

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

SPORTING DEPARTMENT.

The event of the last week in sporting circles was the Swensen-Neilson match which was successfully pulled off in the library Thursday afternoon. It was necessary to make the arrangements hurriedly for fear of interference by the authorities. A full account of how the fight was brought about will be found on another page of this issue.

Both men had been in training for several months and were willing and anxious to meet if suitable articles could be agreed upon. The articles were one (1) senior hat and one (1) football cap.

The Senior champion hails from Sweden, is 6 feet 3 3/4 inches tall, and weighed 161 3/4 pounds when he entered the ring. He has a remarkably long reach which gave him a considerable advantage over Neilson. President F. K. Neilson of the Junior class, better known as the Dodging Dane, appeared at a great disadvantage besides his tall opponent. He is 4 feet 15-16 inches tall and is built low so that he looks even shorter. He weighed 139-76 3/4 pounds when he entered the ring.

The subject of fighting weight came near spoiling any show for a fight. The Dane's backers thought that it would be foolish to have a meet while there was such a difference in the weight of the two bruisers. They suggested that Swen might stop eating for a month or so until his weight was reduced, but for some unknown reason the Senior refused to consider the proposition. He has been justly criticised for this. Until a greater spirit of fairness gets ahold of some people prize fighting won't take its proper place among the sports of polite society. Swenson had ought to have had some consideration for the physical limitations of Neilson and done what he could to make the weights about even. Neils was doing his best to run his weight up. Two boarding house keepers made him leave, saying that they couldn't afford to feed him at any price.

The Junior was quicker than the hat man and showed the results of his foot-ball training.

Both men had some advantages and the odds were about even, though there was not much Neilson money to be had.

Wessel was referee and Green time-keeper. Stake, one senior hat valued at \$2.00 cash.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

Round 1.—Swenson was first in the ring. He looked very formidable in his costume of garnet and gold, the class colors. He and Green acted alternately as stakeholder. When he entered the ring John had the hat but when the Dane made things too lively for him he passed it to the timekeeper. This put Neilson at a disadvantage, the referee's lamentable class

prejudice permitting this violation of Queensbury's rule XI, section 3.

Freddie entered the ring a moment after his lanky opponent and after the two had shaken hands the trouble began. The Senior struck out for Freddie's wind, but hit too high and landed on the atmosphere. The little Dane returned with a couple of light taps on the nose, and they clinched. John made a rush and swung a right-hander that would have put Neilson to sleep, but he reached too far and landed between his shoulder blades. This threw the foot-ball player forward so that he made two body blows good, drawing first blood. Johnny got leery and began to dodge. When the bell rang the two were running around the ring with the Senior half a lap ahead and gaining ground at every jump.

Round 2.—Both entered the ring promptly when the bell rang and an exchange of left-handed compliments took place. Fred landed a heavy body blow on the Swensen's slats and they clinched. But the Senior president got one arm free and beat the Junior's head till time was called.

Round 3.—Fritz showed the effects of the punishment he had received in the previous round and went cautiously. Johnny's left arm was so lame from the work it had done that it could not be used. A little sparring was done and the round closed.

Round 4.—The rest which the men took in the third round enabled them to do some good work in the fourth. Fred's head had swelled so much that it was almost as easy for the Swede to land on it as it had been for Neilson before. The Senior tried for the wind again and landed. Freddy came back with an upper cut and they clinched. John nearly drove the half-back through the floor with an under-cut on top of the head as they separated, and got a nice one on the jaw in return. A quick exchange of body blows followed and the gong rang.

Round 5.—The Junior president tackled low and got his man but they took him out and held him while Swen got on his feet again. He looked mad and made a rush for the other fellow but he dodged between his legs. From then on the fight was in Fred's favor, he took advantage of every chance and got in at every opening. John wasn't in it for a minute, and the time-keeper called time two minutes early to prevent a knock out. The band was flowing freely from the Senior hat as the round closed.

Round 6.—Fritz bobbed up serenely but the Senior was slow. He tried his dodging game but it wouldn't work. Neilson put a right and left hand twist on the hat man's cheek, closed one of his eyes so he couldn't see to hit straight and let him come. The Senior hit wild and Fred handed him two hot ones on the solar plexis, grabbed the hat and the fight was over.

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