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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 29, 1906

The first annual Convention of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States met pursuant to the call of the Executive Committee at the Murray Hill Hotel, Saturday, December 29th, at 10 A. M.

President Palmer E. Pierce was in the chair.

The roll was called and the following were recorded in attendance:

I. Accredited delegates from institutions duly enrolled as members of the Association:

Dr. James A. Babbitt,

Haverford, Haverford, Pa.

Professor E. J. Bartlett,

Dartmouth, Hanover, N. H.

Professor H. H. Beck,

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Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

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New York Univ., University Heights, N. Y.

Professor C. W. Hetherington,
University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Professor Jesse H. Holmes,
Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pa.

Professor E. C. Huntington,
Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

Mr. Eugene H. Kinkead,
Seton Hall, South Orange, N. J.

Professor James T. Lees,
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Professor Edwin Linton,
Washington and Jefferson, Washington, Pa.

Mr. T. J. Maher,
Niagara University, Niagara, N. Y.

Professor E. W. Nicolson,
Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Professor Henry A. Peck,
Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Professor E. L. Rice,
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Professor Alex. Silverman,
Western University of Penn., Pittsburg, Pa.

Lieutenant W. D. Smith,
U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Professor H. M. Stephens,
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Professor C. E. St. John,
Oberlin, Oberlin, Ohio.

Dr. C. L. Thornburg,
Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.

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Union, Schenectady, N. Y.

Dr. H. Edward Wells,
Allegheny, Meadville, Pa.
Professor H. D. Wild,
Williams, Williamstown, Mass.
Dr. H. L. Williams,
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
Professor W. H. Wilson,
University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.
Professor Joseph M. Wolfe,
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

II. Visiting delegates from institutions not members
of the Association and second representatives from in-
stitutions represented by accredited delegates:

Mr. Charles E. Currier,
University of Maine, Orono, Maine.
Mr. Russell Congdon,
Ripon, Ripon, Wis.
Professor Wm. J. DeCatur,
Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Wm. M. Lambeth,
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Chancellor S. B. McCormick,
Western University of Penn., Pittsburg, Pa.
Mr. James M. Russell,
Brooklyn Polytechnic, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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Washington, Chestertown, Md.
Director A. A. Stagg,
Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.
Professor William Stratford,
C. C. N. Y., New York City.
Professor Van Horn,
Case School Applied Sc., Cleveland, Ohio.
Professor L. N. Wood,
Carleton, Northfield, Minn.

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials Professor H. D. Wild, Vice President of the Association, and Professor Louis Bevier, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. A recess was taken to give this Committee an opportunity to examine credentials, and the meeting being again called to order, the Committee reported proper credentials in the hands of the Secretary for the above delegates.

A quorum for business being found present, the Secretary, by vote of the Association, read an abstract of the minutes of the Football Conference of December 28th, 1905, which authorized the formation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The minutes were approved.

The President appointed as a Committee on Nominations

Professor E. J. Bartlett, of Dartmouth, Chairman;

Professor H. A. Peck, of Syracuse University;

Professor C. W. Hetherington, of University of Missouri;

Professor E. L. Rice, of Ohio Wesleyan;

Professor William Duane, of the University of Colorado; and

Lieutenant W. D. Smith, of West Point.

The Secretary and Treasurer reported as follows:

I. As Secretary: As the result of the work of the Executive Committee, duly authorized by the vote of the National Conference of 1905, a Constitution and By-Laws for the permanent government of the Association was adopted and issued on the thirty-first day of March, 1906.

Correspondence was conducted with a large number of universities and colleges throughout the United

States, which drew forth an almost unanimous approval of the purpose and aims of the Association.

The following institutions have definitely ratified the Constitution and joined the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, namely:

Allegheny College, Amherst College, Bucknell University, Colgate University, Dartmouth College, Denison University, Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall, George Washington University, Grove City College, Haverford College, Lehigh University, Miami University, New York University, Niagara University, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Rutgers College, Seton Hall College, Swarthmore College, Syracuse University, Tufts College, Union College, University of Colorado, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of North Carolina, University of Penn, University of Rochester, University of Wooster, U. S. Military Academy, Vanderbilt University, Washington and Jefferson College, Wesleyan University, Westminster College, Williams College, Wittenberg College.

Of these twenty-eight have sent duly accredited delegates, as recorded on page 7.

II. As Treasurer: The receipts up to and including December 26th, were seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$725), of which \$696.18 have been disbursed to pay the expenses of the Executive Committee and the Football Rules Committee elected last year, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$28.82.

Professor E. L. Rice, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, who was appointed by the President a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that he had examined the same and compared the vouchers, and found the accounts correct as rendered.

President Palmer E. Pierce reported, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, that during the past year the Executive Committee had held three meetings to organize and conduct the affairs of the Association. The Constitution and By-Laws as drawn represented the best judgment of the Executive Committee of a practical scheme applicable to the entire country. Definite rules of eligibility made mandatory upon all members of the Association were judged impracticable at the present time, by reason of the widely diverse conditions prevailing in different parts of the country. In some sections local associations, and athletic unions were in existence which had set high standards, and were enforcing very satisfactory eligibility rules. In other sections little if any coöperation between local institutions was as yet attempted. It had therefore seemed proper to the Executive Committee to enunciate clearly in the Constitution the principles of amateur athletic sports, and to oblige all institutions joining the Association to the enforcement of these principles in such a manner as the faculties might deem best, in their several circumstances and localities, and further, to set up a code of eligibility rules which might stand as a norm for enactment as fast as circumstances shall warrant, not discouraging a more rigid code in those sections of the country where effective coöperation for control of athletics was already an accomplished fact.

The results obtained were specifically the union of thirty institutions from widely separated parts of the United States banded together to control more effectively college athlectic sports in the interest of educational work, and of amateur standards; and through the Football Rules Committee a vast improvement in the game of football, both in regard to the risks to life and limb which were felt to have been too great, and especially in the better moral tone of the play.

Dr. H. L. Williams, as Chairman of the representative Football Rules Committee, rendered a verbal report, outlining the steps by which amalgamation between the old Rules Committee and the representative Rules Committee of the Association had been reached, and a unit body formed which had legislated harmoniously for the whole United States. He suggested steps to make this amalgamation permanent.

Dr. James A. Babbitt, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Football Officials, reported as follows:

The Central Board of Officials was appointed by the Rules Committee under this preamble: "The Committee has appointed a Subcommittee to aid in the more intelligent and efficient enforcement of the rules. This Subcommittee does not intend or desire to force upon the several institutions, undesired jurisdiction, nor does it plan to interfere with their independence of action. It stands ready, however, to aid, in every way in its power, in the improvement of the quality of the officials, and will furnish explanation and interpretation of the rules whenever requested so to do."

This Central Body organized subsidiary boards in the Middle Atlantic Section and in the Middle West, formed a partial organization in the Ohio Section and planned the same for New England. In two of the sections, the Middle Atlantic and the Middle West, officials for all games were regularly appointed by the Sectional Committees.

The Central Body held two Managers' Conferences in June, one in Philadelphia and one in New York City, published a full list of officials for collegiate use, held one Conference on Interpretations in September, and a Conference on Review in November.

Its work was definitely planned and carried out with a view of clarifying the football situation, and we believe its work was in accordance with the spirit of the Conference instruction.

As representative of the First District, Professor H. D. Wild, of Williams College, reported as follows:

The New England institutions that have joined our Association are: Amherst, Dartmouth, Tufts, Wesleyan, Williams.

In general—no striking changes are to be noted, but rather a steady progress. The colleges are awake to the situation. The existing eligibility rules are apparently strictly enforced. Amherst reports a more prompt and accurate enforcement, attended with less student friction. Dartmouth, for example, reports that last spring they had a baseball team of ineligible players that beat the regular team once, and that with a little training would have been much superior. The students there now take a strict enforcement of the rules as a matter of course. Tufts reports that Article VI. of the By-Laws of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association is rigidly enforced and that unsportsmanlike conduct is unknown.

Amherst, Wesleyan, and Williams have gone a step further than the enforcement of existing regulations by establishing new rules. The question most agitated among New England colleges the past year seems to have been as to the eligibility of first-year men. There was a feeling on the part of some colleges that all Freshmen should be debarred during their first year. Such a radical step was, however, abandoned for a rule debarring Freshmen on the basis of entrance conditions, as well as of those incurred afterwards. At Amherst no

Freshman can represent the college in an athletic contest who has any entrance conditions or any conditions acquired in college, or whose rank at any time falls below 65%. Wesleyan and Williams have not quite so strict a rule regarding entrance conditions; in both a Freshman is debarred who has entrance conditions amounting to three points. At Williams these points are thus distributed among the entrance subjects: English 2, Greek 3, French 3, History 1½, German 3, Latin 4, Mathematics from 3-6, according as one enters without or with advanced Mathematics.

At Wesleyan and Williams several other important changes, all in the direction of greater strictness, have been made. At Wesleyan, for example, a new rule debars any member of the Senior or Junior class who is deficient in his college work more than two hours a week for a year, and any member of the Sophomore class who is deficient more than three hours a week for a year; while at Williams any student is debarred if he has failed to *complete* at least twelve hours of college work during the previous semester, and he is debarred for the remainder of any semester in which, at the time of the formal warning, he has not a mark of at least sixty in nine hours of current work.

No new leagues have been formed except one in basketball among Brown, Dartmouth, Wesleyan and Williams.

The general sentiment toward the new football is overwhelmingly in its favor.

To sum up: It is clear from this brief report that three things have been prominent in New England institutions since a year ago:

1. Greater care and strictness in enforcing rules.
2. A tendency in some cases to make scholarship

rules decidedly more stringent. (It is interesting to note in this connection that the statistics gathered by Dr. Phillips, of Amherst, who has been making a special study of the subject, show that the moment scholarship rules are strictly enforced the average scholarship of teams rises.)

3. A tendency to coöperate, consult together and work for a common end.

While much remains to be done, all this is distinctly encouraging.

As representative of the Second District, Captain Palmer E. Pierce, of West Point, reported as follows:

It is a pleasure to report that the membership of this Association is especially large and representative in the district I have the honor to serve. The University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, Union, Syracuse, Grove City, Rochester University, Western University of Pennsylvania, Haverford, Niagara University, Dickinson, Allegheny, Rutgers, Washington and Jefferson, Lehigh, Wittenberg, Bucknell, Colgate and West Point, are of our number. This District, then, has a large membership, including over half the institutions that have joined the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. It is hoped, however, that every college and university in the Middle States will soon join this organized movement for the betterment of college athletics.

The principles of our Constitution and By-Laws have been strictly enforced by the institutions named above. The effort to make college sport truly amateur has been successfully carried out in so far as my knowledge goes. However, there are certain localities in the Dis-

districts where the regulation of college sports could be improved. Some of the larger institutions, not among our members, have adopted a higher code of eligibility, and now prevent the Freshmen from taking part in "Varsity" intercollegiate competitions. Whether this has done away entirely with professionalism, proselytizing, and their attendant evils, I do not know. Certainly it is a step in the right direction for the larger institutions.

The greatest progress towards uniformity in the union of athletic interests is shown by the larger membership in this Association. If every other district could show as many names on its roster this Association would be of the greatest influence and usefulness.

It is intended to exert every effort to increase the membership until all colleges and universities in this District of any athletic importance subscribe to our Constitution and By-Laws, and thereby agree to do their share properly to control and purify college athletics.

As representative of the Third District, Professor W. L. Dudley, of Vanderbilt University, reported as follows:

I regret that so few Southern Colleges are members of this Association, but I hope and believe that the number will rapidly increase as they appreciate the need of an organization of this character; one which will prescribe a uniform code of ethics for the government of intercollegiate athletics and by which all colleges in the United States should be bound. The field for the organization includes the whole country and no work which concerns the academic world is more important.

The ethical development of intercollegiate athletics

in the South has been gradual and gratifying. The influence of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which was organized twelve years ago, has been more and more hopeful. This association and its off-springs, covering about three-fourths of the Southern territory, have brought order out of chaos, and athletic conditions there are now very satisfactory.

The new football rules have given very general satisfaction. They have undoubtedly improved the spirit of the players as well as the technique of the game.

As representative of the Fourth District, Professor Edward L. Rice, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the absence of President Welch, reported as follows:

The athletic conditions of the district have been largely dominated by two organizations,—the Western Conference, so-called, seven of whose nine colleges fall within the territory of the district, and the Ohio Conference. The athletic discussion of the past year has been utilized by both organizations for an advance in rules, although conditions were already in rather satisfactory condition as compared with the country at large.

The more important advances made are as follows. Where there is no comment, the changes affect both conferences.

1. One year's residence required in all cases before participation in athletics. In the Ohio Conference this carries with it the debarring of preparatory students and the requirement that the year of residence shall be after the attainment of collegiate rank.

2. Graduate students debarred.

3. Participation in athletics to be restricted to three

years. In the Ohio Conference this does not apply to men who have played as freshmen or preparatory students prior to this collegiate year. This limitation is now under consideration by Western Conference.

4. The "coach" to be replaced by a physical or athletic director, elected by the trustees of the institution on recommendation by president, and essentially a member of faculty. This is obligatory in the Western Conference, advisory in the Ohio Conference.

5. No intercollegiate contests except by regular "varsity" teams. Permission for intercollegiate freshmen contests under consideration in Western Conference.

6. No pre-season football training permitted. An amendment setting September 20th, as the date for opening of practice under consideration by Western Conference.

7. Training table forbidden.

8. Limitation by Western Conference of number of football games to five. Increase of number to seven under consideration.

The enforcement of rules by the colleges of both conferences has been generally good, although criticisms have been made against a single institution of Western Conference. The Ohio Conference has used its influence upon other competing colleges for the use of Conference Rules: but has not made this a necessary condition to the contest. Am not aware of the attitude of Western Conference on this point.

President Welch has canvassed the Ohio colleges pretty thoroughly on the question of joining the national organization, and with good effect, as shown by list of members. As yet no members of the Western Conference lying within the Fourth District have become

members; but it is to be hoped that others will follow the lead of Minnesota.

The Western Conference has had no change in membership during the past year; but in Ohio steps are well under way which will probably lead to a marked increase in membership of the Ohio Conference. The rule now under consideration, and practically certain to be passed, opens membership in the Conference to all colleges of the Ohio College Association, so far as they are willing to subscribe to the present Conference Rules.

As there is no representative of the Sixth District on the program of reports, it may be well in this connection to mention incidentally that a conference, on lines similar to the Western Conference and the Ohio Conference, is now under consideration among the colleges to the southwest,—Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma, etc.

As regards the new playing rules the general feeling in Ohio is one of satisfaction. Some institutions object to the ten-yard rule, but others are well satisfied with this rule along with the others. No report on the attitude of the Western Conference.

The work of the Committee on Officials in Ohio was crowned with only partial success this year, but better results are expected in the future. The action of the Western Conference on this point is not known.

As representative of the Fifth District, Professor James T. Lees, of the University of Nebraska, reported as follows:

The intercollegiate athletic relations in the Fifth District continue to be very harmonious, and practically

all the institutions of higher learning in the district now have the faculty control of athletics. The great desideratum is a uniform eligibility code throughout all the colleges and universities, not only in the Fifth District but also throughout all the districts of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States.

Several of the leading universities west of the Missouri river are thinking seriously of forming a "Trans-Missouri Conference" in order to reach a practical agreement on matters concerning eligibility, amateur standing, faculty supervision of athletics, etc.

The "New Rules" under which football was played during the season just closed have been found very satisfactory and but very few changes have been suggested. With two, or possibly three, slight changes in the playing rules as they now stand, the general opinion is "let well enough alone."

Speaking informally for the Sixth District, Professor William Duane, of the University of Colorado, reported as follows:

1. Owing to the smallness of the number of institutions that are members of the Association, its influence is probably felt less in the Rocky Mountain district than elsewhere.

2. The Faculties of institutions have manifested a decided desire to take athletic matters in hand, and adopt and enforce more stringent rules.

3. Emphasis is laid especially on scholarship standard for athletes. At the University of Colorado we require of team members ten to twelve hours of work.

4. Our attempts to introduce the "Freshman Rule" have not as yet been completely successful.

The following resolution was discussed and adopted:

The Football Rules Committee for 1907 shall be composed of seven members and be directed to act as follows:

First. To communicate with the representatives of Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis, and Chicago Universities, who constituted the committee that formed the Football Rules Committee during 1905, and propose that the committees be amalgamated into one which shall formulate rules under which football shall be played during 1907.

Second. If this amalgamation be not accomplished then the above named committee of seven shall proceed to formulate rules under which football shall be played by institutions enrolled in this Association.

Third. That the seven members elected by this conference shall be guided in their action so as to secure the following:

- (a) An open game.
- (b) Elimination of rough and brutal playing.
- (c) Definite and precise rules of play.
- (d) Organization and control of officials in order that the rules made shall be strictly and impartially enforced.

A vote of thanks to the members of the Rules Committee was adopted as follows:

It is the opinion of this conference that the Rules Committee appointed at the meeting, December 28, 1905, fulfilled their duties in an able and satisfactory manner; that the rules of play adopted by the amalgamated committees accomplished the ends desired and removed the objectionable features of play under the old football rules. A vote of thanks is therefore extended to Dr. Williams, Dr. Babbitt, Mr. Hall, Mr. Savage, Mr.

Curtis, Professor Lees and Lieutenant Daly, for their important and successful efforts during 1906.

The hour being advanced it was moved to adjourn for luncheon until two o'clock. The Convention was reconvened at two o'clock and the business resumed by an informal discussion of the following questions laid before the Convention by the Executive Committee:

Is a national athletic organization of the colleges and universities advisable? If so, is this Association organized along the right lines, and should its efforts to control athletics be extended?

How may the membership of the Association be increased?

Professor Linton, of Washington and Jefferson, and Professor Wilson, of Wooster University, spoke expressing approval of the formation of a National Athletic Organization and the cordial endorsement by the institutions which they represented of the work thus far accomplished.

Director A. A. Stagg, of the University of Chicago, spoke earnestly in advocacy of a national organization to regulate athletic sports. Such an organization could do much, in the first place, in exerting a salutary ethical influence, raising the standard of student athletic sports for honesty, fair play, and manliness.

In the second place, in dealing with specific questions, such as summer baseball and its relation on the one side to professional baseball, and on the other to student amateur baseball, he stood for the highest standard in this respect, and would not allow professionalism to creep into college sports through this channel. He expressed the expectation that Chicago University would join the Association.

Professor Bartlett, of Dartmouth, commended the

Executive Committee for the tact and discretion which they had used in forming this Association and accomplishing already a large work without rousing any real antagonism. There is already a higher amateur standard throughout the country. The remarkable amalgamation of the old Football Rules Committee marked a great triumph for the Association, resulting not so much in changing the rules, although in that respect a marked improvement has been made, but even more in a better public sentiment, in a higher grade of *officials*, and in general in a more sportsmanlike standard of fairness on the part of the players. He urged a continuance of the effort to secure competent officials who will fearlessly and impartially exact obedience to the rules of the play. He expressed the hope that the success of the past year will result in a great increase in the membership of the Association so that it may enroll also the larger universities of New England and of the Middle States.

An extract was read by the President from a letter received from Mr. J. E. Sullivan, President of the Amateur Athletic Union.

"I feel confident that if we go on, as we have gone on in the past, the Amateur Athletic Union will, within the next few years, have alliances with athletic associations at home and throughout the entire world. This will strengthen the cause of amateur sport and we must all look to the American colleges for coöperation. The time is not far distant when they will be forced, by public opinion, to control the college situation. From an athletic standpoint to-day the colleges lack organization. There is too much a desire on the part of each college 'to play in its own back yard' and go it alone. As a matter of fact the only sport to-day at college which

is properly conducted, is that of field and track athletics, but it is only controlled in spots. We have the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. composed of the largest colleges of America in the East. They control sport, track and field, but their right to claim control of college sport is disputed, as we have in the Central West the Big Conference of Colleges controlling athletics among themselves and in a healthy manner. Then we have college organizations in New England and the South. But we have not a National Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and there should be one. Therefore, it is up to the officers of the Amateur Athletic Union to advocate and work for an organization among the colleges to be known as the American Intercollegiate Association to control all college sports. A National Intercollegiate Association should be formed and allied with the Amateur Athletic Union: 1. To define an amateur. 2. To make eligibility rules. 3. To make uniform athletic laws. 4. To pass on college records. Such an association will be built; it has got to be built; and the Amateur Athletic Union, through the college representatives now on its board, must work for such an association."

Professor Alexander Silverman, of the Western University of Pennsylvania, recommended that the matter of the charges made by football officers be further considered by the Football Rules Committee, and that a regular system of reasonable fees be definitely arranged.

Professor Louis Bevier, Jr., of Rutgers College, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by the Association:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Convention that, in the interest of the proper work of education, the number of intercollegiate match games in all branches

