

vegetables, all of which attested the fertility of Siletz soil and the industry of her people.

In our judgment it is mighty well worth while to encourage and preserve the better Indian arts, for to lose them would be a loss to all mankind. They represent unlimited patience and industry and beauty, all of which qualities have a direct bearing upon any race of people and should not be regarded lightly nor cast aside as unimportant.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of the cultivation of the soil by the Indian people of Siletz who have landed holdings. In the first place, we believe that such a life—an outdoor life of vigor—is more in line with all the natural inclinations of the Indian people and their past than anything else that can be afforded them. In this way they can retain perfect health and maintain an independence. They can, through the cultivation of the soil they possess, insure themselves against want and all attending miseries. We strongly advise the Indians to hold to their land and get busy in its cultivation. No finer soil can be found anywhere. The Indian people own the land and should profit by it.

By keeping in mind the possibilities of a fair next year it will be an easy matter for these people to make a much finer showing with less effort than was required this season. Getting started on any new undertaking is always more or less patience-trying, but now they have the experience and will know just what to do for next year. The fair held in August was the best thing that the Indian people of Siletz have ever done for themselves. They, by their work, deserved the greatest praise—and they got it. People from all sections of the country were in attendance and were most agreeably surprised at what they saw. In fact, the attendance was so good that the Fair Board found itself with money to bank after paying all premiums and meeting all expenses of the fair. As a starter can any like affair beat it?

We shall look ahead to the fair at Siletz in 1916 with an expectation of great things. In closing we wish to voice our encouragement of Supt. Chalcraft and all his people in the work they are doing.

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#### AGAIN IN SESSION

Once again school is in session at Chemawa. We hope to accomplish great things for our young people during the coming school year, but in order to do this it is of the utmost importance that they do their part. The old saw that "you can take a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" holds good in any institution of learning. Pupils should take this to heart and ever bear it in mind. Good stu-