

RULES LESSEN TACKLES' BURDEN

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The new football rules have played the good Samaritan to the tackles. By the elimination of interlocked interference and pushing and pulling the ball the mass play on the tackle has been deprived of one-half its worth.

No longer are these men called upon to stand the terrific battering which attained its zenith last year. This has brought about one of the most welcome changes in football, for accidents to tackles were frequent in 1909. The death of Cadet Byrne of the Army is recalled.

Should Have Made Change in 1907.

These rules lessening the burden of the tackles should have been instituted back in 1907, the second year of the forward pass. When the defense did not have to figure on the ball shooting over their heads it was in the right order of things to mass plays on the tackles. It was the tackle's function to break up these plays. His duty ended there. The defensive half-back, playing a yard to his outside, tackled the runner. Occasionally a star tackle threw the man with the ball himself, but that was secondary. His duty ended with spilling the play, giving the halfback the opportunity for a clean tackle.

Tackle Was Left Unsupported.

But with the development of the forward pass the halfback inherited other duties. He had to play farther back and intercept such passes or else block the man who was running to make the catch. This left the tackle unsupported. His duties became overwhelming; the physical exertions were too great. Not only did he have to pile up all smashes at his position, but charge with his head back, watching for a short forward pass.

As a result the offense crashed into him like a great battering ram. He had to meet it alone. The halfback was watching for a forward pass. And the fact that the tackle had to keep his head raised to watch for a short forward pass made him susceptible to a broken neck. The odds were four, sometimes five, to one against him. This year, however, the rules are giving signs of lessening this mass play burden of the tackle. It is a most welcome reform.

Numbering Football Players.

In England football players are numbered. The innovation is bound to be adopted in this country. It's only fair to spectators that some system whereby contestants can be easily identified should be enforced. The only objection to the scheme is that opponents could identify opposing players. The advantages and disadvantages of this system would be counterbalanced, as both teams could use the information.

Baseball Has 8,000 Players.

According to records kept by John E. Bruce, secretary of the national baseball commission, there were 8,000 players in organized baseball this season. Of this number only 900 have been drafted from minor to major leagues.

FEW CHANGES THIS YEAR.

Boy's Basket Ball Rules Do Not Changed Materially by New Laws.

The basketball rules for boys do not make any material changes over the 1909-1910 rules except in one instance, and it will be a radical one to old timers. The rule shortens the distance that may be covered by the player with the ball. When a player, standing, receives a pass, he may take one step in any direction but must have delivered the ball before his other foot again touches the floor. This does not prevent a man throwing at the basket both in play and at the basket while on the run, providing the play is pulled off rapidly. The same rule applies to a player throwing for a basket. This is a fraction of one step less than the distance allowed last year, but does not reduce the speed of the game, rather tending to quicken it. Last year certain kinds of rules provided for two steps and then delivery of the ball, which made the time consumed in passing the ball longer if necessary or desired. Practically no other



Johnnie McGovern, the Minnesota quarterback, who not only is another Eckersall, but is a big moose. His line plunging his his big stunt and he is unquestionably the best quarter in the United States today.

BIG GAME NEARING.

Alumni-High School Kickfest Next Thursday Important Event.

With the big high-school-alumni game but a few days off, both sides are making strenuous efforts to take on a winning color. The alumni or "hasbeens" as they are oftentimes called, are practicing diligently and will spring some good plays on the stalwarts. The game will be called at such an hour as not to interfere with turkey day meals, and it is conceded that a large audience will be on hand, for both aggregations have hosts of friends who will be on hand to yell. There has been practically no change in the alumni lineup as first announced, and the team from the high school will be changed but little, if any.



Gustave Ljungstrom, world's marathoner who came to America after more coin and honors during the coming winter.

changes of moment have been made. It is expected the new rule books will be in La Grande shortly.

TWO BIG GAMES SCHEDULED.

M. I. A. Has Two Games for Its Barnstorming Tour Already.

Manager Waldo Geddes, tutor of the M. I. A. quintet has received definite word from Walla Walla positively and Milton, very probably, and the proposed barnstorming tour will likely become a reality. Another team which is wanted for the trip is Pendleton and then, with three big games scheduled, the manager will feel safe in undertaking the trip.

HERE AND THERE.

One of the direct results of the passage of the county high school system in Union county will be the betterment of athletics in all schools. Farmer boys, unable to pay their way will now be able to attend any accredited school in the county at little



LIBBY, INDIANA'S GREAT KICKER, WHOSE TOE IS MUCH IN EVIDENCE THIS SEASON.

expense. The direct result of athletics will be that not only one but all such schools will have more male students, consequently more men to pick teams from and lastly a better representation all around. Nothing in recent years has so tended to uplift and perfect athletics in high schools in the state, as the passage of this system here. Thanks are due to the untiring efforts of E. E. Bragg and the good, substantial common sense of the voters.

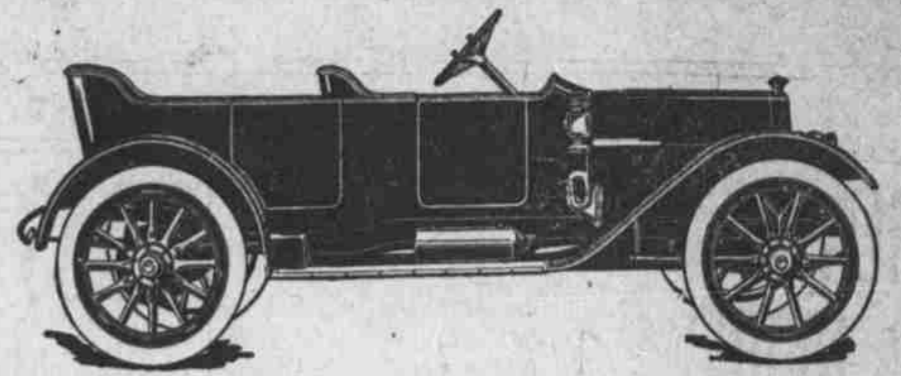
Michigan and Minnesota fought it out at Ann Arbor today, and what a game it must have been. The Wolverines are the weaker according to the dope sheet, but the way Hurry Up Fielding Yost's men can tear into the Gophers is something scandalous, and while Minnesota should win with as much ease as Harvard should win against Yale, the outcome may be a surprise. There are plenty of supporters of all these four teams right here in La Grande and joys and sorrows will percolate through many a sportive vein when the returns get in tonight.

One of the best stunts pulled off locally was the donation of ten boxes of Elgin-grown apples to the victorious Portland baseball tossers. Unfortunately the apples were lost in transit and though the senders' hearts were in the right place the players may never taste the delicious fruit. The donors were live baseball "bugs" at Elgin, and their plan was both original and unique. The tracers sent out after the fruit has not brought results yet.

Locally sentiment is divided as to the causes of the trouble at Corvallis last Saturday evening. The least said about the trifling matter the better for everyone concerned, for as far as the writer can ascertain, it was a case of carrying college pranks a little too far. Aftermath of big eastern games where rivalry is more intense because greater numbers are interested, makes the fracas at Corvallis appear like a tiny item on after-game history.

Wallowa town's high school has been sadly handicapped this year because of lack of trainers and coaches in the teaching staff. The Wallowa Sun takes a fall at the school board—justly—for not providing at least one man on the teaching staff who can handle athletics. Lostine even, wallowed the Wallowites, principally because the gateway players had not the least conception of the real game.

Ben Grout, the La Grande husky playing with the Oregon varsity is conceded to be one of the starriest men on the victorious eleven at Eugene. Grout's terrific line plunging at the Corvallis game, brands him as a notable in football annals of the (Continued on Page Seven.)



In spite of the talk about extravagance, in spite of the debate about the life of the automobile, business, the man with a car goes spinning and winning on his way.

A GOOD MOTOR CAR EARNS ITS KEEP

Yes, and a good car pays a high rate of interest on the original investment, too.

Nearly all the cars you see bearing pleasure parties at night have been working all day. They have earned their way.

If the automobile did not earn its way, it wouldn't last. Does the average business man keep on putting his money into unprofitable things?

Have you ever known a man who once owned a car willing to give up ownership? The man who once had the service of a car knows that without one he would feel as though he had lost a leg.

The man without a car these days is at a distinct disadvantage in comparison with the man who has one.

The automobile is typical of his age—the age of efficiency and rapid progress.

Men have not made any other thing in all their history which will render so much genuine service in a given length of time as the automobile.

The man with a good car only smiles to himself when he hears two men who never drove a car debating how long the automobile business is going to last.

He smiles again when his neighbor says: "I don't see how you can afford to keep up an automobile."

He smiles because he sees his neighbor has been taking the funny papers seriously, which is always a funny thing to do.

Have you ever noticed those pictures in the funny papers about automobile troubles and expenses? Ever notice how the automobiles shown are of the models of ten years ago? That shows how old the jokes are.

In spite of the talk about extravagance, in spite of the debate about the life of the automobile business, in spite of the funny papers, the man with a car smiles, "starts 'er up," and goes spinning and winning on his way, well pleased with himself that he has so good and faithful a servant as his motor car, good round sum and—then does he go back to the

He uses it for two or three seasons, sells it for a horse and buggy and the street car? Hardly.

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