

# PLAN TO FORM RANGE BASKET BALL LEAGUE

Abe Cohen of Gilbert Will Call  
Meeting of Six Towns Now  
Interested.

GILBERT, Oct. 27.—Basket ball fans on the Mesaha range are looking forward to a strenuous winter and there is considerable talk of a league of independent teams among the range towns. Abe Cohen of this village is one of the strong boosters for the proposed league and will call a meeting of players and managers at an early date.

Gilbert will have a quint as will Eveleth, and the prospects now are that Virginia will have one of the strongest teams in the northwest. Chisholm, Buhl and Hibbing have enough players to turn out a strong team in each town and the game has always been well supported on the western end of the range.

On the Virginia team will be Otto A. Stangel, for three years all-western forward, while a member of the University of Wisconsin team. Coach Alf Jackson, who starred with the Stout Institute team for three years, also will play, as will Frank Cummings, who was a star of the city team last year. The Virginia players will start practice at the Technical high gymnasium next week.

At Eveleth, Maurice Levant, football and basket ball star, probably will have charge of the team and the squad will be coached by E. C. Ford, physical director for the city schools. There is plenty of good material at Eveleth for a strong team.

Archie Beville and Leighton Simons, for several years noted players at Virginia, now live at Buhl and will form the nucleus of a strong team there. The new athletic club at Buhl will help to promote basket ball in the village.