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ATHLETIC NOTES

Though Dewey Matt was the leading basket thrower for our team in the game against Washington high school December 22 he was assisted by Eldred George, Captain DePoe, Peter Rasmussen and Roy Peratrovich all of whom made one or more baskets in making the 31 to 22 score that ended in our favor.

Though the passing and basket shooting was far from being consistent both give promise of equaling if not bettering anything we have had here in the past. Many of our passes were intercepted, caused by the lack of proper timing, but this will all be overcome with practice and will be hard to stop because the team is traveling at top speed and are even trying to go faster.

Dewey Matt garnered 17 of our 31 points. None of them were of the long-shot type but from beneath the basket and many resulted from neat passing in the scoring zone.

We have been trying to develop a team of basket shooters. Every man a basketshooter is our slogan. It looked for a while as if that might be hoping for too much but each day it looks a little better. In Matt, Rasmussen and DePoe we have consistent shooters and not only an ordinary shot in Eldred George. Our chief worry has been concerning Roy Peratrovich who is having a little difficulty in mastering the breast shot. In this game he came through with his share of baskets and looks more promising. Roy is a good guard and will balance the team off in fine shape once he acquires the knack of shooting baskets.

Our gymnasium has been a busy and popular place throughout the holiday season. Almost every afternoon and evening there was something there that held the interest of all who could be crowded into that hall. The place is too small.

At some time or other during the season the boys and girls of the various buildings had the privilege of entertaining, and in turn being entertained by their friends there. The music, laughter and other general signs of an exceedingly good time floated almost incessantly from this hall to tell of the fun and joy that all were having.

The afternoons were given over to sports that consisted of relay races, potato races, tug-o'-war and basketball games for the girls, and rope climbing, horse and rider contests, horse and rider relays, tug-o'-war and basketball games for the boys. It would seem that almost every one here would be drawn in on some of these sports at some time, for they were engaged in by the

members of nearly every organization on the campus. Sports they were and everyone that took part in them played the part of a "sport," for they won or lost with a smile. Some of them were the best we have seen. Such as horse and rider relays and the horse and rider contests. We laughed until our sides ached at the way the riders rode in the relay and at the gallant way horse and rider stood until the end in the contests. The potato races were exciting and the tug-o'-war never failed to thrill the crowd. Everything went off snappily and there never was a dull moment during the two hours spent there each afternoon.

Our basketball teams furnished their share of entertainment by a series of games. Early in the week both our first and second teams won over the Baptist church teams of Portland 74 to 14 and 49 to 12, respectively. On the following night the Blackcat team from Salem gave our boys a dose of their own medicine by defeating them 33 to 18. But after a couple of nights rest our boys trotted out on the court once more and beat the representatives from Franklin high school 58 to 14. Our team got away to a fast start against Franklin and kept up the pace until almost the end of the game. At the latter part of each half a new team replaced our regulars and they held Franklin even. In the first and last games our boys displayed a lot of fine teamwork and basket-shooting in which every man played a prominent part. Though the scores were one-sided the visiting teams were good sports and put up a game fight.

A slight change has been made over our regular line-up. Captain DePoe has been switched to running guard and Peter Rasmussen to jumping center. The change strengthened the team somewhat. Eldred George looks more and more like the running mate to Dewey Matt at forward that we have been looking for with each game. Against Franklin both he and Roy Peratrovich played up to par with the other regulars; in fact, their work was outstanding and effective. Roy is developing the art of basket-shooting, which has been his chief drawback up to this time. The five mentioned have set quite a record already and a heavy pace to keep up. Three out of four starts have been won and two by overwhelming scores. They were not "set-ups" either. Franklin is no weakling and the Baptists were the champions of their league last year. Yet this is no cause for our team to take to wings for many good teams have been soundly beaten by playing on their reputation or past records. But it proves that they have the making of a good season in their own hands. Over-confidence and lack of training beats any team. Tomorrow the team leaves on a three-day trip to Portland, Hood River and The Dalles to play the teams of those places. An account of those trips will appear in the next issue.