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## BASE-BALL FORECAST.

### Splendid Outlook for the Season of 1901.

The outlook at college for a winning base-ball team for the coming season is by far the best in the history of the institution. There is more and better material on hand than ever, and all the players in college are ambitious to get on the team and help win. Since his election to the position of Manager, Mr. W. D. Outman has been as usual, fully justifying the hope and confidence of his friends by getting the material together and making arrangements with other colleges and leagues for a complete list of dates during the coming season. It has been definitely decided to employ a coach. Just who it will be has not been decided yet. There are two men in view, each of whom has had abundant experience on the gridiron to qualify him for the position. One is Mr. George J. Croll, of Spokane, a very well known player, who was shortstop on the S. A. A. C. team last year. The other is Mr. J. Goldie, at present living in Spokane, a professional player who has played regularly every season since '84. He has been on nearly every league and minor league in the country. A decision as to who will be employed to coach our team will be made shortly. The season will be opened by two games with the U. of I. at Moscow. For these, four dates, April 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th have been left open to allow for non-base-ball weather. The team will meet Whitman here on April 19th or 20th, and at Walla Walla May 24th, playing the Walla Walla athletic association the next day. A game will probably be played with Blair Business college on May 31st. The S. A. A. C. promises us a game, or a series of games if possible, during the first week in June.

The U. of I. has taken up base-ball this year for the first time, thus bringing the state championship into question for the first time in the base-ball annals of the Northwest. Manager Brightman of the U. of W. has asked for a date at Pullman on April 23rd, and one at Seattle on May 7th. There are some financial difficulties in the way of this arrangement, but if games can be arranged with Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, as is now being attempted, the proposition can probably be successfully carried out. If not, Manager Brightman is willing to meet our team in a series of games to be played at Spokane during May.

More games will probably be played with Idaho, owing to the low expense of such an undertaking, both managers being agreed to bring their teams together at every opportunity. C. W. Gibson is manager of the Idahos this year.

Heretofore it has always been with much difficulty that material for one good team has been secured. This year there is plenty of good material already in sight for two good teams, and even the veteran players of the college will not be sure of their positions on the team except by constant hard work. Captain Mumm has played for three seasons on the W. A. C. nine, two in the field and one in the box. He will probably play some infield position, where he can most effectually captain his men. Van Williams, captain in '99, will try for his old position at first base. Hooper, captain in '97, will try for either the position of catcher or first base. Barnard, a member of the Seattle High School team for two years, will be a candidate for catcher.

Lasher, who last year made himself a good reputation as pitcher for the Cheney Normal team, is now getting his arm in shape. George W. Evans, an old favorite, is back and wants to twirl the sphere for the team. Thompson, a former player on the Dayton nine, is with us, and promises to be one of the best boxologists the W. A. C. ever sent out. He is working very hard and has remarkable speed. He throws almost as well with his left hand as with his right. Charley Proff is pretty sure of his old place as third baseman, as he is one of the most reliable men at that position in Eastern Washington. Another recent addition to the base-ball force here is W. H. Williams, of Walla Walla, where last year he earned the title of "the boy wonder." Our base-ball cranks think they have in him a very valuable addition. He is a wonderfully strong hitter, and can hold either an infield or outfield position. Thorpe and Anders, last year's fielders, will try for their old places.

Other promising men in sight, many of whom will make those mentioned work hard for their places are the Jayne brothers, Boatright, Godman, Boone, A. E. Williams, Inman, Farmin and Lawrence.

The coach will be here April 1st, and remain for two months, practically the whole of the base-ball season. Hard practice will begin as soon as the weather permits. Much has already been done in the way of arrangements. Hours of practice, and catchers for the pitchers have been assigned, and hard work is being done every fine afternoon. As much indoor base-ball and general athletic training as possible will be required.

### Visit of the Senate Committee.

We have been favored this week with a visit by a committee of the State Senate, which has been making a tour of the various state institutions. The committee is composed of Senators Warburton, Mantz, Summer, Baker, and Welty.

They arrived in the city on Sunday evening.

On Monday morning they were present in chapel. Mr. Guy Sargent rendered a vocal solo, and after the singing of a hymn by the audience, President Bryan made a brief address to our guests, reviewing the history of the college. He then pointed out to them the particular need of the institution for a suitable armory and gymnasium, and called on J. H. Jones to speak to the senators on behalf of the student body with regard to the need of a gymnasium.

Mr. Jones in a brief address set forth the history of the college gymnasium, and its rapid growth into general use among colleges both in the United States and elsewhere. He then showed the advantage to the State of a well developed manhood and the absolute necessity, owing to the long period of inclement weather in this locality, of a suitable gymnasium. He referred briefly to the splendid gymnasium at the State University and pleaded for equal attention in this particular to our college. After he had concluded President Bryan called on W. D. Outman for a few remarks on behalf of an armory.

Mr. Outman gave our visitors a plain, straightforward talk, wasting neither time nor words. He explained the inadequacy of the pres-

ent quarters to meet the growing demands of the Military Department. He referred briefly to our splendid record in this respect, both in military affairs at home and during the late Philippine campaign. The name of Lieutenant Kimmel was received with cheers by the students. He then pointed out the duty of the State to provide for means of taking advantage of the provisions made by the national government for military training.

At the invitation of President Bryan, Senator Warburton, chairman of the committee, briefly addressed the student body. He explained that he "came not here to talk," but to ascertain the real needs of the college. He congratulated us on our rapid growth—the entire history of the college covering less than a decade. He then explained in a few well chosen words, how impossible it was for our young State to give all her growing institutions every thing they really needed, and promised to do everything for us that was wise. He expressed himself as being particularly in favor of providing adequate maintenance first. He congratulated us on the fact that all Eastern Washington is championing the cause of the college, and predicted that in a few years this would become one of the leading colleges of the United States.

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