

### The Pacific Coast Institute.

The Institute of Indian instructors at the Puyallup school, Washington was exceptional in the practicality of the subjects discussed and the manner in which they were handled. The daily attendance was not large, averaging about forty or fifty I should think, but a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in the work was shown throughout. Much of this was probably due to the presence and hearty helpfulness of our National Superintendent, Miss Reel, whose interest and practical common sense have done so much to make our schools what they are.

Supt. Potter of Chemawa acted as president of the meetings, as Hon. T. Jay Buford of Siletz, who was elected to that position last year, was not in attendance.

Some very fine, helpful papers were presented and ably discussed, and while several who were on the program were absent, and their subjects not taken up, yet every session was well occupied and full of interest.

The opening address on Monday evening by Gov. Rogers of Olympia, Wash., showed that he had thought deeply on the subject of the future of the American Indian and gave those in attendance much food for individual thought. Keeping the Indian on the reservation and training him to use it to the best advantage, was the central idea of his discourse.

The Puyallup orchestra opened each session with a well rendered musical selection.

Besides the subjects as shown by the program, several outside visitors gave us impromptu talks. Among these, Miss Bush, a teacher in Tacoma, demonstrated the Pollard Synthetic system of teaching reading; Mr. Carruthers, a missionary of Oklahoma, spoke of the necessity of giving the Indian an all round education so as to make him more self helpful. His idea being that this end was more apt to be accomplished by the reservation school. Mrs. Small, County Superintendent of schools at Everett, Wash., gave a strong plea for more practical methods, and more study of the child, and his inclinations, beginning her remarks by complimenting the institute on its evident desire to do the

most possible good to its Indian charges.

On Wednesday evening the school gave an entertainment followed by a sociable which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Friday morning an extra long session was held and the work done that would otherwise have occupied Saturday morning, thus enabling some to get away earlier. A committee was appointed as usual to draw up resolutions in regard to the workings of the institute and thanking our entertainers for their kindness. New officers were elected for next year. Supt. Buchanan of Tulalip was elected president for the Institute of 1902. Miss Gaiter, of Umatilla vice president, and Mr. McQueston of Puyallup, secretary.

The committee on arrangements, appointed by the chair, consisted of the newly appointed Supervisor of this district as chairman, Ass't Supt. Phillips of Tacoma, and Ass't Supt. Campbell of Chemawa.

The general desire of those in attendance this year was that the meeting of 1902 should be held at Newport, Ore., but the matter was left to the committee on arrangements.

I am sure the instructors in attendance at the 1901 Institute can vouch for the Puyallup people as entertainers, and at least the Chemawa contingent most heartily thank them for their hospitality.

The half day sessions enabled us to see the sights of Tacoma, to visit the battleship Oregon and the transports etc., lying at the docks, to run over to Seattle and take in many of the attractions of that pretty city, to take a trip to Spanaway and Point Defiance, to say nothing of the Carnival and Midway; so I am sure each and all voted the Institute a success in the way of entertainment as well as instruction. —[M. S.

### Backbone.

A good chance alone is nothing. Education is nothing without strong and vigorous resolution and stamina to make one accomplish something in the world. An encouraging start is nothing without backbone. A man who cannot stand erect, who wobbles first one way and then the other, who has no opinion of his own or courage to think his own thought, is of very little use in this world. It is grit, it is perseverance, it is moral stamina and courage that govern the world. —[Success.