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## ATHLETIC NOTES

Our baseball squad has gone through a long siege of spring training indoors since the first call for candidates was made some time ago. They loosened up their arms and spent much time bunting and sliding and getting in shape generally to be ready to take to the open air when the good weather came. Last Thursday a nice balmy day arrived and our squad donned their new uniforms to forsake the gym floor for the field. A good-sized crowd assembled to see the boys go through the first scrimmage of the season and judge for themselves the prospects of this year's team. The general impression seemed to be that, though they are not dazzlingly bright, they are somewhat better than was expected even though several regulars from last year's team are missing.

Solomon Fleury and Jake Atkins, who have been our mainstays in the box and behind the bat for some time, look better than ever. Leander Wilson, who alternated with Fleury last season, returned home after the first semester and left us with only untried men. However, in Al Goudy, William McCorkle and Theodore Gillette, we have three likely candidates who are apt to show something before the season closes.

Eldred George is back on first, Clifford Meachem on second, and George Meachem at short. This should be a banner year for these three, as they filled the same places nicely last year. No one has been definitely selected for third base, although several are trying for the position. James Spencer, Orin Johnson and James McKay are the most likely just now though neither have had any previous experience in that position. Julian Smith, Dowd Franklin and James Solomon, all of whom are out for the first time, have been showing up well and if either can make the grade there will be a chance to switch Clifford Meachem to third and give the three young fellows a try at second. This will make Spencer and Johnson available for fielders. None of our fielders returned so there is some real hustling done by the many candidates to land a fielding job. Lawrence Pratt, Joe Alexander, Alonzo Hoover, Levi Frank and Roy Meachem have

a slight edge on the others just at present, mainly because of their hitting ability. However, if Ernest Brunoe, who is playing behind the bat just now, and Isaac Curley, who is trying for the first base position, continue to hit as they have in these first few games they will more than likely be chasing flies for the first nine.

Just now the pitchers are putting everything over the plate and nearly all of the boys are hitting them square and on a line. This terrific walloping of the ball will, of course, naturally drop off some when they start curving them, but nevertheless it indicates that all are watching the ball. In the first real practice game which was played Saturday there were several home-runs made and they came by the route of the long hard drive. And incidentally there were comparatively few strike outs. This in itself is a very encouraging sign. As a rule every young fellow tries to knock the ball as far as he can and he sacrifices everything in doing it. And as a result he forms the habit of shutting his eyes and swinging which, of course, is fatal to batters. Apparently our hitters have gotten off on the right foot and are watching the ball like hawks. If they keep up the pace they have already set for themselves we will more than likely have the best hitting team we have had in several years.

This afternoon Willamette University is coming out for a little scrimmage. Probably by Saturday we will play our first scheduled game. As yet the schedule is not completed. However, there are games arranged with Albany College, Linfield College, Columbia University, Multnomah Club, Willamette University, and probably Pacific University.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

The Literary Societies put on a visiting program last Friday evening. The Winonas sent Margaret Ball and Helen Peratrovich, in a clever dialogue, and the Blakeslee girls in a violin duet, to visit the other societies.

The Reliance boys were represented by Aaron Isaac, William McCorkle and Peter McClusky in musical numbers.

The DePoe Boys visited the other societies in behalf of the Excelsior and gave orchestra numbers.

The representatives of each society certainly gave entertaining and dignified numbers, and each delegation reflected credit on their respective organizations.

The Nonpariel were busy with their social, which is spoken of elsewhere.

John Dexter appeared as a violin soloist at an open session of the district convention of Odd Fellows in Salem last Saturday evening. He played well and was accorded a splendid reception. Mrs. Turney was his accompanist.