COACH STAGG OF CHICAGO

"Grand Old Man" of Midway.

Football lawmakers, coaches and playing officials toned down the 1910 gridiron rules to some extent at their interpretative meeting, held the other day in Chicago. The authorities of the "Big Eight" and the Missouri Valley conferences translated the difficult passages in the new statutes in a way that will make the coming games less on the parlor order than was expected by the more conservative of the western experts.

The all-day session resulted in somewhat more freedom for the forward pass exploiters and a softening in regard to the effects of the rigid laws in regard to the flying tackle. Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago presided at the morning session, and Coach Williams of Minnesota had the chair in the afternoon. These were the only two western members of the national body present, and both contributed much to the discussion.

Important readings of the meeting were those providing that the new forward pass, which cannot be sent more than twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage, and that the flying tackle shall not include those plays where defensive players throw themselves into an offensive play without grasping the runner. Other leading interpretations concerned crawling with the ball and interference.

Following were the chief results of the two sessions, as listed by the experts:

The rule regarding crawling with the ball shall be interpreted to mean that the runner with the ball who is in the grasp of an opponent shall not be permitted to stretch out his arms with the ball after the ball is dead. Such an act will be called crawling.

The rule regarding the amount of time taken out shall be interpreted that the time shall be charged up to a team no matter for what reason time is taken out.

It is temporarily agreed that the player carrying the ball shall be allowed to grasp or hold on to another player of his side, provided said player has no special devices about him for the purpose of aiding the runner with the ball.

In the case of a forward pass, the ball shall not be regarded as in possession of either team unless it is in the actual grasp of a player.

No penalties shall be inflicted for the forward pass until the ball actually leaves the hands of the passer.

The authorities disagreed over the real meaning of the complicated forward pass rule, and the following brief statement was decided upon as giving the western interpretation of these rules: The forward pass must be made from a point five yards back of the line of scrimmage, and is not allowed to go more than twenty yards past the line of scrimmage, but the ball need not cross the line of scrimmage.

CHESTY PLAYERS MAKE GOOD

Cobb, Latham and Kelly Among Those of Swell-Headed Kind That Made Good.

Ty Cobb has been reviled more than any other player I know of, writes a well-known New York baseball authority. He is called chesty, a swell head, a grand stand player, a murdering base runner, and other names enough for a stranger to the game of baseball to think the greatest ball player who ever lived to be a dyed-in-the-wool ruffian of the worst stripe.

Now, Ty is chesty, cocky and fresh, but those are the qualities that make the best ball players. Cobb was the freshest kid who ever broke into big league class, is what every Detroit player says who was with the Tigers when Cobb first joined them. But it was that chestiness and nothing else that enabled him to climb to the top of his profession where he stands pre-eminently now, and there will be no one to push him off that high pinnacle until he himself says so.

And what is chestiness but the feeling one has that one is just as good if not better than any one else in the line of business one follows.

Cobb felt it in his youthful bones that he was as good a player as any one on the Detroit team and made good the feeling imbued in him that caused the expansion of chest he is accused of. Chestiness is one of the most promising traits a youngster can show, and he does not want to lose it, either, as he gets older.

Ty Cobb newer wore a No. 4 cap I will warrant. There is only one player that I remember of who ever did and was a good ball player, and that was Jack Glasscock.

Cobb's brain expands with his chest and for the same reason. He knew at the start and knows now that he is as good as they make 'em, and, therefore, why wouldn't he expand, mentally and physically?

All this knocking of Cobb, too, comes from nothing else than pure and unadulterated jealousy. It is a case of sour grapes every time. I never knew of a crackerback ball player who was not pounded and roasted from Heliopolis to breakfast, any-

Give me those "chesty," "cocky" youngsters every time and I will gamble they will make good. There was Arlie Latham, for instance, who when he broke into the big league was in danger of getting mobbed by his fellow players of the Buffalo club in 1880, when he turned flip flaps from third base to the home plate after he made the winning hit and tally in a 1 to 0 game against the Worcesters.

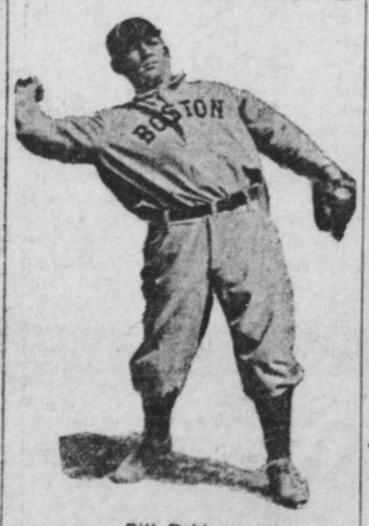
Fresh! Latham was the freshest kid I ever saw, but in two years he was a big league star and for ten years after.

The Cobbs and Lathams made ball players and they are of the chesty kind that should be encouraged. now.

DAHLEN IS LEAGUE VETERAN

Has Seen Longer Continuous Service in National Organization Than Any Other Player.

To Bill Dahlen, manager of the Brooklyn club, belongs the distinction of being the veteran of the National league in point of continuous service, says the New York Post. Dahlen was



Bill Dahlen.

signed by the Chicago club in the fall of 1890, and in 1891 played his first game in a Chicago uniform. He played with Chicago until 1899, when he was traded to Brooklyn for Gene De Montreville. After playing with Brooklyn for five seasons Dahlen was traded to the Giants for Charles Babb and Jack Cronin. In 1908 and 1909 he was with Boston, and this year was appointed manager of the Brooklyn club.

MACKAY TO MOVE TO FRANCE

Racing Laws, Found to Be Too Stringent, Impels Him to Join Other Millionaires.

Clarence H. Mackay who, several years ago, secured a ten years' lease on the Kingston farm of R. L. Baker of Lexington, Ky., at the big figure of $10,000 a year, has decided to remove his entire breeding establishment from Kentucky to France.

He has notified Mr. C. F. Hill, manager of the farm, to have all the horses, about twenty-seven brood mares and the imported stallion Meddler, ready to ship by October 1. Mr. Hill will go with the horses and assume charge of the new breeding plant.

It is believed here that Mr. Mackay's order is because of the stringent laws in New York. W. K. Vanderbilt, Frank Gould, Harry Payne Whitney, Herman B. Dwyer and other New York millionaires are now racing in France.

COBB TELLS OF HIS START

One of Greatest Players Game Has Ever known Had Hard Time Getting Into Fast Company.

BY "TY" COBB.

It took me a long time to convince anyone that I was a good ball player. I think the first one who ever thought I was a great player was Cobb himself, and because others refused to believe it he felt bad.

I was born down in Georgia and began playing the game while at school. As I recall it, I always played the same way, took all the chances there were, and ran all the time. Lots of people now think that is good baseball, but the fellows with whom I played refused for a long time to think so. In fact at the finish of the game, our team usually was divided into two factions, with Cobb on one side and all the others on the other. I had ideas regarding how to play the game but none of us ever had seen much baseball, and we had to think it out for ourselves.

One of the big wonders to me is that I as a boy, made plays the same way, and for the same reasons that the star ball players of the big leagues were making, and I never had heard of them. After I got older I commenced to watch the professional team in the Southern league play, and although there were a lot of reasons why I shouldn't have left home, I longed to become a professional player. It was not for the money or anything like that, but because I loved the game and loved to be in the midst of it every time there was a game.

Now, it is my advice to all young fellows not to go into baseball or into

"Ty" Cobb.

anything else unless your heart really is in the work and you love it, and then quit it just as soon as your love of it and your enthusiasm for it begin to die out. I left home to show up the league, and a few weeks later Jack Grim bought me. The club I was with sold me to Grim I think for $8.50, the price of the car fare home and my hotel bill. I had been doing the same thing again, and my overzealousness cost me the position. I was slated to go way down into the bushes and perhaps I would have stayed there and never come out but for the fact that Detroit had some sort of a string to me and Grim could not get me. So I went to Detroit.

Pitcher in Peculiar Play.

Pitcher Mathewson made a most peculiar and unsual assist in a recent game with Pittsburg when Adams was at bat. The batter missed the third strike and the ball hit Myers on the chest protector, bounding out to foul ground. Myers lost track of it. Matty seeing the ball lying on the ground ran over, picked it up and threw the runner out at first. It is not often that a pitcher can get an assist on a strike-out.

DIAMOND GOSSIP

George Stovall of the Naps is evidently slated for the discard by the Cleveland club, for Manager McGuire and President Somers have been working hard to find first-base material for next year.

Rube Benton, the new left-hander whom Clark Griffith tried out against the Cubs, is said to be a queer-looking youngster, as well as a puzzling pitcher, with a strange delivery unlike that of any other twirler in the league.

Rumors of a three-cornered deal with the Brooklyn, Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs as parties to it are going the rounds again. This is a little early for those rumors to be taken very seriously, for it may be a long, hard winter.

Kid Elberfeld is given credit by Ed Grillo of the Washington Star for bolstering up the Senators this year so that they could break all records for them. The veteran third baseman has been a great aid to the former tail-enders.

Although the Millers appear to have the American association flag, Columbus is making a late finish which is opening the eyes of the ball followers in Chivington's organization. With Liebhardt pitching the Ohioans won their seventh straight at the home grounds a few days ago. The Columbus team looks like a former Cleveland team, with Perring, Hinchman, Congalton and Liebhardt in the lineup.

STATE HAPPENINGS

Norristown.—When Miss Isabel Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Finley, of this borough, sails for Europe, as she will do shortly, the journey will be the culminating chapter in a romance which had its start in Messina, Italy, at the time of the great earthquake. Miss Finley and her mother were then sojourning in Italy and when the call came the daughter offered her services to the Government as hospital nurse, her offer being accepted. It was at this time she met George A. Bell, who is connected with a steamship company in Naples. A case of love at first sight resulted and before Miss Finley sailed for America the couple were engaged.

Pittsburg.—Eleven hundred and ninety-three miles by trolley in twenty days at a cost of just $33.10 for carfare is the record reported by Henry E. Juergens of this city, who has just returned from such a trip to the New England States. Jurgens is a student of trolley transportation, and he took copious notes and kept exact figures of the cost of his trip. The distances he computed as follows:

Trolley, direct, 1,193 miles.
Trolley, side trips, 250 miles.
Steam railroads, 469 miles.
Hack, one mile.
Walk, aggregate in 20 days, 87 miles.

This trip took him from Pittsburg through the States of Pennsylvania, New Jerseey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and with the exception of five short breaks he made the entire circuit by trolley. It is his opinion that interurban electric traffic is improving so rapidly that the long distance trolley trip will soon become both practical and popular.

Allentown.—The Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Daughters of America, elected these officers at the session held here. State councilor, Kate Fritchman, No. 7; associate State councilor, Virginia Daugherty, No. 30; State vice-councilor, Jennie Markus, No. 11; associate State vice-councilor, Lillie Klinger, No. 33; State council treasurer, A. A. Schaeffer, No. 11; State council conductor, Emma Addis, No. 19; State council warden, Fannie Zearfass, No. 54; State council inside guard, Mary Durkin, No. 51; State council outside guard, Della Hoover, No. 46; national delegates, Nellie Wise, No. 49; H. T. Daugherty, No. 30; A. J. Richards, No. 50; Lottie Hays, No. 26.

Norristown.—Fire in the Elston, an apartment house in Swede street, near Marshall, kept the fire companies busy from 2 o'clock until after 3 the other morning. The fire was confined to the basement near the elevator shaft. The house has been opened but two weeks and only the families of H. E. Elston, Dr. E. A. Krusen and William Smith, eight persons in all, were in the building. The Smiths, who are on the first floor, discovered the fire and awakened the others. The extent of the damage has not been determined.

Scranton.—Going suddenly insane, Mrs. Nettie Getz, 22 years, a laundress at the Home for the Friendless, crept into one of the children's wards and tried to strangle a little inmate known among the others as William Howard Taft. She was detected and dragged away from her intended victim by the superintendent, Mrs. A. K. Walker. Later she was removed to the insane department at the Hillside Home. The suicide of her father a couple years ago is believed to have affected Mrs. Getz' mind.

Johnstown.—Upon arising in the morning, the family of M. C. McNeil, of Windber, near here, discovered their new and costly mansion to be sinking into the hill. The lawn is broken open in huge fissures and the walks are cracked and sunken. The house, of the old colonial pattern, with huge pillars, is one of the finest in this district. It was erected at a cost of $50,000 by the owner, who is one of the foremost lumbermen of western Pennsylvania.

Norristown.—When Mrs. Richard T. S. Hallowell was confronted by Calvin Adams, of Gulf Mills, arrested on the charge of cruelly beating her and stealing $16 in cash from her home the woman was unable to positively identify Adams as her assailant. Adams was subsequently released from the Norristown jail by Justice Arthur McFarland, of Upper Merion Township, where the assault and robbery occurred.

Reading.—August Obenstober, 45 years of age, German, is in a critical condition at the Reading Hospital, the result of injuries received in an accident. Obenstober had the nightmare and walked out of a window on the third floor of his boarding place, falling to the sidewalk, fracturing his skull and injuring himself internally. Pedestrians found him lying unconscious in a gutter.

York.—A typhoid epidemic at Glen Rock has attracted the attention of Chief Sanitary Engineer Dr. Herbert Snow, of the State Department of Health, and Dr. J. H. Bennett, chairman of the Sanitary Committee, of York. An inspection of the water and other sources from which the typhoid germs may have had their origin will be made.

Chester.—Charles Plennick, eight years old, in jumping from the rear of a wagon in which he and several companions were taking a ride, landed in front of an automobile, which struck him, fracturing his skull. He was taken to the Crozer Hospital. The automobile is owned by J. H. Holman, of Washington.

Stony Creek.—Ambrose A. Miller, 33 years old, and single, committed suicide by shooting himself near the heart with shot gun in the woods near his home. The body lay out all night and was discovered by his brother in the morning. There is no known cause.

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Strange Hobby.

William James, probate court deputy, tells of a pest extraordinary that comes about that office. She is a woman, a middle-aged, heavy jowled person, who comes around shortly after she has read in the paper of the death of a prominent man. And she comes because she wants to read the dead man's will as soon as it is probated. She has no hopes of receiving a bequest in any of the wills. She just likes to look them over. Reading wills is her hobby.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Interesting People.

The interesting people do not pose. They do not rave. They do not strut and swagger. They walk normally and talk unexcitedly. They do not become soulful in a few seconds after you meet them. They do not talk shop or parade the distinguishing labels and earmarks of their craft. They are more likely to dodge behind pillars than to jump in front of cameras, nor do they contend with the other playerfolk on the world's stage for the star or the leading lady's share in the limelight.

The "Toothbrush Plant."

One of the most curious plants in the world is what is called the toothbrush plant of Jamaica. It is a species of creeper, and has nothing striking about its appearance. By cutting pieces of it to a suitable length and fraying the ends, the natives convert it into a tooth-brush; and a tooth powder to accompany the use of the brush is also prepared by pulverizing the dried stems.

Petroleum in Venezuela.

There are five known petroleum deposits in Venezuela. Oozings of petroleum, covering a considerable territory, are found in the district of Mara, near the River Limon asphalt lake. Oil has been located at Bella Vista, near the city of Maracaibo, and wells are to be sunk by the owners in the near future.

Custom Based on Reason.

On the approach of a thunderstorm French peasants often make up a very smoky fire, in the belief that safety from lightning is thus assured. By some this is deemed superstition, but the custom is based on reason, inasmuch as the smoke acts as a good conductor for carrying away the electricity.

Leading to Marital Failure.

A young woman brought up to think that nothing ought to stand in the way of the gratification of her caprices is pretty sure to find it irksome to have to consult the wishes of a husband.—Exchange.

Origin of "Spencer" Overcoat.

Words have been added to the English language as the result of wagers. The third Lord Spencer bet that by cutting off the tail part of his overcoat he could bring into fashion overcoats so short that the skirts of the undercoat would show beneath. He won his wager and "spencer" became the name both of that garment and of the feminine one afterward constructed in its likeness.

Spoiled It for Him.

Mr. Clarke's butler had asked for a night off, for the purpose, as he explained, of attending a ball in the village. The next day Mr. Clarke asked him how he had enjoyed himself. "Oh, pretty good, sir, thank you," was the response. "It would have been better if it hadn't a-been for the women. I can't abide women at a ball."

Italy Deports.

Italy retains a special form of banishment introduced under the Roman emperors, known as coerced domicile. This punishment corresponds to the Roman deportation to an island, and like it consists in criminals being confined to an island for a definite time and enjoying within its limits personal freedom.

Shows for Itself.

The man who lives by the golden rule never has to talk to his friends about his piety.

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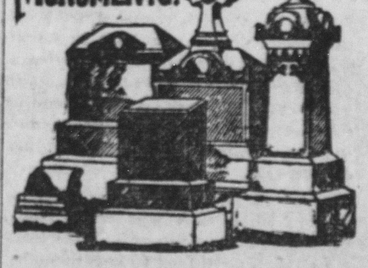

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