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ATHLETIC NOTES

After three weeks of indoor work our baseball candidates were glad to get out in the open to practice. The bad weather kept them under cover longer this spring than ever, but this permitted the loosening up process to be more intense, which will be an asset to both team and individual.

The candidates look good and the prospects very bright. But the boys will have to look good and improve considerably if they are to make a showing against the teams that are appearing on our schedule. Mr. Bent, our manager, is dickering with O. A. C. for games, also Pacific and Willamette universities, Reed and Pacific colleges, Columbia University, Monmouth Normal School, Linfield College, Franklin and Washington high schools of Portland, all of whom rank with the strongest teams in college and high school circles. They will round out the best schedule we have enjoyed.

In the first practice game the varsity men of last season trimmed the new candidates 7 to 2. The earliness of this game did not prevent the new and old men from showing up well, nor those interested in the team from becoming over-joyed at the prospects of a successful season. All goes well and we are happy.

A horde of good men makes a hummer of a varsity and we seem to be fortunate enough at this time to have plenty who can play better than ordinary baseball. The score of the first game would indicate that the new men are not so dusty and those that saw them in action declare they are coming ball tossers. However, among them there are a few that rise above the rank and file and those are: Orin Johnson at third base; Lawrence Pratt, short stop; James Spencer, first base; Clifford Celestine, field; Joe Ike and William McCorkle, pitchers.

Those of the varsity of last year that are still with us and those who showed much of their real form are: Jake Atkins, catcher; Solomon Fleury and Leander Wilson, pitchers; Eldred George, first base; Charles DePoe, second base; Reginald DePoe, third base; Coquille Thompson, George Meachem and Sandy Matilton, outfielders. For awhile the funny balls of

Joe Ike and William McCorkle had these boys guessing and they fanned the air, but finally started meeting the ball in front of the plate, then the fireworks began.

The ice has been broken and the grind of the 1927 season is started and the record in the making. The rest remains with the team. They have everything in their favor to begin with and the hopes of the student body, and also the faculty, are high. That old, time-worn saying that "nothing is gained without great labor" still holds good. So even with these advantages, we cannot hope to make an enviable record without paying the price of hard work. Can we pay? We believe that our teams have learned to do just that and because of it have done exceedingly well when prospects were never so bright.

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL BANQUET

Last Thursday was St. Patrick's Day, quite an important event the world over, but in Chemawa it was eclipsed in importance by the banquet given in honor of those who comprised the teams and squads in football and basketball. A banquet to these athletes has grown to be an annual affair at Chemawa, and it is always given just after the close of the basketball season.

The domestic science department was the place where the banquet was prepared and held and it proved just the place for such an occasion. The rooms and tables were most attractively arranged and the various courses of the banquet were delicious to the palate and delightfully served. Before proceeding further we wish to state that Mrs. Brickell, Miss Strout, and their girls have the unstinted praise of all for the wonderfully fine banquet and the equally wonderful service. Everything was delightful.

Mr. Downie acted as toastmaster, in which position he was splendid. During the banquet hour he called upon Supt. McGregor, Mr. Carroll, Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Downie, Mr. Iliff, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Larsen and Mr. Turney for talks, and all responded in a most pleasing and entertaining vein. A toast was offered in honor of those of the domestic science department. Just before adjournment Mr. Downie proposed that all stand for a moment with heads bowed in remembrance of Ole Strom, former football team captain whose accident last fall cost him his life. It was a tribute to the memory of poor Ole—he will not soon be forgotten by those at the banquet.

It was truly a delightful occasion—enjoyable in every sense.

Miss Uinta Kirk spent the week-end with her parents. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Earle Hunter and son, Earle Jr., of Juneau, Alaska. Mrs. Hunter spent the winter in California and is now on her way home.