

# PURPLE AND WHITE TRACK MEN ACTIVE

## After State Trophy This Year. Fifty Candidates to Report to Bierman.

Butte is after the championship trophy offered by the State university at Missoula for the winner of the interscholastic track meet to be held May 10 and 11.

The call for track men at the Butte high school has been sent out by Coach Bierman. Active work will start tomorrow after the departure of the basketball team for Bozeman to take part in the state basketball tournament. Training for the first two weeks will be confined entirely to gymnasium exercises and indoor workouts. Coach Bierman is anxious to get his men limbered up by gymnasium training before he sends them out on the cinders.

### Expect 50 Men.

Fifty men are expected by Coach Bierman to respond to his call for track men. With the basketball season drawing to a close this week interest will be turned from the indoor sport which has attracted the attention of the athletes in school since Thanksgiving to the outdoor work. There are many men who can participate in neither football nor basketball but are good track men and they are waiting restlessly to get on their spikes.

The track team, like the basketball squad, will be composed of new men this spring. "Steve" Sullivan, one of the fastest sprinters in the state, who won third place in individual competition last year, and Zundel are the only old men who will report to Coach Bierman. Despite this scarcity of veterans the mentor has picked out some fine material which he is counting on to develop into point winners. From the candidates who will report for work he has hopes of picking a trophy-getting aggregation.

Sullivan has announced his intention of going out for individual honors this year. Last year he won second place in the 100 and 200 yard dashes and in the running broad jump. Coach Bierman was his strongest competitor. Sullivan has improved his running since the previous season. His admirers believe that he will make as fast a man as Phelps. Zundel is a pole vaulter and high jumper and with this season's hard training should improve materially in his form.

### Some Dark Horses.

The rest of the candidates are dark horses. Myers will probably go out for the high hurdles. Although he is not fast he has a long easy stride which should counterbalance his lack of speed. Butte has never put out a fast hurdler and both Bierman and Cook are determined to find a man who can win the events. Several men are already doing indoor work on the padded track for the distances. In the weights are Crowley, Fisher and Myers who are all anxious for a trip to Missoula in May.

In late years the Purple and White has not won the track meet at Missoula. The closest it came was last year when Missoula nosed it out for first place by a few points despite the fact that Moulthen won the individual and Sullivan third place. Her weakness seems to have been in the long distance runs where Butte has seldom had more than one man entered and hurdles. While Butte has not taken the coveted trophy some of the best athletes in interscholastic circles have been trained here. "Buddie" Phelps won the individual with his sprinting ability two successive years. Moulthen won it last year by taking the 800 and 440 yard dashes and the mile. Determination is strong this year to break the old links and take the meet. In the past Gallatin and Missoula counties have been the strongest competitors in track work. It is not known what schools will loom up big this spring but Butte expects to be one of them.

### Teams Cut Down.

The size of the track team has been cut down from 15 to 10 this year by the management of the meet, according to the results of a decision given out recently by the faculty of the State university. The entrance of many new schools in the meet is one of the reasons for the limitation of the contestants for the field of Montana is not large enough to accommodate more than 10 from each school.

From reports already sent out by Dr. J. P. Rowe in charge of the track meet, this year's annual event will be among the largest track meets in the United States, according to the number of contestants.

## CLOSE MATCH GOES TO THE T. M. A. BOWLERS

In a closely contested match at the Marquette alleys last night the T. M. A. bowling team of the city defeated the Telephone team, which is competing in the telegraphic matches, two games out of three. Wicklow bowled both the high score and average. His total was 404. The score:

T. M. A.		
Mooney	158	137 164
Sullivan	90	181 176
E. Rowe	137	185 148
Cummings	188	166 183
Daniels	194	190 202
Totals	787	809 870
Telephone.		
Probst	158	159 169
Maher	101	159 127
Albert	167	189 134
McAfee	145	187 164
Micklow	202	201 200
Totals	764	885 794

## BEZDEK TO COACH AGAIN AT OREGON

Eugene, Ore., March 6.—Hugo Bezdek, University of Oregon football coach, was hired only for three months to coach, and his salary was set at \$3,000 from the student body, in addition to \$600 from the university, by the University of Oregon student council in session here.

The coach had received an offer of \$3,000 for three months from the University of Arkansas, but said he was willing to remain in Eugene if the university here would make him a similar offer.

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# DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



# ISN'T TOM THE THOUGHTFUL LITTLE DADDY?



## JIM DUNN BETS \$20,000 THAT JOE WOOD'S PITCHING ARM WILL BE RIGHT THIS YEAR



Once out of kilter it may get good again, or it may always retain the kinks which preclude its effectiveness.

When Dunn bought Wood's release from Boston he was after a pitcher which would give him a chance at the American league pennant.

"But I know it's a gamble," he declares. "I feel just like I would in a poker game when I am holding four cards and trying to fill a straight flush on the draw. If I get the card they can't beat me, if I don't I'm out."

More money has been paid for pitchers, the largest sum being the \$22,500 paid by Pittsburg for Marty O'Toole. But O'Toole

BY PAUL PURMAN.

In these days of fortunes being paid for baseball players \$20,000 does not look like a big sum.

But when \$20,000 is gambled on a baseball player's pitching arm it is considerable money.

Jim Dunn, owner of the Cleveland Indians, is the best sport in baseball. Dunn in business is a contractor and the contractor's game is more or less of a gamble, and Dunn has applied his practical business methods to baseball.

When Dunn announced that he had paid \$15,000 for Joe Wood the baseball

world gasped, because it was the greatest gamble that had ever been made in the game. With Wood's first year's salary the gamble amounts to \$30,000.

Never before had a manager risked that much coin on a player whom he did not have pretty good reason to believe would be right.

And Dunn, or his manager Lee Fohl, or Joe Wood himself can't tell whether Joe Wood will be the "Smoky Joe" of old, or even whether his pitching arm which went back on him two seasons ago will be able to stand the graft this season. A pitcher's arm is a delicate thing.

was the sensation of the American association and there was every reason to believe he would develop into the greatest pitcher in the National league.

If Wood is right he is one of the biggest assets in baseball. He should be able to win between 15 and 30 games a year.

Wood believes he is right.

"If I don't think so I wouldn't have allowed Dunn to pay \$15,000 for my release," he declared.

Probably in May Dunn will find out whether he filled his straight flush or whether he loses his jackpot.

## STAGE IS SET FOR TELEPHONE EVENT

### Butte, Helena, Salt Lake, Denver and El Paso Start Tomorrow Evening.

Butte, Helena, Salt Lake, Denver and El Paso, Tex., employees of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company will begin their sectional telegraph bowling tournament tomorrow evening with the Butte contingent contesting on the Marquette alleys. The tournament will include singles, doubles and a five man event, all contestants to be selected from among the employees of the company. The match, which is being staged on a larger scale than has been attempted before, is under the direction of F. A. Cannon, athletic director for the company, while Probst has charge of the local end.

Three telegraph operators will be in charge of the sending and receiving end of the Butte wires, stationed on the alleys. Two of the operators will receive the score and the other will send the results. The match will begin at 7 o'clock and the operators will send and receive the results play by play in the singles and doubles.

Not only will Jack Strobel give awards to the high men of the Butte team but the company will give medals to the tournament winners.

The Butte men are confident of a place in the cross-country event and especially through the work of Micklow, who with an eastern partner came out second in the big tournament at Duluth, Minn.

The lineup of the various teams is: Butte singles, Micklow; doubles, Micklow and Albert; five men, Micklow, Albert, Maher, McAfee, Probst. Denver singles, Mason; doubles, Hamsher, Chadwick; five men, Mason, Chadwick, Rominger, Hamsher, Cannon. El Paso singles, Baird; doubles, Kelly, McCandless; five men, Baird, Kelly, McCandless, Swanson, Van Dusen. Helena, singles, Conrad; doubles, Johnson, Benson; five men, Johnson, Benson, Swain, Conrad, Whittinghill. Salt Lake, singles, Jeglum; doubles, Hummel, Sweeney; five men, Jeglum, Leveridge, Buckley, Thayne, Hummel.

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## YANKS AND INDIANS WILL BE THE AMERICAN LEAGUE SENSATIONS THIS SEASON

There is more than a month to wait until the baseball season opens. Right now, with the teams just arriving at their camps it may seem a little premature to try to pick any winners, but there are two ball clubs in the American league that are likely to kick over the traces this season and it will be worth watching their stunts in the south before April 13, writes Paul Purman.

With seven of the strongest ball clubs ever collected in one league, the American league, which last year furnished one of the most sensational drives in baseball, now figures to come through with a pennant chase even more startling.

And preface with a number of "ifs," without which early season predictions would be colorless, take this cue and watch Bill Donovan's Yankees and Lee Fohl's Cleveland club.

Right now these clubs look like the real sensations of the 1917 season.

There are, of course, a thousand and one things which may occur before the umpire calls play on April 13, but barring accidents and a series of bad breaks Cleveland and New York should have the barrier with better chances to win than they have ever had before.

Victims of injuries, of poor breaks and bad baseball luck last year the Indians and Yanks overrode these obstacles and made trouble for every team in the league. With better breaks this year they will be dangerous.

Perhaps neither team can be classed as a great ball club. But both are good ball clubs, both are consistent, both have every essential which goes to make up a winning club.

Now for the "ifs."

Cleveland has just purchased Joe Wood, a few years ago the sensation of the American league. Wood is a big gamble. Last year he did not pitch a game, partly because of his inability to come to terms with Boston and partly because of a sore arm. In 1915 Wood pitched with a bad arm and won the majority of his games.

If Joe Wood can come through and if Guy Morton returns to form Cleveland will be pretty well fixed for pitchers. The Indians did not begin to slump last year until Morton went bad and the pitching

burden was thrown on two men, Coveleskie and Bagby. With both pitchers and with Joe Bellingham and Knipe Coumbe the Indians should have no trouble to fear.

Behind the bat the Indians are as well as any club in the circuit (with the possible exception of Chicago). O'Neill, a veteran, and young Baumann do most of the receiving. With the gansas, Turner and Orlicko in the weakest place being on the ball. The outfield with Spahr, Roth is well balanced, and one of the best in the league.

As the training season opens Donovan is still doubtful about playing for his second season. Donovan is practically made for the job. Joe Gedeon may draw the job. Gedeon is a weak hitter and the team may be prepared for a trial of the Baumann is another possibility.

The Yankees infield, with the exception of one base, is one that no ball club would want to apologize for.

The hard hitting Fipp will be the Peckinpah at short and the team should have a good season at the bat. High, Gilhooly and McGraw will be up a high class outfield.

The catching department is strong. Sunamaker, Walters and Almon are all good. Sunamaker is a great pitcher. It is right. Shawkey, Mottola, Cullop, Fisher and Shoemaker will be the surprises of the American league. This is not a prediction of the Yankees or Indians will win. The Yankees are certain to be good. The Indians are sure to be a factor. The Tigers are always dangerous. But it is a good hunch to bet on the Yankees.

Since 1887, the year Boston broke into the big show, the Yankees have taken part in 271 games of the grand batting average of .280. They started his big league career with a .280 in a National league game in the outfield.

## BALL TOSSERS OFF TO BOZEMAN MEET

The basketball team of the Butte high school, accompanied by Physical Director T. G. Cook, will leave tomorrow morning for Bozeman for the interscholastic basketball finals. Mr. Cook has been giving his boys light work and the team is in excellent shape and should give a good account of itself. The team will be accompanied by Emmet O'Neill, who represents the mining district in the extemporaneous speaking contests Friday and Saturday.

Butte, just as the football championship did. At the same time Mr. O'Neill, who has been doing remarkably well in the literary contests, is picked as a likely winner of the extemporaneous speaking contest.

Following are the entries for the extemporaneous speaking: Emmet O'Neill, Butte high school; Sylvan Pauley, Powell county high; Rose Gorr, Anaconda; Matt Pearce, Missoula; Ollie Tehon, Hamilton; Olive McKay, Glasgow; Earl Littlejohn, Great Falls; Russell Bennett, Fergus; Albert Orshel, Cluster; Miss Oppergrand, Sidney; Edwin Kelly, Gallatin; William Poorman, Park; Frank Baumgartner, Broadwater; Dorothy Brown, Billings; Lydia Gudmundsen, Columbus.

The entries for the basketball contests have already been announced.

## SPORT GOSSIP

Dutch Leonard says he made Bill Carrigan. Dutch is a modest youth.

The Northwestern league magnates

meeting over at Spokane are still wrestling with the schedule. It is expected that the bout will be over this evening and the decision announced.

Charlie Cutler lost to Waldok Zbyzsko at Louisville last night. Cutler took one fall in 35 minutes and 57 seconds with a crotch and half nelson. Zbyzsko won the other in short order with a head chancery and body scissors and half nelson.

Brigham Young university of Utah will send a basketball team to Chicago during the middle of the month to compete in the world's championship tourney.

Bryan Downey of Columbus took the lead over Britton of Chicago in their 13-round bout at Columbus last night. Britton made little attempt to take the aggressive and the newspaper men gave the Columbus lad the decision.

The Chicago Cubs are winning their early games with the minors just like they did a year ago. When the Cubs struck the big yard last spring, however, they weren't quite so flashy. It's a safe bet that they will duplicate this spring.

## FOREIGN GRAPPLERS TO MEET HERE IN A MATCH

### John Olin and John Freberg to Clash at the Empire in Two Weeks.

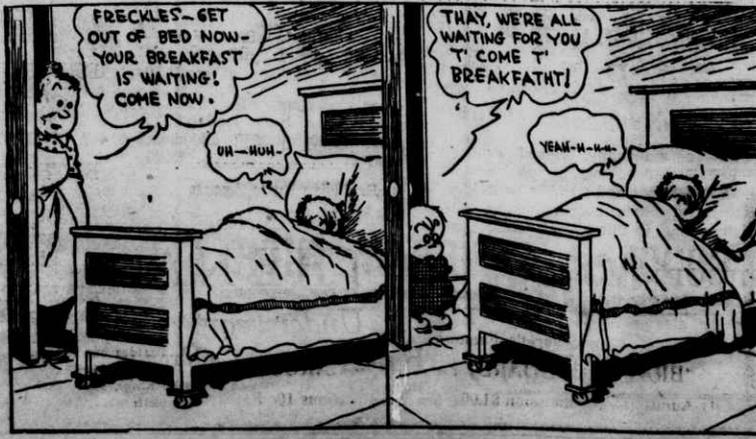
John Olin, the giant Finn from the east, and John Freberg, who makes his home in Chicago, will meet in a finish match at the Empire on March 18 or 19, according to an announcement made here last evening. The winner of the bout will clash with Connolly some time during the early spring.

Olin is the man who won a decision over Joe Stecher last December at Springfield, Mass., when the Nebraskan quit after more than two hours of strenuous wrestling. Stecher refused to go back into the ring after Olin had tossed him over the ropes and the referee gave the Finn the decision. Since that time Olin has been in the limelight and has been the big drawing card in the wrestling game. Freberg is among the topnotchers in the game and the battle promises to be one of the best ever seen here.

Connolly says that if he is not able to win from the winner of the Olin-Freberg bout that it will be his last appearance in Butte.

George Sieler can play almost every position on the ball field. If he could play them all at once Flieder Jones might have a winning team.

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## HIS DAD'S WORD IS LAW!

BY ALLEN