

LOCALS

The acoustic qualities of the new auditorium are fine. The girls' details in all departments changed on Monday.

James Latattie writes to Miss Skipton that he is doing well in Montana.

The hard rain now prevailing is greatly retarding the planting of crops.

Mrs. Smith entertained the Crochet Club in her apartments on Wednesday evening, last.

Colonel Goodall, Supervisor, is now in his district and no doubt will visit Chemawa soon.

Jessie Twist succeeded in gathering a bundle of beautiful ferns on Sunday for decorating the students' dining room.

George Todd and his wife of Montana stopped off at Chemawa this week to visit with their brother and sister, James and Gertrude.

The four companies of girls in Winona Hall are going to compete for a prize. Points in drilling and appearance are to be considered.

Last week four new girls were added to the list of Winona Hall, namely, Marie Fayas, Josephine Fayas, Maud Heay and Lillian Gauthier.

Miss Scholder is in receipt of the sad news of the death of her father at Mesa Grande, California. She has the sympathy of her many friends at Chemawa.

The ground has been prepared along either side of the plank walk to the Oregon Electric depot for planting sweet peas, a distance of over one-quarter of a mile.

Marie Roehl, of the dining room force, whose duties are to look after the linen and attend the halls, has proven very satisfactory and has taken much interest.

The aged mother of Chemawa's post-trader, Mr. Henderson, who has been bed-ridden for two years, passed away on Monday. Chemawa extends condolences.

Mrs. Brewer speaks highly of the kitchen detail of girls whose period just expired. They have given good attention to the lectures and profited by them in their work.

Jessie Cleveland and Stella McKay have been sergeants in the dining-room the past five weeks. Miss Skipton is sorry to lose them. She says, however, that Verna Perry and Bertha Nye, the new sergeants, will also do well.

Mr. W. P. Weber, an engineer of the Irrigation Department, is at Chemawa running levels and otherwise securing data to draw plans by which parts of the school farm can be properly drained. We have about 100 acres of "beaver dam" land, a soil of the very richest nature, to drain.

The price of fuel oil has risen from 55cts a barrel to \$1.20 a barrel. It will cost Chemawa about \$11,000 this year for fuel oil at 55cts. The advance in price renders its use another year prohibitive and coal or wood will have to be substituted unless the price greatly declines.

It is our intention to issue The Chemawa Magazine next week, and as the capacity of the office and the force will be taxed to the limit to do so, the regular issue of our weekly paper will not be made. However, the week following the issue of our magazine will see the weekly in the field again.

Mr. J. W. Blessing, who has been acting engineer at Chemawa for six months, has gotten the power plant in good working order. He has accepted a position as chief engineer in a large saw mill near Portland and will leave us shortly. Mr. Burt N. Everett, of Metcalf, Arizona, has received the appointment at this school and is due to arrive soon.

EIGHTH GRADE ENTERTAINS

Last week belonged to the 8th grade and they made themselves heard from. The girls, assisted by Miss White, their teacher, surprised the boys with a splendidly arranged social affair on Friday evening in the gym. Mr. Smith got the boys together and requested them to accompany him to the gymnasium for a special drill. Upon entering they were greeted in a body by their girl classmates and teacher and a number of invited members of the faculty. This was one of the best arranged functions held at Chemawa so far this year. The 8th grade girls proved good entertainers. Refreshments were served.

The same grade sprang a surprise on their teacher, Miss White. They met in the parlors of McBride Hall, which were decorated for the occasion, and Mrs. Smith and Miss Brewer manoeuvred to direct Miss White to the McBride quarters. She was met by an outburst of the class yell and hearty congratulations, as it was the anniversary of Miss White's birthday.

A huge birthday cake covered with candles was provided and each member of the class made a wish as Miss White blew out each candle. Music and class songs and spirited conversation made the hour of the afternoon pass so pleasantly that it will long be remembered by the class and their beloved teacher. There are about 45 members in the 8th grade. The "pep" and get-together spirit of the class is fine.

The wet weather of late has interfered with baseball practice. The boys are getting uneasy and anxious to take up the steady grind.

The fourth grade girls in the intermediate sewing department are a busy lot, making sheets, gowns and every-day dresses, while the smaller girls are doing fine at patching and darning.