

Once again St. Patrick's Day is drawing near and Ireland's patron saint will come into his own.

Mr. L. A. Darrington, special Indian agent, visited Chemawa for a day or so since our last issue. He was making a tour of this section in an official capacity. He was accompanied by his wife. They made friends of all of us during their visit here.

We regret to report that of late Mrs. Gillett has been confined in a Salem hospital with an attack of appendicitis. We trust that no serious complications will develop. On account of his wife's illness Mr. Gillett has moved his children back from Salem where they had been to attend school.

At the time of going to press the Excelsior Literary Society of the school was on the eve of giving an entertainment. As outlined it was the intention to put on a playlet and fill out the evening with a program of musical and literary numbers. An evening of real entertainment was promised.

We are running several wood cuts in this issue, the first attempts of George Roberts, one of our printer boys, and we consider them most creditable. It is no easy task to carve a cut from wood; it takes a good eye, a steady hand, and lots of patience. George possesses all of these qualities.

Not long ago, while enroute to Portland on business, Supt. Chalcraft stopped over for an hour or two to visit with Chemawa friends. His family now resides with him at Siletz, with the exception of Pickering who is in Seattle attending the Washington State University. All are well and Mr. Chalcraft declares himself well pleased with everything in his section and under his jurisdiction.

The Society of American Indians has just awarded the first prize in its annual essay contest to Lucy E. Hunter, a Winnebago Indian who is now a member of the senior class at Hampton Institute. "The higher academic training for the Indian" was the title of the first-prize essay. Mr. Arthur C. Parker, the secretary-treasurer of the Society, warmly commended Miss Hunter for the splendid argument she had presented. Miss Hunter is one of the forty Indians who remained at Hampton without any Government assistance, and is preparing herself for a life of larger usefulness to her people. Two other Winnebagoes who are well known are Mrs. Dietz, a Hampton graduate who is famous in the world of art as Angel De Cora, and Henry Roe Cloud, the first Indian to make his own way and graduate from Yale College. These two have already done a great deal to show mankind that there is still the desire and longing for the best things of life, not only in the Winnebago tribe, but in the whole Indian race.