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ATHLETIC NOTES

So far our entrance into the high school athletic association has been only like the "Rocky Road to Dublin" and none knows it better than our assistant superintendent, Mr. Carroll, who has the handling of all the correspondence and data concerning our school and industrial work, subjects and credits of each pupil, and countless other technicalities, all of which have an important bearing on our membership. He hopes to have every possible eligible player "in the clear" before the end of the week.

Though the "flu" has touched us only lightly, so to speak, it has retarded basketball practice so that we really have not begun. There being no practice last week. However, work was taken up at the beginning of this week and it is hoped the boys will be able to round into shape in time for their first game, which is to be played against Oregon City high school on the 27th.

The return to school of James Spencer has given our basketball prospects a substantial boost. Jim was a regular guard on our team of last year and a good one. His ability to guard, intercept passes and shoot baskets made him a valuable man.

Coquelle Thompson stopped in last Sunday to say hello to friends while on his way back to school at Oregon State College. All were glad to see "Tommie" and to know that he is recovering from the "flu" which was the thing that kept him out of the O. S. C.-N. Y. U. game at New York on Thanksgiving Day.

Joe Peratrovich was the dinner guest of Coach and Mrs. Downie last Sunday. He left for his home in Alaska on Monday. During the past four years Joe has been an important member of our football team, and his ability to extend himself over a wide area made our line appear strong. Needless to say, we will miss him when our squad reports next fall. His quiet, gentle manner has won him many friends. His reliability and dependability were not confined to athletics, but Joe carried those fine traits into his academic and industrial work, in fact, into everything he undertook. We are not a bit concerned about Joe's welfare. We

know that such a boy will make good wherever he may go, or in whatever he may undertake. Joe, our good wishes go with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Service paid the school, and friends a brief visit last Sunday. Mr. Service was a printer while here and is now connected with the Toledo Herald at Toledo, Oregon. "Bunny" played first base on the baseball team and center on the basketball team and he was good at both. One evening, while in a game with a nearby organization who tried to break "Bunny's" spirit by the use of rough tactics and thereby enable them to win the game, they so used up this long, lanky fellow that he looked much like he had been drawn through a sausage grinder, but "Bunny" never lost his head and played clean and hard without a word. He not only won for himself a lot of respect and admiration, but by his level-headedness enabled Chemawa to wallop her opponents by a comfortable score.

The Christmas programs which are just on the press contain a full schedule of our holiday activities and many athletic events for the members of the various classes. With the keen competition that exists between them we will surely have several exciting and interesting afternoons. It is time class presidents have organized their several teams if this has not already been done.

Solomon Fleury, who is without question one of the cleverest halfbacks to graduate from this school in recent years, is now disciplinarian and coach of athletics at the Pipestone school in Minnesota where he has just closed a most successful football season. If "Sol" can teach his boys to carry the ball anything like he can do it himself then it is no wonder that he has turned out a winner. "Sol" was also a pitcher of real ability and he was even more successful in that respect. Last season he pitched our team through an undefeated schedule and our boys took on some real competition. Solomon gloried in fooling the batters with his left-handed twisters like he did when he walked to the plate with the "willow" to pound out the longest and hardest drives of the game. "Sol" was just so good that his reputation was spread all over this section and even the Portland Beavers wanted him to take a "fling" at the game with them, but his ambitions traveled along amateur lines. We are glad to hear of his splendid success and, to be sure, we will always be interested in his work.

We are also in receipt of a letter from Irving Shepard, disciplinarian and athletic coach at the Wahpeton school in North Dakota. "Shep" was the center on our "wonder team" of 1919 and 1920 when they took on all-comers and made a remarkable record even against the two state colleges. He tells us he is rounding his basketball charges into shape and that he will have at least a "scrappy" team. If they are scrappy he should have no worry. Those are the boys who do things, experience and ability count for little when one does not have the "will to do," or the "will to win." However, we will be watching his team with a great deal of interest.

ESCORTS

Sunday, Dec. 23—McBride	-	Theo Turner
Winona	-	Mrs. Walker
Hawley	-	Miss Winegardner