

OUR BUDGET OF LORE

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE

The weather of the last few days of March was not just as we should have ordered it had matters been left to us. We are still here just the same.

On the evening of Sunday March 28, Dr. Sharp of Albany College, addressed our general assembly. His talk was most able; he is a sincere and forceful speaker.

Once again our magnolia tree has blossomed out in all its beauty and fragrance. Alas! The blossoms do not last long and the tree is now bare again. Many things in human life are as fleeting.

Our fine concrete tennis court is now an assured and permanent feature at Chemawa. It is completed in every detail, even to the marking, which is painted on. This is a fine thing in many ways. It has cost the various employes quite a sum of money and a lot of labor, but we think it well worth all that it has cost. Few courts can be found to equal ours, go where you will.

Mr. Sanders and his painting detail have been very busy on every decent day of late. Aside from a lot of painting around the dairy barns and buildings, the cottages on the southern part of the school grounds have been painted. All of this has been greatly needed, but Supt. Wadsworth could not see his way clear to have it done sooner. The improvement in the appearance of the cottages is wonderful.

Our orchards are in full bloom and if blossoms indicate anything we will have prunes enough to supply our own needs and all of war-ridden Europe in addition. But counting blossoms is the same as counting chickens before they are hatched. Nothing certain about it! Nevertheless we hope for a good fruit crop, and as a general thing we do not hope in vain. This part of Oregon is especially adapted for berry raising and we have plenty, each in its season.

On the evening of March 27th the boys of the Excelsior Literary Society gave an entertainment to the school. It was staged in the auditorium, which was most fittingly decorated for the occasion. The programs were almost wholly the work of Reggie Downie and they were very artistic in every way. A pleasing program was given, which closed with a side-splitting farce, "The Arkansas Traveler." The boys made every effort to make the occasion memorable, and they succeeded. The program as rendered will be found elsewhere.