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BASEBALL PROSPECTS

Fast and Hard Hitting Team Assured—Pitchers the Biggest Problem—Many Good Outfielders.

Last Monday a new departure in State baseball was made when the entire squad started strict training. All regulations required of football men must be observed by baseball candidates and results should be quickly realized.

State is unfortunate in having poor climatic conditions for spring training. Outdoor practice before the southern trip is impossible and the athletic activities of the minor sports leave but a little time for baseball training in our small gymnasium.

The response to the call for candidates brought out over 120 men. This number has been cut to 33 because of the cramped quarters mentioned. Perhaps some men have been overlooked who would have made the squad and because of this Coach Manning wishes to have all candidates who were cut to report again when outdoor practice begins. The experience these men will get, should they not make the varsity squad, will aid them in making their class team.

Last year the efficiency of the team was diminished by the inability of the majority of the members of the team to slide. This is being corrected by Coaches Manning and Haversticks this year by the use of a sliding pit. Every evening in McAllister Hall basement a number of men practice sliding in the jumping pit.

The infield will be new but faster than State has seen in years. Some of the freshmen show signs of becoming polished infielders. At first base Robinson '17, Kern '15 and Groninger '17 are showing up well. Craig and McCracken will have a difficult time to keep Baehman '17 from winning the key-stone position.

At third base Eliffe '17, Burns '16 and Blythe '17 will fight for the position; while Golden '14 and Weber '15 are the most promising men for the short stop position.

In the outfield State is particularly well fortified by having Captain "Shorty" Miller, "Bob" Craig, Crawford, Kominars and a host of good 1917 men.

Vogt with his year's experience promises to develop into the greatest State catcher of years. He combines speed, ability to hit, and a fine throwing arm with a good clear head. Buddinger '17 will probably win out as second string man.

The pitching department has become the most serious problem to solve due to the withdrawal of Captain Wardwell. Liebert will have to bear the brunt of the season's work. Hesselbacher should develop into a good assistant to alternate with Liebert. To help these two men another first class hurler will have to be developed from Tobin '15, Jim Craig '16, Oberle '17, McConnell '17 and Cornog '17.

Negotiations are under way for a home game April 6 before the departure of the team for the South.

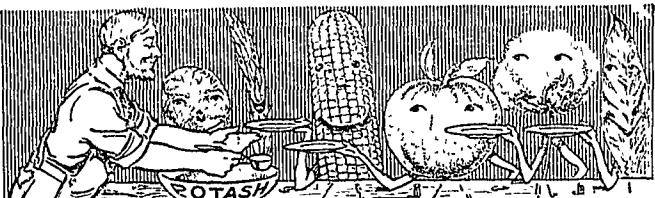
Under the able leadership of Captain "Shorty" Miller State should have a banner year in 1914 baseball.

Alumni Items.

The following notes of interest come from a prominent Penn State alumnus in Baltimore:

Willis G. Goodenow '13 has gone with the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co., Holtwood, Pa., (McCall Ferry) as an electrical engineer. Fulkman '13 and Jordan '12 are in Baltimore with the same company.

The Engineer's Club of Baltimore of which W. F. Strouse '87 is past president banqueted Tuesday night at the Emerson. A number of Penn State men were there.



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