## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1905.

## FINAL CLASH ON GRIDIRON ing been chosen as umpire and referee, re-

Meeting at Lincoln Thursday Winds Up Foot Ball Season.

NEBRASKA AND ILLINOIS ARE CONFIDENT

Booth Gets His Warriors Ready for Hard Game and Invaders Will **Come Full of Ginger** and Hope.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nev. 18. - (Special.) The final curtain on the foot ball season of 1996 at the University of Nebraska will be ung down/ Thanksgiving afternoon, when Booth's Cornbuskers and the Illini will meet for their annual clash. It is the be lief in the Neoraska camp that the two elevens are nearly on a par and that if there are any odds they are in favor of the Cornhuskers. This will be the third successive Thanksgiving that the Illinois opposed Booth's pupils on turkey day. On each of their previous visits the warriors from Champaign have given the Cornhuskers the stiffest kind of a fight for the honors and there is a strong sentiment that the Illini are coming to Lincoln confident that they have a fair chance to win.

On paper the two teams seem quite evenly matched. Each team has been hadly defeated by stronger elevens, the Illini losing to Michigan and Chicago and the Cornhuskers to Michigan and Minnesota, the losers in all four games being fairly outclassed. Illinois will have an advantage in the weights of about eight ounds to the man, a margin which in the last two years did not prevent Nebraska from winning, and on the score of avoirdu pols the Cornhuskers have nothing to fear The scales also balance fairly even upon the score of veteran players. A study of the season's records of the two elevens shows that Nebraska has scored a much greater number of points on opponents than the Illini, but it is likely true that Nebraska has had more easy games, and the comparison therefore is of no particular purpose in forecasting the relative strength of the two teams. All of the signs, in fact, point to an even battle.

## Benedict Carries the Hope.

Much of Nebraska's hopes are pinned to Maurice Benedict, the Cornhuskers' bril-Hant quarterback. Last year it was the fleet-footed Bender, whose quarterback playing encompassed the downfall of Illinois, and unless Nebraska's predictions go completely astray it will be Benedict who figures prominently in another Nebraska victory. Booth, the Cornhuskers' mentor, has seen Norcross, captain of Yost's invincible Wolverines, in action and he thinks Benedict a much better quarter than the leader of the Wolverines. Benedici did not play quarter in the Nebraska-Michigan game, but Booth is confident that only in generalship can Norcross be diassed with Benny. As a punter Benedict has only one or two equals in the west, while in return-ing kicks or in interfering for or pushing the runner the Nebraska lad ranks with the best in the country. Benedict began the year with an injury, an inheritance from last season, which made it doubtful if Booth could make use of him, but he has amproved steadily in condition and today he is in fine trim for the Thanksziving game. The practice this week at Nebraska be-sum under discouraging circumstances. A heavy rain came on Monday, when the field was aiready soaked from previous down-pours, and there is now no hope that the sridiron can be put in shape for fast play. The field has been utterly unfit for practice to devote their time to running ste-mis on a narrow strip of turf on the university in favor of the similation toread to devote their time to running ste-mis on a narrow strip of turf on the university. The field has been utterly unfit for practice trists will be attempted only one after-moon. The weather hoodoo has camped persistently on Nebraska's trail ever sines the seeasen opened and Booth has finally becomes hardened against such discourago the leader of the Wolverines. Benedict did not play quarter in the Nebraska-Michigan

Coach for Next Year The coachship question likely will be onsidered by the Nebraska board within a few days after the close of the season. Because of the disastrous defeats susnined in the Michigan and Minnesota games a few criticisms have been passed upon Booth, but these are discredited alunanimously by the Nebraska board. The chief question, rather, seems to hinge upon whether or not Booth will care to continue coaching. He is settled in the practice of law in New York City and considerable persuasion was needed to induce him to accept a year ago for another season. Even then he would probably have spurned Nebraska's proposition had it not been for the knowledge that the Cornhuskers might offer the place to Hogan, the former Yale captain, Booth, being from Princeton the old rivalry for anything which smacks of Eli cropped out and Booth finally sent word that he would come back for 1965. The present year has been a disappointing one for the average Ne braska rooter, but it is admitted that bad weather and a lack of high-class material has figured largely in the team's ill success. It was Booth who first gave the Cornhuskers prominence in western foot ball and for five successive seasons, be-

ginning in 1900. Nebraska was given rank with most of the strong conference elevens. Having proved his ability, the Nebraska authorities, almost to a man, are athletic anxious that Booth shall return, and the big Princetonian in fact has but to say the word to insure that no one else will even be considered for the place.

COLUMBIA ABOLISHES FOOOT BALL

Game Will Not Be Played at New York University After This Year.

**Enliversity After This Year. NEW YORK.** Nov. 28.—Columbia univer-sity has abolished the game of foot ball as at present played as one of the sports in which students of the university will be permitted to engage. This action was taken at a meeting of the Columbia university committee on student organizations held tonight at the univer-sity, at which were members of the com-mittee. Prof. Lord. chairman: Prof. Mitch-ell and Prof. Odell and also president But-ler and Dean Kirchwey and Prof. Bogert, the two latter, former chairmen of the committee. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted: "Under the authority conferred by the university council on student organizations, to supervise and control all student orga-nizations, athletic and other, which in any way represent the university in public, it is

It is "Resolved, On and after December 31, 1605, the foot ball association of Columbia shall be disbanded, before which date all its accounts shall be settled to the satis-faction of the comptroller of student orgaizations.

"Resolved. That in the opinion of this "Resolved. That in the opinion of this committee the present game of foot ball shall be abolished and the committee re-specifully recommend to the university council that the game be prohibited at Columbia university." The action of this committee is final. The students are not permitted to play without the consent of the committee and if they do so they render themselves lia-ble to expulsion. Prof. Lord said after the meeting of the committee:



the season opened and Booth has finally become hardened against such discouragements

## Nebraska's Line Unsettled.

The lineup Nebraska will present for the final game is still undecided. Wienstrand, the big guard, whose weight is 216, has not yet made his peace with the faculty because of studentship deficiencies, and his place in the line likely will be filled by Jenkins. Weller has also been out of form at left tackle during the last few games, and from Lundin's performance against Doane last Saturday there is every indication that the latter player will be chosen by Booth. Weller prefers to play in the back field and he stands a much better chance for right half than for his old station in the line. The injury to Denslow is so slow in mending that his place at right end in all likelihood must be taken by Mc-Donald, while the lameness of left end Johnson may forbid his use for more than the first half. McDonald has been doing me superb tackling in recent games and If Johnson can but last during both halves. the two end positions should be well taken care of. There will be no freshmen in the Nebraska lineup, the Illni being a conference aggregation and Nebraska having voted to play only second year men. Unless there is a sudden shift in Booth's plans the two teams will be opposed as follows:

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Nebraska, 172: Illinois, 189.

The use of Wienstrand and Weller, in stead of Jenkins and Lundin, would raise Nebraska's weights nearly fifty pounds, leaving the average in favor of Illinois only

two teams would enter the conflict practically upon even terms, the result resting entirely upon tactics and both individual and team play.

The officiating is to be in excellent hands, Coach McCornack of Northwestern university and Ralph Hongland of Chicago hav-



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about four pounds. In such an event the WOULD ABOLISH FOOT BALL GAME

University of New York Calls Conference to Consider Matter.

Army and Navy Game.

ference to Consider Matter. NEW YORK, Nov. 28-Almost at the hour when the body of young Harold Moore, the Chion college student who was killed in a foot ball game with the Univer-sity of New York toam last Saturday, was being laid to rest in Ogdensburg today the faculty of the University of New York took definite action looking to the abolish-ment of the game of foot ball as it is now played. Every college whose foot ball team has played against New York university since 1855, when the latters' team was or-ganized, has been invited to take part in a conference fully to consider and finally dispose of the future of the game. With the call of the conference went the in-nouncement that the New York university representatives will support a proposition that the present game ought to be abolished. The colleges invited to the con-ference, mineteen in number, are Union. Forence, nincteen in number, are Unlon, Syracuse, Hamilton, Wesleyan, Lehigh, Rutgers, Trinity, Haverford, Rensslaer, Stevens, West Point, Princeton, Columbia, Fordham, Uralmus, Lafayette, Rochester, Amberst and Swarthmore. The invitation which was sent to each of the colleges suggests the following questions for con-sideration:

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sideration: Ought the present game of foot ball be abolished? If not, what steps should be taken to secure its thorough reform? If abolished what game or games may be possible in its place? Each college or university is invited to send a representative of its faculty and a representative of its athletic organisation making a possible membership of forty. Army and Navy Game. PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 38.-More than 5.000 tickets have already been sold and the largest crowd to wilness an army and navy foot ball game will be in Princeton on Saturday. President Roosevelt, with Miss Alice Roosevelt and other members of his party, will arrive from Washington on a special train about noon. The presi-dent will be driven immediately to the home of President Woodrow Wilson, where he will take luncheon. Most of the presi-

lokets when they are sold for several times