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Municipally Owned

The double page position—all illustrated booklets have one double page position—of "Winnipeg Illustrated" is given to a handsomely photographed view of a municipally owned power plant located seventy miles above the city on the Winnipeg river.

The text accompanying reads: "These works are located at point Du Bois on the Winnipeg river seventy-seven miles northeast of the city of Winnipeg. The water fall—naturally thirty-two feet—is increased by the power development dam to forty-seven feet. Mill pond of 6,000 acres. The total power available without storage is 80,000 horse power, which can be increased to 100,000 horse power. The cost of the works, including generating stations, transmission line and terminal stations, all completed and equipped, was \$4,000,000. Power and light is sold at cost.

In another part of the booklet Winnipeg announces "Winnipeg city owns and operates its own asphalt paving plant, its own quarry, street lighting, water works—including high pressure fire system of 300 pounds pressure for fire protection. Winnipeg is now in a position to encourage manufacturing by affording cheap power."

The question that suggests itself to our American cities which are still debating with themselves whether the public could in a pinch do its own business, is why Canadian cities, instead of being warned by their American cousins, are going ahead so rapidly with municipal ownership.

Why has Winnipeg invested \$4,000,000 in a dam and power site seventy seven miles away—if Des Moines had voted \$4,000,000 for the Keokuck dam it would have been much the same—and that after a long and varied experience with other publicly owned community enterprises?

Pending answer to these and similar questions, it is well to note that Winnipeg has been making in the past decade the most astonishing progress of any western city. Coos Bay Times.

The first foundation for a permanent city is city owned electric lights and water works. A gravity system is desirable if it can be secured. The Monitor would like to see Independence take proper steps along this line. Corvallis has a fine system and one worth investigating by this city.

Portland Vice-Ring A Trifle

The district attorney's office is in possession today of what it believes to be positive information that the operations of the vice ring in this city are but a comparatively insignificant phase of the connected operations that extend over the entire country.

The confessions of many implicated here and further evidence in the hands of District Attorney Cameron and the juvenile court form the connection between the local ring and a monster "vice system" in many other parts of the country, corresponding in some ways to the white slave traffic, only not so well organized. It has been explained that a code exists between the vice centers and regular houses corresponding to bawdy houses are operated, and drawn recruits in a manner similar to white slavery dens. The highest strata of society, it is claimed harbors this sordid system, clubs, fashionable hotels and other headquarters of the elite being made recruiting posts.

It is rumored that the federal authorities are busy at present cleaning up the Portland end in an endeavor to get a line on the national phase of the "system." The one code word 'gregg' that has been unearthed so far, is believed to be "fancy dress ball."—Capital Journal.

The Oregon Normal School

The State Normal at Monmouth is making a steady growth and is fast becoming recognized as an advance school for the teaching profession. The visit of the county teachers of Washington and Yamhill counties demonstrates the position the institution holds among the teachers of Oregon when ever they have had the opportunity of getting acquainted with the school work. Other counties could take a good example from the teachers of Washington and Yamhill when possible, while the school should go on to the school teachers of Oregon, as far as possible with the literature that would instruct. The Normal is making rapid progress and is forging to the front faster than any institution in the state. Of course it is a technical school (you might say) for one profession alone, but that profession is one that reaches closer to the people than any other. He who shapes the minds and bodies of little children, controls the future of the nation.

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The Monitor is pleased to report the fastest growing circulation of any paper in the Willamette Valley. The people like the news which is fresh and hence this paper takes the lead. This week new subscribers were placed at Fover, Monmouth, Rickreall, Dallas, Buena Vista, and Independence. Every week we add from 10 to 50 names and the advertisers are recognizing this fact. We expect to

have 1000 paid subscribers by January 1st. If you want results in advertising use the paper that the people read

Why the county keeps up an illegal bridge to the river is an open question. Two teams could not pass at a time if loaded with hay or other bulky material. A foot bridge was talked at one time at the side of the main bridge but nothing has come of it to date.

TWO OF GREATEST FOOTBALL GAMES

This Year's Penn-Michigan Battle Still Talked About.

QUAKERS' STIRRING FINISH.

Won After Being Twenty-one Points Behind Yale—Princeton Contest of 1895 Belongs High Up in List of Notable Gridiron Classics.

Philadelphia football experts are of the opinion that the last Penn-Michigan battle was the "greatest football game ever played." It wasn't contended that the teams that played it were great teams, but that the contest itself was great, and no doubt it was. It contained all the elements of greatness, using the word in a certain sporting sense, and surely it was one of the most eventful of games. It was great in its excitement, its fine rallies, the spirit shown by the Quakers, its action and its stirring finish. Moreover, in the fact that Penn won after being twenty-one points behind is just about unparalleled in football.

There are no doubt many opinions of what is the greatest game ever played, and it is a difficult matter to pin that description to any one game. Few, if any, have ever seen a game which was as great, if constant action, exciting as to the finish and big things by teams and individuals make greatness, as the Yale-Princeton game of 1895 at Manhattan field, New York. It was a vortex of strenuous strife from beginning to end, with both teams doing a lot and with long runs, blocked kicks and touchdowns crowding hard on the heels of one another.

The score of that epic conflict was 20 to 10 in favor of Yale, and any time there's a game with both sides scoring



Photo by American Press Association.

MARSHALL OF PENN. WHOSE TOUCHDOWNS DEFEATED MICHIGAN.

It's more interesting than when both sides don't. Yale made four touchdowns and Princeton two. Among other things which happened were: Bass, a Yale end, got the ball on a fumble on Yale's fifty yard line and ran sixty yards for the first touchdown. Yale was busy blocking kicks that autumn afternoon and blocked kicks always make the red blood leap. Charles Chadwick blocked three, on one of which Yale recovered the ball on Princeton's fifteen yard line, and Thorne—the incomparable Thorne, who was a Coy, a Brickley and a Thorpe in the battle—went over on the next play for a touchdown.

The score was 12 to 0 at the end of the first half, and it looked rosy for Yale, but in the second half the Tigers made a mighty brace and threw a scare into the Blue ranks before the struggle ended in the dark. With Bannard and Kelly bucking the line—and Princeton never has had a better back than Kelly—Princeton rushed the ball from the center of the field to Yale's ten yard line. Here Yale braced, took the leather on downs and Thorne ran a punt from Yale's fifty yard line to Princeton's fifteen. From there a touchdown was made. No goal was kicked and Yale had sixteen points to Princeton's none.

Then the Tiger stroke. Bannard and Kelly ripped into the Blue line and Princeton went sixty yards for a touchdown. A few minutes later a punt by Jerome was blocked by Tyler, the Princeton tackle. The ball caromed back to Yale's line and in the wild scramble for it Thompson of Princeton snatched it for a touchdown. Yale now was only six points ahead, and it was anybody's game until just before the finish Thorne, with as thrilling a run as ever was seen, went forty-five yards for a touchdown on a fake kick.

HERE'S AN UNUSUAL KNOCKOUT.

The story of an unusual knockout is told in Toronto, Canada. During a bout between J. Harris and A. Saunders in an amateur tournament the latter landed a right on Harris' jaw and knocked him senseless. For some reason Harris did not fall and as he reeled instinctively let go his own right. It landed squarely and Saunders went down. Harris was led to his corner, where he was declared the winner. On reaching his chair he collapsed and did not come to for a full minute afterward, when he learned that he had won.

CROWTHER BEST QUARTER?

Eastern Football Experts Claim Brown Man is Leader in Position. The football experts are selecting the men for their All Americans. According to many eastern experts, George Crowther of Brown should be awarded quarterback position on the mythical team. In the open field running the "Kid," as Crowther is termed by



Photo by American Press Association.

his teammates, is easily a rival of Sprackling, last year's star in the position, whose place he is filling.

His work was the feature of the Harvard game. With little or no support against Harvard, Crowther cried the ends time and again for spectacular gains and ran back punts through a field of Crimson tacklers. Occasionally Crowther sought the center of the line, winning his way through for several yards. He also played a grand game against Yale.

On the defense Crowther is a sure tackle. He has not missed a possible tackle this year and has several difficult chances to his credit. Crowther weighs only 140 pounds and is often handled very roughly by his heavy tacklers, but he is game to the last and one of the hardest fighters seen on the gridiron this season.

HOCKEY SEASON SCHEDULE.

Four Teams Contest For Amateur Championship of America.

With only four clubs in the competitive schedule of the race for the Amateur Hockey league championship which is slated to start Jan. 7, 1913, it is promised that despite the seeming lack of the forces for the titular honors the series will be productive of as stubborn a schedule as ever contested for the ice honors.

As only four clubs will compete for the championship, the committee decided to play a triple instead of a double round robin.

While it is not known just who will constitute the makeup of the Irish-American Athletic club team, the newcomer in the ranks of the hockeyists, it has been intimated that the members will be without cavil by any one interested in the series, which is as follows:

First Round—Jan. 7, Hockey club versus St. Nicholas; 13, Crescent A. C. versus Irish-American A. C.; 14, Hockey club versus Irish-American A. C.; 15, St. Nicholas versus Crescent A. C.; 21, St. Nicholas versus Irish-American A. C.; 24, Crescent A. C. versus Hockey club.

Second Round—Jan. 23, Hockey club versus St. Nicholas; 23, Crescent A. C. versus Irish-American A. C.; Feb. 3, Hockey club versus Irish-American A. C.; 5, Crescent A. C. versus St. Nicholas; 11, St. Nicholas versus Irish-American A. C.; 14, Crescent A. C. versus Hockey club.

Third Round—Feb. 18, Hockey club versus St. Nicholas; 2, Crescent A. C. versus Irish-American A. C.; 24, Hockey club versus Irish-American A. C.; 25, St. Nicholas versus Crescent A. C.; March 4, St. Nicholas versus Irish-American A. C.; 7, Crescent A. C. versus Hockey club.

TRIANGULAR BOAT RACE.

Penn Oarsmen Will Meet Harvard and Princeton Next Year.

That Pennsylvania will meet Harvard and Princeton in a triangular crew race some time in May is at this time almost an assured fact.

At present the plans have not been completed, but the first race will probably be held at Cambridge early in May. Last year Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia held a triangular eight oar race on Carnegie lake at Princeton.

The races will be held every third year at the different colleges. The final plans of the race will be completed by the first of the new year.

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