

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week.

A very pleasant affair that was not mentioned last week was a dinner given by Mrs. D. E. Lutz to a party of old friends from Tilden. The ladies came for the afternoon which was a social one and at 6 o'clock were seated at a table in the dining room beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations. The dinner, which was delicious, was served in four courses. Covers were laid for Messadams Campbell, Kierstead, Warren, Stubbs, Davis, Crane, Pollock, Kuntzman and Marble of Tilden; Mrs. Asa K. Leonard and Miss Grenell. The party returned to Tilden on the evening train.

Mrs. P. J. Welsh, assisted by Mrs. P. F. Killoran, entertained the ladies of the Altar society and their husbands and also the young folks on Thursday evening. Between fifty and sixty were present. Music and cards were the feature of the evening. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Borovak, and on a tie between Mr. Cantwell and Mr. Lemly Mr. Cantwell won. Consolation prizes went to Mrs. Keleher and P. F. Killoran. Afterward a very enjoyable three-course supper was served.

The chicken pie dinner and sale given by the ladies of the First Congregational church on Friday evening were well attended. The supper was splendid and the fancy articles for sale unusually pretty. The ladies have a neat sum to add to their treasury.

The Norfolk Chess club enjoyed a pleasant evening in the home of J. E. Haase on Thursday. Mrs. Haase served a fine lunch at the close of the games.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed an unusually pleasant meeting with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock on Tuesday evening.

The Ladies Guild met with Mrs. C. E. Burnham on Thursday. Mrs. Burnham was assisted by Mrs. Braden.

A jolly crowd of high school lads and lassies enjoyed a bob sled race Wednesday evening followed by supper at a restaurant.

The Wednesday club met with Mrs. J. S. Mathewson.

Personals.

Cards have been received in Norfolk from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carvington Hoag of Aylmer, Ontario, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Grace Eleanor, to Mr. Carnie Luzerne Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are expected to arrive in Norfolk tomorrow, and will go to house-keeping in a cottage on North Eleventh street.

Mrs. B. P. Pippin went to Omaha on Friday to meet her son, John Williams, who with his wife is here to spend Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Williams live in Lebanon, Mo.

Spencer Butterfield came in from Ames, Wednesday, and visited a few days on his way to Denver to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield.

Miss Maud Rees, accompanied by her roommate, Miss Hazel Turner, will come up from Crete next Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rees.

Mrs. A. T. Hutchinson is enjoying a visit with her mother, Mrs. Couffer, who came up from her home in Silver Creek on Friday.

Albert Witzgman, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witzgman, is just recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden returned Wednesday noon from a visit to their ranch near Belle Fourche, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stitt have returned from a pleasant visit with Omaha friends.

Mrs. J. M. Bondurant has returned from Omaha, where she was a patient in a hospital.

Mrs. C. J. Bullock returned Thursday evening from a week's visit in Grand Island.

Miss Florence Holden of Omaha, is a guest of her brother, Dr. H. T. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Omaha are in Norfolk for a short visit.

Coming Events.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Odiorne "Mr. Turkey" will find a family gathering of thirty waiting for him. The list will include Mrs. Mary Davenport and daughter, Miss Martha, F. E. Davenport and family, Carl Davenport and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koenigstein and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gentle and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pilger and children of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Will Davenport and children of Sioux City, and Mrs. Jack Featherstone of Sioux City.

At the home of Colonel Cotton and Mrs. Mary Mathewson places will be laid for Rev. and Mrs. Booth and children. The family of Dr. C. S. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mathewson and daughter, Charlotte, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, and Miss Olive Mathewson of Walchill, Neb., and Miss Florence Parker.

At the H. C. Matrau home on South Fourth street, the dinner guests will include Dr. and Mrs. C. A. McKim

and son, Mrs. Southwick and son, Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matrau of Long Pine, and Miss Agnes Matrau who will come up from Lincoln on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Crotty and family, W. C. Roland and family, M. C. Frazer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Recroft will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Friday. Besides celebrating Thanksgiving they will also celebrate the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Friday.

A party of Sioux City friends will come out to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stadelman. Mr. and Mrs. Jud Spayde, Miss Spayde, Mr. Norton and Miss Norton and Fred Hall will come over Thursday morning.

At the W. H. Blakeman home on North Eleventh street, there will be quite a party. Places will be laid for F. A. Blakeman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blakeman, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Raymer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds will be hosts to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells and Miss Louise Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mapes of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Willis McBride of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Salter and son, Clarence, Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter and son, George, will go to Pierce, where they will enjoy the day in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Salter.

Miss Stella Luikart will spend next week in Omaha and take Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Luikart. Miss Cora will come up from Lincoln to join the party.

At the home of C. F. Shaw there will be a family gathering including Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Person and children, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Gettinger, and Miss Ruth Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt will have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bullock, C. S. Bridge and daughter, Mollie.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hardy will entertain C. W. Landers and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Pasewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes will have the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Hayes' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Wesner of Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer will have Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayer of Lincoln, with them for Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer will arrive tomorrow noon.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Troutman on Norfolk, the guests will include Mrs. Anna Madsen and daughter, Miss Opal, Miss Lambert and Miss Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Erskine will enjoy a family dinner with their son, Lowell, who will come up from Lincoln where he is a student in the university.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rees are expecting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morris and three children to come up from Omaha and enjoy the day with them.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burton and Mr. and Mrs. George Burton will enjoy the day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Christoph.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden will entertain Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham and Miss Burnham, and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown of Sioux City.

Mrs. Dora Davis will give a family dinner for Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dunn and children, and Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Suiter and little folks.

Miss Opal Coryell will come up from Dixon, where she is primary teacher, Thursday, to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Miss Ruth Shaw will come up from Crete on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompkins of Inman are expected guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Doughty.

Miss Verna Coryell will come up from the university Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Mrs. Rudat will entertain as a family dinner having as guests Mrs. Louise Asmus, Fritz Asmus, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein and daughter, and Mr. John Koenigstein.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Butterfield will have the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Butterfield's father, A. P. Doe of Davenport, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse will entertain Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Huse and J. F. Loesch and family of West Point.

John Witzgman of Battle Creek, will come down to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witzgman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dean will take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beels and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beels will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hazen.

J. B. Maylard and family will go to Madison to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Beeler will entertain F. A. Beeler and family, and Mrs. Ingils and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ana K. Leonard will

entertain Mr. and Mrs. Myron Collamer and children.

The Misses Durland will entertain the families of C. B. Durland and Burt Mapes.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Powers will take dinner with Judge and Mrs. Powers.

Melick-Whitmer.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 20.—Special to The News: A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Melick of this city, on Wednesday, November 17, 1909, when their oldest daughter, Amy Almeda, was united in marriage to Mr. Kelsey A. Whitmer of Rapid City, S. D.

The home was beautifully decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and southern smilax, a bower being made in one corner of the parlor, in which the bride and groom stood, the wedding bell hanging overhead.

At exactly twelve o'clock Mr. G. A. Sellery sang "O Promise Me," in his usual graceful manner, after which Mrs. O. A. Williams rendered the "Bridal Song" by Loehgrin, to the pleasing strains of which the bridal party entered the parlor. Rev. V. E. Clark of the First Congregational church performed the wedding ceremony, the ring service being used.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer received the sincere congratulations of the relatives and friends assembled, after which a bountiful five-course dinner was served. Those present at the wedding were relatives of the bride, the Pleiades club of young ladies, of which Mrs. Whitmer was a member, and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sellery, Mr. and Mrs. Gay N. McDougal and Rev. and Mrs. V. F. Clark. A reception was held from two until four o'clock to the many friends of the bride. Dainty refreshments were served during these hours.

The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful presents consisting chiefly of cut glass and sterling silver. The happy couple left on the four o'clock train yesterday afternoon for Beatrice, where they will visit with Mr. Whitmer's people for a short time, when they will be at home at Rapid City, S. D., where the groom is manager of the Bell Telephone company.

The best wishes of their many friends in this city, for their future happiness, follow the worthy couple.

Wayne Normal Notes.

Mr. George Dinklage of Pender, and Miss Benetti of Mondamin, Ia., were among the new students to enroll this week. Ammanuel Boshart, Scientific 1907, was elected to the office of county superintendent in Kewa Paha county. As far as we have been able to find out, five former students were successful candidates for the office this fall.

A number of Wayne county's rural teachers made a visit on Saturday. Among those may be mentioned Alice Mitchell, Perdita Morgan, Winnie Jones. They were in Wayne to attend the county association.

Misses Minnie Goodsell and Elsie Meyer returned Monday from Hastings where they attended the state Y. W. C. A. convention as delegates from the college association. They report a pleasant trip and an excellent time.

Mrs. Pile went to Creighton Wednesday morning. She was to deliver her lecture on "English and Scottish schools" on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Kendall, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., made our association a visit of several days last week. The young men all thoroughly enjoyed his short stay.

Miss Kingsbury spoke at the one o'clock meeting Saturday. She gave an interesting talk on the "Schools of Germany." A large number of students attended the meeting.

James H. Pile returned home on Friday evening after a month's vacation visiting in Ohio, New York and Chicago. He had a most enjoyable time.

Professor Bright went to Wakefield Tuesday afternoon. In the evening he delivered an address before the Business Men's club, on the "Phillipines."

Battle Creek News.

Mrs. Mary Kirleg is building a new house and barn on her farm north of the Elkhorn river. Carpenter A. P. Boebel is doing the work.

M. L. Thomsen of Battle Creek, is building a new flouring mill at Meadow Grove near the railroad station. John Schacher of this place commenced last week on the concrete and cement block foundation. The main building will be 28x36 feet. The mill will be run by a coal oil engine, and it is resumed the plant will be ready for business next spring.

Charles Kurgewelt is building large cattle sheds on his farm near Dry Hollow.

Fritz Kiner, who was working here about ten months for Fred Volk east of town, went to Ottawa, Ill., Monday for a visit with friends. He intends to return in the spring.

Sam Hansen was here Monday on business from Meadow Grove. Matt Wagner quit his pool and billiard hall here Monday. He shipped his tables up to Ewing, where he is going to open up again.

We learned that Dr. H. O. Munson is going to locate at Herrick, S. D. James Thompson was here Wednesday from Norfolk on his regular business visit.

Albert Manteo, one of the oldest settlers near Battle Creek on the Elkhorn river, celebrated his 71st birthday Wednesday. He is a man of great contentment, and takes everything cool whatever happens to him. He and his wife are the parents of sixteen children, of whom eight are living.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seiffert are moving up here from Stanton this

week, and will occupy the Mrs. Kirleg house in Highland Park. F. K. Cornett was here Wednesday on business from Tilden.

WEST TO LOSE CONTROL.

Due to Fight Made by the Insurgents in Congress.

New York, Nov. 20.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald says: In the basement of the white house offices is an apparatus which looks something like an open refrigerator. It has several large shelves made of strips, with open spaces between them and through the ceiling pipes lead to various rooms above.

It is known as the "dog days cooler," and has been adopted by the president because he has been informed that its use will lower the temperature in the rooms from ten to twenty degrees. It holds eight tons of ice. When chemicals, which also are to be used, are applied and the suction fans turned on, no heated imagination will be able to withstand the cooling effect.

All signs indicate that its use will be demanded in Washington long before the summer comes. Indeed, it is predicted that soon after the Sixty-first congress meets in regular session the president will have to summon Speaker Cannon, Senator Cummins, Senator La Follette, Representative Victor Murdock, and a few other agitated and agitating western politicians to the offices and place them in the frigid draught.

The president, in the interest of getting legislation next winter, is rather in favor of a cessation of hostilities, but the violent attack made on Mr. Cannon and "Cannonism" by Senator Cummins, in Chicago recently, and the reply made by the speaker last Friday night, at Bloomington, Ill., lend color to the view that the fight will have to come off on the floor of the house of representatives before much can be done in the way of legislation. When Senator Cummins, a member of another branch of congress, but who controls nearly the entire Iowa delegation, dedicates his life to overthrowing the speaker of the house, and the speaker replies with accusations of lying and bribery, there would seem to be no middle ground until there has been a measure of strength in the open.

At the same time there is a feeling growing in Washington that the "insurgents" in the house will be able to muster up no more strength than during the tariff fight. If they are stronger than they were in August that fact is not known here. If their constituents are still in favor of having another long period of revision, it is not voiced by the reports that are reaching the president and representative John W. Dwight, the republican "whip" of the house, who keeps fairly good track of the varying moods of congressional idiosyncrasy. Indeed it is pointed out as a significant fact that Senator Cummins, who before the president made his speech at Winona, Minn., on the tariff was in favor of immediate revision, has altered his programme and is now talking in favor of the abstract proposition of a tariff commission.

The men from the west, who are in the "insurgent" camp and also in a hopeless minority in their party, it is pointed out here, have failed to note one most important fact in the shifting of the political power. For many years the middle west controlled congress. The states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas and Nebraska stood together. The large republican majorities and the constant increase in the congressional representation caused the balance of political power, so long as there was a reasonable measure of solidarity among the representatives, to slip across the Alleghenies. Thus, when Speaker Reed retired from the house that great growth of the middle west enabled the late David B. Henderson to win the speakership. New York was divided, the east could not agree and the gavel of the house went beyond the Mississippi.

Again, when Mr. Henderson retired, Joseph G. Cannon succeeded him by the employment of the same cohesive methods. The west was in the saddle. So long as it stood together it was invincible.

But the geographical lines have changed in consequence of the agitation for low tariff and changes in the Cannon rules. The west is no longer solid. It has deliberately let slip its chance further to control the country and practically every important committee that holds the purse strings. It is divided. A portion of it is fighting "Uncle Joe." Another portion is fighting for him. The whole western country, in consequence of the "politics" played by Messrs. La Follette, Cummins, Nelson, Clapp, Bristow, Brown and Burkett, who, although in the senate, claim the right to control votes in the house, just as Platt and Quay did in the days of their power as bosses, has lost its influence, maintained so long as its statesmen stood together.

As a result the east and the Pacific coast will come into their own again. Neither of these sections has any patience with the "insurgents," who started out demanding tariff revision and wound up by talking tariff commission. Neither section is in sympathy with the lower tariff element in the party, and, supported by the votes which will follow "Uncle Joe" in the middle west, will, it is predicted, now control the house and elect the next speaker, in case the republicans win the congressional elections in 1910.

The declaration made by Mr. Cannon in his speech at Bloomington that Herman Ridder promised him the support for the president of the republican newspaper press in case he would pass a bill giving the newspa-

pers free paper is likely to prove damaging to the anti-Cannon cause. The speaker is represented here as daring to go to any lengths to save himself. He has been pictured as with his back to the wall. Friends of the president see that if the fight gets much more violent there is small chance of getting any legislation during the winter. At the proper time he is expected to use his influence as peacemaker.

NO NORTH-WESTERN ISSUE.

Officers Deny Report That New Stock Is to Be Sold.

New York, Nov. 20.—The New York Times says: Revival of the rumor that the Chicago & North-Western is planning an issue of new stock to the extent of one new share for each four shares now outstanding, has brought out the statement from an officer of the company that no action has yet been taken regarding a new issue of stock.

There is about seventy-eight million dollars of authorized common stock which the company has not yet issued, and this the directors have authority to authorize at any time up to such amount as they may deem necessary for the needs of the company. Before the directors can take any such action, however, they must first, under the laws of Michigan, make application for approval of the issue by the railway commission.

Vice President Osborn now points out this fact, saying that the North-Western's policy was to keep the public fully informed regarding its affairs, and that any issue of stock by the company would be made public about as quickly as the directors of the road themselves decided on the matter. No meeting of directors was held yesterday, but President Hughtitt was expected in the city, and it was thought in Wall street that his coming indicated a directors' meeting with the next few days.

A LARIAT WON OVER BULLETS.

Officers Who Had Been Cowboys Caught a Fleeing Thief.

Rawlins, Wyo., Nov. 20.—Unable to check his flight by scores of revolver shots fired for the purpose of frightening him into surrendering, deputy sheriffs brought their skill with the lariat into play and roped Maxim Asamosor, charged with robbing Union Pacific box cars.

Asamosor escaped through an underground passage leading to a cave from his house, which had been surrounded by deputies for four days. He fled bareheaded and bare footed through the sage brush and over a snow covered prairie for a distance of five miles, undaunted by bullets whizzing about him.

"Shoot me, I'll not be taken alive," shouted the fugitive to his pursuers. But he had not reckoned about the skill of the deputies, all of whom are ex-cowpunchers, and soon a lariat skillfully thrown tightened under his arms and held him captive.

NEED FOOD, NOT MEDICINE.

Physicians Find Many Pupils Suffering From Ill-Nourishment.

Kansas City, Nov. 20.—"Many cases of anaemia and inanition, the result of lack of nourishment, were found in the schools I inspected. What can be expected of children who have been sent to school on a breakfast of weak coffee and a crust of bread? Some of the pupils were half starved. They were nervous and exhausted mentally and physically. In New York and some other cities free noonday lunches are provided for the pupils. If Kansas City is to be thorough in the work it has undertaken in the schools this must follow here."

That is the conclusion reached by one of the staff of medical examiners in the schools. Conditions found by some of the other physicians constitute quite as strong an indictment of the old system—or lack of system—which is now being superseded.

PINCHOT'S LETTER.

President Wants to Retain Pinchot in Conservation Interests.

Washington, Nov. 20.—News is not news until it has been published. It seems that the letter from Gifford Pinchot to President Taft was written a week or ten days ago, but that both the president and Pinchot were so successful in keeping it to themselves that nobody on the outside got hold of it until yesterday. Even Secretary Carpenter, while knowing that such a letter had been received by the president, apparently did not know that it was a week or ten days old. It has displeased the president very much.

It seems that the president had had several conferences with Pinchot during which the case was all gone over from the Pinchot side. At the conclusion of the last of these conferences, the president suggested that it might be a good thing if Pinchot were to reduce his statements to writing so that they might be placed in the white house files for reference.

When making this suggestion, it is said, the president had no idea Pinchot would make the letter as strong as he did and indirectly issue an ultimatum. The Pinchot letter has been discussed with Secretary Ballinger and with other members of the cabinet, and an answer to it has not yet been prepared. Whether the answer will be in writing or verbal is not known, indeed, the president is said to be undecided as to whether to answer it at all.

It is evident that the tone of the letter was a disappointment to him and that only his good humor and patience prevented him from taking drastic action at once.

The possibility of politics entering into the controversy is said to be the principal reason why the president

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desires if possible to keep the peace with Pinchot. The president realizes fully the importance of not making any conservation "martyrs." He knows that if he were to dismiss Pinchot, or even accept his resignation, which Pinchot has more than once said he was ready to hand in at any time, a big fuss would be stirred up among the conservationists of the country. The controversy would focus among the insurgents of the middle west states and the difficulty might easily develop into presidential size affecting in some degree the 1912 campaign.

The president does not want by any act of his to contribute to what might possibly be trouble for himself or the men in the party who have been standing behind him. He therefore until now has submitted to all the talking of the Pinchot people, although it has required a good deal of patience on his part. But the Pinchot letter he does not like and he still has it under consideration.

Mr. Pinchot has published a short statement saying that he has issued no ultimatum to the president or anything resembling one. It is likely that he has said in his letter what he really believes to be true, but that his letter to the president is dangerously near being an ultimatum is the opinion of many who have seen it. It is gingersy and peppery to a degree that the administration does not relish.

Gates Will Play O'Neill. Neligh, Neb., Nov. 20.—Sporting Editor The News: A casual reading of the essay written by Ducky McNichols, captain of the O'Neill football team, may raise some doubt as to whether the "senseless clamor and baby play," and "childish prattle," has been on the part of the "puny, cigarette-eating, perfumed boy," and "senseless mutt like Enthusiast No. 2," from Gates. While neither I nor any other person connected with Gates academy, have or has, heretofore, had anything to do with the controversy appearing in your paper regarding football between Gates and the O'Neill high school, yet the statements made by Captain McNichols are so palpably untrue that I desire to put the Gates team right with the public.

I do not care to comment upon the alleged "unjust assault upon the football team," but on "O'Neill citizenship generally," as those who have read the articles published and who are acquainted with the facts as they actually exist, are probably able to draw their own conclusions as to whether an injustice has been done.

As I did not attend Gates in 1904, I have no personal knowledge concerning the contests between O'Neill and Gates on the gridiron during that year; but my information, (which I believe to be authentic) is that Professor Barber did not participate in a single game between Gates and O'Neill in the capacity of a player, but that he did play with the Neligh high school team in a game between that institution and a team purporting to be composed of players from the O'Neill high school. With reference to the player Grabiell, mentioned in Captain McNichols' treatise, the records of the academy show that Mr. Grabiell was a regularly enrolled student of, and actually attended, that school during the year 1904-1905. It might not be out of place here to state that at least one of the players from O'Neill, participating in the contest between Gates and O'Neill at Neligh the forepart of the present season, was not a student of the high school at O'Neill, but was a practicing dentist at that place.

The statement that O'Neill would be willing to play at Ewing is certainly unique, in view of the fact that there is no football field at that place. If O'Neill really is desirous of playing a game of football with Gates, (which is not borne out by the statements published and letters from Captain McNichols to the manager of the Gates team), we will play them at Neligh on any date between now and Thanksgiving. Mr. Trommerbauer of Ewing, to referee the first half, a local man to umpire, officials to change during second half, winner of game to take receipts at gate, or we will pay O'Neill's expenses and retain the proceeds of the game. In view of the O'Neill captain's statement that the members of his team "were met at every turn with an enthusiastic

hand clasp and a well wish for victory," while at Neligh during the early season, this proposition certainly cannot be said to be unfair. I regret that we were not accorded the above treatment while at O'Neill.

D. F. Daughette, Captain Gates Football Team.

FIGHT HIMSELF INTO SHAPE.

Madden Says Jeff Cannot Get Into Condition in a Gymnasium.

New York, Nov. 20.—William Madden, who is now following in the footsteps of Muldoon as a physical culturist and has a health resort not far from this city, says that Jeffries' chances for beating Johnson will be rather slim unless he indulges in several real fights with second and third raters before he enters the ring with the negro. Madden argues that the mere reduction of weight by dint of constant exercise cannot fit a puglist after four or five years of idleness, and that there is no way to test one's stamina except in a hard bout of ten or fifteen rounds where it is necessary to give and take punishment in addition to bringing into play all kinds of ring tactics. Madden says that Jeffries, when he beat Ruhlin in five rounds at Frisco in 1901, was undoubtedly the greatest heavy weight who ever pulled on a glove. Madden still is a firm believer in Jeffries, but he is inclined to doubt the boilermaker's ability to show the wonderful form of eight years ago.

It is understood that in the near future another attempt will be made to induce Jeffries to meet Kaufman in a 10-round bout or even one of six rounds. If the battle can't be arranged Jeffries may be asked to tackle Jim Barry, the Chicago heavy weight, who stayed thirty-nine rounds with Kaufman nearly two years ago. Jeff's belief that a battle with these, either Kaufman or Barry, would not be of interest is not shared by many sporting men who say that a real test of the boiler maker's stamina would attract world-wide attention.

COME ON, FREDDIE WELSH.

Bat. Nelson is Willing to Chase the Britisher in a 45-Round Affair.

New York, Nov. 20.—If Battling Nelson means what he says, he will agree to a match of forty-five rounds with Freddie Welsh of England for the light weight championship of the world. Nelson, who refereed a ten round fight between Bert Keyes and Matty Baldwin at Schenectady, N. Y., Tuesday night, announced that he had decided to take Welsh on and that as soon as the Englishman arrives here next month, a match can be arranged.

Nelson's sudden shift comes in the nature of an agreeable surprise to ring followers, inasmuch as he has studiously ignored Welsh's business-like challenge for more than two years. But Nelson explains that Welsh is now entitled to a fight in view of his recent victory over Johnny Summers in England after which he was formally declared the champion light weight of Great Britain by Lord Londale and other leading members of the National Sporting club. Furthermore, Nelson makes it plain that the fight must call for forty-five rounds or there will be nothing doing.

"Welsh is a first class boxer," says Nelson, "but, that lets him out. If we fight he'll probably run many miles around the inside of the ring to keep out of harm's way, all the time wading out, for which he is famous. But in a 45-round battle he can't keep running forever, and I'll finally land him. I just need one or two hard wallops in the right spot to finish this Britisher and forever stop his mouth. I paid no attention to his challenges in times past because I didn't think he had a right to fight for the world's title, but now that he is coming here as England's recognized champion light weight, he can have a fight under the conditions I name as the title holder."

Would Arbitrate Alsop Claim. Santiago, Chile, Nov. 20.—The Chilean government opened negotiations with Washington with a view to submitting the Alsop claim of the United States against Chile to a specially constituted