

Athlete to Practice Sprinting by Chasing Cows Over Range

At the risk of ruining his future as a track athlete, Waldo Throop, the champion sprinter of the Pacific coast, has decided to spend his summer on a cow ranch.

The coach of U. S. C., where Throop is a star, has warned him that horseback riding ruins the running muscles.

But Throop argues that if he is sacrificing his ambition to be an athletic crack by riding bronchos he would be ruining his ambition to be an amateur cow puncher not to ride bronchos; so there you are.

When it was suggested that the cow punching business might ruin his running muscles, he said: "I don't give a rap. I have wanted to ride horseback ever since I was knee high and I am going to do it.

"The day that school is out I will hike for the plains and if I can't get a job riding on the range for wages I will work for nothing. I am going to put in the summer on horseback if I never run another hundred yards as long as I live."

These pointed remarks were made when Throop was questioned as to his attitude in regard to the summer

training which Captain Martin expects to encourage.

In past years the sprinter spent his vacation at the beach, where he kept his muscles in good running trim. He says there is none of that for him in the future. From now on he is going to "rough it" when not in school. His friends are skeptical, but Waldo is firm.

He merely laughs at the warnings of the coach and the pleadings of his admirers. Apparently their entreaties have no effect upon him and those who predicted a world-famous career for the wonderful little sprinter have despaired.

Within two years Throop has come up from an average high-school runner to one of the fleetest-footed sprinters in the country. There seems to be no limit to his speed. He chafes under training, however, and the restraint causes him to fret constantly during track season. The present year has been unusually hard on Waldo and a natural reaction is believed to be the cause of his determination to abandon the athletic life for a season on the plains.