

Commissioner Sells made a trip to Oklahoma recently to look into Indian affairs in that section. From various reports to reach us the Commissioner not only took some very important steps toward the betterment of the condition of the Indians of Oklahoma, but made a splendid impression everywhere he went as an able and honest official as well.

The new year was ushered in at Chemawa with considerable of a demonstration. Whistles, bells, tin cans, triangles, banjos, harmonicas, fiddles, combined with a large amount of good lusty yelling, made all of us sense the fact that 1914 had arrived. The band was out and serenaded our people. Supt. and Mrs. Wadsworth invited the members of the band to have coffee and cake at The Cottage, a courtesy which was greatly appreciated by the boys.

Superintendent Wadsworth had the honor of being chosen as one of the judges in the debate held at Woodburn Friday evening, January 9, between Woodburn and Salem high schools. Supt. Wadsworth, realizing the value of such an occasion, invited the advisory members of the literary societies, and the officers of each society, to accompany him on the trip. All kindly accepted the invitation, there being twenty-two members in the party, who feel well repaid for their trip.

Mr. J. B. Johnson, our friend of Colfax, Wash., under date of Nov. 28, wrote Supt. Wadsworth as follows: "Came home last Wednesday from British Columbia, where I had visited some of the schools. The pleasant recollections of my visit to your school, stored in memory, will always be bright in reflection. Were I a resident of Salem I would, no doubt, make myself obnoxious by too frequent visits to the wonderfully interesting and beautiful place." We dare Mr. Johnson to move down here and try us.

Mr. James Stewart of Lapawai, Idaho, arrived a few days ago with a party of pupils from Nez Perce Reservation. Mr. Stewart was a student when this school was located at Forest Grove and was one of the first party of students to arrive at Chemawa. That party built the first school house of poles and shakes while encamped at what is now called "Old Chemawa." He was a member of the graduating class of 1885. Since leaving Chemawa Mr. Stewart has engaged in business and is now a civil engineer in the Forestry Service. He has been a useful man where his services have been required. He gave the student body an excellent talk at the morning and afternoon sessions in the chapel. His talk was appreciated by all and was helpful in every way. One thing mentioned in his talk was his signing the temperance pledge thirty years ago, and which has never been broken.