

FROM THE GRADES

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Last Thursday evening the nurse girls and friends gave a farewell party in honor of Mrs. Douglas, who has been our nurse for the past three years. She left for Portland, on March 2nd on business which will keep her away a month. Mrs. Douglas' position is filled temporarily by Miss Elimire Buroker, of Willamette Sanatarium. We welcome Miss Buroker and hope she will enjoy her stay here.

In the little sewing-room, we are making new dining hall aprons. Before that we made new domestic science aprons. We made four dozen large aprons and four dozen small aprons. Our teacher is Mrs. Fickle. She is very good to the girls if they do what she tells them and if there is a mistake made about the aprons she notices it right away and it is ripped out.

During the last two years the blacksmith department has been struggling along but now we have a new shop built and everything straightened out. The building is composed of two departments, the blacksmith shop and the wagon shop. Last week there were five boys busy sorting bolts and placing them in order, and two boys were setting tires on wheels, and doing repairing that comes to the shop. There are about twenty-five boys working in the department and all are trying to learn the trade. Mr. H. E. Mann is the instructor, and he is a man who understands his business and wants his boys to learn the trade well before they leave the school. Many pupils who have learned blacksmithing under Mr. Mann are now making a living at the trade.

The gardeners are nearly through pruning the orchard. The farmers have to break all the land, including the orchards.

The appearance of cleanliness at the dairy barn is added to by the white clothes that the dairy boys wear while milking.

Elmer Dillstrom, who is working on the dairy farm of W. B. Allen, at Rickard, Oregon, writes that he is well and likes his work.

This being spring, the blacksmiths are very busy shoeing horses and repairing plows, but we still find time to keep our shop in order, and I think we have about the best shop on the grounds. Visitors are welcome at any time.

Mrs. Loos has recently been appointed matron at Mitchell Hall. She has made great changes. The boys do better work and keep their rooms much cleaner. We are glad to have such a good matron.

Forty-six pictures were framed by the carpenter boys and sent to the academic building. The pictures were distributed among the classrooms.