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ATHLETIC NOTES

The first break in our long chain of basketball victories came last Tuesday evening when our team was defeated by the Cheney Normal School team from Spokane 34 to 21.

From the start to the finish the game was the toughest battle seen on our court this season. Though our boys were pitted against a much larger and heavier team they battled bravely until the very end, and until the closing minutes of the final quarter were neck and neck with their opponents. The score of the first three periods might well tell something of the closeness of the struggle. The first quarter ended 6 to 6; the half ended 13 to 14 in favor of the teachers, and at the close of the third period the score stood 21 to 21. Not for one minute was there any let-up. It was just one continual scrap to hold the lead which went back and forth from one side to the other, with neither team ever gaining more than a two point lead until the very last when the teachers, with a surplus of endurance, slipped away for the winning baskets.

Never was there a better exhibition of determination and fight-to-the-finish spirit than was exhibited by our boys in this game. It was a real test of their nerve and sticking qualities.

On Thursday evening the team went to Salem and met the Salem High School team. A twenty-point margin was what the basketball critics around these parts were wagering that our team would win over our old rival. Though Salem has even a better team this year than the one with which she represented Oregon at the National tournament last year at Chicago, comparative scores justified spectators in picking our team as the favorites. But lo! We bit the dusty dust 32 to 10. No, it was not over-confidence, nor did Salem win on a fluke. She played a brilliant game and deserved the well-earned victory. Dead on their feet from the gruelling game of a night or so previous, and with little of their speed and driving passes, our team played hopelessly and in vain. They could not get to going and the half ended 23 to 3.

For the first few minutes of the second half it looked as though they had come to life and were on the road to victory. They had revived their speed on the floor and those lightning-like passes and the Salemites were

on the defense, while the ball whizzed and whirled around and among them and into the basket. Three times this happened at the beginning of the second half, but it was short-lived. They could not keep up their usual pace—they were done. No, we are not "alibi-ing" or "crawfishing," just merely stating facts. The team gives Salem full credit for the victory without one word to excuse themselves. They have proven themselves good sports both in victory and in defeat.

Often, when a team which has been as successful as ours goes down to such a decisive defeat, as did ours in the game just lost, their fighting spirit and morale is broken. Now the question that arises is this: Can they come back? Yep! A team that has the right stuff in it can. Otherwise, no. One cannot expect them to do the impossible, but they can maintain their standard. Can ours do it? That remains to be seen.

This week we play two games. Both teams we have defeated on our floor. One by a fair margin and the other by a single point. This gives our boys a chance to demonstrate to the world that they are real champions, for it takes that type to accomplish this feat.

LOCAL

During Miss Houk's illness Anna Peratrovich has filled her place very satisfactorily.

William Minthorn of Chemawa's class of '23 and Haskell of '25, was a visitor on the campus during the past few days.

Dr. Collard is still with us and from his cheerful and beneficial services rendered in so short a time Chemawa would surely like to keep him "all the time."

Mr. Fisher took Solomon Fleury, Clifford McLeod, William Markistrum, Archie Greycloud and Albert Bercier to Salem on Sunday to hear Dr. Freeman lecture.

Mr. R. Larkin, of Klamath Falls, brother-in-law of Miss Gunn, stopped at Chemawa and spent Sunday evening with Miss Gunn. Mr. Larkin was enroute to Portland.

The boys and girls were delighted at Wednesday assembly by the three songs sung by Mr. Eustice, coach of the Cheney Normal. Both Mr. Eustice and his team proved to be delightful visitors. Arnold Dupuis asked current event questions.

Chemawa will celebrate its 46th birthday on Feb. 25. All of the vocational grades are looking forward with eagerness to the inter-class song and yell contest which is held in honor of the occasion. Chemawa "Long-fellows" and "Whittiers" had better be grouping their vocabularies into rhythmical clauses, for to the best of such is the red and white cake to be presented.