

REPORTER'S NOTES

Robert Downie

Mr. M. Peterson was a visitor at Chemawa last week. He met many of his old friends here.

William Metcalf returned to school last week and is now working in the engineering department. He is a vocational draftsman and a teacher to the prevocation-alists.

Chemawa is not at all idle these days and is conserving all its facilities, looking forward to the raising of food stuffs in anticipation of a world-wide shortage another year.

Dr. Fulkerson paid a visit to his wife and son at Chemawa last Thursday. He was called to Portland on business and could not pass up his many good friends at Chemawa.

The girls are every bit as busy as the boys. This is noticed all about the campus, in the school building, and in the gym. They are right up and a-coming all the time. Wake up boys, you may be passed!

Russell Adams is unusually busy nowadays. All his spare time is taken up in the carpenter shop in the manufacture of scenery for the Alumni show, which show is expected to be sometime in the near future.

It is noticed that the farm and garden forces are plowing up many pieces of land in various parts of the school campus, which will be planted in beans and potatoes. This land has never been cultivated before.

The shoe shop is always an interesting place to visit. The workmen have plenty to do at all times and it seems hard for them to keep up with the repairing. This is due to the fact that they have a large student body to keep them busy.

The Crochet Club was entertained by Miss White in Miss Skipton's quarters last Wednesday. Miss White is a fine entertainer and a good time was had by all. The members of the club look forward to every Wednesday for a jolly good time. Mrs. Teabo will entertain at the next meeting.

Have you used the passenger-carrying vehicle yet to the Oregon Electric depot? The small commissary delivery wagon is used occasionally for such purposes. Miss Scholder and Miss Potz looked quite dignified while being conveyed to the depot with three little boys as the propelling power.

The long-prepared spelling contest which was held last Thursday evening was a fine one. There was plenty of the "old pep" and all kinds of society spirit. The auditorium rang out with society yells and songs and a good time was had by all in attendance. The Excelsiors carried away the colors of this contest.

CONGRATULATIONS

SALEM, Ore., Monday, April 9.—Twelve students from the Chemawa Indian School today are members of the United States Navy, having enlisted at the recruiting office here. Three enlisted as firemen and the others are musicians.

The above clipping pleases me so much that I desire through you to offer congratulations to the 12 brave and loyal young men that so promptly responded to the call in defense of our glorious Stars and Stripes. My interest in the red brothers is earnest and long standing, as my father, Col. A. B. Meacham, from early boyhood and up to the day of his death was devoted in the interest and promotion of his red brother.

Father was Superintendent of Indian Affairs under President Grant and at the time of his death was publishing a paper known as The Council Fire in exclusive interest of the Indian.

May the "loyal dozen" meet with the success and honor deserved, returning to their homes without one missing, is my earnest hope and prayer.

Very sincerely,

CLARA B. MEACHAM PRATHER.

Supt. Hall of our school received the above communication a few days ago and turned it over to us—we find it so "hearty" that we are proud to give it publicity. Supt. Hall appreciates to the fullest the sentiments so nicely expressed by Mrs. Prather—so do we all.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME

Chief Justice Noah Davis, for thirty years on the Supreme Bench of New York, has made the statement that "of all causes of crime, intemperance stands out the unapproached and unapproachable chief."

Speaking of alcohol and the liquor traffic, the Hon. William E. Gladstone pronounced it "more destructive than famine, war, and pestilence combined." John Ruskin called it "The most criminal and artistic method of assassination every invented by the bravos of any age or nation." Abraham Lincoln called it "A cancer in human society." William McKinley spoke of it as "The most ruinous and degrading of all human pursuits." Theodore Roosevelt characterized it as "A business that tends to lawlessness on the part of the one who conducts it and to criminality on the part of those who patronize it." Dr. Charles Parkhurst called this "The most prolific hot-bed of anarchy, vile politics, profane ribaldry, and unspeakable sensuality." The United States Supreme Court has rendered its verdict and pronounced it "A business that tends to produce idleness, disease, pauperism, and crime." This is the universal verdict of humanity and from it there is no appeal.