

Think you'll get a Valentine?

Reports indicate that drinking and drunkenness in the vicinity of the Otoe Indian Agency is decreasing.

Expert machinists from the Salem foundry recently rebuilt the small engine at the power plant, making it practically new again.

Since our last issue we have enjoyed two splendid series of moving pictures at the school—both instructive and entertaining.

Navajo Springs Reservation reports indicate no prosecutions for violations of the liquor law nor any known case of drunkenness among the Indians on the reservation for more than a year past.

“The Indian office would be pleased to hear of the whereabouts of Louis St. Clair, about nineteen years old, who has been enrolled as a student at Fort Shaw, Montana, and Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas. His home address was given as Vaughn, Montana.”

A new centrifugal pump has been placed in operation at our pumping station. Its capacity is 150 gallons of water per minute and it is driven by electricity. It is one of two which we are to have and was made to order for us by a San Francisco firm. A more perfect pump would be hard to imagine.

Supt. Wadsworth informs us that the contract for the installation of an ice and refrigerator plant at Chemawa has been signed with Bell, Wildman & Co. of Portland and sent to Washington for approval. It is guaranteed that the plant shall be ready for operation within 60 days from approval of the contract.

Our shoe and harness-making department is now in clover. A lot of new shoe-making and harness-making machinery has been received and installed recently. Mr. Swoboda, the head of the department, and his apprentices feel now that they need not tip their hats to anybody without they wish to do so. We rejoice with them over their new and up-to-date equipment.

Henry Darnell, a member of our graduating class of 1911, of which he was the valedictorian, recently paid Chemawa a visit. For many years he was a member of our printing staff, where he also stood high. At present Henry is staying at his home in Kalama, Wash., but he is considering several plans for the future, any one of which promise to advance him in several ways.

We are now burning oil in place of wood at our power plant. The Fairbanks, Morse people have assisted in the installation of a temporary plant, pending the arrival of the equipment for the establishment of the one which is to be permanent. When completed everything will work automatically, or as nearly so as human ingenuity can conceive. It will be great and we should like to attempt a full description of the plant at the present writing, but lack of space forbids.