are offside when the play starts. But being offside in this way is no offense. If it were a team would have no chance whatever to advance the ball. The only disadvantage men offside in this way are under is that they cannot touch the ball except on a fumble. It might also be added here that such offside player cannot interrupt or obstruct an opponent with his hands or his arms until he is put on side.

A player is also offside when he is ahead of the ball at the time it is kicked by one of his own side behind him. Such player cannot allow the ball to touch him under penalty of having the ball go to the opponents on the spot. As the full back always stands far behind all his team when he makes a kick, the teams being lined up for a scrimmage, it can readily be seen that the entire team save the kicker is offside, and so none of them can touch the ball. It frequently happens

on a kick that the fast ends of the side doing the kicking, will get down the field and perhaps have a good chance to catch the ball or fall on it if it is rolling along the ground. Spectators are frequently heard to wonder why they did not do so and secure the ball. The reason is, of course, that the rules of the game will not allow it.

A player is placed on side when the ball is touched by an opponent, or when one of his own side has run in front of him, either with the ball, or in official's work. The fairest treatment having been the last player to touch it when behind him. So if the full back who has made the kick runs ahead of his men all he passes are placed on side and can secure the ball. The full back himself is on side and if he be fleet enough he may be able to get his own punt. This not infrequently happens. In the Carleton game Glover in this way secured the ball he had kicked. A few formations for kicks have been invented for the purpose of putting men on side when a kick is made, but they can be worked only rarely. The ordinary practice is that the members of a team are offside when a kick is made by that side and cannot touch the ball until they are put on side by the ball having touched an opponent or by the kicker running in front of his men.

So keeping in mind that no part of any player can be in advance of the ball when it is put in play, either in a scrimmage or by a free kick, and remembering that when it is snapped back and given to one of the backs all of the team ahead of this back is offside, and that all of a team on a kick ahead of the kicker is offside, no confusion should arise.

One thing more. The penalty for being offside at the time the ball is put in play is surrender of the ball to the opposing team if the offenders have the ball, and a gain of 10 yards if the offended side has the ball.

The Courant, a fortnightly publication of this city, is just out with a very fair write-up of foot ball at the university.

"The most important action was the appointment of Chas. Baird as director of outdoor athletics. Mr. Baird is to receive a salary of \$1,200 from the university, and will have the rank of junior professor. Mr. Baird will have full charge of all outdoor athletics subject to the board of control. The board of control is authorized to pay him \$800 additional from gate receipts at the athletic field, raising his total salary to \$2,000."—U. of M. Daily.

Michigan is now in line with the most advanced ideas on college athletics, having, as above indicated, secured an athletic director who will be a regular member of the faculty. The conviction has been regularly gaining of late that athletics must be placed on a regular footing with any other department. Michigan is fortunate in getting so able a man as Mr. Baird. Her athletics are sure to improve in every way under his direction. Minnesota should adopt some such method just as early as it can be brought about.

And now for the
Grand Finale.

NOTICES.

ENGINEERS vs. DENTS.

The championship game in the department series will be played this afternoon at 2:15 on Northrop Field. The Engineers and Dents will try conclusions and decide which department is to float the banner of triumph. The Dents have been training every day for a month and claim to have an unusually strong aggregation. The mettle of the Engineers has already been tried in two hard games, and their experience should prove valuable to them. The game is sure to be spirited and well worth attending. Admission free.

THE BAND GOES

That the University band will go to Chicago is now an assured fact. The season of doubt is now at an end and certainty is here. This good news will be no less delightful to the band than to the University at large, for we shall be proud thus to be represented. We hope the entire band will be able to go intact, and that its full strength will be hurled upon the Windy City. All the band boys begin to pack your grips and prepare to shine. We expect you to assist largely in pushing our team on to victory.

LOW RATE TO CHICAGO.

The horrible ordeal through which the management have been passing in the endeavor to secure a rate to Chicago has been a general topic of conversation for several days. The roads entered a pool and put up the rate so high that no one could go. Whatever the reasons the roads may have had for doing this could hardly be sufficient from any point of view. It was a tremendous slap right in our face. It was a strong kick at the University, and a serious blow to our football interests. Railroad men are generally lovers of sport and heretofore have done well by us regarding rates, but this time—which was the time of all times that we needed a low rate—they put it way up where it could be reached only by a balloon ascension.

FOOT BALL is happy to announce that a very satisfactory rate has finally been secured and that the expense will be within reach of all. Plans can be made at once for the trip and we want a glorious crowd along. Chicago doesn't seem to think we are very much and as our team will give them the surprise of the season, so let our students astonish them by an exhibition of patriotic support which will show that old Minnesota is thoroughly alive.

Tomorrow's FOOT BALL will contain a full account of the rate, road, time, and all essential details.

BETAS WIN

The Beta Theta Pis and the Sigma Chis played their game before a good crowd yesterday afternoon, the former winning by a score of 5 to 0. The game was spirited and full of interest, and the size of the score is ample testimony of the fact that the contest was close.

The Betas will now play the Chi Psis in the near future.

PROGRAM, CHICAGO, NOV. 25

2:30 P. M. Football Game
Minnesota vs. Chicago
4:30 P. M. "There'll be a hot
time in the Flour Town to-
night."
Minnesota's Band