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## Basket Ball.

The first game of the season will be played in the gymnasium here on Saturday evening, January 14th, with the S. A. A. C. team. The Spokane team is a good one and we will, no doubt, see a splendid game. Yet our boys are quite confident of winning, for the picked-up team from here which played the S. A. A. C. team in Spokane during the holidays was only beaten by a score of 12 to 14. Considering that the captain and two or three others of the best men were absent on the occasion, it looks as though we ought to win easily on Saturday night when we have our first team complete and in the best of training and physical condition.

The squad has been in constant training for about three months and now the only question is how to choose the best team out of the abundance of good material which we have on hand. The captain and men are deserving of considerable credit for the persistence which they have shown in sticking to the game under discouraging circumstances. Ever since the beginning of the college year the basket ball manager has been trying to arrange a schedule of games, but owing to various causes it was impossible to arrange anything definite until within the last few days, when the following schedule was finally settled upon:

S. A. A. C., at Pullman, Jan. 14.

Whitman College, at Walla Walla, Jan. 20 and 21.

S. A. A. C., at Spokane, about Feb. 1.

Whitman College, at Pullman, about Feb. 1.

Basket ball is a new game in the west, and up to the present, conditions have been decidedly unfavorable to it as an intercollegiate sport in this section owing to poor gymnasium accommodations. But now that U. of I. and Whitman College are each completing a new gymnasium this year, we can look forward to something better in the future. Intercollegiate contests are necessary to the life of any college team and we will have no difficulty in securing these when our two nearest neighbors become adequately equipped for the game.

Let every loyal student turn out and show his appreciation on Saturday night.

This is the place to show your colors. If we all get out and show the boys in this first game that we want them to win and believe they can do it, then they will have encouragement for the Whitman games, which, being the only intercollegiate games of the season, constitute the real point at issue. There will only be about three games here during the season; we can't afford to miss any of them so let us all make the proper beginning by appearing at the game Saturday night with our "war paint on."

## Our Coming Contests.

A few weeks more and the College will have won or lost two intercollegiate debates and an intercollegiate oratorical contest. These are contests in which the College reputation and honor are at stake. They are of interest to every member of the College. The welfare of a college and the welfare of its individual members are so closely connected that every student or professor gains when a college advances and loses when it falls behind. The value of a degree or diploma depends upon the standing of the college that grants it. The standing of a college depends upon the impression it makes upon the people at large. A great number of the people rightly judge of the character of a college by the showing it makes in its contests. Every student, then, should be deeply concerned in winning our contests, from his own personal welfare—aside from the higher motives of college spirit and patriotism.

The winning of these contests depends largely upon our representatives. A student who is to represent his college is not free to do as he pleases; he is morally bound to devote his time and energy to the work and to make the best possible representation of his college. The college has honored him with its trust; if he does anything but his best he betrays that trust.

But not all by any means depends upon the representatives. There must be second teams. There must be men who are willing to enter the preliminary contests and to help in developing and strengthening the representatives. It is only the coward who hangs out of the

preliminary contest because he thinks he will not be chosen. The true college student puts up his best fight in every preliminary contest that he can possibly enter—and if he fails to make a place he aids the winners in every possible way. There is no nobler character in college life than the second team man, who, year after year, although with small chance of making a place, works away, devoting his time and energy to the strengthening of the first team, in order that his beloved college may win!

Much depends upon the students and faculty. They must furnish the inspiration—the motive power. It is the spirit behind a team that drives it on to victory. The character of a contest can be taken as a measure of the life, ability, and spirit of the entire college community.

## Musical.

The showing made by the college band at its first public appearance in chapel this morning was a pleasant surprise to even its most enthusiastic friends. Many knew that the band was nearly complete in instruments, but few expected the members to acquit themselves so creditably in the use of the new instruments. The earnest attention of the crowded audience fully demonstrated the power of our band. It is perhaps not an over statement to say that we have the best college band in the west, and one that will not suffer alongside professional bands.

The orchestra will play at chapel next Tuesday. It is a safe prediction that it will be received with the same high appreciation as the band.

## The Whitman Debate.

The annual debate with Whitman will be held in Pullman on the second or third Friday of March.

The following question has been submitted to Whitman: "Resolved, That it should be the policy of the U. S. not to hold territory permanently unless with the purpose that it ultimately enjoy statehood." Whitman has choice of sides. Our team is composed of Milton Klepper, Will Jones and Frank Kreager.