



GENERAL NOTES

Our basketball season over, baseball now claims our attention. A large squad is going through the preliminaries daily in preparation for our first game, which takes place against Silverton on April third. Last season we tied Woodburn for the league championship and lost 5 to 3 in the play-off. The game on the third will mark the beginning of another race. Captain Vivette has forsaken his rubber-soled shoes for a pair of cleated ones and is busy getting his arm in shape to throw baseballs instead of basketballs.

Our wrestling team took its first set-back this season last Wednesday evening when they were defeated by Benson Polytechnical school of Portland 89 to 53. Benson won heavier by the decision route than by pinning Redskins' shoulders to the mat. Wednesday Coach Sanders will take Lee and George Pepion, Frank Dumont and Peter McClusky to Portland to enter the Pacific Northwest Amateur championship match to be held at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. Saturday the team is scheduled to meet Corvallis high school at Corvallis.

Last Saturday evening our basketball team, Captain Vivette, Andrew Hatfield, Vincent Pratt, Albert Miller, Isaac Shoulder Blade, Dominic Dog Eagle, Philip Corbett, Robert Thomas, Coach and Mrs. Downie, were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason to a delicious beefsteak dinner. That excellent feast certainly atoned for the defeat received at the hands of Monmouth just an evening or so previous. After the dinner Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Downie chose sides and an enjoyable time was had playing football, a game recently invented and put on the market by one of our noted Western football coaches.

At 10:30 on Saturday morning our track men will get away on their first event of the season when they go trekking across the country on their annual race with Washington high school of Portland. Coach Sanders staged a trial run last week in which a goodly number of candidates participated. Other programs prevented several more seasoned runners from taking part. Though the distance was covered in just a little slower time that was made in the race a year ago, Coach Sanders is satisfied it will be bettered considerably before the race takes place. Warren Wilder, Jessie Jim, Jasper Andy and Charles Motschman are the veterans who will take part. The most promising new men are: Orville Olney, Bennie Jones and Clayton Riggs.

Our basketball season was brought to a close last Thursday evening with the game against Monmouth at Willamette University in the first of the district tournament games in which our five was defeated by the score of 23 to 21. Our basketekers commanded the lead through most of this torrid battle, but were nosed out by the timely overhead attack of Santee, Monmouth's lanky center. Monmouth took our measure by a comfortable score early this season and our team sallied forth to even up the count and appeared well on the road to success when they became afflicted with an attack of missed set-ups and our chances went bye-bye. Both teams scored the same number of field goals and foul throws decided the game. Andrew Hatfield and Captain Vivette divided scoring honors for our team with four field goals each.

BRAINS

Among other observations the dictionaries state that brains are "the seat of consciousness and volition: the understanding; intellectual power." It would appear from the foregoing that he who has brains possesses all that is necessary in order to succeed. Such is far from the case. We have known many people who were apparently possessed of fine brains, but—they were outstanding failurers. They did not use the brains with which an all-wise Creator had endowed them. It seems to be a law that if you desire good from a possession or a talent you must put it to work.

The sprinter exercises his legs; he subjects them to a well-thought-out course and develops them little by little for speed and power; this is true of other phases of athletics, and necessary, too, for real success in all forms of physical contests. Nobody denies that such is the truth in the matter.

But how many develop their minds—their brains? There is nothing greater in all the world than a sense of values, of true worth, merit, and the importance various things have for us in our relation to them and to life, and yet many of us give little heed to these matters, vital as they are. Why not put our brains to use and do some real thinking? There is no law against such a course and it is certain to prove beneficial.

Few of us do more than half of what we are really capable. We seldom use more than a small part of our lungs in breathing; we dislike blisters on the palms of our hands; we are strong in wanting and spend our lives in wishing for things that we could soon possess if we would go after them with determination. We are weak because we do not use and develop our minds, and weak minds breed weak backs, and after all is said and done we are down-right lazy in the main and are all more or less worthless—don't you think? Brain power is the thing necessary to overcome all of these shortcomings. You have the brains—use them. You are willing to cultivate your legs—give some attention to your brains.