Sports of the Week

Reasons For Washington's Success—Basketball Tournament A Big Success—Other Sports

Many reasons have been suggested to us as to why the Washington College quintet has come through the season with such a marvelous record of victory. Some of these reasons are quite plausible. Our reasons for Washington's greatest season are as follows, and we give them to you for your consideration.

History proves conclusively that the fighters are the ones that survive, and the races and peoples that have made the grade up the long avenue of the ages are the ones that have possessed the fighting spirit and fighting heart. Leaders in statecraft propagators of religions, captains of industry, generals upon fields of war, explorers of new lands, and pioneers far from the beaten track—all have been men with a fighting spirit that refused to be beaten or dismayed.

That man back there in the dawn of history that led his race through forty years of hardships had the heart of the fighter; that general whose squares were melting like snow beneath the flare of equatorial suns but who refused to yield an inch and said his nation would live or parish that day on the field had the fighting heart, that surveyor that gathered around him the most courageous lot of men that ever sponsored a forlorn hope and built the greatest nation of all time in the heart of an unbeaten wilderness was fighter beyond question; that tall, lank homely man that genius led from the cabin to re-establish liberty upon a continent once more, and who succeeded, that man had the true fighter's heart; and so did that College professor, aging with years of work for humanity, who sprang from obscurity almost overnight to give to his nation a rebirth of freedom and higher ideals around which to cluster.

It is ever the same, age after age, Century after century with the progress of the races being made by those of their sons, who, refusing to be beaten, fight on to the end to accomplish their ideals. It is easy to make the grade, when everything is working well. It is easy for a ship, with sails set to catch the faintest breeze, to sail along majestically and serenly. But when the sky becomes overcast with ominous shadows, and the waves begin to hammer relentlessly against her, and the sails, torn into shreds, flap wildly in the hurricane. Then comes the real test. Then the captain is called from his repose to supply the fighter's heart necessary to pilot his ship to safety. So it is with every man's life. It is ever the ones with the hearts of fighters that win out, regardless of adversity.

And we are persuaded that the success of this team is not due altogther to the fact that genius has endowed them with extraordinary ability; we do not believe their geat success is due to the fact that luck has smiled even the slightest upon them; their success has not been caused by the fact that their opponents were lacking in ability. Our opinion is that their tremendous success, which has marked them for all time as the greatest combination that has ever clustered beneath the athletic banners of this institution has been their fighting spirit and their fighting hearts, which refused to be beaten; which denied luck its chance, when it was clamoring for it; and which shone brightest when things were going the worst.

During the past thirteen or fourteen years we have been close observers of athletics at the college, and have been in close contact with the ones who were trying to steer the ship of athletics through the breakers, that threatened to engulf it, and the thing that has impressed us the most, during all this time, is that all these teams, often inferior in ability, have always had the fighting spirit and have possessed the fighting heart. This, along with character, is the highest mark at which we can aim, to possess the fighting spirit. When we have it we can come pretty near making the grade.

In conclusion, we want to pay a tribute to the greatest basketball team that was ever mustertd by any college in this state on any field. We want to pay a tribute to Captain Bankert, who won't be beaten, and who stays there fighting to the last; We want to pay our tribute to Carroll and Dumschott, the greatest forwards in the realm of basketball; and to McGran and Fiore, wizards of the floor, whose cordon of defense has been unbreakable; and, last of all, to Captain J. T. Kibler, the best basketball coach in the country, who supplies his teams with that greatest of all assets, that undying, unbeatable asset, the fighting heart.

And this is our explanation for a great deal of Washington's success this year and years that are now history.

The basketball tourament at Washington College was a big success. Large crowds attended these games and it is quite likely that they will be held again another year.

Salisbury High School won the tournament by defeating the Chestertown High School quintet, 27 to 24. The tournament, which was held under auspices of the Washington College Athletic Association and under the supervision of Coach J. Thomas Kibler, coach of athletics at the college, was a success from every point of view.

Chestertown and Salisbury became finalists by reason of their splendid victories over Sudlerhville and Cecilton, respectively. Sudlersville fell bebore the attack of the quintet coached by Dutch Dumschott, of the Washington College varsity five, by a score of 34 to 19. Salisbury won over the Cecilton entry with 66 to 14 and had little trouble doing it.

Chestertown entered the game a slight favorite, due to fact that it had already defeated the Salisbury team earlier in the season. The Chestertown lads worked the ball through the netting with such preciseness that at half time they were on the long end of a 9 to 5 score. Brilliant playing marked the second half, with Jacksonson starring for Salisbury and Chapman holding the spot light for Chestertown. Both of these youngsters engaged in a duel for points, Jackson, while not registering as often from the field as his opponent, was the important factor in the Salisbury victory, for it was his three field goals in the final minutes of play that decided the contest. Chestertown, despite desperate efforts, could not overcome this lead and was sent down to a glorous but unexpected defeat. Chapman's work in this game was an outstanding feature of the tourney. He scored 15 of his team's 24 points. He is undoubtedly one of the best forwards in high school circles this year.

Coach Kibler had his beasball squad out several days this week.

The introduction of the graduate-manager system in the athletic activities of Washington College has been the means of rejuvenating all phases of the sport at that seat of learning and has created a condition at the college which has not only placed athletic sports upon a much higher plane of efficiency and success, but has created a most halthy financial condition and has made practically every department of sport self-sustaining.

The moving spirits in this new order of things are Professor William R. Howell, who was elected graduate manager at the beginning of the present scholastic year and Coach J. Thomas Kibler. Coach Kibler has developed the practical side of the sports to a degree which has not only placed the college on a par with other colleges in the State, but has brought the college into contact with many of the leading college and universities of the country which has proven a wonderful boost for athletics. For the first time in the history of Washington College the department of athletics shows a balance on the right side of the ledger. The future of athletics at Washington College seems assured through the introduction of the graduate-manager system.

A Lovely Time Had by All

(From the Larned (Kas.' Tiller and Toiler)

The wedding bells peeled joyfully at the home of Mr. H. R. D—— last Tuesday, when their highly accomplished and beautiful daughter. M——, became the blushing bride of that sterling young farmer, H—— E——. The bride's brother C——. played Meddlesome's wedding march on his cornet, and considering the fact he has only had it about nine months it sounded good. Rev. O——. who has been helping through the harvest and picking up a little on the side, performed the nuptials. The bride's costume was a sort of a light gauzy affair and white slippers and stockings to mach. Of course she wore heavier clothes when they went on their wedding trip. Quite a merry crowd assembled to see them off. and as they didn't have any rice. some of them got to throwing roasting ears. H—— was struck under the eye by a large ear and blacked it pretty bad. They drove right to Larned and stayed all night at the hotel, and then took their wedding trip to Kinsley and Dodge City. They have rented the old home place and will be at home next Tuesday. M—— expects to take charge of C—— & J——'s cook shack the rest of the season.

Decision Against Phone Company

The court of Appeals has sustained the verdict rendered by a jury in the Cecil county court at Elkton in January, 1924, of the suit of Richard H. Merriken, of Caroline county, against the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for damages for injuries sustained when an automobile in which Merriken and two young women were returning home from a dance struck one of the company's poles, the position of which contributed to the accident. The jury awarded the plaintiff $6,000.

Science Has Many Ways of Finding Criminals

Identification by finger prints has long passed the stage of argument and is considered almost absolute. In fact it has been laboriously estimated that the simultaneous discovery of two persons with identical finger prints might occur once in a number of centuries running into forty-nine figures, from the examination of 5,000,000,000 persons, in each century, says L'Avenir, Paris.

Criminologists, however, do not consider identification certain unless there are more than twelve points of similarity between the partial imprint left at the scene of the crime and the recorded dectylograph of the suspect, Professor Balthasard having demonstrated that, in order to find twelve coinciding features, very nearly 17,000,000 imprints would have to be examined.

But a criminal may leave other marks than those of his fingers. He may bear on his body or clothing evidence that he has been at the scene of the crime. The mark of a bite may be as valuable as a signature. The print of a bare foot is almost as characteristic as that of a hand. There are not only the marks left by the shoes of the criminal in soft ground, in blood stains or on certain pieces of furniture—marks which may serve to identify him because of the position of the shoe nails or the manner in which the heels or soles are worn down; but even particles of dust, coal and varnish on the clothing of the murderer and his victim are of valuable assistance to the investigators.

Indians Feared Results of Eating Wild Turkey

Buffalo meat was, of course, the mainstay and universal dish of the plains Indians—now, dried, jerked, dried and pounded in the form of pemmican of wasna, as the Sioux called it; sometimes mixed with berries gathered by the squaws, but generally "just plain wasna," explains Frank M. Huston in Adventure Magazine.

The hump and tongue were the choicest portions when fresh, though the latter was dried by thousands.

Of course, in their season roots and tubers, as well as wild fruits—especially wild plums—added to the larder. Sometimes wild grapes were added to give a dessert finish; but no Indian would eat apples when first introduced to them, nor would the men eat the wild turkey lest they become cowardly as the bird itself. They believed—as do our dietitians—that "a man is what he eats."

Fish to the plains tribes was almost anathema, though some would eat it when placed before them. But none would ever demean himself by exertions in fishing. Meat was a man's food and "makes us strong."

Wasteful Men

"Why, Jeremiah Jones!" exclaimed Mrs. Jones when her husband came in safe and sound from a railroad journey, "is this you?"

"Why, of course," said her husband, "this is the time I expected to come home, isn't it?"

"And you haven't had an accident nor lost your arms and legs or been killed?"

"How many times must I tell you that nothing has happened?" said the irritated man.

"Well," declared the good lady, "you do beat all. There you went and paid good money for an insurance ticket just before you left, and you haven't done a thing to get the reward. That's money just wasted. Nice manager you are, Jeremiah Jones!"

Her Appetite Triumphed

Max Maretzek, the impresario, had a large repertoire of stories. Henry T. Finck, the music critic, repeats one of them in his new book, "Musical Laughs." Maretzek on a trip from Cincinnati to Baltimore, feeling hungry, bought a big sausage and a loaf of rye bread. Presently Christine Nilsson, in a seat ahead, made fun of him for eating such awful stuff. Max was really humiliated, but he slyly crowded the remnants of his feast into his pocket and, feeling quite comfortable, went to sleep. About two o'clock in the morning he felt a touch on his elbow. "Hush," said Nilsson. "Don't wake anybody, but do give me that bread and sausage you put in your pocket."

Plants and Light

All plants require some light. Sunlight supplies the energy which causes chemical reactions to take place inside the leaves. These reactions convert the raw food elements into food elements available to the plant, says a flower magazine. Therefore, such sun-loving plants as geraniums, roses, and abutilon, when set away in a dark corner, do not thrive so well as when placed in a sunny window. On the other hand, plants which like a mild amount of sunlight, and this includes palms, aspidistra, ferns and many of the vines, do not thrive if put in a sunny location.

One Symptom

Alice—What foolish things a young man will do when he's in love!

Ethel—Oh, Alice! I'll bet Jack's proposed.—Stray Stories.

Uncertain

Max—Well, old thing, are you coming to the show tonight?

Maxine—Oh, I don't think so, unless my husband objects.

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