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ATHLETIC NOTES

Last Tuesday evening the Salem Ducks defeated our basketball team 27 to 10. On the following evening the boys played a little better and the Willamette University freshmen beat them 26 to 15. On Friday seven players and the coach left on a trip up the Columbla river, where they played two games. Hood River defeated us in a real snappy game 27 to 21, and The Dalles swamped us 30 to 18. Eldred George and Roy Peratrovich were the only veterans on the trip and they certainly extended themselves in an effort to retain some of the basketball prestige they helped to establish in that country two years ago when they went there with one of the fastest teams this school has ever produced and won by overwhelming scores. They met us with open arms and their posters heralded us as the original "streaks of lightning," because of what they saw a couple of years ago, of course, but we could present to them no such team this year. The only thing our five could do was to play with dogged determination and hang on until the end, and they did, but the snappy and clever teams that we met at both places were too much for our boys, and they won handily. However, both games were full of action and the big enthusiastic crowds that filled the gyms cheered the players of both teams and they never failed to applaud a good play. Their sportsmanship and friendliness was striking. Lots and lots of folks can be good sports and friendly when they win, but we recall that they were just as big in every way two years ago when we defeated them by overwhelming scores.

About the 20th of this month the second semester of our school year begins and several boys will be added to our basketball line-up that should make a change in the picture. But too much cannot be expected, for they will have been out half of the season and the benefits of the early season games are lost to them. In a way it will be much like starting over. But it will be an opportunity to win back some lost laurels.

For fear that some of our readers have gained the wrong impression concerning our ineligible players it may be well to state the truth of the matter. While

we do have several boys who are ineligible, only one of that number is ineligible because of his own neglect to keep up in his school work. Others are affected by the entrance ruling, and still others because of the lack of the necessary subjects, which is no fault of their own. However, this will all be ironed out at the start of the second semester and all will begin with a clean sheet. We are fortunate that all of these conditions have arisen during our first few months as members. We have felt keenly the loss of able players and know just what it means to have players declared ineligible. It brought home to the players, like nothing else could, the importance of standing high in academic work. It can be done and it must be done by all who wish to participate athletically.

After quite some time, Mrs. Downie, the girls' basketball coach, has started practice. The girls have not been out since the "flu" hit us. But they resumed practice last Friday and are preparing for their first game which will be played against West Lynn on the 15th. With scarcely a week to prepare the girls will have to work fast if they are to take West Lynn by the forelock.

SENIOR WATCH PARTY

"The Senior Girls never enjoyed themselves before in such a quiet, and peaceable, manner as when they gathered that evening waiting happily for the New Year moment to draw near. Jokes, ghost stories, and other interesting items were told by several of the girls. In silence each thought seriously over what their intentions, plans, and aims would be for the new year, and especially of the touching, departing time of leaving all their friends and their dear Alma Mater. Finally a delicious midnight lunch was served. Again the old year rolled by and the New Year rolled in 'with many resolutions.'" So reports one of the girls.

ESCORTS

Saturday, Jan. 12—to Salem	-	-	Miss Judd
Sunday, Jan 13—McBride	-	-	Mr. Friske
Winona	-	-	Mr. Fisher
Hawley	-	-	Mr. Frost

Samuel Finley Morse, born at Charleston, Mass., in 1791, was graduated from Yale at the age of nineteen and became the inventor of the telegraph. When his work was completed and ready for demonstration, the first message sent was, "What hath God wrought?" His message was sent from the United States Supreme Court room in the Capitol at Washington to Baltimore, May 24, 1844.