BASKET SEASON IS GOING FULL SWING

First Week of Play Shows Boys in Good Form.

ROUGHNESS IS FEATURE

Various Fives Display Wildness in Shooting—Practice Needed to Round Out Team Play.

With the first week of the 1920 interscholastic basketball season over the winter sport season appears on in earnest. Four of the five games scheduled for last week were played off and one between Jefferson and Franklin was postponed. All of the teams which appeared in action in the opening week of play can stand some improvement both in passing and basket shooting. A great deal of the unnecessary roughness could also be eliminated for the betterment of the game.

The faults mentioned are perhaps due to the fact that the quintets were engaged in their first games of the season and will improve in the arts of the hoop game as the season progresses.

Coach Kenneth Irle's Lincoln high basket tossers look to be the best bet at present, although it is perhaps a little early in the season to pick a championship team. The Railsplitters' first game was with the High School of Commerce five, which is considerably weaker than Lincoln. However, the passing and shooting of the Cardinal five was up to mid-season standard and they won from Commerce with ease. It is going to take a mighty strong quintet to hand the Railsplitters a defeat this season.

Hill Breaks Even.

Hill Military academy was the team elected to play two contest in the opening week and broke even, winning the first from James John and dropping the second to Benson Tech. A little more practice at passing and not so many wild shots at the basket will make the Cadets a dangerous team for any of the other schools in the league as Dr. Ernest Estes has some good material to work on.

The first game of this week will find Jefferson and James John meeting on the Washington high floor. It will be James John's second appearance in the league game and Jefferson's first. In their first game the James John boys were decidedly weak in basket shooting while their passing was very good. After a week of practice under the direction of Coach Kalmbach, the quintet from the peninsula should have developed their shooting eyes, and if they can locate the basket they will give the Jefferson five a run for its money tomorrow afternoon.

Jefferson Material Plentiful.

Jefferson has an abundance of material this season and it remains to be seen what progress the blue and gold five have made in its pre-season training without the help of Coach Quigley who has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of illness. H. C. Clifford, who turned out a championship quintet at Albany high school three years ago and who will coach the Jefferson basketball team this year, has been handling the Democrats in the absence of Coach Quigley. All of the Jefferson team are experience men. Chet Froude, Carlos Steele, Russell Burton and "Push" Watson are candidates for the forward position. The first three named played with Jefferson last year, while Watson is from Bandon, Oregon, where he was an all-star on the high school team of that place.

Willard Hendrickson, of the 1916 championship team, is back at Jefferson and will hold down the center position. Norman Youmans and Ed. Anderson, both of last year's team, will play the guard positions.

Franklin Opens Tuesday.

Franklin will play its first game of the season against Commerce Tuesday. In its initial game of the season last week the Commerce team showed up well considering the fact that the Bookkeepers have no floor of their own to practice on. Grider, Altinus and Ted Gurian showed to good advantage in the Bookkeepers' first game.

Franklin will be weakened considerably by the loss of Babe Thomas, who is confined to his home with smallpox. It is also rumored that Harry Thomas will not be with the Quakers this season.

On Wednesday afternoon Washington and Hill are slated to meet. Hill will have to travel at top speed to get over the husky Washington boys, who won from Columbia in their first game last week. Columbia and Lincoln will mix on Thursday afternoon, while James John will make its second appearance of the week against Benson Tech on Friday.

SQUAD LEADERS TRAINED

PORTLAND Y. M. C. A. HAS CLASSES FOR INSTRUCTION.

Course of Study to Fit Boys for Better Work and Recognition in Any Association.

Under the direction of Harry T. Smith, boys' physical director of the Portland Y. M. C. A., several classes in gymnasium work are being trained in the leadership of squads on the floor and in due time are to become skilled directors of the type of their present instructor, who himself is a product of just such an effort as he is now putting forth and which is a part of the general policy of the local association.

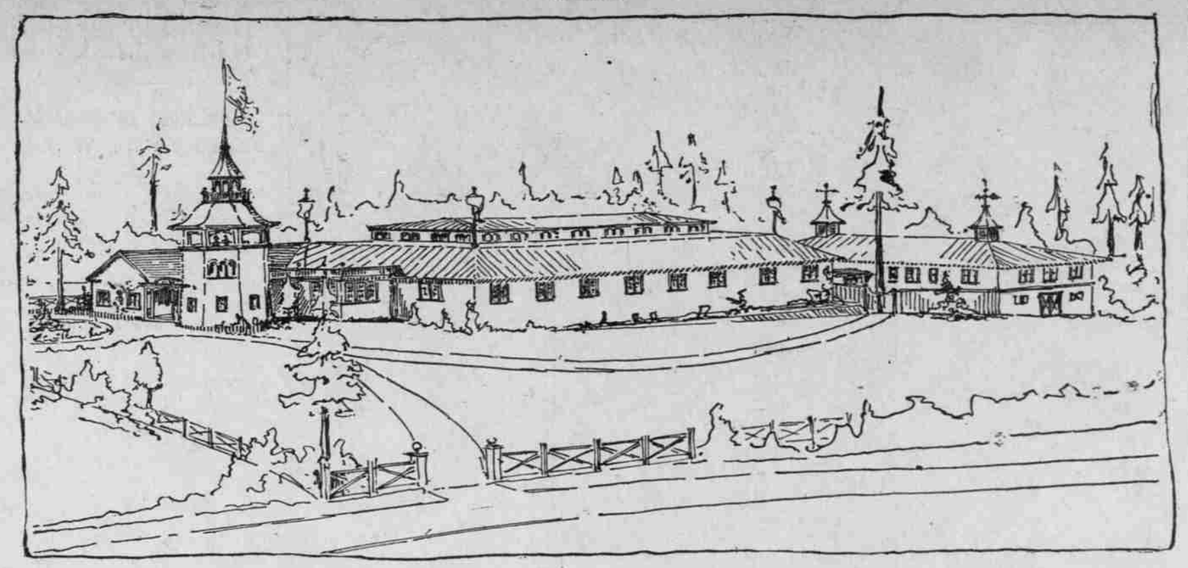
The 13 boys now comprising leaders of the junior gymnasium class, not only have important duties in connection with assisting their instructor by taking charge of squads, etc., but each is following a prescribed course of study along this line, designed to fit it for better work and which entitles it to recognition in any "Y" in North America. After gaining a certain number of credits in this study, each boy is given an emblem, which indicates how much work he has done in classes and it is this which gains for him the privileges to which he is entitled.

This policy of training junior leaders has the backing of H. W. Stone, general secretary here; A. M. Grilley, executive secretary and formerly for many years in charge of physical work, and of Tom H. Gawley, the present physical director.

Ski Championships Set.

National ski jumping championships will take place at Chippewa Falls, Wis., January 25, under the auspices of the North Star Ski club.

BUILDING PLANNED FOR HUNT CLUB STABLES, INC., AT GAR DEN HOME TRACK WILL COMBINE ATTRACTIVE LINES AND UTILITY.



—Joseph Jacobberger and Alfred H. Smith, Architects.

Office and clubrooms for the members will be located in the small structure at the extreme left. The riding arena is in the main structure and will be 80x150 feet, with all modern conveniences for indoor training and practice riding. There will be a balcony along one side that will have seats for 260 persons and standing room for 75 additional.

At the right is shown the stables, adjoining the riding arena at the end. This structure will be 70x140 feet, doubling the capacity of the present barn, and with ample provision for the comfort of the horses and their attendants. The plan is made pleasing by its simplicity and designed especially to afford the best ventilation and fullest possible lighting facilities.

Construction is to begin at an early date, according to the plans of the management of the new corporation that is to erect the building. Arrangements have been completed for the use of the portion of the Hunt club property to be utilized in the project. With completion of this building programme the Portland Hunt club will possess quarters not surpassed by any other like organization on the Pacific coast.

BECKETT RANKS B. WELLS

JOE LASTS SECOND LONGER BEFORE CARPENTIER.

Fall of Heavyweight Hard Blow to Fistic Followers in Land Where George Lives.

Joe Beckett is a better fighter than Bombardier Wells.

He lasted a second longer with Georges Carpentier. Wells was put away in 73 seconds, while Beckett was able to go 74 with the French heavyweight.

With the passing of Beckett, Great Britain sees the last of her heavyweight hopes thrown into the discard. It is hard for an Englishman to realize that in this branch of sport at least he is not there.

It hurts to have to admit playing second fiddle to foreign competition for a score of years. Yet this is exactly what Britannia must confess. Of eight recognized world champions in boxing, America has seven and England but one, Jimmy Wilde.

Yet it is not over the loss of the lightweight title by Freddy Welch to Benny Leonard, or the welterweight crown by Ted (Kid) Lewis, an English citizen, to Jack Britton, or the fall of the bantamweight crown to Pete Herman, a Frenchman, is knockout of the ancient Eddie McGoorty in 18 rounds was cheered to the skies, because McGoorty was an American.

The digression of the heavyweight has been cause for a state calamity, the good people have clothed themselves in sackcloth and ashes and the press is sorrowfully printing columns on the pitiful existing condition. One paper has the following to say:

"Our chief concern was for the heavyweight title. During the lean years that have trooped by since the 36-year-old champion, a real champion, Bob Fitzsimmons, went down to defeat at the hands of the youthful and vigorous Jim Jeffries, we have been eagerly awaiting the advent of another Ruby Bob, one who would bring the title back to its real home. But no real champion has presented himself, and we are still awaiting him. And now a Frenchman has proved himself to be the master of all our heavyweight fighters."

Foster on Ineligible List.

The trading of Eddie Foster by Washington recently to Boston reminds one of George Foster, who went from the Boston Red Sox to the Cincinnati Reds in 1918 in a trade for Dave Shean. This Foster never reported to Cincinnati and is now on the ineligible list of the Boston American league club.

Championship Auto Race Billed.

The American Automobile association championship distance races will be started on Washington's birthday, February 22, at the new half-million dollar mile-and-a-quarter board speedway at Los Angeles. It will be for a purse of $25,000.

RATING GIVEN OUIMET BY GOLF BODY IS LAUDED

British Authorities View Action in United States as Broad-Minded Policy Worthy of Adoption—Doubt Cast on Standing as Amateur.

THE golfer who has taken to professional play as a means of livelihood and knows there is no drawing back, realizes that he has crossed the Rubicon and cannot return. "Once a professional, always a professional" has long been a decree in the golf world, and perhaps it is a wise one. It may savor of injustice to a few, but the difficulty will always arise that in allowing any golfer who has been an acknowledged professional to resume his amateur status a precident will be created which might complicate matters in the future.

The governing body on the other side of the pond is inclined to be more strict in its interpretation than the United States Golf association and in discussing this question many writers over there quote the action of the United States Golf association in reinstating Francis Ouimet as an instance of a tolerant, broadminded policy which might be imitated by the authorities in England. But the case of Ouimet cannot be regarded as on all fours with the cases which have recently been discussed on this side. Ouimet had been playing as an amateur for a few years and had not the slightest intention of becoming a professional golfer. But when he decided to enter a business firm which dealt with golfing goods, the United States association foresaw a menace to what it considered to be the true spirit of amateurism and promptly decided that Ouimet's action was foreign to the amateur rule, as recognized here. The national association, however, did not say to Ouimet, "You will become a professional golfer"; but it did say, "You will not be eligible to play in the amateur championship of the United States Golf association."

Problem in Britain Discussed.

Harold H. Hilton, in referring to the amateur problem in Great Britain, has written as follows: "To my mind there is a distinction between being a recognized professisonal and a player who is merely debarred from playing as an amateur. The distinction may be difficult to appreciate, but provided that Ouimet was not allowed to take part in the amateur event and at the same time never took part in any event as a professional player, he could hardly be termed a professisonal golfer. All this happened just before the war. Since the conclusion of the war the United States Golf association has graciously decided to remove the prohibition which debarred Ouimet from taking part in the big amateur event of the year, and it would seem to be correct to say, therefore, that Ouimet has been reinstated as an amateur player. I do not consider that this faithfully represents his case for I do not believe Ouimet was even a professional golfer in the true sense of the word.

"The cases which arise on this side are very different. They apply to golfers who before the war had deliberately adopted the golf profession as a means of livelihood. They played as 'pros' and acted as 'pros.' Now, in the case of some of these, the war has been the means of altering their outlook on life. They wish to become amateur golfers and to play as amateur golfers and one cannot help feeling considerable sympathy for them in their ambition. But unfortunately, if their wishes weer acceded to it would undoubtedly form a precedent which would be sure to form an awkward stumbling block in future years.

Hagen Case Is Discussed.

"As an instance we may take the case of Walter Hagen, the present open champion. It is said on reliable authority that Hagen is shortly to give up golf as a livelihood and to commence business as a bond broker. Will he then become eligible for reinstatement as an amateur? From the standpoint which is accepted in England he would not be eligible for reinstatement. But, of course, the United States authorities may look at the case from an entirely different point of view; and if they did, complications might arise in the future.

"Perhaps the most representative case which has arisen in this country was that of Fred Mackenzie, the young St. Andrews player. He was a brilliant amateur exponent of the game some 17 or 18 year sago. Then he was tempted by our friends over the water and joined the professional ranks on the other side. After five years' residence in America he decided to give up professionalism as a means of living and returned to the homeland and requested to be reinstated as an amateur. But the authorities could not see their way to accede to his request. Mackenzie received a good deal of sympathy, but had his request been acceded to there would have been a clear precedent and it would always have been open to a professional to apply for a renewal of his amateur status.

"All golfers at one time or another have been amateur players. As a case in point, we may take James Braid. Let us suppose that Braid became tired of the strain of professional golf and wanted to finish his career in the less strenuous realm of amateur golf. With the Mackenzie precedent, what would there be to debar Braid from becoming an amateur again?"

English Steeplechase Scheduled.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Sixty-one entries have been received for the grand national steeplechase, to be run over the Aintree course near Liverpool on Friday, March 26. Among the nominations are four previous winners of the event, Poethlys, Ally Sloper, Sunloch and Letter Three, and three of the best Irish jumpers, Ballyboggan, Traytown and Glenoree.

New Jersey Fans Want Long Bouts

New Jersey boxing clubs hope to increase their bouts from eight to 12 rounds. The chief reason advanced for the addition of the four rounds is to meet anticipated competition in New York, which is expected to legalize either ten or 12-round bouts in the near future.

NEW GOLFERS CAUTIONED

DAMAGE TO LINKS CAUSED BY CARELESS PLAY.

Green Committeemen Inspect Grounds and Make Note of Numerous Defects.

Now is the season when green committeemen trot mournfully around the links with anxiety or despair in their eyes, inspecting the damage done by cruel irons to the tender young grass, while the greenkeeper who in former days might be driven to drink, threatens to resign, as he sees much of his good work ruthlessly destroyed.

It is an old story with mature golfers, but the complaint of and against the novice and many others who should know better is perennially fresh. The novice may not even know what the devil a divot is. In due season he will discover that it is very devilish. It is natural enough that he should be quite oblivious to what happens to the ground under his club. His sole and consuming anxiety is to discover what has become of his ball, and he proceeds to violate a fundamental principle of golf, observing, however, an altogether human instinct by "looking up." If he would only remember the constant counsel of those who have been in the trenches and who also know the game of golf "keep your head down" he wouldn't cut so many cruel gashes in the turf or make such execrable shots.

For many years and in many lands the changes have been rung by grounds and green committees in their prayerful entreaties and caustic counsel to fellow-members to treat the club's course with due consideration—as the true golfer must. In one of the local clubs the chairman of the green committee has issued the following impassioned appeal, and it is posted conspicuously in various corners of the clubhouse:

"Notice to Members.—There is a constable on the course one of whose duties it is to warn members and guests of the club to replace divots (or smooth the scrapes) and to repair the damage done by footprints in traps and bunkers.

"But every loyal member and real golfer will appoint himself a constable to see that these essentials for the enjoyment of the game and the reputation of the course and the club are scrupulously observed.

"You do not cut a friend's face or otherwise impair his anatomy without endeavoring to repair the injury. This course is one of your best friends, your nurse and doctor, and your invaluable benefactor. Treat the links kindly, and the condition of the course will be immeasurably improved while your own reward will be better 'lies' and no unfair blotches, cavities and bumps in the traps.

"Also, please, for the love of decency and God's green earth, do not drop discarded cigarette boxes, ball wrappings, score cards or other garbage on the course.

"Keep the course clean, and the game 'pure and undefiled.' Neither can be immaculate, but your efforts and care can make the fairways a credit instead of a reproach; the traps of reasonable hazard and comeliness instead of a cause for cursing, and the course free from unseemly litter.

"Treat the links kindly.—Chairman of the Green Committee."

Baker Not in Field at Present Price

Unless Jack Dempsey decides to lower his present scale of prices for appearing in the ring to defend his title there is not much chance for him to fight for Snowy Baker, the famous Australian boxing promoter. Snowy says no two boxers in the world are worth as much as $175,000 to exhibit their wares in the ring. Baker probably threw a couple of fits when he heard what Cochrane of London, Coffroth of Tijuana and Fox of New York bid for the proposed Carpentier-Dempsey mill.

How About This?

How about this for a weird one? Search into the musty annals reveals the fact that back in 1914 in the Ohio State league a player named Kelly, with the Charleston team, came to bat and soaked the first ball pitched for a homer. The next batter named Galbert likewise plastered one over the fence on the first ball pitched. The next day the batting order was reversed, but the same result obtained, while on the third successive day this pair repeated their feat. If you can beat this, you're elected to the toastmaster's chair.

Pershing Stadium Condemned.

Unless Pershing stadium is torn down and rebuilt it will no more be the scene of athletic events. It has fallen into such decay that it has been condemned by the engineers of the Olympic games commission because it is collapsing. Tons of cement are falling out of the supports and the whole structure is in a dangerous condition, Marquis de Molanae, of the French Olympic commission, states that the trouble is due to faulty construction.

American Jockey to Ride for Ring.

Lucian Lyne, the American jockey, has signed to ride King Alfonso's horses in Spain next season.

BALL CLUB TO FORM ON MEXICAN BORDER

Jimmy Coffroth to Lead Drive for Coast Franchise.

NEAT SCHEME IS DEVISED

Visit of Billy McCarthy to Races at Tijuana Is Interpreted as Significant.

Down near the Mexican border they are getting ready to install a Pacific coast league club and the boys are prepared to go right ahead as soon as they are awarded one of the well-known franchises. They have picked out a lot in San Diego, where they are going to build a new ball yard, and Jimmy Coffroth and the fire chief are going to be the leading figures in the project. They are going to get a flock of swell ballplayers from the big league and show the other cities in the circuit how a club should be run. Which is all fine and dandy with the exception of one little oversight on the part of the San Diego people. They have no franchise yet and if you take the word of a few of the magnates in the circuit, they "ain't going to get any, this year or any other year," so a nice little publicity scheme has been ruined.

Because Billy McCarthy, president of the league, went down to Tia Juana for the opening of the races some of the boys grabbed the idea that he would drop a franchise while the horses were going to the post. McCarthy and Coffroth are old pals and Mac would probably give James a franchise if he had one handy, but there are only eight in the Pacific coast league and McCarthy does not own any of them. The only way another burg can break into the league is to purchase a franchise from some other city that is willing to sell and then be voted into the league by the unanimous vote of the board of directors. So far none of the present members of the league has shown any inclination to get rid of his holdings and many of the directors would be likely to wish a club on San Diego, which is off the route.

Some of the boys have suggested that Salt Lake be dropped and others that Seattle get the gate. Salt Lake can have a franchise as long as the owners of the club want it. It is their personal property and the league cannot take it away from them as long as they live up to the rules of the organization. Seattle is the best baseball city on the coast with probably two exceptions. They made money with the worst team in the league last year and with a contender the receipts will come close to equaling those of San Francisco. Instead of being the "weak sister" of the league Seattle is one of the strongest units.

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In arranging for umpires for the coming season, President Bill McCarthy would do well to sign up Perle Casey as one of his arbiters. Perle was one of the best officials in the league last season, and gave satisfaction to all. On balls and strikes, particularly, Casey is without an equal.

He was one of the few umpires to escape the storm that broke loose all season, and his appointment would be well received.

Casey is one of the few players who remained faithful to the coast league in the outlaw days, and faithful service should not be overlooked.

Casey is wintering here, Portland being his home. To keep himself busy Casey is refereeing all of the bouts for the Portland boxing commission.

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Bill Essick will have only three or four semi-pro players in his camp when he starts his spring training stunt March 1.

Wade Killefer believes that Lloyd, a shortstop from Salt Lake City, whom he signed up last fall, has the makings of a good player.

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"Puss" Halbriter, the man who first sprung the story that Fatty Arbuckle had bought the Vernon Tigers, is on again, this time with Eddie Maier is willing to sell part of the stock of the Vernon club, and "Puss" is skirmishing around trying to find five or six bright young men with dough in Los Angeles to buy an interest in the club.

It should not be a hard matter to sell stock in that club down there after the wonderful showing the Tigers made last year.

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Red Killefer is going to take a flock of young pitchers to the Angels' training camp, but the scribes at Los Angeles are hoping that Red does not make the mistake that was made the other time the club trained at Elsinore. That time there were 21 flingers in camp, so Frank Chance found it impossible to give them all close attention.

As a result Howard Ehmke, Lefty Thompson and Schellenback, all of whom afterward landed in the big leagues, were overlooked in the shuffle. Killefer will be content if he gets one real flinger out of the bunch of recruits and the others that show promise will be farmed out to smaller leagues.

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When he heard that Babe Ruth had been sold to the New York Yanks, Portland Bill James, pitcher of the Chicago White Sox, bet $100 that Babe would pound out 60 home runs this year, and he made the bet with Babe himself. So Babe is betting against himself. Buck Weaver heard the bet made and promptly made one with James that Babe would not make more than 40 home runs this year. James was with the Boston Red Sox for a time and he says he saw Babe make at least 35 drives to right field there that would have been home runs on the Polo grounds, and as Babe will play about 72 games in New York this year, Bill figures that he will put up a home-run record that will cause all hands to sit up and rub their eyes in wonder.

Babe made 29 home runs last year, when the season was shorter than it will be this year, and he surely ought to better that mark with that right field grandstand so close in at the Polo grounds.

Baseball on the Inside.
By Billy Evans.

"IF we can dig up a dependable southpaw before the opening of the 1920 race, we will come mighty close to winning the pennant." That is the remark Tris Speaker made to me during the 1919 world's series. The Cleveland manager was there as a baseball scribe. I happened to bump into him in a hotel lobby after the second game. The fact the Reds had twice taken over the American league pennant winners was naturally considerable of a surprise to the Cleveland manager.

"The Sox didn't look very good in either one of those games," continued Speaker. "Gleason's club didn't show the speed it is capable of. I think the old strain was getting the Sox. If the season had been 154 games instead of 140, we would have come so close to winning, if we didn't actually win, that a hair line would have just about separated us. But why 'if' about the 1919 race, that is over. My real 'if' concerns 1920, and the signing of a dependable left hander."

There is a lot of truth as to the value of a good left-handed pitcher. A club that it without a southpaw is always at the mercy of the opposition, as far as left-handed batters are concerned. It is a known fact that left-handed batters don't do very well against southpaws. Clubs that had a number of left-handed batters in the lineup had nothing to fear when facing Cleveland, as the Indians could offer nothing but right handers in the way of pitching. When a pinch pitcher was necessary it never could be a left hander to puzzle the opposition, because Cleveland had nothing to offer.

Cleveland, like a lot of other ball clubs, had a chance to get Pitcher Dick Kerr last year. The little fellow concluded that he was a big leaguer or nothing, and delivered that ultimatum to Manager Rowland of the Milwaukee club, who tried to peddle him to at least a half dozen clubs, but it was always the same story, "Kerr is too small to make the grade."

It is an easy matter to figure what the acquisition of Kerr would have meant to the Cleveland club. Chicago took a chance on him and it proved well worth while. It is an easy matter to recognize the value of a southpaw by simply looking over the lineups of some of the major league clubs. Take the Cincinnati club, for instance. It was the sensational work of Walter Reuther and the consistent form of Slim Sallee that played a big part in the success of the Reds.

Then there is the Detroit club. Until "Dutch" Leonard was obtained the Tiger staff of right handers was floundering, although possessing all kinds of ability. Leonard supplied the punch needed and immediately the right handers began to show their true form. The moment Herb Thormahlen of the New York Americans showed a reversal of his winning from the club began to suffer.

The fine work done by Pennock of Boston was a life saver for that club. Chicago felt the loss of "Lefty" Tyler in no unmistakable manner. So it semes there is more truth than fiction in the statement of Manager Speaker of Cleveland that he needs a southpaw to be in the running all the time during 1920.

CONCEIT COSTS PENNANT

EVERS WARNS REDS AGAINST OVERCONFIDENCE.

Little Sermon on Carelessness Cites Reasons Why Braves Failed to Win in 1915.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Johnny Evers, former star second baseman of the Cubs and Braves, has served notice on the Cincinnati Reds that too much carelessness, conceit and overconfidence may cost them the 1920 pennant unless some of the players change their mental attitude. As Johnny played on five National league championship teams and two world's championship teams, he knows whereof he speaks.

"Cincinnati has the strength to win again next season. Only one thing can beat them out of the flag," says Evers, "and that's carelessness and a too good opinion of themselves.

"I ought to know, because I was a member of the 1914 Braves, which startled the baseball world by winning the world's championship after we had been last in August. We all looked upon ourselves as miracle workers and thought we couldn't get beaten.

"Whenever we lost a game in 1915 we just smiled and thought, 'Wait till we get going.' We had a sort of contempt for the rest of the league. Weren't we the team that beat the Athletics four straight? But suddenly we awoke with a shock, and the first thing we knew we were too far back to catch the Phillies, who won the pennant.

"And then look at the 1918 Giants. Why, they didn't believe it was possible to have any trouble capturing the flag, especially after they started by winning 18 out of 19 games.

"But as soon as they got the idea that they were unbeatable, they began to hit the rocks, and the Cubs beat them out.

"Last year the Cubs, strengthened by Alexander, thought it would be a walk-in. Who could stop them with Alexander, Vaughn, Tyler, Douglas and Hendrix in the box, but they finished third.

"My experience is that overconfidence is the worst thing that can happen to a ball team. As soon as a club gets overconfident it stops fighting for every run, and takes defeat in an easy-going manner, as though they can take defeats without hurting them. And then the club invariably starts to slip."

Lots of logic in that little sermon of Johnny. Evers mentions several teams that lost by overconfidence, and the team that the 1914 Braves beat for the world's championship—the powerful Athletics—suffered as much from that fault as any club that ever entered the big series.

AGGIES HEAR CALL TO BASEBALL DUTY

Forty-Three Candidates Out for Diamond Places.

EIGHT VETERANS RETURN

Battery Practice in Gym First in Order—Game With Beavers on Richardson's Mind.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Baseball aspirants at Oregon Agricultural college were called out this last week by "Jimmie" Richardson, who will coach the squad this year. Forty-three men attended the meeting and signed up for the spring sport. It is expected that a larger number will turn out when outdoor practice begins.

The batteries will begin practice right away, warming up in the gym, and as soon as the weather permits and the pitchers are in condition to do some throwing outdoor practice will be held.

A good number of old men are back, and prospects are looking pretty bright to the Aggie fans. Eight men who have earned letters in this sport are on hand, and several others who have had previous experience in varsity baseball. Captain "Speck" Keene will do part of the pitching this year, if he is able to get his arm in condition. Last year he was forced to play in the outfield, due to a sore whip, but his arm seems to be in good shape after the year's rest, and things look as though he would be putting them over again this year. "Speck" pitched interscholastic baseball for Salem High school years ago and managed to hold the University of Oregon team down to a 5-to-4 score in a game played in Salem in 1915.

Southpaws After Places.

Two southpaws are among those warming up in the gym. Miller, who did a good share of the twirling for O. A. C. last spring, is getting into shape, and "Lefty" Pelizker, who has played on the squad two or three different seasons, is again in college. Hughes of last year and Babb of the 1916 rook team are also taking the early practice. Snook, Goff, Frink and Williams have signed the list as having pitching aspirations.

Baker of the 1919 rook team, Long of the squad of two years ago and Collins are catchers. Gill, who has been the other half of a battery with Keene since their second year in high school will be behind the bat for the Aggies again this spring, and is certain to star for the Corvallis nine. Palfrey, left-handed first sacker on Richardson's team of last year, is back in college this term, and will battle with Gurley for a job at that position. Gurley played with O. A. C. two years ago at first base. Lodell may try out for the job on the initial sack, as he has had considerable experience there.

At second base Sieberts, Kraft, Hathaway and Wise are the principal contenders. Sieberts has played on the team for two years, and will make a strong bid. Kraft played rook baseball back in 1916, and has since played with the Camp Lewis team while in the army. Rickson and Stinson, at present playing basketball, will be out for a try at second this year. Rickson was on the squad last year.

Kasberger, Briggs and "Cack" Hubbard are third basemen of promise, and it is likely the man to hold down that corner will be selected from these three men. Kasberger was captain of the rook team two years ago, and played third and pitched for the yearlings.

Shortstop is a place that will be hard to pick a man for till the season gets well started. Walter Williams, who played a stellar game at short last year, has finished college, and will not be on hand for baseball this spring. This leaves a big hole in the Aggie infield, and Williams will be a hard man to replace.

There are many aspirants for the outfield, and only one man who can be depended upon to place this early in the season. Hartman, who played center last year, was the Aggies' best bet, and will be on hand again this spring to fill in in the outer garden. Kramein, who played with the Standifer shipyard team last season, is reputed to be a heavy hitter, will try out for a field position. Broadway, one of last year's freshmen squad, who hit the ball in good shape, is also on hand. Rearden and Rickson will probably line up for outfield jobs. Other men who have signified their intention of contending for a berth in the field are Campbell, McDonald, Poling, Goets, Naderman, Hodler, Davis and Landes.

A schedule for this spring has not been completed, but Richardson says a trip to California, to meet Stanford and the University of California, is in prospect, and an attempt to schedule a game with the Portland Beavers while on this trip will be made. A series of games will be played with the University of Oregon during the season.

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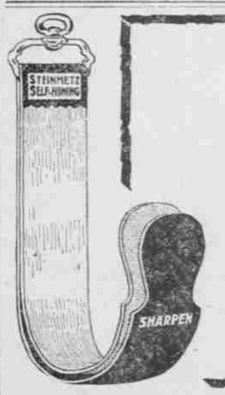

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