

IN THE VALLEY

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"Zim" and "Zim"

Although the University of Missouri basketball team dropped all three of its pre-season games, there is no feeling of pessimism in the Tiger camp. The Tigers met three of the fastest teams in the middle west in Purdue, Butler and Michigan. Coach Bond has four letter men working out at the Missouri institution and with several new men showing well should make it interesting for some of the other Valley teams.

Missouri is about to witness the advent of a new sport—a tank team. Owing to the lack of suitable facilities during the past several years the Tigers have had no aquatic sports. However, this difficulty has been remedied and if enough men report for the wet sport at least two meets will be scheduled.

In spite of advanced learning and the fact that there cannot exist a thing called the "jinx," an athlete often lets his actions, or some peculiar practice follow a fixed channel because he feels that to do otherwise will hinder his chances for victory or bring on him some bad luck.

It is a common practice with an athlete who one acquires a number on his jersey, to continue to wear that number throughout his three years of Varsity competition. Outside the Valley, Grange and the renowned "77" is an example, yet the same case can be cited among our

own group of competitors. Jackson of the Missouri Tigers, for example, never wore six in a football game.

It would surely be said that "Red" Rutherford, Sooner star, who has been supreme in the distance runs of the Valley for the past two years, has been followed by a "Jinx" if there is such a thing. For the third successive year, the Oklahoma runner has been forced to give up indoor track work by a siege of illness.

An attack of measles slowed the southern runner in 1922 after a successful cross country season. Last year the "red head" suffered tonsillitis, and at present he is in the hospital with a case of typhoid fever. It is predicted that he will be out of the hospital in about three weeks, but he will be unable to take up the track work for some time.

As the indoor track season approaches, Coach Bachman, of the Kansas Aggies, is beginning to realize a few worries over his track prospects. A glance at his group of distance men, one would say that his frets were unfounded. However, the Kansas Aggie director has needed sprinters since the graduation of "Red" Erwin, and there is a particular weakness in the Aggie field events.

Kimport of course is the best and most important member of the Kansas farmers track men. As a miler and half-miler he is one of the best in the Valley. The Aggies were able to win the K. C. A. C. 2-mile relay last year and with the return of almost the same team the prospects are again good.

Four men, Sallee, Kimport, Grath and Moody can run the mile in 4:35 or better and there is a good foundation for a fourmile relay for the Illinois classic. The fact that the Kansas Aggies are strong in the distances was well demonstrated when they won their second Valley cross country championship so decisively last fall.

Missouri University has 100 men under the direction of Coach Fisher, preparing for the coming track season. The first Missouri meet will be with the Kansas City Y. M. C. A. January 23. Kansas Aggies were defeated by the Kansas City team last week. The Missouri mat artists will meet Nebraska February 5 for the first Valley meet according to the present schedule.

Twenty Years Ago

The freshmen and sophomores arranged to give a big athletic contest. The contest was to be similar to the freshmen-sophomore indoor meets in other large universities. Dr. Clapp took an active part in trying to arrange a suitable program for the two classes.

Another of the University professors, Coach Bachman, published a book that was of worth to the University. He wrote a book called "The Challenger" which was of especial interest to students in the College of Agriculture. His second

book was "Profitable Stock Feeding" in which he brought out the results of a long and successful experience as a teacher and feeder.

The Senior class had a meeting in the University Lecture room to attempt to adopt a resolution endorsing the proposal to consolidate all of the class publications into one junior annual.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs held a business meeting to elect a finance committee. This move was taken at the suggestion of Chancellor Andrews, who deemed it wise to have some men in the Club competent enough to assume managerial duties if necessary.

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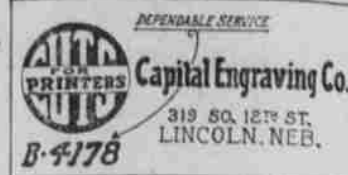
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