



HARVARD CHESS CHAMPION.

Columbia Second and Yale Takes Last Place.

The Seventh Annual Chess Tournament has come to a close, and the cup goes back to Harvard. The tournament was conducted on very much the same lines as heretofore, and was held at the Columbia Grammar School, in the same rooms as before, beginning on Monday, Dec. 26. No new features were apparent, but at the same time the recurrence of some results are giving a surer knowledge of the ins and outs of these tournaments.

It is evident that at all times the cup is likely to go to the team having one exceptionally strong player. He is almost certain to get five games or six, and if he has any sort of reasonable support, and his assistant can make three, the resulting nine will secure the trophy. Thus far the cup has never been taken by a team where the men were equally strong, and where each made an extremely creditable score. In other words, the contest is too nearly a one-man affair.

The very unexpected defeat of Columbia's champion player in the Thursday game, was the deciding point of the week. Had Meyer won from Arensberg, as everyone expected, Columbia would almost certainly have tied Harvard at the close, even if they had not won. Cook's blunder on Thursday was also the turning point by which Yale took last place.

HOW THE INDIVIDUALS PLAYED.

Touching the individual players, Southard was *facile princeps*. His actual knowledge of the game is materially wider and more exhaustive and far-reaching than any other player. There is probably no one of the other seven who could win from him one game in twenty, and it might fairly be said that he has never made a blunder in any intercollegiate game.

His mate Arensberg, played very steady chess. His game on Thursday had evidently been prepared with great caution by himself and Southard, with the special intention of tangling Meyer up on an opening which he was not perhaps very familiar with.

Meyer may be considered all in all the next strongest player, with a style decidedly at variance with that of the cautious Harvard champion. Meyer is wily, full of traps, very ingenious in defence, and decisive in attack. He plays a game that is evolved from his inner consciousness, rather than from tradition.

Falk appears to be a combination of caution and dash in rather rare measure, and bids fair to be the most reliable player that Columbia has sent into the field so far. Hymes was an extremely brilliant and imaginative player, but risky and erratic. Falk looks like a mere boy, and being a Freshman is likely to be heard of, and with great credit to himself for several years to come.

Princeton's men gave decidedly the best team work they have yet shown. Seymour was doubtless a better player than either of the two Ninety-Eight players, but he had very inferior support, and the average play of Weston and Ely was fully as good if not better than any Princeton player except Seymour. They were not strong on the books, but they had a good fair knowl-

edge of the game, and adapted themselves to circumstances.

WHAT IS YALE'S DIFFICULTY?

Just what was the matter with Yale is difficult to say. Cook clearly lost a game and a half by blunders, and it looked a bit as if the strain and the blunder of the first day had made him nervous. He can certainly play in the long run far better chess than he showed in the tournament. The explanation also was offered that the teaching of the coach may perhaps have fitted the men for special attack and defence, rather than for a broad all-round knowledge of the game.

Webb played throughout with caution, but did not show the brilliancy and fertility of imagination which one often finds in Southern players, and while he played sound chess, he was in most of the games simply just a trifle over-matched.

A well-known Yale speaker on a prominent occasion once said, that if Yale was whipped three times in succession, the men ground their teeth, quoted a few Scriptural phrases, and went into win, but this being her seventh defeat in chess, perhaps that rule applies only to athletics. "Pity 'tis, 'tis true."
E. A. CASWELL.

Each Day's Play.

The seventh Intercollegiate Chess Tournament held at the Columbia Grammar School in New York ended on Saturday, Dec. 30, and for the fifth consecutive time Harvard has won the championship by a comfortable margin. The four colleges represented, Harvard, Columbia, Princeton and Yale, ended in the order named.

Yale's score of only 2½ games won is the poorest in the seven years she has been playing in these contests. On Wednesday when play stopped, Columbia and Harvard were tied for the lead at 4½ games each, but Harvard drew away the next morning and won. The players who represented the colleges were: Harvard—Elmer E. Southard and Charles F. C. Arensberg; Columbia—Kaufman G. Falk and Arthur S. Meyer; Princeton—John A. Ely and Alfred S. Weston; Yale—Louis A. Cook and Arthur M. Webb.

The tournament began at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon with the following pairing: Falk (C.) vs. Arensberg (H.); Cook (Y) vs. Ely (P); Meyer (C) vs. Weston (P); Webb (Y) vs. Southard (H.) Cook opened his game with a queen's pawn game against Ely, but on the twenty-fourth move he made a mistake which lost him the game in eight more moves. On the fourth table Webb met the veteran Southard, and though he began his play in excellent form he seemed to lose his nerve at the ninth move and made two bad plays, giving his opponent an advantage which lost the game for Yale in thirty-seven moves.

The second round of the tournament was marked by the fine play of Falk and Cook. The men met each other in this order: Falk (C) vs. Cook (Y); Meyer (C) vs. Southard (H); Ely (P) vs. Arensberg (H); Webb (Y) vs. Weston (P.) Falk by skillful manoeuvring obtained an advantage over his opponent at the beginning of the game and though the latter played pluckily to the end, which was reached in seventy-one moves, he could not overcome his youthful adversary. Webb lost his game to Weston after seventy moves. He opened with a P—Q 4, but lost his

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AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASS'N.

Eleventh Annual Meeting at New Haven during Christmas Recess.

The eleventh annual meeting of the American Economic Association was held in New Haven Dec. 27 to the 29th inclusive. At the closing session these officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Professor Arthur T. Hadley of Yale.

Vice-Presidents—Stuart Wood, Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Professor David Kinley of the University of Illinois and Professor W. Z. Ripley of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Secretary—Professor Walter F. Willcox of Cornell University.

Treasurer—Professor Charles H. Hull of Cornell University.

Publication Committee—Professor F. W. Taussig of Harvard University, Chairman; Davis R. Dewey, Ph.D.; Willard C. Fisher, A.B.; W. H. Scott, Ph.D.; Sidney Sherwood, Ph.D., and F. M. Taylor, Ph.D.

The next meeting will be held at Cornell University in the week following Christmas, 1899.

President Timothy Dwight made the address of welcome on Tuesday morning in Colonial Hall, extending to the visitors the freedom of Yale. He was followed by Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, President of the Association, who delivered the annual address, his subject being "The Relation Between Economics and Politics." In the course of his remarks Prof. Hadley said:

"Whatever we may think of imperialism as a sentiment or of national expansion as a policy—and I was one of those who looked upon them with regret—these are things to which we are already committed. This policy brings new problems of administration upon us as a nation, and renders it more necessary than before to study the art of national government. And the need of an efficient army will of itself make it necessary to give more independence to the administration and more opportunity to its expert advisers. The need for a government of our new colonies which shall recognize the principle of trusteeship rather than of spoliation must conduce yet more strongly toward the same results."

In the evening Prof. H. W. Farnam gave the visiting delegates a reception at his home on Hillhouse avenue.

At the morning session on Wednesday, Prof. R. Mayo Smith, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Twelfth Census, made his report. It was the opinion of this Committee that some of the census subjects should be referred to bureau and experts and that much more time should be given to the work. It should not be rushed through. A general discussion followed. In the afternoon the session was given up to the following program:

1. Some Aspects of the United States Treasury Situation in the Years 1893 to 1897, Professor F. W. Taussig, Harvard University. 2. Early Canal, Railway and Banking Enterprises of the States, in Relation to the Growth of Corporations in the United States, Dr. G. S. Callender, Harvard University. 3. Prices and Price Movements in the Confederate States during the Civil War, Professor J. C. Schwab, Yale University. 4. Recent Economic Changes in the State of Massachusetts, Professor C. S. Walker, Massachusetts Agricultural College.

In the evening there was a joint session with the American Historical Association, at which Professor George P. Fisher of Yale, President of that Society, read an address.

The session was closed with the

evening meeting on Thursday. That day's program follows: Morning session: 1. Report of the Special Committee on Banking and Currency, Professor F. M. Taylor, Chairman; Professor F. W. Taussig, J. W. Jenks, Sidney Sherwood, and David Kinley. 2. Dynamic Standards of Wages and Interest, Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University. 3. A Fundamental Error of the Classical Economists, Professor Charles A. Tuttle, Wabash College. Afternoon session: 1. The Present Study of Practical Labor Problems in France, Dr. W. F. Willoughby, United States Department of Labor. 2. Municipal Taxation as a Means of Public Control of Corporations, Mr. C. W. Curtis, City Bank, New Haven, Conn. 3. The Nature of Municipal Franchises, Dr. Max West, United States Department of Agriculture.

The last meeting was a joint one with the Historical Association, during which papers affecting the present foreign policy of the United States were read.

Hockey Team Christmas Trip.

The first game of the Christmas trip of the Yale Hockey team was played at the Clermont avenue rink in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday night, Dec. 27, with the Brooklyn Skating Club. Brooklyn won on better all around playing in the first half. Towards the end Yale improved sharply in her play and scored three goals in rapid succession, but could not overcome the lead Brooklyn had taken in the first of the game. Barnett, Stoddard and Palmer did the best work for Yale. Brooklyn's men were much larger and heavier than their opponents.

In the first half Kennedy got the puck at the push-off and carried it along the rink, passing it to Dobby, who scored a goal after three minutes' play. Wall got the puck on a pass from Dobby and scored two minutes later. Again Wall got the puck and scored in two minutes. The Brooklyn team continued scoring and Dobby scored two goals in three minutes' play, one of them being made from the push-off. At this point of the game the Yale forwards started and made a good uphill fight, Barnett and Palmer each scoring a goal in less than four minutes. Easton of Yale scored for his team seven minutes later, and before time was called in the half Dobby added another goal to Brooklyn's tally, making the score at the end of the first half 6 to 3 in Brooklyn's favor. In the second half Kennedy scored for Brooklyn after three minutes' play, and two minutes later Palmer scored a goal for Yale on a pass from Stoddard. Wall and Dobby each scored a goal for Brooklyn on passes from Kennedy and Drysdale, making the final score 9 goals to 4. The line-up:

YALE.	POSITION.	BROOKLYN S. C.
Smith	Goal	Hallock
Delafield	Point	McKenzie
Stoddard (capt.)	Cover Point	Drysdale
Easton		Kennedy
Walworth	Forwards	Wall (capt.)
Barnett		Dobby
Palmer		Murray
Referee—G. Post, Brooklyn Skating Club.		

THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME.

Yale won a magnificent game from the team representing the University of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday night, Dec. 27, at the West Park Ice Palace in Philadelphia by the score of 4 to 3. It looked as though Pennsylvania had the game well in hand when the first half closed, for Yale had not been able to score while Pennsylvania had made three. Yale, however, went in to win