

DETROIT DEAD ATHLETICALLY

Efforts to Revive Track and Field Sports Fall Flat Here.

Detroit is considered dead athletically. Last year an effort was made to awake the city from its amateur athletic lethargy, and two outdoor meets were held during the summer, one of which was the Central A. A. U. championship meet.

Much interest was shown by the public and it was declared then that the interest awakened would be kept alive and increased by a continuous string of athletic meets all through the year. A large indoor championship meet was planned for this winter. The winter will be officially over within 10 days, but the meet has not been held; to be exact, it has not even been talked of.

One can not blame this dearth of athletic interest to a lack of organization, for Detroit has the Detroit Athletic Club, Y. M. C. A., Y. M. O., K. of C., Y. M. H. A., and several other clubs, and Charles D. Lynch, vice-president of the Central A. A. U. Detroit has the organization but has not made use of it.

MAY REMEDY CONDITION.

There may be a remedy for this condition, a revision of the Central A. A. U. district so that Michigan will be a part of a smaller association of its own. This plan has been proposed to the A. A. U., and the new district if formed would probably be known as the Great Lakes A. A. U.

This would mean the appointment of a new president and other officials to govern the district and it is in these new officials that Detroit's athletic hopes will lie. With the exception of Charles D. Lynch, none of the officials in the Central A. A. U. are Detroiters, so that there has been little opportunity for this city to get very far even if it wanted to. Under the new plan Detroit would be the headquarters of the Great Lakes district and the other large cities would probably be Toledo, Indianapolis and Cleveland. With the governing body made up largely of Detroiters who are interested in sports for sports' sake, Detroit's interest in sports may be aroused and the city yet attain something in this direction.

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