

**WHEN PERSHING COMMANDED INDIANS**

"If a contingent of American Indians is sent to France to fight for Uncle Sam against the central powers, they will find a warm welcome from General Pershing," Colonel J. A. George of South Dakota told the Washington Star recently, thence going on to say:

"General Pershing has been a friend of the Indians for a number of years. He commanded a company of Sioux Indian scouts in the Sioux war of 1890-91, and has lived among the red men for a good many years.

"I happened to be at the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota during the winter of 1890-91, when Pershing was a second lieutenant. He participated in the battle of Wounded Knee and remained on the reservation for months after the surrender of the Indians commanding the company of Sioux scouts.

"In the summer of 1891 Pershing received promotion to first lieutenant, while he was the head of the Sioux scouts. His brother, who was with him, then a kid boy, afterward became an officer, but retired a few years later because of ill health while 'Black Jack' went on to great things. Of course, it would be silly for me to say that Pershing is a first class officer, for his present position as head of the American forces in France proves that, but I may say that as far back as 1890 Pershing showed that he was destined to become one of the great figures in the military history of this country."

**PUPILS' ITEMS**

The ninth and tenth grade students are busy making their school uniforms.

Dick Adams, a former student, who is now in the army, is encamped in New York.

The 10th grade students are busy writing description of various building on the campus.

An enjoyable time was had by all who attended the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. joint social given in the chapel on Thursday evening.

Some of the boys in the upper grades have taken up drafting in connection with their work, under the able direction of Mr. Burt N. Everett, our chief engineer.

A letter received from Martin Colby states that he has been transferred from Mare Island to the Eastern coast and expects to go across the pond in a short while.

We begin to see signs of the coming Thanksgiving in the students' kitchen now-a-days, for Mrs. Brewer is busy making mince meat to be made into pies for that day.

The McBride Hall girls are very much pleased with their new laundry, as it affords them more of an opportunity to do their laundering. The girls cannot thank

Mr. Hall enough for his thoughtfulness of them.

A letter was received from one of the "String Quartet" boys stating that at present they are in Ohio for a time and will have two weeks in Pennsylvania, one in Virginia and West Virginia, then back to Ohio until Christmas. They will likely spend their Christmas at Haskell, but would like to be at Chemawa where they are more acquainted and at home.

**THANKSGIVING PROGRAM**

The following appropriate program will be rendered in the Chemawa auditorium this evening:

1. Song—We Plow the Fields and Scatter - School
2. Columbia Tells the Story of Persephone and Proclaims a Time of Thanksgiving for the Gifts of the harvest Season - - Alicia Kimball
3. Miles Standish in Pantomime - - Grade VIII
4. President's Thanksgiving Proclamation Russell Adams
5. Dance of the Autumn Leaves - - Grades IV-V
6. Song—Jack-O'-Lantern - - - Grade III
7. Recitation—The Pumpkin - - Charley Durkee
8. Demonstration—Housekeeping Maids - Grade VI
9. Recitation—Columbia's Emblem - Mamie Frisk
10. Recitation—Apples - - Percy Marlow
11. Dance of the Flax - - - Grades IX-X
12. Song—The Turkey and the Duck - Primary Grades
13. Song—America - - - - School

**JOHN BEYERS WRITES**

A few days ago Supt. Hall received a letter from John W. Beyers, formerly a student here, but now in the army and stationed in Virginia. It was a good letter and from it we glean the following excerpts:

After a week's hard traveling we reached here in fine shape. We came via the southern route, so did not get a chance to pass by the school as I should have liked to have done.

Martin (Colby) and I are here, while Earl (Nuckolls) and some of the other boys are at Mare Island yet. We will get a chance for a promotion within a week or so, but we have to work pretty hard in order to do so, because there are so many boys here more capable to do the work than us. However, we will show our school spirit and training and make them work for what they get.

We have about the same kind of accommodations here as we had at Mare Island. It is getting on toward winter now and is very cold in the mornings and evenings. I suppose it is getting cold at Chemawa also. I would like to be there for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it looks as though I were going to spend the holidays somewhere else.