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EASTERN EXPERTS TALK OF FOOTBALL REFORMS

At an informal meeting of several prominent eastern football officials several suggestions for improvement of the code were discussed. Among those present were Professor Dennis of Cornell, Walter Camp, J. C. Bell, Carl Williams, Paul Dashiell, John B. Pine and W. H. Corbin.

The suggestions which found general favor and which will be submitted to the rules committee, when it meets, are as follows:

The substitution of a 15-yard penalty for the loss of the ball when a forward pass hits the ground.

The abolition of the 5-yard rule from center in the forward pass.

The allowing of two forward passes in one scrimmage if the first does not cross the line of scrimmage.

No increase in the number of downs in which to make ten yards.

The exchanging of positions between the linemen and backs, providing that such a shift does not produce mass plays.

The abolition of the rule prohibiting tackling below the knees.

The keeping of the five men on the side line three yards from the gridiron.

The increase of the time of play to thirty-five minute halves and the taking out of time for distance penalties.

The framing of a rule protecting the player catching a punt.

The giving of the control of the progress and condition of the ball to the referee, and the directing of the umpire to look after the players alone.—Ex.

At Pullman, Idaho, the college students are in practice for a team of all around gymnasts, which later in the year will give exhibitions in every department of gymnasium work with special features in tumbling and work on the parallel bars and the horizontal bar. Boxing, wrestling and bag punching will also form part of the exhibition. The Pullman boys always have been strong at such work and the general interest in the college is strong.

A similar feature for winter work could be introduced at Oregon with profit and go far toward making gymnasium work a pleasure and a benefit instead of a kind of developer for cots and students of poor physique.

The Christmas number of the University Argonaut of Idaho is one of

the best numbers that has yet been issued. It contains full-page cuts of the football teams of the Oregon, Washington and the Washington State college football teams, with a review of the work of each team and two excellent football cartoons. One of these, illustrates the old rule style of play where every man works all the time and the new style where every body lounges except the man behind the line who makes the place kicks.

BEZDEK ARRIVES

Hugo Bezdek, physical instructor and basketball coach arrived last Friday evening from Chicago where he was called by the sickness of his father. The critical condition of the elder Bezdek and a long railroad delay on the way out accounts for the late appearance of the instructor.

Mr. Bezdek reports that his description of the western football man was a revelation to the great Stagg of Chicago and that in general the thorough going easterner does not appreciate the prowess of the sturdy athletes of the far west.

According to the coach basketball will commence immediately in dead earnest and by the first of February the University will be in the field with a strong, well-trained team.

When asked about the election of a basketball captain the coach stated that prudence suggests that the election be put off as long as possible in order to make sure that men are going to make the team and finally who is best qualified to fill the position of captain.

While at Chicago, the physical instructor investigated the gymnasium and particularly the swimming tank with a view of getting suggestions for the new gymnasium which will probably be built at the University in the near future.

A dance was given by the members of the Dormitory club, January 2nd, at the dormitory. The large reception room was used for receiving while the dining room was thrown open to dancing. Good music was furnished. The twenty-two dances lasted until near one o'clock. The programmes were especially neat and original. Cards and games were played in the reception room. President Campbell, Professor Leonard, Mrs. MacIntosh and Mrs. Church received.

ONLY EIGHT MEN ENTER TRYOUT

Manager Latourette Declares Preliminary Tryout Off.—Final Tryout February 2.

Early in the season twelve men entered the debating lists to compete for positions on the varsity debating teams who are to meet the Universities of Washington and Idaho. Either on account of sickness, overwork or for some other reason four of them reconsidered the matter and withdrew, leaving only eight men in the contest.

It is the custom at the University of Oregon to hold a preliminary tryout each year early in January to select eight men to compete later, in a public tryout for the varsity teams. Since only eight men have left in their names, Manager Latourette has declared the preliminary tryout off and the eight men will compete for the six positions on Friday, February 2.

The question is: "Resolved, that the fifteenth amendment and section two of the fourteenth amendment should be repealed," the difficulty entering into the repeal, not being considered in the discussion. John C. Veatch, '07, John R. Latourette, '07, J. H. Bond, '09, and Clarence Whealdon, '10, will tryout for the affirmative team. Francis V. Galloway, '07, Thos. R. Townsend, '09, Earl F. Strong, '09, and Edgar W. Smith, '09 will talk from the negative side.

Veatch, Galloway, and Latourette are members of last year's debating teams. Strong, Townsend, Smith and Whealdon are new men. The interstate debates will take place on the night of March 29.

For "good and sufficient reason" the President of the University of New Mexico has issued an order prohibiting dancing in assembly hall during the noon hour. The University of Mexico Weekly condemns the practice in positive terms, thus:

"In the first place the person who plays for these dances, deserves great censure. The fellows who go to the dances ought to be "ducked." The girls who go ought to be ashamed of themselves."

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