

FATE OF RUGBY IN THE BALANCE

Coach Lannagan of Stanford Inspecting American Game in the East.

STUDENTS ARE DISSATISFIED.

Experience With European Sport Means But Little Support Away From Regulation Football.

Football is now safely stowed away for the winter in these United States of America, with the exception of one long football battle, and it is to be fought out on the Pacific coast.

It won't be on the gridiron, however, that the battle will wage, but in the faculty committees where the wise men sit in judgment over the athletic destinies of the University of California and Stanford, California failed for two years to solve Lannagan, Stanford's great coach. Then President Benjamin Ide Wheeler came forth with the Rugby idea, and forced it through his branch of the committee, on Stanford.

Taking the challenge after being accused of desiring to "weird" Stanford went after Berkeley at the new game, walloped California field with the warriors of the Blue and Gold, and now the movement against the new game is being urged from the California side. Stanford played nearly every game on her own grounds, and at her own game, and the capture of the honors has more than elated the Cardinal supporters.

Stanford has sent Coach Lannagan east to see what the big teams are doing. His own season closed early so he has had plenty of opportunity to see some of the bigger divisions in action. On his report will depend the Stanford attitude towards continuing Rugby or going back to the revised American game.

STUDENTS WANT CHANGE.

The undergraduate bodies of both schools do not look for a spread of Rugby over the university world. It is the sustained interest of the American game, that game with a march across the field in downs of five and ten yards each, towards a touchdown.

The latest issue of the Stanford Alumnus has this to say on the outlook for the future:

"Rugby's fate is still in the balance. As was to be expected, the team that just does not like the game, further more, the game played was not a good exhibition of Rugby. It did not compare with either of the two games played between Stanford and Vancouver, partly because of the way California tried to make her heavy scrum win the game for her, and partly because players who have so recently learned a game cannot be expected to play at their best in the big game of the year."

SOME IMPROVEMENTS.

"If Rugby is to be the game, by all means it should be played after the English style, which compels the ball to be played 'instead of held' and put in play again by a 'scrum.' The scrum is as good but not better than the average scrum in the American game. The English style of play the man who is tackled must pass the ball and play proceeds with sudden and brilliant changes of direction that make Rugby far superior to the American game. A spectator's point of view. The second Vancouver game, played in that manner, was pronounced by Ralph McFadden, in a speech at the Stanford football rally, to be the best football game I ever saw and 'I've seen some,' the husky football hero added.

BEST EXHIBITION AT END.

"After the Stanford forwards had played California's scrum to a standstill, the Stanford back field began to have a chance to play the right sort of game. Their work in the last 15 minutes of the game was the only exhibition of the real Rugby that the hungry multitude got."

"Undoubtedly the students of Stanford would like to see a return to the old game. But they love the American game and they want it. In any event the two big universities of California will go right along with a big annual fall semester contest that will arouse all the enthusiasm and loyalty of the old days, whether Rugby or modified 'Intercollegiate' be the game played."

The decision is important to Utah, for should the Eastern universities go back to the American game, it is possible that Utah may find a place on their schedule, for occasional contests. With the team Utah had this year, a lively contest could have been furnished to either California or Stanford.

AUTOMOBILE RECORD.

Car Goes From San Francisco to Los Angeles at Express Train Rate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The automobile, which stirred the leisurely Southern Pacific railroad up from its indolent task of owning and operating the state of California. Because an automobile beat the schedule of the Sunset Limited, the limited is to be speeded up a bit, and faster time established between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Commenting on the performance, W. H. B. Fowler, the automobile expert of the San Francisco Chronicle, says: "One of the greatest tributes ever paid to the power and reliability and general usefulness of the automobile."

Contained in the announcement that the Southern Pacific railroad is about to put on new and faster trains between San Francisco and Los Angeles. One of the reasons for this action, the part of the railroad is said to have been the comments that followed the recent remarkable trip of Fernando Nelson's Columbia car between the two cities. For more than half of the journey of approximately 500 miles the Columbia ran ahead of the schedule of the Sunset Express, and at the close of the journey the motor car was only 38 minutes behind the train.

Had the motor car to meet only the same favorable conditions as the railroad, it would have beaten the latter in a sensational manner. As far as San Luis Obispo the roads are very fair, and with a single exception the motor car was ahead in the race at every point up to this place. The Sunset Express does not reach San Luis Obispo until 2:50 a. m., but the Columbia covered the distance in 35 minutes less time. After San Luis Obispo the roads become worse, but the motor car rolled into Los Angeles hardly more than half an hour behind the express train.

YOUTHS NOT CHAUFFEURS.

Drivers of Chug Wagons Must Be More Than 19 Years of Age, Says Court.

New York, Dec. 7.—Declaring that lives are being endangered by the reckless driving of automobiles in the city streets, and that more stringent prohibitory laws should be passed, the grand jury in a presentment handed to Judge O'Sullivan in the general sessions court today advocated a law preventing youths not 18 years old from acting as chauffeurs or drivers of automobiles. The grand jury further recommended that all drivers should be compelled to pass an ex-



ALBERT G. CUTLER.

BOSTON BILLIARDIST IN GOOD FORM.

Though yet a member of the class of billiardists immediately below that of Hoppe, Schaefer and Sutton, A. G. Cutler, the Boston cue expert, has shown so much championship form this season that the cracks are beginning to worry about their hard earned laurels. In a recent 400-point trophy game in New York, in which he defeated Charles G. Peterson of St. Louis, Cutler averaged 26.10-15. Fine work is expected of him before the close of the present billiard season.

amination and be licensed by the state, and that in the punishment of those convicted of a second offense imprisonment should be added to a fine.

Having questioned Commissioner Bingham why the police have permitted automobilists to violate the law without hindrance, the grand jury concludes that the present force of policemen is inadequate. Out of its \$3,000 members, the presentment adds, only 1,800 are on duty at one time, and the conditions demand an immediate addition of 2,000 or 3,000 to the present number.

It is recommended that the commissioners' term of office should be made 10 years, and he should be empowered to abolish the present detective bureau and to reduce in rank any of the force found guilty of charges.

By implication the presentment asserts that some of the present inspectors and captains, in capacity, are entitled to be only sergeants or roundsmen.

The presentment was the last act of the grand jury before its official life was ended.

CARTER FAST RIDER.

Pats Nine Out of Twelve Horses First—Making New Record For Autell.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Alex Carter, a jockey who has displayed great versatility in riding flat and obstacle races, capped the climax at the Autell, Sunday, when he won the first five out of six events and got third in the sixth. His five winning races were four steeple and one hurdle. This constitutes a record at Autell. On Thursday at Autell he won four out of six and took second and third, respectively, in other events.

MEANDER IS DEAD.

Famous Trotter of Woodburn Farm Dies at Ripe Age of 27.

New York, Dec. 7.—One of the most famous horses in the trotting world, Meander is dead at 27. He was bred by J. G. Meander at Woodburn Farm at Comstock, N. Y. He had reached the ripe old age of 27 years, being a foal of 1879 at Woodburn Farm, in Kentucky.

As a two, three, four and five-year-old, Meander was a celebrity throughout the United States, but his greatest fame came through the performances of his progeny. Meander was, in fact, the core, never losing a race of eight heats, where stamina and courage meant victory.

Meander was the sire of nine performers with records below 2:20 and of 24 in the 2:30 list.

EUROPEAN RIDERS HERE.

Have All Confidence That They Will Win Six-day Event at Garden.

New York, Dec. 7.—The European delegation of cycle champions who will take part in the big international six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 9 to 15, arrived on the French liner La Lorraine today. With them comes Bobby Walthour, the world's champion pace follower.

The foreigners include the Georget brothers, Petit Breton and Paul Gula-hand of France; Carlo Vanzoni of Italy and Walter Rutt of Germany. Several prominent cycle clubs, which include among their members many foreigners, sent delegations to the pier to welcome the invaders.

It is doubtful if such a dangerous bunch of foreigners ever invaded this country before in the hope of carrying off the blue-ribbon prize of the cycling world.

JENNINGS GIVEN CONTROL.

Detroit Will Have a Fast New Team At Opening of Season.

Detroit, Dec. 7.—It is generally believed in baseball circles that the local American league team will present an entirely new front next season, according to reports; the management has decided to dispose of practically all its old players, leaving the task of getting together a new aggregation to Hugh Jennings.

Schaefer and O'Leary will probably be the only ones retained. The Chicago and Washington clubs will be given the choice of the remaining players, and will get between them McInnis, Cobb and Crawford, while Coughlin may find a berth in Boston. Pitcher Mullin is in great demand, but the management looks for the most tempting offer from Clark Griffith, of the New York Highlanders. There is no particular reason for the breaking up of the team except a desire to give Jennings a free rein in the attempt to build up a pennant winner.

HORSES BRING MONEY.

Old Time Stable Holds Many High And Fast Star Performers.

Many horsemen as well as others have long maintained that one is often deceived in the size and movement of a horse when on the sales table. Many times old an experienced purchaser have been duped into making a bad buy. This, however, is the exception rather than the rule.

The sale of the stables of the late Capt. S. S. Brown this week, demonstrates that instead of being a sucker in the business, as was frequently suggested years ago, the Pittsburgh turfman was a judge of thoroughbred horses. He paid \$17,100 for Reckon four years ago, and this week she was brought \$3,000 at auction. She was

the mother of Accountant, which won for the Brown colors more than his dam cost, and was sold by the estate for \$45,000.

When Capt. Brown paid \$7,200 for Floclear, that daughter of St. Florian was still in foal, and when she sold this week for \$4,600 his wisdom was fully sustained. Run of Luck was one of the mares he picked up cheap, but it took \$5,000 to lead her out of the sale ring, and such a good judge as Tom Welch was a keen contender for her. Audience, Monador and Performance again illustrated Brown's good judgment, as illustrated American Oaks winner sold for \$12,000. Monador brought \$5,000, and Performance \$5,000, the trio this week she sold for more than \$2,000 above that amount. But where the Pittsburgher dealt the know-alls a body blow was the selection of Parry Hermann to head his stable. As a race horse the superiority of the son of Imp. Esther stood unquestioned, but the Breeders' association has exiled him from the southern cotton fields to toll unward of, and this place, a stigma on his pedigree. Brown took a chance with Harry Hermann, and the public sustained his judgment by forcing the sale of J. C. Core and classic to sell for \$14,000, while the classic-bred Brownstock, with a record of \$75,825 won on the turf, brought only \$2,500.

BROOKLYNS TO TRAIN.

Patsy Donovan Will Take His Men to Florida for Early Try-outs.

New York, Dec. 7.—Jacksonville, Fla., will be the training camp for the Brooklyn team next spring. This announcement was made today by President Charles H. Ebbets when the final arrangements for the grounds of the Jacksonville Baseball club were completed. For years the Superbas have trained at Columbia, S. C., but Manager Donovan thought a trip to Florida would be more beneficial to the players, hence the selection of Jacksonville.

The men will start south earlier than usual and will pass about three weeks in Florida, where they will have every facility for training. The trip north will begin about March 25, and it is likely that a stop will be made in August. One to play an exhibition series with the Detroit Americans.

RECORD MAKER RETURNS.

Marriot Back From a Vacation Trip Through Europe.

Newton, Dec. 7.—Fred Marriot, who jumped into international fame at the Ormond-Daytona Beach, Fla., last winter, when he hurled his Stanley steamer a mile in record-smashing time of 21:15 seconds, returned home today through Europe and has just returned to Newton, Mass., his home. Mr. Marriot used an American touring car in his journey over southern Europe. His journey, as a reward for his heavy work in Florida, gave him three months' vacation with all expenses paid.

RULES SATISFY STAGG.

Forward Pass and Short Kick Receive Much Study—Considered Valuable.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Director Stagg believes the new football rules should be retained in full. He hopes there will be no return to the old game, and is anxious to see the ten-yard rule kept as played this year.

"The season has been a success, and I feel that the rules should be kept intact," he declared. "The new rules should be tried at least another year. Few teams had opportunity to make much of the new features of the game this year. In fact, the whole season was largely experimental. No instructor in this has yet been secured, John J. Bott, who last year brought out the finer points, was expected back but this idea is now practically abandoned."

"There are great possibilities in the new rules and with another season I look for a far better game of football. The forward pass and the on-side kick have been used only in a plain, elementary way. Given more time, I believe the coaches will perfect these two possibilities to an amazing degree. Not many coaches dared try out either the forward pass or the side kick in big games and so they have not been able to realize the possibilities in the plays. Those coaches that have given them a good try, I think, generally are in favor of trying them at least for another year."

"I should not like to see an extra down added to the ten-yards rule. There is enough in which to make the distance required."

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WATER POLO SEASON AT HAND

Awakening Interest Among Clubs

And Y. M. C. A.'s Asserting Itself.

SOME STRONG LOCAL MEN.

Physical Director Binner Working to Develop Fast Water Polo Team And Swimmers.

The approach of winter is again causing activity among the swimmers. The past season has been most successful considering the actions of the top notches. Many new ideas have been developed and some lessons learned. All the fast ones will take the best of care of themselves during the long winter which is now upon them. They are looking forward to another season next year that will completely eclipse all past endeavors.

SWIMMING RECORDS REVISED.

Swimming enthusiasts will be glad to hear that the system used up to the present moment in keeping swimming records is to be slightly revised. Several prominent swimmers have recommended to the A. A. U. that the record list published yearly should be revised at the intermediate distances, such as are quoted in all foreign countries. In the past worthless performances have often been heralded as world's records. They were made at odd intermediate distances, which were not kept track of abroad, and the times were generally so poor as to make their publication a mark of ridicule from those familiar with the sport.

ATHLETIC CLUBS INTERESTED.

The athletic clubs all over the country are planning to take an active part in the indoor work this winter. New York swimmers are now getting down to work for the water polo season and the indoor swimming meets which will begin about the latter part of January or the first of February.

Among those who are now showing up well and are in training are Daniels, Ruddy, Bud Goodwin and his younger brother, "Steam." They have among their polo team, Crane, Handley, Wahle and Kitching. Other Atlantic coast clubs are getting their men out for one of the most successful seasons that may be arranged. The Pacific clubs will not offer the easterners to get ahead of them and are also out for any national or international meets that may be arranged. Among the westerners who are now earnestly working preliminary are Leary, Gailley and Laidlow. These clubs will have both strong swimming and water polo teams. The Chicago clubs are getting their men out for a long and hard season. The Windy City is considered the stronghold of the middle west and many fine men are registered on the club books.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The Young Men's Christian associations are gradually turning themselves to the realization that they must get busy if they contemplate winning any honors this season. Associations north, south, east and west are doing their best to get their men ready for the season. The Chicago clubs are getting their men out for a long and hard season. The Windy City is considered the stronghold of the middle west and many fine men are registered on the club books.

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Many of the last year water dogs are still members and take daily plunges. Among those who showed up strong on association day at Lagoon and are members, are George Hofman, for the sprint races and the under-water swim. Jack Row for the middle distances, and Alf Churchill for the distance events besides Dykes, McCullum and several other promising youngsters. These will be whipped into shape as rapidly as possible by director Burner. Much is expected of these men during the next spring workouts. They have shown remarkable improvement in the water polo and should they continue to improve in the future as they have in the past, they will give the Denverites a strong run for their money.

WAGNER'S RACER SHIPPED.

S. B. Stevens Purchases 1905 Winner Vanderbilt Car to Race in Florida.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wagner's Darracq, with which he won the last Vanderbilt car race, has been shipped back to France, but it probably will return here after the Paris show in December, to be exhibited with the other foreign racers at the national show in Madison Square Garden, Jan. 12-13. The Darracq car that won the Vanderbilt race in 1905 has been bought by S. B. Stevens, who is expected to race in Florida.

GOTCH WANTS MATCH.

Kansas City Offers Purse of \$5,000 for Second Go Between Gotch and Beel.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 7.—Frank A. Gotch, who Saturday night lost the American wrestling championship to Fred Beel, today announced that he will challenge the victor for a return match.

The Missouri Athletic club of Kansas City wired an offer of \$5,000 for another match between Gotch and Beel on Dec. 27.

Beel says he is willing to meet Gotch at any time or place.

FOOTBALL INDOOR.

George Hancock, Inventor of "Indoor Baseball" Has Revised Game Plan.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—George W. Hancock, who is the inventor of indoor baseball, has also invented a game called "indoor football." It is a rule book for the playing of football in pinks and halls where a ground space of at least 100x50 feet is afforded. Nine players to the side are provided for.

The ball is to be an elongated affair, with a loop at one end to which is attached a cord 30 feet in length, with a strap at the other end which is fastened to the belt of one of the players designated as "the anchor." This is to prevent the ball being constantly kicked out of bounds.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says: "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it the best medicine for the world for coughs, colds, bronchitis, troubles and all lung diseases." Guaranteed at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept., 112-114 S. Main St., druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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