

The painters have just completed the task of painting the interior of the students' kitchen. A great improvement has been made in the appearance of the kitchen.

In every direction there is evidence of "hustle and bustle" in carrying on the spring work—plowing and sowing, gardening, cultivation of berry patches and orchards, etc. These are busy days for all.

Sawing and splitting wood in the lot east of the hospital continues to serve as a muscle-developer for a number of our boys. However, to their credit, we hear that they do not dislike the work; in fact, they seem to enjoy it as the report goes.

Simon Fratis and his mother arrived at Chemawa on March the 15th for a visit at the school. At present they are living in Marshfield, Oregon, and Simon has a good position there as a florist and reports that he is getting along nicely.

Mr. Woods is among those Chemawa people who have purchased an auto. Just wait until the good old summer time arrives! We believe Mr. Woods' thoughts run thus, and we do not in the least blame him. He has an Overland car.

David Forsman, one of our pupils, had a pretty close call recently when he figured in a runaway with a four-horse team. The team got from under his control and he was thrown violently to the ground and suffered a fracture of the skull in addition to bruises on various parts of his body.

For several weeks past we have been watching the magnolia tree in front of the office building to see if it would manage to bloom this year. As a general thing it has blossomed early in March in past years, but at the time of writing this we are not certain whether or not it will not observe leap year. We believe that the severe winter which we have just experienced has been responsible for the uncertain state of our pet tree.

Mrs. Brace has made a great success of her work as librarian at Chemawa and her efforts have been recognized, not only at home, but abroad as well. Supt. Wadsworth assures us that she has been chosen to teach "Library Methods" during the coming series of institutes which the Indian Department will hold this summer. First, as we understand it, she will go to Haskell and instruct one of the teachers there, who after the instruction will teach the methods at the various eastern institutes, while Mrs. Brace will return west and teach during the institutes of the western circuit. When Dr. Buchanan was here recently he said our library was splendid and that pupils and employes were making better use of it, so far as he knew, than was being made at any other school in the service.