FIRE HAM Perez's WORK: Track and Basketball Candidates Will Be Unable to Practice for Some Time.

Special to The Washington Post.

Collegiate Press, Dec. 3.—Athletic teams at the Maryland Agricultural College will be materially handicapped during the next few weeks because of the disastrous fire a few days ago. The Aggies' teams, it is true, will be able to go out to work at least two weeks later than their original plans called for.

It had been the intention to start practice in basketball and track this week, but this will be impossible. All basketball equipment was burned, and the training quarters of the basketball team was also destroyed. Basketball will be begun later than usual as soon as repairs are completed. It is very probable that no contents will be played until after the holidays, although an attempt will be made to carry out the basketball program during the vacation period for next week. The basketball schedule will be reduced, but the games will probably be given out in the next few days.

Plans are on foot to build an outdoor track to train on. It is likely that temporary shops will be erected in one of the buildings and standing arrangements can be made.

The first practice will be started in all three branches of sport about a week after Christmas, so that an organization in each can be effected. It is desired to have things in such condition that rest work can be begun immediately after the vacation.

FIFTEEN RUNNERS REPORT.

Coach Mulligan and Capt. Elder Have First Look at New Track Material.

In answer to the call for candidates issued by Capt. Elder, the track squad, about fifteen candidates reported for the first practice under the direction of Coach Jimmy Mulligan.

Those who reported were: Jordan Miller, Morton, and some members of the Cornell Military Academy, made an excellent showing. A candidate for track, name unknown, also reported.

Coach Mulligan, says that he will make a short monster-ex of them all.

Outlook for track is excellent. Miller, who was last season's winner, will be harder, and a few candidates for the dashers. Coach Mulligan also reports the finest track he has ever seen in a track, in the distance.

The Georgieon collegian basketball team will play John Carroll tomorrow night, when it lines up against the strong Ephrata team in the college's court. The collegians have come along rapidly under the capable coaching of Coach Mulligan. Among those who are out for the collegiate teams are William A. Noonan, "Ox" Dalley, and 35 Munday, of last year's prep team.

BROOKE MAY BE FENN COACH

Demands Absolute Control if he Takes Football Leadership.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—George Brooke will probably be appointed head coach of the University of Pennsylvania football team. He is big enough for the position, and it is said that he will be offered $10,000 a year. Brooke says that he will have them in the pennant here, unless allowed to appoint his own assistant, and that any advisory interference will be eliminated.

Louis A. Young, who was elected captain this year, was not made one, and will not be allowed over the team next year. There is no chance to hoot Princeton.

CLAIM POORBOOMS ILLEGAL

Justice Lane, of Oklahoma Supreme Court, Hands Down Decision. Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 3.—Justice Lane, of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, last week handed down a decision holding that the act of confining in so-called "poorbooms", which are horse races are wagered on in a mistakeworthy, and therefore is illegal. He recommends that injunctions be asked against the illegal are vacated.