Hugh Bradley Says:

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Here's Early Slant on Major Eastern Grid Alma Momsies

YOUR scribe may as well put his neck out among the celebrated gentlemen who boast how they can handicap a most humanly erratic sport with prim statistics. Herewith is the dope concerning the 1936 prospects of the East's leading gridiron alma momsies.

YALE—After two years of probation Bob Beckwith is back at center and the line seems likely to be the strongest since Pond and Neale took over the coaching assignment. Bob Train will be missed at end but, if Scott passes his exams and teams up with Wright at tackle, they'll make a strong combination.

HARVARD — Fair enough line, especially at the tackles, where Gaffney and Kerkovian perform. Offense seems woefully weak, though, and, unless some sophomore back surprises, Prof. Harlow may need to call out some of those marines who used to perform for him at Western Maryland.

PRINCETON—When Gil Lea, last and greatest of the football Leas, graduated in June, Princeton took stock and found three other first-string ends also were missing. This is the only spot causing Coach Crisler much concern now and the Sophs insist he really has nothing to worry about. Charley Toll, who may go down in Nassau history as another such tackle as Ceppi, Barfield, Keck, Cooney, Hart, Hillebrand, Biffey Lea and Hector Cowan, is the one to watch in the line. Although there is no fullback quite as good as the departed Pepper Constable, Chick Kaufman and Ken Sandbach are dashing ball-carriers and it is difficult for neutrals to believe the Tigers will not be as good as last year.

Fritz Crisler

PENN—Veteran, mostly seniors, team which should be one of the best but which probably will encounter the customary Penn political reverses. Gisburne is the key tackle.

COLUMBIA—Far better than last fall. Sid Luckman, triple-threat back, and Art Radvilas, a fine end, are the best of some unusually strong sophs, while Tackle Bateman is the ace of the line.

DARTMOUTH—Weak at guards and none too sure Mutt Ray will recover sufficiently to resume starring at center. Hollingsworth, late 1935 discovery, may star as a triple threat along with several other fleet backs.

CORNELL—Several teams will find the Big Red tough to take but Cornell is at least a year away from what old grads hoped for when they hired Coach Snavely. Very good sophomores and Captain Jack Batten, already celebrated as a defensive star, may be the season's best kicker.

FORDHAM—Spies insist Jimmy Crowley is working with numerous rugged and powerful candidates, but that the Rams are by no means as strong as touted. There may be some trouble filling the tackle gaps left by Sarno and Sabo.

MANHATTAN—Line is certainly big and fast and probably dumb. Tuckey could be the best fullback in the East. Chick Meehan is optimistic as usual and he may be right about several of those surprises he promises to spring.

N. Y. U.—Not as strong as last year and definitely misses the kicking and passing of Big Ed Smith.

PITT—A fine big bunch of boys with just one weakness, the lack of a Nick Klisky at center. Jock Sutherland, ordinarily very good at developing pivots, now is working on that problem.

ARMY—Gar Davidson says the Cadets are big and strong with more reserves than last year but that they lack speed. Monk Meyer, of course, is the pigskin toting star and Bob Kasper seems to be doing all right, so far, at the difficult job of replacing Quarterback Grohs.

NAVY—Another possible dark horse inspired by the revenge motif. Still sore over that first half runaway last December, and even now more concerned with the Army contest than with early season affairs. Whisperers confide that so far it shapes up as one of the weaker Middy teams.

HOLY CROSS—Big, strong and fast with a nice smattering of sophs headed by Hank Ouellette, former Haverhill high star. This crack ball carrier may shove Rex Kidd, ace pilot for the past two seasons, right out of the lineup.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

FOLKS are mumbling about the way the Yankees are handling their World Series ticket sale . . . Babe Ruth says his only batting practice this year came when he swung at an indoor baseball. He missed on the first three cuts and broke the bat when he finally connected . . . Is a celebrated sports hero, rather new to the turf and reported to be winning and losing vast sums at the tracks, really betting for one of the best educated books? . . . Adolfo Luque, the very able coach of the Giants is one of the most accomplished rhumba dancers of the generation . . . Cards and Dodgers picked Fred Fitzsimmons to give Carl Hubbell the most pitching help in the World Series. They say the big fellow is almost as fast as he was five years ago.

What celebrated college is squawking about letting its basketball team add to the Garden profits this winter? The reason seems to be that the front for the Garden's court activities is too closely and actively connected with a track bookmaking minor politician . . . Tom Laird, the celebrated sports editor who flew in from California a day or two ago, says that Joe Marty, latest high-priced Pacific Coast league sensation, is by no means a DiMaggio. Dan Morgan, who used to manage him, says that Trainer Bill Schaefer of the Giants was the best gymnasium fighter he ever saw . . . Frankie Frisch's legs are black and blue from hip to ankle due to the beatings he took while attempting to rally the Cards by personal appearances at second base.

If it is true what they say about Dixie, Georgia will have the best football team down that way this season. Spec Towns, the Olympic hurdling ace who plays end, and Tommy Haygood, 200-pound junior tackle, are the keymen of a really great line . . . Also you might keep an eye on Gintoff, Boston college's 197-pound sophomore. When Gil Dobie gets a back that big and fast he usually goes places.

Lefty O'Doul, the former Yankee, Dodger and Giant, who now manages the San Francisco club, will witness the World Series . . . If New York state racing officials ever get time to wander from the betting ring into the paddock they might notice something which could be changed to the benefit of unwary taxpayers. Under the present layout sharpshooters have too much access, or, at least, ways of getting in touch with jockeys at local tracks . . . Watty Clarke says that Leo Durocher, once a woeful hitter, now drives a ball back at a pitcher harder than any other National league batter.

Lefty O'Doul

Olympic Stars May Turn Pro If Real Money Goes on Line

If some of those babbling promoters lay some real money on the line a flock of track stars immediately will turn pro. Several Olympic stars admit frankly that they are much interested in open meets but do not wish to lose their amateur standing until they are guaranteed a better proposition . . . Frank Graham, the famous sports columnist, started writing baseball twenty years ago. In his first week he saw Jim Lavender pitch a no-hit game for the Cubs against the Giants and watched Bancroft and Stock make a triple play (it really could have been completed by Bancroft alone) in a Philly-Giant contest . . . Bill Farnsworth and Toney Betts, the eminent sports writers, were sending it in in such huge chunks that Aqueduct clubhouse bookies had the jitters while paying off recently . . . Doc Morris, the famous fight publicist, has been picked as press agent for the Rev. (Share the Wealth) Smith who soon will speak at the New York Hippodrome.

Coach Clair Bee says his Long Island U. quintet, undefeated last year, will be very good again this winter but that it is a senior combination and will lose three or four games . . . Dutch Bergman, Catholic U. coach, has prepared a book called "Fifty Football Plays," . . . International leaguers say that McCarthy and Koy of the Newark Bears were almost ruined by the night baseball played on the Yankee farm this summer . . . The Yankees made 26 home runs off Philadelphia pitchers this season . . . Wade Killefer of Indianapolis and Donie Bush of Minneapolis manage their ball clubs without signing contracts . . . Harold Lloyd of the movies owns a private golf course . . . Billy Sullivan, Cleveland catcher, returns to his job as salesman for a Chicago tailoring company after the baseball season.

Don Budge uses the heaviest racket in tennis . . . It weighs 15½ ounces . . . Ellsworth Vines uses a 13½ ounce racket . . . Southern California has a Japanese quarter back on its freshman football squad. University of Texas is not issuing No. 33 on its football jersies . . . That was the number worn by Bohn Hilliard, who scored the touchdown that beat Notre Dame in 1934 . . . "Whenever a back comes along who shows he is worthy to wear it, we'll let him have the jersey," Coach Jack Chevigny told his squad, "but until then the number is in the trophy room."

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Praising California.

VERNALIS, CALIF. — They used to say that California flowers had no real smell, and that California birds had no song—and that's a lie because the resident mocking bird feels it his Christian duty to get right under my bedroom window and sing all night—and that California grown foods had no flavor.

It's true California still produces one pear which suggests a low grade of damp cotton batting, and one variety of fig which could pass for library paste, and a certain tropical pawpaw which makes you think you've been licking postage stamps. And there's a special breed of mushrooms which is about the size of a derby hat and tastes like one.

Irvin S. Cobb

But we can grow apricots and cherries and nectarines and peaches as toothsome as you'd ask for; and noble berries and luscious prunes and delectable grapes; and, on this great ranch, about the finest melons I ever ate. There's likewise a red onion which has a taste all right—eat it raw and you taste it for days and days.

And if you think our flowers don't smell enough, try our politics.

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Troubles of a Pioneer.

LIFE in these parts is just one thing after another, and sometimes it's several things after another, all at once—such as the rush of the autograph collectors upon a poor, shy movie star, or the yelping onslaught of our estate beagles when a visiting nobleman incautiously intimates that he might sell his trailer and buy a lot.

But complications also pile up for a life-long resident who has been here, as I have, nearly two years now and so is qualified to join the Early Pioneers' California society. Here I go and take on a radio program—and I did so hope to fly east to see what Mrs. Harrison Williams will be wearing this fall. At times the temptation just to drop everything and start has been well-nigh overpowering.

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Reducing Motor Accidents.

WE'RE great people at starting something, but, just then, along comes a new crusade or a new movement or a new style in divided skirts and we trail off after that, forgetting the issue which had seemed so passionately important.

Last January we were all enlisting to make 1936 a safer year on the highroad. With the year nearly three-fourths gone, what have we done to reduce the appalling mortality? And what are we going to do before all of us, except the idiots and drunkards, who are supposed to be the special ward of providence, have been mowed down?

I'm reminded of the colored man in Mississippi who was convicted of murder, and his lawyer forgot to file an appeal, and finally the condemned man sat down and wrote this letter: "Dear Guvnor: Please, suh, I is on the middle of a purticular fix and onlessen you do somethin' right away, they hang me Friday—here 'tis Wednesday already!"

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Saving Your Teeth.

THOUGH thy teeth be but stately ruins, with English ivy growing all over them and bullbats nesting in the hollows, fight off for as long as possible those who think the root of all evil is the bottom of your remaining bicuspid. Don't let 'em be too fast about photographing your jaw either.

No man ever yet had an X-ray picture that flattered him. Particularly is that true when it's an interior view of the human face.

Because, the next thing you know, a gentleman in a white smock is testing some forceps and saying, "This may hurt—just a little." And then the next thing after that, your uppers are as false as Judas.

I did so and the result is that, no matter what else is on the menu, I go in for the Cobb pink plate special. A fellow does get tired of having everything he eats taste like rubber.

IRVIN S. COBB.

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Sea Horse Is a Fish

The sea horse is a fish, but a very strange kind of fish. It spends almost all the time in an upright position, with its head up and its tail down. With the tail it can do something which the common fish can't do. It can cling to a weed. A sea horse swims while in upright position. A fin on the back is moved to give forward motion, and this fin has been compared to a propeller. It does not look or turn just like a propeller, but it gives about the same result. An air sac, or "swim bladder," helps the sea horse keep in balance. Most of the time, however, the fish holds tightly to a seaweed, wrapping its tail around in spiral fashion.

"The Man Who-O-O"

Tales and Traditions from American Political History

BY FRANK E. HAGEN AND ELMO SCOTT WATSON

THE DEMOCRATIC DONKEY

ALTHOUGH Thomas Nast is usually credited with being the man who made the donkey one of the emblems of the Democratic party, the fact is that some other cartoonist, whose name is unknown, used the same symbol fully three decades before the famous Harper's Weekly artist did.

When Andrew Jackson retired from the presidency in 1837 he dumped in the lap of his successor, Martin Van Buren, a flood of "wildcat currency" and wild speculation caused by his destruction of the United States bank and the distribution of the treasury surplus in private banks. So a cartoonist of that period drew a picture entitled "The Modern Balaam and His Ass" which showed Jackson mounted on a donkey, across whose withers hung a bag labeled "Specie Currency—Circulating Medium." A ghost, labeled "Bankrupts of 1836," was causing the donkey to balk and its rider was belaboring it with a cane labeled "Veto. Behind the rider and his mount walked Van Buren saying "I shall tread in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessor."

From that time on, during the disputes over the money question, the donkey frequently appeared in the cartoons and became the accepted symbol of the Democratic party. But it was the genius of Thomas Nast which made this symbol familiar to millions of Americans.

During the feud between President Andrew Johnson and Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war, Nast was a strong ally of the latter. When Stanton died soon after President Grant had made him a justice of the Supreme Court, the southern Democratic papers, continuing the feud, attacked Stanton even in their obituary notices of him.

On January 15, 1870 Nast drew his first donkey cartoon. It pictured Stanton as a dead lion being kicked by a donkey labeled "Copperhead press." Underneath it were the lines: "A Live Jackass kicking a dead Lion and such a Lion! and such a Jackass." In later cartoons he also depicted the Democratic papers, especially James Gordon Bennett's New York Herald, as a donkey and after a while began applying the symbol to the Democratic party as well as its press.

HEADGEAR

"IF YOU lose your standards, rally to my white plume!" cried Henry of Navarre before the Battle of Ivry and so the helmet of Navarre with its snowy decoration became the sign and symbol of a cause which won and made him king of France.

In American politics, too, voters have rallied behind candidates whose headgear or some other bit of apparel have been characteristic of the man. In the days of Andrew Jackson, loyal Democrats brandished hickory canes in imitation of the one which "Old Hickory" carried. In 1840 the Whigs clapped coonskin caps on their heads and went out to sing and cheer "Old Tippecanoe," the Indiana frontiersman, into the White House.

On the streets of New York the white beaver hat worn by Horace Greeley, editor of the Tribune, was a familiar sight. But perhaps even in those days the "peepul" were suspicious of a "high hat" candidate, so Greeley's supporters, wearing "white plugs," failed to elect him. Ulysses S. Grant once worked in a tannery, therefore parades in his honor were marked by men wearing shaggy and obviously untanned fur coats and bearing signs which declared "Bring on the enemy and we'll tan his hide."

In the Cleveland campaign of 1888 his running mate was Senator Thurman, the last member of the upper house to use snuff. After doing so he would sweep a red bandanna handkerchief out of his pocket with a grand gesture. So Democrats that year had whole suits made of bandannas and women wore bandanna dresses.

Another vice-presidential candidate who furnished a striking headgear symbol for his party was Theodore Roosevelt. Thousands wore Rough Rider hats in the campaign of 1900 and it was still a potent emblem in 1904 when T. R. was candidate for President.

But another quarter of a century was to elapse before a bit of headgear would be a feature of the campaign. In 1928 Alfred E. Smith made the brown derby famous from one end of the land to the other but it became a symbol of defeat instead of victory.

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Terminal of Gota Canal

Gothenburg is one of the terminals of the Gota canal, which winds over 240 miles through the heart of Sweden, sometimes following lakes, sometimes rivers, sometimes a canal so narrow that trees at the sides of the banks brush the small steamers on the water. All in all 56 miles of canal supplement the natural waterway. These various links were completed more than 300 years after the project was first conceived and undertaken.

The Mind Meter

By LOWELL HENDERSON

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The Completion Test

In this test there are four words given in each problem. Three of the four in each case bear a definite relationship to one another; for example, they may be the names of animals or the names of state capitals, or perhaps synonyms. Cross out the one word that does not belong in each problem.

1. Gay, merry, dejected, frivolous.
2. Edison, Whistler, Fulton, Morse.
3. Build, erect, raze, construct.
4. Phoenix, Salem, Raleigh, Macon.
5. Arrow, bullet, cartridge, shell.
6. Inaugurate, start, introduce, continue.
7. Donate, pilfer, steal, embezzle.
8. Puma, leopard, tiger, rail.
9. Candor, duplicity, openness, sincerity.
10. Bat, mallet, racquet, gun.

Answers

1. Dejected.	6. Continue.
2. Whistler.	7. Donate.
3. Raze.	8. Rail.
4. Macon.	9. Duplicity.
5. Arrow.	10. Gun.

Never Satisfied

Prisoners continue to plot for escape in spite of the fact that they have been living rent free and meeting no bills for food or medicine. Wild animals often appreciate the care they find in captivity and if they wander away return gladly to their cages. As evolution continues it reveals the human being as showing the highest form of discontent.—Washington Star.

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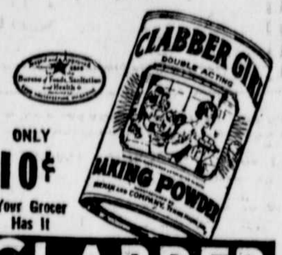

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