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ATHLETIC NOTES

Torrents of rain and hail and the inclement weather generally during the past week has kept our athletes inactive and made scheduled events impossible. However, the sunny weather and the long stay inside have made our track men and baseball tossers only the more eager to don the spiked and cleated shoes, so our athletic field has been a tremendously busy place because of it. The game with West Lynn will be played before the week is past and the track meet with Silverton will follow close on its heels.

Our brand-new baseball squad, all hopped up and eager for action, hurried to the gym each day to pull on their suits only to be driven back by the weather. Some of our trackmen braved the wet with their winter togs, but got little but wet feet from it. But they are eager to hang up some new school records, both in track and field events. Our athletes have done but little in the way of field and track work in the past few years, but that has been due mostly to the dying of the sport. It had been dropped almost entirely by many of the high schools and even the big colleges had a hard time to keep even a spark of life glowing in it. But it is now being revived and meets are being scheduled all over the country. Ours has been a long period of unbroken school records. That, however, has been the case generally among the preparatory schools, at least, for there has not been enough people interested in the sport to act as inducement to track men to train. At any rate our tracksters have shown many signs of life recently and they are out to do business. Maybe none of our school records will be toppled over this spring, but we have the material to shave some of them pretty close. Just what the official school record is in the various events is not known just now, but they are available and should be dug up to give our track men a mark to shoot at.

In the dashes we have Francis Ross, James Oliver and William Wall. All of whom can pick 'em up and put 'em down pretty fast. But whether or not they can better or even equal the record set by such former sprinters as Levi Sorter, James R. Smith, Cyril Morrisette or James Choate remains to be seen. Anyway, there is a chance, and with meets to prepare for, these boys might even strive to better those now long-standing records. Levi Sorter was just as quick at the start

as any man living during his reign here. Sports were not broadcasted then as they are now, nor were the sport sheets filled with the athletic events of the day, but Levi was recognized far and wide because of his ability to make a remarkably quick get-away. He had that knack of getting underway at full speed the instant the pistol sounded that sprinters drill hours on to perfect. In it rested much of Levi's success.

John Frenier looks like the best miler we have had in a long time. John is big and strong and has a long pair of legs that should carry him over the course quick enough to establish a new record. That might be a little tough to do for some of those old boys had everything. So far this season John has been successful in all of his cross-country runs and since the end of that season has concentrated on the mile. But whether or not he has set his cap to hang up a new school record for the mile is not known, but the opportunity is there just the same. On the other hand a man does not have to be long-legged and tall to be a good miler. Lots of comparatively short and stubby men have been our best distance men. Walter Height, Kiutus Jim, Louie and Frank Dan, Michel Wilson and a score of our best distance men, men who repeatedly won the Salem to Portland relay race, were, for the most part, short and stocky, but they had the endurance to make up for the length they lacked in legs. So, in Andrew Whiterock, who is of the stocky type and who right now runs his lanky teammate a close race, we might have a truly good man. He is not apt to break any record this Spring, but in a year or so he should be able to show the best in his class a clean pair of heels.

George Meachem is our best shot-putter right now. He and Ernest Brunoe vie occasionally for honors, but George holds a slight edge. But as for bettering the school record we are not so sure. A long time ago that was set by our own Rube Sanders, our present track coach. When it came to putting the shot Mr. Sanders was in a class by himself. He established a coast record that stood for a long time. Right now George Meachem has an unofficial record that betters that of the state high school champion.

Our pole vaulters and high jumpers are still in the mines. None of the present crop seem to get over the bar nor come anywhere near the record that now stands.

One of the last things James Choate did here was to set a new record for the broad jump. One day Jim almost jumped out of the pit so it was immediately enlarged. But since he went away the old one has been big enough.

Just now no one seems to have a strong hold on the hurdles. Dewey Matt was the last of our line who could rightfully answer to the name. Dewey, for several years, was our big flash on the basketball court and he was equally as good in the hurdles. He had the grace and speed and rhythm that carried him without a "riffle" that all like to see.

ESCORTS

Saturday April 20 - - - - -	Mrs. Downie
Sunday April 21—McBride - - - - -	Mr. Ross
Winona - - - - -	Mrs. Lobdell
Hawley - - - - -	Mr. Lobdell