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ATHLETIC NOTES

Our basketball team shoved off on its 1925-1926 basketball schedule last Tuesday, a week ago, and defeated the Deaf School team 38 to 19. On Thursday they won from the Willamette University freshmen 28 to 6.

The freshmen game started off with a bang and was fast to the end. The score would indicate a one-sided affair, but it was really quite even and well played. Our scores were made after fast and clever passing, though several easy opportunities failed to be converted.

The frosh struggled almost in vain to penetrate our defense and were held without a field goal till late in the final period, although they missed several easy chances when our men left their goal unguarded.

Dewey Matt, forward; Reginald DePoe, captain and center; and Charles George, guard; all members of a former team, showed some of their old-time form and played a fine defensive game. Their offensive work was somewhat hampered by the inability of the new men to maneuver properly, which weakness is gradually being improved and our particular style of play learned. Our system of passing the ball under the basket, which the team worked so skillfully last year, is rapidly being learned by the new men and it is hoped they will have it much improved before they enter into the hard holiday games. Eldred George and Coquille Thompson, forwards; Peter Rassmussen, Jack Abraham and Roy Peratrovich all look like promising material. Any of these men would round out a fast team, and will just as soon as they work themselves into the team's style of play.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

Excelsior

The Excelsior Literary Society held their regular meeting in the school building on Dec. 18, 1925. In the absence of the president the house was called to order by vice-President John Dexter. After practicing the songs to be given at the open session the society was entertained by the following program: Jokes, Elmer Logan; saxophone solo, Wm. Eagletail; story, Francis Ross; saxophone solo, Wm. Swifthawk.

This was followed by an open house debate on "Resolved, That the horse is more useful to the In-

dian than the automobile." This brought out some highly entertaining speeches from many members. The debate was decided a draw by the vice-president. After a few remarks from our critic, Capt. Stacy, we adjourned.

Reliance

Friday evening the Reliance society met in room eight in the school building. In the absence of both the president and vice-president the meeting was called to order by president protem, Raymond Jones. After roll call and the reading of the minutes of the past meeting the program was postponed until next meeting and a "spell down" was the preliminary step toward the selection of the members to represent Reliance in the annual spelling contest to be held in the near future.

After songs and yells the society adjourned.

Winona

The Winona Literary Society held their Christmas meeting on Dec. 18, 1925, at the usual time. The house was called to order by the president, the roll called, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following Christmas program was rendered and greatly enjoyed: Song, Society; recitation, Gertrude Caisse; dialogue, Mary Hoskins, Ivy Dupuis and May Donnelly; trio, Ramona Tripp, Emma Sexton and Maybelle Bremner; reading, Virginia Brickell; solo, Anna Peratrovich; recitation, Catherine Sisson; debate, "Resolved, That Christmas is more important than New Years." Affirmative, Agnes Parsons and Florence Evans; negative, Vera Korter and Nellie Sanderson. The judges decided in favor of the negative side.

A closing song by the Society ended the evening's programme, after which a business meeting was held. After our advisor gave an interesting talk the house adjourned.

The girls of the Y. W. C. A. planned a delightful surprise for a group of Hawley Hall girls on Sunday afternoon. Each older girl chose a little girl for whom she prepared a Christmas package. The "Y" room was decked in holiday colors, with a large Christmas tree as the center of attraction. Both older and younger girls participated in the program of songs and recitations. Preceding the distribution of presents Miss Judd sang "That Sweet Song of Old," then Anna Peratrovich explained to the little girls the "big sister" plan, and presented the packages and bags of candy. The gifts included new dresses, beads, handkerchiefs, dolls, and many other things to delight the heart of a small girl. The real spirit of Christmas was manifest in the meeting, and it is the wish of all present, that it may continue long after the holiday season is past.