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ATHLETIC NOTES

Columbia University took the measure of our baseball team for the second time this season when they defeated us here last Saturday afternoon 12 to 10. It was a scorching day and ideal baseball weather, but being the first of its kind had a drowsy effect on a teammate who failed to get under a fly ball in time to retire the side and incidentally save us a half-dozen runs.

Columbia scored twice in the first inning, but that little lead was overtaken in our half of the first when our boys chased three runners across the plate. But it was the next inning that our left fielder gave up the ghost and Columbia wrecked our hopes. Before we could settle down the visitors had scored six runs, enough to win an ordinary ball game. Everything looked dark and all hands seemed to have settled down in their seats to wait for the end, but "Tommie" Thompson revived our hopes on our turn to bat when he strode to the plate with his trusty "willow" and drove one against the shops that rebounded so hard the center fielder chased it over a whole half-acre, while Thompson tore around the bases for a home run. That was a fine start for a new inning, but heavy to keep up, and Columbia retired the side with but one more run against them. That ended our scoring until the eighth inning, when our batters found Metschan, Columbia's star twirler, for three safe hits and he was relieved for a fresh man. The change did not retard the hitting of our batsmen and seven of them registered hits and we garnered six runs before Columbia could get the side out.

That little rally changed conditions considerably and the drowsy crowd awakened into a roaring throng. They yelled for hits and runs and they got seven and six, but not enough to turn defeat into victory. Both teams played air-tight ball in the last inning and neither allowed a hit or a run and the score was unchanged.

Solomon Fleury, our pitching ace, did the hurling for our team and struck out eleven men and allowed eleven hits. Metschan, for Columbia, struck out nine batters and was found for fifteen hits.

The team plays Linfield College here Saturday. We hope to benefit by some of the errors that were so costly in the Columbia game and to take the collegians into camp if we can. We must be awake and on our toes all the time and leave the dreaming to those in the bleachers if we would win.

The class game between the seventh and eighth graders that was supposed to be played last week will be played Sunday.

Coach Sanders and a few of his track men entered into the four-cornered track meet held at O. A. C. last Saturday, and though they did not win, they came home with second place, beating out Linfield College and the Oregon Normal school. One of the most spectacular events of the meet was the half-mile run which was won by our man, Gideon Brings Grub.

LOCAL

Mr. Bent made a week-end business trip to Spokane, Wash.

Our singing organizations, both boys and girls, will provide a program tonight for the Odd Fellows' lodge in Salem.

Frank Johnson, former Chemawa graduate, but who has been attending the medical school at the University of Oregon during the past winter, spent the last week-end at Chemawa.

Emma Escholt, who returned to her home in Deering, Alaska, some time back on account of ill-health, has written friends here that she is now about back to normal and that she has taken up tenth grade work in the school there.

The Nonpareil and Excelsior Literary Societies enjoyed a joint meeting in the auditorium last Friday evening. An interesting program was rendered consisting of instrumental and vocal music, recitations, a playlet, and impromptu talks. Grace Peterson, president of the Nonpareils, presided. Mr. Downie and Mr. Johnson, visitors, both gave excellent talks.

A rare treat was afforded our people last Sunday afternoon when Dr. H. C. Epley brought the Salem Boys' Chorus, of which he is the director, to Chemawa to give us a concert. For an hour and a-half or more the Doctor entertained us with his talented and well-drilled chorus of boys. The youngsters range in age from little fellows just out of the cradle to boys able to play ball and what they accomplished out here was truly marvelous. We appreciated every number of the long, difficult, and varied program. The conclusion is that Dr. Epley is one man in many thousands for work such as he is doing, and that it is of inestimable value to the city of Salem and community. We thank the Doctor and his chorus and trust that some day they will again favor us.