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## THE HOLIDAYS AT CHEMAWA

The Entire School in Gala Attire—Various Events of the Week

The true Christmas spirit was certainly evidenced at Chemawa on part of pupils and employes during the holiday season just ended. Practically every building was beautifully decorated with holiday greenery and never before has the writer witnessed a more loving endeavor to give Indian pupils a happy Christmas. Too much credit cannot be given the employes who worked so faithfully to give happiness to others.

### Entertainment

The festivities commenced on Christmas Eve with an entertainment in the auditorium, given by the eighth grade pupils, being staged and drilled by Miss White assisted by Miss Gertrude Brewer. The play is called "The Christmas House Party" and from beginning to end was interesting, humorous and replete with good acting. Rose Simmons took the part of Betty, the hostess, who expected an aunt to chaperone her house party, consisting of college friends. Julia Mills, Elizabeth Rainville, Ruth McNickle, Robert Downie, Henry Campbell and Alex Melovidov acted the part of guests, while Julia Gromoff took the part of maid, Nellie Metcalf as the aunt, Margaret Harney as Bridget, the cook. Inasmuch as the aunt did not arrive, Bridget, the cook, impersonated the aunt. John Murray took the part of Prof. Tellus Scmmore, the fortune teller, and gave a number of very clever shadow pictures on a screen. In addition to the delightful play, a number of choruses were sung by the entire class. Individual songs were rendered by Robert Downie and John Murray. The Gossip song and Shovel Snow song were unique and exceedingly well rendered, as well as the solos and choruses. Much merriment was occasioned throughout the various acts by the witty remarks and clever acting and altogether the crowd who packed the auditorium to the very doors appreciated the effort of each player to the fullest extent. Miss Gertrude Brewer acted as pianist throughout the evening. She rendered an overture also, while Alex Melovidov favored the audience with a violin solo. Too much cannot be said in commendation of this entertainment, for it was an interesting play, well acted, and reflects credit on the pupils as well as Miss White, teacher of the eighth

grade, who so admirably did the drilling and planning. Mr. Hammond, Assistant Superintendent and Principal, acted as director and closed the evening entertainment by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

### McBride and Mitchell Halls

After the entertainment the young ladies of McBride Hall, about 110 in number, gathered around the beautifully decorated tree in their sitting room, which was in holiday attire, where huge piles of gifts were distributed. The McBride Hall was very daintily decorated by the girls, showing good taste and originality.

Mitchell Hall young men received their gifts in what seemed to be a snow covered forest, their assembly room being transformed with greenery, moss and old moss-covered logs and masses of leaves into a veritable woods with birds and trees here and there, in the center of which stood the Christmas tree, while in one corner was a bonfire lighted with electric bulbs.

### Christmas Carols

At four o'clock Christmas morning, Mrs. McCrosson and the school choir assisted by Mr. Loos and William Walters, visited all the quarters, singing various Christmas carols. The songs were beautifully sung and inspiring. Indeed, we believe the entire student body and employes found nothing throughout the holiday week which they appreciated more than the early Christmas morning songs.

### Winona Hall, Brewer Hall, Small Boys

Probably no tree of the many at Chemawa was better trimmed or presented a more pleasing appearance than the one erected in the assembly room of Winona Hall for the 200 girls of that building. Much beautiful decorations were observed throughout the large dormitory. The gifts were distributed immediately after rising call. A happier lot of girls would be hard to find.

Brewer Hall did itself proud with its cozy nooks of greenery, fir bells and decorations generally. A big Christmas tree was the central figure on which were hung presents for the 160 or more boys. These gifts were also distributed soon after rising whistle. The

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