

THE SPORTING WORLD

WAKE FOREST MAKES REPLY

Mr. E. B. Brown's Communication is Answered by a Baptist Player—Mr. Crozier Unjustly Criticized—Asheville's Grounds For Claiming Championship Investigated.

To the Sporting Editor: In answering Mr. E. B. Brown's article of the 23rd ultimo, in which Mr. Crozier is taken to task for statements made with regard to the Asheville Y. M. C. A.—Wake Forest basketball game recently played in Asheville, I would like to say that Mr. Crozier was not responsible for anything said in that article and knew nothing about it until its publication. The writer was a member of the team who had the great honor of participating in this game against the "best team in the State" (so called only by members of the team). Mr. Crozier takes too much for granted, for his presumptions in this case are incorrect.

In my account of the Southern trip taken by the Wake Forest team, I mentioned the fact that the team was crippled because of sickness. I did not give Mr. Crozier an excuse for the defeat, in a single instance. Neither did I say or intimate that our team was beaten because of rough playing. Yet Mr. Brown seems to have gathered such excuses from my article. Another case of too hasty presumption. I'll admit that we did not go prepared to engage in a game of football, and while I do not deny that our team played roughly in the last half, neither can Mr. Brown deny that his team took the initiative in the rough playing.

With regard to the championship all that we have to say is that Wake Forest undoubtedly holds it and the Asheville Y. M. C. A. undeniably wants it. We have beaten Trinity and Guilford on their own floors and here and Asheville must beat us here before there is any justification to their claim. Mr. Brown mentions three North Carolina and three Tennessee schools beaten, giving the scores. He says that he is not trying to "boost" his team, yet he mentions in connection with the North Carolina championship the fact that his team has beaten the three best colleges in Tennessee.

Let's return to North Carolina and investigate the claim of the pretenders here. Wake Forest, Asheville School and the Farm School have been beaten. Of course the Y. M. C. A. has a much better team than the Farm School, for the score was so large and the game so insignificant that both have been forgotten. If this Farm School is of so little importance, why should the fact that it was beaten be laid upon the fact that the Farm School was beaten, in this claim for the championship? Our team is so far outclassed that it is pitiful for a comparison to be drawn. Wake Forest beat Asheville School 18 to 15 on their own floor, while the Y. M. C. A. beat them in Asheville 47 to 12, in the first game, and it is upon the score of the games with Asheville School that the comparison is made. Mr. Brown with admirable shrewdness falls, however, in all probability through forgetfulness, to give the result of the second game between Asheville School and the Y. M. C. A., in which game the score stood 17 to 17 with Asheville School claiming the victory. This game was played not in the Asheville gymnasium, but out on the Asheville School floor. So it is plainly understood why the Y. M. C. A. team does not wish to visit Wake Forest.

In speaking of the game played in Asheville, mention is made of the work of Wake Forest's star forward, Mr. Couch, and incidentally that of Asheville's star guard, who happens to be Mr. Brown. Let me repeat for the benefit of the public that Asheville's star guard and our forward split even on goals and that eight foul goals were thrown by Mr. Brown. Mr. Couch's four. Doesn't that sound good! What a pity that some one were not thrown more bouquets; "he" needs them had enough.

Mr. Crozier upon his return to college immediately began work with the baseball squad and disbanded the team, and since the faculty does not allow us but one trip during the spring we cannot accept the "generous" proposition offered us by Mr. Brown. But if the "best team in the State" is still anxious to prove its superiority, Mr. Crozier may prevailed upon to re-organize the team. A game will then be played here, according to our interpretation of the rules, and a third game can be arranged later.

In closing I would like to say that the Wake Forest team could not help but feel the discourtesy shown it in not being allowed to furnish an official in the game played in Asheville. It is generally understood everywhere, except in Asheville, that a visiting team has the right to furnish an umpire or referee, yet Mr. Crozier was not asked by the Asheville team to assist in officiating.

CHARLES M. OLIVER, Cor. Wake Forest, March 7th.

OAK RIDGE PLAYERS NOW WITH BIG CLUBS.

Oak Ridge Institute has been the starting place for many baseball players who have risen to high honors in this profession, furnishing a goodly quota to the biggest leagues of the country. This year the Institute will be represented on the Chicago Nationals by Dell Howard, a first baseman. The Cincinnati Club will have on its pitching staff Bob Weir, while with the Detroit squad will be George Suggs and John Forrester, pitchers.

In the Carolina League Robert Carter, manager of the Twin City "Blues," began his baseball playing at Oak Ridge. He was on the school's team for three years.

Trinity-Wake Forest Basketball Game Canceled. Special to The Observer.

Durham, March 8.—The basketball game which was scheduled to take place here last night between this college and a team from Wake Forest has been canceled and it is not certain that the team from the Baptist college will play here again during this season. The local team, however, is expecting to go there to meet the team of that college some time before the season closes.

A. & M.'s Coach Has Arrived and Begun Work. Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, March 8.—Michie Whitehurst, the coach who is to train the Agricultural and Mechanical College football team and also the football team next autumn, has arrived and already begun work. He is very popular here, not only among the students but in a social way with the Raleigh people.

ALTAANTA TO TRY MARTIN SHEA.

Billy Smith Runs Across Youngster and Will See What is in Him. Atlanta Journal.

Now don't get this young man mixed with the old song about the one-horse "shay," for he does not belong in that category in any sense of the word, either by name, present or previous condition of service. Martin Shea hails from Knoxville and was last season in the North Carolina League, where he fielded .844 and hit .318. He is five feet and nine inches high and weighs 165 pounds. Shea has just become old enough to work, but he says if it will interfere with his ball playing he will pass up the privilege and let some other fellow not in the game have his coupon. Last year Shea made a hit with the Tar Heel fans and was touched so strongly by all of them who saw his work that his fame soon spread beyond the confines of the State where the Governor has said in days long gone by that it seemed quite a spell since there had been any refreshments. That is how Billy Smith came to talk him on, but in addition to that, Billy is a well known around Knoxville and he had been keeping an eye on Shea for some time.

CHARLOTTE VS. ASHEVILLE.

The Local Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team to Play Both the Asheville Y. M. C. A. and the Asheville Farm School.

The local Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which has enjoyed such a record of victories during the present season, has been challenged both by the Asheville Y. M. C. A. and Asheville Farm School teams, the games to be played in Asheville. That the local club will accept is assured and there is the promise of several lively contests in the near future. It will be recalled that the Asheville Farm School visited Charlotte several weeks ago. Of the series of three games played the visitors lost two, both by a score of 10 to 12. The Farm School young men hope, however, to take revenge in the forthcoming games.

The Little in Pitching is the "Knuckle Curve." A Latest Look special to The Atlanta Journal says:

Discovery of a new wrinkle in baseball, known as the "knuckle curve," may win E. Cicotte a position among the regulars of the Boston Americans. Cicotte has a new curve which veteran Jim McGuire declares is an innovation. Holding fingers doubled with the ball poised on top, Cicotte shoves the sphere toward the batter with only the thumb to aid delivery. The ball floats lazily without revolving, as a rule, and breaks fast, after the fashion of the spit ball, although no saliva is used. Bill Hart says Cicotte practiced the curve in Indianapolis two years ago, and last year perfected it with Lincoln.

Autos Hauled by Four-Horse Teams. Richmond, Va., March 8.—The Hullman and Studebaker motor cars racing from Philadelphia to Savannah, Ga., will reach Richmond tonight some time after midnight, after having consumed three days in traveling 100 miles over the best country roads between Washington and this city. Both cars have been hauled by four-horse teams a great part of the journey. At 11 o'clock tonight the cars had passed through Ashland which is 16 miles from Richmond.

Auto Endurance Test. Jacksonville, Fla., March 8.—Eight cars start from here tomorrow morning on a road run to Miami, a distance of 371 miles. Cars will be put under control at Ormond, Rockledge, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach and Miami. A confetti car will start ahead of the contestants and mark the way, which leads through the "vide of Florida. The run furnishes an unusually good endurance test. Five silver cups are offered as prizes by cities along the route of the run.

The Normal Girls to Have Basketball Tournament.

Special to The Observer. Normal College, Greensboro, March 8.—With the approach of spring and prospects for pretty weather interest in athletics is being aroused. The basketball tournament will take place about the middle of April and the various class teams have already begun practicing for it. Plans are also being made for the field day, which will be held some time in May.

Guilford Co. Eds Preparing For Tennis Tournament.

Special to The Observer. Guilford College, March 8.—The young ladies of the college are preparing for a tennis tournament to be held in the near future. A field day is in prospect among the young men.

SHORT SPORTS.

June 25th is the date fixed for the annual Harvard-Yale boat races at New London.

Hammond Johnson, of the University of Virginia, will coach the University of Georgia team.

Richmond has purchased Shortstop Al Moran from Atlanta.

The pitching machine of George Cahill will be used in coaching the Harvard nine this spring.

The Harvard lacrosse team is to come South during the Easter recess for five games.

Vincent Campbell, a member of Vanderbilt University's football team last fall, is to be given a trial as catcher with the Chicago Cubs.

Harvard baseball team will use the Naval Academy grounds two weeks this spring for practice.

Mexican Cook's Method.

San Antonio Express. A good Mexican cook relieves the mistress of the house of worry and responsibility in a manner that is almost unknown in the United States. The cook is given so much a day, and with this amount she will purchase each morning all the provisions for the day, including even the staples that are usually bought in large quantities in other countries. On all a day a cook will provide a very good table for a family of three or four and get enough beans and tortillas and chile to set the servants' table besides. They can really do better than their mistresses, because they can usually drive sharper bargains with the marketmen of their own class, and they have more patience to haggle over the last penny.

FORESTS, MOUNTAINS AND MOUNTAINEERS

Lord Mansfield of England in his treatise of "The Law of the Forest," 1788, defines a forest as follows: "A forest is a certain territory of woody grounds, fruitful pastures, privileged for wild beasts and fowls of the forest, chase and warren, to be used and abide in, in the safe protection of the King, for his princely delight and pleasure; which territory of ground so privileged, is inclosed and bounded with unremovable marks, meers and boundaries."

So much for the good old days of 1788. But now put the people in the woods in their proper perspective, give them the training forester and quote President Roosevelt in his address before the forest congress: "Every tree is beautiful, every grove is pleasant, every forest grand."

Did you ever come under the mystic spell of the hum of the woods; the quiet boughs overhead wrapped in silence, cannot comprehend the beauty of the forest, and the mountainside and fill your soul with a strange unrest, and have this "call of the wild" carry you far up some boulder-strewn mountain stream, on beyond the haunts of the boys, the pools, the musical cascade, and on through the boundless forests? No? Then come—lead me your thoughts and let me show you the sacred gifts of the forest, the mountainside of man. We are in the heart of our Appalachian mountains, over a low range of foot-hills, down a winding trail, through the land of the Cherokee up the highest waters of a mighty river, and after we take a refreshing draught from its ice-cold spring, we climb the majestic height of the Smoky Mountains and feel the breeze from the mountainside spread out before us, a God-given gift to man. Do you marvel that such an environment has so exercised its influence over the character of the inhabitants, that the mountaineer stands in a class to himself, a true child of Nature? His rugged manhood has no physical peer; following well-known laws of emigration, his camp is in the mountainous sections of the Mother Country. Mingling but little with the outer world, he stands to-day the most pure blooded race in America. The mountains are the house of a bountiful Providence; but which man seems bent to destroy. The velvet-like carpet of moss and leaves under your feet is Nature's "reservoir" in even flow, and we have the heavy rain-fall east of the Pacific slope, this sponge-like covering of the woodland retains the water and it percolates throughout the forest in even flow, and retaining the streams, luxuriant growth of trees, shrubs, medicinal herbs and wild flowers so inseparable to the welfare of man. Do you realize you are now overlooking the last virgin forest of any magnitude in the whole great mountain range? Where by the natural barriers the hungry greed of those licensed vandals, the lumbermen, have not yet reached, even as we look we hear the muffled roar of the blasting on the new railroad, down the Tennessee river, and we see the lumber cruiser pass in his quest for a cutting site. The work of the lost traveler in the desert; yet the lumber king has his eye on this virgin of the hills and is bent on converting her matchless resource into a great lumber camp for some reason, an enigma to all, that Car-like dictator at Washington is over-using his arbitrary authority and keeping his foot on the early ray of hope for this glorious country, while men both great and small clamor for the relief asked in the forest reserve bill.

Let us turn our faces from this sad picture, and with a hope for the better, forecast its fate by looking at the devastation, loss and ruin in other localities where this willful waste has held sway; where Nature has been stripped of its protecting robe and laid bare to the merciless fury of the elements. Far off to the east we can see Mount Mitchell—that grand old dome, the highest east of the Rockies—writhing in the grasp of the relentless lumberman, as her evergreen cloak of black spruce is torn from her rugged shoulders, with Dr. Mitchell's monument on her crest, a sad and powerless sentinel. To our north and south the smoke from innumerable mills and dread forest fires eating at her vitals. To the west are the mammoth hardwood mills of the Pacific country; for their cupacious mills over three hundred acres are daily denuded, and this is going on all through this whole mountain range. The last stand of the hardwood crashing down before a merciless foe and no voice strong enough to hush the death chanting song of the saw.

Almost without exception the freetop and brush are left carelessly, they fall, to feed the fierce forest fires that go unchecked, leaving ruin in their wake, the seedlings and young trees killed, and thereby obliterating the prospects of a future timber supply. The successive burnings remove the vegetable mould, then the flood water rushing down hard, barren slopes, overrunning the meadows and fertile valleys, and leaving them covered by silt and lost to agricultural purposes, while in the low lands the debris form obstructions, the courses of rivers are changed, the fertile bottoms are covered by sand and channeled by erosion. The valuable waterpowers are becoming practically useless during the dry season, Nature's system of water supply and distribution seriously impaired, and since a water power like a chain has no greater strength than its weakest link and its measure of value is set by the minimum and not the maximum discharge.

In the larger waterways the property loss is appalling. In the City of Pittsburgh alone amounting to many million dollars in the last few years all directly attributable to these causes; swift retribution for such flagrant violations of the laws of Nature. Our only remedy lies in the proposed government reservation of this watershed, and hearty co-operation with the forest service in judicious lumbering and forest management, as the average land owner has neither the technical knowledge or facilities for the proper application of the only known relief from the great national peril.

There should be no class, sectional or political features in this vital clause of the commonwealth. D. W. ADAMS. Glendale Springs.

He Noted It, Too.

Everybody's Magazine. A one-armed man entered a restaurant at noon and seated himself next to a dapper little other-people's business man. The latter at once noticed his neighbor's left sleeve hanging loose and kept eyeing it in a how-did-it-happen sort of a way. The one-armed man paid no attention to him, but kept on eating with his one hand. Finally the dapper one could stand it no longer. He changed his position a little, cleared his throat, and said: "I beg pardon, sir, but I see you have lost an arm." The one-armed man picked up his sleeve with his right hand and peered anxiously into it. "Bless my soul!" he exclaimed, looking up with great surprise. "I do believe you're right."

UNION REPUBLICANS MEET

DELEGATES ARE INSTRUCTED.

The Usual Men Are Endorsed by This Convention—Two Townships Honored With Additional Representatives on Executive Committee—Mr. Jefferson Starnes Thrown by a Belt on a Circular Saw and His Arm Is Severed—Delegation of Seven Goes to Washington To-Day in Interest of a Public Building—Monroe's Philosophical Association Begins Its Nightly Meetings Again. Special to The Observer.

Monroe, March 8.—The Union County Republicans held their county convention in the court house yesterday, at which delegates from all the townships were present. Resolutions were passed endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, and favoring the nomination of William H. Taft, for whom the delegates to the State convention to be held at Greensboro on April 30th were instructed. Judge Adams' management of the State chairmanship was commended, and the delegates were instructed to favor his re-election to that office. J. W. Hasty, W. B. Love and T. C. Hegler were elected delegates, and F. C. Broadway, A. C. Penegar and J. S. Hasty, alternates.

The present officers of the county committee, T. L. Love, chairman, and S. H. Rogers, secretary, were re-elected. The county executive committee is composed of T. L. Love, T. L. Love, S. H. Rogers, J. H. Mills, F. C. Broadway, L. L. Fincher, J. S. Hasty, L. F. Lathan, J. W. Hasty, F. A. Caudle, A. P. Traywick, R. W. Hinson, W. H. Yandle, T. C. Hegler, J. S. Nance and J. E. Hegler.

New Salem and Goose Creek townships, in each of which the Republican vote outnumbered that of any of the other townships about three to one, were each honored with an additional representative on the executive committee. But they are still deprived of their proportionate representation on the committee, while Monroe and Marshville have more than their due share. The idea seems to be that it would not do to have more than just about enough votes to fill the available jobs, and those townships that persist in casting more votes than are necessary for the purpose are, therefore, disciplined. One of the delegates remarked, after the convention, that the woods here are a revelation. New Salem and Goose Creek one of these days, and the hardy yeomanry of those famous townships would rise in their might and demand adequate representation. But they'll never do it; never. As Lord Bacon said, "The rising unto great place is laborious, and up a winding stair," and those people over there are too busy farming to bother about representation on the executive committee, since that would involve an eternal conflict with those who are not too busy farming the public revenues.

ARM CUT OFF BY SAW.

Mr. Jefferson Starnes, son of Mr. Daniel Starnes, of Buford township, lost his arm by a most painful and distressing accident Friday while working in the sawmill of Mr. John Blair. A circular saw, while cutting a beam, was thrown from its place on the ceiling and struck Mr. Starnes, knocking him against a circular saw. His arm was cut off near the shoulder, and it was first feared that he would bleed to death before the flow of blood could be stanchied. Dr. J. M. Blair was summoned, and by removing the rest of the arm from the socket, he saved the sufferer out of danger. Dr. Blair says that Mr. Starnes will recover.

The delegation appointed to go before the House committee on public buildings will leave here tomorrow for Washington, and on Tuesday will present to the committee Monroe's claim for public building. Lexington, the other claimant in this congressional district for a public building, had a hearing before the committee about two weeks ago. Lexington was represented by only three delegates, while Monroe is sending seven of her handsomest and most persuasive citizens, and those winter meetings are not marked with the coruscations of intellect that have so long especially distinguished these open-air gatherings, when the members sit 'neath the open sky and list to nature's teachings, while Jupiter smiles benignantly in the zenith, and Venus casts coy glances from her position in the west. A few nights ago Dr. G. Ed. Flaw rather startled his associates by the sudden announcement that he had been reading something new touching on the philosophy of life. As it was generally supposed that the doctor had already read and discoursed upon everything that could by any possibility be written or said upon this great subject, much interest was immediately manifested. "The book to which I refer," said the doctor, "was written by the wisest man that ever lived." One of his hearers here remarked that he hadn't heard that Dr. Flaw had taken to writing a book. "This is no time for airy phraseage," retorted the doctor, somewhat irascibly. "I repeat

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my statement that the book to which I refer was written by the wisest man that ever lived. It is full of the highest wisdom, and to my mind—"mind" sneered the member who was the author of the previous interruption—"Yes, mind," replied the doctor. "I know there are some men, not a thousand miles from here, that are seemingly destitute of anything resembling the instrument called 'mind.' For the information of such, I will simply state that it is a little contrivance used by thoughtful men to do their thinking with. I would advise you, sir, to try to obtain one at the earliest opportunity." It is one of the rules of the association that no physical blows can be struck while a meeting is in progress on pain of instant dismissal from all rights and privileges of the organization. The doctor's last verbal thrust was sufficient for his troublesome associate, and the spirit of true philosophy again prevailed. But what was the surprise of the members, generally, when it developed that Dr. Flaw had merely been reading Ecclesiastes, and he thought he had rediscovered it! The meeting at once adjourned sine die.

Way to Detect Smokeless Powder.

Washington Herald. German military authorities are experimenting with a device by which the location of troops using smokeless powder may be easily discovered. By this device it is proposed to survey the landscape through pale red glasses.

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