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ATHLETIC NOTES

After the first week of basketball practice a few things have revealed themselves: One, that only two of last year's varsity are reporting to practice; that we are woefully weak on basketshooting and teamwork and that a most desperate struggle to survive is being made by those on the squad. In recent years the most of those who made up our basketball teams stood head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates, so that made it a comparatively easy task to select the varsity. This year we do not have those basketball marvels, such as were mentioned in our last issue, and as a result everybody figures that he has a real chance to make the team. And everybody is right in figuring just that way, for such is exactly the case. Our squad is not dotted here and there with an exceptional basketshooter, or an all-around guard, or a high-jumping center, but it is, however, blessed with the hardest and most willing workers to be found on any squad. The team may be sadly handicapped in some ways, but in this one respect they are starting the season with this one biggest asset in their favor—the spirit of a fighting heart. At that they may not win many of their games, but all can rest assured every one will be hotly contested and on top of that there is this to be remembered: It is a terribly difficult job to defeat a team that won't be defeated.

Within the next week or so the boys will be hitting the basket, they will not fumble so much and naturally their teamwork will improve, so it will be an easier job to get a line on "Who's Who."

Bill Markishtum, our leading artist, has just finished painting Indian heads on the backs of our basketball warm-ups. The job is neat and exceedingly well done. The big chief with the headdress looks almost alive. You will have a chance to see them when we play our first game.

The high school classes have organized their basketball teams and practice for the holiday basketball tournament is under way. These games are interesting and exciting and always uncover one or two "finds." Who will it be this year?

If numbers count for anything the girls should have a good basketball team. Last week Mrs. Downie, girls' coach, called for candidates and fifty-seven responded, probably the largest number that has ever turned out for sport here. There are veterans enough from last year's team to fill every position, but the new girls that look promising are many and the veterans are likely to experience a little difficulty in holding their positions.

For the past three weeks a volley ball tournament has been in session at the gym. The boys who take part in this sport meet every Monday and Thursday evening at eight o'clock. At first the game was very poorly played, probably because the boys were "young and inexperienced," but they are rapidly taking on form and getting results. With six on a team and three teams playing it is necessary that nearly every male employee on the campus report for play and they have been doing it. This aggregation expects to challenge the officers of the boys' batallion soon.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS

It is reported that we have an adequate supply of unusually fine potatoes on hand—plenty for school needs this season, and they are exceptionally large. This is certainly good news.

The painting detail, under Mr. Sanders, have just recently completed the painting of a large ward in our hospital. They are now at work in Hawley Hall, where they have quite a contract.

Repairs have been the order of the day at the power plant of late. Looking after pipes of all sizes and dimensions has taken some time. The recent little cold snap made some extra work necessary and they were obliged to use a special boiler to heat the oil in order to pump it to the power house. Real business was reported.

Mr. Friske and his detail of electricians have had quite a lot of work on their hands of late, as they were engaged at the job of rewiring the academic building for a proper arrangement of the various class bells, etc. This was more of a task than one would fancy. All is completed now and there is no longer any mix-up in the signals.

Mr. Grant Decorah, our capable shoe and harness maker, has had quite a contract for harness handed him this year in addition to the work of shoe repairing. Shoe work at Chemawa is no easy snap; however, in spite of everything Mr. Decorah and his detail have completed some fifty-odd sets of harness this season. We are frank to say that we believe this is pretty good.

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