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## ATHLETIC NOTES

With the return to the squad of Peter Rassmussen and a week of hard work together our basketball prospects look much brighter than they did at the start of the training season. A week ago all indicated a lean year so far as victories were concerned. But since then several of the squad have taken on enough polish to make the outlook encouraging. When the season started it appeared that the team would be hopelessly without basket-throwers, but even that important department is being quite well taken care of by several of the strongest contenders for varsity positions.

Peter Rassmussen has played a guard position heretofore, but is now playing center. Peter has not developed any unusual jumping muscles just yet, and for the present is depending considerably on his reach, which, by the way, is quite some distance. However, Pete can elevate and will before the season is far along. This is his last year on the maple court for Chemawa and all indicates that it will be his best. While he has always been a valuable man, and consistent at throwing baskets, it looks very much like this season's work will surpass them all. He is shooting with the quickness and ease of the "crack shots."

Eldred George and James Spencer, in the forward positions, make about the huskiest pair we have had in several years. Both of these boys stand over six feet and are big. They have good reach and are comparatively fast. However, James Spencer is hampered with a weak ankle that is apt to give some trouble. But Jesse Prettyman will make a good alternate for either of these boys. Though Jesse is small compared with these two, he is fast and a good shot. Just at present he is suffering with a little foot trouble and is not able to practice, but will be out shortly.

Roy Peratrovich, who has been our defensive guard for the past two seasons has never been called upon to do much basket-throwing, but suddenly he has taken on the knack of shooting baskets. Last season Roy averaged about two baskets per game, but that was due mostly to his lack of confidence in shooting.

His carefulness often caused a miss. It is different now. He has found himself, so to speak, and goes in with speed, grace and without strain and "makes 'em." These points are vital to basket-throwers.

George Meachem came up from the junior team last year. He developed so fast that before the season was over he was on the second team. His size, speed and general all-around ability to play basketball is going to make it hard for anyone to beat him out of a position. Several combinations have been tried, but the five just mentioned, with George in it, seems to be the most effective. He has been hitting the basket with the rest and all are still improving. So, all told, instead of having a team minus basket-throwers it appears we will have one in which all five men can shoot.

Team work, with fast, snappy passing of the ball has been the watchwork at the gym for the past week and both players and coach have been saying, "faster," "faster," and the boys have responded to that call to the point of some perfection. Tomorrow all will have an opportunity to judge whether or not we will have a real winner before the season is over. The team plays the Salem Athenians.

## GOOD NEWS

The matter of the location of the new girls' dormitory at Chemawa has finally been settled. The Indian Office has approved the suggestion of Superintendent Lipps that the north wing of Winona Hall be removed and that the new dormitory be located on the north side of that building and parallel to it. This will be the first unit of what it is hoped will eventually be a new modern Winona Hall with a large inner court.

This is one of the most central, convenient and desirable building sites on the campus, and a new modern dormitory building on this site will add greatly to the appearance of the school as a whole. It is expected that the construction of this new dormitory will be commenced in the early spring and rushed to completion so as to be ready to occupy early next fall. The sum of \$40,000 was appropriated at the last session of Congress for the construction of this building.

Christmas began for small boys on Sunday evening, when the smallest company of the small boys were guests of the Y. M. C. A. at a Christmas tree and program in the "Y" room. After an interesting program consisting of songs and recitations by the little fellows, and quartet numbers by the Y. M. C. A. members, Santa Claus appeared on the scene with a great box of packages and numerous bags of candy that quickly found appreciative owners. This Christmas treat has become an annual event in the Y. M. C. A. and it is difficult to say whether the older or the younger boys received the most pleasure from the celebration.