

TRACK ATHLETICS.

After the Christmas holidays, when Captain Adams issued his call for candidates for the Track Team, the likeliest bunch that could be gathered together by any High School, answered the summons. Among the candidates were to be found some of the best short and middle distance runners, broad and high jumpers and, in fact, strong men in every event. It was easily the best array of athletes of which Saginaw had ever boasted; and our colors were both feared and admired by the various High Schools of the State; even the Ann Arbor High School team withdrew from a meet, which they had proposed. It was a rosy outlook. Visions of the Valley Championship haunted the dreams of every loyal partisan and critics declared our team to be the fastest in the entire Saginaw Valley.

Union Park could not be obtained for the day, so the preliminaries were held at Athletic Park, which was temporarily converted for track and field use. However it served the purpose, and the events conclusively decided who were worthy to carry the school's colors at the valley meet, the following Saturday. The quarter mile was the prettiest race of the day, Spangler beating out Widenmann at the tape sprint, after the latter had set the pace from the start. Barber easily won the hundred yard dash, and the broad jump brought together three men who made over eighteen feet, six inches. Blackmar's game mile, and Wallis' shot putting, edging about the thirty-eight foot mark, attracted attention.

Adams was laid up with a lame knee and it was impossible for him to enter the preliminaries.

On Saturday, May 14, at Union Park, Saginaw, Arthur Hill, Bay City, West Bay City and Flint met in their first

annual track meet. The day was chilly and much better suited for a foot-ball game than a track meet, and the spectators and athletes had plenty of trouble keeping warm. A sharp wind blew across the track and prevented record breaking. The spectators, with winter wraps were uncomfortable, but despite the conditions, the grandstand was alive with waving ribbon and shouting high school maids. From start to finish the meet was a close one between the East and West Side schools. The visitors so far as the results were concerned, were never in the race. Bay City captured first places in the low hurdles, the shot put and also a questionable first in the pole vault; outside of these events the Bay Cities and Flint were subordinate to the local athletes. It was a "nip and tuck" race between the two Saginaws, with every point bitterly and stubbornly fought to the end, and not till after the half mile and high jump had given the East Side a brace of fifteen points, was the victory assured.

Most of the events resulted according to predictions, the surprise being in the hundred yard dash, in which Adams suffered defeat at the hands of Gilbert of the West Side. Adams, however, was still suffering with the same knee that kept him from entering the preliminaries, and under favorable circumstances would, undoubtedly, have won out.

Blackmar again showed up well in the mile and succeeded in crossing the tape at Spangler's heels. Good records were made in the high jump, Adams clearing the bar easily at five feet five.

Arthur Hill secured four firsts and five seconds, while we had six firsts and seven seconds to our credit.

The poor showing of the visiting athletes is attributed to the lack of experience and practice, but with a little faithful work, on their part, we hope they will be able to make a better showing next year.

GERALD KRUPP.

TRACK TEAM.

Adams, Captain; 100 yard, High and Low Hurdles, High and Broad Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Relay.

Barber; 100 yard, 220 yard, Relay.

Blackmar; Mile, Half Mile.

Corrigan; 100 yard, 220 yard, High Hurdle, Relay.

Davis; Shot Put, Hammer Throw, Broad Jump, 440 yard.

Heinicke; 100 yard, 220 yard.

Krupp; High and Broad Jump, Shot Put, Foot Ball Kick, Half Mile

Macomber, High Jump.

McCoy; 220 yard, Half Mile.

Spangler; Mile, Half Mile, 440 yard, Relay.

Steele; Pole Vault.

Wallis; Shot Put, Pole Vault, Foot Ball Kick.

Widenmann; 220 yard, 440 yard, Relay.